

# OUR ARMY MERRY OF FILIPINO WAR.

## Over 300 Volunteer Officers Ask to Resign--Plot in Manila.

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Special Cable Dispatch to the Evening World.  
HONG KONG, British China, May 19.  
Over three hundred United States volunteer officers have handed in their resignations to escape the arduous campaigning of the rainy season in the Philippines. All these applications were refused. If all the officers who desired to were permitted to resign there would not be fifteen officers left to a regiment. Some of the general officers, however, favor the letting of political appointees who get commissions for holiday purposes go home, and appointing men of merit from the ranks to take their places. There is not a brigadier in the field who does not want reinforcements. The one bright spot in the situation is the army's delight in the ascension of Gen. MacArthur to the supreme command and the reforms he is bound to inaugurate in the administration.

Gen. Otis left affairs in a state calculated to embarrass his successor, including a list of dead which should have been sent to Washington in his last report. He did nothing toward soothing the native rising in Manila, which had been long incubating.  
It was planned by active native leaders to set fire simultaneously with the arrival of the new Philippine Commission to all public buildings and to attack the soldiers in all parts of the city.  
By the prompt measures of Gen. MacArthur and the reinforcing of the city garrison the trouble has been averted. The feeling in Manila is, however, shown by the fact that some prominent Americans tried to organize a little demonstration of friendly natives to welcome the Commission, but could not get a dozen to consent and gave up the project.  
Tremendous heat has prevailed for the last two weeks. It has made operations in the field almost impossible and has greatly increased the sick list.

# PLOTTED WITH LOVER, HEIRS OF VAN NESS SAY, TO MARRY AN OLD MILLIONAIRE.

MRS. ALICE WOOD VAN NESS.

## Nieces of Aged Cornelius Van Ness Allege that Alice Wood Lured Their Uncle Into Marriage to Get His Money and Share It with a Brooklyn Youth.

How Miss Alice Wood, young pretty, a model church worker in Port Jervis, N. Y., deliberately plotted to marry Cornelius Van Ness, a millionaire of eighty-two, to get his money. How she got into his splendid residence, by pretending to inquire her ankle, how she made love to him, married him, got \$200,000 of his money and then corresponded with a young man who is alleged to be her husband, is told in affidavits, on which an injunction has been obtained restraining him from turning any more of his property over to his young wife.  
Justice Andrews, of the Supreme Court, is considering an application to make the injunction permanent. It was obtained by Frank D. Harmon, of this city, as guardian for his children, Harriet and Marie, and their cousin, Louise Van Ness Day, nieces of Mr. Van Ness, who will receive shares in the old man's fortune when he dies.

## MARRIED TO PLUNDER.

The property was left by the former Mrs. Van Ness, the old man's second wife, whose will provided for his use of the money during his life and for its division among the nieces afterward. It is said to amount now to about \$200,000.  
"An adventurer who married this old man to plunder him" was the description given of the present Mrs. Van Ness by Lawyer Charles Blandy, who appears for the applicant.

Mrs. Van Ness is only twenty-eight years old. She had learned, Mr. Blandy says, that Mr. Van Ness, who has a magnificent home at Cornwall, N. Y., made love to every young woman he met since his first wife died and she promptly left her home at Port Jervis and went to Cornwall. There she engaged a boarding house near the Van Ness home.

## HER CLEVER RUSE.

On Nov. 4 of last year, the Van Ness dog bell rang. When it was opened Miss Wood stood on the doorstep. "I have sprained my ankle," she said. "May I not come in and rest?"  
Mrs. Mary East, the servant who opened the door, brought her in. Mr. Van Ness soon appeared. He made the girl's acquaintance. Next day she came up and he showed her around the grounds. She told Mr. Van Ness, Mrs. East says, "that she would like to remain there all her life."  
She told Van Ness he was a dear old man and threw her arms around his neck and wept. The couple were together a great deal after that, and Mrs. East swears that during her stay at the Van Ness house Alice Woods was constantly hugging and kissing Mr. Van Ness; that she repeatedly asked Mr. Van Ness to marry her, and even requested her to intercede in her behalf.

## WOODED AND WON HIM.

On Feb. 12 Mr. Van Ness went away from home. He returned next day with the young woman and announced that they had been married the day before by the Rev. Dr. Charles H. Eaton, of the Church of the Divine Paternity, in this city.  
"After the marriage," Mrs. East's affidavit says, "Alice Wood stated to me that she did not care a damn for Mr. Van Ness, but had only married him for his money; that he was a beast, and that she had the dearest fellow in college in Brooklyn, to whom she was engaged, and that the old man could not live more than a couple of years. She said further that if she could write to Otto she would be perfectly contented, and asked if he could address his letters to her in my name, to which I replied that he could."  
Letters then began to come from Otto. One of them got into the hands of Van Ness. He made trouble, but his wife managed to persuade him that every thing was all right.

Then she wrote this letter to Otto, which Mrs. East kept:  
"Dear Otto—I think Fred (meaning Van Ness) was at the club and there were some men there from Middletown organizing a club, and they said I was a married woman. There are some old folks here on us, and they tell me there are detectives on the case. Destroy all letters and take my pictures out of your room."  
"My Darling Alice: Received both your letters and was awfully glad to get them, and the ten you was just right. You certainly are a jewel, always thinking of your little boy. Many thanks, dearest little wife, for the same.  
"I am a real naughty boy for not writing sooner, but they have put so much work on me this week I hardly know where I am standing. Still, that is no excuse for you should come before everything. How are you, dearest little wife? Hope your cold is better every day of every day. I count the hours, yes the minutes, that you are away from me. How dearly I would love to see you. How I long to kiss and hug you. I do want to put my arms around you so bad and tell you how much I love you.  
"I do hope we will see each other soon, for it would do me a world of good. I am real jealous of your father and Harry, for they saw you, and I, who love you best, and whom you love best, dare not see each other. . . . Certainly you must be getting fat. Harry says your cheeks stick out like peaches. Maybe I won't bite them off when I see you, but I just think, now that you haven't anything to do, I will love



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## WIFE'S FATHER'S STORY.

Oliver D. Wood, father of Mrs. Van Ness, is in charge of the home at Cornwall, N. Y., where his daughter and her aged husband are in this city fighting the suit of Van Ness's nieces.  
"My daughter did not come to Cornwall to marry Van Ness into matrimony. She was ordered here by her physician to get rid of malaria. While here she met Mr. Van Ness, and married him only after he had repeatedly sought her to do so.  
"These charges against her are trumped up by Mr. Van Ness's nieces. They have enlisted Mr. and Mrs. East on their side, and Oscar Pobe, a medical student in Brooklyn, who is the sweetheart of my daughter in Port Jervis.  
"I can tell you my daughter was beside herself with surprise when she received these love letters from Pobe. She told me she thought they must have been written while he was drunk.  
"After her father's death she was burned and the servant promptly turned them over to Mr. Van Ness, hoping to make trouble between them."  
Mr. Wood would not give an explanation of his daughter's letter to Pobe, but he said when Dr. Mitchell, of Newburg, was sent to New York to examine her, she was suffering from malaria, and she was going to die. She was taken to New York, and she died there. Mr. Wood said that she was suffering from malaria, and she was going to die. She was taken to New York, and she died there. Mr. Wood said that she was suffering from malaria, and she was going to die. She was taken to New York, and she died there.

# INJUNCTION FOR STRIKERS.

## The St. Louis Postmaster Asks Court to Aid Car Company.

ST. LOUIS, May 19.—On complaint of Postmaster Baumbach and other employees of the Post-Office Department, United States District Attorney Roosevelt today appeared before Judge Elmer Adams, of the United States District Court, and asked for an injunction restraining the strikers from interfering with the operation of mail cars over the tracks of the St. Louis Transit Company.  
President Mahon, of the International Amalgamated Association of Street Railway Employees; Chairman Mackintosh, of the Executive Committee of Local Street Railway Employees' Union; National Organizer Harry Bryant, of the Street Railway Employees' Union, and forty-seven others are named in the petition for the injunction.  
Judge Adams took the petition under advisement, and asked for additional affidavits of postal employees as to the alleged interference with the cars.  
Because they fear a collision with the strikers in the parish this afternoon the management of the St. Louis Transit Company decided not to run any cars on its lines after 12:30 P. M. to-day.

## STRIKE A TEST FOR MILITIA.

Major-General Roe Prentiss National Guard in Report on Croton Dam Trouble.  
Says to the Evening World:  
ALBANY, May 19.—Gov. Roosevelt today received from Major-General Charles F. Roe his report on the march which the National Guard played in the Croton Dam strike. He says in part:  
"I desire to call attention to the effective condition of the whole National Guard of the State, as exemplified by the organizations called upon for duty at the Croton strike. Every organization is provided with full equipment and can take the field on equally short notice.  
"The officers and enlisted men of Squadron A, of Troop I, of the Seventh Regiment, of the battalion of the First Regiment, composed of the Fourth and Seventh Separate Companies, under Major Denike, performed every duty in the most businesslike and soldierly manner.  
"The self-restraint exercised by Major Denike and his battalion, after the killing of Sergeant Douglas, is deserving of the highest praise.  
"I am of the opinion that, in my opinion, the present military code and the method of military instruction now pursued are both largely responsible for the successful issue of the affair at Croton Dam."  
NEW RAILROAD STRIKE.

## Section Hands on Lake Shore and on Lackawanna at Buffalo Quit Work.

BUFFALO, May 19.—The section hands on the New York Central between Buffalo and Rochester, on the Lackawanna, between Buffalo and Elmira, and on the Lake Shore between Buffalo and Erie, struck to-day.  
They demand higher wages.

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# HUNTING THE ACID FIEND.

## Woman in Black Has Thus Far Eluded the Keenest Sleuths.

The woman in black who threw liquid poison in the face of the wife of Dr. John J. Cronin, of 43 West 17th street, on Thursday night and vanished has thus far eluded the search of an army of policemen and the keenest detectives of the Central office.  
The police this morning professed to be entirely in the dark, but it is probable that they are still working on the line of yesterday's investigation, which pointed to a woman said to be partially demented who had worked in the dressmaking establishment where Mrs. Cronin was forewoman before her marriage, three years ago.  
Strangely enough, this morning Dr. Cronin declared that he did not think this woman was the guilty one. "I cannot understand what motive any one could have had for injuring either me or my wife," he said. "We have no enemies—at least none in whom a motive would be so strong as to cause such a fearful deed. I think the act must have been that of an insane person."  
But the facts of the case lead to these conclusions:  
First—That the blond woman in black was not acquainted with Dr. Cronin, but knew his wife.  
Second—She had a knowledge of Mrs. Cronin's family, but did not know of Mrs. Cronin's movements in recent years.  
Third—She did not know where the doctor lived when she started out armed with the fiery acid.  
These points are made clear by the visit of the mysterious woman to Mrs. Cronin's mother, Mrs. Lassette, at 43 West 17th street, a short time before the assault. She then inquired whether Carrie—Mrs. Cronin—still worked at the dressmaking establishment. Mrs. Lassette told the visitor that her daughter was married and gave her home address.  
A fortnight later Mrs. Cronin opened the door to a blond woman and was disfigured for life.  
The sisters of the woman whom the description of the acid-thrasher fits, it is said, furnished an alibi to the police showing that on Thursday night she attended a wedding in New Jersey; but to-day all the efforts of the police are bent to the investigation of her movements for the last two weeks.  
John Lassette, a brother of Mrs. Cronin, went to the West 17th street street station at 10:30 o'clock this morning and had a long talk with Detective Kammar and Dan. It was said that he furnished information that may lead to an early arrest. Accompanied by the detectives he took an "L" train uptown. The mother of the suspect lives in the neighborhood of Ninety-first street and Columbus avenue.  
Mrs. Cronin's condition was more favorable this morning.  
One of the themes that the police are working on is that the woman who threw the acid was the mother of a child that Dr. Cronin had attended, that the child died and the mother became hysterical in brooding over her loss, blaming the physician for it.

## NEW DOCKS FOR THE CITY.

John F. Carroll's Brother One of the Commissioners Who Will Appraise Property to Be Acquired.  
Commissioners to appraise the value of property to be acquired by the city for new docks were appointed by Justice Freeman in the Supreme Court to-day as follows:  
Little Twelfth street dock, William J. Carroll, brother of John F. Carroll; Emanuel Blumenfeld; and Henry Thompson.  
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# HONEYMOON IN A BIG BARREL.

## Capt. Tapley and His Bride Hid in a Cask.

There is a sequel to the shipping of Capt. Robert Morris Tapley, of the bark St. James, from this port a week ago, for from Maine comes the story that the skipper was married ten days ago at Ellsworth to a Miss Gould and that she was taken aboard the St. James in the same cask as her ingenious sailor-husband.  
Capt. Tapley's first mate, John Hayes, it will be remembered, was charged with carelessly beating the crew with marlin spikes, capstan bars and other hard substances, and convicted. The deputy marshals did their prettiest to apprehend the captain, but he eluded them, although one or more of them never left the ship's berth, and when the St. James sailed for San Francisco one of them remained aboard until the pilot left her outside Sandy Hook.  
Two days before the ship sailed an

# GIRL TOSSED FROM HORSE CAR.

## Collision with a Columbus Avenue Cable Car at Union Square.

In a collision between a horse car and a Columbus avenue cable car at Sixteenth street and Union Square at 3:45 A. M. to-day Miss Celeste Koster, a young Frenchwoman, was thrown from her seat in an open horse car to the street.  
She sustained numerous cuts and bruises, but after an ambulance surgeon attended her she declined to go to a hospital.  
Several other passengers were badly shaken up, but Miss Koster was the only sufferer.

## KING OF BELGIUM IN LONDON ON A VISIT.

LONDON, May 19.—The King of the Belgians has arrived in England on a visit.

# DRANK SOLDERING LIQUID.

## Chandlery-Maker Mistook It for Whiskey and Draught Proved Fatal.

William Enders, a chandlery-maker, fifty-eight years old, of 183 Avenue A, died this morning after drinking soldering liquid. Enders went to a cupboard to get some whiskey at 8 o'clock and drank from the wrong bottle. His wife found him lying on the floor two hours later. He died shortly after.

# POWERS WILL FIGHT TO PROTECT SULTAN.

## Germany, Russia and Austria a Menace, London Paper Says.

(Copyright, 1900, by the Associated Press.)  
LONDON, May 19.—However much Turkey may shrink the United States American ships are not to pass the Straits in order to exact redress from Constantinople, under penalty of being blown out of the water by Russian, German and Austrian ships.  
This is the declaration drawn by the Spectator, which, in the course of a lengthy article based on the anti-American utterances of the Listok of Odessa, deals with the alleged hatred of America by the Continental powers, especially Russia.  
"The main cause of this," continues the Spectator, "is fear of the enormous resources of the people of the United States and the willingness of the people here to use them for forcible expansion of trade and territory."  
"The statesmen of Europe do not exactly know what course America will pursue in her new greatness, and besides recognizing clearly that she is stronger than any single State on the Continent they doubt in their hearts whether if all who speak English stood together it would be possible for any coalition, even if it covered all the other civilized

States, to raise up sufficient obstacles to American designs.  
"They cannot conceive that such a mass of power can be used for any but selfish ends. Therefore, they are genuinely alarmed. The Listok actually speaks of a combination on the Continent to resist them.  
"In China alone the professional diplomats of the Continent hate the representation of the Union and would take any opportunity of giving them a sharp setback."  
"They detest the American habit of using amateurs as Ambassadors and Ministers, men who use non-professional phraseology and who never know how to distinguish between friend and enemy, and press any demands with a sort of conviction that they must in the end be granted."  
"The frankness of the American agents strikes the old aristocrats of the European Chancelleries as boresome; their lawyer-like arguments as petty and their cool persistence as distinctly overbearing."  
"The Spectator concludes that the Listok article, which passed the censor, was written by some diplomat, and that American attention is to be mainly directed to the Listok voice, particularly and truthfully the "Listok and subsisting against America which is now nearly universal among the Continental Governments."

# KILLED BY LIVE WIRE.

## "L" Painter Slipped, Clutched Strand and Fell to Street Dead.

Oscar Hanson, thirty years old, was electrocuted under the platform of a Brooklyn "L" station at 7:30 o'clock this morning.  
After death came by the electric current his body dropped to the sidewalk, crushing in his skull.  
Hanson and Aaron Thorsen were working on a plank rigged beneath the stairway of the L station at De Kalb and Grand avenues, scraping the wood-work preparatory to giving it a fresh coat of paint.  
Hanson attempted to step from the plank to an iron girder of the "L" structure.  
He missed his footing and fell. Reaching out he grabbed an electric wire which ran along at the base of the platform.  
Thorsen heard his cry as he slipped and, looking up, saw his hand smoke where it grasped the wire.  
He reached out to grab his companion, but the lifeless body swung out and dropped to the street, it turned over as it fell and struck head downward on the granite street.  
When Ambulance Surgeon Gilmore, of St. John's Hospital, arrived, he said Hanson had died from shock before his skull was crushed.  
Hanson was a married man. He lived on upper Grace avenue.

# RIOTING IN BERLIN.

## Five Thousand Carmen Go on Strike and Break Things—Police Doubled.

BERLIN, May 19.—About five thousand street-car employees are out on strike and traffic is disrupted. Disturbances at various points have necessitated extra police precautions.  
The strikers smashed the windows of cars on Dönhofsplatz and placed cars across the tracks so as to effectually block traffic.  
W. H. HUNT IS NAMED.  
Chosen for Secretary of State for Porto Rico—He's a Mountain Lawyer.

WASHINGTON, May 19.—William H. Hunt, of Montana, has been selected to be Secretary of State for the island of Porto Rico.  
Mr. Hunt was recently appointed agent for the United States Government before the Chilean Claims Commission, a position which he vacates to accept this last appointment.  
He is a son of the late Secretary Hunt and a lawyer of high standing in his own State.

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DIED.  
DEANEY—On Thursday, May 17, ROSE DEANEY, aged 75, died at her home, 110 West 6th St., Sunday, May 14, at 1 o'clock.