

BEEF FURNISHED TO THE SOLDIERS.

War Commission Inquiry Into the Complaints.

Quartermaster General of Volunteers Will Questioned on the Subject.

One of the Meat Companies Furnishing Beef to Be Given a Hearing—Probable That Commissary General Eagan, and Generals Miles and Shafter Will Be Recalled.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—William W. Hill, Assistant Secretary of the War Investigating Commission, and who served in Company L, District of Columbia Volunteers as Quartermaster General, was the only witness before the commission to-day.

Colonel Denby, who presided, questioned the witness regarding the mooted question of the canned beef furnished the volunteers. Mr. Hill discontenanced the complaints made by the men. He said they came from those who would complain against anything. He said the health of the company was excellent at Tampa, and he credited it largely to the free use of lemonade. The canned beef first furnished the men, he said, was lean, dry and hard, lacking nutrition, though later it was considerably improved. He believed the canned beef, which he explained was canned just after being boiled, was "perfectly fit to eat," though once in a while he would receive a can that was spoiled and smelled badly.

The witness stated that there was no way of protecting the beef from the direct rays of the sun. He said they had to get it into the pots as soon as possible to keep it from spoiling before it got hot.

"Is it your opinion," witness was asked, "that beef so protected would keep seventy-two hours?" "In its raw state?" "Yes, I mean just as it comes from the ship."

"No, sir," was the reply. "I don't believe it possible." This referred to a portion of General Miles' testimony denouncing the beef. Summing up, witness said he had no complaints of any sort to make, and the worst feature of the food was the moistness of the packers. It is probable that no witness will appear to-morrow.

The War Investigating Commission has notified the Swift Beef Company of Chicago, which had large contracts for furnishing beef to the army during the war, that it will be glad to give a hearing to any representative the company may send on January 4th next. This grows out of the testimony of General Miles regarding the refrigerated and canned beef furnished his expedition, and the telegraphic protest his statements called out from the company.

It is very probable that the commission will recall Commissary General Eagan and General Shafter, and possibly General Miles.

MURDER AND SUICIDE.

A Terrible Double Tragedy Enacted Near Clark, Iowa.

SIOUX CITY (Ia.), Dec. 28.—A district school house about two miles from the village of Clark was the scene of a terrible tragedy this afternoon, whereby May Thomas, a popular young teacher, lost her life.

This afternoon a young man came to

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Clare on the northbound Rock Island passenger train, hired a horse and drove out to the schoolhouse where Miss Thomas taught. He entered the building, and they conversed together for some time, finally walking out together. After going down the road a short distance the man drew a revolver and shot her, killing her almost instantly. He then shot himself, and died a few hours later.

The young man was not known at Clare, but it was learned that his name is Harry Garvey. He had been keeping company with Miss Thomas, who refused his further attentions.

The Panama Canal Company.

LONDON, Dec. 28.—The Paris correspondence of "Times" says: At the annual meeting of the new Panama Canal Company to-day (Wednesday) a long report was read, in addition to showing that no definite plan has yet been adopted for the completion of the canal. The report refers to the American interest in the Nicaragua Canal since the Hispano-American war, and indicates the means taken to acquaint the United States Government and the American people with the position and prospects of the Panama Canal.

Gold Shipments From Australia.

MELBOURNE (Victoria), Dec. 28.—The gold shipments from Australia for the year 1898 have amounted to £12,820,000. The shipments to America increased by £2,000,000.

LELAND STANFORD ESTATE.

An Order Settling Final Account of the Executrix.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 28.—Judge Coffey made an order to-day settling the final account of Jane Lathrop Stanford executrix of the estate of her deceased husband, Leland Stanford. An accompanying order directs distribution of the residue of the estate. The sum of \$260,000 is to be retained, however, pending a decision by the Supreme Court as to the legality of the collateral inheritance tax. Should the tax be sustained, the amount withheld from distribution will go into the public treasury.

Mrs. Jane L. Stanford testified that she had paid in full the \$5,115,000 in legacies provided for in the will of her late husband, Senator Leland Stanford, with the exception of \$230,000 which is in dispute, and this she has deposited with the Union Trust Company, subject to the order of the Supreme Court, so she asked for a final distribution of the estate.

Of the \$230,000 mentioned by Mrs. Stanford, \$200,000 is claimed by the city of San Francisco and the State of California for collateral inheritance tax. The tax was paid under protest, and on appeal to the Supreme Court, that tribunal declared the tax illegal, but a rehearing has been granted, and the matter is to be argued again next month.

Mrs. Stanford informed the court that she had examined all the vouchers of the estate, and found them correct. The estate is reported to be in good condition, and in every way ready for distribution; and that there is on hand \$322,327 in cash.

GENERAL SHAFER.

Expected to Take Charge of the Department of California.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 28.—Official notice has been received by Major General Merriam that General Shafter is to be again assigned to the command of the Department of California. It is expected that General Shafter will take charge about the 10th of next month.

General Merriam has not yet been assigned. He may go north again to the Department of the Columbia. The impression prevails, however, that he will go to Denver to command the Department of Colorado, and that the Departments of California and the Columbia will be combined under Shafter.

Jeffries-Smith Fight Falls Through

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 28.—The proposed match between Jim Jeffries of Los Angeles and Denver Ed. Smith has fallen through, and in its place has been arranged a meeting between Joe Kennedy, a local heavyweight, and the hard-hitting man from the south. The men will meet in Woodward's Pavilion on January 27th under the National Club auspices, and will box twenty rounds for a purse made up of 60 per cent of the gate receipts. This will be divided 65 per cent to the winner and 35 per cent to the loser.

Mrs. Brandes' Preliminary Hearing

OAKLAND, Dec. 28.—The long-delayed preliminary hearing of Mrs. Etta Brandes, jointly charged with W. A. Brandes with the murder of her thirteen-year-old stepdaughter, took place yesterday before Justice of the Peace Cliff. The case was taken under advisement until to-morrow. No new evidence was presented.

Fire in Steamer Lakme Quenched

ASTORIA (Or.), Dec. 28.—The fire in the cargo of the steamer Lakme was quenched to-day, and she is now lying on the beach with her hold full of water. The extent of the damage is not known.

Even though she refuses him, a woman always admires the good judgment of the man who proposes.

A RIVER FRONT SENSATION.

WHO BUTCHERED JUAN ORELLANA IN JULY, 1895?

Two Arrests Made—Geonia Baum Says He Saw the Crime Committed.

Is there to be another verification of the old adage, "Murder will out?" Geonia Baum, an old Chilean stevedore on the river front, claims to know at least one of the two men who foully murdered Juan Orellana, a steamboat watchman, on the night of July 4, 1895, and he gave up his secret yesterday to Police Sergeant Plunkett and Officer Bagley.

Baum is detained in the city jail pending further inquiry into the matter, and the two men whom he accuses of having committed the crime have also been arrested by the officers named.

One of the accused is Frank Mora, a Front-street character, and the other a man who has always borne an excellent reputation and against whom never a word of reproach had ever before been heard. He is Milton Beck, the old-time watchman for the San Joaquin Navigation Company.

It is to be hoped that Mr. Beck will have no difficulty in disproving the accusation made against him. The officers do not generally believe he is guilty, and Chief Dwyer is determined on making speedy inquiry into the character of Beck's accuser in order to determine whether or not he is to be retained.

It was Chief Dwyer's wish to have nothing said about the case for the present, but the facts became the subject of common talk on the streets last night, where it is useless to longer withhold them.

Baum says the reason he never told what he knew about the crime was that he was afraid he would be killed if he did so. He will be questioned to-day through the medium of an interpreter, and may be able to make a clearer statement than he has yet made.

THE CRIME.

The "Record-Union" of July 8, 1895, contained the following account of the murder: Old Juan Orellana, the Chilean steamboat watchman, has been foully murdered and robbed. His body, bearing ax-cuts about the head, was recovered from the river on Saturday, and the ghastly evidence of another foul crime now lies at the morgue.

The old man had been preparing to celebrate the Fourth of July, and started in drinking early in the week. He was seen about the river front saloons on Tuesday night, and a few persons say they saw him early on Wednesday morning, but the general impression is that he was murdered some time on Tuesday night.

On Saturday one of the river steamers, while coming up to the city, churned up the water so vigorously by its paddle-wheel that the body was brought to the surface and secured, and Coroner Clark notified, who had the body taken from the river.

It was then discovered that the old man had been made the victim of murderous thugs. A colored handkerchief was tied around his head, and had been used to either blindfold or gag him—probably the latter. Just over his right temple was a gaping wound, apparently made with an ax or hatchet, and another on the left jaw.

His clothing was partially loosened from the body, and the right pocket of his trousers turned inside out. The left pocket had evidently not been molested, as it contained twenty-five cents in silver, and some keys.

Orellana had been in the habit of sleeping on the steamer Varuna, his hour for retiring being about daylight. Having been drinking on Tuesday night, it is supposed he retired earlier than usual, and that he was followed by the murderers. His bedding, hat and coat were found on the steamer, while on a barge alongside was found his empty purse. An ax is missing from the steamer, and it is supposed that after they had killed the old man his murderers threw it into the river.

While making the rounds of the river front saloons on Tuesday night the old man foolishly exhibited about \$100 and thus attracted the attention of some of the thugs that frequent that locality.

He had a habit of displaying his money when under the influence of liquor, and this habit once before got him into trouble, he having been

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knocked down and robbed one night a few years since. One of the men suspected of having had a hand in that job has lately been seen about the water front, and it is not unlikely that he is one of "Old John's" murderers.

It was thought yesterday morning that a clew had been found to the murderers, and that perhaps one of them was in custody.

A Chilean living along the river front found that his boat had been stolen by three men. He armed himself with a gun and pursued them, overtaking them at Sutterville. When they saw him they ran, but he pursued one of them, arrested him and put him in charge of a Constable.

He found blood in his boat, and also the pair of ears that the murdered man was wont to use, and thought he had probably captured one of the murderers. On being confronted with the parties who had noticed men watching the old man, the prisoner proved not to be one of the suspects.

BISHOP IN TRAMP'S RAGS.

How Rt. Rev. Dr. Coleman of Delaware Spent His Vacation.

Traveling incognito 235 miles in the mountains of West Virginia, sleeping in barns and a schoolhouse, mending cloaks and umbrellas for farmers, and doing the housework of a poor widow, was the way the Right Rev. Leighton Coleman, Episcopal Bishop of the diocese of Delaware, spent his annual vacation. The Bishop returned about midnight, coming by train from Harper's Ferry, W. Va. He greatly enjoyed his outing, and after his team and sheep had been taken care of, he crossed the Blue Mountains several times, attended court at Grafton, W. Va., and at Tunnelville, W. Va., was at a political meeting being addressed by a candidate for Congress. The stranger was invited to make a speech, but the Bishop never spoke a word.

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in the case came along, and was surprised to see that the policeman was closed. He glanced around anxiously, and not seeing her, was at a loss what to do, when a big policeman accosted him and said humorously, "Lost anything?"

The man explained that he was looking for his wife. The policeman said cheerfully, "Well, I've got her." The man wanted to know what for, but the policeman only laughed and took him across the street to the Academy of Music. Here he called "his friend" out, and the case was explained. The policeman seemed to enjoy the joke as much as any one, and when he was heartily thanked he said brusquely: "That's all right. It ain't any more than I would want a man to do for me."—New York Tribune.

SPAIN'S MOURNING LAMP.

A Lugubrious Reminder of the Result of the War.

As a means of paying off the war debt, which is claimed to be 2,000,000,000 pesetas (\$400,000,000), the Spanish Government has issued a stamp of mourning, which is to be used on all the inland mail of Spain and her colonies. The stamp, which is of the denomination of 5-cent pesetas (1 cent is printed in somber black, and must be affixed to all mail matter in addition to the regular postage stamp. It is of ordinary size, with the inscriptions "Impto. de Guerra" and "1898-99" at the top and bottom, respectively. The figure "5" and "cent" appear in the center in a vertical oval, with scrollwork at the sides. The Government has occasionally issued stamps of this character, the use of which was voluntary, but not so with this one. Every piece of mail matter for inland delivery must bear a mourning stamp, otherwise it doesn't go. It is a greater tax for the Spanish people than that would be for Americans, for in Spain they have been taxed year in and year out, and the continual drain is having its inevitable result. The mourning stamp has presumably been issued as a sympathetic appeal to the people for the many lives lost in the late conflict.

The mourning stamp is not the only label issued by Spain since that country met the United States in battle. A short time ago four distinct stamps were issued by the Madrid Government in its endeavor to meet the running expenses of the war. Two black stamps of the denomination of five cent de pesetas made their appearance recently, but did not accomplish the desired results. They were simply obligatory taxes, and naturally were looked upon with anything but favor by the populace. Two other voluntary tax stamps, pink and blue in color, the latter having been issued by the city of Madrid, were authorized at the same time as the two above, making five distinct stamps in the last few months, all of which show to what extent the Government has been forced to raise money. Nor have any of these efforts been crowned with success. It is stated as an actual fact that they have resulted in utter failures, the number of letters posted at the Madrid office having fallen off fully one-third since the recent taxes were levied.

Raising money by stamp taxes is a different matter in Spain from what it is in the United States. Indeed, were Spain to enjoy the revenue that is being derived in this country from the war revenue bill, it would not take the great while to square her account with the world. But Spain lacks the people, the vast commercial enterprises and the business interests generally, where

the use of revenue stamps counts most rapidly. The receipt from taxes levied in Spain in the same manner as in the United States would scarcely yield a hundredth part of what they do in this country. The people have not got the money, and a revenue bill, whether drafted for stamp or other taxes, gets little or no support throughout the country.—Chicago Times-Herald.

Homesickness in the Army.

One man from the colored troops on the fighting line who came with the first detachment was not wounded, but only stunned, by the explosion of a shell which had fallen near him. There was nothing in the matter with him but the shock to his nerves—and homesickness. He spoke to no one. He would take no food, and he sat huddled together on his cot, looking out from the open flaps of the hospital tent, with a face full of unexpressed loneliness.

Every morning when she came to the hospital Mrs. Marsh would bring him some little thing which she had prepared for him at home; little by little she awakened his interest, and finally he was dismissed from the hospital happy and well. One of the doctors and I were speaking of this case—Ward, much of his work—and I put my hand on his shoulder and spoke a word or two, and he looked up, and I shall never forget his look as he said, "You're the first one that's spoken a kind word to me since I came." I told the Surgeon about it afterward, and he said it was all a sympathetic appeal to the people for the many lives lost in the late conflict.

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