

AMERICANS WILL BE READY TO-DAY.

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Two Alternatives Will Be Laid Before Them.

Must Either Accept a Sum of Money and Evacuate the Philippines or Lose Them by Conquest, Along With Other Territory—Spaniards Say the Cuban Question Is Not Yet Settled.

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RECEIPTS FROM VARIOUS SOURCES.

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ARRESTED AND DISARMED.

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An Illinois Captain Who Was Too Good to His Men.

CHICAGO, Nov. 20.—Captain A. L. Bolt of Company C, First Illinois Regiment, has been arrested on charges of attempting to defraud the United States Government and making false returns.

SUSPECTED OF FRAUD.

New Yorker Arrested in Michigan for Grave Robbing.

BALDWIN (Mich.), Nov. 20.—H. V. White of New York is under arrest here, suspected of grave-robbing for the purpose of defrauding a life insurance company of \$2,000, the amount of insurance on the life of his brother, Frank M. White.

IOWA TOWN BURNING.

High Wind Sweeps the Flames Through the Streets.

PERRY (Ia.), Nov. 20.—At midnight the business portion of Perry is burning, and the fire is beyond control. A strong northwest wind is sweeping the fire down both sides of Second street. Several large brick blocks are already gone, and the fire department seems helpless. The Des Moines Fire Department has been sent for and hose from surrounding towns will be brought in.

Changed Time for Fast Train.

DENVER, Nov. 20.—A change was made to-day in the schedule of the Chicago special of the Burlington route. The train has heretofore left Denver in the morning, arriving at Chicago the following afternoon. It now leaves Denver at 1:40 p. m., arriving at Omaha early the next morning, and at Chicago at 8:15 p. m. The train runs 1,248 miles in 29 1/2 hours, maintaining an average speed of thirty-six miles an hour.

Killed Two Men.

CLEVELAND, Nov. 20.—John Stefanian was shot and killed and John Fedorco mortally wounded this afternoon by Sam Carr, a colored man from North Carolina. Carr entered Stefanian's yard in an intoxicated condition. Stefanian attempted to put him out. A quarrel ensued and Carr pulled a revolver and began firing. Carr was arrested.

MURDEROUS NEIGHBOR.

Deliberately Shoots a Man Over a Line Fence Quarrel.

TOPEKA (Kas.), Nov. 20.—Thomas M. James, a prominent capitalist and politician, to-day deliberately shot and perhaps fatally wounded William H. Hayes, his next-door neighbor, a car trimmer employed in the Santa Fe shops. Hayes alleged that James had encroached on his land with a shogun. Hayes went about rectifying the matter by driving a post on a line which he claimed marked the limits of his lot, but which James asserted ran into his lot. James ordered Hayes to comply with him with a shogun. The wound is pronounced fatal. James was arrested, but promptly released by a Justice of the Peace on furnishing a \$2,000 bond.

NO SICK MEN.

Colonel Hood Has Taken Possession of Holguin.

SANTIAGO DE CUBA, Nov. 20.—Major Harris of the Third Immunes, who is in charge of the company stationed at Sagua de Tanamo, says there is not a single man on the sick list there.

Annual Horse Sale.

LEXINGTON (Ky.), Nov. 20.—The great annual Eastern horse sale opens in this city to-morrow and will take all this week. Over 600 noted thoroughbreds will be offered, including the famous stallion Top Gallant, and such racers as Ben Holliday, the Kentuckian and many others.

Twenty-one Persons Killed.

BUDA-PESTH, Nov. 20.—A dispatch from the "Pester Lloyd" from Nikolaf, Russia, at the conference of the Immunes and the Dug, says that twenty-one persons have been killed there by an explosion in a rocket factory.

REPORT OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL.

Review of Operation of National Bankruptcy Law.

Features Permitting Parsons to Become Voluntary Bankrupt.

Applicants for Relief Found to Come From Every Walk in Life—There Were No Applications to Be Adjudged Bankrupt From Five States—Courts in Some Districts Waiting on the Supreme Court.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 20.—The forthcoming report of the Attorney General embracing a review of the operation of the national bankruptcy law of July 1, 1898, which has been prepared by E. C. Brandenburg, in charge of bankruptcy matters in the Department of Justice. Mr. Brandenburg, who is preparing a book on bankruptcy, briefly reviews similar past legislation and details the operation of the feature of the law permitting persons to become voluntary bankrupts which took effect August 1, 1898.

From this report it appears that the applicants for relief have been found in every walk of life, irrespective of class or locality, and shows that the large class of men who have been unfortunate in their business enterprises have availed themselves of the relief offered. Notwithstanding the law has been in force over three months, the courts in eight districts declined to proceed with the reference and adjudication of the petitions for the reason that the Supreme Court has not promulgated the rules, forms and orders required by the Act. In all other cases, the courts have proceeded and adjudicated petitioners bankrupt or have referred the cases to the referees for action. Since the law took effect, 1,700 petitions of involuntary bankruptcy have been filed. Singularly, the districts of Delaware, Eastern Pennsylvania, Southern Georgia, Nevada, New Mexico, Western Virginia and Wyoming show that no persons therein have applied to be adjudged bankrupt. A list is given showing the number of cases filed in each State, among which are California, with 86, New York 247 and Arizona one. As the involuntary features of the law which permits creditors to have their debts adjudged as a bankrupt did not take effect until November 1, 1898, it has been impossible to obtain any data with reference to the operation of this provision.

CORBETT THE FAVORITE