

BRIGANDS HAVE REDUCED RANSOM

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THEY CALL THEMSELVES PATRIOTS.

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Sofia, Bulgaria, (By Cable).—The brigands who captured Miss Ellen M. Stone and Madame Taika have reduced the amount of ransom demanded to \$88,000 Turkish (about \$88,000). They had previously demanded \$170,000.

Coincident with this news is the information that the leaders of the band, if convinced that this is more than Consul Dickinson will give, would accept \$15,000 (about \$60,000). Even this sum is greatly beyond the cash at Mr. Dickinson's disposal. Therefore, unless the captors of the missionaries further abate their demands there is no hope of an immediate settlement.

An agent who is in touch with the brigand reports that they recognize they made a mistake in kidnaping Miss Stone, would, however, consider it worse than a blunder to release her without an adequate ransom.

There is no longer any fear regarding the brigands' intention toward the captives. They declare themselves to be not robbers, but patriots performing an obnoxious task in the interest of a "holy cause." Most of the kidnappers are peasants, directed by a secret committee to execute its decisions, so as to get the money for the Macedonian cause.

DYNAMITE UNDER A BRIDGE.

Burlington Railroad Officials Discover Plans of Train Robbers to Wreck Train.

Lincoln, Neb., (Special).—Local officials of the Burlington road stated that since the first of the week their night trains leaving Lincoln have gone out with a guard armed with Winchester rifles. This precaution was taken following the discovery, last Sunday, of sticks of dynamite, together with a number of masks, hidden under a bridge just outside the city. Sunday night three men attempted to board the express car as a train pulled out of Lincoln for the East, but they were driven off Monday the same three men were at Ashland, and an effort was made to arrest them, but they disappeared. A watch has been kept on the bridge where the dynamite was stored, but no one has come to claim it.

EXPOSITION OWES \$3,326.14.

The Pan-American Fair Cost Its Promoters \$8,600,757.20.

Buffalo, N. Y., (Special).—The directors of the Pan-American Exposition Company and a number of creditors, conferred and listened to the reading of the financial report of the company, as prepared by the auditor. The report shows the total liabilities of the company at the present time to be \$3,326,145.98 net, assuming that the assets of \$140,451.15 are collected at face value. The company owes for operating expenses and on construction work \$577,945.73, which item is, of course, embodied in the figure of total liabilities. An interesting fact shown by the report is the total cost to the company of the exposition itself. The cost, according to the report, was \$8,600,757.20. The total receipts from admission after May 1st, were \$2,467,666.88 and the receipts from concessions were \$1,011,522.79.

Good Beet Sugar Season.

Portland, Oregon, (Special).—Sugar beet raising and the manufacture of beet sugar is one of the infant industries of Oregon which has made rapid strides within the past three years. This season just closed has been the most profitable yet recorded. The factory at Lagrange, which is the center of the sugar beet district, has about completed its season's run. The output will be about 35,000 sacks, which approximate 3,500,000 pounds.

Schley Court Sessions.

Washington, D. C., (Special).—The Schley Court of Inquiry is now holding sessions twice daily, instead of the one session in the morning that has been held since the court met. The afternoon session is from 2 to 4 o'clock. This decision was made in the interests of more rapid progress in the work before the court, for it is the universal desire to have the findings presented at the earliest possible date.

Series of Railroad Collisions.

Elgin, Ill., (Special).—The Chicago Great Western east-bound limited had a serious collision with the Sycamore milk train at Marshall's crossing, four miles west of St. Charles. Rose Route, aged 41, of Sycamore, was instantly killed and the lower part of her body crushed. A Chicago drummer named Murphy was probably fatally injured and Simon Chaffee, of Waco, Ill., and the engineer of the limited were seriously injured.

Indiana Want Separate Schools.

Guthrie, O. T., (Special).—Separate schools for Indian children have become a political issue in Oklahoma. In some counties many of the Indians attend the public schools which have been established for the whites and the latter do not believe in allowing the redskins these privileges. The Indians also refuse to attend the negro schools.

385 Leonids Fell in an Hour.

Los Angeles, Cal., (Special).—The fall of the long-expected Leonids was marked in this city just before daylight. The display at one time was brilliant, but there was a steady fall of the brights after 1 o'clock. One watcher counted 385 between 4 and 5 o'clock, while the total number seen in this city estimated at 1,000. Some of the meteors were beautiful, leaving brilliant trails of green and red. One hundred were counted between 4:44 and 4:49 o'clock.

Vale Dormitory Burned.

New Haven, Conn., (Special).—Fire practically ruined the finest of the Yale students' dormitories, the Hutchinson, which was erected a few years ago at a cost of \$200,000. The furnishings of the building and the personal effects of 200 or more students were also destroyed.

A National Bank Robbed.

New York, (Special).—Burglars broke into the Sprinckle National Bank in Manhattan, N. J., and carried away \$20,000. After forcing their way into the building they blew open the safe. The local police officers have no clue to the robbers.

SUMMARY OF THE LATEST NEWS.

Domestic.

George Zollinoff, receiving teller of the Williamsburg Savings Bank, confessed that he and Harry E. Corbett, a former paying teller, now dead, took \$50,000 of the bank's funds and spent the money in stock speculation.

Philip Rini and Dominick Benamonte were held to the grand in Chicago, charged with the murder of Antonio Nacua, whose mutilated body was found in a barrel on the prairie, at the edge of the city, on November 5.

At the annual meeting of the United Daughters of the Confederacy, at Wilmington, N. C., it was announced that \$1,500 had been collected the past year for the Jefferson Davis Monument Fund, which now amounts to \$38,000.

The Baptist General Association of Virginia adopted the report of the educational conference recommending that the denominational schools be drawn together in a system of co-education.

The picture of Concho county, Texas, has identified the picture of Longhauk, the train robber suspect, as that of Kilpatrick, the "Lone Texan," wanted there for murder.

Before going to the scaffold, in Michigan City, Ind., Joseph D. Keith confessed that he killed Miss Myra Kifer because she annoyed him too much.

Rev. Charles H. Brent, of St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, in Boston, accepted his appointment to the Episcopal diocese created in the Philippines.

The grand jury of the Rockbridge County (Va.) Court indicted a number of persons here, and the existing master, for unlawfully selling liquor.

The town of Buena Vista, Cal., was shaken by an earthquake. Huge boulders rolled down the sides of the mountains.

The United States transport Hancock, with the congressional party on board, grounded on the Straits of Shimonski.

Mrs. Louise Huddle, an aged woman, was shot and killed near Rural Retreat, Va., by Henry Rateliff, her son-in-law. An unsuccessful attempt was made to assassinate Isaiah Bollen, the principal of the Lexington (Va.) High School.

Governor Odell, of Ohio, received a communication from the Secretary of War asking him to convey to the officers of the law an expression of satisfaction and approval upon the effective and dignified manner in which the duty of justice had been attained in the Colquhoun case.

Miss Phyllis Langhorne, daughter of C. D. Langhorne, of Albemarle, and sister of Mrs. Charles Dana Gibson, was married in Basic City, Va., to Mr. Reginald Brooks, of New York.

Mrs. Kate Green and Miss May Shea, Mrs. Charles H. Kiefer, and two other women, were exonerated by the county commission.

F. C. Rathbun, accused of attempting to swindle insurance companies, admitted his identity to Deputy Sheriff A. L. Chaffee, of Little Rock, Ark.

The defendants in the Havana post-office fraud cases have been granted an extension of 10 days in which to file answers to the charges.

Charles Tate, colored, was killed while breaking into the house of James A. Miller, near C. C. Pike, assistant manager of the Hygien Hotel, at Old Point, died at St. Vincent's Hospital, Norfolk, Va.

D. J. Lynch, a former trustee of Carthage county, Tennessee, committed suicide by blowing out his brains.

Finlay Shipway, of Alleghany county, Tennessee, says he saw his father murder two patients at the Danmum Asylum, in Chicago, were exonerated by the county commission.

Considerable damage was done in various cities in Utah by rather severe earthquake shocks.

Charles Bachrach, aged 62 years, a well-known business man in Chicago, committed suicide.

Five persons were injured in Pittsburgh by leaping from a runaway trolley car.

Safe-blowers looted the postoffice at Rock Creek, O., and Rockville, Ind.

Foreign.

H. St. John Dix, an Englishman, said to be the eldest son of a British peer, and who figured in the Itana affair, indulged in various banking schemes and was a commissary general in Cossey's army, was brought up in a London court, charged with larceny in the United States.

A Paris report says that "deteriorated American tinned foods have been discovered among the military stores at Verdun." The Minister of War has ordered all tin foods in the army stores to be sold.

The Chinese court has arrived at Kai Fong Fu, capital of Honan, the people along the route of the imperial march having been left nearly destitute by the contributions levied upon them.

Mr. Dickinson, United States consul-general at Constantinople, has presented credentials as diplomatic agent of the United States to Bulgaria.

A patrol of yeomanry at Brasov, in the Transylvania, was surrounded by Boers and lost 6 men killed and 16 wounded.

General Weyer, the Spanish Minister of War, will temporarily replace Premier Sagasta should the latter's illness continue.

The Turkish government officials are worried over reports that two American girls, probably Kate Boyle and Flora Preston, of Philadelphia, have started for Turkey with the idea of having themselves captured by brigands, as was Miss Stone.

Lord Rossbery, in a speech in Edinburgh, said he would like to see the experiment for a year of a British government composed of business men like Carnegie and Sir Thomas Lipton.

Mrs. Vanderbilt Wackerman, of New York, picked up in London as a wandering madame, will be handed over to her relatives.

The German tariff bill, as passed by the Bundesrath, contains a few changes which affect American goods.

The Benmensara razed a number of villages of the Mesudmas, in Morocco, and carried off 18 girls.

Financial.

The Chicago & Eastern Illinois and Illinois Central will build a bridge across the Mississippi River from Gray's Point to Thebes.

It is stated that the Canadian Pacific will build from Winnipeg to Duluth and compete with Great Northern and Northern Pacific.

The American Sugar Refining Company of New York has been incorporated with a capital of \$2,500,000. The directors are H. O. Havemeyer, W. E. Thomas, L. M. Palmer, C. N. Smith and A. Donner, of New York city.

The English courts have ordered the compulsory winding up of the West Le Roy Mining Companies, all Whitaker Wright concerns.

The organization of the Northern Securities Company as stated in the charter is only temporary and the permanent board of directors will be chosen as soon as possible after the election of the Burlington directors.

Mr. A. H. Huley, who has for several years been vice-president and general manager of the Exploration Company, of New York, has accepted the presidency of the Miss Securities Corporation of this city. The capital is \$2,500,000.

CHARLESTON'S BIG EXPOSITION

The Seventeen Buildings of "The Ivory City" Almost Ready.

EVERY FOOT OF SPACE IS TAKEN.

In Many Instances the Space Herebefore Allocated Has Been Reduced Wherever It Was Possible, and Applications for More Room Have Been Refused—Not One of the Big Buildings Will Have Vacant Room.

Charleston, S. C., (Special).—Gratifying progress is being made with the concluding work at the South Carolina Interstate and West Indian Exposition.

Only two weeks remain in which the exhibits can be installed, the opening day being December 2; but the prediction of Architect Gilbert that all the buildings would be practically completed this week proves correct. While the 17 buildings are being filled with exhibits more than a thousand carpenters are at work about the grounds, putting on the finishing touches and adding features which will make a superb picture of the Ivory City.

Convicts loaned by the city are clearing the grounds of the debris and asphalt walks are being laid. There is an air of activity everywhere.

Many trainloads of exhibits have already arrived here, and advices from the railroads state that practically the entire display from the Pan-American which will be moved here, is now en route. These trains will reach Charleston this week, and Architect-in-Chief Gilbert has informed the directors that the buildings are in shape for occupancy. Not much time will be lost in getting the various displays installed, and by the end of the month the Exposition city will have taken on the color of life and bustling activity.

The Midway army which has arrived on the grounds from Buffalo has transformed that section from ragged fields into a hive of buildings and booths, and this feature of the show will be in excellent condition for the opening.

In the 17 large buildings, scattered over an area of 100 acres, every available foot of space has been taken for exhibits. In many instances the space heretofore allotted has been reduced wherever it was possible, and applications for more room have been refused. Not one of the big buildings will have vacant room.

SAVED BY COOING PIGEONS.

The Birds Awoke a Philadelphia Family in Time to Make Their Escape.

Philadelphia, Pa., (Special).—The cooing of 70 pairs of frightened pigeons probably prevented seven people from being burned to death in the residence of Robert Lukemire, Twenty-seventh street and Gravers lane, Chestnut Hill. As it was, the house was badly damaged by fire that started in a defective chimney.

Shortly after three o'clock Robert McDonald, a boarder in the house, was awakened by the cooing of the pigeons. When he sat up in bed he found the room filled with smoke, while the crackle of flames could be heard in the rear of the building.

Running through the house, McDonald gave the alarm, and Mr. and Mrs. Lukemire, their two sons, Russell and William, aged eight and six years, and Mr. and Mrs. Garwood had just time to escape in their night clothes.

MOUNTAINS SHAKEN.

An Express on the Northern Central Smashed Near York, Pa.

York, Pa., (Special).—Part of the through train for the West which left Baltimore over the Northern Central Railway at 9 o'clock was blown from the tracks by a big charge of dynamite soon after leaving this city at 10:44 P. M.

The train was composed of four Pullman cars, a day coach, a combination car and express car. It was running at the rate of 40 miles an hour, when the engine struck the dynamite. Although the windows in the locomotive cab were blown to pieces, Engineer Thurmer stuck to his post and succeeded in stopping the heavy train after it had run over the ties for 200 feet.

The scene of the wreck is about one mile north of the city, close to where Codorus creek flows between high hills. The Northern Central crosses the stream on an open iron bridge, which is 50 feet above the bed of the stream.

Conductor Grove says the bandits evidently planned to throw the train into the creek. When the attempt failed the robbers we believe, took refuge in the hills.

Bronze Statue of McKinley.

Cleveland, Ohio, (Special).—If the proposition made by a committee of 100 citizens to the finance committee of the recent National Grand Army Encampment is carried out a surplus of \$8,000 collected for that occasion will be used to erect a bronze statue of heroic size to the late President McKinley in the public square, the center of the business portion of the city.

Valuable Farm Given Away.

Dayton, Ohio, (Special).—Benjamin Meitner, a farmer who lives in Jackson township, has made the Heidelberg Theological Seminary, located at Tiffin, O., a gift of a farm of 120 acres, valued at \$75,000. The farm is located in Jackson township. The deed granting the donation was filed in the County Recorder's office.

Further Honors for Li.

Pekin, (By Cable).—The Empress Dowager has issued another edict eulogizing the late Li Hung Chang and ordering the erection of a memorial arch near his birthplace. The edict also directs that the rank of marquis conferred upon the eldest son of the late Chinese statesman in his own right, shall descend through 23 generations. It confers high rank upon the other sons of Earl Li, upon whom the posthumous rank of marquis has been bestowed, and confers dignities upon his grandsons, together with lucrative offices.

Two Children Perish in Fire.

Vernon, Ill., (Special).—Mrs. Charles Bass left her two small children locked in the house while she went to a neighbor's. The house burned and the children perished. In attempting to save them Mrs. Bass received burns from which she will die.

Prairie Dogs Ruin Many Farms.

Topoka, Kan., (Special).—Official statistics show that prairie dogs occupy and render practically useless for agricultural purposes an area of 2,284,284 acres of land in Kansas. All efforts to exterminate the dogs have failed, even with the co-operation of the Department of Agriculture.

A GIANTIC COMBINATION.

First Step in Plan to Harmonize Conflicting Railroad Interests.

New York, (Special).—The final stage of what is said to be the greatest railroad deal in history was entered upon by the incorporation at Trenton, N. J., of the Northern Securities Company, with a capitalization of \$400,000,000.

This company is formed as the result of negotiations which have been carried on for more than a year looking toward the joint operation and control of all the great transcontinental railroad systems.

Twenty kings of finance banded together to push through the deal, among whom are J. Pierpont Morgan, James J. Hill, John D. Rockefeller, Jacob H. Schiff, head of the house of Kuhn, Loeb & Co., William K. Vanderbilt, James Henry Smith, Norman B. Ream, George J. Gould, the Armours and E. H. Harriman.

The significance of this action is shown by the fact that it brings into alliance three of the greatest financial groups in the country. These are the Hill-Morgan group, the Vanderbilts, and the Gould-Harriman-Kuhn, Loeb & Co. combination.

The entire plan has been a tremendous undertaking, but it has been brought to a harmonious end. "Harmony of interest" has been extended from the Atlantic to the Pacific and an armed truce has been converted into what seems a lasting peace.

As the next step in the plan will be the announcement of the election of a new board of directors for the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy Railway Company, a corporation formed to acquire the old Chicago, Burlington and Quincy Railroad Company, which was the original bone of contention between the Hill-Morgan and Gould-Harriman-Kuhn, Loeb & Co. party, half the voting control of the Burlington road will be vested with Union Pacific interests.

The final issue of the old quarrel, which precipitated the panic of May 9 last and shook the financial world, is really a compromise measure. Union Pacific interests consent to the retirement of Northern Pacific preferred stock and in exchange to let the miners into a corporation which takes over the Northern Pacific and Great Northern roads and a half interest in the great Burlington property.

NEARLY 800,000 IMMIGRANTS.

Of These 117,587 Were Unable to Read or Write.

Washington, D. C., (Special).—The annual report of Commissioner-General Powderly, of the Immigration Bureau, shows the total steerage arrivals in the United States during the year to have been 487,018, an increase over the preceding year of 39,345, or approximately 9 per cent.

Of this increase 2,020 came through Canadian ports and the remainder through ports of this country. The ratio of increase of Italian immigration, as compared with those from the same country last year, is approximately 36 per cent, or more than threefold the ratio of increase from all Europe, and the increases numerically from all other countries of Europe aggregate scarcely one-fourth of that from Italy.

The total steerage immigration was distributed as to sex between 331,055 males and 155,963 females. During the year 363 were returned to their respective countries having become public charges within one year after landing.

The number reported a landing was 3,516, against 4,245 for last year.

A TRAIN DYNAMITED.

Alabama's Cotton Crop.

Washington, D. C., (Special).—The agricultural division of the twelfth census has completed its tabulation of the cotton crop of Alabama in the year 1899. In that year there were 192,384 farms reporting cotton, with an acreage of 3,202,135, producing 1,105,840 commercial bales or the equivalent of 1,093,694 bales of 500 pounds each. The value of this cotton to the farmers, as sold by them, exclusive of the seed, was \$37,400,598. The cotton ginned reported was 1,078,519 bales of 500 pounds.

Buried Under Molten Slag.

Homestead, Pa., (Special).—One man dead and two burned is the result of a party of workmen being buried under a mass of molten slag at the Howard Agle Works here. The dead man was John Ruska, aged 50 years, Homestead. He leaves a widow and four children. The accident occurred on the cinder dump back of the company's plant. The victims were engaged in collecting scrap, when a party of workmen at the top of the dump, about 20 feet above, dumped their cast over the edge, not knowing that the men were directly beneath them.

Are Eggs Being Cornered.

Chicago, (Special).—Local packers are believed to be cornering the egg market, and now have 500,000 cases in cold storage. The combination expects, it is said, to have the market completely under their control before the middle of January. Conditions are such at this date that prices are advancing rapidly, having gone up to 27 cents from 22 within the past week.

Manila Wants Pacific Cable.

Manila, (By Cable).—The Manila Chamber of Commerce has cabled to President Roosevelt urging that the Pacific cable be laid. The cablegram states that the main object would be an immense increase of the rubber industry of the Philippines, estimated at \$5,000,000, and also economy and the facilitation of business.

Iowa Bank Robbed.

Greenville, Iowa, (Special).—Robbers looted the bank here, taking all the money and papers, but the amount in cash is not stated by the bank officials. The vault was blown and the building badly damaged by the explosion. The total damage amounts to \$1,000.

Mutineers Liable to Charge of Murder.

Leavenworth, Kan., (Special).—J. B. Waldrop, a guard at the Fort Leavenworth Military Prison, who was shot in the mutiny at that institution on November 7, died Saturday of his wounds.

Sent Out 474,043 Columns.

Fort Worth, Texas, (Special).—Mrs. Annie Barker Horning, of Illinois, in charge of press work of the W. C. T. U., reports 474,043 columns of temperance news sent out during the past year, as compared with 30,000 the year before.

Died in Bath Tub.

Altoona, Pa., (Special).—John M. Wilson went to take a bath Saturday morning, was seized with an epileptic convulsion and plunged head foremost into the tub. He lay an hour later before being found lying face downward in six inches of water, dead.

GOLD MINERS READY FOR A REBELLION

Alleged Conspiracy in Alaska to Overthrow Government.

DAWSON CITY AS THE CAPITAL.

American Residents of Skagway Are Said to Be Leaders in the Conspiracy—Miners to the Number of 5,000 Are Said to Await the Summons to Arms, Ready to Fight for the Independence from Dominion Rule.

San Francisco, Cal., (Special).—The Call printed an unconfirmed story from Skagway, Alaska, under date of November 6, telling of the discovery of what is alleged to be a huge conspiracy existing in Dawson and ramifying to Skagway, Victoria, Vancouver and Seattle, for the overthrow of the local government of the Northwest Territory and the establishing a republic, with Dawson as its capital.

According to the details of the story, arms, ammunition and provisions have been taken in over the railroad and cached at strategic points. Prominent American residents of Skagway are said to be leaders in the conspiracy. Miners to the number of 5,000 are said to await the summons to arms, ready to fight for the independence from Dominion rule of the gold fields, camps and towns.

The plan is to overthrow the mounted police, arrest the civil authorities and take the government into their own hands. The rigors of the Arctic winters would give the insurgents six months' immunity from attack by Canadian or British troops, and the adventurous arch-conspirators hope for intervention on the part of the United States.

It is further related that the hurried conference, lasting until midnight, was held at Skagway, November 5, at which were present Captain Corrigan, of the Northwest mounted police, who had arrived from across the Canadian border that evening; Judge Brown, of the United States District Court; United States Marshal Shoup, United States Attorney Frederick and Major Hovey, commanding the United States troops at Skagway, attended the meeting. This was the last of several hasty consultations between the civil and military representatives of the two powers in relation to the mysterious transportation of supplies into the interior, and of a conspiracy to lead the miners into a revolt against the Canadian Government in the Northwest territory.

Extension of Civil Service.

Branch of 200 employees in the executive branch of the rural free delivery service of the Postoffice Department will be brought into the civil service by an order of President Roosevelt which, it is understood, will be issued within a few days. These employees are clerks, special agents and inspectors. The 6,000 rural free delivery carriers throughout the country will not be brought into the civil service under the same order, but they will be taken in at some later date. Their civil service status is likely to be somewhat different from that of those first included, though the form of the regulations governing them has not yet been passed upon.

Paris Green on Plants.

At the recent second session of the annual convention of the Association of Official Agricultural Chemists, at the Columbian University, the subjects of liquor and food adulteration, nitrogen, insecticides, cider fermentation and dairy products were discussed.

There was a long report on insecticides which recommended the continuance of present methods for determining the presence of formaldehyde in compounds. This led to lively debate regarding the use of paris green as an insecticide, the injury to plants and the use of lime as a possible preventive of this injury. It was finally agreed that lime lessens the injury, but does not altogether overcome it.

May Examine Rural Postmen.

Superintendent A. W. Machen, of the free delivery system of the Postoffice Department, conferred with the members of the Civil Service Commission relative to the proposition to transfer the rural free delivery branch to the classified service. There are now between 6,000 and 7,000 postmen employed in this work, and members of the commission and Postoffice Department officials alike almost decided the system should be embraced within the classified service. No decision was reached.

Won the Only Gold Medal.

The only gold medal authorized by Congress for heroic conduct during the Spanish War was forwarded to Lieut. Frank H. Newcomb, of Patchogue, N. Y. Lieutenant Newcomb commanded the revenue cutter Hudson and rescued the officers and crew of the torpedo boat Winslow, off Cardenas, Cuba, during the action of May 11, 1898. The medal contains the words "For gallantry." It is valued at \$750 worth of gold.

Given Dignity by the New Clock.

The Navy Department has given 4th naval establishment at Algiers, La., the title of "Naval Station, Algiers, La." This station has been known as the "Naval Reservation, Algiers, La.," but with the ownership of the finest floating drydock of its class in the world, built at Sparrows Point, Md., and the numerous other improvements comes the added dignity of the title of "Naval Station."

Monitors to Stay Near Manila.

The coast defense monitors Monterey and Monadnock, sent to the Philippines soon after the victory of Manila bay, are to be kept in these waters indefinitely. Both are powerful fighting craft and were sent to Manila to strengthen the American fleet when it was feared a Spanish fleet would try to recapture Manila. They are of shallow draft and just the kind of ships suited for Philippine waters.

The Commissioner of Internal Revenue decided that articles subject to internal revenue tax when consumed in this country are subject to this tax when they are shipped to the Philippines.

Hitchcock Disbars a Lawyer.

Secretary Hitchcock has disbarred William C. Buderus, an attorney of Sturgis, S. D., from practicing before the Interior Department because it is allegedly the result of the assassination of President McKinley. "I am glad of it, and I hope he will die, as there will be one more tyrant less."

Capital News in General.

The remains of Major Adam Kramer, U. S. A., were buried in Arlington Cemetery with military honors.

The Commissioner of Internal Revenue decided that beer manufactured in the United States and shipped to the Philippines is subject to the internal revenue tax.

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In the itinerary arranged for the North Atlantic Squadron provision is made for speed trials, which is a new departure.

The President signed the commission of William H. Brewster, of Massachusetts, the third assistant secretary of state.

NATIONAL CAPITAL AFFAIRS.