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SCRANTON, PA., MONDAY MORNING, MAY 8, 1899.

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ARMY BEEF REPORT IN

General Miles Censured—The Packers Not at Fault—President McKinley Approves.

By Direction of the President Acting Secretary of War Makes Public the Findings of the Military Court Appointed to Investigate the Charges Made by Major General Miles—The Embalming Process Not Established to the Satisfaction of the Committee—The Canned Roast Beef Not Suitable for Food—General Eagan Also Censured for Making Too Liberal Purchases of the Stuff.

Washington, May 7.—By direction of the president, who approves the findings, Acting Secretary of War McKeljohn today made public the report and findings of the military court appointed to investigate the charges made by Major General Miles commanding the army, that the beef supplied to the army during the war with Spain was unfit for the use of the troops.

The most important features of the report are: The finding that the general allegations that the refrigerated beef was treated with chemicals were not established; that his allegations concerning the canned fresh or canned roast beef were sustained as to its suitability for food as used on the transports and as a field ration, are sustained. In the opinion of the court none of the other allegations in relation to the canned fresh beef are sustained. The evidence shows that Colonel John F. Weston, assistant commissary general of subsistence, recommended the adoption of the canned roast beef as a component of the field ration, and to this extent he is responsible.

Excessive Purchases. The report places the quantity of canned roast beef purchased for the war by the commissary department at 4,847,177 pounds, including 350,000 pounds which was brought from Liverpool and other English ports. This amount is characterized as excessive, and the commissary general (General Egan) is severely criticized in several parts of the document on this score.

ANOTHER POWDER MILL EXPLOSION

The Plant of the Pottsville Water Company Is Wrecked—18 Tons of Powder Lost.

Pottsville, Pa., May 7.—The powder mill plant at Pottsville Water company, located in the Indian Run valley, several miles west of here, blew up today, destroying 18 tons of powder. No workmen were about the plant at the time of the explosion but John K. Siders, who lives nearby, is believed, set fire to a magazine, which contained 1,500 kegs of blasting powder and 50 kegs of rifle powder, which exploded, blowing the mill to powder.

CHICAGO DISPLAYS SOME PATRIOTISM

A Protest Against the Sentiments Expressed by the Anti-Expansionists of the Windy City.

Chicago, May 7.—Three big mass meetings were held in Chicago today to voice approval of the policy of the administration with reference to the Philippine islands, and to protest against the sentiments expressed last Sunday at the Central Music Hall. Today's meetings were held in the Auditorium, Central Music Hall and the First Methodist church, and in spite of the inclement weather, the aggregate of attendance was probably ten thousand.

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FIRST SESSION TOMORROW

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THE NEWS THIS MORNING

Weather Indications Today: SHOWERS.

- 1 General-General Miles Censured by the President.
2 Ten Thousand Filipinos Before the American Lines.
3 Convocation of Knights of Malta.
4 Sports—Atlantic, National and Other League Football Games.
5 Local—The Cost of Running a Second-Class City.
6 Today's Firemen's Parade.
7 Editorial.
8 Comment of the Press.
9 Local—Mention of Men of the Hour.
10 Convocation of Knights (Continued).
11 Local—West Scranton and Suburban.
12 News Round About Scranton.
13 Local—Mr. Voeburg's Bond Must Be Accepted as City Solicitor.

FIRE AT PECKVILLE.

A Handsome School Building Burned to Ashes—Heroic Work of the Firemen—New Edifice Will Be Erected.

Peckville, May 7.—One of the fiercest and most destructive fires that have visited Peckville in years broke out in No. 1 school building at 11:15 o'clock Saturday forenoon. Bert Benjamin, a member of the hose company, and Walter Lloyd were the first to discover the flames. They were working near the building, when they discovered smoke issuing from the windows. Janitor Joseph Bray had just left the building, and at the time was talking to Lloyd. The janitor's attention was called to the smoke, and he stated that the flames were not working properly and that he had to open all the windows to allow the smoke to escape, as the smoke came from the furnace on account of the draft not working properly.

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