

DID A GREAT WORK

Achievement of the Quartermaster's Department.

OVER 200,000 PERSONS TRANSPORTED

Caring for Comfort and Health of Troops.

BRINGING HOME THE DEAD

The report of Quartermaster General Ludington, made public today, shows an immense amount of work accomplished by that department in connection with the military operations of the past year. This includes not only the organization of a great transport fleet, the moving of two armies to the Philippines, in addition to the troops transported to Cuba and Porto Rico, the repatriation of over 200,000 Spaniards from the various islands captured, the care and transportation of the immense quantities of animals and supplies necessary for the support of our own soldiers and the disintegration and return to the United States of over 1,200 soldiers and civilians who died in the government service in Cuba, Porto Rico, Hawaii and the Philippines.

Over 200,000 Persons Transported. Gen. Ludington gives a list of thirty-seven vessels of all classes now included in the transport fleet. During the fiscal year these vessels have carried 202,587 passengers between Cuba, Porto Rico, Hawaii, the Philippines and the United States. All this has been accomplished without the loss of a single life through accident. There have been carried 27,533 animals and 86,150 tons of freight.

All of the vessels bought or chartered for the use of the quartermaster department have been fitted up with special reference to the ease of service in which they have been engaged. In every respect they are now far more comfortable than the officers of the army and navy in all of the foreign ports at which they have touched.

The transportation of the Spanish prisoners from the captured possessions was accomplished with dispatch and to the satisfaction of the Spanish government, about 10,000 having been sent to Porto Rico, the Philippines and 4,500 shipped from Havana.

The work of sanitation and reconstruction accomplished in Cuba and Porto Rico has been immense, but of such a character that any detailed account is impossible in a limited space. It has included the construction of water works, the rebuilding and purifying of barracks and the building of wharves and cleaning of whole towns and cities.

In the Philippines two distinct armies have been landed and one returned to the United States. The United States force has been accomplished with small delay in the face of great natural obstacles, lack of wharves and landing facilities and in the presence of the fiercest of hostile natives and armed Spaniards.

Comfort and Health. Since the occupation of Luzon and the adjacent islands the same work of building and sanitation has been prosecuted as in Cuba and Porto Rico. In addition to distilling plants for water and mechanical devices for cooling water, the department has begun the installation of a refrigerating plant at Manila with a capacity of manufacturing forty tons a day, and containing 1,650 tons of perishable provisions. Material has been forwarded from the United States for a bridge over Passig river and the railroad has been repaired and operated over such parts of the line as are in the hands of the American forces.

Dead Brought Home.

A total of 1,214 bodies of soldiers and others dying abroad have been returned to the United States from Cuba, Porto Rico, the Philippines and Hawaii, many of them returned to their friends at the expense of the government and the remainder interred in national cemeteries, mostly at Arlington. This has been a labor of great difficulty, and a large number of remains have been identified and many pieces of property belonging to the deceased have been recovered, marked and returned to friends and relatives, or being here present in the department, waiting reclamation by those who are entitled to them.

Higher Rank Needed.

In closing his report Gen. Ludington says: "It is my duty to call attention to the fact that under existing law the highest rank provided for officers of this department holding volunteer rank is that of major. In my opinion the very important and responsible duties attaching to the quartermaster's department, at least in the cases of those occupying positions as chief of this department on the staff of the commanding general at foreign stations, a high grade of volunteer rank is essential. In the case of Cuba and the Philippines, the rank of colonel, I consider, is deserved and should be given. It is recommended that Congress will at its next session provide for a higher grade of volunteer rank to meet such cases."

SUBMITTED TO CONTROLLER.

Question Affecting Pay for Certain Medical Examinations.

Mr. R. J. Tracewell, the controller of the treasury, was today requested by the Commissioners of the District of Columbia to favor them with his opinion as to whether \$10 per diem for services as a medical examiner under the act of January 21, 1899, can be legally paid to one who receives also a compensation of \$30 per month as physician to the post.

In several cases tried under this act the medical examiners have been selected from among the physicians of the post. These health officers, and receive as compensation \$10 per month for the appropriation for "help of the post."

Being employes of the District government, it has been suggested that payment for their services rendered under the act governing admissions to the hospital for the insane might be considered in the nature of extra compensation and, as such, within the prohibition of section 1765, Revised Statutes of the United States. Therefore the Commissioners desire an opinion in the matter.

Claims Damages.

Peter Fersinger, through Attorney E. H. Thomas, this afternoon instituted suit at law against Thomas A. Donoghue to recover damages in the sum of \$4,000. Carelessness on the part of the defendant in connection with the erection of a certain wall is alleged.

Motion in Arrest of Judgment.

In the case of George R. Davis, the former express messenger, recently convicted in Criminal Court No. 1 of assault with intent to kill, a motion in arrest of judgment was filed today.

With Saturday racing daily at Benning. Advertisement.

GOLDENBERG'S 922-924-926 and 928 7th Street—running to 704-6 K Street. "THE DEPENDABLE STORE."

The bargains that Friday brings forth! —are many and important. Conditions invest this week's event with extraordinary interest—for the past six days have witnessed the briskest selling "The Dependable Store" has yet enjoyed—and the inevitable "Remnants" have accumulated in unusual numbers. With the result that prices have been cut even closer than ever. Every department throughout the store has something extraordinary to offer—at a saving that bows to no precedent. It will be a great occasion—one to which thrifty shoppers will give prompt response.

Silk selling that knows no parallel.

IN THIS LOT ARE ABOUT 1,500 YARDS OF PRINTED GLORIA SILKS. In all color combinations, navy blue and violet, brown and blue, green and white, and also three pieces of Plain Changeable Gloria Silks—not a yard of which will be sold for less than: 10c. 39c. 75c.

REMANANTS OF FINE QUALITY SILKS, CONSISTING OF PLAIN AND Checked Taffetas, Satin Dupes, Black Brocade Satins and Gros Grain, Plain and Check Taffetas, which sold up to 75c. a yard—for 21c.

ANOTHER LOT OF SILKS, INCLUDING THE FINEST QUALITIES sold in waist and skirt lengths—among them are: Fancy Taffeta Silks, in Satin Brocade, Black Amure, Black Satin Luxor, Brocade Peau de Soie and Ombre effect Taffeta—worth up to \$1.25 a yard—for 21c.

Remnants of strictly All-wool Blue Storm Serge, Cheviot Serge, All-wool Jaquard Novelty Dress Goods, genuine "Buffet" Serge, Imperial Serge, Muscovite and Drap d'Inde, all of which were sold up to \$1.25 a yard—for 21c.

Two unusual offerings in black goods. A lot of Black Goods in about pieces left from recent selling—consisting of Storm Serge, Cheviot Serge, Jaquard Novelty Dress Goods, genuine "Buffet" Serge, Imperial Serge, Muscovite, Drap d'Inde, all of which were sold up to \$1.25 a yard—for 21c.

You'll crowd the velvet dept' for these. When velvets are out on the bias a good-sized assortment remains. We've a big lot of these for tomorrow's selling—left from all our all-wool velvets, which we sold up to \$1.25 a yard—for 15c.

Small lots of linens lightly priced. 2 to 5 yd. lengths of 17-inch Checked Glass Cloth—worth 50c. per yard—retail for 30c. 2 to 5 yd. lengths of 17-inch Checked Glass Cloth—worth 50c. per yard—retail for 30c.

Sensational selling of linings. A big lot of Lining Remnants, consisting of linen, dressmaker's cambric, grass cloth, muslin, etc., in good lengths, which were sold up to 50c. a yard—for 13c.

Toilet soaps, worth up to 25c.—for 5c. We have culled out all the odd lots of Toilet Soaps, and marked them for instant clearance. There's nothing like the famous "Savon" and "Almond Soaps, Oakley's Flowers of Sulphur" and "Pray's" genuine Manicure and Medicated Soaps. As the quantity is limited, we supply late comers. The choice is yours—up to 25 cents for these soaps—they're the acknowledged "bests." Choice for 5 cents to 25c.

Odds and ends in the art department. Several Duplicates, 11c. each. 12-inch Tatted Table Covers, sold at 39c.—for 21c. Odds and ends of Zephyr Washed will be closed out tomorrow at 25c. a yard.

2 lots from the children's department. Here are eight infants' Long and Short Fancy Flannel and Velveteen Caps, trimmed with ribbon and having gold and silver buttons. They sold at 80 cents. Choice tomorrow for 79c.

An odd lot of corsets, 25c. We've no room for anything save complete lines in our Corset Department, as everywhere else. That's why these are marked at such a low price to quickly close them out. They are of several lines of well-known corsets and the sizes are broken. But whoever finds a pair of perfect fitting. Note sold for less than 49 cents. Take them for 25 cents.

25c. veilings, 12c. Umbrellas, 39c. An odd lot of 26-inch Twisted Gloria Umbrella, with steel shafts, which were sold up to \$1.25 a yard—for 39c.

Torchon laces, 33c. Remnants of pretty Torchon Laces, Edgings and Insertings, on to a 1/2-inch plain and a number of neat patterns, which are worth 60c. and 8c. a yard—go for 33c. a yard tomorrow.

Earth's Worst Spasm. When Nature Juggled With Islands in the Straits of Sunda. From the Pall Mall Gazette. It is just sixteen years since the most stupendous and appalling of all the convulsions of nature which have occurred either in ancient or in modern times took place. On August 27, 1883, at 10 a.m., the greater portion of the Island of Krakatoa, in the Straits of Sunda, was destroyed, while two islands were created by volcanic action.

It is hardly a matter to be wondered at, when we are told that at Carimon, Java, 200 miles distant, a boat was dispatched to assist an imaginary vessel in distress, and at Achern, 1,673 miles distant, a vessel was supposed that a fort was being attacked, and the troops were put under arms. The result of the eruption was that the whole northern part of the island, seven square miles in extent, was completely blown away, and where there was formerly dry land there are now soundings of ninety fathoms and in some parts 190 fathoms or more. Moreover, the bed of the sea some five or six miles to the north and west have been raised many fathoms. It is unnecessary to point out how stupendous must have been the force of the explosion which destroyed the island of Krakatoa at the time of this eruption, seeing that it was able to lift millions of tons, and sent up a stream of pumice and vapory particles to a height of twenty miles above the surface of the earth. We are naturally led to inquire what was this force and how was it generated.

The primary source from which proceeds the energy which propels volcanic action is unquestionably the internal heat of the earth. At the base of the crater of a volcano is the top or commencement of the channel or passage whereby communication is maintained with the heated interior, and from the sea or from the underground springs percolates through the ground and finds its way down to this channel and to the hot molten rocks below it. At once generated steam and there is who have been unfortunate enough to have had a kitchen boiler burst know something of the explosive power of steam, even in small quantities. But the following observations with reference to this subject will give our readers a clear perception of the subsequent stages of an eruption when sea or other water reaches the heated rocks below a volcano.

The water combines with the material of the rock, and by this combination the melting point of the rock is reduced; it only requires the subjection of the hydrated compound to such heat as would be sufficient to melt the rock, and the result is a condition to disengage steam and other gases in enormous quantities and to produce outbursts proportionate to the pressure and the strength of the incrusting walls. If, while this process is going on, water in large quantities gains access to the surface of the heated mass, solidification might take place and the entire mass through the crater would be temporarily checked. When at last the accumulated force bursts the newly formed crust, and there is out-

Big bargains among the domestics.

1,000 remnants of Percales, in light and dark colors, which were sold up to 10c. a yard—now for 57c. 300 remnants of Dress Flannels, in new Scotch plaids, which were sold up to 12c. a yard—now for 67c. 500 remnants of Percales, in light and dark colors, which were sold up to 7c. to 10c. a yard—now for 37c.

Odd lots from the great half-price sale of men's furnishings.

Such selling as has been in progress here during the past week of Hermon Brothers' stock of Baltimore naturally left many odd lots and broken lines. These go on sale tomorrow at cost-forgotten prices. As you know, we have been selling this stock of men's wear at about half usual prices—and now that we have reduced everything of a "remnant" nature much below those figures you may well count the values as extraordinary.

An odd lot of Walters', Barbers' and Hats' White Jackets, in a variety of styles, which were sold up to 21c. a yard—now for 21c. Men's regular 50c. 75c. and 100c. Necktie Shirts, some with separate collars, others with collars attached, which were sold up to \$1.25 a yard—now for 25c.

Men's Regular 50c. Silk and Satin Colored Bowd and Shiled Boxes, in a good assortment of desirable colors, which were sold up to \$1.25 a yard—now for 61c. Men's Regular \$1 and \$1.25 Camels Hair, which were sold up to \$1.25 a yard—now for 49c.

Men's 50c. and 69c. Hats for 29c. each. They're part of the stock purchased from Hermon Brothers, men's furnishings of Baltimore. We do not carry regular stock of men's hats, but we have a few odd lots of Derby, Fedoras and Crush Hats, in black, brown and tan, for other tomorrow for 29 cents. You will find these for sale in the Boys' Clothing Department, on the second floor.

Odd lots in boys' wearables. Boys' Fine Quality Suspenders, in a variety of fancy colors, and strong webbing, which were sold at 19 cents—now for 8c. Boys' Knee Pants—odds and ends of several lines—some all sizes—some in a broken assortment of sizes from regular 50c. values, for 25c.

Upholsteries, bedwear, curtains, &c. A quarter of Upholstery Table Covers, in pretty patterns, finished with heavy fringe—worth \$3.30—now for 19c. Remnants of Curtains, Swiss, in colored dots and white flowers and dots—useful lengths—worth 12c. and 15c. a yd.—for 7c.

Remnants of Fine French Satens, in a variety of colors—patterns sold at 19c. a yard—now for 9c. Stamped Pillow Shams, Laundry Bags and Tray Covers, for 9 cents tomorrow.

Double-bed Comforts, covered with best silkings and filled with pure white lambs-wool cotton—worth \$2—now for \$1.19. A lot of Cells Comforts, finished with 20 yd. ribbons—worth \$4—now for 49c.

Ladies' pearl gray Alpines, 39c. These have come to us as the result of special purchase—and they go on sale tomorrow morning at a price that should create a stir. They are Pearl Gray Straight-trimmed Alpines, which are so fashionable for every-day wear, that we can offer them to you at 39 cents.

Goldenberg's "The Dependable Store," 922-24-26-28 7th St. and 704-6 K St.

Ladies' and children's underwear.

Children's "Unions" Combination Suits, in all colors, which were sold up to 39c.—now for 39c. Ladies' White Muslin Vests and Pants, nicely finished and perfect fitting, which were sold at 65 cents—now for 25c.

39c. for muslin undergarments.

We've gone through the stock and culled out all the broken lines and odd lots—and they go on sale tomorrow at a price that should create a stir. In the lot are Gowns, Skirts, Drawers, Chemises and Corsets, all of which are elaborately trimmed with lace and embroidery in various styles. Not a garment sold for less than 49 cents. Pick them out tomorrow at 39 cents.

Ladies' ready-to-wear garments. Twenty-five quality Gray Homespun Skirts, in all colors, which were sold up to \$7.98—now for \$7.98. 7 heavily tufted Black Cotton Skirts, in all colors, which were sold up to \$5.98—now for \$5.98.

Odd lot of wrappers cut for clearance. 18 Flannelette Wrappers, worth 60c. for 49c. 25 Print Wrappers, subject to slight imperfections—worth 60c. at 39c. 9 Flannelette Wrappers, trimmed with ribbon and flowers—worth \$1; at 69c. 5 Figured Teasel Flannel Wrappers—worth \$2.50; at \$1.49.

An odd lot of ladies' shirt waists, 25c. A lot of four dozen Ladies' Light Percale Shirt Waists, all of them good, desirable styles, will be on sale tomorrow at 25 cents. The price is so small that economy dictates the wisdom of buying in a supply for future needs.

300 pairs leggings less than half price. 300 pairs of Ladies', Children's and Boys' Fine Grade Leggings go on sale tomorrow at a price that should create a stir. They consist of black and tan goat leather legging of the finest quality, and also of blue and brown corduroys and black, tan and brown corduroys, all of which were sold up to \$1.25 a pair. Choice offered tomorrow at 85c.

Ribbons at clearance prices. Number 5 All-Black and White Ribbons, in all the newest color combinations, which were sold at 25c. per yard—now for 21c. A big lot of Plain Ribbons, in all the newest color combinations, which were sold at 25c. per yard—now for 21c.

Ladies' hemstitched handkerchiefs, 27c. Because they are soiled or mangled from handling we shall let you have our best Ladies' Hemstitched Handkerchiefs at almost half what they formerly sold for. They have fast color hemstitched borders and are of the latest quality. They're worth 5 cents each—but you may pick out as many as you like at 25 cents each.

Ladies' gloves at 49 cents a pair. The lot is a small one and the sizes are broken. Hence the extraordinary low price. There are probably 200 pairs altogether, consisting of kid and moleskin—the former in black, 4-look, Pastel Rose and the moleskin are in purple, med. black and even in 2-look style. It is worth less than 80 cents a pair, and we are offering them all in one lot and 25 cents as the quantity holds out you may buy them for 49c. a pair.

"Odds and ends" in the basement. A lot of Steel Frying Pans—worth 25c.—a little damaged for 19c. An odd lot of Decorated Cups and Saucers—worth 12c.—for 5c. a pair. A lot of Silver Knives—worth 10c. and 15c.—for 7c.

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Information of considerable value. I instructed him exactly what to do, and impressed upon him that the least leak would destroy the whole thing and incidentally destroy his own chance of making some money. I was so earnest that he got indignant, and asked me if I meant to insult him by dubbing his work. Well, inside of an hour he had the secret, and he had confidence, of course, to two particular friends, each of whom in strict confidence proceeded to tell it to other particular friends, giving me as the authority all along the line, and before night it was public property. You may imagine in what sort of position I was placed. Men who had lost thousands of dollars through my indiscretion didn't feel inclined to listen to explanations, and some of them are my enemies to this day. I don't blame them. When I took my man to task he was dumfounded. He swore by all that was holy that he hadn't said a word.

The Walls Ran Down. From the Irish Independent. The Irishman who went up in the hotel lift without knowing what it was did not recover easily from the surprise. He relates the story in this way: "I went into the hotel, and says I, 'Is Miss Smith in?' 'Yes, says the man with the sojer cap. 'Will yez step in?' 'So I steps into the closet, and all of a sudden he pulls the rope, and—'it's the truth I see telling yez—the walls of the building began running down to the cellar. 'Och murder!' says I, 'what'll become of Bridget and the children which was left below there?' 'Says the sojer-cap man, 'Be easy, sorr; they'll be all right when yez come down.' 'Can't do it, says I, 'and it is no use to me, but it's a ballybrish banooon that yez got me in!' 'And what that the walls stood stock still, and he opened the door, and there I was, wid the roof just over my head.' And, begorra, that's what saved me from goin' up to the hevins intirely!"

The Lake Dwellers in Britain. From the Westminster Gazette. A very interesting antiquarian discovery is reported off the east coast, at Sandlauer. During the last low tides theebb has been assisted by persistent favorable winds to such an extent that large tracts of shingle, so as to expose the peat for observation, with the result that the habitat of an old-world colony of lake dwellers has been revealed. The old piles are standing, and the rough-hewn tree trunks of the platforms are still there, showing the tool marks and evidences of mortising and joining. Aroth r colony of lake dwellers is already known to have existed near by, and it would seem from this new discovery that there must have been a considerable number of them in prehistoric times in that district.

Cheaper Than in Washington. The penny-in-the-slot system is becoming immensely popular in Germany. The very latest extension of the kind takes the form of automatic telephone machines, of which no fewer than fifty have been fixed up in Berlin post offices, while nearly fifty more have been erected in the leading shops and restaurants of that city. The charge for a three-minute conversation within the metropolis is one penny, and an extra penny enables one to converse with friends in the suburbs for the same space of time. It was proposed further to attach speakers to these telephones to the principal stations in the capital, but, unfortunately for the general public, the railway companies have not yet made up their minds whether such an arrangement would be to their own advantage or not, and until they have signified their approval of the proposed plan, the postal officials can do nothing.

He Made a Sale. From Tit-Bits. Canvasser—"I have here a work—Master of the House—"Can't read." Canvasser—"But your children—Master of the House—"I have no children." Canvasser—"Well, you want something to throw at the cat." He took the book.