

FRENCH FLAG AGAIN WAVES OVER EMBASSY

Diplomatic Relations Formally Renewed Between France and Turkey.

ADMIRAL GAILLARD'S SQUADRON.

The ships are bound for the island of Syria—Miss Stone, in another letter, tells of the hardships she and her companion have to endure—Postal tricks of the brigands to conceal their whereabouts.

Constantinople. (By Cable)—The French flag waves above the French Embassy in Constantinople for the first time since August 26.

M. Bapst, councillor at the embassy, has called upon the Ottoman minister of foreign affairs, Tewfik Pasha, thus formally renewing the diplomatic relations between France and Turkey.

The destination of the vessels of Admiral Gaillard's squadron, which left the island of Mitylene in the island of Syria.

The battleships Charlemagne and Ganteau and the armored cruiser Amiral Potin, however, will go first to Phocaea (about 30 miles northwest of Smyrna) to coal, afterward rejoining the squadron.

Letter From Miss Stone.

Sofia, Bulgaria. (By Cable)—From another letter that has been received from Miss Ellen M. Stone, the abducted American missionary, it appears that she is enduring the trials of her hard experience with fortitude, forgetting herself in her anxiety for her companion, Miss Tishka. Miss Stone does not dare to complain of the treatment to which they are subjected, but she finds the confinement irksome and the weather extremely trying.

The tone of the latest letter received from her is hopeful. The brigands, by dating the letters in places in Macedonia and delaying their delivery, seek to create the appearance of being far distant.

The Bulgarian government continues to interfere in the negotiations, with the object of forcing the transference of them across the frontier.

FIRST MCKINLEY MONUMENT.

Unveiled at Tower, Minnesota, With Impressive Ceremonies.

Duluth, Minn. (Special)—In the presence of several thousand people, assembled from the mining towns of northern Minnesota, the first McKinley monument in the United States was unveiled and dedicated at Tower, seventy miles north of Duluth, Sunday. Gov. S. R. Van Sant and members of his staff, a number of State officials and other citizens from various parts of the State were present. Gov. Van Sant was among the speakers, and he paid a high compliment to the patriotism, reverence and sympathy of the sturdy mining people who subscribed the money. Men of all parties and creeds joined in the exercises. The singing of "Nearer, My God, to Thee" by the audience was one of the most impressive features of the day.

DOERS DYING BY HUNDREDS.

English Newspaper Shows Up the Horrible Work of the Government in Africa.

London. (By Cable)—The Daily News exhaustively surveys the concentration camps in South Africa, with the following conclusion:

The truth is that the death rate in the camps is comparatively worse than anything Africa or Asia can show. There is nothing to match it even in the mortality figures of the Indian famines, where cholera and other epidemics have to be contended with.

Statistics are produced in proof of this assertion. The government's advertisement for teachers for the camp children, setting forth that "the term of employment will be one year certain" is prominently displayed as evidence that the authorities have no intention of ending the wholesale destruction of human life.

The Daily News urges all humane men not to wait for official reports, but to insist "on the camps being broken up and the people distributed among their friends."

Preferred Death to Disgrace.

Louisville, Ky. (Special)—William Simpson, a salesman in the wholesale grocery house of Zinsmeister Brothers, committed suicide by swallowing carbolic acid when confronted with an alleged shortage of \$1,000. He said that two friends living at New Albany, Ind., his home, would make good the shortage, and while a member of the firm was telephoning to New Albany, Simpson took the poison, dying in 15 minutes.

"McKinley Order of Nurses."

Boston, Mass. (Special)—The nurses of Boston will submit to Governor Crane, chairman of the State commission on the McKinley Memorial, a unique plan to devote the fund to establishing the "McKinley Order of Nurses." The idea is to make the McKinley order in this country what the Victoria Order of Nurses is in England.

Killed the Girl He Loved.

Elizabethtown, Tenn. (Special)—Frank Kidwell, aged 23 years, shot and killed his sweetheart, Ada Thompson, aged 16 years, and then committed suicide. The cause for the tragedy is said to be the refusal of the girl's father to allow Kidwell to visit his daughter and her declaration to marry him.

Bank Robbers Active.

Chatham, Ill. (Special)—The Bank of Chatham was robbed of \$1,500 by burglars, who blew the safe. The robbers escaped on a handcar, which they abandoned after going to miles, and all trace of them is lost. Congressman R. F. Caldwell is almost the exclusive owner of the bank.

Two Children Die in Flames.

Quincy, Ill. (Special)—The farm house of D. B. Miller, twelve miles from here, was destroyed by fire and two children perished.

SUMMARY OF THE LATEST NEWS.

Domestic.

Morgan Harrington and Robert Taylor were attacked near Fayette, Miss., by Walter Bailey, Frank Peoples and another man whose name is unknown. Knives were used. Harrington was killed and Taylor mortally wounded. The police at Atlanta, Ga., arrested J. H. Alexander, a colored employee of the United States Government, on the charge of stealing \$4,000 from the satchel of Major Stevens, the army paymaster.

Miss Kate News, after a hearing in York, Pa., was held in default of \$1,500 bail on the charge of shooting Contractor Horace C. Eppley.

Four girls and a man were injured by the explosion of a cylinder in the Liberty Chemical Company Building in Philadelphia.

Early Ferguson, colored, who escaped from the county jail at Salem, Va., was brought back with a rope tied around his neck.

Mrs. Mary Hearn, of Buena Vista, Va., was burned to death, fire being communicated to her clothes from a lamp.

The charred remains of Thomas Dabney, colored, were found in the ruins of the Habington Building in Richmond, Virginia.

Dr. Charles M. Smith, who belonged to a prominent family of Winchester, Va., died at his home in Franklin, La., of a fatal disease.

Columbia University authorities deny that a chair in that institution has been offered to Minister Wu.

Three out of five of the convicts who escaped from the stockade near Leavenworth, Kan., were killed and the other two wounded in a fight with a posse. The five men had taken refuge in a barn.

A secret inquest into the deaths of Mrs. Mary E. Gibb and Mrs. Annie Gordon, alleged to have died of poison administered by Jane Toppan, was begun by the coroner at Buzzards Bay, Mass.

Governor Hunt of Porto Rico, reports that the sugar and coffee crops will be heavy. Fifty thousand children are now attending the schools, and 200,000 are unable to obtain tuition.

James Callahan was found guilty of perjury, this being admitted practically the second time of complicity in the Cudshy kidnaping.

Mrs. Archibald S. White, wife of the president of the National Salt Company, slipped on her bathroom floor and fractured her skull.

Viola Bender, aged 15 years, while in a rage, took strychnine, near Martinsburg, W. Va., and died from its effects. The Ellis Glenn case has been carried to the Supreme Court of the United States.

John D. Sarninghausen, a German editor, died at Port Wayne, Ind., aged 82 years.

Adolph F. Kraus, the sculptor, died at the Danvers (Mass.) Insane Hospital. The battle-ship Illinois will be sent to Algiers to test the new steel dry-dock.

Admiral Schley has accepted an invitation to go to Nashville in January. Ambark Benhadly, an acrobat, was killed by a train at Chester, Pa.

Oil has been found in Smyth county, Virginia. Fire in Bradford, Pa., caused a loss of \$150,000.

The police arrested in St. Louis Laura Bullion and a man named Longhough, who are believed to have participated in the express robbery on the Great Northern Railroad near Wagner, Mont.

Fifteen thousand acres of coal lands in Hancock county, West Virginia, and in Green township, Beaver county, Pennsylvania, were sold to the United States Steel Corporation at \$25 an acre.

Melvin Westental, 18 years old, was shot and fatally wounded in Hanover, Pa., by his cousin Harry Miller, who did not know the gun was loaded.

Telephone companies of Southern Pennsylvania have been united into a corporation, to be known as the Cumberland Valley Telephone Company.

Foreign.

General Uribe-Urbe, commanding the Colombian rebels, says there is no international war between Venezuela and Colombia, but a struggle between the Liberal and the Conservative parties of both countries. He is willing, he says, to accept the protection of the United States at the isthmus.

Sir Harry Johnston, in an address to the Royal Geographical Society, in London, upon his explorations in Uganda, said that, as a result of his study of the pigmies, he had concluded that they have no special language.

The administrative council of the arbitration tribunal will meet at The Hague November 20 to decide on the Boers' appeal against the ruling that the South African war is not subject to the court's consideration.

The British South African Compensation Company rejected the claim of the Frenchman, Martin, who wanted \$20,000 for alleged deportation from South Africa.

Dr. Deuntzer, the premier of Denmark, says that the Danish West Indies have not yet been sold to the United States, although negotiations are progressing.

Earthquake shocks continue in Armenia and the people are living in terror. United States Consul General Dickinson, in reply to Miss Stone's letter, has urged the brigands to still further reduce their demands and accept the amount subscribed, as the United States government will not contribute to the ransom.

The French government announces that the Sultan of Turkey has yielded to all demands, and it is expected that in two or three days Admiral Gaillard will cease to occupy the ports of the island of Mitylene.

The Liberal forces have captured the town of Tenuaco, about 100 miles south of Panama. They took 420 soldiers prisoners and captured five or six cannons.

TO DISPROVE KOCH'S THEORY

A Trained Nurse Becomes a Martyr to Science.

GERMS WERE TAKEN FROM A COW.

The Animal First Given Tuberculosis and Virus King is inoculated with Infection From It—If Dr. Barney's Statements Are True, the Health Authorities Say He Is Liable to Criminal Prosecution.

New York (Special)—Dr. George D. Barney, who has confirmed the report that he inoculated a young woman with germs taken from a tuberculous cow, expecting to prove by the development of positive symptoms in his subject the falsity of Professor Koch's theory that bovine tuberculosis is not communicable to human beings, denied that there was imminent danger to the patient in his experiment.

While of course, he said, the patient, who offered herself for the demonstration, has formally absolved him from all possible blame should the opposite prove to be the case, had the subject not yielded in the treatment, it is probable that the Brooklyn department of the Board of Health would have proceeded against Dr. Barney, but it was declared today that the official hands are tied.

"The fact that a certain danger is attached to the subject," said Dr. Barney, "is remembered that the mere appearance of positive tuberculous symptoms is all that is necessary to demonstrate the incorrectness of Prof. Koch's theory."

"In other words, as soon as the indications of a tuberculous condition manifest themselves the subject will be put under treatment, and, as she is unusually healthy and possessed of a splendid physique, she will not be restored to her normal condition."

For several years Dr. Barney has limited his practice to diseases of the chest, and has, he says, met with gratifying results in the treatment of tuberculosis in its earlier stages. It is that fact, he says, which emboldened him to make the experiment. He is confident that his treatment will be efficacious in immediately destroying the bacilli.

It is expected that the expected developments take place, but should her case become aggravated he admits he would be as powerless to handle it as would any other physician who believes that well-advanced consumption is incurable.

Miss King is carefully following the physician's orders, pending a result from the experiment. Her diet is general and she is kept in bed, but she has not been restricted. Her condition is examined twice a day.

Miss King is perhaps 28 years old, with a trim figure. She is well educated and vivacious in manner. She lives with her family in Manhattan Borough.

WALLER WINS HARD FIGHT.

Carries a Samar Stronghold After a Long Struggle—Two Americans Killed.

Manila, (By Cable)—Advices from Cebu, capital of Samar Island, report that Major Littleton W. T. Waller attacked a force of natives occupying a strong position at Sojton, two 3-inch guns being used to shell their stronghold.

Throughout the first day the natives held the place, but on the second day Major Waller renewed the attack, and after a desperate engagement carried the position. Privates George Lynch and E. A. Kloman, of the attacking force and 26 Filipinos were killed. Major Waller destroyed 70 houses.

General Smith has issued orders forbidding the purchase of hemp in the island of Leyte. All the ports in Leyte are closed and traffic is forbidden where it cannot be supervised by the military.

BANK ROBBERS IN THE WEST.

In One Place They Miss \$25,000, in Another They Take \$5,000.

Darien, Wis. (Special)—Robbers made an attempt to loot the Farmers' State Bank here, but were foiled by an overcharge of nitroglycerin.

The vault was wrecked and the front of the building blown out. In the vault was \$25,000 in cash and \$20,000 in negotiable securities, but the robbers were frightened off without securing any plunder and drove away in a buggy.

Scotland, S. D. (Special)—The Bank of Scotland was robbed of \$5,000. The safe was blown and its contents carried away. The explosion aroused residents who hurried to the building, just in time to see the robbers making their escape on horses.

Chicago, Ill. (Special)—Cicely, a short-horn cow, recently of the Queen Victoria herd in England, was sold here for \$1,000 to J. J. Robbins & Sons, of Horace, Ind. The animal cost Queen Victoria \$4,000 and bulls realized an average price of \$1,120. These are record figures for short-horn cattle for the past 25 years. The sales were made by W. B. Platt, of Hamilton, Ont., who recently imported the herd from England.

Steam Fitters' Horrible Fate. Kansas City, Mo. (Special)—Two steamfitters were killed and two others seriously injured by the blowing out of a valve in the water pumping apparatus at the Schwarzschild & Sulzberger packing plant in Armourdale, Kan. Nothing could be done to rescue the men until the flow of steam had exhausted itself. The injured men are in a serious condition.

Wonderful Leap by a Horse.

Chicago, (Special)—At the Horse Show here in the Coliseum the high jumper Hetherloom, a bay gelding, 6 years old and 16 hands high, owned by Howard Willets, of White Plains, N. Y., broke the world's indoor record for jumping horses. Hetherloom cleared the bar at 7 feet 4 1/2 inches, the previous record was made by Rosebery, who made a jump of 7 feet 3 1/2 inches in competition with Filemaker in this city several years ago.

NAVY'S GROWTH.

Rear Admiral Bradford Presents Some Interesting Facts in His Report.

Washington, D. C. (Special)—A striking illustration of the growth of the American Navy is presented in the single statement in the annual report of Rear-Admiral R. Bradford, Chief of the Equipment Bureau of the Navy, that he spent \$2,273,111 last fiscal year for 324,108 tons of coal at an average of \$7.01 per ton.

The report says that this was nearly 95,714 tons more than were used during the preceding fiscal year. Ten years ago the coal consumption was 73,900 tons per annum. The domestic coal of which there were used 105,000 tons cost \$8.50 per ton.

Rear Admiral Bradford has scattered American coal all over the world wherever suitable storage could be found. He has placed 12,000 tons at Yokohama and 5,000 tons at Pichilingue, Mexico, and he has been granted quantities to Guam and the Philippines. He carried 9,000 tons by water from the Atlantic coast to Mare Island, California, where it came into competition with English Cardiff coal. They have averaged the same in cost, viz., \$9.29 per ton, but at present, owing to the scarcity of American freight vessels, the best Cardiff coal is considerably cheaper at Mare Island. It is recommended that two large steam 10,000-ton colliers be built to keep deep-sea supplies in time of peace and to accompany the fleets in time of war.

Summarizing the work accomplished during the year the report takes up Cavite and says that the bureau is about to open bids for a 45,000-ton coaling station to be built at Cavite. Efforts have been made to obtain a site for a trim basin, but this has thus far without success. Coaling stations have been located at Port Isabella, Bassalin Island, and at Polok, Mindanao. A complete station has been established at Yokohama, Japan, and it is now fully stocked with coal. The same station is true at Pichilingue, Mexico.

The report also states that the United States Government, coal and colliers of the United States have been admitted to the station without port or customs of any kind.

EARL LI ANGERED BY RUSSIA.

A Violent Dispute Caused the Aged Viceroys' Death.

Pekin, (By Cable)—A violent dispute with M. Paul Lesar, Russian minister to China, over the Manchurian Treaty appears to have been the immediate cause of the death of Li Hung Chang.

The diplomatic events preceding this tragic climax have enabled Japan to claim the right to the territory of Russia. A fortnight ago the Japanese Legation secured a reliable outline of the terms of the treaty, and thereupon demanded that the Chinese plenipotentiaries comply with the terms of the treaty, basing the demand upon the allegation that Japanese interests were involved in any change of the status of Manchuria.

The Chinese plenipotentiaries refused to comply with the demand. Thereupon the Japanese government from Tokio communicated with the Southern viceroys and induced them to use their influence with the Emperor Dowager against the treaty. In the meantime the Empress Dowager instructed Li Hung Chang to communicate the treaty, after certain modifications, to the ministers of the powers, and if they did not object to sign the same.

Li Hung Chang visited M. Lassar and explained to him the instructions. The Russian Minister strongly objected to revealing the text of the treaty to the other powers, and a very stormy interview ensued. Li Hung Chang went home in a violent passion and had a hemorrhage, which, attributed to the overexertion of a weakened system.

CHARLESTON'S GREAT FAIR.

Many Exhibitors and Exhibits Already on the Grounds.

Charleston, S. C. (Special)—Exhibitors and concessionaires are coming to Charleston in large numbers, and during the last few days hundreds of exhibits have arrived here for the exposition. Mr. S. M. Meade, president of the New York State Commission, and four other members and employees of the commission reached Charleston Sunday by the steamer Comanche, and Monday 12 members of the advisory board of the exposition, including Mr. Gilbert, will arrive from New York.

The New York Commission has come to inspect the New York State building, and Mr. Gilbert's board of building, and the architect as to the last few finishing touches on the work he has done.

Mr. Houston, architect of the Philadelphia Building, is here also to receive the building from the contractor. It is ready for the Liberty Bell, which it will shelter during the exposition. More than 4,000 men are now employed on the exposition grounds, and the Midway city is going up as if by magic. The housing committee of the woman's department has already secured more than 10,000 lodgings for exposition visitors in private families and boarding houses.

INDIAN RELICS TO ORDER.

Missouri Farmer Indicted, Charged With Missing the Mails.

St. Louis, Mo. (Special)—The Federal grand jury indicted Daniel Levering, a Green county farmer, on a charge of using the mails to defraud.

Levering's scheme was a novel one, and his alleged victims were mostly professors of colleges throughout the country, and collectors. Bogus Indian relics of every description—axes, pipes, images and various other curiosities—were produced before the jury by witnesses, who said Levering had told them that he dug them out of mounds thousands of years old, where they had been placed by Indians. Levering's alleged victims not only chased large numbers of these "relics," paying large prices for them.

Robbers Dynamite a Bank. Campbellburg, Ind. (Special)—A gang of robbers wrecked the Bank of Campbellburg with nitroglycerine. The noise aroused the citizens, and before the robbers could reach the money in the safe armed citizens drove them from the building. Fifty shots were fired by the citizens, but apparently without effect. The fire was not returned. The robbers escaped.

Fatally Hurt in Football.

Cincinnati, Ohio, (Special)—Two football players were probably fatally hurt in games here. In the game between the University of Cincinnati and the Hanover (Ind.) College, James Kirkpatrick, left halfback of the University of Cincinnati, while making a tackle, had his spine injured and is reported to be in a very serious condition. Lou Runck was also carried off the field during the game between the Newport Xavier College and the Newport High School. Runck was left tackle of the Xavier team and was seriously injured.

To Prohibit Divorce.

Atlanta, Ga. (Special)—A bill has been introduced in the lower house of the legislature prohibiting divorces in Georgia.

USED THE SHERIFF AS A SHIELD

Escaped Convicts in Kansas Capture Their Pursuer.

POSSE WERE FINALLY ELUDED.

Arms Seized by Men Trying to Gain Liberty—Farmer Wounded—Fruitless Effort to Regain Custody of Two Prisoners Who Had Been Confined at Fort Leavenworth—Mrs. Wooster Fainted During Excitement.

Topeka, Kan. (Special)—Sheriff Cook and Deputy Sheriff Williams, of Shawnee county, were captured at Pauline, five miles from Topeka, by two escaped convicts from the Fort Leavenworth Military Prison and held prisoners for several hours in the farmhouse of a man named Wooster.

The convicts escaped through a line of police sent from Topeka to reinforce the Sheriff. Both were slightly wounded. Wooster was badly wounded by one of the convicts when he tried to fire on them. Mrs. Wooster and Sheriff Cook were held before the convicts as a shield to make their escape.

At 2 p. m. of the afternoon several farm boys living near Pauline learned that the convicts were in the neighborhood. Hastily forming a posse armed with target rifles, pistols and clubs they went in search. Neither of the convicts was armed, and they were unable to make a stand. Later Sheriff Cook and Deputy Williams arrived. Going upon the convicts both officers fired, wounding the men, but not disabling them.

The convicts then fled through a small opening in the timber and ran into the house of Farmer Wooster. Sheriff Cook telephoned to Topeka for assistance and then took up the chase. Thinking the convicts had run around the house, Cook darted through the open door, intending to surprise them at the rear door. But instead of this the convicts had gone into the house and the officer almost fell into their arms.

Sheriff Cook was ordered to give up his gun, which he did. Deputy Williams by this time had reached the house and entered without knowing what had happened inside, and he, too, was made captive by the convicts.

One of the convicts told Sheriff Cook that he would be killed if he made the slightest move looking toward their capture. In the meantime the policemen outside had surrounded the building, but were afraid to make the move lest Cook and Williams would suffer.

Then after exacting a promise from the Sheriff that he would not permit any of the officers outside to fire on them they started for the open. As they left the house the frightened farmer, his wife and the submissive Sheriff before them, the convicts passed between a captured them and started for the railroad track. The Sheriff in turn had exacted a promise from the police that they would not molest the convicts, and they did not.

After covering a considerable distance down the track the convicts suddenly disappeared through a hedge fence, hiding the officers a mocking farewell.

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NATIONAL CAPITAL AFFAIRS.

Mr. Root Has His Troubles.

Secretary Root is very much perplexed in preparing his annual report on account of the delay in receiving the report of the Philippine Commission.

The commission's report, together with a special survey sent to the Philippines to report on the banking and currency conditions of the island, left Manila on the transport Sheridan. Two weeks ago the Sheridan broke down in Japan and the Warren was ordered to bring her passengers and important mail. A few days ago the Warren broke down, and the Hancock has just sailed from Manila to take her place.

These accidents will prevent the report of the Philippine Commission, as well as the report of the special representative on currency, from reaching Secretary Root at this time to be used in his annual report. Meanwhile he is using such information as has already been prepared in the Bureau of Insular Affairs, but it is likely that a supplemental report will be made by the Secretary, covering the Philippines and based upon the commission's report.

Great Change at West Point.

Secretary Root has just issued an order changing the regulations relative to admission to West Point so that the Academic Board may accept candidates who are graduates of the schools or students of colleges and universities without requiring them to pass the mental examination prescribed by the Department.

The important paragraph added is: "The Academic Board will consider, and may accept, in lieu of the regular mental entrance examination the proper-ly attested examination papers of an applicant who receives his appointment to a public competitive examination, or the properly attested certificate of graduation from a public high school in which subjects heretofore prescribed for candidates, or a properly attested certificate that the candidate is a regular student of any incorporated college or university."

Sword to Go Next.

Army officers consider it as probable that the ornate swords worn in the service at no distant day will be discarded as a part of a soldier's equipment.

The sword is believed to be of little use in these days of long-distance fighting and serves now little other purpose than as an emblem of authority. British officers in the South African campaign have found the sword often hampered them in battle, and there have been few, if any, occasions where it was used as a weapon of attack or defense. Hand-to-hand encounters are thought to have passed away with the advent of smokeless powder and modern small arms. The cavalry may continue to use the sword, but there are so few reasons for retaining it as an implement of warfare that it is regarded as likely to be the next arm rejected as obsolete.

Investigating Dr. Mary Walker.

The Pension Bureau is investigating utterances attributed to Dr. Mary Walker, an ex-army nurse who has worn masculine attire for many years, and who is alleged to have spoken of the execution of Leon F. Colquhoun as a murder, and the late President himself a murderer on account of his policy in the Philippines.

Special Examiner F. C. McLaughlin, while investigating the case, has no authority to keep on file at the bureau her report in readiness for submission to Congress in case that body should call for it. Commissioner Evans says he has no authority to revoke the pension, but that Congress could do so if it desired.

Wants Less Duty on Tea.

Secretary Gage will probably recommend in his annual report that the duty on tea imported into this country be cut in half.

The duty is 10 cents a pound. In 1900 the importations of tea amounted to 33,303,377 pounds, valued at \$10,325,287. This tea paid duty of \$8,330,307. The importations in the fiscal year ended June 30, 1901, were 39,806,452 pounds, at a value of \$11,077,876, which the duty was \$8,868,645.

The Secretary will argue that the importation results in an inferior grade of tea being sent to the United States, and that the revenues can very well afford to lose \$2,000,000, or half the duty now collected.

Christmas Gifts to Soldiers Free.

Secretary Root has issued the customary order suspending the operations of the local tariff laws in the Philippines and Cuba so as to permit, under reasonable conditions, the free importation into the islands of packages and articles clearly intended as Christmas presents for soldiers and sailors and other United States employes. The order which takes effect immediately, will run until January 15 next.

Philippine Cable Extended.

Gen. A. W. Greeley has received a cablegram from Manila announcing that the Islands of Marbat and Panay have been connected by cable. It is expected that this cable will materially assist the army operations in progress.

Capital News in General.

Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, protested to the President against the arrest of Santiago Iglesias, who was sent to Porto Rico by the American Federation to organize the workingmen of the island.

The board of visitors of the Naval Observatory recommends that the head of the institution should be a civilian of high rank instead of a naval officer temporarily transferred to the place.

The Secretary of War ordered the gathering of a board of officers to consider important matters connected with the military administration.