

## COMMISSIONERS ARRIVE IN MANILA

### Report Says They Asked for an Armistice.

## OTIS WILL HAVE NO DALLYING

### General Luna Emphasizes His Objections to Peace by Arresting Two Commissioners—Insurgents Loot and Burn San Luis—Kobbe Remains at Candaba.

Manila, Saturday, May 20.—General Del Pilar and Graciano Gonzaga, members of the Filipino cabinet, Lieutenant Colonel Alberto Barretto, military adviser, and Major Zealita, member of Aguinaldo's staff, arrived this morning to co-operate with Florentino Torres, Pablo Ocampo and Theodore Yanco, residents of Manila, as commissioners to negotiate peace. They are now holding a consultation.

Natives continue to return to the town of Candaba, which was taken by Colonel Kobbe's expedition Thursday. They say they desire peace. A Spanish priest returned with many families begging protection. He reported that three hundred insurgents deserted Candaba Wednesday, retreating toward Mount Mayat, ten miles north. He also said that natives believe the archbishop is aiding the Americans; hence their increased hatred of Spaniards. Thursday night insurgents looted and burned San Luis. They also cut off a signal detachment which was reinforced by an army tug today. Kobbe remains at Candaba awaiting orders to advance up the river to meet Lawton, who is marching south from San Isidro. MacArthur remains at San Fernando.

### Request for Truce Renewed.

London, May 19.—A news agency dispatch from Manila says the Filipino commissioners submitted no new proposition, but requested an armistice, which Otis declined to entertain.

### Luna Arrests Commissioners.

Manila, May 19.—Friday afternoon, the Filipino commissioners, Benigno and Herrera, who were on their way to Malolos to join the other insurgent commissioners, are reported captured and detained by General Luna, who is not in sympathy with the peace negotiations. The commissioners were coming to Malolos, presumably in accordance with resolutions passed by the Filipino congress, providing for the surrender of insurgents on the best terms obtainable.

Brigadier General Finston has relieved General Wheaton, who is to be assigned to the command of a new expedition. The Thirteenth Minnesota Infantry has withdrawn from the front to allow the men to rest.

## THE BUSINESS SITUATION.

### Flurry in Stock Market Quieted Down. Cotton Declined and Picked up Again. Wheat Advances—Failures Remarkable Few and Small.

New York, May 19.—Dun's Weekly Review of Trade tomorrow will say: The decline of stocks after the death of ex-Governor Flower was entirely natural. His personal influence was worth many millions to the corporations which he chose to join. The stocks in which he was most largely interested were strongly supported, and after an hour's weakness began to recover. No other occasion appeared for weakness in the market, and a very large share of depression in industrial stocks had previously appeared Tuesday, owing to the multiplicity and highly magnified stories of new combinations in iron and steel. The official report of foreign trade in April showed a decrease compared with last year, of \$19,000,000 in the export of principal products, but an increase in manufactured articles, and in that respect the month was only surpassed by March.

The stock market went wild Saturday for half an hour, but closed higher, and has advanced this week a small fraction. On railroad accounts there was really no occasion for collapse, for earnings on United States roads during April were larger by 4 per cent. than last year. Industrial stocks are at the top of speculation in these days, and speculative demand for securities must hereafter always be distinguished from legitimate business of industrial companies as producers.

While buying 200,000 tons of Bessemer pig at Pittsburgh gave reason for advance in price to \$16.50, with grey forge quoted at \$15 per ton; it is not quite so clear as it might be that the output will continue to fall below demand. Speculators are doing large business in wool, some foreign and some American. They have bought about 7,000,000 pounds of Australian wool in bonds here, and about 1,000,000 pounds of domestic territory wool is also said to have been sold for export at about 42 cents clean.

London declined a small fraction Monday, owing to freer port move-

ment, which made it probable that at the end of the week the amount in sight would about equal last year's record-breaking figures. But there was a recovery of all the decline in middling uplands and a net gain in options.

Wheat has been rising during the past week about four cents, and nobody can tell why, although the exports in the past two weeks have been 10,569,000, flour included, against 8,135,124 last year. Better shipments are expected after the opening of navigation, and are, in fact, coming, the outward movement from Duluth alone in two weeks reaching nearly 4,000,000 bushels. Lack of rain in California has caused a large reduction in all estimates for that State.

The volume of all business through clearing houses, outside of New York, has been 29.7 per cent. larger than last year for May, thus far. Failures in two weeks of May have been smaller each week than in any other week ever reported, and were \$1,683,783, against \$5,776,122 last year.

### As Bradstreet's Sees It.

Bradstreet's tomorrow will say: Less favorable weather has tended to check distributive demand at retail, but in wholesale lines trade is regarded as very fair, and even satisfactory for the advanced stage of the season. Louisville tobacco receipts are large and the market is strong. Birmingham advises of great industrial activity and new iron furnaces blowing in. Improved trade conditions are reported at Savannah, Atlanta, Knoxville and New Orleans. Trade in the southwest is reported rather slow, owing to weather conditions, but export business from Galveston is very large.

## CORBIN SEES THE PRESIDENT.

### No Action Taken in Regard to Disarming the Cuban Army—McKinley Starts Home- ward.

Hot Springs, Va., May 19.—Adjutant-General Corbin has been consulting with President McKinley today in regard to the Cuban situation and other matters. He will return to Washington with the President. The presidential party left tonight on a special train over the Chesapeake and Ohio for Staunton, where they will arrive during the night. President McKinley will remain there until 8 o'clock in the morning, when the train will depart for the Shenandoah Valley over the Baltimore and Ohio and Southern railways, passing through Harrisonburg, Cedar Creek, Winchester and Harper's Ferry, and reaching Washington at 5:30 in the afternoon.

### Lawton's Thanks.

The President received the following dispatch today:  
Manila, May 19.—Lawton and command send grateful acknowledgments for congratulations.

### OTIS.

This was in reply to the President's cablegram thanking Lawton for taking San Isidro.

### The Czar's Acknowledgments.

The President also received the following:

Tsarskoe-Selo, May 19.  
President of the United States, Washington.

I am deeply grateful for your good wishes and congratulations.

NICHOLAS, Czar of Russia.

The President will probably take no action in regard to the conflicting views of Alger and Brooke relative to Cuban army disarmament until he has opportunity to consult Alger. The matter was fully talked over with General Corbin today, but it is stated authoritatively that no orders have been given in regard to changing the original instructions to have arms turned over to the United States government.

## THE TEST PROVED FATAL.

### Negro Woman Wanted to Be Certain Her Husband Loved Her.

Richmond, May 19.—Ella Myers, colored, who lived at Westover on James river, is dead as a test of her husband's love. She wrapped a lot of clothing and paper around her body, saturated them with kerosene and applied a match. Her screams brought her husband to the scene, and in his efforts to extinguish the flames he was badly burned. She said she did not intend suicide, but only wanted to test her husband's love. She lingered several days and died Wednesday.

## THIRD CENSUS SUPERVISOR.

### Senator Pritchard Names D. J. Lewis for the Third District.

Washington, May 19.—Special.—D. J. Lewis, of Whiteville, has received the endorsement of Senator Pritchard for supervisor of census for the Third district of North Carolina. His name was handed in to Director Merriam today. This makes three of the nine now named.

### Distributing War Trophies.

Washington, May 19.—The Secretary of War has secured from Judge Advocate General Lieber an opinion confirming his right to loan or give to municipalities, G. A. R. posts and other patriotic organizations such as the cannon captured from the Spaniards in Cuba and Porto Rico as are unserviceable. Yesterday the first of the guns, which are in possession of the army, were bestowed upon the military post at Fort Thomas, Ky. They are two beautiful bronze pieces of antique pattern, made in Barcelona in 1768 and 1769.

### Dewey to Sail in a Day or Two

Washington, May 19.—Naval officials expect Admiral Dewey to leave Manila for Hong Kong Sunday or Monday. No news has been received as to the date of the admiral's departure, but he is expected to arrive at Hong Kong, May 25th.

## COUNTERFEITING IN WILMINGTON

### Detectives Make Two Import- tant Arrests.

## OUTFITS FOR MAKING COIN

### A Greek in the Grocery Business Equipped for Making Imitation Silver Dollars—A Young American Was Doing Very Well in Manufac- turing Nickels.

Wilmington, May 19.—Special.—Today United States detectives made sensational developments in the counterfeit case, which they have been earnestly and quietly working up for the past fortnight, and which has been an annoyance to the Wilmington people for fully a month. For that length of time the city has been flooded with bogus coins, of the denomination of one dollar and less, and several thousand of the dollar pieces got in circulation. Some of the coins were so perfect in their imitation that they could only be detected by the most careful scrutiny and, of course, in the hurry and bustle of trade, it was easy to pass them off upon merchants.

Detective B. F. Perry, of the secret service, was sent to this city by the government to run to ground the counterfeiters if possible. This morning aided by Detectives J. P. Flynn and William Sheehan, Jr., he made two captures, one of which was a sensational surprise, being the nest of a prosperous and well educated Greek, Nick Politz, who belongs to several fraternal orders in this city and who runs quite a large grocery store. The detectives raided his store and found a complete counterfeiting outfit, with the exception of dies, which are now being searched for. In Politz's safe, which he was made to open, was found fifty-eight one dollar counterfeit pieces. He was immediately taken in custody and placed in jail.

About thirty crucibles were found secreted in Politz's store, together with the following articles: Twenty pounds of antimony, a brittle white colored metal, much used in the arts and medicine, also a bill for the same dated November 25th, made out to Nick Politz, bought of Clendim Bros., of Baltimore. This material was shipped from Baltimore and received in this city about this date. Some German scrap silver, bought of Jacob Grimlinger, of Baltimore, was billed the same time. This bill called for ten pounds of German scrap silver at twenty cents per pound, also two and three-fourths pounds of scrap silver at sixty cents per pound. This also was billed to Politz. A machine or vessel used for polishing purposes, manufactured by the Buffalo Dental Manufacturing Company, of Buffalo, N. Y., which they had to brighten their imitation goods and make them look similar to Uncle Sam's coin, was captured. A bellows which was used for making uniform heat when melting gold, silver or other metals, which was manufactured by Haines, Jones & Cadburg, of Philadelphia, was also a part of the outfit.

The other arrest was that of a young white man, Walter Silvy, an employee of a large machine shop in this city. In his possession was found eight hundred counterfeit nickels, an ingeniously constructed mould and a number of crucibles.

The detectives expect to make further developments and are now hard at work. Politz has employed able counsel to defend him. He has retained Congressman Bellamy, A. J. Marshall, Esq., and Bellamy & Bellamy. The preliminary investigation is set for tomorrow afternoon before Commissioner Collier.

## WINSTON GRADED SCHOOLS.

### Graduating Class the Largest Ever Sent out from a Public School in This State.

Winston, N. C., May 19.—Special.—The most successful commencement exercises in the history of the Winston Graded Schools took place tonight. The annual address was delivered by President McIver, of the State Normal College, Greensboro. His subject was "Money," and his effort was one of the best addresses ever heard here. The graduating class was the largest ever turned out by any public school in North Carolina, there being thirty-eight members. The H. Montague medal, for making best average during the session, was awarded to Miss Effie Miller. Two scholarships were awarded to Fred Hanes to the University and Miss Lucile Foust to Guilford College.

### Collision of Cars With Fatal Results.

Cleveland, May 19.—Ten persons were injured, two fatally, in a collision of electric cars at the corner of Ontario and Prospect streets this afternoon. The collision took place at a switch and was caused by a trailer jumping the track and bumping into a car coming in the opposite direction. The car was crowded with passengers. Its roof was stove in and it was otherwise damaged.

## WILLIAM OPPOSED TO ARBITRATION

### The Kaiser's Language Pic- turesque and Expressive.

## THE CAZAR WEARY OF LIFE

### Side Lights at the Peace Confer- ence—Disarmament Question Shelved for the Present—United States and Great Britain Pulling Together at the Start.

The Hague, May 19.—The presidents of various delegations to the Peace Conference met today to discuss plans of procedure, but the program was not completed.

The American delegation is receiving a deluge of telegrams from all parts of the United States, indicating a degree of interest in their mission which greatly surpasses them. A large majority are from representative bodies. A committee of Armenians visited the Americans and made a plea for peace in behalf of their countrymen.

The most interesting news of the conference thus far transpires through conversations between delegates. A diplomat of the highest rank today quoted the Kaiser as saying to him last week he would be damned if he would support arbitration, as it was contrary to his divine prerogatives. An Englishman informed an American delegate that the Czar had said: "I am sick and tired of life. What with its responsibilities, its hypocrisies, its festivities and its lies, I wish I were out of it."

Several leaders of delegations at today's meeting expressed the opinion that the discussion of the question of armaments should be postponed until the matter of arbitration was disposed of. This method of shelving the disarmament question will be adopted.

Queen Wilhelmina and her mother will arrive here next Tuesday. On Wednesday the Queen will give a grand soiree in honor of the delegates.

An incident that occurred at today's meeting of presidents of delegations was possibly of some significance. Pauncefote proposed that the subject of humanitarian regulations in extension of the Geneva convention be assigned to two committees, one to consider naval and the other military matters. The meeting decided to refer the whole subject to a single committee. White, president of the American delegation, supported Pauncefote's proposition, which indicates a line of cleavage which will probably reappear when other questions arise.

## THE DEAD PAY TRIBUTE.

### The Tammany Way of Working Soft Soap Shows by Witnesses.

New York, May 19.—According to testimony given before the Mazet committee today, the dead, as well as the living, must pay tribute when Tammany is in power.

Witnesses were put on the stand to prove that one undertaker gets the job to bury the great majority of those who die at two hospitals by paying \$3 a body to employees of the hospital for sending him information of death before official notification is sent to relatives. Besides this, it was shown that tribute from the dead is still being collected, and only two employees of the hospitals have been discharged so far, although others are furnishing advance information of death to the undertaker, and the commissioner of Charities, the matron and three doctors of one hospital know that the traffic is going on. Testimony was also adduced to show that one undertaker buys cheap coffins made for the department of charities, covers them with 65 cents worth of black cloth, and sells them to relatives of the dead for \$85.

In furnishing sewer pipe to the city, evidence was adduced to show that the Croker family has a good thing there. Until Tammany came into power any manufacturer of sewer pipe had a chance to sell his product to the city. Now only The Contractors' Supply Company, in which are Croker's two sons and a nephew, can sell sewer pipe to the city. This is because the specifications now call for a kind of pipe which only the Croker Company can manufacture, because that company owns the patents.

## BAD NEWS FOR CUBA.

### Alger's Hold-up of Brooke's Arrangement Complicates the Situation.

Havana, May 19.—Publication in the papers of dispatches from the United States that Secretary Alger had disapproved General Brooke's arrangement for disbanding the Cuban army and insisting on arms being surrendered to United States authorities, created intense excitement here and ended the good feeling which prevailed the last few days. General Brooke denied that he had received any advices from Washington changing the plan and declared that the present arrangement

would be carried out. From other sources it was learned that Brooke had received a dispatch disapproving the arrangement.

There will undoubtedly be disappointment if the plan is changed and bad feeling will be engendered. Everybody was satisfied to have arms turned over to mayors of Cuban municipalities. Stocks declined on exchange on receipt of the news. In clubs and cafes the news was excitedly discussed. La Discussion (newspaper) charges Alger with attempting to force a revolution at the behest of a syndicate of capitalists in order that the United States may seize Cuba.

Gomez is utterly astonished. He refused to believe the plan will be changed, and says if such turns out to be the case he will advise Cubans to refuse the three millions and retain their arms. Cuban flags were half-masted today commemorative of the death of President Marti.

## MESSAGE IN A BOTTLE.

### Letter Supposed to Be from Andree Found North of Iceland.

Leith, Scotland, May 19.—The Norwegian ship Viking, which arrived here yesterday from Seydisfjord, brought a report of a letter written by Professor Andree, which was found in a bottle, early in April, near Ritotang, on the northeast coast of Iceland, by a farmer named Johann Magnusson. The letter was then in a bottle, was addressed to the Polar expedition at Guthenberg, and bore Andree's own stamp, with the request that it be placed in the nearest postoffice.

Magnusson, it is added, gave the letter to a merchant, Sveinn Elnason, at Thistilfjord, who mailed it, and it is expected to arrive at its destination in the course of a few days. At the same time the Viking brought a letter to a prominent Icelandic, now in London, advising him of the facts and requesting him to telegraph to the King of Sweden, and to the polar expedition at Guthenberg, which was done.

A dispatch from Copenhagen, April 20 said information had been received that day from Iceland announcing that a bottle containing a note from Professor Andree, the missing Arctic explorer, had been found in some Polar ice in the neighborhood of Husavik, north of Reikjavik. The man who found the bottle is said to have sent it to Reikjavik, with the request that it be forwarded to Christiania. It was added at the time that the text of the letter would not be known until the arrival of the next mail from Iceland. Mails reach Copenhagen from Iceland at intervals, about six times per year.

## WILL OF EX-GOVERNOR FLOWER.

### His Wife and Daughter Get All Except a Few Bequests.

Watertown, N. Y., May 19.—The will of the late ex-Governor Flower has been filed for probate. He left bequests of \$40,000 to each of his brothers and sisters, or their heirs; \$25,000 to Frederick S. Flower; \$10,000 to his former cashier, Ransom S. Pattison; \$10,000 in trust to St. Thomas' parish, New York, for the benefit of the parish house, erected in memory of his son, who died in 1880; \$10,000 to Trinity parish, Watertown, for the benefit of the poor; \$5,000 to his namesake, Roswell Flower George, of this city, and \$5,000 to Roswell Flower Mandly, of Chicago. The residue is left to his widow and daughter, share and share alike. Mrs. Sarah M. Flower is executrix; his son-in-law, John B. Taylor, and Anson R. Flower are executors.

Governor Flower has made a practice for years of giving away at least one-tenth of his income. His gifts, however, have always far exceeded his regular title. During the last year it is learned from the best authority that he gave away directly or indirectly over one million dollars.

## National League Games.

At Cincinnati	R. H. E.
Cincinnati	5 13 3
Brooklyn	7 13 2
Batteries: Phillips and Wood; Ken- nedy and Farrell	
At Washington	R. H. E.
Washington	4 12 5
Pittsburg	11 13 3
Batteries: Baker and McGuire; Tan- nahl and Bowerman	
Second game	R. H. E.
Washington	10 12 2
Pittsburg	2 7 4
Batteries: McFarland and Butler; Payne and Bowerman	
At Louisville	R. H. E.
Louisville	4 6 4
Boston	13 18 0
Batteries: Dowling and Kittridge; Killen and Bergen	
At St. Louis—Owing to New York's refusing to abide by a decision of the umpire in the seventh inning, the game was awarded to St. Louis; score 9 to 0	
At Chicago	R. H. E.
Chicago	2 5 3
Baltimore	4 10 1
Batteries: Callahan and Donohue; Kitson and Robinson	
At Cleveland—Cleveland-Philadel- phia; no game; cold.	

## Where Cornwallis Surrendered.

Norfolk, Va., May 19.—The Great Bridge and Fort Nelson chapters of the Daughters of the American Revolution made a pilgrimage to historic Old Yorktown Wednesday. The trip had for its object something more profitable than mere pleasure, for the Daughters desire to acquire, if possible, the old Moore house, in which Lord Cornwallis and the American and French officers met to arrange the terms of the final capitulation of the British forces. The house, despite its one hundred and fifty years, is in fairly good condition, but the Daughters desire to insure its permanent preservation as one of the most interesting of American historical relics.

## CORA HICKS ON TRIAL FOR MURDER

### The Court Assigns Counsel to Defend Her.

## THE DRUGGISTS RETURN HOME

### Officers Elected by the Pharmaceu- tical Association—First Regiment Band Draws a Good House—Judg- ment Modified in a Railroad Suit.

Durham, May 19.—Special.—The case of the State vs. Cora Hicks, charged with murder, came up for trial this morning. The child, barefooted and wearing an old straw hat and checked cotton dress, came into the courtroom just as the hands of the clock pointed to the hour of 9:30. She had employed no counsel, and Messrs. Manning & Foushee, who were appointed by the court two days ago to represent her, began their fight for her life. About two hours were occupied in selecting the jury, and nearly all of the special venire of fifty men was exhausted before both sides could agree upon twelve men to try the case. The following were selected: J. T. Green, J. M. Flintom, J. M. Perry, Charles O. Copley, Claude A. Gattis, S. O. Watts, Josiah Adkins, Jr., J. H. Hodges, W. H. Harris, H. D. Hamlin, C. P. Couch and R. F. Morris. Immediately after the selection and empanelling of the jury the State began to introduce its evidence to show that the girl should be made to pay for her life. The solicitor is being assisted by W. B. Guthrie and Jones Fuller.

### DRUGGISTS ADJOURN.

The Pharmaceutical Association adjourned today at 1 o'clock. The next meeting will be held in Wilmington in May, 1900. Following are the officers elected to serve the ensuing year: President, J. B. Smith, of Lexington; First Vice-President, R. H. Jordan, of Charlotte; Second Vice-President, E. W. O'Hanlon, of Winston; Third Vice-President, Henry T. Hicks, of Raleigh; Secretary, P. W. Vaughan, of Durham; Treasurer, A. J. Cook, of Fayetteville; Local Secretary, John H. Hardin, of Wilmington. The following executive committee was elected: J. M. Scott, Charlotte; A. B. Matthews, Durham; J. Hal. Bobbitt, Raleigh; G. K. Grantham, Dunn. The term of office of Mr. N. D. Fetter, of Concord, as a member of the Board of Pharmacy, expires in 1900, and the association elected Mr. J. Hal. Bobbitt, of Raleigh, as his successor. On retiring as president of the association, Mr. W. M. Yearby presented the new president with three gavels. This afternoon the local druggists gave the members of the association a barbecue at Huckleberry Springs. Later in the afternoon a game of ball was played at Trinity Park, and other amusements indulged in. Quite a number of the druggists left for their homes this afternoon, well pleased with the meeting and their visit to Durham.

### DURHAM NEWS IN BRIEF.

The First North Carolina Regiment Band arrived here this morning in a special car from Oxford, and tonight gave a concert at the Opera House to a full house.

Mr. Frank Cheek, twenty-seven years old, died of consumption at his home in this city about 12 o'clock.

At a recent term of Granville County Superior Court O'Gary vs. The Southern Railroad Company was allowed \$613 damages because he was put off a passenger train by the conductor.

The defendant company made a motion for a new trial, and the motion was heard before Judge Bryan here today. After hearing the case the court reduced the amount to \$450, and the plaintiff appealed to the Supreme Court.

### PROSPEROUS TEXAS.

Secretary Wilson Gives the Legislature the Benefit of His Observations.

Austin, Tex., May 19.—Secretary of Agriculture Wilson was given an ovation by members of the legislature today. He addressed the House by invitation, and his remarks were frequently applauded. Secretary Wilson stated that he had visited nearly all the agricultural districts of the State and found evidence of great prosperity. He urged farmers to give more attention to diversification of products, and that the legislature contribute liberally for the support of agricultural educational institutions. He declared that all products raised in the United States could be raised in Texas. He predicted that the Nicaragua Canal would be opened in a few years, affording the State a direct market to the far east.

### Slight Prospect of Reassembling.

Washington, May 19.—The prospect of reassembling of the Anglo-American-Canadian Commission are not flattering. It is learned that reassembling is contingent on England and the United States arriving at some arrangement on the Anaskan boundary question. Although Hxy, Choate, Salisbury and Pauncefote have, since the adjournment of the commission, discussed the boundary question, no progress has been made and no settlement is in sight.