

HOT TIME AT OLD MADRID

Count d'Almenas Creates an Uproar in the Cortes.

GENERALS ARE CRITICISED

He Complains That Five Months Have Passed Since the War and That Not a Single General Has Been Shot—Blanco Follows in a Speech and Denounces d'Almenas as a Contemptible Calumniator.

Madrid, Feb. 20.—The cortes reassembled today. The galleries in both chambers were thronged with an expectant crowd. The senate was very full, hardly a single general being absent.

Senator Montero Rios, president of the senate, in opening the proceedings, pronounced an eulogy upon M. Faure, and a resolution of condolence with France was adopted unanimously.

Count d'Almenas then brought up the question of the conduct of the generals engaged in the war in Cuba, declaring that the general Primo de Rivera, General Weyler, General Blanco, Admiral Cervera and General Linares had proved failures.

Count d'Almenas resumed his attack upon the generals and complained that "five months had elapsed and not a single general had been shot."

This gave rise to another tumult and Count d'Almenas was called to order. Again he asked why the generals who capitulated had not been executed.

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CONGRESS PROCEEDINGS.

Mr. Grow Fails to Secure a War Claim for Tewksbury Heirs.

Washington, Feb. 20.—In the house today (Rep., Pa.) asked unanimous approval of the consideration of a bill to pay the heirs of Samuel Tewksbury, of Scranton, Pa., \$3,697 for a war claim, and when consent was refused the speaker recognized him to move its passage under suspension of the rules.

Mr. Mahon (Rep., Pa.) moved the passage, under suspension, of the senate bill to reimburse governors of states for expenses incurred by them in the organization of volunteers for service in the war with Spain.

Mr. Cooper (Dem., Tex.) urged that the bill should be amended so as to provide for the payment of expenses "incurred or paid," pointing out that in some cases there existed no state authority for the payment of such expenses, and as a matter of fact these expenses had not been liquidated.

The house amendment, he said, would compel the governors of the states to produce detailed vouchers and the reimbursement would be made through the government's accounting office.

NATIVES AT PACO ACT AS FIREBUGS

They Attempt to Burn the Quarters of First Washington Volunteers.

Manila, Feb. 21, 9:25 a. m.—The natives of the village of Paco made a bold attempt last night to burn the quarters of the First Washington volunteers by setting fire to the huts adjoining the quarters in the rear.

Mysterious signals were frequently made along the enemy's lines during the night, and this led to the belief that an attack had been arranged but nothing happened.

GRAIN ELEVATOR BURNED.

Property Valued at \$200,000 in Ruins at New York.

New York, Feb. 20.—The grain elevator Columbia, 90 feet high, 69 feet long and 26 feet wide, said to be valued at \$200,000, was burned to the water's edge today and is now being a total loss on the Hudson flats.

Reclamations continued between Count d'Almenas and Lieutenant General Correa, the minister of war, and there was a continued disorder.

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ADMIRAL SCHLEY STATES HIS CASE

IS GIVEN OPPORTUNITY TO ANSWER HIS CRITICS.

The Letter Is Summarized Under Appropriate Heads and Answers Every Statement That Has Been Made Against the Old Warrior—Retrospective Movements Explained—The Battle at Santiago.

Washington, Feb. 20.—Rear Admiral W. S. Schley having been granted permission to answer the charges made against him in the communication recently sent to the senate, today handed to the committee on naval affairs his statement, in which he disclaims any purpose of controversy with the navy.

His last paragraph reads: "On May 21 I received a telegram from the commander in chief congratulating me upon my conduct in the battle of Santiago. It was worthy of commendation at that time I am at a loss to understand how it could have grown into reprehensible conduct as suggested by Admiral Sampson in his letter of July 19, 1895, some six weeks later."

THE \$20,000,000 APPROPRIATED

Two Hundred and Thirteen Members of the House Vote to Pay Philippines Account.

Washington, Feb. 20.—A separate bill appropriating \$20,000,000 for payment to Spain under the provisions of the treaty of Paris was passed today by the house under suspension of the rules.

BURGARS FRUSTRATED.

W. H. Gresham Wins His Bird and Takes Him to Jail.

St. Peter, Minn., Feb. 20.—A daring attempt to steal the St. Peter post office was frustrated by the bravery of W. H. Gresham, head clerk in the post office.

PAVONIA'S PASSENGERS.

They Will Leave Azores on the Steamship Vega.

Boston, Feb. 20.—A message was received this afternoon by Mr. Alexander Martin, Boston agent of the Cunard line, from the home office at Liverpool, regarding arrangements for the transport of the passengers of the steamship PAVONIA, which was towed into St. Michaels on Saturday disabled.

GIMM'S CONDITION.

The Six-Day Cyclist Has a Narrow Escape from Death.

San Francisco, Feb. 20.—The condition of Louis Gimm, the six-day cyclist, reported as being very serious today, had improved greatly under medical treatment and all danger of a fatal result has passed.

Bullet Hole in His Brain.

Foxcroft, Me., Feb. 20.—Edward Ellingwood, of Bradford, twenty miles from Foxcroft, was found dead at his home on Saturday night, with a bullet hole in his head.

Powers Will Succeed Gilkeson.

Philadelphia, Feb. 20.—It is stated here tonight that Thomas J. Powers, one of the leaders of the Quaker faction of the Republican party in this city, has been agreed upon for the position of commissioner of banking to succeed B. F. Gilkeson, who resigned recently in the close of the Hastings administration.

Phil Armour's Gift.

Chicago, Feb. 20.—Mr. Philip D. Armour has given \$750,000 more to the endowment fund of the Armour Institute of this city. This makes his total gift to the institution \$2,500,000.

GENERAL WOOD WELCOMED BACK

HIS RETURN BRINGS NEW LIFE TO CITY OF SANTIAGO.

Demonstration in Honor of Him to Be Given Soon—Contracts Which Necessitate the Employment of Thousands of Men Signed—The Governor Stipulates That for All Ordinary Labor Cubans Are to Be Hired—Banks Reduce Rates on Drafts to United States—Tourists From England Expected.

Santiago de Cuba, Feb. 20.—The return of General Leonard Wood, commander of this department, has brought new life into Santiago. So many persons had been waiting for his arrival before reaching certain conclusions, and so many things had been left undone by the department until he returned, that for the first two or three days his time was fully occupied.

ADAMS POISONING.

Witnesses Throw No New Light Upon the Mystery.

New York, Feb. 20.—Seven witnesses were examined today in the coroner's inquest into the poisoning of Mrs. Kate J. Adams without apparently throwing any new light upon the mystery.

SMOTHERED THE INFANT.

Bloomington, Pa., Feb. 20.—Mr. and Mrs. Harry Bloom, of Catawissa, accompanied a sleighing party from that place for Malvern, six miles distant Saturday.

SUICIDE OF A CIGARETTE MAKER.

Easton, Pa., Feb. 20.—Harry Kichline, of Bath, this county, 32 years old, a cigarmaker, yesterday morning committed suicide by shooting himself in the head with a revolver.

INSANE ENGINEER'S ACT.

Perry, Ia., Feb. 20.—While insane as the result of the grip, Frank A. Lindell, an engineer who has been pulling the Milwaukee flyer from here to Omaha, killed his wife with a cleaver today.

THE NEWS THIS MORNING

Weather Indications Today: Fair; Warmer.

- 1 General-Admiral Schley's Reply to Criticism of His Official Conduct. Affair in France. Santiagoens Overjoyed at General Wood's Return. Uproar in Spanish Cortes. 2 General-Generals Miles Before the Court of Inquiry. Financial and Commercial. 3 Local-Meeting of the Board of Trade. Would-Be Burglar Shot. 4 Editorial. "The Greater Republic." 5 Local-Rev. John Robertson Talks to Scranton Clergymen. Outlook of Today's Election. 6 Local-West Scranton and Suburban. News Round About Scranton. 7 Last Maneuver of the Thirteenth. Dunmore Happenings.

THE SENTENCE OF PROF. STEPHENS

Will Be Given Nine Years in the Eastern Penitentiary—Judge Scott's Advice.

Easton, Feb. 20.—George Herbert Stephens, who, after a sensational trial lasting a week, was on Saturday convicted of burning Pardee hall, was this morning sentenced by Judge Scott to serve nine years at hard labor and separate and solitary confinement in the Eastern Penitentiary.

BALLOT FOR SENATOR.

Two Hundred Members Were Paired for Yesterday and Today.

Harrisburg, Feb. 20.—The attendance at today's session of the joint assembly to ballot for senator was the smallest since the senatorial deadlock began. Only fourteen votes were cast, of which Senator Quay received 9; George A. Jenks, 4, and G. A. Crow 1. Those voting were: Quays—Representatives McCarrall, Meredith, Snyder; Representatives Adams, E. Keiper, Meals, Rutherford, Seal, Seidel 4. Jenks—Representatives Cole, Deyarmon, Meyers, Spatz 4. Crow—Representative Robb. Just 200 members were paired for today and tomorrow.

MR. MAGEE'S GRATITUDE.

He Remembered the Widow of the Man Who Saved His Life.

Harrisburg, Feb. 20.—Among those on the passenger train which was wrecked near Gallaghersville during the height of last week's blizzard was Senator C. J. Magee, of Berks, and a party of legislators' friends.

SERVICES WILL BE HELD IN WASHINGTON ON THURSDAY.

Washington, Feb. 20.—M. Thiebaut, the chargé d'affaires of the French embassy, called at the state department today and gave notice that the embassy had arranged to have a religious service at St. Matthew's Roman Catholic Church in this city next Thursday at 11 a. m. in memory of the late President Faure, that being the date fixed for the funeral services in Paris.

THE DUC READY TO ACT.

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STEAMSHIP ARRIVALS.

New York, Feb. 20.—Cleared Lahn, Southampton and Bremen. WEATHER FORECAST. + Washington, Feb. 20.—Forecast for Tuesday for eastern Pennsylvania, fair Tuesday; continued clear Wednesday; fresh southerly winds.

THE AFFAIRS IN FRANCE

M. Dupuy Asks for the Credit to Bury Faure.

Paris, Feb. 20.—In the chamber of deputies today, the premier, M. Dupuy, asked for a credit of 16,000 francs to defray the expenses of the obsequies of the late President Felix Faure.

M. LOUBET'S MESSAGE

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PARIS, FEB. 20.—

In the view of the decision of the chamber of deputies it has now been arranged that the entire funeral cortege shall form at the Elysee palace, instead of at the Cathedral of Notre Dame as was previously intended. Considerable commotion has been caused by the fact that a priest was summoned to Mr. Faure's bedside, although the president was a staunch Free Mason.

MR. LOUBET'S MESSAGE.

According to the best authorities, M. Loubet's message to parliament will not be a lengthy document. After returning thanks for his election, affirming his respect for the constitution and pledging himself to uphold it faithfully, both in spirit and letter, the president will appeal warmly for pacification and concord and will eulogize the army and express the hope that the country will, in its attachment to the navy and its respect for justice, speedily witness the restoration of harmony and the solution of the questions that are agitating the nation.

FAURE'S FUNERAL.

Regarding foreign affairs the message will say that in his relations with foreign nations France will pursue a policy which will remain faithful to friendships formed and which by its correctness and disinterestedness will conform to the traditions of her history. This policy will be the surest guarantee of peace and best calculated to maintain the place which France now occupies in the world.

ORLEANS CONSIDERS THE MOMENT OPPORTUNE FOR MONARCHIST ATTEMPT.

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