

BACON OPPOSES EXPANSION POLICY.

The Georgian Delivers an Address in the Senate

In Opposition to United States Assuming Sovereignty Over Philippines.

Allison Explodes a Bomb Under the Nicaraguan Canal Bill by Offering an Amendment Providing That the Secretary of the Treasury Issue Bonds to Raise Money to Construct the Waterway.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 18.—The feature of today's session of the Senate was a speech delivered by Bacon (D.) of Georgia, in support of his resolutions declaring that the United States should not assume sovereignty over the Philippine Islands. Bacon is one of the opponents of the Senate, and he gave himself free rein not confining himself to notes, he spoke strongly and effectively. His peroration, in which he pictured the horrors of some of England's methods of controlling her colonial subjects, was a beautiful and forceful bit of word painting.

PACIFIC CABLE BILL IN HOUSE.

Discussed at Length in Committee of the Whole.

Much Opposition to the Provision for the Granting of a Subsidy.

Opponents of the Pending Measure Advocate the Construction of the Cable by the Government—The Matter Goes Over Indefinitely.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 18.—The Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce had the right of way in the House today, and succeeded in passing quite a number of bills of minor importance, most of which authorized the construction of lighthouses, fog signals, etc. Then the bill to grant the Pacific Cable Company a subsidy of \$100,000 a year for twenty years for the construction and operation of a cable was called up, and a very spirited debate, which consumed the remainder of the day, followed.

GOVERNING THE ISLAND OF CUBA.

General Wood Appears Before the Senate Military Committee,

Giving a Detailed Account of His Operations in Santiago Province.

Thinks Fifty Thousand Troops Will be Sufficient to Maintain Order Throughout the Island, and That the Seventy-Five Hundred Now in Santiago Province Should be Continued There for Some Time.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 18.—General Leonard Wood, Military Commander of the Department of Santiago, was before the Senate Committee on Military Affairs today. He gave a detailed account of his operations in the province and in the city of Santiago, and also gave his estimate of the military force necessary to maintain order in the island.

THE PROBLEM IN THE PHILIPPINES.

General Whittier Says It Is Easy of Solution.

Would Be Simplest Matter Possible to Bring Filipinos Under Control.

Thinks a Settlement of the Situation Could be Effected in Three Days—Would Give the Natives Offices of Minor Importance Until They Develop Their Capacity for Governing.

NEW YORK, Jan. 18.—General Charles A. Whittier, who returned recently from Manila, says: "Nothing in the world is easier of settlement than the situation in the Philippines. It could be settled in three days." General Whittier went to Manila with General Merritt, and there served as Collector until the end of October. He returned by way of Paris, and on his arrival in this country recently his first duty was to make his report to the officials at Washington. This done, he now feels that he is sufficiently freed from official obligations to speak of affairs in the Philippines. His position there gave him ample opportunity for observing the conditions in the islands.

FIRE IN A COLORADO MINE.

Many of the Workmen Have a Narrow Escape From Death.

General Whittier Says It Is Easy of Solution.

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CASTLE, Jan. 18.—The Wheeler mine, one of the big properties of the Colorado Fuel and Iron Company, was discovered to be on fire just after the night shift started work. An alarm was sounded and the men called out. Many had great difficulty in escaping on account of the deadly fumes that filled the entries and could not get out. A report of an explosion was heard, and this seemed to confirm the fears of loss of life.

GENERAL PACIFIC DEBT.

The Whole Matter of Settlement in the Hands of the Commission.

General Whittier Says It Is Easy of Solution.

Would Be Simplest Matter Possible to Bring Filipinos Under Control.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 18.—Senator Gear, Chairman of the Committee on Pacific Railroads, said yesterday: "The whole matter of the settlement of the Pacific Railroad debt has been relegated to the commission and is making satisfactory progress toward a final settlement of the Government's claim. I have no idea that Congress will ever again be called upon to legislate directly with the Central Pacific. I propose to offer an amendment to the deficiency bill providing for a settlement of the debt of the St. Louis City and Pacific Railroad by the same commission. That proposition will be incorporated in the deficiency bill, and I believe that will constitute about all the legislation likely to be enacted at this session affecting any of the Pacific railroads."

MRS. ROSIE GAGNE.

Her Mysterious Disappearance Has Been Solved.

General Whittier Says It Is Easy of Solution.

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CHICAGO, Jan. 18.—The mysterious disappearance of Mrs. Rosie Gagne was solved today when Gertrude Wallace, the supposed sister whom Mrs. Gagne was to meet at the depot, confessed to the police authorities that she and Rosie Gagne are one and the same. She donned short dresses and braided her hair, she said, to make her appear younger. All the talk about inheritance which she declined from the foundation, as she had simply made a disguise to get away from her husband, of whom she was afraid, Mrs. Gagne insisted she had no sister, and that her husband had failed to recognize her. She has a slight defect in one of her eyes, however, which Gagne says his wife did not have.