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THE TRUCE IN SAMOA

Kautz Says There Will Be No More Fighting.

DETAILS OF BATTLES

Rebels Agree to Suspension of Hostilities Pending Action of the Joint High Commission—German Consul Refused to Agree to Peace Propositions—The Shelling of Vailima—Mataafa's House Riddled, Leading Residents Dissatisfied with Cessation of Fighting, Wanted Mataafa Followed Up and Crushed.

Washington, May 4.—The following cablegram has just been received at the navy department from Admiral Kautz:

Auckland, May 4, sub date Apia, April 27. Secretary Navy Washington. All quiet at Apia, Mataafa and his chief * * * agreed to keep outside lines prescribed by British senior officer present, and to * * * there will not be more fighting.

The cablegram was mutilated in transmission over the cables and in the process of resolving the cipher, its meaning is plain to the naval officials as confirming the press report that a truce has been agreed on in Samoa, and there will be no more hostilities pending the reaching of a conclusion by the high commission which is on the way to the islands and due there in about two weeks.

Auckland, N. Z., May 1.—Advices received from Apia, Samoa, to April 27, say that the rebel loss by the shelling of the Mataafa stronghold at Vailima by the warships of Great Britain and the United States was quite heavy. Many of the rebels were wounded. The house in which the late Robert Louis Stevenson lived was riddled with shot.

On April 22 there was a sharp skirmish between rebels and Lieutenant R. A. Gaunt's brigade near the town of Vailima. In that engagement one Mataafa was killed. The lines of the friendlies were attacked in the district near two points, but none of the friendlies was killed.

On April 23 there was some bush fighting. Lieutenant Gaunt's brigade, numbering 500 men, advanced under a fire. The enemy lost several men, the bodies of the dead being dragged away. Of the friendlies one was killed and three were wounded. The British lieutenants Innes, Hickman, Shuter and Heathcote, under Lieutenant Gaunt, led the loyalists.

Meeting of Councils.

The New Zealand government steamship Tananaki has arrived here with dispatches announcing that the respective international commissions are awaiting their arrival from San Francisco. A meeting of the three councils in view of that message was held, but it was without result, the German consul dissenting from the propositions of the other two councils.

Admiral Albert Kautz, U. S. N., and Captain Stuart, of the British cruiser Tauranga, wrote and dispatched through a French priest to Mataafa a letter ordering him to withdraw his forces out of a line of miles long and six miles broad. Mataafa replied defiantly, refusing to withdraw unless the German consul and the captain of the German cruiser Falko agreed. Admiral Kautz and Captain Stuart thereupon sent an ultimatum to Mataafa, threatening to compel the withdrawal of his forces. In support of that ultimatum a plan of action was decided on. Lieutenant Gaunt's brigade was strengthened, a heavy gun was landed at Mutini, and war-rockets were prepared. Being informed of those preparations, Mataafa made prompt reply, agreeing to withdraw immediately.

On April 25 an important meeting of the king and his chiefs was held. They were informed of the action that had been taken by the British and American naval commanders, and gave it general approval.

Lieutenant Gaunt's brigade is patrolling the prescribed area. King Tanu visited Admiral Kautz and Captain Stuart on board the American and British ships, respectively, and was received with the customary salutes on his arrival and departure.

Hutuzed, the manager of the German plantation on which British and American sailors were ambushed and Lieutenant Freeman of the British navy, Lieutenant Lansdale and Ensign John R. Monaghan, of the United States cruiser Philadelphia, and two other men were killed, is detained on board the German cruiser Falko. The gun-cries from the Philadelphia which was lost at the time of the engagement has been recovered, but the gun is still in the hands of the rebels.

False Charges. Officials and leading residents of Samoa who have been interviewed unite in saying that the charges of inhumanity on the part of the British, which were made by a man named Lezloch, are untrue. A majority of the inhabitants are highly dissatisfied with the cessation of hostilities. They say that Mataafa is beaten and that the trouble would all be ended in a week or ten days were the advantage pushed. The rebels are delighted at the delay, which will give them time to refill their cartridge shells and build more forts. It is the general opinion that the islands will be uninhabitable except by Germans and Frenchmen unless Mataafa and the rebel chiefs are severely punished.

It is doubtful if British or American subjects will give much evidence before the international commission, owing to fear that to express themselves candidly would interfere with trade relations. For that reason the commission is likely to be one-sided.

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The statement by the German minister of foreign affairs, Baron von Bismarck, that Mataafa had been unanimously elected king of the Samoan islands is denied in Samoa. The rebels admit that the result of the battle of Vailima was the greatest reverse they have experienced. They were astonished by the manner in which Gaunt's brigade sustained its position in the face of a continuous fire. They were also astonished at the final shelling of Vailima, by which many of the rebels were badly wounded.

GERMANS PRAISE THEMSELVES

Glad Their Patience and Impartiality Have Triumphed at Samoa.

Berlin, May 4.—The National Zeitung publishes today a despatch from Apia, Samoa, dated April 22, which says: "The orders from London and Washington to suspend hostilities have brought back tranquillity and peace, in compliance with the demand of the German consul, Mataafa has gone back a long distance westward into the interior, so that there will be no danger of any collision with his troops. We Germans are naturally satisfied that our patience and impartiality have finally triumphed."

WASHINGTON PUZZLED.

Cannot Understand Reported Attitude of Germans in Samoa.

Washington, May 4.—An official statement is made at the German embassy that strict instructions were given to the German consul at Apia, Samoa, to join with his colleagues, American and British, in a proclamation for the suspension of hostilities until the arrival of the Samoan commission. Under those circumstances, the officials are at a loss to account for the press report coming via Auckland that the Germans refused to join in the proclamation, and are inclined to attribute it to the anti-German influences. The proclamation was to be addressed to the natives, and as the American, British and German representatives were to issue the proclamation, all parties in interest, native and foreign, would be reached by it.

The recent reports from Auckland that the natives are menacing the outsiders of Apia are not understood, and the instructions given to the German consul are such that it is a point of honor with him to see that the natives refrain from aggressive movements pending the arrival of the commissioners.

At the British embassy no advice has been received concerning the reported refusal of the Germans to join in the proclamation. Mr. Tover, the British charge, saw Secretary Hay today and Samoa was understood to have been among the matters discussed. The interest which London is beginning to take in the Samoan question is indicated by the arrival here of Mr. George Leigh, of the London Times, who is en route to the islands. It is said he will be the first representative of a British newspaper there.

EPISCOPAL CONVENTION.

Meeting at Philadelphia Adjourns Sine Die.

Philadelphia, May 4.—The Episcopal convention of the diocese of Pennsylvania, which has been in session here since Tuesday, adjourned sine die today. There was only one session held today and considerable routine business was disposed of. An important amendment was made to Canon IV, which makes provision for the admission of a church into a diocese. The amended provision states that any church applying for membership in the diocese shall contain in its constitution or by-laws a distinct declaration that the church or congregation will not sell, charge or encumber any of its real estate without the consent of the standing committee of the diocese, and that it will make no grant of its real property or impose any charge thereon without the consent of a majority of the lay members of the standing committee of the diocese of Pennsylvania. A resolution was also adopted requesting the parishes of the diocese to contribute during the year for diocesan missions the aggregate sum of \$20,000.

REGARDING U. S. MAIL.

Postoffice Department Asked to Make a Ruling.

Washington, May 4.—The postoffice department is asked to make a ruling as to whether street car lines are authorized to carry the mails more prominently display on their cars the sign "U. S. Mail." The contention is that the sign properly can be placed only on cars when they are actually carrying mail, and that its indiscriminate use is designed to bring about a false impression of mail service. The Associated Association of Street Railway Employees, in session at Louisville, has telegraphed a protest to President McKinley against this practice of street car companies in various cities.

BODIES IN THE RIVER.

The Mysterious Death of Mrs. Sakariesser. New York, May 4.—The body of a woman about 45 years old was found in the East river off Barnett's Point today. It was believed to be that of a woman who had been killed in a fire on a boat in the harbor. The police think she committed suicide before being so drowned her son. The woman had lived with a man named "Tom," who was married to his wife. Later the bodies were identified as those of Mrs. Sakariesser and her son.

Asserts Hose's Innocence.

Washington, May 4.—John Rose, aged 18, son of Sam Rose, who was burned to death in the explosion at New York, was furnished transportation to Philadelphia by the district officials. He says his mother has gone there and asserts his father's innocence of either murder or rape.

No Suffrage for Women.

Hartford, Conn., May 4.—The Connecticut house of representatives today defeated the bill providing for woman suffrage by a vote of 191 to 52.

LAKE COMMERCE IS THREATENED

BUFFALO FREIGHT HANDLERS PRESENT THEIR ULTIMATUM

Unless the Lake Carriers' Association Accedes to Their Demands by Noon Today the Lines from Duluth to Buffalo May Be Tied Up—State Board of Arbitration Takes a Hand

Buffalo, May 4.—The grain shovellers and the freight handlers have pronounced their ultimatum to the Lake Carriers' association. At a mass meeting this afternoon it was announced with great applause that unless the Lake Carriers' association acceded to the demands of the men by tomorrow noon the entire commerce of the lakes from Buffalo to Duluth would be tied up.

Between 2,000 and 2,900 men were present. The hall was filled and a crowd stood about the outside. They were orderly, but very determined. The meeting was addressed by John M. Hennessy, president, and J. G. McMahon, president of the new Shovelers' union; M. Foley, representing the men employed in the elevators and others.

Mr. McMahon announced that the time had come when the whole plan of the movement could be made known. "We have everything in our power," he said. "Unless the Lake Carriers' association comes to our terms by tomorrow at noon the commerce of the port of Buffalo and all along the lakes will be tied up. We have been working on this matter for weeks and know what we are doing. If we want financial help we can get it, all we need."

He thanked the men for the good judgment they had shown in keeping quiet and orderly, and cautioned them about getting into any trouble. In the front of the hall were about 700 poles, members of the new freight handlers' union, and speeches were translated into Polish for them.

M. J. Foley announced, amid loud cheers, that tomorrow at noon every man now working in an elevator would quit. "All we want is what is fair," he said. "that we will stand by you men to the end. The coal handlers who have been serving the lake carriers vessels have already quit work, the engineers will go out tomorrow and the contractors will do no more work on the docks in Buffalo."

Albany, N. Y., May 4.—Governor Roosevelt today received a despatch from the state board of arbitration and mediation, now at Buffalo, stating that they were hard at work endeavoring to secure an amicable adjustment of the differences existing between the contractors and the grain shovellers. The governor is of the opinion that the board will be able to settle the difficulty.

COMRADES CONGRATULATED.

Secretary Alger Rejoices That the Boys Did Not Complain of Beef.

Detroit, Mich., May 4.—Secretary Alger was one of the speakers of the evening tonight at the fifth annual banquet of the Michigan commandery, Order of the Loyal Legion. The secretary said: "I am glad to be here among my old comrades who know what war is and can appreciate its difficulties and drawbacks. I know you have shared the hardships of our soldiers in far off Manila and think of them with pride. I assure you that while they have had many hardships, to-day they are being congratulated for their services. There has been no complaint from that army of 25,000 men. Some people thought the soldiers during the Spanish war were not well treated and made much of the fact that some of the boys did not murmur. I hope that these things have taught us to always be prepared for emergencies."

RANKS WITH CLERGY.

Talcott Williams Defines the Situation of the Journalist. Princeton, N. J., May 4.—Talcott Williams, of the Philadelphia Press, lectured tonight in Murray hall on "Journalism as a Profession."

CAPTAIN CRAPO LOST.

Becomes the Victim of a Foolhardy Enterprise. Providence, R. I., May 4.—Captain Thomas Crapo, of New Bedford, who recently sailed from the port for Cuba in a nine-foot skiff, probably was lost in yesterday's gale, while rounding Point Judith, as his boat was found bottom up today by the life savers off Quonochontaug beach.

TO SUPPORT JUDGE ARCHBOLD.

Bradford County Republican Delegates Are So Instructed. Towanda, Pa., May 4.—The Bradford county Republican convention today adopted resolutions and elected U. S. M. Fell, I. D. Schoonmaker and T. J. Walters delegates to the state convention. They were instructed to support Judge Archbald for the Supreme court bench nomination.

Steamship Arrivals.

New York, May 4.—Sailed: Purat Bismarck, Hamburg via Cherbourg and Southampton; Bremen, Bremen, via Southampton, Queenstown—Sailed: Teutonic, New York, Bremen—Arrived: Kaiser Friedrich, New York, Naples—Arrived: Alton, New York for Genoa, Rotterdam—Sailed: Statendam, New York. Talk of Fitzsimmons-Jeffries Fight. Denver, May 4.—Telegrams were received tonight by Manager Floto, of the Colorado Athletic association, from Brady and Julian, representing Jeffries and Fitzsimmons, accepting his offer of a purse of \$25,000 for the fight.

PRESIDENT'S VACATION.

Mr. McKinley Will Remain Away About Three Weeks.

Washington, May 4.—President McKinley today decided to leave the city next Monday and to remain away for two and possibly three weeks. According to his present intention the president will spend his vacation at the Hot Springs, Va. He is suffering from a slight attack of rheumatism and is also feeling the strain which has been upon him for many months. He is anxious to enjoy perfect rest and at the same time avoid hot baths, which will remove the rheumatic tendency. The arrangements for the president's visit have not yet been fully concluded, but it is likely that a special train will be provided for Mr. and Mrs. McKinley and will leave here at 10 o'clock on Monday morning, reaching the springs about 5 o'clock in the afternoon. The president and his wife will be domiciled at the Homestead hotel, as none of the cottages are yet ready for occupancy. The Hot Springs are only about eight hours' railroad ride from Washington, so that the president could return at once to the capitol if any occasion arises for his presence here.

During his absence the president will transact only such business as absolutely requires his personal attention.

IKE LEWIS CAPTURED.

The DuBois Desperado Resists Arrest and Is Severely Handled.

Du Bois, Pa., May 4.—Ike Lewis, the negro, who shot Policeman McClure, of Lindsay, at the Patton tunnel, Tuesday evening at Erie, Pa., was captured at Du Bois, Pa., this morning, while boarding a northbound passenger train. Lewis escaped from the mine in which he was hiding some time Tuesday night and has since eluded the officers. He made a desperate resistance and was only after him had been severely handled that he submitted to arrest. He was taken to Falls Creek and will be brought to Punxsutawney. His capture has aroused the people of that place and a report from there indicates that he will be given a warm reception.

SPANISH CLAIMS.

Government Interests Are Covered by the \$20,000,000.

Washington, May 4.—General Ota has not yet brought to the attention of the United States troops are several of the Spanish claims and the officials for the restitution of public moneys and properties seized by the American army of occupation upon the fall of Manila. The government here is without even accurate information as to the total value of these properties. It is surmised that the Spanish government is endeavoring to secure the restoration of the funds seized by the American army by the generous treatment accorded the United States troops at the fall of Manila. But a different principle is involved in the Spanish claims and while our government might be disposed to treat the United States claims as a matter of individual Spanish for restoration of properties belonging to himself, it is extremely doubtful whether the same treatment would be accorded a government claim.

TROOPS AT WARDNER.

They Enforce Martial Law in Cour d'Alene District.

Wardner, Idaho, May 4.—Four hundred United States troops are on guard tonight in the Cour d'Alene mining district and martial law is in full force in Shoshone county, Idaho. Brigadier General C. E. Meritt, who arrived today from Boise, has ordered, if possible, the arrest of all those implicated in blowing up the Bunker Hill and Sullivan mines. While it is known that several of the men belonging to the Cour d'Alene district, disposing the troops as to protect property and shut off the escape of those suspected of assisting in the blasts.

MURDERED BY SOLDIER.

Date of the Girl Who Repelled Advances of a Worthless Fellow.

New York, May 4.—Thomas McGrath, a private of Company E, Twenty-second regiment, mustered out of service several months ago, shot and killed Jennie Coyne, a girl under 21 years of age tonight in the hallway of the house of the girl's father at 445 Tenth avenue, and then sent a bullet into his own head. He had been drinking and was in a condition of unconsciousness and it is said that he will die. McGrath was a worthless fellow and became enraged at the girl because she repelled his attentions to her.

Death from Rope Jumping.

Trenton, N. J., May 4.—Nelle Simon, aged 4 years died today at the city hospital of convulsions produced by excessive rope jumping. In a contest yesterday with a number of playmates she jumped until she dropped from exhaustion.

L. A. W. Grants Sanction.

Philadelphia, May 4.—C. A. Dixon, representing the League of American Wheelmen racing board in this district, today granted a sanction for the meet of the Mahanoy City Athletic association on May 20.

Manuel Wins Kentucky Derby.

Louisville, Ky., May 4.—The Kentucky derby was won by Manuel, the favorite, by a length. Corbine was second; Mazo, third, and Conley, fourth. Time, 2:12.

RUSH FOR INDIAN LANDS.

Hundreds Join the Stampede for Ute Territory.

Durango, Colo., May 4.—Many persons who had for days been holding places in the line at the land office changed their minds today and joined the rush for locations in the Ute lands men were coming for settlements at noon by proclamation of the president. Whistles and bells proclaimed the hour of opening. Scores of men who had been holding places in line sold half an hour before the opening, \$20 being the prevailing price. It is estimated that 1,000 land seekers joined in the rush. The streets of Durango were crowded. There was no central starting point, and men were scattered along the Colorado and New Mexico lines for 40 miles awaiting the hour, many with no means of rapid transit. From Durango hundreds of well mounted, well armed men began pushing to the front at daylight, all giving themselves ample time to reach the favorite sections. Many home seekers will purchase farms and orchards outright in Colorado and New Mexico, instead of taking homesteads in the reservation.

GOVERNOR APPROVES BILLS.

Sale of Bogus Butter to Be Regulated—In Interest of Charity.

Harrisburg, May 4.—Governor Stone today approved a bill to regulate the sale of butter produced by taking original packing stock and other butter and melting them so that the butter can be drawn off, mixed with skimmed milk or other material, and by emulsion or other process, produce butter and butter produced by any similar process and commonly known as "bootleg" or "process" butter. The governor also approved a bill appropriating \$300,000 to meet the deficiency in the fund for the care of the indigent insane.

BAD PAVE RESPONSIBLE.

Vincent Cassepe Thrown from a Carriage and Suffered a Concussion of the Brain—Accident Occurred on Linden Street.

Vincent Cassepe, son of Joseph A. Cassepe, of Lackawanna avenue, is at his home suffering from severe injuries received shortly after 6 o'clock last night. It is feared that there is a slight concussion of the brain. The car was lacerated near the crown and his face, neck and hands have several abrasions and there is a contused wound on his left thigh. Cassepe and a friend, James Forkin, were out driving behind a spirited horse of the property of the former. In passing the Scranton Railway Company's barn on Linden street, the carriage, running into one of the asphalt holes, slid sideways and Forkin, who was driving, was pitched out. The shock of the reins and the noise behind, frightened the horse and he dashed off. Cassepe made several futile attempts to regain the reins and then tried to get out into the carriage. The horse ran close into the curb and the risk was tipped up his rear end on his head on the asphalt pavement. He was unconscious when picked up. Some men standing near Simrell's ropewalk picked him up and carried him into W. A. McDowell's office on Linden street, where his wounds were dressed. He was then removed to his home on Lackawanna avenue. Forkin escaped injury, but was shaken up. The carriage was slightly damaged.

HE WILL BE SURRENDERED.

Joseph Keller Will Be Given Into Custody of Sheriff Today.

At 10 o'clock this morning Joseph Keller will be surrendered to Sheriff C. E. Pryor to serve the sentence of five years and six months imposed by the court for the killing of Peter Mayer. His counsel, John F. Scragg, will fight any effort to have him re-sentenced. If this is not done the four months Keller has been at liberty will apply on his sentence.

VOLUNTEER KILLED.

Samuel Eaton Falls Under the Car Wheels.

Trenton, May 4.—Samuel Eaton, of Jersey City, a member of Company B, of the recently mustered out Fourth New Jersey volunteers, was killed by the cars at Morrisville, Pa., today. Eaton, with two companions, came over from Jersey City to draw his state pay for serving in the war with Spain. They rode in a freight train, which did not stop at Trenton, and were jumping off at Morrisville he fell under the wheels and was badly mangled. The body was taken to the morgue.

Iron Ball Dividend.

Indianapolis, Ind., May 4.—Judge McMaster today ordered the receiver of the order of the Iron Ball to pay the final dividend, one-fifth of one per cent. The distribution of this dividend will close the receivership which has existed seven years and which involved the collection and distribution of \$2,000,000. Of the 62,000 members throughout the country, 45,000 proved their claims. The total dividend has been \$5 1/2 per cent.

Mr. Hobart's New Home.

New York, May 4.—Vice President Garrett A. Hobart has leased "Normanhurst," Mrs. Norman L. Murray's residence at Norwood Park, Long Branch, for the season. The vice president will take immediate possession and will as far as his health will permit, entertain extensively at his summer home. Among his guests will be President and Mrs. McKinley.

Pennsylvania Pensions.

Washington, May 4.—Pension certificates: Original—Jonathan F. Gardner, Tiffin, Susquehanna, \$5 Increase—Thomas Fox, Scranton, \$5 to \$24; John C. Engert, Lehigh Valley, \$4 to \$10; Benjamin Ayres, New Albany, Bradford, \$12 to \$17.

Carried Forged Checks.

Harrisburg, May 4.—Leon Maynard, of Cairo, Pa., was arrested here today on a charge of passing forged checks. A large number of blank checks on Harrisburg banks was found on him when arrested.

SAN TOMAS CAPTURED

General MacArthur Makes Another Victorious Advance on Filipino Strongholds.

The Towns of San Tomas and Moasim Taken—Col. Summers Drives the Enemy North—Col. Funston Wounded in the Hand—Luna in a Tight Place—A Strongly Intrenched Force, Commanded by General Luna, Routed by General Wheaton and General Hale Near San Fernando. Several Officers and Enlisted Men Wounded.

Manila, May 4, 5:50 p. m.—Major General MacArthur has carried San Tomas, after encountering strong resistance.

Brigadier General Hale moved on the enemy's right and Brigadier General Wheaton attacked the left in a daring charge, in which Colonel Funston again distinguished himself. The Kansans was wounded in the hand and several other officers and enlisted men were also wounded.

PEACE POSTPONED.

The Insurgents of Luzon Need Further Chastisement.

Washington, May 4.—The war department is satisfied with the dispatches received from General Otis today that the American commander has put aside the insurgent temporizing over peace, and has turned his attention to most aggressive tactics. The wisdom of this course was fully approved by officials here, who have foreseen that the rebels needed further chastisement in order to bring them to a realizing sense of their position. The only dispatches from General Otis clearly defined the general plan of his latest movement. He is moving in two main columns, Major General MacArthur pushing straight forward over a nine mile stretch of country between Calumpit and the latest rebel stronghold, San Fernando, and Major General Lawton's force under Colonel Sumner marching to prevent the insurgents from retreating from San Fernando into the mountains to the north. The later dispatches showed there had been some work in the execution of this movement, particularly in General MacArthur's advance on San Fernando. The defeat of Luna at St. Tomas and the scattering of the insurgent forces leaves MacArthur four miles from San Fernando, with a clear road before him. He will take the city tomorrow morning, according to General Otis' plans.

The taking of towns is no longer looked upon by the authorities here as the chief moment, the main consideration being to prevent the insurgents, General Lawton's movement northward today to Maasin is designed to keep a body of American troops to the north of the rebels and between them and their line of retreat to the mountains. A successful execution of this move will leave the insurgents well-nigh surrounded on the north, though there is a stretch of about seven miles from Maasin to the Rio Grande river, along which the rebels are retiring. If they do succeed in getting into the mountains, war will continue in the manner in which our forces are placed.

ROOSEVELT'S PURPOSE.

Will Show No Mercy to Wife Murderers.

Albany, N. Y., May 4.—Governor Roosevelt today granted the application for a pardon for Henry Hendricks, who is serving a life sentence in Auburn prison for the killing of his wife, who he shot to death because of his mad infatuation for another woman. Hendricks, who is 50 years old, has served twenty-two years of his sentence. On the trial the jury stood 11 to 1 for conviction for murder in the first degree, but the old man remaining firm in his position, a compromise was effected whereby Hendricks received a life sentence.

From the remarks made by the governor, wife murderers, wife beaters, and those who cruelly treat children and dumb animals will receive no mercy as those and sees if such a bill is passed in the legislature next year he will sign it.

Stubborn Resistance.

Manila, May 5.—3 a. m.—The Philippines vigorously resisted the advance of the Americans toward San Fernando and fought desperately. The Filipinos, however, were forced back. Our loss up to that hour was two members of the Nebraska regiment and one of the Montana killed, and Captain Albrecht, three members of the Kansas

General Lawton captured 50,000 bushels of rice, an important part of the stores established by the rebels. The Spanish commissioners here have made another futile attempt for the relief of Spaniards held as prisoners by the Filipinos. Their vessels returned to the port near Raguapan. Fearful to land, they sent a letter to Aguinaldo, saying that they were authorized to exchange 10,000 Filipino prisoners in the hands of the Americans for the Spanish prisoners. A reply was received from General Mabina, Aguinaldo's prime minister, dated April 28, stating that Aguinaldo was negotiating for peace, pending which negotiations he could not discuss the question of exchange of prisoners.

THE NEWS THIS MORNING

Weather indications today: GENERALLY FAIR.

- 1 General-Americans Are Scattering the Filipinos.
2 General—News of the Industrial World.
3 Sports—Scranton Wins at Base Ball with Wilkes-Barre.
4 Editorial—Comment of the Press.
5 Story—"Nellie's Fortune."
6 Local—Select Council Opposes the Mayor.
7 Local—George K. Van Horn Hanged.
8 Local—West Scranton and Suburban.
9 News Round About Scranton.
10 Local—Post Board Quo Warranto Proceedings Argued in Court.

Four Years for a Thug.

Philadelphia, May 4.—John F. Butts, alias James Ballou, of Washington, was today sentenced to four years in the Eastern penitentiary for assault and battery with intent to kill. On April 2 Butts attacked William C. Verne, who was on his way to deposit \$1,250 in bank and after striking him eleven times with a lead ball, attempted to kill him with a knife. The assault occurred at mid-day in the business section of the city and the thug was caught red-handed. Butts has a criminal record in Washington.

WEATHER FORECAST.

Washington, May 4.—Forecast for Friday: For eastern Pennsylvania, generally fair; probably fair Saturday; variable winds.