

# LIVES LOST IN A BURNING HOTEL.

## THE WINDSOR DESTROYED.

Escape From a New York Building Made Impossible by the Dense Crowds Which Had Gathered to See the Parade.

Fire broke out in the Windsor hotel, New York, last Friday afternoon. While thousands of people were viewing the St. Patrick's Day parade from the windows and balconies the cry of "fire" rang through the corridors. In a moment the building was a whirlwind of flame. The engines reached the hotel with difficulty so dense was the crowd.

Thus far sixteen persons were killed in the fire and a number are still unaccounted for. The dead include: John Flanagan, Kate Gibson, Mrs. Addie Goodman, Eleanor Louise, Grandy, Miss LaSalle, of Elizabeth City, N. C., Henry, Mrs. Mehtable, Kirk, Nancy Ann, aged 75, widow of James E. Kirk, soap manufacturer, of Chicago; Leland, Mrs. Warren, wife of the proprietor of the hotel; Leland, Miss Helen, daughter of proprietor of hotel; Paddock, Amelia, Sullivan, Mary, unknown woman, who jumped from a fifth avenue window, died at Helen Gould's home; unknown man, jumped from roof at rear of hotel, body not recovered; unknown woman, mother of child, jumped from hotel window, body not yet recovered.

The hospital reports as to the injured are most favorable. Most of the patients are improving. Some of them were able to leave the hospital and others will be discharged in a few days.

There was the wildest scene of excitement within and without the building. Hundreds of guests and employees were in the hotel when the fire broke out, and for many of them escape with safety was impossible. Probably from ten to fifteen lives were lost within a half hour, and thirty or forty persons were injured. The fire broke out in the corridors and on the stairways. Many who were injured died later at near-by residences and at hospitals, and others who made wild leaps to the stone sidewalks were so badly injured that they are still lying in bed, and some are expected to die.

When the first alarm was given people in the lower floors of the hotel, those who had easy access to the street and stairway, commenced to pour out of the building in great numbers, but it very soon became apparent that the majority of the occupants of the hotel were either panic-stricken or unable to make their way to the ground floor.

Windows were thrown up on every side of the building and guests, mostly women, in all stages of excitement, their screams and uttered frantic appeals for assistance to the crowd below. As the flames gathered about them they became more and more terror-stricken, and presently some of them stood upon the narrow window-sills and beckoned the spectators that they were about to leap.

The men collected upon the sidewalks ready to render any assistance they could, and in the meantime some of the women left the window-sills and dropped to the streets. In most instances the efforts to catch them and break their awful fall were unavailing, for they struck the sidewalk, and in most cases broken limbs were the result. As soon as the firemen could get their scaling ladders into position they climbed the sides of the building and entered at every window where there was an unfortunate guest appealing for assistance, and many cases of heroic rescue were witnessed by the throng in the streets.

At the corner of Forty-seventh street and Fifth avenue, directly across from the hotel, the body of Miss Helen Gould, and at her direction many of the injured were carried there and were treated by physicians and nurses whom she had sent for.

The first horror occurred just 15 minutes after the fire broke out. A handmaiden entered at every window of a room on the fourth floor. She held out her arms to the crowd below. Then she raised her hands as if in supplication, and in a moment climbed to the window and leaped.

She turned about like a top and struck the fire from the window. Her body seemed to be impaled there, but it fell off and into the roadway. She was dead. The woman was identified as Mrs. Amelia Paddock, of Irvington, N. Y.

The President's brother, Abner McKinley, who was the family head at the hotel, escaped uninjured, but lost all of his effects.

The loss of the fire is estimated roughly at \$1,000,000. The building was valued at \$350,000. The loss on the contents of the building is almost complete. The salvage was managed to save \$30,000 worth of paintings on the first floor of the hotel.

Many of the guests who lived at the Windsor lost valuable jewelry and bric-a-brac and furnishings, among them being F. E. Flower, a nephew of ex-Governor Flower, who among other things lost a package of jewelry valued at \$8,000. The Windsor was owned by Elbridge T. Gerry. There was \$200,000 insurance on the building and \$75,000 on the contents.

# TERSE TELEGRAMS.

Princess Kalulani of Hawaii is dead. Ex-Senator Walsh of Georgia is dead.

Governor Pingree, of Michigan, is heading a movement for a new party. Joseph Letter has failed again. He was endeavoring to form a dairy trust in Chicago.

The lamp chimney factories in the Indiana gas belt closed down indefinitely on Saturday.

John G. Milburn was elected president of the Pan-American exposition, to be held at Buffalo.

John Sherman is very ill on board the steamer Paris which is now cruising in southern waters.

John Shess, David Euyder and Peter Wink were killed in a boiler explosion at Altoona, Pa., last Friday.

Numerous attempts have been made at New Orleans during the past few days to burn Catholic institutions.

Two troops of cavalry have been ordered to the Yosemite park to protect it from timber thieves and sheep herders.

Engineer Frederick Witham and Foreman Edward Gray were killed by the ditching of a train near Auburn, Cal.

The California legislature has adjourned without electing a United States senator to succeed Stephen M. White.

Three thousand men employed by the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul Railway had their wages increased last Monday.

William H. Schwalbe, a well-known citizen of Brooklyn, died at 7:13 a. m. on March 12. He was a member of the Thirteen Club.

Leech Lake Indians in Minnesota who imagine that they are being imposed upon by the government are preparing to make trouble.

Fireman Van Landingham and Brakeman E. A. Graham were killed by a freight wreck on the Norfolk and Western railroad at Ada, Va.

The finance committee of Pittsburg councils discussed and practically denied upon a new bond issue of \$1,000,000, bringing the debt of the city up to the limit.

Four locomotives were destroyed in a collision in Valparaiso, Chile, the other day. One passenger was killed and a dozen wounded. The damage is placed at \$250,000.

The Allan liner, Castilian, is a total wreck of Halifax, N. S. Eight hundred head of cattle on board the stranded ship perished. All of the passengers escaped.

The famous mad stone, which has been in the Fred family of Leesburg, Va. for 130 years, was sold last Wednesday for \$700. This stone is said to have never failed to cure.

Unless measures are taken to feed the deer in Yellowstone Park thousands of them will die. Because of the deep snow they are unable to secure their own food.

Sixty senators and representatives will soon go on a cruise to examine the proposed Panama and Nicaragua canal routes. They will be guests of the Panama Canal Company.

Suits aggregating \$1,500,000 have been brought by the state of New York against Armour & Co., of Chicago. The packing house is accused of selling oleomargarine as butter.

A gigantic telephone company, capitalized at \$30,000,000, is under the process of formation, and is to cover Pittsburg and Allegheny, West-Pennsylvania and Eastern Ohio towns.

Robert Lewis was hanged at Atlanta, Ga., Wednesday for the murder of Charles Haynes. Lewis built the gallows upon which he was executed and employed by the county two years ago.

The three-masted schooner James W. Bikelow from Jacksonville for Providence, R. I., has been given up for lost, as she is over two months out. Capt. Gray is in charge. She carried a crew of eight men.

It was said in Chicago that the makers of bar iron in seven States have combined to form one great corporation. Pennsylvania, Ohio, Michigan, Illinois, Minnesota, Missouri and Alabama are said to be included.

Sixty thousand textile workers in New England may be affected by a new machine which will be placed upon the market shortly. The American Warp Drawing Machine Company has a capital stock of \$3,000,000.

The United States transport Thomas, formerly the Minnowaska, sailed from Havana Monday morning for the United States with 202 volunteers. The Ward liner Havana, specially chartered for this purpose, will sail with the Second Louisiana Volunteers.

In the hearing of the case of Attorney General Monnett, of Ohio, against the Standard Oil Company, at New York, J. D. Archbold, of the Standard, and Attorney Flag, Monnett's assistant, became involved in a quarrel, and called each other liars.

Mrs. Henry H. Moerer, of Pittsburg, the other day told her 10 year old daughter to call her father to dinner. When the child came to the father's room she found him hanging from a beam. The suicide was very poor and had been in ill-health for a long time.

The coroner's jury at Hot Springs, Ark., rendered a verdict against Sheriff Williams, Deputy Sheriff Coffee Williams, Edward Spears and William Watt in connection with the riot of Thursday, in which six men were killed, and they were committed to jail.

The murderer of Mrs. Anthony Steigler of Mount Lookout, near Cincinnati, whose dead body was found in her home last Friday, has been found in Albert Luken, a boy of 16, living with his widowed mother in Clifton. Luken was arrested and made a full confession, giving his motive as robbery. He got about \$70.

Many Lives Were Lost. A calculation based on the most recent statement made by Lloyd, the recognized authorities in shipping, reveals the fact that at present there are nine steamships, bound across the Atlantic from United States ports, overdue to such an extent as to render their reinsurance impossible, and this means the loss of no less than 251 lives and the sacrifice of property amounting in the aggregate to about \$1,805,500.

Coroners Divide a Body. George Bates a few days ago got into a fight with a moon-keeper whose place of business is in Minnesota across the river from Pembina, N. D. He was beaten and taken home where he died. The coroners from the two states both claimed the body, one saying that the crime had been committed in Minnesota and the other that the man had died in Dakota. They compromised by cutting the body in two each corner taking half. The head was boiled so that the skull can be used as evidence. The assessor, John Smith, is under arrest. A verdict was rendered in accordance with the above facts.

# FAMILY SWEEPED OUT OF EXISTENCE.

## DEATH IN A CYCLONE.

Members of Lewis Coffee's Household Struck About for Half a Mile in Cleburne County, Ala.—Fifteen Persons Killed.

One moment Lewis Coffee, of Edwardville, Alabama, was enjoying the presence and health of his large family, the next he and his entire household were swept away to death by a cyclone which visited Alabama and Georgia town last Sunday.

The list of the dead is as follows: Lewis Coffee, aged 55, tax assessor of Cleburne county, and the following members of his family:

Mrs. Coffee, aged 46; Lella, aged 22; James, aged 20; Lula, aged 18; Jacob, aged 15; Devozer, aged 8; Dollo, aged 10; Grover, aged 8; John, aged 4.

The path of the storm was about 200 yards wide, and it traversed the country for 12 miles, beginning in the northern part of Cleburne county, near Iron City, and moved southward.

There was a tremendous conical cloud that bounded along like a rubber ball, rising at intervals and leaping for several hundred yards without doing any damage. Then when it descended it would pick up houses and crush them to pieces, uproot trees or twist them off level with the ground and sweep all before it.

At Lewis Coffee's residence, a strong double log house, situated on a little hill, was in the path of the storm. It was swept away and the timbers scattered for a mile. Ten of its eleven occupants were instantly killed. Except the body of the baby, which was found under the ruins of the chimney, the corpses of the victims were carried half a mile and nine of them were found heaped together.

Every body had been stripped of its clothing. One was twisted around a stump and two others were headless. Beside the body of the father lay Beanie Coffee, the only member of the family not instantly killed. She was unconscious, and her arms were around her dead father's neck. She was unable to be moved, in the same neighborhood the residences of J. W. Wilder, J. H. Cason, Andrew Stelman and Benjamin Stanzell were wrecked, and all their occupants injured.

Near Hedin a white woman, whose name cannot be learned, was killed and five persons in the same family hurt. It is estimated that about 50 buildings were destroyed, between 20 and 25 persons were injured and over a score of farms were devastated.

The cyclone passed over Burke county, Ga., Sunday morning. In the vicinity of Waynesboro four people were killed. Several houses were demolished and much damage was done.

There were 11 houses blown down on Walter McCathern's farm, six miles from Waynesboro, and the whole town was completely demolished while it was occupied by eight negroes, but they all escaped uninjured.

The wrecked liner Castilian has fallen into the hands of pirates.

The steamer Delta arrived at Halifax Sunday from St. Vincent with the cargo of the wrecked steamer Castilian. Members of the Delta's crew report that the Castilian may be floated and that acts of piracy are in progress at the wreck. The Delta's people are loud in their denunciation of the vandals who saw.

A hundred boats swarmed around the Castilian, and the people in them defied all authority. They carried away everything they could in the way of cargo, furniture, and the saloon doors for the sake of the brass fittings. When the Delta left there were about 800 of these vandals aboard, loading up dories and smacks with cargo, furniture, etc. Before Captain Barrett left the wreck he attempted to drive the Delta's people away from the wreck, but they dared him to shoot.

Special custom house officers from Halifax and Yarmouth were also put on board, but the wreckers only treated them with contempt and went on with the work of destruction uninterrupted.

Thursday the weather was particularly fine and hundreds of boats were there from all around, while men swarmed over every part of the ship, backing, smashing and destroying. Fred Jones, the Delta's chief preventive officer of the Canadian customs, went down and warned the men that thought he had no force with him at present to stop the work of destruction and robbery, prosecutions would be entered against every soul of them and the least penalty was a year's imprisonment.

He Operated the Santiago Balloon. Thomas Carroll Boone, the telegraph operator in the war balloon in the operations before Santiago, died Monday at the Massachusetts general hospital, at Boston as the result of an operation on a wound received in the fall of the balloon after it had been shot to pieces. Boone, with two government officers, performed heroic work in the air, which was a target for the Spanish gunners, until it fell into the trees and threw all three men out. Boone was caught in the drag anchor and was fearfully wounded. He never fully recovered, although he was last fall, up to within two days of his death he continued his work as a telegrapher.

Gagged and Robbed. Mrs. Charles H. Nix was seized by two burglars Wednesday night, at Chicago, who, after gagging her tied her to a chair in the basement. Then they looted the house, securing \$2,000 worth of valuables. After this they carried her, still gagged and bound in the chair, to the second floor and locked her in a clothespress. After two hours and a half she succeeded in slipping the gag and called for help. A stableman heard the cries and came to her rescue.

OUR NEW POSSESSIONS. The Oregon arrived at Manila last Sunday.

Gen. Brooke has informed the war department that a fresh quarter of beef will not last 12 hours in a tropical climate.

The bones of Admiral Villamil, one of the officers of Cervera's late squadron, were found in a cave near Santiago last Tuesday.

The Seventh army corps, now at Cuba will soon return to the United States. They will assemble at Camp Meade, Pa. for muster out.

Hereafter all rations distributed by the United States among the Cuban poor will be charged up against the custom receipts of the province.

When the Spanish fought the Filipinos they usually stopped for a midday rest. The Americans apparently never rest, and this astounds the Filipinos.

# AN AWFUL CONFESSION.

## A Chicago Sausage Maker Admits That He Murdered His Wife—Buried the Bones That Would Not Burn.

Two years ago interest was centered in Chicago on Luettger, a sausage maker, who was accused and finally convicted of having boiled the remains of his murdered wife in a large vat. Now August A. Becker, also a sausage maker, has confessed to having murdered his wife and boiled her remains in a large kettle. He was arrested four weeks ago and Wednesday confessed.

Becker when first arrested admitted killing his wife, but declared he pushed her off Handolph street viaduct into the lake, and that she was drowned.

The police have never placed any reliance in the drowning confession, and have kept up their work on the idea that Becker had killed the woman in his home and made way for the body. The finding of a portion of a human lung three days ago in Becker's barn put strength in their theory.

In his confession Becker said he had killed his wife by striking her on the head with a hatchet in the kitchen of his home. He thrust the body to pieces and boiled it in a large kettle. After watching the disintegration of the remains for several hours, and when nothing was left that resembled a human body, Becker says he took what remained and buried it in a red-hot stove, the fire having been prepared by him. The bones which would not burn he buried on the prairie near his home.

January 27 was the date Becker says he committed the murder. He asserts the crime was not premeditated, but that he quarreled with his wife on the afternoon of that day, and in the heat of passion he killed her with a blow on the head with the hatchet.

The piece of lung and a portion of calico which were found under the barn, and which the police believe to be strong evidence against Becker, he says he did not touch. He says the body of his wife, as he is certain that he destroyed every particle of flesh, and he maintains the dress which she wore was also entirely burned.

August Becker, the sausage-maker, who confessed to having killed his wife and boiled and buried her body last Thursday took police officials to the spot in his yard where he had buried the charred remains. Two baskets of burned bones were found, and Dr. Dorsey to-night identified a portion of them as a human shoulder blade.

SOLDIERS CALLED OUT. Texas Authorities Have Difficulty in Removing Small-pox Patients.

The work of removing small-pox patients to the pest-house at Laredo, Tex., under direction of State Health Officer Blunt was begun Monday morning. After 10 had been removed the officers encountered on East Matamoros a mob of several hundred Mexicans, who menaced them. The chief of police was telephoned for.

Marshal Joe Barthelow and Assistant Marshal Idar hurried to the scene, and when they attempted to arrest the disturbers they were assaulted with stones and fired upon. Idar was knocked down and severely beaten, and one of the rioters was wounded. About 20 shots were fired. A dozen arrests were made, and the mob dispersed.

The health officers resumed their work, but were soon met by another mob of 500 or 600 Mexicans, many of them armed. The health officers desisted, and Dr. Blunt opened telegraphic communication with Governor Sawyer. The war department telegraphed authority to use troops at Ft. McIntosh. A fight is probable when the negro regulars arrive.

PLEASED ENGLISHMEN. Our Ambassador to Great Britain Makes a Speech Which Was Well Received.

Ambassador Choate made a brilliant debut as an after-dinner speaker at the luncheon of the British Chamber of Commerce of Great Britain last Thursday night, at which he was the principal guest. He had beside him Lord Charles Beresford and Lord Chief Justice Russell, both speakers of great power in their own right. Mr. Choate at once established his claim to be considered a finished orator, commanding a vein of fine humor, together with charming gracefulness and tact. He received a warm reception when he rose. His speech was enthusiastically applauded, especially those passages in which he dwelt on the kinship of the two races. At the close he received an ovation which is altogether exceptional on such occasions. He was highly complimented on all sides, and received the congratulations of a number of the leading business men from all parts of the three kingdoms.

ROASTED AND FROZEN. A Cincinnati Man Subjected to Terrible Tortures by Chinese.

Yokohama papers just arrived contain details of the terrible sufferings of a Cincinnati man, G. Blanchard, formerly of Cincinnati.

He was captured by a band of Manchurians in North China and taken to their mountain cave. There he was tied hand and foot, and after being stripped of his clothes, he was roasted so that his head and shoulders were nearly roasted, while the opposite extremities were freezing.

In the morning he was flayed alive by the bloodthirsty Chinamen. They used bamboo canes, and the flesh of the lower extremities was torn off in shreds. Natives ate his heart and liver, and the rest of his remains were thrown to the dogs.

AT THE NATIONAL CAPITAL. In spite of reports Secretary Alger says he has no idea of resigning.

The secretary of war says there is no such thing as embalmed beef.

Investigation reveals that Gen. Eagan bought all the army meat direct from the packers.

American citizens have presented claims of \$21,000,000 for damages sustained during the war with Spain.

A committee of prominent citizens, of Washington, are making arrangements to have Admiral Dewey with them in May.

Upon his return from the South the President may cause a regular army to be increased to 62,000 men. The best regiments now in the volunteer service may be retained for this service.

Gen. Miles and his friends say that if it is proven that cans labeled "Prime Roast Beef" did not contain anything but remnants of dried beef then suit will be brought against the packers. The attorney-general will be obliged to recover large sums of money.

# NOTHING HALTS THE AMERICANS.

## CONQUERING THE INSURGENTS.

Philippines Meet With Nothing But Defeat—Enemy Attack Our Forces Near Pasig and Are Badly Beaten.

The American soldiers in the Philippines are determined not to spend more time than necessary on the islands if a cessation of hostilities with the insurgents will secure their release. From Manila to Pasig their march has been a victorious one.

From jungle and stronghold the enemy has been driven, crowding weaker every time he attempts to reorganize his scattered and depleted numbers.

Some of the rebels recently expelled from Cavite and the small towns in the vicinity of Pasig combined forces and Sunday night attacked a company of the Washington Volunteers, at a detached post at Taguig, about a mile and a half southeast of Pasig. General Wheaton immediately reinforced the Americans with two companies each of the Washington and Oregon Regiments. The post had held the enemy in check, and the fire of the reinforcing companies repulsed them, driving them across to an island formed by the estuary. They were there in front of the Twenty-second Regulars.

On discovering that they were entrapped the rebels fought desperately, aided materially by the jungle and the darkness, but they were completely routed, with heavy loss, after two hours' fighting. The Americans lost two killed and 20 wounded, among the latter Lieutenant Frank Jones.

General Wheaton determined to punish the natives, and at daybreak Monday his brigade started in the following order:

The Sixth Artillery, holding the extreme right; the Oregon Volunteers, heading the center; the Washington Regiment, keeping to the edge of the lake, and the Twenty-second Regulars, occupying the right of the line, which was the whole country along the lake, in a southeasterly direction, toward General Owenshine's position.

The line, thus extended over two miles of country, rough and covered with thick jungle, advanced 11 miles. The enemy fled. At scarcely any time did the Americans get within 1,200 yards of them.

Wednesday Gen. Wheaton's column encountered the enemy in such force between Pateros and Taguig as to necessitate a change in the original plans. The cavalry attacked a rebel stronghold in the jungle, driving the enemy into Pateros. The Americans had one man killed and three wounded.

Scott's battery shelled the city and won't effectively.

Later the enemy crossed the river from Pasig. Two companies of the Second Oregon Infantry cleared the right bank after a sharp engagement, and then retired with three wounded. In the meantime the Washington volunteers closed in, driving small bodies of the rebels back upon Pateros. One man was killed. During the night the enemy burned the town of Pasig.

Philippine insurgents were detected a few days ago smuggling guns into the city packed in coffins. The Americans captured 1200 guns concealed in this manner.

The Twentieth Infantry had an all-day fight at Pasig last Thursday. Three thousand rebels were encountered and defeated. They were routed with heavy loss. Our loss was small. Three hundred and fifty rebel soldiers were made prisoners. Wheaton's brigade now holds the towns of Pasig, Pateros and Taguig. The news is based upon official information.

The First battalion of the Twentieth Infantry regiment advanced from Pasig Friday, clearing the country to Calint, a well-defended village of 700 inhabitants, five miles northwest of the foothills.

The strongly fortified village of Calint, northwest of Pasig, Philippine Islands, was captured Friday after desperate fighting, by the Twentieth Infantry. The Americans lost 17 wounded, while the rebels' loss was heavy.

Maggots in the Beef. The last witness called before the army beef court of inquiry at Chicago Wednesday, proved to be sensational. He was First Lieutenant M. F. Davis, of the First cavalry, called at the request of Major Lee, representative of General Miles. Lieutenant Davis testified that in Cuba half the canned roast beef issued to the soldiers was thrown away because it was unfit to eat. He testified that he had opened one can himself and found maggots in it.

An Enormous Fan. A Pittsburg company is to construct a fan which will draw the smoke-laden gas from the Hoosier tunnel. The fan will be 16 feet in diameter and 8 feet wide with a capacity of drawing 600,000 cubic feet of air a minute.

CABLE FLASHES. The Peace Conference will be held at The Hague on May 18.

The bill for the increase of the German army has been defeated in the reichstag by a large majority.

It is said that the dowager empress of China is administering poison to the emperor and that he is slowly dying.

An explosion on the British cruiser Terrible, a few days ago resulted in the death of a stoker and the wounding of six men.

Otto Schuleman, the German archaeologist claims to have discovered a prehistoric city of large size in the interior of Mexico.

The old Russian boundary line of Alaska was discovered, and according to it all the Klondike region is the property of the United States.

An Anglo-Egyptian expedition will be undertaken next autumn, according to a dispatch from Cairo to the "Daily Mail," to finally dispose of the Khalifa Abdullah and the other Dervish leaders in the Sudan.

An official decree just issued in Paris authorizes the school of mines to accept the gift of \$5,000 offered in February last year by Dr. Thomas Eggleston, professor emeritus of mineralogy and metallurgy of the School of Mines, New York.

The Spanish government protested to the United States against the order of General Otis prohibiting the ransom of the Spanish prisoners held by Aguinaldo. The Geneva convention called upon a delegate to act in the matter.

The Constantinople correspondent of the London "Standard" says: "News has been received from Smyrna that 6,000 Cretan Mussulmen refugees, who were in desperate lack of work and food, invaded and pillaged the Greek and Turkish quarters of the city, a conflict resulting, in which many persons were killed or wounded."

# "THUNDER, BUT NO RAIN."

## Gen. Gomez Thus Characterizes the Cuban Assembly.

Gen. Gomez has been deposed by the Cuban Assembly, but Cuba is with Gen. Gomez. The Cubans by demonstrations have proved their regard for the general, and Gen. Brooke has determined to dissolve the Assembly, it being but a body of mischief-makers.

The action of Civil Governor Mora and the police department in attempting to prevent Wednesday's popular manifestations in favor of General Maximo Gomez is strongly censured, and the ill-feeling against the police runs high. The action of Governor General Brooke in restraining the Cuban authorities from interfering has pleased the people and is favorably commented upon. Gen. Gomez is receiving hundreds of telegrams from all parts of the island expressing the people's allegiance and loyalty to him.

The general says he recognizes only one power in the island—that of the United States. In his opinion the assembly is acting as it does because it wants to get money out of the United States. He points out that the assembly first proposed to take \$50,000,000, as for himself. He avers that he is not a beggar. The United States Government offered the \$3,000,000, and he has never asked an increase.

To all callers General Gomez speaks lightly of the assembly, declaring that it was his creation, and he did not wish to appear a dictator, and that the real military members, who took no part in a vote to depose him, will now resign. He calls the assembly "a collection of black clouds, with much thunder but little rain."

THEY CRIED FOR MERCY. Mob Kills Four Negroes Who Had Been Charged With Arson.

A mob of masked men stormed the little house doing service as a jail at Palmetto, Ga., at an early hour Friday morning, and shot and killed four negroes. Four were killed outright and the other four are badly wounded. The negroes were held, charged with the burning of the town, three fires since January 1 having nearly completely destroyed it.

The mob rode into the town about 1 o'clock. The little house used as a jail since the fire was near the center of the town. The guard was called on to turn over the negroes held there for trial on the charge of arson. He refused and was shot. They were quickly overpowered, however, and with a rush the whips made for the prisoners, who had been awakened by the noise outside. They began begging for mercy, but were shot down quickly.

The dead are Bud Cotton, Henry Bigby, Tip Hutson and Ed Brown.

STRENGTHENING HER FLEET. England May Purchase the Holland Submarine Boat.

Captain L. K. Bell, of the Royal navy; John P. Holland, inventor of the submarine torpedo boat, and L. B. Best, of the Hotchkiss Gun Company, sailed on the American line steamship St. Paul for England Thursday. Mr. Holland's visit to England is the result, it is said, of several long consultations with Captain Bell regarding the purchase of a submarine boat by the British navy.

Captain Zalkinski, inventor of the dynamite gun bearing his name, was at the dock to see the party off, and practically admitted that Captain Bell had come to this country to look into the matter of the Holland boat.

Zalkinski is reported to have succeeded the French submarine boat Zebe had caused much uneasiness in England, and that this fact had much to do with the proposed purchase.

ITALY'S ACTION SUPPORTED. Great Britain and Japan Approve of the Demand Made on China.

In the Italian Chamber of Deputies a few days ago Admiral Canavero, Minister of Foreign Affairs, made a comprehensive statement regarding Italy's action in the recent Sino-Japanese war. He reported the recall of Signor Martino, Italian Minister at Peking, and announced that Italy had obtained the approval of Great Britain and Japan before demanding the concession at San Mun.

Great Britain, however, had requested, he said, that force should not be employed, and had promised in return to give her diplomatic support to Italy at the court of Peking. Other friendly powers, the Minister announced, were then notified and indicated their acquiescence.

Five Men Killed. A shooting occurred at Hot Springs, Ark., Thursday evening, which resulted in the death of five men and the serious wounding of one man. The killed are:

Thomas Toler, chief of police; J. E. Hart, city detective; Thomas F. Goslee, police sergeant; John Williams, son of Sheriff Williams; and Louis Hinkle, driver of a brewery wagon.

Ed Spears was shot in the neck and may die.

The shooting grew out of the mayoralty campaign under way.

Prospectors Excel to Death. The steamer Excelsior, which arrived last Friday at Seattle from the mouth of Copper river, Alaska, brings news of the freezing to death of six men on Valdez glacier about the first of March. The names of the men are: Edward Logan, Maxmillian Miller, New York; Alfred Aleman, New York; Dr. Edward Logan, Denver; Rudolph Eikerkamp, Louisville, Ky.; August Schultz, New York. All the bodies except that of Valdez Logan were recovered and buried at Valdez. Ehrhardt, Miller and Aleman were members of the Scientific Prospecting Company of New York.

A Balance in Spain's Favor. According to official figures, which have just reached the state department from Consular Agent Merzeta at Barcelona, dispatched under date of January 30, the imports of 1898, as compared with 1897, decreased nearly