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REPORT OF COMMISSION

A Voluminous Document by War Investigating Committee.

VERY LITTLE CRITICISM

Many Ugly Rumors Concerning the Army Officers Are Found to Have Been Baseless - Criticism as to the Manner of Conducting an Office. The Evils of Divided Authority.

Washington, Feb. 12.-The report of the war investigating board was made public tonight. The document is quite voluminous and gives in minute detail all the proceedings of the commission from the time it convened on September 28 last up to the recent

nelusion of its work. It states that newspaper reporters were admitted to the sessions of the informed of all matters brought before It. During the sessions 495 witnesses were examined. Public invitation was given to all persons having knowledge or belief of any official wrong or dereliction to submit such information, This invitation met with liberal response. Hundreds of affidavits, letters, newspaper clippings, editorial articles not that of commanding general, a and sermons were received, all of position which is practically impossiwhich were thoroughly and laboriously investigated.

The secretary of war was requested to direct the various chiefs of departments under him to furnish the commission with a statement of the condition of their respective departments at the outbreak of the war, and the operations of the same during the period of hostilities.

This communication recited in detail the subjects on which information was desired, comprising facts touching the mobilization of troops and organization; the amount and kind of camp and garrison equipage on hand at the beginning of the war, the amount subsequently purchased: similar information with regard to furnishing the troops with arms and accontrements; information as to which of the volunteer regiments were armed and equipped in the various state enups; how the location of the camps of general rendezvous was determined. full particulars as to the transportation of troops; an account of the quanity, quality and kind of food furenished: information as to the tentage, beds, linen, medicines and all other necessaries for the hospitals; as to whether the medical staff was officient; and as to the conditions and sary to perfect harmony. Neither th operations of the engineer and or-

dnance departments." These statements, promptly and intelligently made, were of great service in the investigation of the character of text and reference books.

WHERE TESTIMONY WAS TAKEN. Continuing the report says testimony has been taken in Washington, Jacksonville, Fla.; Fort McPherson, Ga.; Anniston, Ala.; Huntsville, Ala.; Chattanooga, Tenn.; Knoxville, Tenn.; Lexington, Ky.: Chicago; Cincinnati, O.; Detroit, Mich.; Harrisburg, Pa.; New York, Roston, Eurlington, Vt.; Tampa, Fernandina, Fla. The commission vis ited in person most of the old camps at Jacksonville, at Tampa, Fernandina and Camp Thomas: the new camps at Anniston, Huntsville, Knoxville, Lexington and Camp Meade.

Any charge of corruption or intimidation of fraud or bribery in connecion with the letting of any contract, even a hint of wrong doing has been arefully investigated and on this subject the report says:

'It may be said now that there has been no evidence before us that any one in or connected with the war department has dishonestly received a icilar. We have made persistent ef forts to secure the attendance of perrous to whose names rumor had attached an allegation that they know of corruption of officials in the war department, but these men have either denied the statements attributed to hem or have maintained silence when invited to tell what they knew."

IMPORTANT CRITICISM.

A most important criticism by the commission is as follows:

The routine work in the departments n our opinion, is far beyond what is accessary and each year seems to increase it. The methods employed nake it almost impossible to transact ousiness promptly. The heads of all lepartments, corps, and divisions have necessarily been obliged to give the time and attention to details which thould have been given to matters of argor moment. No well regulated conern or corporation could transact busiress sattsfactority under such reguladons as govern the staff departments. and the fact that every officer of each of the staff departments holding reponsible positions has been obliged to more routing demonstrates the necesity of a thorough reform."

After thirty-three years of peace," he report says, "during a great part of which the army did not exceed 26,000 nen the war department suddenly beame necessary to arm, clothe, feed and quip more than a quarter of a million The sudden emergency which called people to arms after an interval of half a century of peace with all oreign powers was met by the war tepartment with earnestness and oner-The situation found the country imprepared with any large stock of orms, ammunition, clothing, supplies and equipments. That they were duly posided and that the numerous demands on the industries of our peghe were met so promptly will remain me of the marvels of history."

Perhaps the most significant utter thee in the whole document so far as

concerns the discipline and efficiency of the army is as follows:

DIVIDED AUTHORITY.

"For many years the divided authority and responsibility in the war department has produced friction, for which in the interest of the service a remedy if possible should be applied. The constitution makes the presiden the commander-in-chief of the army and he cannot transfer that authority to any other person. The president elects his secretary of war who has his chiefs and who is his confidential adviser. The commanding general is assigned to duty as such by the presi-dent and under the military laws of the United States his duties are defined as follows:

" 'The command exercised by the ommanding general of the army not having been made the subject of statutory regulation, is determined by the order of assignment. It has been habitually composed of the aggregate of the several territorial commands that have been or may be created by the

orders of the commanding general the army in that which persains to its discipline and military control. The fiscal affairs of the army are conducted by the secretary of war through the several staff departments (per 167, A. R., 1825).

'All orders and instructions from the president or secretary of war relating to military operations or affecting the military control and discipline the army will be promulgated through the commanding general (per 188, A. R., 1895).'

'Lieutenant General Schoffeld, who has probably had as much experience were admitted to the esssions of the and given the question as much commission and the public thus kept thought and study as any one in our country, says in substance:

> GENERAL SCHOFIELD'S OPINION. "Recent experience has served to onfirm all the results of my lifelong study and large experience that the proper position for the senior officer of the army on duty at Washington is position which is practically impossible, but that of general-in-chief, which means in fact chief of staff to the president. The title of general-inchief was a permanent one during the entire history of the country up to the

time when General Grant became

lieutenant-general. "When I became the commanding general, I addressed to the president a etter in which I pointed out to him what had been the result of my study and experience and saying that the way was to abandon entirely. which I did during my seven years of service, all pretense of being the commanding general and to content myself with acting as the chief of staff of the army under the secretary of that perfect harmony prevailed during my time and I did exercise a legi-

not give me has of his secretary of war; without this there can be no guaranty that he will give, or that the secretary of war will place in the general-inchief that confidence which is necespresident nor the secretary of war should have in command of the army any officer who is not working in harmony with him."

WAR DEPARTMENT CHIEFS, The report takes up the war department and its various chiefs of subdivisions concerning the secretary of

war. It says: "The records of the war department which have been laid before us show that the secretary of war extended to all chiefs of bureaus cordial and full every proper demand made upon him by commanding officers.

showing intentional neglect of duty or any attempt to serve personal interesis. The charges made that the sec- until it is materially amended. retary of war was pecuniarily interested ! in contract, purchases and other transactions of the war department have been thoroughly examined and found

"In the judgement of the commisadministration of the war department during the continuance of the war with Spain that complete grasp of the situation which was essential to the highest efficiency and discipline of the army.

bin in charge, the report says;

"There have been very few complaints against this department. The records and testimony show that it has been prompt in its work and has added greatly to the efficiency of the

arma. Relative to the quartermaster's department, Brigadier General M. I. Ludington in charge, it says:

"On March 18, 1898, with the possibillity of war with Spain, the quartermuster's department found itself charged with various, numerous and important duties, its appropriation small, and facing the probability of a large army being soon organized for field service.

"The department up to March 1, 1898 found itself confronted with sections o the revised statutes which prohibit any government department in expending noney in excess of appropriations, that purchases shall not exceed the neces sitles of the current year and that all proposals shall be advertised.

"It will thus be observed that the lectaration of war threw upon the quartermaster's department an amoun of labor and responsibility for which i was neither physically nor financially

The report details at great length the difficulty by the quartermaster's department in quickly obtaining supplies of clothing, camp and garrison equip age, providing means of transports etc., and continuing, says:

"That the quartermaster general threw the energy of his departmen into this work when funds were available seems evident and that his off ers labored fulthfully in their efforts to aid him is plain to those who have arefully studied their work.

"Centracts covering millions of dol (Continued on Page 2.)

AWFUL FIRE IN INSANE ASYLUM

SEVENTEEN OF THE HELPLESS INMATES ARE CREMATED.

Terrible Disaster at Yankton, South Dakota --- Exact Cause of the Conflagration Is Not Known---Inquest Charred Remains in the Ruins.

Yankton, S. D., Feb. 12,-One of the clock at the state insune asylum, when ne of the cottages took fire in the basement, completely gutting the building and causing the loss of the lives of seventeen inmates confined there.

The cottage was of stone and granowing to the crowded condition of the main building, forty of the female patients were placed there and the laundry was operated in the basement. The exact cause of the fire is not known, except that it originated in the dry room of the laundry. Here there is a coil of steam pipes and the theory is that either fine particles similar to lint Hill, Battery B. settled on the pipes, which ignited, or that clothes, which were thickly hung, dropped on the pipes and were ured.

The lack of water greatly hindered the work of the firemen. The burned cottage stands some 300 feet in the rear of the main building, the water tank for fire protection being one hundred feet in the rear of the cottage.

ESCAPE OF INMATES.

With the thermometer standing at 23 selow zero, the inmates who could escape came down the narrow flight of stairs in their night clothing and bare feet into the bitter cold, and had it not been for the nearness of shelter, the suffering and probable loss of life from freezing would have been terrible. The building was three stories high, ITALIANS CAUGHT with an attic and two entrances, one east and one west. There was one stairway from the second and third floors which led into the main halls to these entrances thus giving but

and third floors and attic Fifty-two persons were the burning building, forty patients and twelve femple attendants. The attendants escaped as did the others who were saved, with rone of their personal effeets, many losing all that they pos-

An inquest is now in progress at the asylum which may develop the exact cause of the fire. It is not thought war and the president. The result was blame will be attached to any of the attendants. Portions of charred remains can be seen in the debris at the timate influence in command of the bottom of the barement. The work of army, this because I did not claim to removing the remains will begin in the exercise anything which the law did morning. The four walls still stand and will make the work of removal "The president must have the same dangerous as a collapse is lighle to ocpower of selection of his general-in- |cur. In 1882, the asylum then a frame building, was destroyed by fire six lives were lost.

Loss on the building and machinery in today's fire is estimated to be \$18 --600. Uninstired.

VAN VALKENBURG HAS A "SURPRISE PARTY"

He Has Prepared It for the Friends the mountain sides. Some of the most of Mr. Quay--- A Dull Day at Har-

Harrisburg, Feb. 12.-E. A. Van Valkenberg, who is in charge of the anti-Quay head junters in this city, gave out a statement tonight in which he support and promptly responded to predicts that there is a "surprise party" in store for Senator Quay and his friends. Mr. Van Valkenburg says the "No testimony has been presented McCarrell jury bill will continue to be the bone of contention during the week and that it will never become a law

"It is admitted by Senator Quay's most intimate friends," be adds, "that he must win his fight this week or retire beaten and baffled from the contest. I doubt if he will have the good sense to retire yet, but I am certain ion there was lacking in the general that he will not win this week or any other week so long as the present legis-

lature lives." This has been the dullest Sunday in political circles at Harrisburg since the opening of the senatorial fight. None of the candidates is here and few Of the adjutant general's depart; of the leaders or followers are on the ment. Brigadier General H. C. Cor- ground. The storm has delayed travel on the railroads and few of the legislators will reach the city before Monday. Ex-Senator William H. Andrews, of Crawford, who is in charge at the Quay headquarters at the Lochiel hotel, is just as confident of Senator Quay's re-election as Mr. Van Valkenberg is that the senator will be beaten. George Wallace Delamater, of Pittsburg, the unsuccessful Republican nomined for governor in 1852, was a visitor today to the Quay headquarters. Mr. Delamater is on his way to New York from Pittsburg and stopped over in Harrisburg to see his friends.

INCREASING RUSSIAN FORCES Additions to the Garrisons at Fort Arthur and Talien-Wan.

San Francisco, Feb. 12.-Advices from he Orient state that the Russian government is pouring troops into Port Arthur and Talien-Wan, on the ground that the force now garrisoning those places is too small, in view of the apparent discontent of the inhabitants of Liao-Tung Peninsula, who have within the last two months rises up against the Russians in thirteen towns and districts.

No less than 9,000 men have landed at Port Arthur within a month, and it is interfded to add 25,000 more before the end of the Chinese first moon, making full army corps of some 36,000, in adlition to the garrisons of 15,000 men for Port Arthur and 8,000 for Talien-Wan.

Mr. Haywood's Condition.

Harrisburg, Peb. 12.- A telegram was received this evening at the state treas-ury department from Mrs. B. J. Haywood at Sharon, stating that her husband, x. State Treasurer Haywood, was no better nd that the doctors had given up all

CASUALTIES AT MANILA. The Latest Reports from General Otis.

Washington. Feb. Iz.-The following cablegrams were received at the war department today:

Manita, Peb. 12 Adjutant General, Washington: Reported that insurgent representative it Washington relegraphed Aguinaldo to

frive out Americans before arrival of renforcements. Dispatch received Hong Is Now in Progress--Portions of Kong and matter Malolos, which decided on attack to be made about 7th instant Eagerness of insurgent troops to engage precipitated battle. Very quiet today on lines from Calocean on north to Panay must horrifying fires in the history of on south. Yesterday small reconnoiter-Yankton occurred this morning at 2 ing party twelve miles south of city fired en, two men slightly wounded. Two insurgents with arms captured. Affair of Tenth, McArtnur's division very successful. Enemy's loss considerable; have cotfected seventy dead bodies, but Bossetis. ite walls, with wooden interior, and insurgents reported to be gathering in "The military establishment is une intended for laundry purposes, but force twelve miles north on railway, but evidently perplexed.

Additional enoughties: Fourteenth infantey-wounded: Frivates Bernard Densel, William Ransom, Company P. First Idano-Wounded: Private Kose-

kella, Company F.

Third artillery-Killed: Private Theofore Good, Battery K. Thirteenth Minnesota-Wounded: Priate James Hartley, William C. Fitch, omnany D.

First Montana-Wounded: Private Mallory Thomas, Company K. Pirst California-Killed: Private Anthong Nellson Packard, Company C.

Fourth cavalry - Wounded: Private James Thorson, Troon E. Twentieth Kansas-Wounded: Private Alex M. Mitchell, Company B: Private Frank Gott, Company I. First Montana, reported missing vesterday, has reported

IN AN AVALANCHE

o his company commander.

Twenty-Four Persons Perish in a me egress for those on the second Snow Slide at Silver Plume, Col-

Georgetown, Colo., Feb. 12.-In a Ha twenty-four lives are believed to have en lost. The dead are Italian miners with their families. Eleven bodies have been recovered, only two of which have

been identified. Today's slide was the most disastrous ever known in Clear Creek county. It occurred at 8 o'clock this morning, Starting two miles from camp, the avalanche came with terrille force, carrying with it huge boulders and immense trees. A short distance from the starting point the avalanche parted, one section coming from Cheroke Gulch, taking with it two cabins occupied by tallans and the shaft house of the Cary City mine. The other slide came down Williaman Gulch, between the Pelican and the Seven-Thirty mines. This portion of the slide did the most damage. Settlements of miners, mostly Itislians, were situated in both

For a week or more, the inhabitants. have moved from piace to place to escape threatened disasters, should the thousands of tons of snow start from venturesome lingered in their homes and when the slide came today, escane was for them impossible. It is estimated that thirteen bodies are still buried beneath the snow on the guiches. There is practically no hope for those under the debris. Instantaneous death was probably their fate,

DR. DALY TALKS.

He States that the War Department Paid No Attention to General Thousands of Dollars Go Up in Miles on the Beef Question

Pittsburg, Feb. 12.-Dr. W. H. Daly, a long statement tonight anent th war board report, says he reported his suspicions of the refrigerated beef to General Miles in the early part of August and the latter at once endeavoyed to have the army supplied with fresh beef and requested the war department to send no more refrigerated beef. To this latter request no at-

tention was paid. The statement of Dr. Daly charges war investigating commission the private soldiers, and that witnesses who gave testimony tending to show shortcomings and Irregularities were bullied and prowbeaten.

MR. BACH IS APPOINTED.

He Will Succeed Thomas C. MacFarland as Postmaster of Kingston.

Christian Bach has been appointed postmaster at Kingston, Luzerne county, by President McKinley, to sucappointed last July and entered upon his duties in October.

Bach was also an applicant for the appointment but the matter was compromised by MacFarland agreeing to have the office in Mr. Bach's building He did not make good his promise and he has been routed out and Buch ap-

SPARKS FROM THE WIRE.

Providence, R. I., Feb. 12.-The Star heater in this city was destruyed by ne-esterday and several stores in the front art of the theater building were badly emaged. The less is estimated at about

Waterville, Mc., Feb. 12 -- Dr. Laberg, or Montreal the French specialist on small-pox, yesterday viewed a number of sick persons in Waterville and Winslow and declared the existence of a small-pox Albany, N. Y. Feb. 12.-Pire base night

lestroyed a block of buildings occupied by the Hudson River Garment company and Anthony & Gledhill, manufacturers of mattresses. Loss, \$30,900. E. E. Hack is believed to have perished in the flames. Atlanta, Ga., Feb. 12.—The sherift of Lee county telephoned Governor Chand ler at I n'eleck this morning that he had been compelled to give up taree marroe to a lynching party toolghe. He sur-rendered them is prevent the killing a

THE HAWAIIANS ARE ANXIOUS

SITUATION ON THE ISLAND REGARDED AS CRITICAL.

An Urgent Necessity for Legislation by Congress-The Pending Bill Not Likely to Pass at This Session. The Calamities to Be Feared.

Washington, Peb. 12.-Great applety especting the prospects of the bill to provide a government for the territory of Hawaii is feit by its friends and supporters both in and out of congress. It is by no means confined to the members of the Republican party or to men who are thick-and-thin supporters of all the provisions of the pending bill, but is chared by most, if not all, of the minority members of the house committee on territories, as well as by many other Democratic representatives who bave

familiar with facts and who regard the condition of affairs in Hawaii a a critical one. They have been led to believe that it can be remedied only by the affirmative action of congress Ufan artillery-Wounded: Private C. S. and while they are strongly opposed to some of the provisions of the pending bill they would probably be willing to accept them rather than have no legislation. At least, the subject is one which they urgently insist ought to be considered before the expiration of the present congress.

Among the calamities they fear in default of the proper tegislation is a general jail delivery of all criminals and alleged criminals who are in prison in Hawaii awaiting trial, and substantial grounds for this fear were expressed today by a friend of the bill conversation with a New York Tribune correspondent. So great is the anxiety of Hawaiians sojourning in Wasnington on this subject that a delegation consisting of Paul mann, Justice Frear, William A. Kinney and G. M. Robertson visited the white house today, and in an interview of some length sought to impress their views on President McKinley, who listoned attentively to what they had to say, and they came away feeling somewhat encouraged.

PARLIAMENTARY SITUATION.

The parliamentary situation as to the alian bill in the house of represhow-slide at Silver Plume today, sentatives cannot be regarded as favorable. It is far down on the calendar of the committee of the whole, with nearly two hundred other bills ahead of it, and the committee that has charge of it does not enjoy the privilege, which appertains to several others, of calling up at any time or out of the regular order measures of which they have jurisdiction.

It is not expected that the committee on rules will feel justified so late in the safety. She is selleved to be cruising session, and with the fate of nearly all outside the capes awaiting a favorable the general appropriation bills hanging in the balance, in taking any special action for the benefit of the Habill. There has recently been some talk among friends or the measure in favor of an effort to obtain unanimous consent for its considera- of snow. tion, and they have been led to hope difficulty in supplying cattle with water chance of obtaining unanimous conent, however, even for the consideration of the bill must be regarded as til the weather has moderated. slim in view of the near expiration of

the Fifty-fifth congress. A motion to suspend the rules might win, but there would be no opportunity to make it, even if recognition could be obtained for that purpose, arlier than within six days of the of the session, because the only other suspension day remaining (Feb. 20) will claimed by other committees than that on territories.

FIRES OF A DAY.

Smoke and Many Have Narrow Escapes from Death.

Albany, N. Y., Feb. 12.-Fire this morning destroyed business property on South Pearl street valued at \$250,000. Mann & Anker, makers of women's garments, the Grand Union Tea company, Hallenbecker company, milliners, and Mann & Waldmann, wholesale dealers in women's suits, are the principal sufferers, losing their entire

Stocks New York, Feb. 12.-The factory building of the Manhattan Brass comwith refraining from calling before it pany, on East Twenty-eighth street, and finished material and machinery The estimated loss is \$250,000.

New York, Feb. 12.-Fire early this hall, a dance hall on East Fifteenth street, and eight firemen had a narrow scape from death. The men were orking on the roof, when without arning it collapsed, precipitating them to the floor inside, a distance of thirty Five of the men are seriously in- by smoke and water,

Trepton, N. J., Feb. 12,-A fire at the works of the New Jersey Steel and Iron company today did damage to the Prisoners Fined by Mayor Bailey extent of from \$40,000 to \$50,000. The muchine shop was entirely destroyed. as well as the machinery and patterns in the building. The blacksmith shop adjoining was partially destroyed. A number of men are out of work.

LAWYERS WILL BANQUET. Affair to Be in Honor of Judge Daniel W. Searle. ,

Invitations have been issued for banquet to be given at the Tarbell House, Montrose, Thursday evening. He was fined &. Feb. 22, by the members of the Susquehanna County Bar. The guest of honor at the banquet will be Judge Daniel W. Scarle, who has just entered upon his second term as president udge of the Thirty-fourth Judicial dis

It is intended that the affair shall be red-letter one in the history of the bar of the above county. The justices of the Supreme court of Pennsylvania president judges of neighboring districts and representatives of the county press have been invited as guests,

THE NEWS THIS MORNING

Weather Indications Today:

Snow: Continued Cold.

General-Significant Report from Gen-Report of the War investigating Commission, Situation of the Hawaiians. Seventeen famates of an Asylum

General-Report of War Commission

(Concluded). The Markets.

Local-Annual Report of the Public

Reclaiming of Arid Land.

Local-Big Combine of Coal Companies. That Saturday Morning Fire. South Side Would-De Lynchers Falled. Local-West Seranton and Suburban

News Round About Scranton,

ZERO WEATHER

General-Cold Wave Aids the Coal News of the Soldiers at Camp Mac-Kenzie

STILL CONTINUES

The Snow Storm Assumes Proportions of a Blizzard-Largest Fall Since 1888.

Philadelphia, Feb. 12.—The continued zero weather of the past three days was followed today by a driving snow storm which almost reached the proportions of a blizgard. The snow began falling at 8 o'clock last night and at the end of twenty-four hours over seven inches of snow had fallen and up until nearly midnight there were no signs of abatement. It was the largest fall of snow for the given time in twelve years, with the exception of the memorable blizzard of 1888, when the fall registered ten inches. Strong northwest winds accompanied the storm and railroad service on the Pennsylvania, Reading and Baltimore and Ohio railroads was generally delayed from one to six hours. The most serious inconvenience was experienced by the trains from the south. Trains due here at 1.15 and 3.50 p. m., bearing detachments of New Jersey soldiers, have not been reported at Washington this evening. New York trains average from one half to one hour late. The Reading company was forced to abandon a portion of its lo-

cal schedule. Local and suburban trolley car service also suffere- much inconvenience. Along the Delaware river and the New Jersey coast shipping was at a standstill. The International Navigation company's steamer, Belgenland, which is several days overdue, had not been heard from at a late hour tonight. No fears, however, are entertained for her

chance to come in. The thermometer today remained stationary at 5 degrees above zero.

Reports from eastern Pennsylvania and South New Jorsey show heavy full Farmers experience much that if that is tried no objection will on account of the extreme freezing come from the Democratic side. The weather. In the coal regions many of the collieries are still closed down and will probably be unable to resume un-

New York, Feb. 12.-Three days of unprecedented cold in New York were followed last night by a driving snow storm. During these three days the mercury went lower in the tube than it had since 1872, when the weather bureau first began to send out public reports. It reached 6.2 below zero yesterday morning and last night when the snow began to fall, the thermometer registered only a few degree above zero. The snow continued throughout the day and at midright tonight snow was still falling, driver by sharp wind. Thermometers on lower Broadway recorded 8 above zero at

midnight Already this winter the snow record of last year has been exceeded by more

Wilkes-Barre, Feb. 12,-The cold spell shows no sign of abatement in this section. There was a light fall of snow this morning followed by lowering temperature. At 10 o'clock tonight it was eight below zero.

WRECKED BY FIRE.

Disastrous Conflagration at Chicago Loss About \$575,000.

Chicago, Feb. 12.—The wholesale and stall book establishment of A. C. Mcwas destroyed by fire today, together Clurg & Co. was wrecked by fire, which with a large quantity of valuable stock | broke out at 10 o'clock this morning and which spread rapidly through the ive-story brick structure at the north west corner of Wabash avenue and morning did \$40,000 damage to Nillson Madison street, occupied by the firm. The stock was probably the largest of its kind in the country.

The total loss will be about \$575,000 as follows: McClurg building, \$100,600; McClurg stock, \$470,000; Mandel Bros dry goods stock, across the alley, \$5,000

IN POLICE COURT.

Yesterday Morning.

Henry James, a telegraph operator, ens accested by Patrolman Isaac Jones, at midnight Saturday charged with being intoxicated and breaking window pane at the White house on Penn avenue. James bit the glass with his hand, but fortunately escaped any injury. When arraigned in police he was fined \$5 which he paid Edward Bulgine, arrested for drunknness, was found lying at the entrance to the Valley house late Saturday night in a half frozen condition.

Gasoline Conflagration.

Nashville, Tenn. Feb. 12.-The exploion of a gusoline stove last night in M Joskowitz's tailor shots caused a fire in he business portion of Springfield, Tenn-chieh destroyed buildings and contents dised at \$60,000.

Adrift on an Ice Cake.

Chicago, Peb. 12. Fifteen children skat-ng on Lake Michigan were cut off from + here by breaking up of he this afternoon ad are addiff. Tugs and life crows on a gone to their recue.

WAS ATTACK ORDERED BY **AGONCILLO**

Significant Report from General Otis Concerning the Filipinos.

THE BATTLE OF MANILA

Said to Have Been Precipitated by Orders from the Filipino Representative at Washington - Despatch Sent to Hong Kong and Mailed to Malolos - Affairs at Manila-Distinguished Prisoners Captured.

Washington, Feb. 12.-A dispatch from General Otis received at the war department this morning says he has been informed that the attack made the American forces by the rebels was in pursuance of advices received by Aguinaldo from Hong

Manila, Feb. 12.-4.45 p. m.--In Manla the inhabitants have generally reovered from the alarm occasioned by the fear of a native uprising and are esuming their ordinary business. The chipping interests are naturally suffering, since there have been no clearances for Philippine ports within a week, but on the other hand, foreign shipping has increased, especially for Hong Kong, every steamer bound thither being crowded with timid

Despite, however, this quietude, many are asking whether the problem is not still far from solution. A week ago those who took an optimistic view predicted that the terrible lesson just administered to the rebels would settle the question of Filipino independence in short order. But this prediction has not been fulfilled. As a matter of fact the rebels are now scattered throughout the country bushwhacking, except at Malabon, where they are gathered in force. Even there their methods savor more of guerrilla than of civilized warfare, every bush, clump of trees and tree furnishing a cover for their sharpshooters,

Unfortunately for miles around the land is studded with bamboo jungle and open spaces are few and far between. This affords the natives, who vantage. In many places the jungle is so dense that the eye cannot penetrate it and only by the flashes of their cifles is the whereabouts of the enemy indicated.

Under such conditions it is remark able that the American casualties should be so few, while the number of dead natives found in the brush after every skirmish testifies to the precision of our fire. Last week there was not a single day without fighting but the Americans steadily advanced earrying everything before them, and gradually increasing their semi-circle, until now it spreads fan-shaped from four to ten miles around Manila, the waterworks being the most distant point,

FILIPINO LOSS. It is now known that the Filipina oss is fully 2,000 killed, with wounded vastly in excess of that number, and thousands are held prisoners. All this has been achieved at the cost of sixtyfive Americans killed and 257 wounded. There are two Americans missing and

unaccounted for. No fewer than twenty native villages have surrendered or been captured. Several have been destroyed because their houses harbored men, frequently disguised in female attire, who shot from windows and roof-tops at the American troops. Many rifles and a ton of ammunition have been seized, As might be expected, there has been looting in the outskirts, but it has not been general and has been done in direct violation of orders,

The only incident that has broken the quiet of the day followed the arrival of the German first-class cruiser Kaiserin Augusta. When she saluted Admiral Dewey this afternoon a report spread rapidly that the American warships were bombarding Malabon. Among the distinguished prisoners captured in Manila since the outbreak of hostilities are Captain A. G. Esca-

milio, Aguinaldo's private secretary; Captain E. P. Veraguth, Colonel Martin de Los Reyes and Senor Tomas del Rosario, a member of the so-called Pilipino congress in session at Malolos A few minor Filipino officials are also Manifa, Feb. 12.-4.50 p. m.-Contrary a general expectations all is quiet along the entire line, nothing having

the peace of Sunday. GENERAL BROOKE'S REPORT. Deaths at Matanzas and Santiage.

happened up to this hour to disturb

No Yellow Fever. Washington, Feb. 12.-General Brooks from Havana cabled the following to

the war department. Adjutant General, Washington Death report 9th, Mathingas, A. H. Mor-gan, civilian teamster, with engineer outtalion, killed accidentally.
Santiago, Private William J. Cuniffe. F.,
Third Georgia, restartal hemeteuria. Havana, Private Bichard Orphan, L. econd artiflery, killed.
Albued case vellow fever at Tourns-

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ay found to be malaria.

Washington, Peb, 12.-Foregast for Monday: For eastern Pennsylvania, snow, continued cold; fresh to brisk mortheasterly winds.

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