Subject: "Bundles of Life"-Inspiration Drawn From a Homely Phrase-Life, Spiritual and Physical, is Divinely Protected-Bundley Which Are Blessings, Text: "The soul of my Lord shall be bound in the bundle of life with the Lord

thy God."-I Samuel xxv., 29. Beautiful Abigail, in her rhythmic plea for the rescue of her inebriate husband, who died within ten days, addresses David, the warrior, in the words of the text. She

suggests that his life, physically and in-tellectually and spiritually, is a valuable package or bundle, divinely bound up and Abigail in my text recognized this when

times in my father's family prayers. Family prayers you know, have frequent repetiwith about the same misfortunes, and I do not know why those who lead at household devotions should seek variety of composi-tion. That familiar prayer becomes the household liturgy. I would not give one of my old father's prayers for fifty elocutionary supplications. Again and again, in the morning and evening prayer, I heard until a few days ago that the phrase was a

Bible phrase, During the last spell of cold weather there were bundles that attracted the attention and the plaudits of the high heavens, bundles of clothing on the way from comfortable homes to the door of the mission room, and Christ stood in the snowbanks and said as the bundles passed: 'Naked, and ye clothed me. Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren ye have done it unto me." Those bundles are multiblying. Blessings on those who pack them. Blessings on those who distribute them. Blessings on those who receive them,

With what beautiful aptitude did Abigail in my text speak of the bundle of life! Ob. what a precious bundle is life! Bundle of memories, bundle of hopes, bundle of ambitions, bundle of destinies! Once in a while a man writes his autobiography, noy and discompose and torment us! Inand it is of thrilling interest. The story of stead of a grasshopper being a burden, a his birthplace, the story of his struggles, the story of his sufferings, the story of his triumphs! But if the autobiography of the would make many chapters of adventure, of tragedy, of comedy, and there would not be an uninteresting step from cradle

Bundle of memories are you! Boyhood memories, with all its injustices from playmates, with all its game with ball and bat and kite and sled. Manhood memories, with all your struggles in starting-obstacles, opposition, accidents, misfortunes, losses, successes. Memories of the first marriage you ever saw solemnized, of the first grave you ever saw opened, of the first mighty wrong you ever suffered, of the first victory you ever gained. Memory of the hour when you were affianced, memory of the first advent in your home, memory of roseate cheek faded and of blue eyes closed in the last sleep, memory of anthem and of dirge, memory of great pain and of slow convalescence, memory of times when all things were against you, memory of prosperities that came in like the full tide of the sea, memories of a life-

time. What a bundle! Bundle of hopes and ambitions also is almost every man and woman, especially at the starting. What gains he will harvest, or what reputation he will achieve, or what bliss he will reach, or what love he will win. What makes college commencement day so entrancing to all of us as we see the students receive their diplomas and take up the garlands thrown to their feet? They will be Faradays in science; they will there between those uplands and these be Tennysons in poesy; they will be Willard lowlands that we will not surprise them by Parkers in surgery; they will be Alexander Sudden arrival. If loved ones on earth ex-Horace Greeleys in editorial chair; they will be Websters in the Senate. Or she will be a Mary Lyon in educational realms, or a Frances Willard on reformatory platform, or a Helen-Gould in military hospitals. Or she will make home life radiant with helpfulness and self-sacrifice and magnificent womanhood. Oh, what a splendors and guide us to our celes-bundle of hopes and ambitions! It is a tial home, bowered and fountained and bundle of gariands and scepters from arched and illumined by a sun that never which I would not take one sprig of sets. Will it not be glorious, the going in mignonette nor extinguish one spark of and the settling down after all the moving brilliance. They who start life without bright hopes and inspiring ambitions might as well not start at all, for every step will be a failure. Rather would I add to the bundle, and if I open it now it will be because I wish to take anything from

it, but that I may put into it more coronets every woman! Power to think-to think e past and through all the future, to think upward and higher than the highest pinnacle of heaven, or to think downward egun to think, there shall be no terminus for that exercise, and eternity itself shall have no power to bid it halt. Faculties to love-filial love, conjugal love, paternal love, maternal love, love of country, love of God. Faculty of judgment, with scales so delicate and yet so mighty they can weigh arguments, weigh emotions, weigh worlds, weigh heaven and hell. Faculty of will, that can climb mountains or tunnel them, wade seas or bridge them, accepting eternal enthronement or choosing everlasting exile. Oh, what it is to be a man! Oh, what it is to be a woman! Sublime and infinite bundle of faculties! The thought of it staggers me, swamps me, stuns me, bewilders me, overwhelms me, Oh, what a bundle of life Abigail of my text saw in David and which we ought to see in every human yet immortal being!

Know, also, that this bundle of life is properly directed. Many a bundle has missed its way and disappeared because the address has dropped, and no one can and by examination for what city or town or neighborhood it was intended. All great carrying companies have so many misdirected packages that they appoint days of soul, the pillars of Jehovah's throne vendue to dispose of them. All intelligent would fall, and the foundations of the people know the importance of having a valuable package plainly directed, the name of the one to whom it is to go plainly written. Baggage master and expressinan written being a the first glance to whom ought to know at the first glance to whom

The bundle of life that Abigail in my text speaks of is plainly addressed. By divine penmanship it is directed heaven- an abandoned city, with no charlot wheel ward. However long may be the earthly on the streets and no worshippers in the distance it travels its destination is the temple—a dead Pompeli of the skies, a eternal city of God on high. Every mile it | buried Herculaneum of the heavens. Lest goes away from that direction is by some any one should doubt, the God who cannot human or infernal fraud practiced against lie smites his omnipotent hand on the side it. There are those who put it on some of his throne and takes affidavit, declaring, other track, who misplace it in some wrong conveyance, who send it off or send it pack by some diabelic miscarriage. The value of that bundle is so well known all up and down the universe that there are 1,000,000 dishonest hands which are trying to detain or divert it or to forever stop its progress in the right direction. There are so many influences abroad to ruin your body, mind and soul that my wonder is not that so many are destroyed for this world and the

hext, but that there are not more who go down irremediably.

Every human being is assailed at the start. Within an hour of the time when this bundle of life is made up the assault negins. First of all there are the infantile disorders that threaten the body just hunched upon earth; existence. Seariet fevers and pneumonius and diphtherias and influenzas and the whole pack of epidemics. influences and the whole pack of epidemics surround the cradio and threaten its occu-pant; and infant Moses in the ark of builsters of the Nile than every cradle is imper-lied by aliments all devouring. In after fullest capacity.

DR. TALMAGE'S SERMON years there are foes within and foes without. Evil appetite joined by outside allurements, Temptations that have utterly destroyed more people than now inhabit the earth, Gambling saloons and rummerlies and places where dissoluteness reigns supreme, enough in humber to go round and round the earth. Discouragements, jealousies, revenges, malevolences, disappointments, swindles, arsons, conflagrations and cruelties, which make continued existence of the human race a wonderment. Was aver any valuable hundle agent. ment. Was ever any valuable bundle ever so imperiled as this bundle of life? Oh, look at the address and get that bundle going in the right way! "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart and soul

and mind and strength."

Know also that a bundle may have in it more than one invaluable. There may be in it a photograph of a loved one and a to be divinely protected.

The phrase "bundle of life" I heard many bound in the bundle of life with the Lord bound in the bundle of life with the Lord bundle of thy God." And Acigail was right. We may be bound up with a loving and sympations, because day by day they acknowledge about the same blessings and deplore about the same frailties and sympathize ever were emerald and ruby united in one ring, as ever were two deeds in one packever were emerald and ruby united in one ring, as ever were two deeds in one package, as ever were two vases on the same shelf, as ever were two valuation in the same bundle. Together in time of sorrow. Together in time of joy. Together on earth. Together in heaven. Close companionship of God. Hear Him, "I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee." "For the mountains shall depart and the hills be the request that we might all be bound up removed, but My kindness shall not depart in the bundle of life, but I did not know from these neither shall the coverant of from thee, neither shall the covenant o My peace be removed, saith the Lord that hath mercy on thee." And when those Bible authors compared God's friendship to the mountains for height and firmness they knew what they were writing about; for they well knew what mountains are. All those lands are mountainous. Mount Hermon, Mount Gilboa, Mount Gerizim, Mount Engedi, Mount Horeb, Mount Nebo, Mount Pisgah, Mount Olivet, Mount Zion, Mount Moriah, Mount Lebanon, Mount Sinal, Mount Golgotha. Yes, we have the divine promise that all those mountains shall weigh their anchorage of rocks and move away from the earth before a loving and sympathetic God will move away from us if we love and trust Him. Oh, if we could realize that according to my text we may bound up with that God, how independent it would make us of things that now harass and an-

> giants of opposition we would smite down hip and thigh with great slaughter. Know, also, that this bundle of life wil be gladly received when it comes to the door of the mansion for which it was bound and plainly directed. With what alacrity and glee we await some package that has been foretold by letter, some holiday pre sentation, something that will enrich and ornament our home, some testimony of admiration and affection! With what glow of expectation we untie the knot and take off the cord that holds it together in safety, and with what glad exclamation we unroll the covering and see the gift or purchase in all its beauty of color and proportion. Well, what a day it will be when your precious bundle of life shall be opened in the "house of many mansions," amid saintly and angelic and divine inspection The bundle may be spotted with the marks of much exposure, it may bear inscription after inscription to tell through what ordeal it has passed, perhaps splashed of wave and scorched of flame, but all it has within undamaged of the journey. And with what shouts of joy the bundle of life will be greeted by all the voices of the

heavenly home circle. In our anxiety at last to reach heaven we are apt to lose sight of the glee or wel come that awaits us if we get in at all. We all have friends up there. They will somehow hear that we are coming. Such close and swift and constant communication is with carriage to meet us, surely we will be met at the shining gate by old friends now sainted and kindred now glorified. It there were no angel of God to meet us and show us the palaces and guide us to our everlasting residence, these kindred would show us the way and point out the about and upsettings of earthly experience. We will soon know all our neighbors, kingly, queenly, prophetic, apostolic, seraphic archangelic. The precious bundle of life pened amid palaces and grand marches and acclamations. Tuey will all be so glad we have got sately through. They saw us lown here in the struggle. They saw us when we lost our way. They knew when we got off the right course. None of the thirty-two ships that were overduo at New fork harbor in the storm of week before last was greeted so heartly by friends on the dock or the steam tugs that went out to meet them at Sandy Hook as we will be greeted in the heavenly world if by the pardoning and pro

tecting grace of God- we come to celestia wharfage. We shall have to tell them of the many wrecks that we have passed or the way across wild seas and amid Caribbean cyclones. It will be like our arriva some years ago from New Zealand at Sydney, people surprised that we got in at all, cause we were two days late, and some of the ships expected had gone to the bottom, and we had passed derelicts and bandoned crafts all up and down that awful channel-our arrival in heaven all the nore rapturously welcomed because of the loubt as to whether we would ever get

Once there it will be found that the safety of that precious bundle of life was ife of God in Jesus Christ. Heaven could not afford to have that bundle lost because it had been said in regard to its transportation." The veracity of the heavens is involved in its arrival. If God should fail to keep His promise to just one ransomed soul, the pillars of Jehovah's throne poverties would dash down all the Every Month From 500 To 1,000 Arrive In The Knoxville and Bristol Railway Comcourse, sweeping everything with desoiation, and frost would blast all the gordens, and immeasurable sickness slay the immortals, and the new Jerusalem become "As I live, saith the Lord God, I have no pleasure in the death of him that dieth." Oh, I cannot tell you hew I feel about it, the thought is so glorious. Bound up with God. Bound up with infinite mercy. Bound up with infinite joy. Bound up with in-finite purity. Bound up with infinite might. That thought is more beautiful and glori-ous than was the heroic Abiga'l, who at the foot of the crags uttered, "Bound in the bundle of life with the Lord thy God!"

A Boom at Pittsbury. A wave of prosperity in Pittsburg started

BY THE SO-CALLED MILITARY AS-SEMBLY OF CUBA.

THE OLD HERO IS NOT PERTURBED

On the Contrary, He Notifies the Assembly By Telephone That "He Enjoys the Situation."

A special from Havana says: The Cuban military assembly in public session Saturday afternoon impeached General Maximo Gomez and removed him from his command as general-inchief of the Cuban army, the first ballot taken resulting in 26 votes beimpeach and remove General Gomez against 4 in opposition. The meeting following names:

lasted from 2 until 7 o'clock. General Gomez's only supporters were General Cespedes and General Nunez. The original motion, which was introduced by Senor Manuel Sanguilly, provided for the abolition of the grade of general-in-chief, but an amendment was offered to this by Senor Aguerro, which read "to abolish the grade of general-in-chief and to remove General Gomez for failure in his military duties and disobedience to the assembly."

Senor Aguerro declared that Gomez

was insubordinate and should be punished, and Senor Sanguilly insinuated that the general was a traitor to Cuba. Much passion was evident in the speeches, in some of which Gomez was declared to have been delinquent made in the letter is as follows: in his duties and disobedient because he had accepted the proposition of Robert P. Porter, President McKinley's special emissary, without consulting the assembly; because he had taken upon himself the arrangements for the payment and disarming of the Cuban troops independent of the assembly, and because he had declared to the assembly that he would observe its rulings in so far as he considered

them beneficial to Cuba. The assembly declared that the \$3,000,000 was insufficient, and that it has not yet accepted the proposition. The discussion of this question will soon be taken up, now that General Gomez has been removed.

Senor Gonzales de Quesada, who accompanied Mr. Porter in Cuba, was attacked by Senors Gualberto Gomez, Sanguilly and Aguerro, who declared that he had acted in bad faith, and had deceived them. Senor Aguerro likened the present conditions confronting the assembly to those that confronted the French chamber when it was proposed to impeach President

Colonel Morra and General Nunez declared that the present step was useless, and would make the assembly ridiculous in the eyes of the world.

General Gomez is believed to be stronger than the assembly in the affection of the Cuban army. Many privates are anxious to leave the army and go to work, especially when they are able to obtain money to start them

The position of the assembly is notably weak, as the military administration supports General Gomez, as do also the planters and property owning element, who are tired of the Cuban army, which subsists half upon charity and half upon contributions levied by means of threats.

General Gomez received at Molinas Saturday evening a telephone message announcing to him the decision of the assembly. He answered calmly: "All right, I enjoy the situation."

GEN. WHEELER TALKS.

Says Question of His Remaining In th Army Is Not Decided.

General Joseph Wheeler saw the president Saturday concerning his future status. Subsequently he said that while the question of his remaining in the army had not been definitely decided, it was probable that he would not remain in the service. He thought the president would be unable to find a place for him and he was not pushing the matter.

"But I would like to remain in the service," he said, "and be sent to the Philippines, where there is fighting. I would not care so much to stay in the tion and safe arrival, "Kept by the power, would not care so much to stay in the of God through faith unto complete salva- army if I had to remain in this coun-

LANDING JAPANESE LABORERS.

Labor circles in the northwest are much agitated over reports which are received with general credence that hundreds of Japanese contract laborers are being brought into Puget

Sound cities. Every month from 500 to 1,000 Japanese laborers are landed at Tacoma, Vancouver and Portland. Practically all pass in through the requirements of which are sound body and \$30 in cash. It is said that hundreds of these men are finding employment on various railroad lines

SAMPSON'S SQUADRON SAILS.

Vessels Proceed By Way of Jamaies t A dispatch from Havana says: The north Atlantic squadron, under Rear Admiral Sampson, sailed at 1 o'clock Friday, proceeding by way of Cienfuegos, Guantanamo and Kingston, Jamaica, to Porto Rico; .

Major General Lee, commander of the Seventh army cosps, will go on the battleship Texas to Cienfuegos, returning from that point by rail.

GENERALS TO BE RETAINED.

President Has Practically Made Up the List as Regards Volunteers.

A Washington dispatch says: The president has practically made up the list of the general officers to be retained in the volunteer branch of the service. The basis of all the calculations is an army of 65,000 men, for the president has so far insisted that he will not call for volunteers in addition to that number unless an emer-

gency should arise. The organization act limits the number of major generals to be appointed to one for each 13,000 men, and the brigadier generals to one for every 4.000 men in actual service. On this basis, as there are already three major generals in the army, in the persons of General Miles, General Brooke and Saturday for Havana, passing quaran-General Merritt, there is room for but | tine at 5:15 p. m. She has on board

To fill these two places the president has selected General Shafter and General Otis, now in command at Manila. ing cast in support of the motion to It is safe to say that the list of brigadiers to be appointed will include the

> General Wood, at Santiago; General Wilson, at Matanzas; General Lee, in the province of Havana; General Davis, now on duty with the court of inquiry into the beef supplies; General Ludlow, in command of Havana city; General Lawton, near Ingmalia; General McArthur, at Manila; General Chaffee and General Frank.

TALMAGE RESIGNS PASTORATE Divine Says His Religious Journalism In-

terferes With Pulpit Work. Rev. Dr. T. DeWitt Talmage, who for nearly four years has been the pas-

of Washington sent a letter to the ses-

ing his resignation. The explanation n me by religious journalism, and the continuous calls made for more general work in the cities, have of late years caused frequent interruptions of my pastoral work. It is not right that this condition of affairs should further continue. Besides that, it is desirable those in this country and other counkindness of the printing press, been permitted to preach week by week, and without the exception of a week, for about thirty years. Therefore, though very reluctantly, I have concluded,

It is his intention to continue his residence in Washington. He will devote most of his time to literary pur-

after serving nearly four years in the

pastoral relation, to send this letter of

ADDING TO REGULAR ARMY.

Recruiting Begins and 25,000 Additional Men Will Be Enlisted.

A Washington dispatch says: The war department has commenced the work of the recruiting of the additional 25,000 men to give the regular army a strength of 65,000 instead of 40,000 men.

The number of recruiting stations has been increased from about forty to between seventy and eighty. The principal stations are at Chicago, New York and Philadelphia.

New stations have been established at Augusta, Anniston, Albany, Chickamauga Park, Macon, Savannah, Hartford, Conn.; Harrisburg, Pa.; Raleigh, Columbus and other towns, principally in the east. Men will be first recruited for duty in the Philippine islands and will be ordered, upon acceptance, to join the six regiments-Ninth, Sixth, Thirteenth, Sixteenth and Twenty-first infantry and Sixth artillery-which are under orders to reinforce General Otis at Mauila as soon as the transport can be arranged.

As fast as possible stations at which regiments have been mustered out will be selected for recruiting stations in order that the volunteer soldiers who have already had service may be given the first chance to re-enlist.

EXPRESS ROBBER CAPTURED.

Agent Beehler, Who Skipped With \$50, 000, Caught In Mexico.

Authentic information reached Laredo, Texas, Thursday that Beehler, the Wells-Fargo express messenger charged with absconding from San Antonio with \$50,000 in his charge, has been captured at Bustamente, Mexico.

It is not known whether Beehler will resist extradition or be volvntarily returned to San Antonio.

NEW LINE PROJECTED.

pany Preparing For Extension.

"Atlanta, Ga., is to have another northern outlet, and the Southern railway another competitor. If was learned Thursday that the Knoxville and Bristol Railroad company had secured the money to extend its line to in caring for those now here and their Bristol, and run a connecting link into | safety one of the chief causes of anx-Knoxville, where it will tap the Atlanta, Knoxville and Northern and supply Atlanta with a through line from Bristol that will almost parallel the Southern.

COURT MEMBERS IN CHICAGO.

Inquiry Board Makes a Thorough Inspec

tion of Plants of Ment Packers. The court of inquiry to examine the beef questions began its work in Chiplants of the packers which had the contracts for supplying the army with animal food.

The whole day was spent at the stock yards, and the going over of 400 acres of floor space of one of the establishments was all the court was able

LOADED ON TRANSPORT AT NEW YORK FOR CUBANS.

STRONGLY GUARDED BY SOLDIERS

Safes and Casks Will Be Delivered to Gen eral Brooke, Who Will Superintend Distribution.

A New York special says: The United States transport Meade sailed the \$3,000,000 provided by the United States government to pay Cuban troops. Of the total amount half is in gold and half in silver. The weight neous. of metal is forty-eight tons.

Much interest centered in the removal of the treasure from the subtreasury. A large crowd gathered and watched the proceedings.

Captain Littell, of the quartermaster's department, had charge of the detachment of soldiers from the forts in the neighborhood of New York City. There were about fifty men, each with a Krag-Jorgenson and a full belt of cartridges. They formed in line at the treasury building and the boxes and safes of coin were passed out beween them.

Half a dozen ordinary trucks were in readiness in the street and men tos of the First Presbyterian church | dragged out the money on small hand trucks to the Pine street entrance of the buildings.

sion of that church Thursday tender-Half the money was in iron safes about a foot and a half high and weigh-"The increasing demands made up- ing about 100 pounds each. All the money was got on the trucks and eight men boarded each one. They stood on the safes or casks holding their rifles, and the trucks were then driven through Broad street.

The treasure was then taken to pier 3, East river, where the General Meigs, that I have more opportunity to meet | of the government service, was in waitface to face in religious assemblage | ing to receive it. The soldiers again formed in line and a dozen policemen tries to whom I have, through the stood at the gang plank while the money was being placed aboard the Meigs. There were over a hundred casks and safes in all.

The Meigs steamed over to Brooklyn, where, at pier 22, the coin was placed on the Meade.

Paymaster General Garey, accompanied by Major Rogers, of the pay master's office, will have charge of the money and will turn the coin over to General Brooke, who will supervise its payment to the Cuban soldiers.

Rolls Incomplete.

A dispatch from Havana says: The only obstacle now in the way of paying off the Cuban troops is the completion of the rolls, a work which is being hastened by Inspector General Roloff. He says that in some cases the rosters are missing or too defective to be useful. He points out that the insurgents

often have no paper, pens or ink. General Gomez explains that 6,000 commissioned and 1,000 non-commissioned officers are relatively large numbers in an army of 32,000 privates, but that these officers in many cases received their appointments because the Cubans have had no other way of recognizing bravery and stimulating enthusiasm. 1

"It may seem," he says, "a cheap sort of promotion, but it meant a good deal to the Cubans."

ON SAME GALLOWS.

A Man and Woman Are Executed For Foul Murder.

At St. Scholastique, Quebec, Mrs. Cordelia Poirier and Samuel Parslow were hanged on the same gallows for the murder of Mrs. Poirier's husband. Life was declared extinct in eight minutes, the necks of both having been

Mrs. Poirier was firm and collected throughout. The crowd inside the jail jeered at her, but her composure did not desert her, and at the suggestion of the executioner she turned and faced the jeerers and stood erect and prayed to the last.

Parslow exhibited much less courage, and was more dead than alive when the drop fell. The condemned were taken to the scaffold separately, and were prevented from seeing each other by a screen placed between

MANILA DANGEROUS PLACE

For Residence of American Navy and Army Officers' Families.

The war department Saturday gave out the following cablegram received from General Otis:

"Manila not safe place for officers families. Great difficulty experienced iety. Officers' families should remain in the United States." Under such conditions, the seretary

of war regrets that no more families of officers or enlisted men can be permitted to accompany troops.

MONUMENT TO WINNIE DAVIS.

Women of the South Honor Memory o "Daughter of the Confederacy."

A Richmond, Va., dispatch says: Without solicitation of any kind, and solely through the voluntary contribu-tions from those she loved, the mem-ory of Winaie Davis, the Daughter of the Confederacy, will be honored by the erection of a handsome monument over the grave in beautiful Hollyw cemetery. It will be the first tribute of the kind ever paid to a southern wo man by the wemen of the south.

PORTO RICANS DISSATISFIED. They Are Ready to Revolt.

The Chicago Tribune prints the following special correspondence from Porto Rico from a Tribune correspon-

SAN JUAN DE PORTO RICO, March 4.—The real situation in Porto Rico is not understood. People in the states generally regard Porto Rico as a sort of haven of peace. The war department has just requested of General Henry that he immediately report how many regular troops he could spare from the island.

"I need twice the troops I have," said the general at his residence in San Juan. "Because of the easy victory of our troops here in the war and the apparent friendliness of the natives to the American soldiers when they invaded the island, a notion prevails in the states that there is little necessity for a strong force to maintain or-der in the island. The idea is erro-

"The conditions here are alarming. These people have been given every opportunity, but they have thrown them aside. They are clamoring now for local self-government. They are no more fit for local self-government than I am to run a locomotive. More troops are needed in the island. The seeds of discontent planted by professionat agitators are rapidly growing, and can be kept down only by a strong military force.

"The ill feeling between the natives and the American troops seems to grow stronger every day. The American officers have to maintain the greatest vigilance to prevent their men from wreaking veugeance on the natives, and especially on the native police, for acts of violence that are continually committed against the troops."

"BADLY TREATED" WITNESS.

Mahon Saya He Will Not Again Testify Against Mrs. Moore.

Martin Mahon, the New York hotel man, who is now in Atlantic City, N. J., says that he will not return to New York to testify against Fayne

. Mahon figured prominently as prosecuting witness in the badger trial which resulted in sending William Moore to prison for nineteen years, but he says he was so badly treated while on the witness stand in that trial that he will not present himself to testify in the trial of Mrs. Moore, 'Mr. Mahon's statement made to a reporter is as follows:

"It may be as well for me to make an authoritative statement and put a stop to this continual newspaper hounding. You may state, positively, that I shall remain here, or at least without the jurisdiction of New York courts, for at least a year; that I will not, under any circumstances, appear against Mrs. Moore, and that I do not fear the proceedings in contempt which I have been threatened with. My business in New York has been so adjusted that I can remain away indefinitely, and, if necessary, I will go abroad to escape annoyance. I believe every man is

master of his own action. "I did what I thought was right in instituting the case against Fayne Moore and her alleged husband, but I was badgered and ill-treated worse upon the witness stand than I had been by them, and I will not undergo such an ordeal and uncalled for hound

"All rumors that I have been bribed or begged into not appearing in the retrial of Fayne Moore are absolutely

and unqualifiedly false. "This is the first, last and only statement I shall make regarding my

position."

GOVERNMENT IS ANNOYED Over Reports of Trouble Caused By Mus

tered Out Soldiers. A Washington dispatch says: Regarding the report from Atlanta of rioting by the Tenth colored immune regiment after its muster out at Macon, Ga., it was said at the war department Thursday that no official report had been received and that as the troops in question had been mustered out of the service they would have to be dealt with by the local authorities for any breach of law they might have committed.

The fact is, however, that the repeated occurrences of this sort are becoming a sore question with the war department, and it is highly probable that hereafter troops to be mustered out will be sent to their own state and given their discharges there.

PROPOSITION TO WHEELER.

President Asks Him to Accept a Brigadier

A Washington dispatch says: The president has asked General Wheeler to accept the commission of brigadier and remain in the army. There is no major generalship to which he can be appointed in the new organization. General Wheeler has the matter under consideration, but has not given a final answer. It is understood, howeyer, that General Wheeler will do as the president wishes in the matter and will now start for the Philippines,

experience will prove most valuable. POSTMASTER UNDER ARREST.

where the administration thinks his

Bogert, of Wilkesbarre, Charged With Tampering With the Mails. The arrest of E. F. Bogert, postmaster at Wilkesbarre, Pa., on a charge of tampering with ordinary mail, was reported to Chief Postoffice Inspector Cochran at Washington Thursday afternoon.

Wilkesbarre is an important postoffice, and Postmaster Bogert's salary is \$3,200 a year. He has been post-

master since 1896.

GEN. WHEATON'S MEN CAPTURE THE CITY OF PASIG.

THREE AMERICANS WERE KILLED.

of Filipinos Said to Be Severe. Rebels Were Utterly Routed and City Easily Taken.

A Manila special says: General Wheaton attacked and captured the city of Pasig, east of Manila, Monday afternoon. The enemy made a stand for an hour, but at the end of that time was forced to retreat.

At daylight General Wheaton's divisional brigade, consisting of the Twentieth United States infantry, the Twenty-second infantry, eight companies of the Washington volunteers, seven companies of the Oregon volunteers, three troops of the Fourth United States cavalary and a mounted battery of the Sixth artillery, was drawn up on a ridge behind San Pedro Macati, a mile south of the town. The advance was sounded at 6:30 a. m., the cavalry led the column, at a smart trot, across the open to the right, eventually reaching a clump command-

ing the rear of Guadalupe. Supported by the Oregon volunteers the advance force opened a heavy fire on the rebels.

The response was feeble and desultory, apparently coming from handsful of men in every covert. While the right column was swinging toward the town of Pasig, the left advanced and

poured volleys into the bush.

A small body of rebels made a determined stand at Gaudalupe church. but was unable to withstand the as-

At 7:30 a. m. a river gunboat started toward Pasig. The rebels were first encountered by this vessel in the jungle near Guadalupe. Steaming slowly, the gunboat poured a terrific fire from her gatling guns into the brush. For all of an hour the whirring of the rapid fire guns alternated with the booming of the heavier pieces on board.

The artillery moved to a ridge commanding Pasig and Parteros. By this time the enemy was in full flight along a line over a mile long and the firing was discontinued temporarily in order to give the troops a rest before making an attack on Pasig.

At this stage of the engagement it was raining heavily, and after a short rest, General Wheaton resumed the attack on Pasig.

The first shot shot from the American field pieces at 1,200 yards range dislodged a gun of the enemy at Pasig. After the town had been shelled, the Twentieth regiment lined up on the bluff and the Twenty-second took up a position on the left of the place, with the cavalry in the center, whereupon

the enemy retreated to the town. The rebels were met opposite Pateros, but the enemy bolted and the city

Thirty of the rebels were killed and sixteen were taken prisoners and the Americans lost three men killed and

fourteen wounded. A public demonstration was made at Havana Monday morning in honor of Gomez. When Federico Mora, civil governor of Havans, learned of the preparations he directed the police to prevent the parade. They tried to

do so, but utterly failed. When near Quinta de los Molinas the demonstrators began to shove the policemen, pulling their coats and attempting to take away their clubs. There were more than a hundred police within ten blocks, but they did not act together. Indeed, they were thoroughly scared, and one policemen ran to Central park, where the Tenth regulars were camped.

The Twentieth regulars, who were sent at double-quick with fixed bayonets to protect the policemen, charged down upon a crowd of a thousand. Everybody ran, including the police and men, women and children tumbled over each other in the rush. Two minutes later the avenue was cleared for blocks, but not a person was hurt by the regulars. -

WILL VISIT CUBA.

Georgia Editors Are Preparing For a Trip

to the Island. Mr. H. H. Cabaniss, president of the Georgia Press association, is arranging to take that body of editors on a trip to Cuba. The trip will be a short one and at moderate cost. It is estimated that the expense will be

from \$60 to \$75 for each person. It is the intention of President Cabaniss to call a meeting of the Georgia Press association at Tampa for Friday morning, the 24th of March. It must be distinctly understood that no one can enjoy the privilege of taking this trip except the editor, pro-prietor or publisher of a Georgia newspaper. One lady will be allowed to accompany each gentleman, but she must be a member of the family of

such editor, proprietor or publisher. SAMPSON MAKES PROTEST.

Asks Secretary Long to Omit His name In

Secretary Long of the Navy, has re-ceived a letter from Rear Admiral Sampson in which the admiral, after referring to the allegations that lists of officers recommended for promotion for gallantry off Santiago has failed of