

CALLS THEM LIES

MAJOR LITTLETON WALLER EMPHATICALLY DENIES PHILIPPINES CRUELTY CHARGES.

MAKES DEFENSE OF SOLDIERS

While Not Denying Atrocities Mentioned in Gen. Miles' Report, He Says He Had No Knowledge of Them.

Philadelphia, Pa., April 30.—Maj. Littleton Waller of the United States Marine corps, who was brought before a court-martial on the charge of cruelty to the Filipinos, has made a comprehensive statement of his case.

"I am not in a position to deny the atrocities mentioned in General Miles' report," said the major, "for the reason it would be impossible for me to speak for all the officers in the Philippines. I can say that none of these things occurred in the district under my command, to my knowledge."

Not the Slightest Inking. "Inasmuch as Major Glenn was representing me when he was tried for cruelty, it is certainly reasonable to believe he would have mentioned to me, in a conventional way, some of his own exploits in the line; but never from his own mouth or from the lips of anybody else have I had the slightest inkling that Major Glenn was doing, or ever did any of the things accredited to him."

"Concerning the bayoneting of several persons by Lieutenant Caulfield's scouts and the burning of the old man, Luna, anything I might say would be merely my own opinion, for I did not know of any of the officers concerned. I may say that if those charges are substantiated, it will be a complete surprise to me."

Had No Scruples. "There is another thought I would like to suggest while we are on this subject of torture—it is a well-known fact that a Filipino native had no conscientious scruples about lying out of a predicament. "I never used a Filipino scout but once, and I think the other officers were equally wary of them."

Major Waller then went on to speak about his own experiences. "In the district of Samar, where I held sway, the natives called me 'father.' The one 'atrocious' which I committed in Samar was the execution of 11 thieves who tried to kill my men and who did kill some of them by stealth."

Called Him Father. "It may be interesting to know that the natives under my charge were the ones who informed me of the plot. I caught the culprits, tried them at a drumhead court-martial and ordered them shot. "The sentence met with the approval of the natives; for they suffered more from the badness than did the men."

Narrow Escape From Death. Mrs. Levi S. Leiter Has Thrilling Experience While Crossing Ocean.

New York, April 30.—Mrs. Levi S. Leiter and her daughter, Miss Daisy Leiter, who took part in the Durbar at Delhi, India, in which Lord Curzon, the viceroy, and Mrs. Leiter's daughter, his wife, played a leading role, and who returned on the steamship Oceanic, after an absence of nearly a year, had a rough homeward voyage.

While Mrs. Leiter was sitting with her daughter on the promenade deck on Tuesday, a sea struck the ship and the chair, which was not lashed, slid toward the rails. Mrs. Leiter was saved from collision with the rails, and perhaps going overboard, by other passengers.

Mrs. Leiter was seasick nearly the whole trip and showed fatigue on landing. Of the ceremony of the proclamation of Edward VII, as sovereign of his Asiatic possessions, Mrs. Leiter said it was grand, magnificent, "as impossible to describe."

Lumber Bids Are Opened. Material for Barracks in the Philippines Will Be Expensive.

Seattle, April 30.—Major Bingham has opened bids for 10,000,000 feet of lumber to be used by the government in the construction of shelter and barracks for the United States military forces operating in the Philippines.

There were ten bidders from Seattle, Tacoma, Portland and Seattle. Their figures for rough lumber ranged from \$11 to \$13.50 per thousand; tongue and groove from \$22 to \$22.50 per thousand, ceiling from \$17.30 to \$22 per thousand; doors from \$15.65 to \$17.75 each.

Arrange for a Dance. There was a meeting in Calkins' store last night of the various committees in charge of the arrangements for the annual ball of the United Commercial Travelers at Columbia Gardens, May 6. The committees reported that everything was in readiness for the event and that many tickets had been disposed of. The travelers have the reputation of being excellent dancers and the dance is certain to be a delightful one.

Two Thugs Rob Boy After Choking Him. Messenger Employed by a New York Firm Is Held Up and Relieved of \$250.

New York, April 30.—Otto John, 15 years old, an office boy employed by Robert Graves & Co. of 483 Fifth avenue, was garroted and robbed of \$250 in a lodging house kept by Mrs. Celestin Sigod at 37 East Twenty-eighth street, yesterday afternoon.

Soon after 1 p.m. John was sent to the Garfield National bank, Twenty-third street and Sixth avenue, to draw \$250 for his employers. He rode to the bank on his bicycle and drew the money. When he left the bank and was about to mount the bicycle, he says he was approached by a young man who offered a quarter to him to deliver a note addressed to "Mr. Holt, 37 East Twenty-eighth street."

As the address was only a little out of the way, John agreed to deliver the note. At 37 East Twenty-eighth street the boy was met by another young fellow, who asked if he did not have a note for "Mr. Holt." He said he was Holt's brother, and took the boy to a hall bedroom on the top floor.

No sooner had he entered the room than his guide locked the door. Another man, of much rougher appearance, at once seized John by the throat and threw him against the wall. The boy tried to scream and a handkerchief was thrust into his mouth, apparently saturated, he says, with chloroform. The lad made considerable noise in his efforts to escape, and his captors threw him roughly to the floor.

COLUMBIA GARDENS TO OPEN TOMORROW

Management Ready to Welcome an Enthusiastic Crowd of People to the Grounds.



Scenes at Columbia Gardens.

Columbia Gardens will be thrown open to the public tomorrow for the season of 1903. The people of Butte have been impatiently awaiting the time when they could once more get out of town and spend a few quiet hours in the country, and there will, no doubt, be a great crowd at the opening, whether the weather is warm or not.

Cars will be run every five minutes, and if the rush is sufficient to warrant it, there will be a three minute schedule. Visitors to the Gardens tomorrow will find a number of improvements that have been made this spring. A number of new flower beds have been laid out and though the flowers have not yet been placed in their summer beds, they will be there shortly.

Animals and birds are in good condition, and with the exception of the mountain lion, which died the other day, they are about the same as they were last season. The big event of the day, or season for that matter, will be the second annual ball of the Boston & Montana band, to be given in the great dancing pavilion tomorrow night.

San Treloar, director of the band, has prepared a number of pieces of concert music, as well as the regular dancing music, and some of the new selections will be rendered tomorrow night. Since the Western Union went out of business in Butte, there has been no daily weather report from Chicago, and it is impossible to figure even a day ahead on the condition of the atmosphere.

Yesterday, according to the records, was the coldest 26th of April that Butte ever has seen. There was snow on the ground at the Gardens yesterday morning, and the thermometer registered only 9 above zero. The government thermometer in the city stated that the weather was 12 above.

TOO MANY LUXURIES. GENERAL BADEN-POWELL CRITICIZES CAVALRYMEN IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY. CANNOT STAND HARD KNOCKS. British Commander Declares the Men Are Being Hampered and That Strength Is Being Sapped.

New York, April 30.—General Baden-Powell, before sailing for England on the completion of his tour in this country, speaking of the United States cavalry, said: "I rather expected to find men of fine physique in your cavalry and was surprised to find the reverse. They enjoy too many luxuries in their food and their system of exercise is not thorough; their food is far too highly seasoned. "They should be deprived of coffee altogether and should have only an occasional portion of tea."

Salt Water Bath. "British cavalrymen, when in barracks, have a salt water bath every day, which keeps them in perfect physical condition. "Plain diet, vigorous exercise, combined with regular drill, are what have made the British cavalrymen superior to all other cavalrymen in the world."

"Your cavalry have not yet had a hard campaign like the British war to show their staying powers. I am inclined to think that if the choice ever comes their mode of life will tell the tale in a long sick bed."

Lacks Staying Powers. "Your cavalryman is more active, both physically and mentally, than the average British horseman, but I think he lacks the staying powers. I consider your second cavalry the most efficient in rank and file, as well as the best officered."

Many Bills Audited. The last meeting of the city council's finance committee audited bills to the amount of \$411.68. These the council approved last evening and warrants were issued for their payment.

AID TO KEEP DOWN NUMBER. Faculty of Stanford University Adopts New Set of Rules for Women.

Stanford University, Cal., April 30.—New regulations in regard to the admission of women students into the university have been announced. The limit of 500 placed by the founders of the university on the number of women students has been reached. To keep the number down the faculty committee on registration has ruled that no more women will be allowed to register as special students.

The rule applies only to new applications and will meet the difficulty for the coming year. After August, 1904, another regulation will go into effect to prevent the registration of women students on partial standing.

KEEPS ALOOF FROM FAMILY. Man Suffering From Hydrophobia Shows Great Consideration.

Jersey City, N. J., April 30.—Henry Reber, 20 years old, of this city, who has just died in a hospital here from hydrophobia, showed great consideration for his family. Reber, who five months ago was bitten by a bulldog, during his illness, was at times rational. When these intervals, he said: "I am certain I am crazy, but I don't want to harm any of you; be careful. I feel as if I must bite someone."

He was finally removed to the hospital, where the disease developed rapidly until he died. Noted Hotel Man Dead. New York, April 30.—John A. Baker, formerly a hotel keeper, is dead in a hospital here. At various times he had conducted hotels at Chicago, Thousand Island and Block Island.

Consul General Named. Lima, April 30.—Ricardo Rey Boso has been appointed Peruvian consul general at Hamburg, and Luis J. Marica Komero has been named chancellor of the consulate at San Francisco.

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Catalogues Ready for Distribution Next Saturday, May 2

The Connell Store

BUILD AN ADDITION

BOARD OF EDUCATION READY TO SOLVE SPACE PROBLEM AT THE HIGH SCHOOL.

PLENTY OF GROUND IS OWNED. Trustees, in Case the Building Becomes Crowded, Will Simply Erect More Rooms.

There has been much talk of late regarding the overcrowding of the high school and queries made as to what should be done when the building would hold no more.

The matter was taken up and discussed at length at a meeting of the school trustees Tuesday night. It was found that no immediate action would be necessary.

Superintendent Young stated that while the building was undoubtedly full, there has been no crowding as yet. With much of an increase, said he, the building will be taxed to its utmost capacity.

"It is certain," he continued, "that in the near future the attendance at the high school will be such that additional room will have to be provided."

"Each year a much larger class enters than graduates, but declines somewhat as the year goes on, and still more in the succeeding years, but it is found the total attendance of the school is fast increasing."

With this fact in view, the board some time ago purchased the lot adjoining the site of the high school building, and in case the increase is large in the near future an addition will be built on the new lot.

BELLE OF HELENA IS NOW MRS. H. W. BROWN

Miss Clara Bullard the Bride at a Pretty Wedding.

Helena, April 30.—Last evening at the residence of Massena Bullard, the wedding of his daughter, Miss Clara Bullard, and Herbert W. Brown of St. Paul was solemnized in the presence of a large number of invited guests. A reception followed the ceremony. The couple left later in the evening for their future home in the Twin Cities. The bride is one of the charming society belles of Helena, whose lovable disposition and pleasing manners have made a host of friends in the Capital City, where she was born and reared. Mr. Brown holds a responsible position in the freight and passenger department of the Northwestern railroad in St. Paul.

BOERS ARE GOING TO MEXICO

One Thousand Families Will Be Settled There in Near Future.

Mexico City, April 30.—Arrangements for the settlement of the Boer colony in Mexico have been completed. Eighty-three thousand acres of ranch land have been obtained on the Conchas river, near Santa Rosalia, in the state of Chihuahua.

Gen. W. D. Smyman, promoter of the scheme, left last night for New York, where he will join General Viljoen. He will return to Mexico with 50 families in New York.

He expects to settle 1,000 families in Mexico. Negotiations are still under way for another tract of land in Chihuahua and also one in the state of Sonora, near the mouth of the Yaqui river.

Burns Is Set Free. William Burns, whose seven children were sent to St. Joseph's Orphan's home by the authorities and who was put in jail day before yesterday on a charge of vagrancy, has been released from jail on his promise to remain sober and go to work. Burns is said to be a stonemason and able to earn \$6 a day.

BETTER MILK FOR PEOPLE OF BUTTE

Forthcoming Examination for Position of Inspectors Begins to Attract Attention All Over the State.

Dairymen of Montana, and especially those furnishing milk in Butte, which is by far the largest market in the state, are naturally interested in the forthcoming examination to be held in Helena to fill the position of milk and meat inspector under the law passed by the last legislature.

There is an element in this and other communities seeking to defeat the operation of the law. It is common report that a fund has been raised to test the constitutionality of the law, a well-known attorney having furnished a brief showing the points on which he believes the law can be defeated.

Money Being Raised. Money is being raised in Butte, Helena and other points that will be affected by the law to push the test case in the courts. It is said that \$300 has been pledged in Butte among dairymen who are opposed to the law, while a proportionate sum has been raised in Helena and other points affected by the law.

A competitive examination for the positions of inspectors will be held in Helena, May 5, by the board of milk and meat inspection, composed of State Veterinarian M. E. Knowles, President William Treacy of the state board of health, and Secretary A. F. Longway of the state board of health.

The successful applicants must show a knowledge of veterinary surgery, as well as of the constitution of the milk, and in case of medicine. It is reported a number of eastern veterinarians will come to Montana to take the examination, but it is a question whether preference will not be shown to Montanians in awarding the positions.

The Best Position. The best position is, of course, that of milk and meat inspector in Butte. There are three known local candidates for the position and more are expected to be in evidence when the examination is held.

W. L. Irvin, a local dairyman, who was largely instrumental in the passage of the bill, is heartily in favor of the enforcement of the law to the letter. He said today he considered it a meritorious measure that every dairyman who had the interests of his customers at heart should favor.

He does not believe the cry of class legislation that has been raised can be sustained. He said that while the opponents of the law were raising money to seek to have it declared unconstitutional there were plenty of friends of the measure among the dairymen of the state who would be willing to subscribe money to aid the attorney general in upholding the constitutionality of the law.

Like Eastern Law. "A large part of the law has been copied after the Massachusetts law," said Irvin, "and that law has been declared to be unconstitutional. So far as I know, local butchers are not opposed to the law, the chief opposition coming only from dairymen who claim the law will work an undue hardship upon them."

The opponents of the law are claiming the test for tuberculosis germs will work the chief hardship. Well, it seems to me that every honest dairyman ought to want to know if any of his cows have tuberculosis, and if they have to get rid of them. The license for dairymen will be \$12 per year and for butchers \$12 per year. After the law goes into effect all dairymen must be registered and the milk they sell must be inspected at regular intervals by the inspector. The places where their cows are kept, as well as their feed, are also subject to inspection."

It is rumored the brief of the Helena lawyer prepared for the opponents of the law will attack the title of the bill, claiming it is defective.

Class Legislation Alleged. Another point to be urged is that the law is class legislation in that small dairymen having five cows or less do not have to take out a license. The milk furnished by such dairymen is subject to inspection, however. This, it is claimed, will offset the contention of class legislation.

The expectation is that the law will be tested by bringing about the arrest of a dairyman who refuses to take out a license or to allow his milk to be inspected. He will be tried, and if convicted and fined, an appeal will at once be taken to the higher court in order to get the case before the supreme court as speedily as possible in the hope a decision can be secured before the court adjourns for the summer recess.

The law provides that all dairymen must be registered on or before June 1. It is predicted the strict enforcement of the law will materially reduce the amount of milk offered for sale daily in Butte. The results from a sanitary standpoint will also prove beneficial.

Like Embalmer's Fluid. The use of formaldehyde, more commonly known as "freecine," a substance akin to undertakers' embalming fluid, which is said to contain 40 per cent formaline and is used to preserve the milk, will, it is claimed, be effectually stopped.

The adulteration of milk with ordinary water, not providing cows pure food and clean water and other infractions of the simplest sanitary rules will be prevented. The public health is expected to be greatly improved.

In view of the beneficial results claimed from the operation of the law there is naturally more or less surprise among the leading partons of Butte dairies that any dairymen could oppose the law.

There is no disguising the fact that dairymen are considerably exercised over the matter, both those favoring and those opposing the law.

Phil J. Harrington has moved his justice office to No. 1138 Utah avenue.



MRS. H. W. BROWN. Formerly Miss Clara Bullard.

MANY DESERT FROM NAVY

Poor Food and Other Hardships Are Alleged by the Sailors.

Vallejo, April 30.—There has been an epidemic of desertions from the navy on this coast for several months, but this month's reports break the record. It is said 150 men have failed to return to the training ship Independence since last pay day.

When the enlisted men are questioned for a cause all claim it is because of poor and scanty fare.