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Railroad Will Sood be Operated by the Americans

INSURGENTS MAKING A STRONG EFFORT TO DIVERT THE AT-TENTION OF THE AMERICANS FROM THETRAIL OF THEIR FUGITIVE COMMANDER.

Manila, Nov. 15.-The heavy rain continues and typhoon signals are still displayed. There is little news from Lawton but it is known that one troop of cavalry has reached Bambang and another Arito. These towns are in the Our dress goods department is still immediate neighborhood of Bayombong, whither it is supposed Aguinaldo intion to our line of black goods, which tended to flee after quitting Tarlac.

Lieutenant Colonel Howze, with six companies of the Thirty-fourth infantry, occupied Victoria, northeast of Tarlac, yesterday without opposition. MacArthur's scouts, reconnoitering northeast of Tarlac, got close enough to We will offer for Monday and Tuesday the retreating insurgents to hear the train whistle bearing them off as they moved out. It is believed the railroad is in good condition and will soon be in operation by the Americans.

> PUSHING RAPIDLY NORTH. Washington, Nov. 15 .- War department officials still believe that Aguinaldo has fled to Bayombong, leaving the greater part of his army to follow him. From Otis' report it appears that American troops hold all the principal roads leading to the north country, and while Young is pushing rapidly on to Baylombong, other forces under Wheaton and MacArthur will operate against the insurgents, keeping them from breaking through and joining Aguinaldo in the north.

REBELS' DESPERATE STRAITS.

Manila, Nov. 15 .- The Chicago Record's correspondent cables: The occupation of Tarlac and the valley to the north, along the Manila and Dagupan railroad, is considered of great importance by American officials. They expect to be in full control of the valley from Manila to

Dagupan within the next few days. * The Filipino army is routed and in hidthe goods, and quote you prices, * ing. Little or no resistance is expect-* ed from the insurgents in those parts will sell you. Our discounts are * of the valley not yet occupied by the Americans. When the insurgents are completely driven out of this fertile territory subsistence will become a serious problem with them. It is thought here that an organized force cannot be put in the field again by Ag-

uinaldo.

When Colonel Bell, with his regiment the Thirty-sixth infantry, entered Tarlac, the Filipino capital, last Monday Aguinaldo was not there, and his army had also decamped. Reports from the insurgent lines and documents found in the deserted capital indicate that Aguinaldo left Tarlac on November 10. If this information be correct he has failed to escape to Bayonbong, whither the most portable belongings of the peripatetic government of the Filipino republic were taken some days ago. General Young's cavalry holds the line of retreat to Baylonbong, and Aguinaldo will find it very difficult to get away from the Americans if he has got

as late a start as is reported. CAPTURED GUARD OF HONOR. A guard of honor, consisting of 173 bolomen who came down from the how it caught. He had \$1,400 insurmountains to receive Aguinaldo and ance on the building and furniture. escort him to his new capital, and his He will begin at once the erection of a secretary, have been captured by the four-room house for temporary use. Americans. This seems to prove that Aguinaldo did not reach/the mountains, and that therefore, he is hemmed in by the cavalry line, which is on the alert

and eager for his capture. General Young and General Lawton hold the entire country which must be traversed to reach the mountain passes. The escape of the insurgents in be on the lookout and be sure and see my that direction therefore, seems almost samples of five and ben cup Egg Poach- impossible. General Wheaton controls ers. Perfection Cake Tins, Rotary Cake the north end of the valley and the and Doughnut Cutters, and Self-Bast- important coast road which is the main

TRYING TO DIVERT ATTENTION. There are indications that the intion of any kind, no corners or seams surgents are trying to divert the atbecome filled with burnt grease, re- tention of the Americans from the trail tains all juices and flavors, renews the of their fugitive commander. The youth of the toughest fowl. I have sam- are throwing up forts in various place ples of many other useful household in the valley. An attack has also conveniences, will be pleased to call and been made on the south lines of the Americans in Cavite province, near Imus and Calamba, and the troops there are actively engaged against bands of guerillas, which harass them daily. It is believed however, that , the entire problem hinges on the operations in the north end of the valley 45 Patton Ave.-Blair's Furn. Store.

Colonel Bell's regiment, the Thirtysixth infantry, equipped with pack mules carrying supplies and ammunition, left Tarlac this morning and is traveling swiftly northward hoping to overtake Aguinaldo. It is the opinion here in Manila that the organized insurrection is over and that the insurgents now cannot hold any capital long enough to establish a routine government. With the swift columns of General Young and Colonel Bell closely following the fugitive officials of Aguinaldo's republic the war seems to have degenerated into a foot race.

BAYONBONG THE LAST CAPITAL

By a decree dated October 5 Bayonbong is declared the capital of the Filipino republic on account of the unhealthful conditions at Tarlac where 20 per cent. of the insurgent troops were said to be sick with fever. However, telegrams found at Tarlac by Colonel Bell show that Aguinaldo was there only three days ago. In response to a telegram from General Otis, General MacArthur today telegraphed to Mapila his belief that he could deliver a despatch to Aguinaldo within the next two or three days. This may indicate that negotiations are already in progress tending to end the rebellion.

On November 11 Major Marsh of General Wheaton's brigade engaged a force of 400 insurgents at Magadon, routing them after a sharp engagement and killing fourteen. The rest of the insurgents retreated toward Dagupan.

TROOPS ARRIVING

IN SOUTH AFRICA

18,000 Britishers Have Landed Since Nov. 9-Close Censorship.

London, Thursday, Nov. 16 .- A despatch to the Mail from Durban, dated November 11, says: "Lord Methuen and his staff took the train going north in the direction of Lady Smith to-

London newspapers are again without news from South Africa except the announcement of the arrival of transports at Cape Town. Eighteen thousand troops have been landed at the Cape since November 9.

CLOSE-CENSORSHIP.

The Standard on inquiring at the war office regarding despatches from the seat of war was informed that a number of despatches had been received, but as they dealt with military detail General Buller, says the Standard, is not at the Cape, but up the country to

they were not likely to be published. the north. He has completed plans for the relief of Lady Smith and troops now arriving will be utilized according to his plan of campaign.

SENATOR HAYWARD DYING.

Lincoln, Neb., Nov. 15 .- United States Senator Hayward is dying at his home in Nebraska City from lesion of the brain. The physicians have given him up. It is believed ex-Senator Allen will be appointed by Governor Pointer if Hayward dies.

LONG DENIES RESIGNATION.

Colorado Springs, Nov. 15 .- Secretary of the Navy Long denied today the story that his resignation was in President McKinley's hands. His resignation, he added, was always at the pleasure of the president. Long will leave tomorrow for Washington.

WREGK ON THE N. & W.

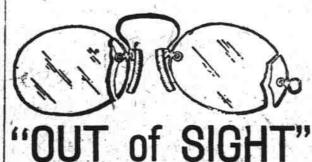
Richmond, Va., Nov. 15.-A freight train on the Norfolk and Western road jumped the track at Crooked Run this afternoon. Ten cars were thrown down a steep embankment. Two brakemen and a tramp were killed and another employe fatally hurt.

RESIDENCE BURNED.

Captain Troy's House at Balfour Destroyed Yesterday Morning.

Fire destroyed the residence of Captain W. B. Troy, at Balfour, yesterday mind, has expressed a distaste to domorning. The fire caught about 7:30 b'clock it is supposed from a spark falling among pine needles on the roof, and burned quickly. Many things were saved from the lower story, but the entire contents of the upstairs was lost. A two-room house next to the residence was also burned.

Captain Troy was at the quarry when he was informed that his house had been burned, and does not know



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and on the capture of Aguinaldio and the disintegration of his army. MYSTERIOUSLY DISAPPEARED

The Strange Story of Rev W H. Dexter Who is Now in Asheville.

Says He Fled from Home When Mentally Unbal-

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Is the Principal of a Military School in New York.

Reports That Started From His Disappearance.

PELEGRAM THAT REACHED HIS WIFE FROM ASHEVILLE TELL-ING OF HIS PRESENCE HERE. APPARENTLY IN SOUND MIND NOW.

Nyack,, Ky., Nov. 15.-The mystery of the strange disappearance last week of Rev W. H. Dexter, principal of the military school here, has been partly very need of relief of the currency was cleared up. Last evening Mrs. Dexter received a telegram signed with the name of a resident of Asheville, N C. stating that he had found Dexter an invalid, that his mind was clearing up and he would be home directly. Mrs. Dexter kept the telegram secret until she received further particulars This evening she received a letter signed as was the telegram with the name of a man, who is said to be an old family friend, confirming the telegram but not stating how Dexter reached Asheville or what led him to go there.

It is believed, however, that the story printed some days ago of a well dressed man resembling Dexter who atttempted to catch a ride on a freight train in Virginia referred to the missing man. Dexter's friends still believe he was sand-bagged and robbed in New York and that this caused his mind to become clouded. They think he wandered off without knowing where he was going and by stealing rides reached Asheville where he had friends liv-

The Gazette is able to state that Mr. Dexter is still in Asheville. He came here about ten days ago. For the last four or five days he has appeared on the streets quite frequently, and is apparently in fair health and sound mind. He is a fine appearing man, about 45 years old. There is considerable mystery surrounding his disappearance from home and appearance in Asheville, as the above despat h from the Laffan news bureau indicates.

If Mr. Dexter has disclosed to any one his method of journeying to this city the Gazette is unaware of the fact. He tells a strange story in assigning a reason for his flight from Nyack. Mr. Dexter says that his mother died of unsound mind and that he himself was undergoing a period of similar mental aberration when he left home. He states that he had borrowed and borrowed money until he was so deeply in debt that it preyed seriously on his mind, and he decided to leave hometo disappear forever from the knowledge of his wife and children. It was his idea that, thinking he was dead, they could then collect the insurance on his life.

He drifted finally to Asheville where he had acquaintances. When they learned what he had done they urged him to return to his home. Mr. Dexter, who now asserts that he is in sound ing this on account of the position in which his plight has placed him. He asserts that his financial troubles were without any criminal feature-that he merely became in debt beyond his. power to extricate himself.

The telegram sent to Mrs. Dexter was not sent by the man whose name was signed to it, and it is supposed that Mr. Dexter used this means of communicating indirectly with his wife. This and some other indications would lend color to the belief that the man is mentally umbalanced in spite of the fact that his appearance and manner suggests a perfectly sound mind. Mr. Dexter has ranked very high as an educated man and an educator, He has the university degrees of A. M. and

DISPENSARY TROUBLE LEADS TO SHOOTING

Ph. D.

Chairman Haselden and a Postmaster Among the Wounded.

Columbia, S. C., Nov. 15 .- As the result of a shooting affray at Sellers, a small town in Marion county, last eve 1ing five men are wounded. All are prominent people. The wounded including the postmaster Sellers of Sellers and J. D. Haselden, the chairman of the State Board of Dispensary Con-

The trouble grew out of recent revelations regarding dispensary management

with giving out information about his private stock of free liquors which it was charged he kept always on hand for the use of his friends. With several friends Haselden stopped at the postoffice and soon a lively shooting was in progress. The fire was kept up until the ammunition was exhausted on both sides. The condition of Postmaster Sellers and his father is critical.

TREASURY RELIEF FOR MONEY STRINGENCY

Will Buy \$25,000,000 Bonds to Increase Currency.

Washington, Nov. 15.-The secretary of the treasury announced today the intention of the government to purchase \$25,000,000 worth of bonds to relieve the Many Escaped Wrapped Only ularly in New York. In a circular issued this afternoon the department announced its readiness to purchase a part or all of \$25,000,000 of government bonds of 4 per cent. funded loan of 1907 or 5 per cent. loan of 1904. The 1907 loans will be paid for at 112.75 and 1904's at 111, when presented at any subtreasury. The proposal holds good until November 30 or until \$25,000,000 worth have been bought.

The treasury now has more money than for a long time, and an unusual surplus of receipts over expenditures made it feasible to extend relief. Today the surplus reached \$6,797,586. It is expected that a deficit will result from the proposed purchase, but it will be merely temporary. Secretary Gage said it was a matter of gratification that for the first time in a decade the government could buy bonds without feeling the drain on the treasury, and he called attention to the fact that the due to prosperity requiring a larger

M'KINLEY TO SPEAK AT MT. VERNON.

Washington, Nov. 15.-President McKinley has agreed to deliver a short address at the tomb of George Washington on the 14th of December, the 100th anniversary of Washington's

WAGES ADVANCED.

Birmingham, Ala., Nov. 15.-The wages of all employes of the rolling mills here have been advanced, puddlers getting 10 per cent, and finishers 4 per cent. The puddlers now receive \$5.50 per ton.

PARKER PATTON.

Mr. Parker and Miss Patton Married Yesterday at Trinity Church.

In Trinity church yesterday, at 11:30 o'clock, by Rev. McNeely DuBose, were married Mr. Haywood Parker to Josie Buel, daughter of T. W. Patton, all of this city.

In accordance with the wishes of the interested parties no publicity had been given to the engagement and approaching wedding, so that those in attendance, while comfortably filling the church were only the most intimate friends of the contracting parties.

Punctually at the appointed hour the bride entered the church on the arm of her father, and preceded by the ushers ,who were Messrs. H. D. Child. Lyman A. Deal, Charles E. Waddell and F. McL. Patton. On reaching the chancel steps they were met by the rector in his vestments, and the groom, attended by his best man, Mr. D. C. Waddell. The betrothal then took place and the bride was given away by her father.

The benediction being pronounced the bride and groom and their immediate attendants walked down the aisle to sweet music discoursed by Mr. John A. Bell, the organist of Trinity parish. From noon until 2 o'clock a wedding

breakfast was served at the home of the bride's parents, which was enjoyed and brightened by many of their most intimate friends and relatives, after which the couple took the 2:20 train for their bridal trip.

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IN FLAMES

Hamburg American' Liner Patria on Fire in English Channel.

Difficult Rescue of Crew and Passengers.

in Blankets.

Captain Remained on Ship in Hopes of Saying Her. THE LINER WAS ENVELOPED IN

SMOKE AND FLYING DISTRESS SIGNALS WHEN SIGHTED BY THE RUSSIAN STEAMER-FIRE OF UNKNOWN ORIGIN.

London, Nov. 15.-The Hamburg-American liner Patria, which sailed from New York November 4, with 44 cabin and 78 steerage passengers, caught fire in the channel tonight from some unkonwn cause and the passengers and crew had a narrow escape. She was twelve miles north of the Hinder lightship when the Russian steamer Cres sighed her.

THE WORK OF RESCUE.

At this time the Patria was enveloped in smoke and flying distress signals. The Ceres lowered boats and transferred the passengers and part of the crew. There was great difficulty in rescuing the passengers as urgent haste was necessary. Many passengers were wapped only in blankets. The Ceres reached Dover by midnight. United States Consul Prescott was notified and arranged for the landing of the passengers and got them safely housed in hotels and the Sailors' home.

DISCOVERY OF THE FIRE. The passengers say the voyage was without incident until the steamer struck the channel at 6 o'clock We'lnesday morning when the cargo was found to be on fire. The crew was unable to subdue the flame, although aided by the passengers, as the flames had communicated with a large quantity of linseed oil in the cargo. The passengers begun to embark in lifeboats when the Ceres appeared and took them off.

HOPES TO SAVE THE SHIP.

Captain Frolich and most of the crew stuck to the ship, the captain believing he had a chance to save her, although the hull was red hot. He apparently hoped to run her ashore at some point. When the Ceres sailed away another ship was standing by the burning liner.

WILMINGTON SCHOONER BOTTOM SIDE UP

Diary of the Dead Captain Relates Tragedy of the Sea.

Philadelphia, Nov. 15.-Private advices from St. Pierre, Miquelon, say the schooner Edna and Emma which sailed from Wilmington, N. C., for this city, was towed into port bottom side up. When sighted the bodies of Captain Richardson and his wife were found. The diary of the dead captain Grant's No. 24 Cures Colds and La told of a storm that wrecked the vessel, washed away the crew of five and left him and his wife prisoners in the

DIED AT THE STATE NORMAL.

Special to the Gazette. Greensboro, N. C., Nov. 15 .- Today Miss Linda Toms, a Rutherfordton student at the state normal college, died of heart failure.

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