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Every country is disposed to put the
construction on the Monroe doctrine
that suits its interests. It should be
remembered, however, that no inter-
pretation is valid until it receives the
indorsement of the United States.

The tests made on the German mili-
tary electric railroad between Berlin
and Zossen have already produced
speeds exceeding 100 miles an hour, and
the safety, in the opinion of railway
engineers.

Because a pert telephone girl in
Seattle, Wash., refused to connect a
subscriber with the fire department
when he wanted to give notice of a
loss of \$60,000 was incurred, and
the telephone company is being
sued for damages by the person thus
harmed and by the insurance company
which suffered the loss.

In 1880 there were seven pulp and
paper mills in Maine, having a cap-
acity of about \$2,500,000. At
the present there are 30 pulp mills
and paper mills, with a daily capac-
ity of about 2165 tons of pulp and
paper. The amount of capital invested
in the business is not far from \$30,000,000.
These mills consume about 350,000,000
feet of lumber each year.

In 1898 there had been no rub-
ber planting in Nicaragua beyond a
few fruitless experiments on the At-
lantic coast of Nicaragua. In 1898 the
work began on what may be called a
rubber boom, and each year since the
rubber planters has increased. It
is safe to say that in this vicinity
\$500,000 in gold value is now being ex-
ported yearly in growing rubber ex-
clusively.

Statistics issued by the British In-
dian department of revenue show that
the mineral production of the British
Indian empire is not very promising.
Of salt about 1,000,000 tons is annually
produced; of saltpetre, about 20,000
tons; and coal to the extent of 6,000,000
tons. Gold and silver were valued at
about \$10,000,000, mostly from Mysore.
Diamonds and Assam have yielded 38,000,000
gallons of petroleum.

The competition for coronation
knights in England it has been decided
to close the age of battle as champion of
the king against his enemies, that the
office of herb strewer shall be
abolished, and that the coronation
knights in armor shall throw
their hats as a sign of respect.

The St. Louis Republic remarks that
the Emperor William of Germany will un-
questionably be amply repaid in prac-
tical knowledge for the close and
searching study of American naval de-
velopments to which he is now devoting
so much of his time and august
attention. In all probability the Ger-
man Kaiser is witnessing the building
of the greatest navy yet known in the
world's history. The supreme teach-
ing of world-potities is that the pres-
ence of a nation depends upon that
nation's sea power.

The swamping of the submarine boat
Fulton at her wharf in New York City
does not necessarily reflect upon her
qualities as a diver. She went under
because a workman negligently left a
hatch open while her stern was being
hoisted out of water for repairs. Nat-
urally the water entered the hole and
the craft foundered. The carelessness
of an individual has spoiled many an
elaborate scheme before now. One
man's inattention to orders brought
two trains into a head-on collision the
other day in Michigan, and caused the
death of many people. Yet the rail-
road is not to be condemned as a
worthless institution. The Royal
George was lost because somebody
blundered, and yet she was the finest
vessel of her type afloat at the time.
When some ingenious fellow invents a
device which will be proof against
human carelessness or error, he will
have scored the greatest of all suc-
cesses.

DRUNKEN FATHER'S HORRIBLE CRIME

Kills His Wife and Cuts and Hacks Sleeping Children.

RAIL-SPLITTER USED AS WEAPON.

The Three Children Were Asleep in One of the Beds, and the Brutal Father Rushed to the Bed and Rained Blow After Blow Upon the Sleeping Little Ones—There Is Very Little Hope of Their Recovery.

Pittsburg, (Special).—A ghastly dis-
covery was made here, when some
neighbors, hearing cries coming from
the residence of Vincenzo Visolek, a Pole,
broke open the doors and found the bed-
room of the house saturated with blood.
Mrs. Visolek lay beside her bed, her
face and head almost crushed beyond
recognition, dead. Three little children
lying on the floor had their heads and
bodies covered with cuts and gashes,
and the husband and father himself, al-
most dead, lay near them.

From what could be learned of the
tragedy it appears that Visolek came
home intoxicated and assaulted his wife
with a rail-splitter. The first blow in-
flicted an ugly gash on her shoulders and
knocked her down, but she was on her
feet again in an instant, and with such
weapons as she could find in the room,
defended herself.

The three children were asleep in one
of the beds, and the brutal father, an-
gered at his wife, rushed to the bed and
rained blow after blow upon the sleep-
ing little ones. The sharp edge of the
cutter hacked the children in a frightful
manner, and the hospital physicians say
there is very little hope of their recovery.
The attack on the children infuriated
the wife, and with a knife in each hand
she sprang at her husband and stabbed
him a number of times. He managed to
get in several blows during the close bat-
tle, and seeing that she was getting
weak, he gave her a shove. As she stag-
gered back he brought the cutter down
on her skull with all his force, crushing
her skull. She fell to the floor dead.

By the time he had killed his wife Vi-
solek was exhausted. He sank on the
floor and lay there throughout the night,
unable to move. The moans of the chil-
dren, and the crying of one of them who
was still alive, attracted the attention of
the neighbors. Developments add mystery
to the tragedy. Three Poles who were
boarders in the Visolek house are under
arrest, and the police are scouring the
city for John Okenski, who was also a
boarder, but who has not been seen since
the murder was discovered.

BRITISH SHIP BLOWN UP?

Bodies of Hundreds of Mules Floating on Waters of the Gulf.

New Orleans, (Special).—It is be-
lieved in shipping circles here that a
British transport laden with American
mules bound for South Africa has been
intercepted and blown up by a Boer spy
in the Gulf of Mexico or else has found-
ered.

A schooner arriving on the lower
coast reports hundreds of dead mules
floating on the waters of the gulf for a
distance of 30 miles. This news has
excited shippers, who fear that further
attempts will be made to stop the ex-
port of mules to Cape Town.

Conservative persons attribute the
floating carcasses to a disaster to one
of the British vessels during the storm
that have been raging near the coast this
week.

At Quintana, Texas, Captain Peterson
of the schooner Olga, reports having
seen long rows of dead cattle and mules
floating in the water.

Strikes Cost Half a Million.

Indianapolis, Ind. (Special).—The
auditing board of the United Mine
Workers of America met in this city to
examine the annual report of Secretary-
Treasurer Wilson, which will be pre-
sented at the convention of mine workers
here. The finances of the order, the
report will show, are in good shape, not-
withstanding heavy drains made on the
treasury by strikes during the year in
West Virginia, Kentucky, Kansas and
Indiana. These strikes, it is said, have
cost the organization more than \$500,000.
The secretary-treasurer handles funds
amounting annually to between \$300,000
and \$400,000.

Blown to Pieces by Dynamite.

Williamsport, Pa., (Special).—A dis-
patch from Karthaus, Clearfield county,
says: Three negroes were blown to
pieces and seven others hurt in a dynamite
explosion. The explosion occurred in
one of the shanties occupied by
negro laborers employed on the New
West Branch railroad.

Shortly before 3 o'clock several of the
negroes who were to go to work in the
new tunnel at Karthaus, on an early
shift, arose and began thawing dynamite
at a wood stove. Soon afterward the
dynamite at the stove exploded and
three negroes who were about the stove
were literally blown to pieces.

Fatal Boiler Explosion.

Charleston, W. Va., (Special).—
News reached this city from the interior
of the county of a disastrous boiler ex-
plosion at Island Branch. The boiler of
Peter Shaffer's saw and grist mill ex-
ploded, the boiler going through the roof,
demolishing the millhouse and killing
John Shaffer, the son of the owner, be-
sides injuring six men, several perhaps
fatally. A team of horses standing
nearby was scalded in a terrible manner.

Threw Acid on Wrong Man.

Aurora, Ill., (Special).—Charles
Straussburger, of Chicago, a student
for the priesthood, was the mistaken
victim of an acid thrower at the Chicago,
Burlington and Quincy depot here. The
fluid missed his eyes, but the right cheek
and side of his nose were burned. The
thrower took a second look at his vic-
tim, cried out: "My God, I've got the
wrong man," and fled. Straussburger
was able to return to his home in Chi-
cago.

SUMMARY OF THE LATEST NEWS.

Domestic.

The Santa Fe, it is stated, will issue
\$30,000,000 of bonds, of which \$13,000,000
is to be used in practically renewing
the equipment of the road.
The Cincinnati Southern Railroad
Company placed an order with the
Southern Car and Foundry Company
for \$1,250,000 worth of cars.
A mob stormed the jail at Flemings-
burg, Ky., to secure Charles Gaskins,
colored, accused of murder, but the
sheriff kept the prisoner.
It is rumored at New Orleans that a
Boer spy has blown up in the Mexican
Gulf a British transport loaded with
mules.

It is reported that the British warship
Condor was lost in a typhoon on her
way from Victoria, B. C., to Honolulu.
Hon. David McConaughy, the oldest
member of the Adams county (Pa.) bar,
is dead.
Vincent Venecelski, a Pole, while
drunk, killed his wife and children at
Pittsburg.

United States Senator Joseph B. For-
aker was re-elected by the Ohio Legis-
lature.
Norman P. Eyre was killed at Phila-
delphia by a train.

Fire caused a damage of \$150,000 in
Los Angeles.
Fire in St. Louis caused a loss of
\$200,000.

E. G. Rathbone, in his examination at
the trial of the Cuban postoffice fraud
cases in Havana, said he did not take
part in any campaign having for its pur-
pose his appointment as civil governor
of Cuba.

Colonel Marasigan, a Filipino insur-
gent leader, together with 18 other offi-
cers and 245 men, surrendered at Toel,
Batanzas, which section is now report-
ed to be practically clear of hostile
forces.

George H. Phillips, the former "corn
king" of Chicago, has lost heavily by
the break in rye, and his attorney says
he is "broke."

A second headless body was found
within a week on the beach near Fort
Casey, Washington State.
The Pennsylvania Railroad Company's
offer for the Pennsylvania and North-
western was accepted.

James B. McCreary was elected Sen-
ator from Kentucky by the two houses
in separate session.
Mrs. Harriet B. Holmes, a sister of
Benjamin F. Butler, died at her home,
in San Jose, Cal.

George H. Phillips, the noted Chicago
speculator, known as the "Corn King,"
was caught short of his margins yester-
day and failed to respond to the limit
of his calls after settling \$105,000 in
margins. He was given until this morn-
ing to settle over \$100,000 more.

The report of Frank W. Arnold, grand
secretary-treasurer of the Brotherhood
of Locomotive Firemen, shows that of
the 50,000 locomotive firemen in the
United States and Canada 40,720 are
members.

The "Cannon Ball" train of the Bal-
timore and Ohio crashed into a trolley
car at North Benwood, near Wheeling,
W. Va., killing the motorman and slight-
ly injuring five passengers.
Lottie Richards, an 11-year-old girl,
who is an acrobat, disappeared from her
home, in St. Louis.

Foreign.

According to present plans, Prince
Henry of Prussia will sail on the Kron-
prinz Wilhelm on February 15 and meet
the imperial yacht Hohenzollern at
Newport News, whence the Prince and
his retinue will go up the Potomac to
Washington. Rear Admiral Evans has
been selected to have charge of the
naval reception.

The Venezuelan government has re-
fused to allow a Frenchman to land at
La Guaira to look after his father's es-
tates and the French consul is much
stirred up.

At a review of guards about to depart
for South Africa King Edward said that
there would be an early declaration of
peace in South Africa.
Ex-Director Rathbone continued his
testimony in his trial at Havana, on the
charge of being concerned in postoffice
frauds.

Herr Wolf, a pan-American leader,
who recently figured in a social scandal,
was elected to the Austrian Reichsrath.
Prince Charles of Sweden and his
wife attended the ball given by Minister
Thomas at the American Legation.

The London Central News reports
that, owing to doctrinal differences, Gen-
eral Booth's son-in-law and daughter,
Mr. and Mrs. Booth-Clibborn, have re-
signed from the Salvation Army and
joined Dowie's church.

At the Russian New Year's reception
the Czar and Czarina expressed to
United States Ambassador Tower their
gratification at the good feeling in the
United States toward Russia.
Prince Henry of Prussia, on his return
from the United States, will be deputed
to represent Emperor William at the cor-
onation of King Edward.

The British steamer Nanning was fired
on by Chinese soldiers in the Tam Chan
Channel, and Rev. C. R. L. Cowan, chap-
lain, was wounded.
Max Regis was sentenced to three
years in prison in Algiers for failure to
pay judgments obtained against him in
libel suits.

The Earl of Wicklow and Lady Gladys
Hamilton, daughter of the Duke and
Duchess of Abercorn, were married in
London.
The report of the Russian Finance
Minister accompanying the budget says
the country's finances are in good condi-
tion.
Lord Kitchener hopes soon to capture
De Wet, and Bruce Hamilton reports
having just missed Botha.

Admiral Prince Henry of Prussia will
be attended on his visit to the United
States by German army and naval offi-
cers. They will sail for New York
about February 15 on a passenger liner.
The imperial yacht Hohenzollern will
sail next Saturday, in command of Ad-
miral Count von Baudissin.

GEO. H. PHILLIPS CORN KING BROKE

Caught By Men He Worsted in His Former Deals.

WIPED OFF THE FINANCIAL SLATE.

He Puts the Amount Involved in His Trouble at \$200,000—Was Long About \$120,000 Rye, 5,000,000 Wheat and 600,000 Corn and Oats When the Break on Rye Began— Could Not Stand the Heavy Calls.

Chicago, (Special).—George H. Phil-
lips, the former "Corn King," has been
worsted in the market, and has lost a
fortune in two days. A notice was post-
ed at the opening of the Board of Trade
calling for the closing of all open deals
with Phillips. A heavy call for extra
margins is said to have been the cause
of the posting of the notice. The trou-
ble was due to a 3/4-cent break in rye.
Jacob Ringer, attorney for Phillips, gave
out a statement, saying that his client
had been practically wiped off the finan-
cial slate. "He is broke," said Mr. Rin-
ger. "Men whom he worsted in former
deals went after him, and they got him."

Mr. Phillips gave out a statement, in
part, as follows:
"The amount involved in my trouble
is about \$200,000. My customers had
their trades well margined, and if the
trades closed out bring a fair price, I
can meet all my obligations. I was
"long" about 1,200,000 rye, 6,000,000 wheat
and 600,000 corn and oats. Saturday a
member of the board interested in break-
ing the rye market sent notices calling
for an extra margin of 10 per cent on
rye. This naturally caused selling or-
ders Monday, and the representative of
the member mentioned, finding the mar-
ket bare of orders, forced the market
down three cents. This was done in a
moment, and the news, flashed all over
the country, caused consternation among
holders of rye contracts, many of whom
sold on a weak market. A decline of one
cent in wheat, coupled with rumors
reflecting on my strength, resulted in un-
usually heavy calls for margins. I was
for the moment unprepared, and the only
alternative left was to close out. I
have no excuses to offer and no com-
plaints to make.

H. Hurlbert, Phillips' office manager,
declared that the suddenness of the
call for the extra per cent margins
which had embarrassed Mr. Phillips, He
stated that Phillips had traded but little
on his own account, the grain for the
most part belonging to customers.

NEGRO NEARLY KILLS WOMAN.

A Horrible Crime Committed in Lynchburg, Virginia.

Lynchburg, Va., (Special).—The most
dastardly crime ever perpetrated in this
city occurred when Mrs. Ralph Webber,
a young married lady living on Monroe
street, was outraged and desperately
wounded by an unknown negro man.
The brute, after having accomplished
his purpose, dragged her to the floor and
threw her, he placed his knee on her
head and with a knife cut her throat al-
most from ear to ear. Mrs. Webber,
in her attempt to save her life had both
hands gashed, the left thumb being cut
and the ball of the middle finger of the
right hand being nearly sliced off. In
addition to this, she has a big bruise on
her right temple, where the friend's knee
rested.

The negro disappeared, and Mrs. Web-
ber, although desperately wounded, stag-
gered to the next house above, which is
occupied by Mrs. R. B. Wood. She called
for help as she went and managed to
reach her neighbor's door, where she
fainted from loss of blood and fell to the
ground. Her cries had been heard by
a colored man and help was summoned,
a physician and nurses soon being at
hand. She describes the negro as being
almost as light-colored as a white man,
of medium height, with no mustache,
and well dressed.

A. P. GORMAN FOR SENATE.

Maryland Democrats Send Him to Wash- ington Again.

Annapolis, Md., (Special).—Ex-Sena-
tor Arthur P. Gorman was chosen by the
Democratic members of the Legisla-
ture to again represent Maryland in the
United States Senate.
He will succeed Senator George L.
Wellington on March 4, 1903.
He received every Democratic vote
in each branch of the General Assem-
bly—17 in the Senate and 51 in the
House.
Mr. William H. Jackson received all
the Republican ballots—52 in number—
or 16 less than Mr. Gorman.
State Treasurer Vandiver was re-
elected to that office.

Walla Walla Raft.

Aberdeen, Wash., (Special).—A raft
of the ill-fated steamer Walla Walla was
brought into port here by the steamer
Melville Dollar. The raft was picked
up on the 9th, 16 miles southwest of
Crescent City and 75 miles north of the
scene of the disaster. On the raft were
found a coat, a jacket, two life belts
and a felt hat. The pocket of the jacket
contained papers, showing that the owner
was W. J. Shiel, a waiter on the Walla
Walla.

Nicaragua Celebrated Over Canal.

Managua, Nicaragua, (By Cable).—
There is great rejoicing in the official
circles of Nicaragua over the news by
cable that the Nicaraguan canal bill has
passed the House of Representatives.
The national band at Managua played
"Hail Columbia," and salutes were fired
from the battery.

Murdered by a Helper.

Uniontown, Pa., (Special).—At the
new Sharon Steel Company mines, eight
miles west of this place, Henry Grant
almost instantly killed William Jenkins.
Jenkins was shift boss on the gang sink-
ing the shaft and Grant had been in
charge of the drilling machine. He
proved unskillful, and was reduced to
helper, while Jenkins put his brother in
Grant's place. Just as the men quit work
Grant slipped up behind Jenkins, plung-
ed a big knife through his body and ran,
escaping in the confusion.

NATIONAL CAPITAL

Department of Commerce

The Senate Committee on Com-
merce authorized a favorable report on Sen-
ator Nelson's bill for the creation of an
executive department of the Government
to be known as the Department of Com-
merce.

Besides providing for an additional
member of the Cabinet, known as a sec-
retary of commerce, the bill provides
for an assistant secretary and a com-
plement of officers. Under the new de-
partment shall be the following offices
and bureaus:

Life-Saving service, Lighthouse
Board, Light-house service, Marine Hos-
pital service, Steamboat Inspection ser-
vice, Bureau of Navigation and United
States Shipping Commissioners, Bureau
of Immigration, Bureau of Statistics,
the United States Coast and Geodetic
Survey, the Commissioner of Railroads,
the Census Office, the Patent Office, the
Department of Labor, Commissioner of
Fish and Fisheries, Bureau of Foreign
Commerce, now in the State Department,
to be consolidated with the Bureau of
Statistics.

There are also to be established a bu-
reau of manufactures and a bureau of
mines and mining. The new department
is designed to promote commerce and
gather and furnish all information upon
commerce and industries. It also will
relieve the other departments, notably
the Treasury, of a great amount of work
now performed there.

Three Months' Work in Vain.

An adjournment of the Pan-American
Congress, which has been in session in
the City of Mexico for the last three
months, is expected in a few days.
Advices received by the Bureau of
American Republics are to the effect that
the congress as about abandoned hope
of a successful solution of the arbitra-
tion plan to which Chili has strenuous-
ly objected, and that the prospects of an
adjournment without any definite re-
sults having been obtained on this im-
portant question, seem now practically
settled. Chili has succeeded in prevent-
ing action by the congress on this sub-
ject, and it is still fighting to prevent even
a motion being submitted on the floor
of the congress which it is believed
would result in a majority favorable to
some form of arbitration, not necessari-
ly compulsory.

The United States, by its refusal to
force matters and bring Chili to terms,
will probably cause an adjournment of
the congress without any positive con-
clusions as to arbitration.

Hepburn Bill Passes.

The Hepburn Nicaragua Canal bill
passed the House by practically a unani-
mous vote. Only two members out of
310 voted against it—Messrs. Fletcher
(Rep., Minn.) and Lassiter (Dem., Va.).
The opposition to committing the Gov-
ernment to the Nicaragua route at-
tempted to secure amendments to lodge
with the President the discretionary
power to purchase and complete the Pan-
ama canal, if it could be purchased for
\$40,000,000. The text came on the first
vote, when the advocates of an alterna-
tive route polled 102 against 170 votes.
At each succeeding vote their strength
diminished, until Mr. Cannon (Ill.), under
whose leadership the fight was made,
was unable to get the ayes and nays on a
motion to recommit. All other amend-
ments failed and the bill passed exactly
as it came from the committee. None
of the votes, except that on the final pas-
sage of the bill, was a record vote.

Quicker Special Delivery.

In connection with efforts the Postoffice
Department is making to expedite the
delivery of mails in cities, a new scheme
for quicker dispatch of special delivery
letters is under consideration by Assis-
tant Postmaster General Shallenberger.

This contemplates attaching a supple-
mental letter-box to the regular letter-
boxes on the streets, with a view to de-
positing therein only the special deliv-
ery letters. This will be of much benefit
to sections of cities remote from the
postoffice. As special delivery messengers
would make a rapid round of these spe-
cial delivery boxes at frequent intervals,
transferring the ordinary letters error-
neously deposited to the regular boxes and
carrying the special deliveries to the
postoffice immediately to the addresses.

For a Permanent Census Bureau.

The Senate Committee on Census
unanimously agreed to recommend the
passage of the bill introduced by Sen-
ator Hale to create a permanent census
bureau. The committee was addressed
by Director Merriam, who said that
with a permanent establishment the
work of the bureau could be done bet-
ter and more economically.

\$15,000 Salary for Ex-President.

Representative Lovering, of Massachu-
setts, introduced a bill providing a sal-
ary for ex-Presidents of the United
States at the rate of \$25,000 annually
from the date of retirement from the
Presidency. The bill is to apply to any
ex-President living at the time the law
is enacted.

Capital News in General.

The President and Cabinet consid-
ered plans for the entertainment of Prince
Henry of Prussia. Admiral Dewey's old
flagship, the Olympia, may escort the im-
perial yacht Hohenzollern and thunder
a salute to the German prince. Rear
Admiral Robley D. Evans may be ap-
pointed in charge of the naval reception
in New York Bay.

There was a tilt in executive session
between Senators Blackburn and Deboe
over the nomination of S. C. Sharp as
United States marshal, which was con-
firmed.

The House passed the Pension Appro-
priation Bill and the resolution provid-
ing for memorial services in the House
in honor of Mr. McKinley on February
27.

Hon. Henry C. Payne was sworn in as
Postmaster-General.
The Secretary of State announced that
Whitelaw Reid would be special ambassa-
dor to the coronation of King Edward.
Gen. James H. Wilson to represent the
Army, and Capt. Charles H. Clark to
represent the Navy.

A bill was introduced in Congress to
lace cases where aliens have been
traced under federal jurisdiction.

MINING EXPLOSION

Shaft Was Not Injured and Fire Did Little Damage.

OVERCOME BY THE AFTER-DAMP.

The Ten Men Who Lost Their Lives Were the Only Persons in the Pit, and None Was Left to Tell the Story—All the Bodies Were Recovered—The Victims Had Been in the Employ of the Company for Some Time.

South McAlester, I. T., (Special).—
Ten miners lost their lives in the explo-
sion in Mine No. 9 of the Milby and
Dow Mining Company, at Dow, I. T.

The 10 men who lost their lives were
the only persons in the pit, and none
was left to tell the story. All the bodies
were recovered, and as none was burn-
ed, the conclusion is that death was due
to afterdamp. The explosion did not
injure the shaft, which was a new one,
and the fire that followed was put out
before it did much damage.

The sound of the explosion was heard
plainly at the surface, and rescuers im-
mediately went to work. The explosion
occurred at a depth of 230 feet. The
machinery was not injured, and the em-
ploy of the company for some time, and
most of them were men with families.

The mine had not yet been thoroughly
opened. Experienced mining men say it
is remarkable that gas should have ac-
cumulated in sufficient quantity in a new
mine to cause an explosion.

YIELDING TO GEN. BELL.

Philippine Leaders in Batangas Surrender Unconditionally.

Manila, (By Cable).—Colonel Mari-
ganan, Major Cabrera and a renegade
priest, Padre Castillo, who is alleged to
have stolen a valuable image of the Vir-
gin from a church, for which it is al-
leged, he obtained large sums of money,
have surrendered unconditionally to
General Bell, who is conducting the
campaign against the insurgents in Ba-
tangas.

They had control of the district of
Toaie, extending westward to the sea,
including the towns of Banan and Gue-
boa. An agreement has been made that
these chiefs shall on Monday absolutely
surrender every man and gun in their
district. It is estimated that 160 rifles
will be turned in. Many men and rifles
have been captured during the past few
days, and small engagements occur daily.

General Bell visited the city, and had
a conference with General Chaffee. He
says the present campaign is securing
valuable results, and that it is possible
that General Malvar, the insurgent lead-
er, will surrender next week.

The United States Commission has ap-
propriated \$2,500,000 for insular ex-
penditures during the first quarter of the
year.

CHICAGO BURGLAR HAD NERVE.

Tells Sick Woman He is a Physician and Writes a Prescription.

Chicago, (Special).—While Mrs. W.
W. Reynolds of 434 Calumet avenue,
who is ill and under the care of a physi-
cian, was in a light sleep a man appear-
ed in the room. Removing his overcoat,
he approached Mrs. Reynolds and said:
"Doctor—cannot be here today,
and requested me to make his call."

Then he gently lifted the patient's
hand and felt her pulse.
"Ah!" he murmured, "just a slight
trace of fever."
Inquiring whether she had rested well,
he took notes of her appetite, and what
what purported to be a prescription and
left. Five hundred dollars' worth of
jewels were missing. The prescription
read: "I am sorry I had to steal like