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HOLIDAYS! HOLIDAYS!

Christmas comes but once a year
Let us greet it with good cheer.

We are all ready to help you with a good stock of
STAPLE AND FANCY GOODS suitable for

Holiday Presents.

Come as early as you can and make your selections
and get first choice.

Very respectfully,

RETTENBURY

DUSHORE, PA. THE JEWELER.

Coles Hardware

DUSHORE, PA.

Preparation for Winter should
include a call here.

Furnaces.

Nothing like them for house warming. Is your spare
room a winter terror? Put in our new improved furnace
and live in comfort.

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Have it done now. This is the time for examining
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work for you.

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Special low prices prevail here. No danger of inferiority.
Our hardware line is as good as can be made. Steam Fittings,
Stoves and Ranges, Farm Tools, Etc.

General Job Work, Bicycle Repairing.

The Shopbell Dry Good Co.,

313 Pine Street,
WILLIAMSPORT, PA.

Black Silk

Black peau de Soie is one of the best silks for making fall gowns having the soft luster of a satin and the advantage of both sides finished alike so either side can be used. We have good qualities at 75c, \$1.00, \$1.25 and \$1.50.

Taffetas

If you are interested in black taffetas you should see the good qualities we have in 22-24-27-36 inches wide at 50c to \$1.50. We have some new fancy silks for waists or dresses at 50c, 75c, and \$1.00.

Table Linen

64 and 66 inch unbleached and 70 inch wide special bleached linen in good patterns at 50c. 72 inches wide unbleached and full bleached table linen very heavy quality in a large variety of neat designs, some excellent qualities for 75c, 1.00, 1.25. Napkins in 3 and 4 sizes to match all the patterns in linens.

New Flannel Waists

Made of fine French flannel, yokes formed with cluster tucks, sleeves and back tacked, others with fancy stitching giving a braided effect, we have them in cardinal, old rose, reseda, navy blue, cadet, etc. 1.00 to \$3.50.

Comforters

At this time you may want an extra comforter we have some very nice one in floral effects, saten or silkline some one side plain other both sides figured at 1.00 to 3.50.

Blankets

Of all descriptions white, grey, scarlet; either cotton, part wool or strictly all wool. We can sell you blankets from 50c a pair up to \$9.50 for the finest California wool blankets. We keep a full assortment of the CELEBRATED MUNCY BLANKETS in colored and white.

Underware

For men, women and children in white or natural color, either cotton, fleece lined part wool or fine Australian wool, we have any thing you need. Also Ladies' Misses black equestrian tights, natural or white union suits.

Robes

White Goat Fur Robes for baby carriages, a nice article for a Christmas gift for the little one; prices from 2.25 to 4.50.

The Shopbell Dry Good Co.

T. J. KEELER.
Justice-of-the Peace.
Office in room over store, LAPORTE, PA.
Special attention given to collections.
All matters left to the care of this office will be promptly attended to.

CARROLL HOUSE,
DUSHORE, PA.
D. KEEFE, Proprietor.
One of the largest and best equipped hotels in this section of the state.
Table of the best. Rates 1.00 dollar per day. Large stables.

ULYSSES BIRD
Land Surveyor Engineer and Conveyancer.
Relocating old lines and corners, and drawing maps a specialty.
Will usually be found at home on Mondays.
Charges reasonable.
Estella, Sullivan Co., Pa.

HOTEL GUY.
MILDRED, PA.
R. H. GUY, Proprietor.
Newly furnished throughout, special attention given to the wants of the traveling public. Bar stocked with first class wines, liquors and cigars. The best beer on the market always on tap.
Rates Reasonable.

COMMERCIAL HOUSE.
LAPORTE, PA.
AVID TEMPLE, Prop.

This large and well appointed house is the most popular hostelry in this section

LAPORTE HOTEL.
F. W. GALLAGHER, Prop.
Newly erected. Opposite Court House square. Steam heat, bath rooms, hot and cold water, reading and pool room, and barber shop; also good stabling and livery.

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ATTORNEY-AT-LAW,
Office Building, Cor. Main and Muncy Sts.
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OF DUSHORE, PENNA.
CAPITAL \$50,000.
SURPLUS \$10,000.
Does a General Banking Business.
B. W. JENNINGS, President. M. D. SWARTS, Cashier.

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ATTORNEYS-AT-LAW,
Legal business attended to in this and adjoining counties.
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Attorney-at-Law.
LAPORTE, PA.
OFFICE IN COUNTY BUILDING NEAR COURT HOUSE.

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OFFICE ON MAIN STREET.
DUSHORE, PA.

BANNER SALVE
the most healing salve in the world.

IT'S WORTH WHILE

to step in and absorb a little General Knowledge that is to be found in a really down to date General Store.

The new things for Spring and Summer are now on

EXHIBITION

STEP IN AND ASK ABOUT THEM.

All answered at
Vernon Hull's Large Store.
Hillgrove, Pa.

Foley's Honey and Tar
for children, safe, sure. No opiates.

LONG APPROVES VERDICT

Secretary of the Navy Disposed of Schley Case.

SEVERE REPRIMAND FOR MILES

General Miles' Cincinnati Interview Results in Severe Censure—Administration Determined to End Naval Controversy—Maclay Discharged.

Washington, Dec. 23.—Secretary Long disposed of the Schley case, so far as the navy department is concerned, by acting upon the findings and conclusions of the court of inquiry. The secretary also has declined the application of Admiral Sampson's counsel to enter upon an inquiry into the question of command and has notified Admiral Schley's counsel of that fact as a reason for declining to hear them on that point. Secretary Long's approval of the majority report was as follows:

After careful consideration the findings of fact and the opinion of the full court are approved.

As to the points on which the presiding member differs from the opinion of the majority of the court, the opinion of the majority is approved.

As to the further expression of his views by the same member with regard to the questions of command on the morning of July 3, 1898, and of the title to credit for the ensuing victory, the conduct of the court in finding no finding and rendering no opinion on those questions is approved; indeed, it could with propriety take no other course, evidence on these questions during the inquiry having been excluded by the court.

The department approves the recommendation of the court that no further proceedings be had in the premises.

The department records its appreciation of the arduous labors of the whole court.

Court Dissolved.
Following is the text of the letter sent by Secretary Long to Admiral Dewey, dissolving the Schley court of inquiry:

Navy Department, Washington, December 21.
The court of inquiry of which you are the president, convened by department's order of July 26, 1901, for the purpose of inquiring into the conduct of Rear Admiral (then commodore) W. S. Schley, U. S. N., retired, during the recent war with Spain, and the events connected therewith, is this day dissolved. You will inform the other members of the court and the judge advocate accordingly. Very respectfully,
JOHN D. LONG, Secretary.

Admiral Dewey acknowledged its receipt and said that in conformity with the order of the secretary he had announced the dissolution of the court.

General Miles Reprimanded.
Washington, Dec. 23.—Lieutenant General Nelson A. Miles has been censured as no other officer commanding the American army ever was for giving vent to his opinions on the case, which were favorable to Schley. The interview was published in a Cincinnati paper and attracted considerable attention officially.

The interview referred to was as follows:

"I am willing to take the judgment of Admiral Dewey in the matter. He has been a commander of a fleet, and as such has known the anxieties and responsibilities which rest on a man under these circumstances. He was instrumental in the destruction of one Spanish fleet, and knows and realizes the feelings that encompass an officer under such conditions. I think Dewey has summed up the matter in a clear and concise manner, and I believe his conclusions will be endorsed by the patriotic people of the United States. I have no sympathy with the efforts which have been made to destroy the honor of an officer under such circumstances."

General Miles' explanation in part was as follows: "I have the honor to state that my observations had no reference to the action, pending or otherwise, of a co-ordinate branch of the service; they were merely my personal views based upon matters set forth in various publications which had been given to the world, and concerning which I conceive there was no impropriety in expressing an opinion the same as any other citizen upon a matter of such public interest."

The Reprimand.
The reprimand in part is contained in the following letter of Secretary Root to General Miles:

"Your explanation of the public statement made by you is not satisfactory. You are in error if you suppose that you have the same right as any other citizen to express publicly an opinion regarding official questions pending in the course of military discipline. Your duty is to express your opinion on official matters when called upon by your official superiors, or in the due course of your

official reports and recommendations, and not otherwise.

"A court of inquiry had been held on the matters in controversy and a report had been made in which one member of the court had dissented in some particulars from the majority, and the report was pending before the reviewing authority. At this point you, the lieutenant general of the army, saw fit to make a public expression of your opinions as between the majority and the minority of the court, accompanied by a criticism of the most severe character, which could not fail to be applied by the generality of readers to the naval officers against whose views your opinion was expressed. It is of no consequence on whose side your opinion was, or what it was. You had no business in the controversy, and no right, holding the office which you did, to express any opinion.

"Your conduct was in violation of the regulation above cited and of the rules of official propriety, and you are justly liable to censure, which I now express."

Maclay Discharged.
Washington, Dec. 23.—After a conference with the president, Secretary Root was designated to make public the request for Edgar S. Maclay's resignation. The order reads as follows:

"Navy Department, Washington, December 21.
Rear Admiral A. S. Barker, Commandant Navy Yard, New York: "Dear Sir—I am directed by the president to ask Edgar S. Maclay, special laborer, general storekeeper's office, navy yard, New York, to send in his resignation. Very respectfully,
JOHN D. LONG, Secretary."

LONG WILL NOT RESIGN

Secretary of Navy Says There is No Truth in Report.

Washington, Dec. 23.—Secretary Long's attention having been called again last night to reports that he contemplated resigning from the cabinet, he again authorized an emphatic denial that such was not the case. He said there was not a word of truth in the report, and that he had not the slightest intention of resigning.

FIRE HORROR IN MEXICO

Many Lives Lost in Burning of Market Building.

San Antonio, Tex., Dec. 23.—News has just reached here of a fire in the city of Zacatecas, in the Mexican state of the same name, in which about 45 lives were lost. The fire was in the principal market building owned by the city, and broke out in the cellar. In order to save as much of the meat stored in the cellars as possible, a large force of men were ordered by the authorities into the burning structure, and while this force was working the flames burned their way to the top of the market, completely enveloping it. The building collapsed, the crumbling walls burying a large number of the men in the cellars under the ruins.

The latest advices from Zacatecas state that 15 dead bodies have been taken from the ruins. Among those caught in the collapse were several minor officials charged with the management of the building. The moans and cries of those who had not been killed outright could be heard. Many of them begged to be killed before the fire could reach them, as they saw there was no hope of rescue. As soon as possible an effort was made to get out the bodies of the dead, but the heat drove back the rescuers for hours, and only fifteen of those who were nearest the outer walls of the building could be removed. Exactly how many have been killed cannot be known until the ruins shall be completely cleared away, and this work, with the primitive methods in use, will occupy days.

Blaze at Cairo, W. Va.

Cairo, W. Va., Dec. 23.—Fire threatened to destroy the entire town here yesterday, but the volunteer work of citizens and the fortunate direction of the wind saved it. As a result the Dunlap hotel, several office buildings, stores, a tenement house and a residence were destroyed. A freight train ran over the hose and the water supply gave out, threatening the entire town, but water was finally pumped direct from the pumping station and the town was saved.

Agreement Reached With Brigands.

London, Dec. 23.—According to a Sofia dispatch to The Daily Telegraph an agreement has been reached between the brigands holding Miss Stone captive and the American legation at Constantinople, under the terms of which the brigands are to accept \$70,000 for the release of Miss Stone. It is said the ransom is to be paid on Bulgarian soil, and that Miss Stone is to be liberated in Turkish territory.

Montreal, Dec. 21.—The American residents of Montreal have subscribed a fund of \$9,000 for the foundation of a fellowship on political economy at McGill University, to be known as the William McKinley fellowship.

INSURGENTS SURPRISED

Nineteen Filipinos Killed Trying to Escape American Troops.

SURROUNDED ENEMY AT NIGHT

Lieutenant Tilford Routed Insurgent Stronghold Near Batangas—Many Other Engagements Reported—Rebels Aided By Priests.

Manila, Dec. 23.—Captain John S. Parke, Jr., with 30 men of the Twenty-first Infantry, encountered 60 insurgents last week at Alaminos, in Laguna province. Four of the enemy were killed, several guns were captured and their barracks was destroyed.

General Bell, who is in command of the American forces in Batangas province, Luzon, has praised Lieutenant James D. Tilford, who while scouting with Troop D, of the First Cavalry, routed an insurgent force in that province. Lieutenant Tilford located a rebel stronghold on top of a hill near the town of Batangas. He surrounded the enemy under cover of night and attacked them at daylight. Their surprise was complete. Nineteen insurgents were killed while attempting to escape. Lieutenant Tilford captured 16 rifles and 500 rounds of ammunition.

A detachment of scouts of the Second Infantry also had a small engagement with the insurgents, in which they killed nine men and captured four.

Lieutenant John D. Hartman, of the First Cavalry, during an expedition which lasted several days, encountered the enemy six separate times without losing one of his men. He destroyed several barracks.

Two priests have been arrested in Batangas province. They are charged with aiding the insurrection. They were found to have hidden behind the altar of their church appliances for counterfeiting money. They are charged with manufacturing Mexican silver dollars to pay the insurgent soldiers.

LAKE VESSEL WRECKED

Struck Bar While Entering Harbor and is Disabled.

Ludington, Mich., Dec. 23.—While entering Ludington harbor on Saturday night during a heavy southerly gale, the Pere Marquette car ferry, No. 16, struck a bar, disabling her machinery and breaking the main feed steam pipe. Great volumes of steam instantly escaped. Mike Taft was scalded to death and two other coal-passers, whose names are unknown, were also terribly scalded. They now lie in the marine hospital here, hovering between life and death. Many others who were in the hold of the car ferry received bad burns from the steam and suffered great hardships during the nine hours which followed before they were rescued.

The shock completely disordered the machinery of the boat. Left without power, the car ferry drifted against the North Pier, where she pounded heavily, stoving several huge holes in her forward quarter. Thereupon Captain Thompson ordered the sea cocks opened and the boat was scuttled in 16 feet of water.

Meat Inspections May Continue.

Washington, Dec. 21.—Secretary Wilson stated that discontinuance of the microscopic inspections of meats sent abroad would mean the entire suspension of exports and loss of the \$20,000,000 worth of meats annually sold to Germany. Secretary Wilson said he has asked congress to make part of the appropriation for the coming year immediately available, and that he has no doubt congress will grant this authority. "I have no doubt," he added, "that the microscopic inspections will proceed notwithstanding the notice given the packing houses through the bureau of animal industry."

No Institutes This Week.

Harrisburg, Dec. 23.—The state department of agriculture will hold no farmers' institutes in Pennsylvania during Christmas week. The institutes will, however, be resumed on December 30 and continue without interruption until early in March. Deputy Secretary Martin, who has charge of these gatherings, says the attendance this winter far exceeds his expectations. Two and three lecturers are being furnished by the department for each institute.

Cutting Trees "For Santa Claus."

Paterson, N. J., Dec. 23.—Many valuable trees have been taken from the parks of Paterson and the only streets during the past few days, and the park authorities were much concerned. Saturday night Park Superintendent Johnson caught two children hacking away at a tree. "We are taking it home for Santa Claus to hang things on," they replied, when he questioned them, "and we have asked him for ever so many things."