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TROUBLE IN MANILA.

Natives Burning the City and Firing On Our Soldiers.

Immense damage was done to the city of Manila during Wednesday night. The natives it seems tried to make good their threat to burn the city by setting fire to it at different places at the same time.

The Americans in concert with the local firemen fought the flames to great disadvantage. Ill disposed natives would cut the hose till they had to be driven and corralled in open spaces to prevent their mischief. Many shots were fired and a few soldiers were wounded. Whole acres of the city were burned over. At latest advices the situation was under control.

The Old Dummy Car Fixed Up.

To see the new car of Photographer Moose, now standing near the passenger depot, one can hardly realize that it is the old dummy passenger car which at one time carried our people to and from the depot. Mr. Moose has for months been working on this car, having purchased for the purpose of making a photograph car similar to the one in which he now lives. New rolling stock has been put under it and it has been nicely painted and the rooms remodeled. In one apartment is his reception room, while in the other end is his photograph gallery, a skylight of considerable size having been put in. Signer Ritz has been at work lately putting on the letters along on the outside. Mr. Moose will not keep the two cars together. One will leave soon for Kings Mountain while the other will be stationed for the present at Gastonia. Mr. Moose made the one that he now travels in while he was in Texas. This one is much larger than the dummy car, it being amply large for his private rooms together with gallery.

A New Train to Be Put on the Southern.

The Southern's travel has grown to such proportions that another train is needed. The Charlotte, Columbia & August, which comes in at 8.10 p. m., brings several sleepers, which are switched over to the main line, at this point, being attached to the vestibule. The addition of these coaches makes this train too heavy. To remedy the matter a new train is to be added, running direct from Columbia, S. C., to Washington. The trains will be known as Nos. 33 and 34.—Charlotte Observer.

Full Blooded Stock.

At Central Fall, R. I. there was born to Mr. and Mrs. Pierce Traham last week a boy who weighed over twenty pounds and five ounces. The mother is a large woman weighing over 200 pounds. The father is more than six feet high and stoutly built. He weighs 225 pounds.—Ex.

Deaf Mute Killed by a Train.

Henderson, Feb. 22.—A deaf and dumb white man was killed on the railroad between Bowen's Crossing and Graystone yesterday morning, by a freight train going north. Before leaving Henderson he went into a barber shop to have his hair cut, then started toward Graystone. It is said that he came from Raleigh.

The Separate Car Bill.

After the House had passed the separate car bill twice Tuesday some objections were noted and it was held up. An entirely new bill was presented and passed in that body Wednesday. The following is the bill as it will be if not changed by the Senate:

Section 1. That all railway and steamboat companies, as common carriers in the transportation of passengers for hire in North Carolina, other than street railways, shall provide separate, but equal accommodations for the white and colored races on all passenger trains and steamboats carrying passengers. Such accommodations may be furnished by railway companies either by separate passenger cars, or by compartments in passenger cars, which shall be provided by the railways, under the supervision and direction of the Board of Railway Commissioners or the officers succeeding to their powers: Provided, that this shall not apply to relief trains in cases of accidents, to Pullman or sleeping cars or through express trains that do not stop at all stations and are not used ordinarily for traveling from station to station; to negro servants in attendance on their employers; to officers or guards transporting prisoners, nor to prisoners so transported.

Sec. 2. The Railway Commissioners, or the officers succeeding to their powers are hereby authorized to exempt from the provisions of this act branch lines and narrow gauge railways, if in their judgment the enforcement of this act be unnecessary to secure the comfort of passengers, by reason of the light volume of passenger traffic or the small number of negro passengers traveling on such narrow gauge or branch lines.

Sec. 3. That when any coach, or compartment of a car, for either race shall be completely filled at a station where no extra coach or car can be had, and the increased number of passengers can not be forseen, the conductor in charge of such train is hereby authorized to assign and set apart a portion of a car, or compartment, assigned for passengers of one race to passengers of the other race.

Sec. 4. That all railway companies shall furnish first and second class passenger accommodations.

Sec. 5. That any railway company failing to comply in good faith with the provisions of this act shall be liable to a penalty of \$100 per day, to be recovered in an action brought against such company by the Railway Commissioners, or the officers succeeding to their powers, in the county of Wake, and conveyed into the State treasury.

Sec. 6. This act shall be in force from and after its ratification.

Poetics Squelched.

Weary Watkins—Oh, that I had the wings of a bird!
Hungry Higgins—They's less meat on the wings than they is on any other piece.—Indianapolis Journal.

A Banquet to Gen. Gomez.

Matanzas, Feb. 22.—The banquet tendered here to Gen. Maximo Gomez was a brilliant affair and well attended. The Junta Patriotica, which had charge of the entertainment, refrained from inviting Spaniards, which displeased the Cuban commander. The banquet was given in the theatre. The guests numbered 200 and 4,000 spectators were present. The boxes were crowded with ladies of the best circle of society and the public generally crowded the four tiers of galleries. Gen. Wilson sat on the right of Gen. Gomez and Cuban General Betancourt was seated on his left. A picture of George Washington was prominently displayed on the wall. Gen. Gomez, during the banquet left his seat and gallantly offered some flowers to Mrs. Wilson.

The speeches began at 10 o'clock, Senor Labostida, in the course of his remarks, said the authorities at Washington would never govern the country against its will, a remark which was loudly cheered. The house also cheered President McKinley. Senor Rivero said Gen. Gomez would never leave Cuba. He was to bring his family here from San Domina and stay always in Cuba. The speaker referred glowingly to Washington and was loudly cheered. Senor Oritz welcomed Gen. Gomez to Matanzas.

The Cuban commander answered, thanking his hosts and referred feelingly to the dark days of the revolution. He said his gratitude at the welcome accorded him could not express the deep feelings of his heart. He made no reference to politics and was so hoarse he could hardly articulate.

Gen. Gomez has been ill for several days past and looks tired out. The banquet was over at 11 o'clock. Gen. Gomez was cheered as he departed.

PERSONAL POINTERS.

—Capt. E L Hughes, of Spencer, is here today.

—Mr. Chas. Cook, of Bessemer, spent last night here.

—Mrs. S J Lowe and little Sidney returned to Charlotte last night.

—Mr. M J Freeman left this morning to be gone for three or four weeks.

—Mr. S F Stephens, of Charlotte, spent last night here. Mrs. Stephens has been visiting here for several days.

—Miss Lettie Kerns, of Salisbury, who is attending school at Mont Amena, will arrive Saturday morning to spend Sunday with Misses Maggie Brown and Sadye Bencini.

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