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DAILIES

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CIRCULATION

THE FILIPINOS Form of Government Pend-

ALL

ing Action of Congress,

SIMILAR TO THAT IN CUBA

PRESIDENT GONZAGA ADMITS IT IS LIBERAL.

A SPLIT IN THE FIL'PINO COMMISSIO

The Military Operations Continue Wih Unabated Vigor. The Only Filipino Troops in the Field Now Those Under Gen-

erals Luna and Del Pilar.

Manila, May 22.-3:15 p. m.-Professor Schurman, head of the United States Philippine Commission, has submitted the following written proposition to the Filipinos:

"While the final decision as to the form of Government is in the hands of Con gress, the President, under his military powers, pending the action of Congress, stands ready to offer the following form of Government:

"A Governor General, to be appointed by the President; a Cabinet to be appointed by the Governor General; all the judges to be appointed by the Presi-dent; the heads of departments and judges to either be Americans or Filipinos or both, and also a General Advis-ory Council, its members to be chosen by the people by a form of suffrage to be hereafter carefully determined upon.

"The President earnestly desires that bloodshed cease and that the people of the Philippines at an early date may enjoy the largest measures of self-government compatible with peace and or-der."

The United States Commission prepared the scheme and the President ca-bled his approval of the form of the document.

The Filipinos have made no definite proposition, except for a cessation of hostilities until they can present the ques tion of peace to the people. Professor Schurman told the Filipinos they had no means of gathering the people together, as the Americans control most of the

if the Americans had not arrived civil DEMOCRATS TO war would necessarily have ensued, ow-ing to the friction between the Tagalogs and the inhabitants of other provinces. It is added that the only Filipino troops now left are 7,000 men under General Luna at Tarlac, and about 4,000 un-der General Pio del Pilar. Even these are demoralized, and short of arms and supplies. Many of their rifles are disabled, and the Filipinos are unable to repair them, owing to the lack of mechan-ics and materials for so doing. National Democratic Com-A coasting steamer which has arrived

NORTH

CAROLINA

CONFERENCE.

Himself, Will Attend a Banquet Given

by the Jefferson Club of

S'. Louis.

While the announcement of the call

committee individually and suggest an informal conference.

"It so happens that the Jefferson

Club of St. Louis, representing the Missouri Democracy, will give a dim-ner in this city on May 25th, to which

Committee at St. Louis on May 25th. arrested.

here reports that the Spanish garrison at Zamboanga, Island of Mindanao, is held by the rebels in much the same manner as the Americans held them while they were in the vicinity of Ma-nila. Every night the Spaniards are subjected to an ineffectual fusilade, and if they are not soon relieved they will CALL ISSUED FOR AN INFORMAL be reduced to the condition of the Span-ish garrison at Illoilo just previous to its

evacuation of that place. GOVERNMENT FOR PHILIPPINES. Washington, May 22.-The report from Manila that a form of government has been proposed to the Fili-pinos including a Governor General, Cabinet and advisory council is confirmed at the State Department. The plan is the outgrowth of numerous cable and mail exchanges between President Schurman of the Philippine commission, and Secretary Hay, as well as advices from General Otis and Admiral Dewey. Like the Cuban sys-tem, the administration would be military in character for the time be-ing, at least while conditions were members of the National Democratic to other neighbors and the women were unsettled. The authorities here are acting on the theory that, as in the case of Porto Rico, it will be for Congress to establish the permanent form of Government for the islands. It was understood at the time Major General Lawton went to Manila that General Otis would become Governor General, while General Lawton as-sumed active direction of military af-fairs. It is not improbable that this plan might be carried out if the Filipinos accept the plan now proposed.

SINKING OF SAN JACINTO

THE REPORT 1; CISCREEL'ED BY WASH INGTON OFFICIALS.

It Was Stated the San Jacinto, of Nicaragua, Had Fired on the Cruiser

Detroit.

Colon, Columbia, May 22 .-- Via Galveston, Tex., May 22.-A passenger who arrived here from Bocas del Toro that the Nicaraguan gun vessel San Jacinto had been sunk by the United warship. He says the report was Toro and that it probably came from Bluefields, where the Detroit and San Jacinto are suposed to be. The officials of the American consulate here are without news of any such event as the sinking of the San Jacinto by the Detroit.

the outrages for fear of aggravating race and sectional differences. The question was taken up later as a spe cial order. Rev. Graham C. Campbell, of Burke-MEET AT ST. LOUIS ville, Va., warned Presbyterians against giving money to Booker Wash-ington. He said Mr. Washington was

doing a grand work. But who would carry it on, he asked, after Wash-ington had gone? In many regions it young men had taken from Presby terians all their money for the Freed mittee to Confer. men's Board. The board could spend the money to just as good advantage as Mr. Washington and was a perpet-PLANS FOR THE FUTURE ual organization.

TWO HORRIBLE CRIMES.

IN

might be unwise to take any notice of

NEWS

Seattle, Wash., May 22 .- The British teamer Caroune brings from Honolulu the story of a horrible crime which oc-curred at Waimea, May 2nd. The wife of a ranchman killed her little step-BRYAN WILL BE IN THE CITY AT THE TIME daughter by brutally beating her with a heavy stick. The crime was witnessed by a youngster who went to a neighbor's house and told the story. So enraged was the woman of the house on hearing of the crime that she rushed to the other woman's cabin, bent on punishing the stepmother. She did not attack the murderess, but, dashing through the door, caught up the woman's own child, also a Milwaukee, Wis., May 22.—Edward C. Wall, National Democratic Commit-The two women soon came to realize teeman of Wisconsin, today made pub- the enormity of their crimes and buried

BOLAS THE CONSPIRATORS.

London, May 23.—The Johannes-burg correspondent of the Morning Post, in a dispatch dealing with the recent arrest of former British officers, on charge of a conspiracy to promote a rising, says he is now convinced that the conspiracy was pri-marily formed by Boer officials.

FLAMES SWEPT DAWSON

The Heart of the Town in Ashes. Fire Caused by a Drunken Woman. One Hundred and Eleven Buildings Destroyed.

some 1,500 persons will be invited Mr. Bryan and other leading men of the Victoria, B. C., May 22 .- The main party will attend this dinner and formal invitations will be sent to each stroyed by fire on April 26, causing a taken there. is alone responsible for the rumor member of the national committee. As loss of \$4,000,000. In all 111 buildings, St. Louis is a central and convenient point we have concluded to write America were burned. The news was members of the committee and invite America, were burned. The news was States cruiser Detroit, after the for- them to meet us here on the morning brought down by L. S. Hume, mer had fired upon the American of the 25th instant, at the Planters' of Mayor Hume, of Seattle; J. Toklas. House, where we can spend the day and a third party, who left Dawson on generally discredited at Bocas del in discussing party affairs and ar- April 27th and made their way out by range our future work. There are canoe to Lake Lebarge and then over a number of important matters which the ice, having a most perilous trip. Toklas reports that the fire occurred ought to receive the at ention of the committee, and we believe great goo! in the very heart of the business center would result from such a conference of the city, near the opera house on the water front, and, driven by a strong as we propose.'



AND

THE DISASTER OCCURRED IN A CALM

Had There Been a Storm There Might Have Been a Fearful Loss of Life. Another Effort to Float the Ship Wednesday, Probably.

(Copyright by James Gordon Benneit.) London, May 22 .- The dreaded "Manacles" have seized another victim, Upon one of these cruel rocks off the coast of Cornwall, within sight of the still-standing masts of the ill-fatedAtlantic Transport liner Mohegan, lies the magnificent American Line steamship Paris, her double bottom ripped open and two forward compartments full of water. In the darkness early yesterday morning, with all her 386 passengers in their berths and most of them asleep, the Paris ran on the Manacles, narrowly cleared jagged rocks which had ripped open the Mohegan, went through the only safe channel among the dreaded reefs, and stranded on the Lowlands Point on a flat rock, right betwen two high masses of the same formation. ·By a merciful combination of circum

stances, not a life was lost, although it was only by the narrowest chance that an appalling disaster was averted. The most favorable circumstance was that the night was calm and the sea so smooth that, even if other aid had not been forthcoming, the Paris' boats could have been launched without being jeopardized. Then, too, the tide was within an hour of full flow.

All the passengers were rescued and safely landed at the near-by town of Falmouth, England. The mails also were

The Paris still lies upon the rock, but, though she rests apparently with an even keel upon a broad, level bed of sunken rock and holds an upright position, fa-

Convention of Charities and Corrections was addressed today by George Torrence of Pontiac, Ill., Superintendent of Illinois State Reformatory, on "The Re-lation of the Cigarette to Crime." After reciting his experience with boys oming to his institution, Mr. Torrence

CIGARETTES AND CRIME.

"I am sure cigarettes are destroying and making criminals of more of them than the saloons."

In his reformatory now there are 278 boys.

"Of 63, averaging 12 years of age, 58 were cigarette smokers. Of 133, average age 14 years, 125 were cigarette smokers. Of 82, average age 15 years, 73 were cigarette smokers. This demon-strates that 92 per cent of the whole number were cigarette fiends at the time of committing crimes for which they were committed to the reformatory.

The general discussion developed a similar experience with others connected with reformatories for boys.

AGAINST TELEPHONE COMPANY.

Washington, May 22 .- In the United States Supreme Court an opinion was rendered today in the case of the city of Richmond, Va., against the Southern Bell Telephone and Tele-graph Company. The controversy in-volved the right of the telephone company to locate its poles and wires in the streets and alleys of the city regardless of the protest of the local municipal authorities, the claim of the telephone company being made under the act of Congress of 1866 1866 granting such right generally to telegraph companies.

The decision was favorable to the contention of the city and adverse to telephone company, the court holding that the concession to tele-graph companies could not be made to include telephone companies. The opinion was handed down by Justice Harlan.

TAX ON CORPORATIONS

THE NEW YORK LEGISLATURE IN EXTRA-ORDINALY SESSION.

Governor Foosevelt Declares Light Texation of Corporations an Injustice. Should Pay for the Privileges They Enjoy.

Albany, N. Y., May 22.-The State Legislature met in extraordinary session this evening. In the course of a long message in which he discussed, the general problem of taxation in the State, Governor Rosevelt says:

"There is evident injustice in the

have not the slightest sympathy with

the outery against corporations as

such, or against prosperous men of

business. To drive out of a com-

munity the men of means and the men

who take the lead in business enter-

prises would probably entail, as one

of its first results, the starvation of a

considerable portion of the remainder

it yet remains true that a corpora-

tion which derives its power from the State should pay to the State a tax per centage of its earnings as return for the privileges it enjoys. This

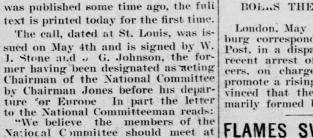
should be especially true for the fran-

chises bestowed upon gas companies,

'But while I freely admit all this,

of the population.

light taxation of corporations.



lic the call for a conference of the the children together. They swore the

an early day for conference with a view to reaching some understanding

orts. He also reminded them that a liberal form of government was offered them, and pointed out that it was better than the conditions existing under Spanish rule.

Gonzaga, President of the Filipine Commission, replied that nothing could be worse than Spanish rule, and admitted that the form of government proposed was liberal.

The civilian members of the Filiping Commission have declined to co-operate with the other members of the commission, as the former consider Aguinaldo's latest demand to be preposterous, after Major General Otis' refusal, referring to his wish for time in order to consult with the Filipino Congress.

After a conference with the United States Commissioners, the Filipino Commissioners will lunch with Professor Schurman, and will afterwards visit the vessels composing the American fleet.

CONDITIONS IMPROVE DAILY.

Washington, May 22,-The War Department has received the following from General Otis:

"Manila. May 22nd.

"Adjutant General: Washington.

'Conditions as follows: "In Bulacan Province, troops main-

tained at Quinga, Balivag, San Miguel, Lawton proceeding down Rio Grande from San Isidro; has driven enemy westward from San Antonio, Cariao and Arayat, where he was joined yesterday by Kobbe's column; will reach Santa Ana and Candaba today. MacArthur still at San Fernando and will occupy cities south and westward: insurgent forces disintegrating daily. Luna's force at Tarlac much diminished; has de stroyed several miles railway in his front; number of officers of rank have deserted Luna and few have entered Manila for protection; in Pampanga and Bulacan inhabitants returning to homes only fear insurgent troops south of Manila; insurgent disintegration progressing though large force still maintained; conditions improving daily; send battalion troops and gunboat to Negros tomorrow to allay excitement in southern portion of island and west coast of Cebn. Have denied request of Aguinaldo's commissioners for armistice."

DEMORALIZATION OF THE FOE

Manila, May 22 .- 2:18 p. m.-In spite of the presence of the Filipino Commis sioners in Manila, the military operations continue with unabated vigor.

The visitors were apparently ignorant of the true condition of affairs here. Upon their arrival they were immediate inundated with invitations covering both day and night, and express surprise at the condition of affairs within our lines. They had been led to believe that everything was chaotic, and are delighted at the reception accorded them.

Reports received from persons who have arrived from the interior show that no troops are left in the northern prov ince. They were all drafted south after the outbreak of the war. The villages on the west 'coast are almost deserted, and the Ilocanos, especially, are desirous of joining the Americans, if only for the purpose of crushing the Tagals. Many

NOTHING KNOWN OF AFFAIR.

Washington, May 22 .- The Navy Department has had no reports from the captain of the Detroit of any difficulty with the Nicaraguan officials or of any collision with the Nicaraguan gunboat San Jacinto. The officials of the Navigation Bureau express their disbelief in the report of a conflict between the Detroit and this gunboat.

Secretary Hay also said that no word had been received at the State Department on the subject and therefore he was not prepared to believe that anything of the kind had occurred.

LEFT DEATH IN ITS TRACK.

A Torpedo Passes Over Part of Texas, Killing Many.

Houtson, Tex., May 22 .- One of the worst tornadoes that has visited Texas since the storm destroyed the town of Cisco, three years ago and in which some fifty people were kill-ed, passed over Titus and Erath coun-

ties Sunday. At Mount Pleasant, Titus county. the storm struck a church just as services were closing. A bolt of lightning and the wind descended upon the house simultaneously, wrecking it and scattering the debris in all directions. William Kauffman was in-stantly killed and some fifteen other persons were injured fatally. Three

are in a dying condiiton. The tornado struck Stephenville and did considerable damage, wrecking many houses, but no one was kill-Two churches were unroofed and

badly damaged. One man was killed and three were injured near Dublin.

It is reported that several persons were killed six miles southeast of Stephenville, but this has not yet been confirmed. Trees and crops in the path of the storm are reported as totally destroyed.

NAG'S HEAD TO BE IMPROVED.

Elizabeth City, N. C., May 22.-Mr. C. W. Grice and Dr. J. B. Griggs will go down to Nag's Head Tuesday with a force of hands to put the pier and hotel in order for the season now near at hand. They will rebuild the pier and light it up with new automatic lights, and make several changes about the hotel. They are going to prepare for the accommodation of a large number of guests and have every reason to believe that this will be one of the best seasons in the hisnatives of Benguot and Ilocos said that | tory of this popular summer resort.

north wind, destroyed everything in its way on that street down to and including NEGRO PREACHER'S DENIAL. Donahue and Smith's establishment. The fire then took in all of the water front Defends His Own People and Whites

buildings abreast of the same blocks. It Against Newspaper's Charge. crossed the street, burned through and

spread over to Second street, converting Minneapolis, Minn., May 22.-Before to ashes the principal business portion the Presbyterian General Assembly today Rev. W. H. Franklin, a colored of Dawson.

The fire consumed everything from minister of Rogerville, Tenn., read an Timmons' Royal Cafe down to opposite excerpt from a local paper which said the Fairview Hotel. The flames spread that no colored member of the Assem-

with such rapidity that the citizens apbly had yet spoken in the debates on account of the fear inspired by the peared panic-stricken and unable to save recent outrages in the South, not anything in the way of furniture, goods, knowing but they might be held to and clothing.

It is stated that the fire was started painful account when they return. Mr. Franklin stated that the article by the upsetting of a lamp by a drunken woman in a house of ill-fame. was without foundation and that in justice to the colored members of the

FURTHER DETAILS OF FIRE.

Asembly and the people of Presbyteries which had returned colored com-Victoria, B. C., May 22 .- No further missioners, there should be a public denial

details of the Dawson fire have been received. The only accident known to have occurred befell a fireman who was Dr. Franklin explained that in the Presbyteries of Holston and French severely hurt about the nead by a blazing

Broad, from which he comes, there log which was blown from a burning are 24 white and five colored ministers building. It is stated that the woman are 24 white and five colored ministers and 6,000 white and 1,000 colored comwho upset the lamp which caused :he municants, yet this overwhelming catastrophe and other occupants of the the wrong course and burned a blue white majority had sent him as one house have been arrested and may be of the two ministers who represent everely dealt with.

A report is also current here that enly them. Dr. Franklin then offered resolutions the Bank of British North America of refuting the published statement and the chartered financial institutions was explaining that the colored commisdestroyed and not both it and the Bank sioners were not restrained from deof Commerce. date because of fear.

Riley, Toklas and Hume, the men who Synodical committees were anbrought out the news of the fire are nounced and the report of the comreported to have collected hundreds and vessel off the rock. mittee on Freedmen was read. even thousands of dollars as private

After the report, which was highly mail carriers for the prompt delivery of congratulatory to the Freedmen's Board, even though it had ended the the communications of which they were bearers. One of these was addressed to year \$40,000 in dept instead of free the inspector of the Bank of British from debt as the other boards are, the North America and considerably reduces roll was called on the apportionment the amount of the bank's loss by the of funds to be raised to cancel the fire. It is understood that the record debt. Some of the Presbyterians of the bank notes consumed was dewere assessed nearly \$2,000.

stroyed with them, but it is northeless The Freedmen report would have quite possible that this will not meen been adopted without delay had it not lost money. been for one section of it which re-

fers to the recent lynching law outrages in the South. The case of the negro is spoken of as one "that appeals to us with imperious insistence because of the malefic prejudice and barbaric caste spirit that is today devising new tortures for the negro's body and new terrors for his soul. We join heartily with our fellow citizens and fellow Christians of the South in horror of these dreadful manifestations."

One commissioner expressed a fear that while it was indisputable that the committee had mentioned nothing but well known facts in referring to the outrages, it might not be wise to as the pronouncement of the Assembly until it had been debated. It ing 302 cases on the docket.

vored by calm weather, she has evidently sustained serious damage. The situation she continues to occupy is precarious. Efforts to tow her off failed. At low tide she is so high that an angry sea beating against her sides would probably destroy her.

The passengers will be transferred to the steamer Kaiser Wilhelm der Grosse, which will sail Wednesday.

When the Paris struck there was no excitement, no panic. Capt. Frederick Watkins, on the bridge, gave his orders, the crew went to their stations, pre pared for any emergency, and the passengers were assembled in the saloons. Remarkable pluck was shown by all, es pecially the women.

At the time the vessel struck the weather was misty.

How the Paris came to be so far out of her course is as difficult a problem as was the case of the Mohegan; but as in the Mohegan's case, it seems that even apart from navigation the lookout was not as effective as it might have been. A plausible theory is that the passage

was a strange one for the Paris. This is believed to be only the second time she has varied the voyage from Southpossible that her officers mistook their calculations, thus taking her fifteen or twenty miles out of her course.

The captain of a Falmouth pilot boat says that St. Anthony's light and the coast were clearly visible when the wreck occurred. He say that the Paris was on flame to warn those in charge of the steamship. The Paris proceeded parallel with the shore some distance, until she Payne, Hopkins and Henderson. struck the rock.

Captain Watkins and the crew, 327 all told, remain on the stranded liner, which keeps up her steam, while tugs stand by to render aid in any emergency. An early attempt will be made to pull the

THE PARIS STILL AGROUND. (By Associated Press.)

Coverack, May 22 .- The situation the American line steamer Paris, Captain Watkins, which went aground early yesterday morning just off Lowlands Point, remains unchanged.

Her cargo is being rapidly discharged. Salvage tugs from Liverpool will arrive at the scene of the wreck tonight.

It is believed the next attempt to float the Paris will be made on Wedesday. Everything at present seems favorable to success.

The North German Lloyd steamer Breman arrived at Falmouth this morning under instructions to embark for New York the saloon passengers of the Paris. But, the passengers are not ready to proceed on their voyage, many of them still suffering from shock, so the Bremen continued on her passage westward.

Many passengers of the Paris took the train for Southampton this morning where they will await the sailing of the Kaiser Wilhelm der Grosse, which is Washington, May 22 .- The United scheduled to sail from Bremen for New

> Travis W. Foust has been appointed postmaster at Levi.

FOUR FOR THE SPEAKERSHIP.

street railroads and the like.

East and West Have Each Two Candidates in the Race.

Washington, May 21.-In the contest or the Speakership of the next House the sectional lines on which it was preampton by calling at Cherbourg and it is dicted the contest would be waged promise to be obliterated. Instead of West and East producing a favorite son, two candidates from each section are rivals, not only of those from the other section, but of each other. Starting with the contest apparently between Sherman, of New York, and Hopkins, of Illinois, the situation has shifted until in the four-cornered race the honors are apparently easy between Sherman,

Each claims to be doing as well if not better than he expected, and all four are in earnest. If appearances can be trusted, however, Henderson, of Iowa, and Payne, of New York, are gaining strength at the expense of Hopkins and Sherman, respectively. As it stands now neither of the four can control enough votes to secure the nomination. Some one must give way, and a union between the Henderson and oHpkins or the Payne and Sherman forces seems probable in the near future.

STRIKE AND BLOODSHED.

St. Petersburg, May 22 .- Advices from Riga, capital of the Baltic Province of Livonia, announces that on Saturday last the workmen employed in a jute factory there struck for higher wages, and, joining with the workmen of the Phoenix Arms Factory, destroyed and burned a number of houses, and fought the po-lice and military. The latter finally triumphed after killing several workmen. Vigorous measures have been 'taken against the leaders of the disturbance.

THREATS OF LYNCHING.

Painesville, Ohio, May 22 .- A mob of 500 people has collected here and threats are heard of lynching Kelly, colored, who is charged with assaulting Mrs. Wilhelmina Nicker, of Cleveland. The sheriff is swearing in deputies to guard the iail.

WANT THE POLICY DEFINED.

(the Marquis of Santa Lucia), who was President of the Cuban Provisional Government, has published a long statement in the course of which he expresses confidence in the United States, but explains that the Cubans are "naturally suspicious at the wholly undefined policy."

SUPREME COURT ADJOURNS.

States Supreme Court adjourned to- York on May 23rd. let that portion of the report go out day for the term. During the session the court disposed of 519 cases, leav-

Havana, May 22.-Salvador Cisneros