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THE RECORDS OF FILIPIN CRUELTY

War Department Receives an Account of Court Martial at Manila.

THREE NATIVES ARE ARRAIGNED

Implicated in the Murder of Five American Soldiers—Chaffee Commutes the Death Sentence of One Prisoner—General Sampson Surrenders—A Filipino Leader Gives Up 28 Cannon and 45 Guns. Clean Sweep of Dougherty's Column.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 24.—The war department has received from the Philippines the records of court martial by which three natives were tried for implication in the murder of five American soldiers. One of the Filipinos was Timoteo Dahlan, a commander of the insurgent forces, who ordered Manuel Gonzales, a lieutenant of insurgents, to kill the president of the Pueblo of San Miguel de Mayumo, province of Bulacan, Gonzales, in command of a band of insurgents, successfully ambushed a detachment of the 33d volunteer infantry, taking five of the American soldiers prisoners. The Americans had been acting as a guard for the presidente of Miguel de Mayumo and he, too, passed into the hands of the insurgents. The Filipinos captured and afterwards killed Privates John T. Hickman, Company B; William A. Smith, Company C; Hamlet Jarves, Company C; Elmer Dune, Company E and Frank M. Wilson, Company E. The presidente was stabbed. The Americans were placed in charge of a sergeant, taken away and killed. There was an attempt on the part of each of the three Filipinos to shift the responsibility for the crimes at the trial. It was developed that Commandante Dahlan in ordering an ambush, gave the following directions to Lieutenant Gonzales: "Separate Jose Buenamio (the presidente) from the Americans and with these Americans do as if you were to take them to the general, but when you reach the tall grass, do with them what we are accustomed to do." He concluded his directions to the murderers with these words: "You will receive five pesos for the soldiers. God keep your life many years."

In commenting on the finding in the case of the commandante, Dahlan, Gen. Chaffee said: "His open appeal to the base instincts of his soldiers by promising reward for the execution of his inhuman command, aggravates his offense and makes the accused as one so lost to the better instincts of his race as to preclude an appeal to clemency."

In Dahlan's case and that of Gonzales, General Chaffee approved the sentences of death by hanging, imposed by military commission. In the case of Clemente de Lacruce, the sergeant who personally directed the murder of the prisoners, he commuted the death sentence to imprisonment for life at hard labor.

General Sampson Surrenders.
Manila, Dec. 24.—The Filipino general, Sampson, and all the other insurgent chiefs on the island of Bohol have surrendered, with twenty-eight cannon and forty-five guns. During an engagement in Batangas province, between the insurgents and a detachment of the Twenty-first infantry, under Lieutenant Edgar T. Conley, one American private was badly wounded. A number of the enemy were killed.

The military prison at Subig has been re-established. A large number of Filipinos captured in Laguna and Batangas provinces have been sent there. The column under Colonel Dougherty is making a clean sweep of Laguna province, burning all the insurgent barracks that are found and a number of small native hamlets. Colonel Dougherty has taken many prisoners, and the insurgent loss of life during his operations has been heavy.

MILES WILL NOT TALK.

Has Nothing to Say Regarding Recent Reprimands.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.
Washington, Dec. 24.—Lieutenant General Nelson A. Miles returned to New York. The general declined to discuss the question of the reprimand given him by the secretary of war for his published observations of the report of the Schley case, and in reply to inquiries as to his future course in the matter, said he had no statement to make.

He did say, however, that the report that he would apply for a court of inquiry was entirely unauthorized.

Mrs. Wizebaker Dies from Assault.
By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Upper Sanheley, O., Dec. 24.—Mrs. Valentine Wizebaker, of Carey, Ohio, who was severely assaulted by her son a few weeks ago, the latter committing suicide after he thought he had killed his mother, died today. She never recovered from her shock and never regained consciousness long enough to tell how the assault was committed.

Fire Captain Killed.
By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Painesville, Ohio, Dec. 24.—While a fire truck was responding to an alarm early today, it collided with a street car, resulting in the death of Captain J. B. Wack, of the fire company, and injury to the driver, Peter Boudie, and fireman John Schultz. Boudie may

AMERICAN ADVISER IN CHINA.

Dealings with Foreign Countries to Have Guidance.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Victoria, Dec. 24.—The steamship Praemier, which arrived last night from the Orient, brings news that the Chinese court has decided to engage an American adviser. The name of the official is not given by the oriental papers, but the Chinese press states that the salary is to be \$15,000 a year. The Praemier, commenting on this, says it is a wise step for China to take, for, although her statesmen need no counsel in their domestic policy, they are unlearned in regard to dealings with foreign countries.

The agent of the Trans-Siberian railway at Shanghai has announced that by May next the big railway will have a semi-weekly service between Paris and Peking and passengers will be able to get from Shanghai to London in three weeks.

A correspondent for the North China Daily News, who has returned from a trip through Kuang Tung, says the kindly feeling of natives to foreigners is most marked. Where the Chinese press is crying the loudest for death of foreigners they now receive them with great respect.

THE DECLINE OF ENGLAND

United Kingdom in Danger of Being Relegated to the Third Class.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Washington, Dec. 24.—There is a large and ever increasing number of thoughtful and well informed people in Great Britain who express the serious belief that if radical changes do not come about in the near future, the United Kingdom will be relegated to the third position in the ranks of the world's trade and commerce.

This statement is made by United States Consul Boyle, at Liverpool, in his annual report, extracts from which were made public today by the state department. It is conceded, says Consul Boyle, that Great Britain, within the last few years, has failed to meet the competition of the United States and Germany. Mr. Boyle says the optimistically inclined plead exceptional and marvelous natural advantages as far as the United Kingdom is concerned, while as to Germany's fierce competition, the unsatisfactory financial and commercial situation now prevailing in that empire is cited as an instance of a country booming itself too rapidly. The cry of "things must be done," says the consul, is going up from commercial bodies, economic writers and from the newspapers.

There are fears expressed, says Mr. Boyle, that even in the carrying trade the supremacy of Great Britain is being lost. When the war in South Africa is over, he says, there is certain to be a popular demand for legislative action and the indications are that the British government will be compelled to give more earnest consideration to matters relating to trade and commerce.

In regard to educational reforms in the United Kingdom, Mr. Boyle says that the universally acknowledged inferiority of Great Britain to most of the leading nations, particularly the United States and Germany, is given frequently as one of the chief reasons why Great Britain is being outstripped in her manufactures.

A particularly interesting portion of Consul Boyle's report is that wherein he places the American and the British workman side by side in a comparison which places the American far to the fore. English manufacturers, he says, find it almost impossible to get the same amount of product from machines as is obtained in America. There are two reasons for this, says Mr. Boyle. First, the average British workman is not as adaptable as the American and does not so readily get command of new appliances, and second, that it is not the custom of the country for an Englishman, whether mechanic, clerk, or laborer, to work as hard as an American. Then, too, states Mr. Boyle, the English workman is inclined to split very fine hairs, and will often refuse to do anything outside a certain line rigidly laid down by the custom of his craft generally, and by his trade union in particular.

BRITISH PURSUE OUTLAWS.

Noddy Port Razed—A Dozen Men Buried in the Ruins.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Calcutta, Dec. 24.—A British punitive expedition has razed Noddy fort, in South Baluchistan, which had long been the stronghold of a force band of outlaws. The latter held out until the British were driven back. About a dozen men were buried in the ruins, and sixty-three killed, fourteen were wounded, and sixty-three captured.

The British countries were three men killed and eight wounded.

Culebra as a Naval Reserve.
By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Washington, Dec. 24.—A general order issued by the navy department today sets apart as a naval reservation certain lands in Culebra island, heretofore selected by a naval commission as a naval reserve. The island lies to the eastward of Porto Rico, and came under the flag as one of the dependencies of that island.

Akron Offered a Library.
By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Akron, Dec. 24.—Andrew Scroggie has offered the city of Akron \$20,000 for a free public library, the city to guarantee \$75,000 annually to maintain it. The offer will probably be accepted.

WAR ON GET-RICH-QUICK FIRMS

Postmaster-General Stops the Mail of Thirteen Companies.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Lexington, Ky., Dec. 24.—The letter mail of thirteen investment companies with main offices in this city, has been held up by order of the Postmaster General, on the charge that the companies were obtaining money under false pretence and that they conducted their business by lottery principles. January 13 was fixed as the date on which the companies must make answer in Washington.

The investment companies originated about four years ago in this city and advertised to pay \$3 for \$1. The postal authorities have forced them to change their contracts with subscribers from time to time. They have developed an international organization and have offices in all the large cities in almost every state in the Union. Their deposits run up into the millions.

INSANE ATTORNEY ATTEMPTS MURDER

M. W. Little Shoots and Dangerously Wounds His Client, W. L. Dodd, of Southern Mutual Aid.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Birmingham, Ala., Dec. 24.—W. L. Dodd, president of the Southern Mutual Aid association, who is on trial in the United States court for alleged frauds in the administration of his office as treasurer of the Birmingham Debenture company, was shot and dangerously wounded today by M. W. Little, one of his attorneys. It is said the shooting was due to temporary aberration of the mind. Mr. Little having acted queerly several times recently.

Mr. Dodd was shot as he was preparing to leave his room this morning. As he started to the door Mr. Little rushed into the room in his night clothes, saying he was going to kill himself. Mr. Dodd and his brother, James Dodd, evidently referring to the trial of Dodd in the Debenture cases, Little shouted: "It's a blackmail scheme. Dodd, and I had rather see you dead than persecuted this way."

With a revolver in his hand, using both hands to pull the trigger, Mr. Dodd grappled with his friend and in the struggle four more shots were fired, one entering the arm and back of Dodd. James Dodd escaped being shot as the cartridge failed to explode.

Mr. Dodd's injury is a severe one, and against him before United States Commissioner Cornish has been continued until January 15.

M. W. Little is a prominent attorney and was formerly United States consul at Honduras.

TRAINMEN'S WAGES ARE INCREASED

A Movement to That End Is Inaugurated at a Meeting of the General Managers.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Chicago, Dec. 24.—At a special meeting of the General Managers association held here today, a movement was started by which wages of trainmen, engineers, firemen and switchmen on all big railroads systems east of Chicago.

The meeting called at the request of the Pennsylvania company, the cause being the coal shortage in Chicago and other cities; a shortage of cars and power and the congested condition of traffic in general. The coal situation, however, was the moving cause for the meeting, and a discussion regarding it led to a canvass of the entire situation.

In the opinion of a majority of the general managers, the general congestion is due in a measure to inefficiency of the service rendered by employees and this view led into a discussion of the labor and wages situation from a railroad standpoint. Although no formal resolution was passed upon the subject, it was generally agreed that a raise in the wages of employees would do much toward stimulating them to better work, which in turn would help relieve congested conditions as well as to prevent them.

Attention was called to the fact that wages of operating employees or railroads are from 10 to 12 per cent. higher taking the average as a whole, west of Chicago, than they are east.

WOMAN STOPS JAIL DELIVERY.

Sheriff's Wife Steps Up With Revolver in Good Time.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Walla Walla, Dec. 24.—Eight prisoners in the county jail overpowered jailer Malone as he was locking up the cells last night, and were about to escape their escape when Mrs. Susan Kees, wife of the sheriff, stepped up with a revolver and drove the prisoners back to their cells.

Sheriff Kees and his family live in the jail building, and when Mrs. Kees heard the commotion she rushed to the rescue of the jailer and released him from the prisoners, who were beating him into insensibility.

GERMANY'S ULTIMATUM TO VENEZUELA

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Berlin, Dec. 24.—The announcement that Germany had sent an ultimatum to Venezuela has been conspicuously printed in the press here. These newspapers mentioning the closest relations with the government of that country is premature. While an ultimatum has not yet been delivered to Venezuela, they say, this step will soon be taken unless Venezuela yields to what are deemed here the reasonable demands of Germany.

Admiral Kempff at Woo Sung.
By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Washington, Dec. 24.—The navy department today received a cablegram announcing the arrival yesterday at Woo Sung, China, of Rear Admiral Kempff, aboard his flagship Kentucky.

MR. MACLAY IS DISCHARGED

Secretary Long Applies the Axe in Absence of the Required Resignation.

BY DIRECTION OF PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT

The Chief Magistrate Exercises His Prerogative and Dismisses the Man Without Waiting to Prefer Charges—Macley Well Aware of the Cause of His Discharge from the Service.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Washington, Dec. 24.—Secretary Long has discharged Edgar Stanton Macley from his position as a skilled laborer in the Brooklyn navy yard. Mr. Macley having refused to resign when requested to do so. Mr. Macley is author of a naval history and his last volumes sharply criticized Admiral Schley and denounced him as a crafty patron and coward.

Secretary Long's action was taken by direction of the president and followed a conference between the president and the secretary, who took to the white house with him a letter from Macley in response to the request for his resignation sent by the secretary last Saturday. In this letter Macley submitted that he could not be removed or compelled to resign without definite charges being made against him, and without having an opportunity to answer those charges. Although the civil service rules give employees of the public service the opportunity of answering charges that may be preferred against them, the president exercised his prerogative in the present instance and directed Macley's removal, it being held that the latter was aware unofficially, if not officially, of the reasons which actuated the executive in taking the course determined upon.

Macley's Letter.
Mr. Macley's letter to Secretary Long replying to the request for his resignation is as follows:

"I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your communication of this date, in which you demand the following communication of the date from the honorable secretary of the navy."

"I am directed by the president to inform you that I have declined to answer your demand, and I have declined to answer your demand, and I have declined to answer your demand."

"I respectfully submit that I was regularly appointed to my present position after having passed a clerk's examination, in accordance with all the requirements of the civil service regulations, and therefore cannot be removed or compelled to resign without definite charges being made against me, and without having an opportunity to answer those charges. I have been promoted for efficiency and as far as I know, my work has been satisfactory to my superiors. I have no objection to the removal of this office or of the navy yard, so far as I am aware."

"Such being the case, I feel that it would not only be unjust to me, but to the public, to remove me from my position, but it would be establishing a precedent that vitally concerns thousands of civil service employees, both national and state."

Very respectfully,
Edgar S. Macley.

Secretary Long's dispatch to Rear Admiral Barker directing Macley's removal is as follows:

Washington, D. C., Dec. 24.
To Rear Admiral Barker, U. S. N., commanding Navy Yard, New York.
By the direction of the president, Edgar S. Macley is discharged. Notify him.

RESULT OF TROLLEY ACCIDENT

Six Dead and Eleven Injured at Allentown—Others May Die.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Allentown, Pa., Dec. 24.—Six dead and eleven injured, the result of last night's trolley accident near Lanark.

Mrs. Albert J. Yeager, whose husband was killed is believed to be fatally injured. She is at the Allentown hospital and has been unconscious ever since. Edwin Snyder, a nineteen-year-old boy, is also at the hospital. His condition is critical. He has not recovered consciousness. The others injured are doing nicely.

PRESIDENT REMEMBERS.

Pupils of Cove Neck School Will Receive Christmas Presents.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

New York, Dec. 24.—Miss Sarah Provost, teacher at the small district school at Cove Neck, L. I., near Oyster Bay, President's Roosevelt's home, received a generous check from the president today. The check is to be used for the purchase of Christmas presents for her pupils.

Mr. Roosevelt's children formerly attended the Cove Neck school and before he became governor it was his custom every year to play Santa Claus and present gifts to all the pupils in person.

DEATHS OF A DAY.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Philadelphia, Dec. 24.—David W. Sellers, a prominent lawyer, died at his home in this city today. He was president of the Fairmount park commission and a solicitor for the Pennsylvania Railroad company at the time of his death. For many years he took an active part in Democratic politics.

Strebendorf, Pa., Dec. 24.—J. J. Giering, aged 63 years, died suddenly today, after suffering for a long time with Bright's disease. Deceased was a prominent resident, being a carpenter by trade. He served during the war in Company E, Second Pennsylvania artillery volunteers, and while in front of Fredericksburg was struck by a rifle ball in the neck, which ran around his left shoulder.

EMPLOYEES SHARE PROFITS.

Directors of Bourne Mills State That Dividends Will Be Doubled.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Full River, Mass., Dec. 24.—The employees of the Bourne Mills, just over the Rhode Island line, in Tiverton, received today their twenty-fifth consecutive semi-annual profit-sharing dividend, and the announcement that the directors had voted to continue the plan for another year.

They were also advised that by a special vote of the directors the limit of possible participation of profits by the employees had been doubled, so that now the amount may be "not less than 10 per cent. of the net profit, or more than 20 per cent. of the amount paid to the stockholders." Since the inception of the profit-sharing plan in 1889, the dividends have averaged 3.24 per cent. semi-annually. When payment was started it was hoped that the dividends would equal savings bank rates. It appears that they averaged more than 60 per cent. greater than savings bank rates.

FREEDMAN'S ATTORNEY REPLIES TO SPALDING

Mr. Delancy Nicoll Comments Upon the Document Addressed to the National League Clubs.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

New York, Dec. 24.—Delancy Nicoll, attorney for Andrew J. Freedman of the New York Baseball club, made public a letter today replying to and commenting upon the document addressed to the National League clubs on Saturday last by A. G. Spaulding. The letter, addressed to the Boston, Cincinnati and St. Louis clubs and was as follows:

"You have called my attention to a letter received this day by you from Mr. A. G. Spaulding, and have asked me what effect, if any, it has upon the present controversy. I am sorry to hear that the letter amounts to a withdrawal on Mr. Spaulding's part from the office of president-secretary-treasurer of the National League. He informs you that he 'must refuse to act further as president-secretary-treasurer of the National League' and goes on to say that it is 'up to each club to do that which in its judgment may seem best for its own interest.'"

"This is in effect advice to the clubs to shift for themselves. Mr. Spaulding was never elected president-secretary-treasurer of the National League. His pretended election was entirely without authority. The courts have taken this view of it by issuing the injunction and Mr. Spaulding seems to have come to the same conclusion himself. Every act on the part of the National League by which it undertook to elect a president, director or other officer, in the absence of a majority of that body was illegal and the persons who held their respective offices by such authority are open to the charge of usurpation of the functions of the office."

"So far as the court proceedings are concerned, the record is as follows: Mr. Spaulding had just declared to the reporters in an interview at the Fifth Avenue hotel that he had obtained an opinion to the effect that his election in all respects was legal. The words were hardly out of his mouth before he was served with an order to show cause why an injunction should not be issued against him. He then withdrew his opinion and he has since then been endeavoring to defend his title to the office. Under these circumstances, it is not surprising that he should make any reply to Mr. Spaulding's communication of this morning. The status of the National League remains as it was before the pretended election of Mr. Spaulding as president-secretary-treasurer."

THEIR WAGES INCREASED

Employees of the Union Traction Company of Philadelphia Will Receive 10 Cents an Hour.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Philadelphia, Dec. 23.—The Union Traction company, which controls every street car line in this city and some of the other cities, has announced that it has decided to increase the wages of the motormen and conductors from 18 to 20 cents an hour, an increase of 11 per cent. The increase is to go into effect on January 1.

This is the result of much agitation which has been going on among the employees for some time for an increase in wages. Several months ago demands were made on the company for an increase in pay 20 cents an hour, ten hours instead of twelve hours a day and for the adjustment of several other differences between the men and the company. The demands were refused and a meeting was held several days ago and a vote taken on the question of instituting a strike, which resulted in a complete victory for the men who were against suspending work. The increase in wages means an additional expenditure by the company of more than a quarter of a million of dollars. Eighteen months ago the company voluntarily granted an increase of one and a half cents an hour.

Chipp and Taylor Defalcations.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

New York, Dec. 24.—Comptroller Coker made public today the losses so far discovered in the dinner department, through the defalcations of Charles P. Chipp and Edward S. Taylor. The defalcation in 1900 was \$12,750; in 1901 it was \$7,100; in 1902, it was \$4,250; in 1903, it was \$1,200; in 1904 it was \$1,200; in 1905, it was \$1,200, or a total of \$28,000.

Senator Sewall's Condition.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Camden, N. J., Dec. 24.—United States Senator William J. Sewall was reported tonight by his physicians as holding his own. He practically is in the same condition as he has been for the past few days. During the afternoon he had a weak spell, but recovered tonight evening.

THE REVOLUTION IN VENEZUELA

BIG FIRE AT CONNELLSVILLE.

Almost an Entire Square Wiped Out by a Conflagration.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Connellsville, Pa., Dec. 24.—Almost an entire square was wiped out by fire here today. The loss is conservatively estimated at \$75,000. The insurance in many instances does not half equal the loss. The fire lasted from 1 until 5 o'clock and for several hours it looked as if all the dense downtown district would be wiped out. By hard and heroic work the firemen kept the flames within the confines of one square which is bounded by West Main street, Arch street and Orchard alley. The entire square was owned by the Wilkey estate and the buildings were occupied by about 30 tenants, nearly all of whom were burned out. The heaviest loss is the furniture store of B. P. Wallace, which was entirely destroyed. This stock was valued at \$38,000 and was insured for only about \$12,000.

It was in this store that the fire was started by some children. The fire started in a rear room and soon communicated to surrounding buildings. C. E. Schmidt's racket store was damaged to the extent of \$15,000, fully insured. The loss to other properties is estimated at \$30,000. Many private families occupying rooms over the stores, lost all their household effects. Tonight the firemen are still watching the flames, fearing the wind that blowing from the mountains may cause the fire to commence again.

TURKEYS AT WHITE HOUSE

President Roosevelt Distributes Eighty-Seven Birds to Various Employees.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Washington, Dec. 24.—Eighty-seven big turkeys were distributed to the white house policemen, messengers, ushers, servants, gardeners and stablemen today with the compliments of the president. Each turkey had on it a card bearing the seasons compliments. The distribution was the largest ever made at the white house. President McKinley always gave turkeys to the married employees, but the list of recipients was never so large as that of today. The turkeys were distributed by Henry Pinckney, the white house steward.

Express wagons, mail carriers and messengers bore numerous packages to the white house today. Presents to the Roosevelt family from friends and admirers throughout the country. Many of the packages were for the children who will not be allowed, however, to have them until tomorrow.

The programme at the white house tomorrow will follow the custom of the family in former years. There will be no Christmas tree, as a tree never has been a part of the celebration of Christmas in the Roosevelt family. The children, however, all hang up their stockings and they will arise early tomorrow to visit them and ascertain what Santa Claus has left for them. Later in the morning the children will assemble in the library, there to receive gifts from their father and mother. In the afternoon the Roosevelt juveniles will go to the home of their uncle and aunt, Captain and Mrs. Cowles, to see a pretty Christmas tree and receive other presents. The Christmas dinner will be served at 7 o'clock and only the family will be present.

On Thursday, if the weather permits, it is probable that the Roosevelt family, including the president will go down the Potomac river on a cruise. Theodore Roosevelt, Jr. is going on a hunting trip with Mr. Hixey and is very anxious that his father should accompany him. The president is inclined to do so, if public business will permit. Even if the president cannot go it is the present intention of Mrs. Roosevelt and some of the other children to accompany Dr. Hixey and Theodore, Jr.

GENERAL ALGER'S CONDITION.

While Not Critical, It Still May Be Considered Serious.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Detroit, Dec. 24.—General R. A. Alger passed a fair day today. A disturbance of his stomach occurred this afternoon, which resulted in an increase in temperature. Tonight, however, the fever is gradually going down. He is taking water by the stomach tonight for the first time.

Dr. Jennings said tonight that if General Alger's condition continues as good through tomorrow as it has been today he can be considered as having passed the most critical stage.

"He will, however, be in a serious condition," said Dr. Jennings, "for some longer. The general himself is cheerful."

Suicide of August Schwabb.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Philadelphia, Dec. 24.—August Schwabb today shot his one year old daughter and killed himself. The child is expected to recover. Schwabb's wife died recently and since her death he has been dependent.

Captain of Havana Port.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Washington, Dec. 24.—Captain Frederick S. Polk, second cavalry, has been appointed captain of the port of Havana, relieving Lieutenant-Commander Lucien Young, United States navy.

An Engagement at Villa de Cuba,

About Fifty Miles from Caracas.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Fort De France, Island of Martinique, Dec. 24. (Via Haytian Cable.) The Venezuelan gunboat Restaurador left here during the night. Her destination is unknown.

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The British steamer Ban Righ, said to be loaded with arms and ammunition intended for the adherents of Senator Matos has arrived here from Antwerp, which port she left Nov. 28. Another alleged revolutionary vessel has been sighted to the eastward of this island.

There was fighting yesterday in Venezuela, where the revolutionary movement is spreading. The engagement took place at Villa de Cuba, (about fifty miles from Caracas) and it is reported that the revolutionary commander General Mendonza, was defeated by the government troops.

Fighting has also occurred in the state of Canabobo but definite news on the subject is difficult to obtain.

A dispute has arisen between the officials of the German railroad running from Caracas to Valencia and the government. All traffic is suspended between those two points and the railroad stations are occupied by troops.</