

TELEGRAPHIC SUMMARY.

Fifty persons perish in a fire in an Egyptian town.

Bobby Walthour wins a 25 mile bicycle race in Boston.

Major Waller sails for home on the transport Warren.

Three cadets of the King's Mountain military school are drowned while bathing.

Marvin Hart knocked out Kid Carter in the ninth round at Louisville last night.

The president decides to appoint Henry Blun, Jr., as postmaster at Savannah.

There is an unconfirmed rumor of a negro being lynched for criminal assault in Wake county.

Norfolk's business men are greatly exercised over the falling off in the export trade of that city.

The Glamorgan Pipe Company, of Lynchburg give their employes notice of an advance in wages.

In the racing yesterday Arsenal won the Metropolitan handicap and Alan A. Dale the Kentucky Derby.

Near Brookville, Miss. Miss Addie McLeod is run over and killed by a Southern passenger train.

A. M. Ely, who runs several saw mills in Essex county, Virginia, is thrown into involuntary bankruptcy.

The Cincinnati will sail for San Domingo today, to protect American interests during the present revolution.

Rev. Dr. Joseph Packard, dean of the faculty of the Episcopal theological seminary at Alexandria, Va., died yesterday, aged 89 years.

H. G. and Charles E. Hoadley, half brothers of the late Henry B. Plant will contest the transfer of the estate from Connecticut to New York.

It is said John D. Rockefeller is behind the scheme of the Virginia-Carolina Company to get control of the German potash plants.

The Gates syndicate secures the Chicago, Indianapolis and Louisville railroad and it will be consolidated with the Louisville and Nashville.

General Davis cables that he has received no answer to his ultimatum sent the Mindanao dattos; that his outposts have been fired on and he was then storming the Filipino forts.

Ex-Governor Russell writes Justice Clark that the latter can have copies of the much talked of Clark-Russell letters for publication or he (Russell) will publish them if Clark so desires.

The silver service for presentation to Admiral Schley made of Spanish coins taken from the Cristobal Colon, has been finished and is on exhibition by the makers in Baltimore.

The secretary of the treasury requests collectors of customs at Atlantic ports to look out for Charles Robinson, who under temporary insanity is supposed to be wandering along the coast.

It is alleged that sixty banks in different parts of the country are out more than \$1,000,000 by the recent stock market manipulation and the total loss is between \$5,000,000 and \$10,000,000. Warrants have been issued for the arrest of one man.

GENERAL SMITH'S COURT-MARTIAL

The Trial Concluded—Colonel Woodruff's Brilliant Speech in the Defense

Manila, May 3.—The trial by court-martial of General Jacob H. Smith ended today. The findings of the court will be forwarded to Washington. The general impression here is that he will be acquitted.

The closing address of Colonel Chas. A. Woodruff for the defense was a remarkable oratorical effort that drew tears from his hearers. He dramatically sketched General Smith's career and declared he had conducted a remarkable and successful campaign in a manner which reflected credit on his valor, humanity and kindness.

NORFOLK'S EXPORT TRADE.

Her Business Men Worried Over Its Great Decrease.

Norfolk, Va., May 3.—The business community is exercised over the great decline in export business. The exports for the past month amounted to only \$446,429. A comparison with other months show that the port's business is gradually falling off. The merchants and business organizations have appointed committees to confer with the railway and steamboat companies here looking to a restoration of the trade, but so far their work has apparently been without satisfactory results.

IN SEARCH OF A WANDERER.

A Young Pennsylvanian, Temporarily Insane, Disappears.

Washington, May 3.—The secretary of the treasury today at the solicitation of Representative Showalter, of Pennsylvania, sent a circular letter to collectors of customs along the Atlantic coast, instructing them to look out for Charles Robinson, the son of a prominent citizen of Butler, Pa., who disappeared from his home a month ago while suffering from temporary mental aberration and who is believed to be wandering along the coast.

Major Waller Sails for Home.

Norfolk, Va., May 3.—Mrs. Waller, wife of Major Littleton W. T. Waller, today received a cablegram from her husband, announcing that he would sail today from Manila for San Francisco on the transport Warren. Major Waller will go direct to Washington. It is expected that he will make the trip in twenty-eight days. Nothing is known as to his future movements after he reaches the United States.

A HEATED DEBATE

IN THE SENATE ON THE PHILIPPINE QUESTION.

THE REPUBLICANS AROUSED

At the Attacks of the Democrats. For the First Time they Enter Fully Into the Discussion—The Chief Point Being the Proposed Recall of Major Gardner to Testify Before the Senate Committee. House Adopts Resolutions on the Death of Hon. Amos J. Cummings.

Washington, May 3.—Discussion of the Philippine question became heated in the senate today. Thus far the minority party has had a clear field in the debate, the policy of the majority being to permit the criticism of the democratic members of the body to proceed without interruption.

Today it was different. Senators Spooner, of Wisconsin; Lodge, Massachusetts, and Foraker, of Ohio, became aroused. They spoke in defense of the administration and of the army and they spoke hotly, almost unrestrainedly.

The result was one of the most spirited debates that yet has occurred on the Philippine question. While the debate took a wide range it revolved around the resolution calling for Major Cornelius Gardner, in the Philippines, to appear as soon as possible before the Philippine committee as a witness. A cablegram from General Chaffee was read by Senator Lodge, saying that it was impracticable for Gardner to leave the islands at present, as he was an essential figure on a committee which was investigating the conditions of the province of which he was provincial governor.

The reading of the cablegram called out a sharp attack upon army methods by Senator Rawlins, of Utah, who insisted that Gardner ought to come to Washington immediately. In the course of his remarks, Senator Rawlins made some severe strictures upon General Chaffee.

Senator Rawlins, of Utah, said it was evident that Major Gardner thought the investigation to be made of his charges was in unfriendly hands. He said the bias of General Chaffee, as shown in his cablegram to the war department, was manifest. That cablegram indicated that Major Gardner was reluctant to submit himself to an investigation by officers who had been the subject of his criticism. He sympathized with the motives of the Washington officials that the charges should be fully investigated; but he held that some tribunal ought to be selected to make the investigation without possibility of the charge of partiality.

Senator Spooner, of Wisconsin, said the observations of Senator Rawlins were quite characteristic of the action of the democrats in the course of this debate. He had read carefully the telegram from General Chaffee and had discovered nothing indicating a bias on his part.

"The senator from Utah," continued Senator Spooner, "seems to be blinded with suspicion of the army and of almost everybody charged with any responsibility in the Philippines."

It seemed to him that there was a too great willingness on the part of the minority to impeach the whole American army. He denied emphatically that the officers constituting the board of inquiry were those who had served in the province of which Major Gardner was governor.

In the senate of the United States, of all places, said he, the effort ought not to be made to besmirch the reputation and the honor of the army. Outrages probably had been committed in isolated instances in the Philippines. He condoned no outrages of any kind. All charges officially made of such outrages would be investigated thoroughly and undoubtedly the guilty would be punished. The complaint of the minority seemed to be, said he, that the secretary of war had not given Major Gardner's charges immediately upon their reception to the Associated Press for wide dissemination.

He was interrupted by Senator Carmack, of Tennessee, who said the complaint was that the charges had not been furnished to the Philippine committee.

"That is," said Senator Spooner, "that they had not been made public."

"We have heard nothing from the minority," declared Senator Spooner, "except suppression, suppression, suppression, and yet every possible effort is being made by the department to ascertain the facts and to punish the guilty."

Senator Foraker defended Governor Taft against the charge that he had withheld Major Gardner's report.

"The record," he said, "shows conclusively that such a statement is not warranted."

Senator Lodge said it was perfectly monstrous to bring Major Gardner here and allow him to make his accusations in a committee room of the senate when the officers against whom he makes them are thousands of miles

away in the Philippines. He added that he considered it incompetent to dissolve a military board of inquiry by a resolution of the senate.

With this latter remark Senator Morgan said he agreed.

Replying to the republican senators, Senator Rawlins said he did not want to besmirch the army, but he did want a full inquiry to develop the guilty and have them punished while the innocent may be exonerated. He said the minority were "met everywhere with objections and obstruction."

"I call the senator from Utah to order," said Senator Lodge. "No senator has a right to charge any other senator with obstruction."

Senator Rawlins referred to the case of Private Riley and quoted the secretary of war as saying in connection with it that private soldiers are inclined to "draw the long bow," in writing home of occurrences in the Philippines, which he said was itself a severe reflection on the army. Contrary to the secretary's statement, he said the charges of the privates had been sustained.

Senator Lodge—"The Riley case is the only one that has been sustained."

Senator Rawlins—"The Riley case is the only one that has been fully investigated."

Without replying Senator Lodge gave notice of a speech next Monday.

After some further discussion the senate adjourned as a mark of respect to the memory of the late Amos J. Cummings, House of Representatives.

The death of Representative Amos J. Cummings, of New York, in Baltimore last night caused general regret and sorrow in the house today. Above the hall the flag fluttered at half mast and on the floor the old familiar desk on the centre aisle near the front row, which Mr. Cummings occupied for so many years, was draped in black and covered with a profusion of purple orchids and spring flowers.

Mr. Payne, floor leader of the majority, announced Mr. Cummings' death and offered resolutions providing for a funeral service in the house on Sunday.

The resolutions were unanimously adopted, and the speaker announced the appointment of the committee to attend the funeral.

At 12:15 o'clock the speaker as a further mark of respect declared the house adjourned.

THE CLARK-RUSSELL LETTERS.

The Letter's Offer to Have Them Published if the Judge So Desires.

(Special to The Messenger.)

Raleigh, May 3.—It is learned that today ex-Governor Russell sent to Judge Walter Clark copies of the much talked of letters from Clark to Russell and wrote Clark that the latter could publish them if he saw fit; that he (Russell) was averse to publishing them on the call made by W. P. Batchelor's letter, because he did not know whether Batchelor was authorized to speak for Clark. Russell said further that if it were desired he would publish the letters himself, holding the originals and allowing these to be compared with the copies.

Rumor was current today that a negro named Perry outraged a white woman named Hagwood in this county, twenty miles northwest of Raleigh, and was arrested last night and lynched while being brought here. The sheriff had no news of it, and thinks the rumor unfounded.

There is a rumor here that A. Pope, now general freight agent of the Seaboard Air Line, will succeed R. E. L. Bunch as general passenger agent. Some railway people say this rumor is unfounded. Traffic manager W. H. Pleasants will until further notice perform Bunch's duties.

FIGHTING IN MINDANAO.

American Outposts Fired on—Filipino Ports Stormed—Our Casualties.

Manila, May 3.—General Davis, in command of the American forces in the island of Mindanao, cables that his ultimatum has not been answered; that his messenger has not returned, and that the American outposts were fired upon this morning. The troops advanced and shelled Moro fort, but it did not capitulate until the infantry reached the ditch. This fort was strong and well defended by 300 men Fort Panda Padto was then surrounded and heavily shelled. Heavy firing continued as the dispatch was sent. General Davis also reports that Lieutenant Henry S. Wagner, of the Fourteenth Infantry, has been seriously wounded and that twenty enlisted men were wounded.

This is the substance of a brief cable message from the field.

Savannah's New Postmaster.

Washington, May 3.—President Roosevelt today decided to appoint Henry Blun, Jr., postmaster at Savannah, Ga., to succeed Postmaster Doyle. Blun served as a major in the war with Spain and is said to be in harmony with the republican organization of his state.

TWO GREAT RACES

METROPOLITAN HANDICAP AND KENTUCKY DERBY.

ARSENAL AND ALAN A. DALE

The Winners of the Big Purses. Thirty Thousand People Witness the Former Win Out by Half a Length, Under Whip and Spur Vigorously Applied—The Victor at Louisville Wins With Great Ease. High Official and Social Rank of the State Represented at this Race.

New York, May 3.—Out of a field of twenty horses the first eighth of a mile of the Metropolitan handicap at Morris park today, raced Arsenal, son of the famous sprinter Lamplighter, to a lead which he held to the wire and victory, with its reward of \$3,970. He was desperately pressed by Herbert, Carbuncle, Chilton and Smoke and finished under whip and spur vigorously placed by Johnny Daly, with scarce strength enough to have gone another dozen leaps at the killing pace of the race.

It was a sterling race, fairly started, gamely contested for every inch of the mile and spectacularly finished.

Twenty to one was laid against Arsenal, and his splendid victory was a popular one. Jockey Daly was perched high on the shoulders of a trio of admirers, and Arthur Featherstone, owner of the victor, was enthusiastically congratulated by his friends.

The great crowd that filled the stand, betting ring, paddock, lawns and club house was not demonstrative although the sensational finish brought a volley of cheers. A drizzling rain had fallen at intervals during the afternoon and the crowd was chilled. The rain made a heavy track and brought free scratching by owners timid about risking their thoroughbreds in mud. Water Color, the early morning favorite, was withdrawn, and with his went Heno, Far Rockaway, Whiskey King, Old England, Saturday and Smart Set. The withdrawal of Water Color and Heno somewhat dulled interest in the contest and the crowd was hardly prepared for the spirited race.

Rain and the general cheerfulness of the day were apparently without effect upon the attendance, and fully 30,000 persons were on the course when the handicap candidates were sent away.

Frank Farrell's entries, Bonnhert and Colonel Padden, were the favorites in the betting and the quotation on them was 5 to 1. Herbert, our true to form, was second choice and the money on him was placed at 5 and 5 to 2. Ro Hampton was third choice and the figures on him were 6 and 5 to 2. The others varied from 10 to 150 to 1, the price of Carbuncle, who ran third being 20 to 1 and 6 to 1. There were tips out on every horse in the race and the balance so even that the money was widely distributed. There was a heavy play, but betting on Arsenal, the winner, was rather light.

The start was a fair one. Kamara was the first away, with His Eminence second. Smoke third and the others close up. Before the first eighth had been covered Arsenal had bounded forward into the front rank and at the post he was leading with a gap of a length and a half behind him. Down the back stretch Smoke and Reina worked up and claimed second and third places respectively.

The positions of the leaders was maintained to the first turn and beyond it toward the second. At the turn into the stretch Odom on Herbert began to make his ride that finally landed him in second place with a chance of first.

Arsenal wavered fifty yards from the wire and up in the stand fifty voices cried "His Herbert," but the Featherstone horse held his way under Daly, and had Herbert by half a length when they raced under the wire. Carbuncle was close behind with Smoke on his side and Hilton just behind. Bonnhert and Colonel Padden, the favorite, were tenth and eleventh respectively.

The Kentucky Derby.

Louisville, May 3.—To the cheers of thousands Alan A. Dale, the son of Halma, the latter himself winner of the '95 Derby, this afternoon passed under the wire winner of the twenty-eighth Kentucky Derby.

The outpouring of the people, such as always characterizes a Derby, was one of the features of today's big event. The society of the entire state was represented. Governor Beckham and his staff were in attendance, as were public officials from adjoining states.

After several attempts to start spoiled by Abe Frank, who was a little over-anxious, they were sent away on comparatively even terms, with Alan A. Dale a neck in front of Abe Frank, The Rival third and Inventor last. Around the lower turn they shot with the chestnut son of Halma still showing the way.

"Alan will win; he will make a runaway race of it," yelled an admirer

and, true to the prediction, the gap was gradually lengthened down the back stretch until Winfield had a half dozen lengths of daylight between his mount and Abe Frank, the favorite, The Rival being third and Inventor fourth. Their positions remained apparently unchanged until they rounded the last turn for the final run into the stretch. Coburn saw his time had come and he went to work on the favorite, but Abe did not have the run in him. The race was now between the McDowell entry and Inventor, the latter showing a burst of speed at the finish, that for a time seemed to threaten Alan A. Dale, but Winfield, without whip or spur, sent him under the wire winner by a length, with his stable companion, fighting for second place and only a neck behind Inventor, Abe Frank being half a dozen lengths away. Cheer after cheer greeted the colt, and Winfield rode into the circle and a collar of American Beauties was placed around the winner's neck.

GERMAN POTASH SYNDICATE.

Americans' Endeavor to Break Into It—Rockefeller Behind them.

Berlin, May 3.—John D. Rockefeller, it is understood is behind the Virginia-Carolina Chemical Company's designs on the German potash fields. While Messrs. S. T. Morgan, C. D. Crenshaw and E. C. Spatsbury are the only Americans taking part in the conferences which are being held daily at the Hotel Bristol with the members of the German potash syndicate, Peter D. Bradley and S. F. Gibbons, representing Mr. Rockefeller, are at the same hotel, waiting for the outcome of the negotiations and prepared to finance the project.

Mr. Bradley in behalf of himself and Mr. Gibbons, firmly denies that they are here for any such purpose, but the potash syndicate people of Stassfurt have been so informed.

Messrs. Crenshaw and Spatsbury, when they approached the heads of the syndicate several weeks ago were repelled. After the Americans had acquired options on several outside works, indicating a serious purpose to break into the industry, the members of the syndicate invited them to come to Stassfurt again.

Mr. Morgan wired Thursday to the syndicate members, saying that if they wanted to see him they must come to Berlin. Two members of the syndicate appeared yesterday and had a long talk with him. The indications are that the syndicate has broken up at the termination of the present agreement in 1905. The ownership of the syndicate properties is widely distributed and buying control of the properties is likely to require months and capital exceeding \$50,000,000. The only thing which may cause the Americans' withdrawal from the attempt is that some of the properties operated by the syndicate belong to the Prussian treasury, which is also the owner of large unworked properties. The Americans must secure a lease of these for long terms if they wish to dominate the industry.

THE PLANT ESTATE.

Half Brothers of the Deceased Contest Its Removal to New York.

New Haven, Conn., May 3.—The announcement was made today that the transfer of the estate of the late Henry B. Plant, amounting to eighteen or twenty millions of dollars, from Connecticut to the New York courts would be vigorously opposed by Horace G. and Charles E. Hoadley of Waterbury, Conn., sons of the late Horace L. Hoadley, of this city, who was a half brother of the dead millionaire.

The case comes up next Monday. Counsel for the Hoadleys will oppose the transfer on the ground that the will of Henry Bradley Plant, if executed here, will hold the entire property in trust until the unborn grandson of the testator shall have attained his majority, and because of the alleged fact that if the widow and Morton Plant and his son should die the will would be void and the Hoadleys would become legal heirs to the millionaire.

On the other hand, it is alleged that if the transfer is made to New York the courts there will not recognize the will and will divide the estate, giving one-third to the widow and two-thirds to Morton F. Plant.

Besides contesting the proposed transfer Colonel Lucien F. Burpee of Waterbury, who represents the contestants has brought injunction proceedings to restrain temporarily the local court from authorizing the release of the funds. This injunction has been issued by Judge Robinson of the Hartford superior court.

REVOLUTION IN SAN DOMINGO.

The Cincinnati Ordered There to Protect American Interests.

Washington, May 2.—United States Minister Powell at Santo Domingo having reported to the state department that the revolutionary movement led by the vice-president had assumed serious proportions the Cincinnati, now at Norfolk, has been ordered to be ready to sail for there tomorrow evening to protect American interests. She should reach San Domingo Thursday morning.

THE STOCK SLUMP

MILLIONS LOST ON RECENT MANIPULATION

SIXTY BANKS SHOW LOSSES

An Order of Arrest Issued for one of the Stock Market Manipulators on Affidavits of Persons Claiming to Have been Fleeced—The Total Losses Placed Between \$5,000,000 and \$10,000,000—The Name of the Party to be Arrested Kept Secret.

New York, May 3.—The slump in the stock market affecting what is known as "the street" as the Webb-Meyer stocks, was followed up late today by a story that warrants had been issued for the arrest of one or more persons in this connection. The story was that an order of arrest was issued upon an affidavit made by a Wall street operator who claimed to have been fleeced and on further affidavits by members and employees of various firms who alleged they knew the secrets of the deal.

It was further said that from information placed in the hands of P. M. Brown, an attorney, it was alleged that sixty banks in different parts of the country are out more than \$1,000,000 by stock manipulations and the total loss at stake is placed at from \$5,000,000 to \$10,000,000.

It was asserted that Justice Geiger, of the supreme court, had issued the warrants. He could not be found to verify the statement until late tonight when he said:

"So far as I can remember, the statements which have been made are true, and the quotation of the affidavit is correct, though it must be remembered that I have a great many papers to deal with in the course of a day, of an hour, and without having them at hand cannot be too certain as to what they contain."

"I remember an order of arrest was issued in a civil action upon various affidavits charging false and fraudulent representations as to the value of a certain stock or stocks. It was charged in one of the allegations of the complaint, to use the language of the affidavit, that 'wash sales' had been made, which gave a fictitious value to the stock. The order of arrest was made only for one man, although I had signed four. Lawyer Brown, however, only wanted one man arrested and that was because it was feared that he would get away."

Justice Geiger said in conclusion that he was not able to positively say who the man was for whom the warrant called.

Up to a late hour tonight no arrest had been made.

FORCED INTO BANKRUPTCY.

Involuntary Bankruptcy of a Virginia Sawmill Owner.

Norfolk, Va., May 3.—A. M. Ely who has been conducting the lumber business on a large scale in Sussex county, was thrown into bankruptcy in the United States court here today, the partitioning creditors being Duke & Smith, H. L. Page and others. Mr. Ely operated three lumber mills in Sussex county, the output of which amounts to from 25,000 to 30,000 feet daily. He also owned a large amount of standing timber in Sussex. It is claimed that if the assets are properly handled the bankruptcy will probably be able to pay dollar for dollar. The liabilities amount to \$40,000. The court will be asked to permit the receivers to continue the operations of the mills.

A SLUGGING MATCH.

"Kid" Carter Knocked Out by Marvin Hart in Ninth Round.

Louisville, Ky., May 3.—After a fight and a half round of terrific fighting, Marvin Hart, of Louisville, knocked out "Kid" Carter, of Brooklyn, before the Southern Athletic Club tonight. The bout was a slug-fest match up to the sixth round, but the pace had been so swift that during the last four rounds, both men were staggering around the ring, hardly able to stand, and neither seemed to land an effective blow. It was merely a contest of endurance and the knockout blow, a left to the jaw, was given when Hart himself seemed almost ready to fall.

THE CRUISER CHICAGO

Leaves Venice—To be Joined by the Illinois—Court-Martial on the Latter.

Trieste, Austria-Hungary, May 2.—The United States cruiser Chicago arrived here at noon from Venice. The usual exchange of salutes took place.

Rome, May 3.—Private dispatches from Venice say the cruiser Chicago will proceed for Naples May 13th and that she will there be joined by the battleship Illinois, the flagship of the United States European squadron, on board of which vessel, the officers of the Chicago who were arrested an imprisoned in Venice will be tried by court-martial.

Another United States cruiser, these dispatches further say, is expected to arrive at Venice shortly. She will moor outside the St. Mark dock.