

EXPLOSION OF BENZOIL

Accompanied by Fatal Results in Philadelphia. TWO MEN ARE KILLED

Philadelphia, April 25.—By the explosion of 75 gallons of benzoin in the laboratory of Frank H. Fleece & Co., manufacturers of chewing gum, at No. 234 and 234 1/2 Callowhill street, today, two men were killed, three persons seriously hurt and over a score of others were more or less injured by flying debris. The dead are: WALTER MANWARING, assistant superintendent, CHARLES MCKINLEY, engineer.

Of those injured Harry Randall, an employe, and Mrs. Sarah Givison and her one year old child are the most seriously hurt. The explosion was a terrific one and for a time caused the wildest excitement. No less than one hundred buildings in the vicinity, most of them very small dwellings, were damaged. The laboratory building was a two-story structure. At the time of the explosion there were only four men working in the building, who were preparing a mixture for the making of vanilline. The doors to the room in which they were working were closed, but the fumes from the benzoin in some manner reached the furnace in the next room and the explosion instantly followed. Walter Manwaring was instantly killed and Charles McKinley was so badly hurt that he died several hours later in a hospital. Randall's escape was remarkable. He was blown through the roof and landed on an adjoining building. At first it was thought he was dead, but after treatment in the hospital he regained consciousness. Although badly hurt he will recover. George Connor, the fourth employe in the room escaped with a few severe lacerations.

Woman and Child Burned. As Mrs. Givison with her child on her arm was hurriedly leaving her home, which was directly opposite the laboratory, her dress caught fire from a flying ember and she and the child were badly burned. Their recovery is doubtful. The explosion was so terrific that the buildings adjoining each side of the laboratory were completely demolished. On both sides of the street for a whole square the explosion wrought destruction. Windows were broken, fixtures were smashed and walls were cracked. Fire added to the destruction in a number of the places, but the flames were driven caught fire from the debris they did any considerable damage. The score of persons injured were all tenants of the many dwellings and were in no way connected with the laboratory. Some were severely cut by glass, while many of them were struck by flying debris. The money loss is estimated to be considerable over \$100,000.

MOLINEUX IN COURT.

The Alleged Poisoner of Mrs. Adams Before Justice Bookstaver. New York, April 25.—Roland B. Molineux, the alleged poisoner of Mrs. Katherine J. Adams, was brought into the supreme court before Justice Bookstaver this afternoon on habeas corpus proceedings. Molineux's counsel, Barton S. Weeks, declared that the coroner's commitment was void because he had refused to continue hearing the case and that the coroner had been ousted from jurisdiction by the district attorney. Mr. Weeks held that under the decision of Justice Williams, declaring the indictment to be faulty, Molineux was not imprisoned in direct contravention of his constitutional rights. "There is no indictment against him," said Mr. Weeks, "and he should be released. Harry Cornish was the man who was charged with having administered the poison and if anybody should have been arrested it was he."

IRELAND CONGRATULATED.

Mayor Carter H. Harrison Rejoices in Erin's Triumph. Chicago, April 25.—Mayor Carter H. Harrison received the following cablegram today relative to the establishment of local government in Ireland in accordance with a recent act of parliament. "Local government happily established. Ireland waits your message on her march to home rule. (Signed), Editor Irish Independent, Dublin, Ireland. The reply of the mayor was as follows: Rejoice in Ireland's triumph. Full freedom must follow. (Signed), Carter H. Harrison, Mayor.

Rios Wants Information.

Madrid, April 25.—The government has received a dispatch from General Rios, Spain's principal commander in the Philippines, asserting that Major General Ota has requested him not to withdraw the Spanish troops from the island of Mindanao until the arrival of the American fleet. General Rios asks the government when he may return to Manila.

Child Actress Dead.

Holy Park, Mass., April 25.—Olivia Thomas, well known as a child actress, died at her home here today. Her performance of Little Lord Fauntleroy in the dramatization of Mrs. Burnett's story, earned her a great fame. She was about 20 years of age.

Cavalry at Charlevoix.

Brussels, April 25.—Upon the application of the governor of the province of Flanders, several squadrons of cavalry have been detached to Charlevoix and Louviers to maintain order among the strikers in those cities.

Mr. Hobart's Condition.

Washington, April 25.—Vice President Hobart continues almost the same, doctors' conditions indicating a slow improvement.

TRAGEDY AT CAMDEN.

Edward Oswald Kills Wife and Daughter and Attempts Suicide. Camden, N. J., April 25.—Edward Oswald, an instrument maker, aged 35 years, early this morning stabbed to death his wife, Mary, aged 26 years, and their 6-year-old daughter, Gladie, at their home on Jefferson avenue, Centerville, a suburb of this city. He then cut his throat and was taken to the Cooper hospital, where he is not expected to live. The tragedy was the most shocking that has occurred in this city in years. The couple came to live here about three weeks ago from Philadelphia, where the husband was employed. Apparently their domestic relations were happy. About 2 o'clock this morning a next door neighbor heard Mrs. Oswald scream. She was hanging half way out of a window with blood flowing from a wound in her breast. She said her husband had attacked her and her two children with a bread knife, but that one of the latter had escaped. The door was broken open and Mrs. Oswald ran out with her dead child in her arms and fell dead as she reached the sidewalk. Upon entering the house Oswald was found under the bed with a gaping wound in his throat. He resisted arrest and was beaten into submission and removed to the hospital. It is believed he became suddenly insane during the night.

WASHINGTON ON THE RACE WARS.

The Colored Leader Says That Education Is the Only Remedy for Mob Violence in the South. Philadelphia, April 25.—Booker T. Washington, founder and principal of the Tuskegee Normal and Industrial Institute in Alabama, who arrived here today, was questioned regarding the Georgia lynchings. He said: "I would like to speak at length upon even these Georgia occurrences and others of a like nature which have taken place in recent years, but in view of my position and hopes in the interest of the Tuskegee institute in Alabama, and the education of our people, I feel constrained to keep silent and not engage in any controversy that might react upon the work to which I am now lending my efforts. "I think it can be of more service to the race by giving my time and strength in helping to lay the foundation of an education which will be the permanent cure for such outrages. "I do not mind adding," said the speaker, "that I am opposed to mob violence under any and all circumstances. Those guilty of crime should be surely, swiftly and terribly punished, but by legal methods. As a rule the men guilty of these outrages are ignorant individuals who have had no opportunity to secure an education or practice moral self restraint. "The solution of our present difficulties is to be found in the thorough mental, religious and industrial education of both races in the South. It is an encouraging fact to note that of the hundreds of colored men who have been educated in the higher institutions of the South not one has been guilty of the crime of assaulting a woman."

ONE ROUND FIGHT.

Walcott Renders Creedon "Dead to the World" in Three Minutes. New York, April 25.—Nearly 5,000 sports assembled at the Lenox Athletic club tonight in the hope of seeing a rattling bout between Joe Walcott, the negro boxer, and Dan Creedon, the Australian. They were matched to go twenty rounds at catch weights, but although Creedon weighed fully twenty pounds more than his opponent the negro made short work of him. With a left and two right smashes on the jaw Walcott floored Creedon three times. The third time the Australian went down he was "dead to the world" and Walcott was declared the winner amid the cheers of his backers, who won a pot of money on the result. The bout lasted only a minute and fifteen seconds and as the opening bell was rung Creedon was down in the first round, the club patrons had a very unusual experience of seeing two pairs of big boxes settling their arguments in about three minutes of actual fighting.

Invitations for the President.

Washington, April 25.—A delegation from Reading, Pa. headed by Mayor Adam H. Leister and Representative Ebermeyer, called upon the president today and invited him to attend the celebration to be given July 7 in commemoration of the one hundred and fifty-first anniversary of the founding of the town of Reading. The president was asked to give a definite response at this time.

Buffalo at Gibraltar.

Gibraltar, April 25.—The United States armed transport Buffalo which arrived here this morning will return to New York from Gibraltar and will be met by Admiral Dewey's fleet, whose time has expired and with a number of invalids, called here today and sailed this evening. The condition of all on board was reported satisfactory.

Ten Years for King.

New York, April 25.—Patrick King was today sentenced to ten years imprisonment at Sing Sing prison. He pleaded guilty to five indictments for forgery and grand larceny. There are twenty-four other complaints against King in this city and it was said that King was wanted in Pittsburg, Boston, Washington, Baltimore and Chicago.

Negro Lynched.

Glenn, Kan., April 25.—Charles W. Williams, colored, was shot to death in the city last night by a mob of negroes. Williams killed Laura Canfax, a negro girl, who had been taken for a ransom. The mob consisted of about twenty-five masked negroes sent to the jail and four who used a stratagem by breaking the door.

CIGAR DEALERS MAY FILE APPEAL.

RELIEF WILL BE GRANTED INNOCENT PURCHASERS. Holders of Jacobs' Cigars Will Probably Be Allowed to Retain the Goods by Restamping the Boxes. Revenue Officials Continue to Make Seizures. Washington, April 25.—The internal revenue bureau has in course of preparation a circular letter to collectors in which they are directed to forward to the bureau all applications for relief from the holders of cigars stamped with counterfeit marks and purchased from Jacobs, the Lancaster, Pa., cigar manufacturer recently arrested by secret service officers. It is probable that innocent dealers have actually paid for the cigars will be permitted to retain them on condition that they restamp them. Cigars not paid for will be sold and the proceeds turned into the treasury. Lancaster, Pa., April 25.—An examination was made today of W. M. Jacobs' books, and it was found that he had sold about 2,000 cigars of about \$125,000 with his bogus revenue stamps, the books showing the difference between the number of cigars actually produced at the factory and the number that Jacobs reported to the revenue office as having been made. Chief Wilkie and Detective Burns were here this afternoon working on the case, but returned to talk. Shamokin, Pa., April 25.—Internal revenue officials here today discovered in several shops a number of cigars in boxes bearing alleged counterfeit revenue stamps from the Jacobs factory in Lancaster. The goods were confiscated.

LOCK HAVEN, PA., APRIL 25.—Fifteen hundred cigars were seized by Deputy Revenue Collector Bessing from different dealers here today bearing the bogus revenue stamps of the Lancaster manufacturer.

SYRACUSE, APRIL 25.—Internal Revenue Collector Gill, of this city, today seized 8,000 cigars made in the Jacobs factory at Lancaster, Pa., and having counterfeit government stamps on the boxes.

WARRINGTON, PA., APRIL 25.—Fifteen hundred cigars were seized here today bearing alleged Jacobs & Co. stamps. One thousand were seized in Warren, Pa.

PHILADELPHIA, APRIL 25.—The internal revenue officers today seized 25,000 additional cigars, bearing the bogus stamps of the Jacobs counterfeiting factory. The revenue officers of this city now have custody of over 50,000 of the cigars in their possession.

ST. LOUIS, APRIL 25.—One hundred thousand cigars in boxes bearing bogus revenue stamps and manufactured at the factory of W. M. Jacobs in Lancaster, Pa., were seized by the federal authorities in St. Louis. Revenue Collector Grenier says he thinks possibly a million cigars may be confiscated here.

SAVANNAH, GA., APRIL 25.—Revenue officers seized here today 250,000 cigars from Pennsylvania manufacturers. Fifty thousand from manufacturers at Lancaster, Pa., were confiscated.

MEMORIAL DAY.

Commander in Chief Johnson, of G. A. R. Issues Letter. Cincinnati, April 25.—The first two orders of the acting commander in chief of the Grand Army of the Republic, W. C. Johnson, the senior vice commander in chief, have been issued. The first recites his temporary assignment to the duties of commander in chief and the other is the annual order concerning Memorial day, May 30. The order calls attention to the provision of the thirtieth annual encampment, that President Lincoln's Gettysburg address be made a feature of Memorial day exercises and directs commanders of posts to have it read in connection with the exercises of the day. The acting commander says: "The year closing with the next Memorial day has added new strength and power to the nation and new honor to the flag. The worth and the fame of the American soldiers and sailors have been gloriously advanced. The achievements of the 'days of the sixties' still remain and have rendered possible the glorious victories in the interest of liberty and humanity."

DOWNY'S SUCCESSOR.

Thomas McGowan, of Christiansburg, Has Been Appointed. Harrisburg, April 25.—Revenue Collector Hershey today appointed Thomas McGowan, of Christiansburg, a deputy revenue collector to succeed S. B. Downey, who was arrested last night for alleged violation of the liquor law. McGowan was notified today by Whitman & Schwartz, wholesale grocers of this city, that they had on hand 30,000 of the Jacobs cigars bearing counterfeit stamps. The cigars will be seized in the morning by Mr. Adams and sold for the benefit of the government. Collector Hershey says that he has assessed against Jacobs' factory at Lancaster \$150,000, which represents the amount of bogus stamps used. He has directed the collection of a large number of cigars held by dealers in this city.

INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL FOR ORPHANS.

Baltimore, April 25.—Rev. Dr. M. Wharton, the well known Baltimore divine, has today secured a bill of \$20,000 with which to establish a home, farm and industrial school for the orphans of the soldiers and sailors who have lost their lives in the Spanish-American war and the resulting conflicts in the Philippines. The home is to be located near Washington, D. C., and is to be completed in Pittsburg, Boston, Washington, Baltimore and Chicago.

PENNSYLVANIA'S CLAIM.

Washington, April 25.—The secretary of the treasury today drew his warrant, signed in favor of the government of the state of Pennsylvania in settlement of the claim of that state for expenses in raising troops for the war with Spain. The warrant will be mailed to the governor at Harrisburg.

PENNSYLVANIA SOCIETY.

Natives of Keystone State Organize at Waldorf-Astoria. New York, April 25.—Natives of Pennsylvania now living in New York met at the Waldorf-Astoria hotel and founded the Pennsylvania society, elected officers and elected. About seventy-five well known New Yorkers were present. After adopting the constitution these officers were elected: President, Bishop Henry C. Potter; first vice-president, Henry C. Robinson; second vice-president, Henry Galbraith Ward; secretary, Barre Ferris; treasurer, Joseph A. Goulden; chaplain, Dr. Samuel S. McConnell; council, Alvin C. Bakewell, William Bisphen, Andrew Carnegie, H. L. Horton, Severo Mallet-Prevost, Colonel Robert Gyer Monroe, R. C. Ogden and H. Harmon Spruce. A banquet followed the election. Horace S. Fox, chairman of the organization meeting, presided. The speakers were United States District Attorney James M. Beck, of Philadelphia, on "The State of Pennsylvania;" Frederick W. Hollis, of New York, secretary of the American delegation to the peace conference at the Hague, on "The Pennsylvania Society;" Henry Galbraith Ward, of New York, on "Industry and Manufactures;" Severo Mallet-Prevost, of New York, on "The Bar;" Rev. Dr. J. E. Carson, of Brooklyn, on "The Church;" and E. J. Gibson, vice-president of the Canadian society, on "Kindred Societies."

CAPTAIN COGHLAN'S CASE.

He Disclaims Any Intention of Insulting the German Emperor or Admiral Von Dietrichs. Washington, April 25.—At the cabinet meeting today the recent utterances of Captain Coghlan, of the cruiser Raleigh, were informally discussed. Secretary Long said he had received a letter on the subject from Captain Coghlan. The captain disclaimed any intention of insulting the German emperor or admiral Von Dietrichs, and his remarks on the occasion of the Union League club banquet were made in the most informal manner in the company of friends, without any thought that they would be reported in the public press. As they did appear in the press, they were distorted and he was made to say things which he did not utter. He claims that under the circumstances his remarks should be regarded as privileged. After the cabinet meeting the secretary of the navy and the secretary of the war met with the president to further discuss the matter. It is understood that the captain will soon retire from the service through the regular channel, and it is thought that he will not be permitted to return to the navy. The captain's remarks were made at the naval engagement at Manila the authorities will show him as much consideration as is consistent with naval discipline. According to arrangements made some days ago for the captain's visit to Philadelphia he will go aboard the cruiser Raleigh next Friday morning as a special compliment to Captain Coghlan, whether under the circumstances, this part of the programme will be changed cannot now be stated.

CLOSING SCENES IN GEORGE TRIAL.

The Attorneys Make Extended Addresses—Review of the Woman's Career. Canton, O., April 25.—At the adjournment of court today the arguments in the trial of Mrs. George were little more than half completed. Mr. Welby and Mr. Pomercene, who close for the defense and state respectively, will occupy tomorrow's session. The judge has unofficially said that his charge will not be lengthy and it may be delivered tomorrow evening. At the opening of court Attorney Sterling began the opening address in defense of Mrs. George. The Barber case dwelt on by Mr. Grant, yesterday, was first taken up. Mr. Sterling disputed the position of the state that the testimony of Mrs. George's grievance against Saxton could only be considered in connection with an implied confession of her guilt. He terminated the degree of the crime. He said the wrongs of the accused were offered and should be accepted as showing the circumstances and conditions surrounding the threats which it was sought to be proved she had made. Mrs. George took up a review of the testimony and in her summing up of his respects to Saxton and the other people connected with the case. In this line he presented Saxton in the most unfavorable light and dwelt upon the alleged wrecking of the George home. Mr. Sterling continued to talk during two hours of the afternoon session, reviewing and summing up the testimony and especially attacking the testimony of Mrs. Eckwold, the eye witness, on the ground of her alleged excessive use of morphine and the contention that by reason of the darkness it was impossible for any one to have been recognized under the admitted conditions.

THE BALL OPENED.

The rapid firing guns on the train "opened the ball" at 11:30 a. m., about a mile from the river, their popping alternating continuously with the boom of the six pounders. The Montana regiment and the Utah artillery batteries at the same time entered the jungle from which the insurgents, who were occupying a large, steeply sloping village of huts, poured heavy volleys in the course of an hour the Americans had forced a passage through the woods to the open space in front of the river, and the artillery, immediately on wheeling into the open, began shelling the Filipino trenches. In the maritime company K, Twentieth Kansas led by Captain Bolwood, performed one of the most brilliant achievements of the campaign. The regiment was being held in reserve and Company K charged a distance of a quarter of a mile over a corn field to the banks of the river, near the bridge, where the insurgents from a trench were peppering the armored car with their rifles.

RESULT OF DRINKING.

Savannah, Ga., April 25.—Leonard M. Sumner, postmaster at Sumner, Ga., today shot and killed James Powell, a prosperous farmer of Islandia, the county seat of Worth county. The men had been drinking and a dispute arose. The he was passed and shot followed. Sumner shot three times, one bullet piercing the heart of Powell, who fell dead.

OWING TO A DEBT OF \$700.

Harris, N. Y., April 25.—Owing to the inability of the base ball management to meet the debt of \$700 with the proceeds of the Harris-Lake game, the Harris baseball club has refused to allow the games with Lehigh and Lafayette, which were scheduled for this week. The players, except the players, Princeton, however, at Princeton on Saturday.

FARMER COMMITS SUICIDE.

Bethelme, Pa., April 25.—Ester than sixty died on the charge of insubordination, Benton Frazier, a young farmer of North township, shot himself last before the opening of court today. He will probably die. Benton and his brother, John, were arrested on the charge of barn burning and were under bond for trial.

COPPER TRUST.

Trenton, N. J., April 25.—Articles of incorporation were filed today with the secretary of state for the Tennessee Copper company, with an authorized capital of \$5,000,000.

DON CARLOS HEARD FROM.

Madrid, April 25.—Don Carlos, the pretender, is said to have sent a fresh manifesto to his adherents.

WILL NOT APPOINT SENATOR.

Governor Tunnell Thinks the Proceeding Would Be Useless. Dover, Del., April 25.—Governor Tunnell, in an interview today on the probability of his following the example of Governor Stone, of Pennsylvania, and appointing a United States senator from Delaware, to succeed Senator George C. Drexler, having adjourned without electing his successor, said: "I have given the matter no consideration and there is no probability of my appointing a senator. I hardly think it would be worth while to take such action for the reason that if I should appoint a senator he could only serve until the next session of congress and would then have to run his chances of being seated or re-elected. It is not probable that the senate will now reverse its opinion in this particular case."

RISE OF THE MISSOURI.

Drives Five Hundred People from Their Homes. Omaha, April 25.—The rise of the Missouri river at this point has resulted in driving 500 people from their homes and the submergence of twelve square miles of bottom lands. The water continues to rise slowly. Water is in the ice house of Swift & Co. and the South Omaha company, and is doing much damage. As the manufacturing plants on the bottoms are flooded the Union Pacific and Terminal company's tracks cannot be used. A force of men armed with Winchester patrol the dike on the north side of East Locust street to prevent a possible attempt to cut it. The water is now within about four inches of the top of this dike, which protects thousands of dollars' worth of railroad property. Every building on the bottom is flooded, the water being half way up to the eaves of many houses. The river probably will begin to fall tomorrow.

MANILA, APRIL 25, 10:30 P. M.—General McArthur's division fought his way to the Filipino trenches before Calumpit today, advancing four miles, mostly through woods and jungle and crossing the Baguio river. This was accomplished at a cost to the Americans of six killed and twenty-eight wounded. The first Dakota regiment being the heaviest loser.

AFTER FORGING THE RIVER THE SOUTH DAKOTAS PURSUED THE INSURGENTS TO THE OUTSKIRTS OF CALUMPIT, BUT THE TOWN WAS FOUND SO STRONGLY PROTECTED THAT GENERAL MACARTHUR DEEMED IT BEST TO WITHDRAW THE TIGHT FIGHTERS AND GO INTO CAMP FOR A NIGHT'S REST BEFORE MAKING THE FINAL ASSAULT. THE ARMED BUILDINGS IN CALUMPIT WERE BEING FIRED BY THE FILIPINOS WHILE THE AMERICANS WERE CROSSING THE RIVER, FULLY A MILE AWAY, INDICATING THE ENEMY'S INTENTION TO ABANDON THE PLACE.

THE INSURGENTS SEEM TO HAVE ADOPTED A SETTLED POLICY OF RETIRING TO A POSITION TO ANOTHER, AFTER INFLECTING THE GREATEST POSSIBLE DAMAGE UPON THE ADVANCING ARMY. THEIR FORCES TODAY WERE WELL DRILLED. EVERY FOOT OF GROUND WAS TENACIOUSLY DISPUTED BY THOROUGHLY ORGANIZED TROOPS, WHO STOOD REMARKABLY FIRM BEFORE ARTILLERY.

THE ENEMY HAD PLANNED TO WRECK OUR ARTILLERY TRANSPORT TRAIN. THIS ATTEMPT WAS A FAILURE, BUT A SPAN OF THE IRON RAILWAY BRIDGE OVER THE RIVER WAS DESTROYED, HAMPERING THE AMERICAN TRANSPORTATION FOR SOME TIME. THE FILIPINOS CUT THE BRIDGES, INTENDING TO HAVE THE STRUCTURE FALL WITH THE TRAIN, BUT IT COLLAPSED PREMATURELY OF ITS OWN WEIGHT.

GENERAL WHEATON'S BRIGADE APPROACHED THE RIVER ALONG THE RAILROAD, LEAVING CAMP BEYOND MALOTOS CITY. GENERAL HALE'S, WHICH STARTED YESTERDAY, WAS EARLIER ON THE MARCH, AND SLEEPING WESTWARD TOWARD THE RAILROAD. THE ARMORED TRAIN WAS BEING PUSHED BY CHINESE, THE TWENTIETH KANSAS REGIMENT ADVANCING IN EXTENDED ORDER ON THE LEFT AND THE FIRST MONTANA REGIMENT, WITH THE UTAH LIGHT ARTILLERY ON THE RIGHT.

IT IS DIFFICULT TO ESTIMATE THE INSURGENT LOSSES, BUT THEY HAD NO FEWER THAN SEVENTY KILLED, MANY OF THEM BY THE ARTILLERY.

CROKER TO DEPART.

Will Take Passage on the American Liner New York. New York, April 25.—Richard Croker will sail tomorrow on the American liner New York for Southampton. He has engaged passage for himself, his sister, Mrs. Samuel E. Warren and her daughter. Mr. Croker will have as fellow voyagers on the New York the British ambassador, Sir Julian Pauncefote, and his family; Speaker Reed and his family; Miss Emma Barnes Story, Lady Mary Sackville, Sir Tatton Sykes and A. H. Wrenschell, the artist.

FIRE AT WAYMART.

Property Valued at \$15,000 Is Destroyed. Homestead, Pa., April 25.—The village of Waymart, ten miles from Homestead, suffered a disastrous fire this morning. The large general store of Robert Button and Pierson's machinery, were totally destroyed and John Ruppert's and Z. A. Wonnacott's stores were badly damaged. Loss about \$15,000, partially insured.

STRIKE AT SPOKANE.

Spokane, Wash., April 25.—A big strike of miners in the Coeur d'Alene country occurred today. The miners' union indicated the employees of the Banker mill and the employees of the Banker mill and the miners of the Last Chance mines also walked out. The men demanded \$20 per day all around and recognition of the union. The demands will be resisted by the employers.

WEATHER FORECAST.

Washington, April 25.—Forecast for the Washington, Pa. district: Partly cloudy; variable winds; Thursday fair and warm.

FILIPINOS AT CALUMPIT

The Insurgents Put Up the Most Desperate Battle of the Campaign.

American Troops Perform Brilliant Achievements and Display Remarkable Bravery—Colonel Funston Leads a Handful of Volunteers Upon a Hazardous Expedition—The Filipinos Stubbornly Contest Every Inch of Ground—A Modest Hero.

Manila, April 25, 10:30 p. m.—General McArthur's division fought his way to the Filipino trenches before Calumpit today, advancing four miles, mostly through woods and jungle and crossing the Baguio river. This was accomplished at a cost to the Americans of six killed and twenty-eight wounded. The first Dakota regiment being the heaviest loser.

After forging the river the South Dakotas pursued the insurgents to the outskirts of Calumpit, but the town was found so strongly protected that General MacArthur deemed it best to withdraw the tight fighters and go into camp for a night's rest before making the final assault. The armed buildings in Calumpit were being fired by the Filipinos while the Americans were crossing the river, fully a mile away, indicating the enemy's intention to abandon the place.

The insurgents seem to have adopted a settled policy of retiring to a position to another, after inflicting the greatest possible damage upon the advancing army. Their forces today were well drilled. Every foot of ground was tenaciously disputed by thoroughly organized troops, who stood remarkably firm before artillery.

The enemy had planned to wreck our artillery transport train. This attempt was a failure, but a span of the iron railway bridge over the river was destroyed, hampering the American transportation for some time. The Filipinos cut the bridges, intending to have the structure fall with the train, but it collapsed prematurely of its own weight.

General Wheaton's brigade approached the river along the railroad, leaving camp beyond Malotos city. General Hale's, which started yesterday, was earlier on the march, and sleeping westward toward the railroad. The armored train was being pushed by Chinese, the Twentieth Kansas regiment advancing in extended order on the left and the First Montana regiment, with the Utah light artillery on the right.

It is difficult to estimate the insurgent losses, but they had no fewer than seventy killed, many of them by the artillery. General Hale's troops, on the right, had the hardest fighting. They followed the north bank of the river nearest the town, from the east, with the First Nebraska regiment on the left and the First South Dakota and the Fifty-first Iowa beyond. The country to be traversed was mostly jungle, but the Filipinos stood their ground even in the open spaces.

General Hale's right joined General Wheaton's left, soon after noon a charge in the river enabling the Americans to pour an enfilading fire into the enemy's trenches. About this time the cheers of the Kansas troops announced that the Americans had crossed the river. General Hale's men soon formed into an extended line, advancing upon the trenches before Calumpit, from which the Filipinos were pouring continuous volleys.

The armored car had one man killed and two wounded. The Kansas regiment had three wounded during the charge, and the Utah light artillery, one killed and two wounded. Most of the other casualties befell the South Dakota regiment. It is difficult to estimate the insurgent losses, but they had no fewer than seventy killed, many of them by the artillery.

THE NEWS THIS MORNING

- Weather Indications Today SHOWERS, VARIABLE WINDS. 1 General-Americans Advancing on the Filipino Headquarters. 2 Fatal and Disastrous Explosion in a Philadelphia Gun Factory. 3 Re-organized Purchasers of Cigars with Counterfeit Stamps. 4 General-Sporting News and Comment. Financial and Commercial. 5 Local-Lecture by Carol Norton on Christian Science and Common Sense. 6 Editorial Comment on the Quota Verdict. 7 General-Whitney's Weekly News Budget. 8 Local-City Insurance Board Will De-rebate Amount of \$4m. from Death of John J. B. Van Horn. 9 Local-Van Horn's Hope Has Vanished. Bicycle Tax and Side Paths. 10 Local-West Scranton and Suburbs. 11 News Round About Scranton. 12 Local-Day's Work in Criminal Court.