

THE RECORDS OF FILIPINO 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.

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 soldier prisoners. One of the Filipinos was Timoteo Dahlan, a commandant 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 president 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 Dane, Company E and Frank M. Wilson, Company E. The president 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 the ambushes gave the following directions to Lieutenant Gonzales: "Separate Jose Buenacampo (the president) 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 marks 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.

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 the city today from his brief visit 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.

AMERICAN ADVISER IN CHINA.

Dealings with Foreign Countries to Have Guidance.

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 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, but 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 "something 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 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 Fort 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 horde band of outlaws. The latter held out until the British were within the ruins. About a dozen men were buried in the ruins, five others were killed, fourteen were wounded, and sixty-three captured.

The British casualties were three men killed and eight wounded.

Culebra as a Naval Reserve.

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 in a dishonest manner.

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 him. 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 with this way."

Mr. Dodd's injury is not serious. 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.

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 many roads in a general increase in the 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.

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 Jailor Malone as he was locking up the cells last night, and were about to make their escape when Mrs. Susan Kees, wife of the sheriff, stepped up with a revolver and drove the prisoners back to their cells.

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 maintained the closest relations with the government and this news is premature. While an ultimatum has not yet been delivered to Venezuela, they say, this will soon be taken under the reasonable demands of Germany.

Admiral Kempff at Woo Sung.

MR. MACLAY IS DISCHARGED

Secretary Long Applodes 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.

FREDMAN'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. 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 paltrifier 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.

Macley's Letter.

Mr. Macley's letter to Secretary Long replying to the request for his resignation is as follows: Every day, New York, Dec. 24, 1901. Rear Admiral Albert S. Barker, U. S. N., Commander Navy Yard, New York, to whom I have the honor of acknowledging the receipt of your communication of this date, in which you forward the following communication of the date from the honorable secretary of the navy: "I am directed by the president to call Edgar Stanton Macley, general storekeeper of the navy yard, New York, to send in his resignation."

I respectfully submit that I was regularly appointed to my present position after having duly received 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 your office. I have no objection to my removal from this office or the navy yard, so far as I am concerned.

Such being the case, I feel that it would not only be an injustice, but also a precedent, to remove me from such a 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 resignation is as follows: Washington, D. C., Dec. 24. To Rear Admiral A. S. Barker, U. S. N., Commander Navy Yard, New York. Edgar S. Macley is discharged. Notify him. Long.

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, aged nineteen, is comatose, 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.

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.

Senator Sewall's Condition.

EMPLOYES SHARE PROFITS.

Directors of Bourne Mills State That Dividends Will Be Doubled.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Fall 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.

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By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. New York, Dec. 24.—Delancy Nicoll, attorney for Andrew J. Fredman 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 was 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. It seems to me 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."

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, and other employees 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, have set 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 7:30, 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. Rixey 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. Rixey 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 B. 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. "His condition is cheerful. 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 despondent.

Captain of Havana Port.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Washington, Dec. 24.—Captain Frederick S. Polz, second cavalry, has been appointed captain of the port of Havana, relieving Lieutenant-Commander Lucien Young, United States navy.

Steamship Arrivals.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. New York, Dec. 24.—Cleared steamers: Valderland, Antwerp; La Savoie, Havre; Germania, Liverpool; Philadelphia, Southampton. Private Post-Pass: Steamer Maasdam, New York, for Australia.

THE REVOLUTION IN VENEZUELA

BIG FIRE AT CONNELLSVILLE. Almost an Entire Square Wiped Out by a Conflagration.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Conneltsville, 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 down town 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 \$88,000 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 war 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 fire. A heavy wind blowing from the mountains may cause the fire to commence again.

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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 employs upward of five thousand motormen and conductors, posted a notice in each of its barns at 1 o'clock this morning to the effect that the company has decided to increase the wages of the motormen and conductors from 18 cents an hour to 20 cents an hour, effective 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 to 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 inaugurating 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 finance department, through the defalcations of Charles P. Chipp and Edward S. Taylor. The defalcation in 1897 was \$127,250; in 1898 it was \$7,100; in 1899, it was \$4,250; in 1900, it was \$1,200; in 1901, it was \$1,200; a total of \$141,000.

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 towards evening.

An Engagement at Villa de Cuba, About Fifty Miles from Caracas.

THE SITUATION IS BECOMING SERIOUS

British Steamer Ban Righ, Said to Be Loaded with Arms and Ammunition Intended for the Followers of Senator Matos Arrives from Antwerp—Other Alleged Revolutionary Vessels Are Sighted—Great Excitement Throughout Venezuela.

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.

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 Mendoza, 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. Great excitement prevails everywhere in Venezuela, particularly at Caracas. The situation is serious.

General Matos is at the Ibanes hotel here.

The German cruiser Falke is at Porto Cabello and the Dutch Cruiser Utrecht is at La Guayana.

CANADA AIDING MARCONI.

Suggestion That Sable Island Be Placed at Inventor's Disposal.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. London, Dec. 24.—The British government is evidently desirous of affording Signor Marconi every assistance in carrying on his experiments. The Marine department has received an official communication inquiring whether land can be obtained on the Island of Atlixco. The island is in the possession of M. Menier, the chocolate king, but a small plot immediately surrounding the lighthouse belongs to the government.

"That land might perhaps prove suitable for experiment," D. H. Keeley, superintendent of the Dominion telegraphs and cables, makes the suggestion that Sable Island be placed at Signor Marconi's disposal.

GOVERNOR STONE RETURNS.

Is Home from Mexico and Will Spend Holidays With Harrisburg.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Harrisburg, Dec. 24.—Governor Stone returned tonight from his visit to Mexico and will spend Christmas with his family at the executive mansion. The governor was worn out from the long journey and declined to be interviewed. The party was gone three weeks and visited New Orleans, City of Mexico, and points of interest in Texas. The governor's party was composed of Mrs. Stone, Belle Stone, Secretary of the Commonwealth and Mrs. Griest, Bank Commissioner and Mrs. Roeder, Superintendent of Public Buildings and Mrs. Eyre, Russell Eyre and Executive Clerk Rodgers.

Fell One Thousand Feet.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Tananqua, Pa., Dec. 24.—While working at the mouth of the Schuylkill river, John York, 25 years old, of the Lehigh Coal and Navigation company, lost his balance and fell one thousand feet, to the bottom, his body being crushed to a jelly.

Transport Crook at Malta.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Washington, Dec. 24.—The war department has been informed that the transport Crook has arrived at Malta, with all well on board.

YESTERDAY'S WEATHER.

Local data for Dec. 24, 1901. Highest temperature 41 degrees; lowest temperature 23 degrees; relative humidity 80 per cent; precipitation 24 hours ended 3 p. m., 0.18 inch.

WEATHER FORECAST.

Washington, Dec. 24.—Forecast for Wednesday and Thursday: For Eastern Pennsylvania—cloudy Wednesday; rain is probable in the afternoon or night; Thursday, fair; fresh west, shifting to south winds.