

CHINESE ROUTED BY THE GERMAN TROOPS.

A Number of German Officers and Men Wounded.
BATTLES NEAR SHANSI BORDER.

The German Forces Commanded by General Kettler and the Chinese by General Liu. The Chinese Driven Back Over the Wall After a Stubborn Resistance—The Germans Storm a Bastion.

Berlin (By Cable).—The German War Office has received the following advices from Count von Waldsee, dated Pekin, April 27.

Three engagements occurred April 23 and a fourth April 24 at the Great Wall between four columns under General Kettler and the Chinese troops under General Liu. The Chinese were everywhere defeated, and after a stubborn resistance, were forced back over the wall, being pursued as far as Kuku-an. Our casualties were four officers wounded and three men killed and 12 wounded. The French troops were not engaged.

Subsequently the following additional dispatch regarding the four engagements was received from Count von Waldsee:

"The following reports from Pekin arrived last night, owing to the difficulty of communication:

"General Kettler's brigade, reinforced, marched in four columns against the Great Wall, Colonel Ledebur being the right wing, then those commanded by Colonel Hoffmeister, Colonel Wallmreich and Major Heintzenberg. Ledebur reached the wall April 24, after a slight engagement near Hai Shan Kwan.

"Hoffmeister drove back the enemy April 23. On the same day Heintzenberg encountered a strong party of the enemy occupying a bastion on the heights commanding the pass. The enemy fought stubbornly in a particularly strong position, which was only taken after eleven hours' fighting.

"Huttenlofer and Lieutenant Richter were slightly wounded, and Lieutenant Drevels was severely wounded. A standard-bearer and another were killed and six men severely wounded and ten slightly wounded."

FIVE PERSONS BURNED TO DEATH.

Babe Born During the Fire Perishes With Its Mother.

Houston, Texas (Special).—In a fire which destroyed a lively stable and three residences here, five persons were burned to death—Joe Coppington, a florist, his wife and three children. A negro has been arrested on charges of having started the fire to get revenge on his employer for having discharged him. In the ruins were found the bodies of the victims, among them being an infant which had been born to Mrs. Coppington during the progress of the fire. The body was found with its mother.

Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Hopper jumped from the burning building and both were badly injured. The fire started in a lively stable over which several families lived, and the wind carried a mass of flames when the fire started.

A crippled widow—Mrs. Thompson—escaped from the building, and says she saw the Coppington family run back into their rooms from the hallway, and that was the last seen of them.

NOT A CANDIDATE.

Bryan Says He Would Not Be Editing a Paper If He Had Further Aspirations.

Lincoln, Neb. (Special).—In a statement just given publicly W. J. Bryan says he has no intention of seeking nomination for the presidency. Mr. Bryan's announcement is in answer to an article in an eastern paper speculating on his plans as a political leader. Mr. Bryan said: "I am not planning for another presidential nomination, and I would not be editing a paper. If I ever become a candidate again it will be because it seems necessary for the advancement of the principles to which I adhere, and that does not seem probable. I shall, however, take an interest in politics for several years yet if I live."

Government Official Explains.

Denver, Col. (Special).—E. S. Nettleton, for the last two years connected with the Department of Agriculture in Washington as an expert on matters pertaining to roach-baiting, is dead at the Homeopathic Hospital in this city of heart failure. He was 69 years of age. About a week ago in June, Col. Mr. Nettleton over-exerted himself in running for a train, and upon his arrival here was taken to a hospital, where he remained until his death.

Schwab in Role of Philanthropist.

Pittsburg, Pa. (Special).—Charles M. Schwab, president of the United States Steel Corporation, has made an early start in spending a part of his large income, presumably following in the footsteps of his father-in-law, Andrew Carnegie. Mr. Schwab has just authorized the erection of a large building for the Mount Aloysius Academy, at Cresson, Pa., which will cost in the neighborhood of \$30,000. But Mr. Schwab has set no limit to the cost of the building.

Five Men Buried Alive.

Springfield, Mo. (Special).—Rosebud Mine, at Aurora, closed in and buried five men at a depth of 110 feet. It may be a month before they can be reached. The victims are Grant and William Shantz, Elmer Bigler, John Gillard and Feester.

Carnegie's Gift to New York.

Albany, N. Y. (Special).—Governor Odell has signed the bill which authorizes New York city to accept the \$5,200,000 gift of Andrew Carnegie for a free library system.

Ladies to Remove Hats in Church.

Reading, Pa. (Special).—The Rev. Dr. Harcourt of the People's Methodist Church, has issued orders that beginning next Sunday evening all ladies attending service in his church will be expected to remove their hats before the sermon begins and keep them off until after the doxology and benediction.

Killed in a Ball Game.

Madera, Cal. (Special).—While practicing for a ball game today, F. E. Kirkpatrick, a young man, collided with another player and was instantly killed.

Demand Four More Heads.

Paris (By Cable).—A despatch from Pekin states that the Ministers of Great Britain, France, the United States, Holland, Belgium and Italy, to whom the question of the punishment of provincial officials was assigned, have reported to the diplomatic body a demand for four more heads and the exile or degradation of eighty other officials. The demand was immediately sent to the Chinese plenipotentiaries.

Legally Hanged.

Sanchez, Mex. (Special).—Jake Johnson, colored, who killed his wife last July, was legally hanged here.

SUMMARY OF THE NEWS.

Domestic.

Joseph E. Widener, son of the Philadelphia traction magnate, was fatally injured by the overturning of a coach on which he and other wealthy young men were riding.

The seagoing schooner Enterprise arrived at Victoria, B. C., with the flag at half-mast, two of her hunters having been drowned, while a third died on the voyage.

Rev. Frank H. Gonsalus delivered the oration at the Grant anniversary celebration in Galena, Ill., and severely denounced the disfranchisement of the negro.

The members of Harvard Alumni who object to the university granting a degree of LL.D. to President McKinley mailed 7,000 copies of the protest to graduates.

Miss Bessie Smith, daughter of Emanuel Smith, who lives near Gettysburg, Pa., committed suicide by drowning herself in the Rock Creek.

Minister Conger said in San Francisco that he had been assured his course in China had been entirely satisfactory to the President.

John Broderick, a Baltimore crook, was arrested here at Hanover, Pa., to the penitentiary for receiving stolen goods.

Rev. Robert Julien, a well-known Presbyterian minister, died at his home in Bordenstown, N. J.

W. A. Thompson, colored, was fined \$500 for being a liquor at Downing, Va., without a license.

E. H. Conger, United States minister to China, accompanied by his wife, daughter and Miss Pierce, arrived at San Francisco from China. He declined to discuss his reported candidacy for governor of Iowa.

At the trial of James Callahan for kidnaping Edward Cadahy, Jr., in Omaha, young Cadahy identified Callahan as one of his abductors.

F. E. Kell, a student at the Medical College of Virginia, was arrested in Richmond for assault on H. B. Sanford, a fellow-student.

The contract for building the new East River bridge will be awarded to the Pennsylvania Steel Company, the lowest bidder.

William Peters, colored, was arrested in Basic City, Va., on the charge of killing Lottie Fields, his sweetheart.

Assistant Postmaster Charles H. Drexel, at Tarpon Springs, Fla., was arrested on a charge of embezzlement.

Only one of a party of six gold-seekers in the Klondike survived the perils of which the party was subjected.

Eb H. Wittar was shot and killed at Grundy, W. Va., by Thomas Beaves, son of Governor Alexander Beaves.

Mark Thomas Hayes was hanged in Uniontown, Pa., for the murder of William Lowdon.

J. Frank Condon, official court reporter, committed suicide at his home in Altoona, Pa.

Mr. William G. Saxton, son of Mrs. McKinley, died at his home in Canton, O.

Joseph H. Shepherd, for many years a clerk in the office of the Auditor of Public Accounts in Virginia, was arrested in Richmond on a warrant sworn out by the Auditor, charging him with the misappropriation of public funds.

Encouraging reports come from Cincinnati and the flooded district. The negroes are beginning to recede at many places, and at Cincinnati the highest stage has almost been reached.

Miss Isabel Goodrich Stillman, daughter of Mr. James Stillman, a millionaire, and Mr. Percy A. Rockefeller, son of Mr. William Rockefeller, were married in New York.

One hundred negroes left Greensboro, N. C., for the coal mines of West Virginia.

John Costello, an old-time circus clown, died suddenly in New York.

The executive committee of the American Missionary Association made an investigation which developed that the death rate among the negroes in the South is greater than among the whites.

Foreign.

Field Marshall von Waldsee reports that the mountain artillery attacked the Chinese by the Great Wall on April 23 and forced them to retire, with heavy losses into Shanai.

Count Comulter was acquitted in Paris, where he was tried for killing his wife as she was leaving the house of M. Leroux, her lawyer.

Germany claims that her expenses in China already exceed the amount of her indemnity claims—240,000,000 marks.

Robert S. McCormick, of Illinois, the new American minister to Austria-Hungary, arrived at Budapest.

Masked robbers secured 30,000 francs from the American Express Company in Paris.

Eighteen miners were killed and seven injured in a fire-damp disaster at Mons, Belgium.

Austria and Mexico are about to resume diplomatic relations, after a long separation.

The will of D'Oyly Carte, filed in London, leaves an estate of £40,817.

The International Art Exposition was opened in Venice.

Dr. Parker, in an address at the Congregational Union, London, expressed sympathy with Roman Catholics under what he called the "despicable insult" inflicted on them by the oath of accession.

The London Court decided that the Swedish Count Reinhold Edward von Rosen is the rightful heir to the estate of Mrs. Bloomfield Moore.

The flagship Brooklyn, with Admiral Rodney on board, arrived at Sydney and was warmly welcomed by the crews of the other warships.

Reported in Paris that Russia will supply China with the funds to pay the indemnities and retain Manchuria as a pledge for the loan.

A financial panic prevails in Japan and 20 banks in one city have suspended.

Earthquake shocks near Rome caused a panic among the people.

Herr Eugene Richter and others in the German Reichstag, made arguments in opposition to the building of railways in Central Africa.

A fire was discovered on the British steamer Ontario, from Hull, when 330 miles west of Fastnet, and the steamer put back.

The British West African frontier troops have defeated the powerful slave-trading empire of Northern Nigeria.

The deceased wife's sister Bill passed its second reading in the House of Commons, after a day of debate.

Financial.

United States Government 48, 1925, sold on Friday, the highest price ever reached.

It is said the subscriptions to the new British loan will be cut 10 to 15 per cent. of the amount applied for.

Negotiations are said to be in progress looking to the consolidation of Chicago and Eastern Illinois with the St. Louis Southwestern.

The directors of the Southern Pacific have elected Alexander Miller secretary. Mr. Miller is also secretary of the Union Pacific Railroad Company.

SAYS CALLAHAN IS NOT GUILTY.

Jury's Verdict a Shock to the People and Court.
WAS IMMEDIATELY REARRESTED.

The Judge, in Discharging the Jury Without the Compliments of the Court, Said It Was Impossible for Him to Understand How Twelve Intelligent Men Could Have Agreed on Such a Verdict.

Omaha, Neb. (Special).—After a trial lasting a week James Callahan was declared not guilty of any complicity in the kidnaping of Edward Cadahy, Jr. Two other counts still exist against Callahan and he was at once rearrested under the charge that he is guilty, however, whether the State will bring the cases to trial.

Shortly after 9 o'clock the jury notified Judge Baker through a bailiff that it was ready to report. A small audience of attorneys and interested persons was waiting when the 12 men filed in.

The foreman announced that the verdict was not guilty.

The judge had evidently been expecting another verdict and was openly disappointed.

"It is impossible for me to understand," he said, "how twelve intelligent men could have agreed upon such a verdict after listening to the testimony. The defendant could not have chosen more wisely if he had been selecting his own representatives, and the community could not have made a more unfortunate selection."

The jury is discharged without the compliments of the court and the prisoner is likewise thrust loose as to this trial. I presume, to continue the criminal practices in which you have failed to check him. I do not know what motive actuated you in reaching this decision, but I hope none of you will ever appear again in this jury box."

The jury evidently was ill at ease during this arraignment, but did not make any response and filed rapidly from the box as soon as it was at liberty.

Callahan's attorneys were not present, and the defendant took a desire to thank the jurors in his own behalf. This the court refused to permit. He said the jury did not deserve any thanks.

POWERS MAY AGREE ON \$200,000,000.

A Suggestion That China Make a Settlement Upon the Instalment Plan.

Washington (Special).—The foreign establishment here are receiving a number of important dispatches relating to the question of indemnity and how it shall be guaranteed—by a Chinese loan or to each of the powers individually. One of the dispatches coming through a European office, says that Sir Robert Hart has concluded that China can pay a total of \$200,000,000 and the impression is conveyed that this will be the amount agreed upon, the various claims being scaled down to this limit. Another dispatch comes from a prominent Chinese official. He makes a suggestion that when the amount of indemnity is agreed upon it will be greatly to the interests of China, as well as to the powers, if the amount payable to each power can be made by instalments, and not by a gross payment outright. In that case China would be compelled to negotiate a large loan.

The view prevails among officials that while this proposition is fair, it is not practical, and there is little idea that it will be favorably entertained.

Other dispatches which have passed within the last few days revive the idea of having The Hague tribunal administer the indemnities after the total is once agreed upon.

Dr. Browning's Big Bill.

Pittsburg, Pa. (Special).—Dr. W. C. Browning, the physician who attended the late Senator C. L. Mager, and whose bill for services rendered to the Senator totals \$190,000, was here in connection with the matter. The doctor says many of the newspaper reports have been sensational and untrue and that his fee is in no wise exorbitant for the service rendered. His attorneys say the claim will be settled without suit. The relations between the executor and Dr. Browning are cordial, and there is no thought of taking it to court.

For Peace and Arbitration.

Indianapolis, Ind. (Special).—May Wright Sewall, representing the United States of Women on the International Peace Committee of Women, has issued a call urging the women throughout the country to arrange for meetings in behalf of international peace and arbitration, to be held May 18.

MANY PEOPLE KILLED BY AN EXPLOSION.

Great Conflagration on the Banks of the River Main.

Frankfort (By Cable).—Explosions in the Griesheim Electro-Chemical Works, where smokeless powder is manufactured, near that town, caused a conflagration which destroyed property on both sides of the River Main and the loss of many lives.

It is estimated that 50 to 60 people were killed and over 150 injured. Many of the victims were employes of the work-house.

A number of manufacturing plants were swept away. For a time the air was filled with blazing fagots and exploding chemicals, the great chemical works resembling the crater of a volcano in action.

Blazing brands were carried across the river from Griesheim to the Town of Schwanheim, and soon the latter place was in flames.

The smokeless powder department of the chemical works blew up with a concussion that shook the surrounding country like an earthquake.

Eighteen cylinders, each containing about 100 hundredweight of smokeless powder, were in the room where the explosion occurred.

A company of infantry was hurried to the scene with nearly the entire Frankfort fire department. The soldiers performed excellent service in saving people and keeping the relatives of the killed and injured from rushing into the line in vain efforts to save their loved ones. They also aided the firemen in preventing the flames spreading to large benzine reservoirs.

The residents of Griesheim fled in terror from the town during the explosion, the most of them coming to Frankfort.

The last explosion occurred at 7:30 P. M., and when it was ascertained that no further danger was anticipated, the inhabitants were allowed to return to their homes.

It is still impossible to say definitely how numerous are the victims.

ELEPHANT DROWNS TRAINER.

Held Him Under the Water Until He Was Dead, Then the Beast Ran Away.

Peru, Ind. (Special).—Henry Huffman, well-known animal trainer, with the Wallace show, met a horrible death here, being killed by a "Big Charlie," a four-ton elephant, while the animal was bathing in the Mississippi river. "Big Charlie" wound his trunk about Keeper Huffman and buried him far into the stream. The man was uninjured, and when he returned he said: "Wy, Charlie, I don't think that of you, arren you ashamed of yourself?" The next instant Huffman was grabbed by the big elephant and thrown to the bottom of the river and held there by the forefeet of the animal. Then with a great splash the elephant, while the animal was bathing in the Mississippi river, "Big Charlie" wound his trunk about Keeper Huffman and buried him far into the stream. The man was uninjured, and when he returned he said: "Wy, Charlie, I don't think that of you, arren you ashamed of yourself?" The next instant Huffman was grabbed by the big elephant and thrown to the bottom of the river and held there by the forefeet of the animal. Then with a great splash the elephant, while the animal was bathing in the Mississippi river, "Big Charlie" wound his trunk about Keeper Huffman and buried him far into the stream. The man was uninjured, and when he returned he said: "Wy, Charlie, I don't think that of you, arren you ashamed of yourself?" The next instant Huffman was grabbed by the big elephant and thrown to the bottom of the river and held there by the forefeet of the animal.

INSURGENTS GIVE UP ARMS.

Progress of Pacification in the Philippines—25,000 Lepers.

Manila (By Cable).—One hundred and fifteen officers and 217 bolomen have surrendered and sworn allegiance to the United States at Narvacan, Province of South Ilocos.

Major Noble, adjutant-general of the Department of the Visayas, received the surrender of Quentin Salas and three of his officers. All the insurgents under Salas will surrender soon. It is claimed that he will terminate the insurrection in the island of Panay. The Americans are active throughout the archipelago, accelerating surrenders.

The commissary investigation is progressing. Several important witnesses in the Reed case have left Manila. Barry Baldwin, Thomas Harris, Fred Macdonald and H. Schindler, prominent merchants who are supposed to possess information concerning money paid to commissary officers, are detained as witnesses under \$2500 bail. Other arrests were made in the trial of Captain James C. Reed, formerly depot commissary at Manila, who, as announced April 15, was arrested on the charge of participating in the commissary frauds, has been temporarily postponed.

It is estimated that there are 25,000 lepers in the Philippines, and it is planned to isolate all of them on one island, Major Maus, the medical inspector, Captain Aher, of the Ninth Infantry, and Captain Quartermaster Horon, comprising a band of officers, appointed to select a suitable island for the purpose, have visited Busanga, Cullion, Coganay, Dejolo and other islands and have made a report, but it has not yet been acted upon.

BOER COMMANDO SURRENDERS.

Bokburg's Men Lay Down Their Arms at Biddleyburg, Transvaal.

London (By Cable).—A Pretoria dispatch says the Boer commando of Bokburg, composed of 100 men, with arms and rifles, have surrendered at Middleburg, Transvaal Colony.

Lord Kitchener, in a dispatch to the war office under date of Pretoria, April 21, says:

"Since my last report the British columns have captured 242 prisoners, 428 rifles, some ammunition, and wagons and carts. A few men have also surrendered."

Lord Kitchener has issued a proclamation to the effect that any resident in the martial-law districts of Cape Colony found in arms, inciting to fight, aiding the enemy or endangering by overt act the British forces will be tried court-martial and be liable to the most severe penalties. Such persons may even be shot.

Prominent Pennsylvania Dead.

Pittsburg, Pa. (Special).—Col. Chill W. Hazard, editor and proprietor of the Monongahela Republican and one of the most prominent citizens of West Pennsylvania, died of paralysis at his home in Monongahela, Pa. Col. Hazard was a past supreme chancellor of the Royal Arcanum, past commander of the Grand Army of the Republic, a member of the Loyalty Legion, a Knight Templar and a thirty-second degree Mason. The deceased was 62 years of age.

One Killed, Two Fatally Hurt.

Beaver Falls, Pa. (Special).—One man was killed and two fatally injured at the Penn Bridge Works by the falling of a 35-ton steel girder. James Denwiddie was killed and Martin Shields and Charles Smith fatally hurt. Denwiddie was crushed beyond recognition. Shields' and Smith's arms and legs were broken and they were injured internally.

Alleged Counterfeiters.

San Francisco, Cal. (Special).—United States Secret Service Agent Hazen has arrested George Taylor McDonnell in this city on a charge of having in his possession appliances for making counterfeit money. It is charged that McDonnell has promoted a scheme to flood China and the Hawaiian Islands with counterfeit dollars made from Mexican coin. The secret service officials claim that McDonnell was implicated with the Bidwells in robbing the Bank of England of \$500,000 by means of forged checks in 1873.

Four Men Buried Alive.

Frederick, Md. (Special).—Michael Kearns, Michael Coyne, two foremen, and Archer Frazier and Douglas Hicks, two colored laborers, working on the Baltimore and Ohio improvement near Ridgely, while working on the Mt. Airy bridge, were buried alive by the earth caving in Saturday, and thus far three of their dead bodies have been recovered. The body of Michael Kearns is still in the debris, and it is thought that several other men have been killed, as they cannot be accounted for.

Unique Swindler Caught.

New York (Special).—Whipple O. Sayles, a lawyer with an office in this city and a residence in Orange, N. J., was arrested on the charge that he is an accomplice of Paul D. Hart, now a prisoner in the Tombs. Hart is charged with swindling people by representing himself as a long-lost relative and by other devices. Hart, it is alleged, would ascertain the name of a missing person and would then turn to the relatives representing himself as the person and asking for money. Even after he was incarcerated in the Tombs, it is alleged, Hart has carried on this sort of a business.

Railroad Bridge Washed Away.

Winston-Salem, N. C. (Special).—Four spans of an iron trestle across the Yadkin river, on Mocksville and Mooresville Railroad, was washed out by high water just after a train had passed over. Passengers and baggage will be transferred until damage is repaired.

Charge Sent Sells for \$22,000.

New York (Special).—The recent sale of a stock exchange membership is admitted to have been at \$22,000. The highest authenticated price paid hitherto is \$12,000.

HEAD SEVERED BY HANGMAN'S ROPE.

Unexpected Scene at Execution of Train-Robber Ketchum.
BODY DROPPED TO THE GROUND.

The Rope Broke, and the Notorious Train-Robber's Head Was Jerked Off by the Drop—The Desperado Shows Remarkable Coolness Before the Execution Has Killed Many People.

Clayton, N. M. (Special).—Thomas E. Ketchum, alias "Black Jack," the outlaw who had terrorized people of the Southwest for 15 years, was hanged here last night.

His head was severed from the body by the rope, as if by a guillotine. The headless trunk pitched toward the spectators and blood splattered upon those nearest the scaffold.

The execution took place inside a stockade built for the occasion. There were 150 witnesses. When Ketchum mounted the scaffold a priest stood at his side, for he had consented to spiritual attendance at the last moment. He declined to make a speech, merely uttered "Good bye," then said, "Please dig my grave very deep," and as the cap was drawn over his face shouted, "Let her go!"

When the drop was sprung the body shot through the trap and the head was thrown into the crowd of the tremendous jerk. The body dropped to the ground quivering and bleeding. Some men groaned and others turned away unable to endure the sight. For a few seconds the body was allowed to lie half-dropped on its right side, with blood pouring from the arteries, as the heart kept up its mechanical beating. Then the officers rushed down and lifted the body.

Life was pronounced extinct in five minutes from the time the body dropped through the trap. It was decided that it would terminate the running noose was too great for so heavy a man as Ketchum, who weighed about 170 pounds. Sheriff Salome Garcia superintended the execution and himself sprung the trap.

Presidential Appointments.

The President has just made the following appointments:

State—John W. Garrett, Pennsylvania, secretary of legation at The Hague, Netherlands.

Treasury—Herman Ellerman, collector of internal revenue, District of North and South Dakota; Alfred W. Brown, appraiser of merchandise, district of Boston and Charleston, Mass.

Interior—Earl L. Cranston, United States attorney, district of Colorado.

Interior—Henry Meldrum, surveyor-general of Oregon; Harry D. Chamberlain, Indian agent, Crow Creek agency, South Dakota.

The Dues Are Retaliatory.

Inquiry into the protest of Sir Christopher Furness, head of the Furness line of steamers, that tonnage dues are charged against British vessels entering American ports, while Dutch and Danish vessels enter free, is being conducted by James C. Reed, formerly depot commissary at Manila, who, as announced April 15, was arrested on the charge of participating in the commissary frauds, has been temporarily postponed.

The Dewey Prize Case Argument.

The hearing in the libel suit brought by Admiral Dewey and officers and men of his fleet for condemnation as prizes of the Spanish vessels and property captured in the battle of Manila Bay, was continued in the Court of Admiralty Wednesday. The day was devoted to the arguments of Assistant Attorney-General Binney for the Government. He admitted the claims in general, but argued for proof as to details. There are many questions of law and fact involved. The hearing will occupy several days.

Minister Buck Seriously Ill.

A. E. Buck, of Georgia, American Minister to Japan, is seriously ill in the city. He is completing a 60 days' leave and was to have sailed for his post last Wednesday. For some time he has been ill as a result of the grip. Upon reaching Washington last Monday other complications set in, and now he is confined to his apartment and only his nurses are permitted to enter the room.

Mustering Out Volunteers.

General Shafter at San Francisco has notified the War Department that volunteers regiments which recently arrived from the Philippines will be mustered out at San Francisco as follows:

May 6, Thirty-ninth Infantry; May 8, Thirty-second Infantry; May 10, Twenty-ninth Infantry; May 13, Twenty-sixth Infantry.

No dates have been fixed for the muster out of the Twenty-eighth and Thirty-fifth Regiments.

186 Misanthropes Killed.

Figures received at the State Department compiled by J. W. Stevenson, director of the Chinese Inland Mission, show that the total number of foreign missionaries killed in China during the recent disturbances, including the children, was 186. Of these 28 adults and 8 children were Americans.

Sampson's Claim for Prize Money.

Hearing was begun in the Court of Admiralty in the suit instituted by the Admiral Sampson and others for prize money for vessels captured off Sanago. The arguments are along the same line as those in the Admiral Dewey proceedings.

Baron Fava's Farewell.

Baron Fava, the Italian ambassador, who will shortly return to Italy, had a brief informal talk with the President Wednesday.

Our New Possessions.

The transport Sedgwick sailed from San Juan with Porto Rican youths, who are coming to the United States to be educated.

Commissary Sergeant John Weston, charged with complicity in the commissary frauds at Manila, has been dishonorably discharged and sentenced to two years' imprisonment.

Cuban Democrats will hold a mass-meeting in Havana, and their platform will favor acceptance of the amendment and endorse the course of Governor-General Wood.

Police on the west coast of Mindanao Island, Philippines, was wrecked by a cyclone. The barracks of the United States troops were destroyed. Loss, \$300.

General Morales surrendered to the Americans in the Province of Bulacan. Many surrenders are expected by May 1.

Calles, the notorious leader of the insurgents, who declared himself the successor of Aguinaldo, narrowly escaped capture. Captain Chase, with a detachment of the Twenty-first Infantry, surprised his camp. His adjutant-general and five other officers were killed. Major Vda, an insurgent officer, was killed.

LIVE NATIONAL AFFAIRS.

Cubans Are Satisfied.

The Cuban delegation completed its labors in Washington Saturday. In the morning the delegates met Secretary Root, who escorted them to the White House, where they had a final and decisive talk with the President. Then they paid a visit of courtesy to each of the officials whom they have met, and finally they started for New York, homeward bound. The proceedings at the White House were interesting and important. Senator Capote acted as spokesman for the delegation. He thanked the President for the many courtesies shown them, which they accepted as expressions of good will to the Cuban people. Senator Capote asked the President to do something for the Cubans upon an economic line, especially in the matter of reciprocal trade relations. In reply the President said it was impossible to settle the economic questions until the political questions were disposed of. He told the delegates to first form their government and then they would be in a position to enter into negotiations with the United States as to trade relations.

Pensions—Postmasters.

Maryland.—Original—Alfred Baker, Hale Summit, \$6. Renewal—James C. Mullikin, Easton, \$12. Renewal and re-issue, Wm. Hoffman, Baltimore, \$6.

Virginia.—Original—Lawrence Lynch, National Soldiers' Home, Elizabeth City, \$8. Henry Powell, National Soldiers' Home, Elizabeth City, \$6. Increase—John C. Stout, National Soldiers' Home, Elizabeth City, \$12; John L. Snyder, National Soldiers' Home, Elizabeth City, \$12. Mexican War Survivors—Retirations and supplements—John Holland, National Military Home, Elizabeth City, \$8.

West Virginia.—Original—John S. Keedy, Martinsburg, \$6. Increase—John Holroyde, Barboursville, \$8; Peter Sticoen, Laurel Iron Works, \$8; Perry G. Shaler, Aarons, \$10; Allen Shields, Sutton, \$10.

H. W. Green has been appointed postmaster at Georcel, Wise county, Va. vice C. P. Ludwig, resigned.

Henry Morris has been appointed a rural free delivery letter carrier at Knoxville, Baltimore county, vice Henry Levi, resigned.

A postoffice has been established at Duet, Madison county, Va., with Marion Rosser as postmaster.

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A. E. Buck, of Georgia, American Minister to Japan, is seriously ill in the city. He is completing a 60 days' leave and was to have sailed for his post last Wednesday. For some time he has been ill as a result of the grip. Upon reaching Washington last Monday other complications set in, and now he is confined to his apartment and only his nurses are permitted to enter the room.

Mustering Out Volunteers.

General Shafter at San Francisco has notified the War Department that volunteers regiments which recently arrived from the Philippines will be mustered out at San Francisco as follows:

May 6, Thirty-ninth Infantry; May 8, Thirty-second Infantry; May 10, Twenty-ninth Infantry; May 13, Twenty-sixth Infantry.

No dates have been fixed for the muster out of the Twenty-eighth and Thirty-fifth Regiments.

186 Misanthropes Killed.

Figures received at the State Department compiled by J. W. Stevenson, director of the Chinese Inland Mission, show that the total number of foreign missionaries killed in China during the recent disturbances, including the children, was 186. Of these 28 adults and 8 children were Americans.

Sampson's Claim for Prize Money.

Hearing was begun in the Court of Admiralty in the suit instituted by the Admiral Sampson and others for prize money for vessels captured off Sanago. The arguments are along the same line as those in the Admiral Dewey proceedings.

Baron Fava's Farewell.

Baron Fava, the Italian ambassador, who will shortly return to Italy, had a brief informal talk with the President Wednesday.

Our New Possessions.

The transport Sedgwick sailed from San Juan with Porto Rican youths, who are coming to the United States to be educated.

Commissary Sergeant John Weston, charged with complicity in the commissary frauds at Manila, has been dishonorably discharged and sentenced to two years' imprisonment.

Cuban Democrats will hold a mass-meeting in Havana, and their platform will favor acceptance of the amendment and endorse the course of Governor-General Wood.

Police on the west coast of Mindanao Island, Philippines, was wrecked by a cyclone. The barracks of the United States troops were destroyed. Loss, \$300.

General Morales surrendered to the Americans in the Province of Bulacan. Many surrenders are expected by May 1.

Calles, the notorious leader of the insurgents, who declared himself the successor of Aguinaldo, narrowly escaped capture. Captain Chase, with a detachment of the Twenty-first Infantry, surprised his camp. His adjutant-general and five other officers were killed. Major Vda, an insurgent officer, was killed.

PENNSYLVANIA NEWS.

The Latest Happenings Gleaned From All Over the State.

ENTOMBED MINERS KILLED BY GAS.

Bodies of Two Victims Recovered in the Bottom of a Heading in a Colliery Near Shamokin—Season of Success for the Pittsburgh Orchestra—Delaware Conference to Raise \$100,000—Young Soldier's Death.

After fifteen hours of the hardest work, every minute of which was full of peril, the party of rescuers, headed by Mine Inspector Edward Brennan and Inside Foreman Michael Reddy, succeeded in driving the deadly gas out of No. 13 shaft in the Lykens valley, top of the Laurel Fidler Colliery. At three o'clock a. m. the men reached the dead bodies of Anthony Marekavich and Anthony Shiracavish, the miners who struck a feeder of gas, which caused a fall of coal by which they were entombed. The bodies were killed because in the bottom of a heading, near No. 13 breast. They were untouched by any coal or rock. The men had evidently been overcome by gas while endeavoring to escape.

While Rev. Powell and Prof. Wm. A. Deery, prominent citizens of Dempseytown, were on their way to a boat on Sugar Lake, their craft capsized, throwing them into the water. Neither of the men could swim, but they caught hold of the sides of the boat and held on until discovered by Warren McClelland, who is a man of powerful build. He was killed because he reached them when they were about ready to let go their hold from exhaustion, and after a tremendous effort got them ashore.

Striking statistics are added by W. N. Frew, chairman of the orchestra committee of Carnegie Institute, to show that this season of the Pittsburgh Orchestra just closed has been remarkably successful. A deficit of but \$22,168.35 is reported and despite the fact that expenses increased \$25,568.88 and that an individual subscription of \$1500 to the orchestra was not renewed the individual liability of the orchestra has been reduced to \$137,607, the assessment of the season before.

The will of Mrs. Sophia Brenz, late of Lansdowne, was placed on record in Media. She bequeaths \$5000 to the General Missionary Society of the German Baptist Church, for her eight-acre farm in Edgemoor. The farm does not bring \$500 per acre. If the farm does not bring this price, then she gives to the society one-fifth of its value. She also gives to the Newtown Baptist Church \$1000 and to its former pastor, Rev. Jos. L. Saugher, the same amount.

Four men died when they entered the shops of the Keystone Agricultural Works at Pottstown, and after they had succeeded in overpowering Henry B. Clay, the night watchman, and binding his hands and feet they blew open the office safe. The safe did not contain much of value except the quarterly and annual reports, which they left undisturbed. The robbers then rifled the pockets of Mr. Clay and secured \$3.

Portraits of members of several prominent Quaker families of West Chester appeared this week in a fashion journal, they being used to illustrate an article on the Quakers. All the portraits represent young women arranged in the gowns, bonnets and shawls of their grandmothers. The appearance of the pictures caused consternation among the young women and they are at a loss to explain how their features came to adorn the journal.

Wearied with repeated strokes of paralysis, Benjamin M. Worthington committed suicide at his home, in Humesville, by shooting himself in the head with a revolver. He died an hour or so after the tragedy. Worthington was about 60 years of age, and at one time was proprietor of the Humesville Hotel.

J. Frank Condon, for the past twenty years official court reporter for Blair and Cambria counties, committed suicide in his office in Altoona by blowing out his brains. His body was not found until today. On his desk was a telegram addressed to his son in Johnstown, saying, "Father is dead; come." Sealed letters to friends were also found in his desk. Mr. Condon had been in poor health for a long time. He was 47 years of age.

The Delaware Union American Methodist Episcopal Conference, at their session last winter, adopted the Twentieth Century Trust Offering plan to raise \$100,000, to be divided as follows: Fifty thousand dollars for the present indebtedness of churches, \$40,000 for industrial schools, and \$10,000 to be used by the publication department.

The recent purchase of the Lake Superior steamer by the United States Steel Corporation has brought unexpected wealth to many Sharon people, among whom is Hon. Alexander McDowell, clerk of the lower house of Congress. Mr. McDowell cleared up \$300,000 from the steamer.

A special train from Bethlehem struck a handcar containing the section gang headed by Souderton and Hatfield, killing Harry Develier, a laborer. Two others named Morlet and Ziegler were slightly injured. There is a sharp curve where the train struck the car which prevented the section men from seeing the approaching train.

Ira A. Danner, who, although but 21 years old, has served two