

Secretary Long will appoint a board of naval officers shortly to proceed to Porto Rico and examine into the advisability of establishing a United States naval station on that island.

William J. Bryson will speak in Waverly, N. Y., on the 25th, at the invitation of Rev. H. N. Dunning, pastor of the Stone Street Presbyterian church and formerly of Lincoln, Neb.

Hazen S. Pingree, former governor of Michigan, is in London, suffering from a bad attack of dysentery. Inflammation of the intestines has developed, and there are symptoms of peritonitis.

Miss Ruth, daughter of Senator Hanna, has accepted an invitation to bring the cruiser Cleveland, now being built at Bath, Me. The vessel, it is understood, will be launched in a short time.

The battleship Illinois arrived at the shipyard at Newport News, Va., on the 14th, after a remarkable run down the coast, during which she made an average speed of 16 knots an hour under natural draught.

King Edward appears to have decided to secure worthy pictorial illustrations of the incidents of his reign. He has commissioned Seymour Lucas to paint a picture of the royal reception of the Moorish embassy.

A preliminary census volume, just issued gives the population of the five large cities of England, exclusive of London, as follows: Liverpool, 684,847; Manchester, 543,969; Birmingham, 525,182; Leeds, 428,953; Sheffield, 389,717.

Senator Hanna, on the 14th, announced the appointment of Hon. John Blodgett, of Grand Rapids, Mich., as a member of the republican national committee to fill the vacancy in that body caused by the recent death of Hon. Wm. Elliott, of Michigan.

Canada is specifically excepted in the official announcement that the German federal council, on the basis of the law of May 29, has decided from July 30, to extend to the products of Great Britain and her colonies the most favored nation treatment.

Unsettled rubies to the value of 19,000 francs were seized by customs-house inspectors, on the 11th, in a room in the Grand Union hotel, in New York city, occupied by two young Belgians. The jewels were brought to this country by the young men, May 27 last, from Antwerp.

A. J. Eastover, the government leader, answering a questioner in the British house of commons, on the 13th, said there was no foundation for the rumors about peace negotiations with the Boers. The Boer strength in the field was estimated to be 17,000 men.

The United States gunboat Concord left Yokohama, on the 10th, for Unalaska, where she is to assist in enforcing the liquor laws in that section and otherwise take up the duties formerly performed by the gunboat Wheeling, which recently was put out of commission.

The battleship Oregon arrived at San Francisco, on the 12th, from the orient. Preparations had been made to make the home-coming of the famous vessel a memorable one, but they were anticipated by the arrival of the vessel 24 hours earlier than she was expected.

An option on 43 acres in the eastern suburbs of Pueblo, Col., was taken, on the 11th, by a new stock yards company which will be capitalized at \$100,000 and which is financed by stock yard interests in St. Louis and Kansas City. The Missouri Pacific Railroad Co. is also supposed to be interested.

Upon the joint request of the mother and widow of Baron Von Ketteler, Emperor William has caused a dispatch to be sent to the German minister in Pekin, Dr. Mumm von Schwartzstein, directing that the body of his predecessor be interred and transported to Berlin for final interment, later, on the paternal estate.

The supreme lodge of the Ancient Order of United Workmen, with jurisdiction over the United States and Canada, extending to the Province of Ontario, convened in Buffalo, N. Y., on the 11th, with 200 delegates present. Supreme Master Walker, of Milwaukee, presented his report, showing a membership of 420,000 in connection with the supreme lodge.

The Chicago board of trade, on the 12th, filed suit in the United States court at Cincinnati, against the Odell Commission Co., and the telegraph companies for an injunction to restrain the Odell company from receiving and using the quotations of sales on the board of trade, alleging that such use deprived the plaintiff of the value of its own property in these quotations.

President McKinley, on the 11th, put an effectual quietus to the third-term talk which had gained some currency in the newspapers through interviews with certain well-known republicans favoring the re-nomination of the president for a third term, by declaring, over his signature, that he was not a candidate and positively would not accept the nomination if tendered to him.

The secretary of the treasury, acting under the recent decisions of the United States supreme court in the insular cases, has held that no drawbacks can be allowed on merchandise shipped to the Hawaiian islands after July 7, 1898, these islands having ceased to be a foreign country within the meaning of the tariff laws under the joint resolution of congress annexing the islands to the United States, approved on that date.

Frank Evans, of Sargeant Bluffs, Ia., after living ten weeks with a broken neck, died on the 13th. His neck was dislocated while playing ball.

The improvement in Mrs. McKinley's condition enables the president to spend more time in his office. On the 13th he saw quite a number of people.

M. De Aspiz, Mexican ambassador, and Jose Godoy, arrived at Buffalo, N. Y., on the 13th, from Washington. The Mexican building was dedicated on the 14th.

President Loubet of France received Mr. Henderson, speaker of the United States house of representatives, and Representative Gillet on the 13th.

Sir Claude MacDowall, British minister to Japan, arrived at San Francisco, on the 13th, on the steamer Hong Kong Maru, en route to London.

John W. Booge, a prominent citizen of Pocahontas county, Ia., said to be worth \$50,000, was convicted in the United States court at Fort Dodge, on the 13th, of fraudulently receiving pension money under the name of John M. Brown.

Multi-millionaire Henry M. Flagler has made application, under the new divorce law of Florida, for divorce from his insane wife, who is in a sanitarium in Westchester county, N. Y.

After July 1 all clergymen east of the Mississippi river and west of Pittsburgh and Buffalo must pay 25 cents for permits to buy railroad tickets at half fare. This was agreed upon by general passenger agents of all roads in the territory named, at a meeting in Chicago.

Charles B. Wilson, of Kansas City, Mo., was placed under \$5,000 bonds at Carbondale, Ill., charged with attempting to swindle Pleasant Marks, a Knox county farmer, out of \$10,000 on a fake card game. The officers are searching for his companion.

The Cuban constitutional convention, having accepted the Platt amendment, will now proceed to formulate an election law and prepare for the election of an independent government.

Dr. San Yet Sen, the Chinese reformer, left Honolulu, June 5, for China, for the purpose of starting a revolution. His intention is to overthrow the empress dowager and the mandarins. His idea is to have China ruled by a government on the American plan.

Secretary of the Treasury Gage, on the 12th, accepted the United States mint which has just been completed at Philadelphia, at a cost of more than two million dollars, and which is said to be the finest and best equipped building of its kind in the world.

Mrs. Lynn H. Pullman has begun suit in the circuit court, at Chicago, for divorce from George M. Pullman, alleging that he is anything but a saint, and that he has added desecration to the list of undesirable things he has done.

On instructions from Washington, District Attorney Sullivan has brought suit against Lieut. R. D. Chase, of Sandusky, O., who is charged with converting to his use government supplies to the amount of \$17,000 while serving with the Sixth Ohio in the war with Spain.

Heat and humidity caused seven deaths in Chicago, on the 13th, as follows: Patrick Buckley, John Carlson, Thomas Curia, Otto Hecker, Fritz Stabler, W. White, Mrs. J. Wolocinski.

The Pennsylvania limited, east-bound, was wrecked near Rochester, Pa., on the 14th, by a rear-end collision with a freight train. Mrs. Amos Millinger, of Dubuque, Ia., was the only person hurt. She was slightly cut and bruised by being thrown against a mirror.

R. G. Dun & Co. reported on the 15th: "Failures for the week numbered 179 in the United States, against 162 last year, and 23 in Canada, against 21 last year."

By courtesy of the navy department, the yacht Independence was placed in the drydock at the Boston yard, on the 14th, to have her rudder changed and her hull cleaned.

The wooden side-wheeler Northfield, which had been in the service of the Staten Island Ferry Co. for the past 33 years, was rammed, on the night of the 14th, in North river, by the steel-hulled propeller Mauch built up as a ferry boat by the Central Railroad of New Jersey. In 20 minutes the Northfield, which was crowded with hundreds of passengers, went to the bottom. The loss of life was variously estimated, the highest figure being 100, but latest reports said that only one person was missing.

An obscure official of the Russian ministry of the interior was attacked, but not injured, in St. Petersburg, on the 14th, by a man who was not identified. The incident gave rise to a report that a nihilist outrage had been committed.

The Cleveland (O.) Punch and Shear Co., on the 14th, commenced injunction proceedings against their striking machinists, asking that the men be restrained from picketing the works of the company.

The Mineral Springs hotel, at West Baden, Ind., was burned, early on the morning of the 14th, involving a loss of a quarter of a million dollars exclusive of the losses sustained by guests, who were all rescued minus everything except their night clothes.

The United States transport Ingrams tipped over in the floating dry dock in the Erie basin, New York, on the 14th, where she was awaiting repairs. One life was lost and twenty-five or thirty men were seriously injured.

A powerful organization has been effected among the Chinese merchants of New York and other large cities to obtain the repeal of the Geary exclusion law at the coming session of congress.

A. B. Frenzel has just shipped 55 tons of vanadium ore from Colorado to reduction works in France. The mineral is very rare, and derives its principal value in the manufacture of gun steel. Mr. Frenzel says he has found sufficient to supply the world for centuries.

An examination of the recently published session laws of the last Illinois legislature discloses the fact that the game law under the statute offers no protection to quails. After July 1 next the birds may be killed indiscriminately at all seasons of the year.

Because New York bankers refused to take Bethlehem Steel Co. stock of its hands after they asked him to get it for them, President G. M. Schwab of the United States steel corporation made \$1,000,000 in less than twelve hours last week.

A Manila dispatch of the 14th says: "Cailles, the insurgent leader in Laguna province, has become more humble and now intimates his willingness to surrender 100 guns to Gen. Sumner to-morrow, at Santa Cruz, and to give up the remainder in three days."

Gen. Fred Knefler, a Hungarian, who won distinction during the civil war, entering as a lieutenant and emerging as a brigadier general, died at his home in Indianapolis, Ind., on the 14th. He was born in 1834, and fought under Kossuth when 15 years of age.

Sixteen young girls who attended a social at St. Patrick's Catholic cathedral in Clinton, Ia., on the 14th, were rendered unconscious from ice-cream poisoning. It was believed several of them would die.

A terrific wind and rain storm swept across St. Paul, Minn., and vicinity on the 14th. Store fronts were blown in, streets flooded, many sidewalks being carried away, and for some time business was generally suspended.

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At Roswell, N. M., on the 16th, Arthur Kline, a well-known stockman, shot and killed his wife, Beatrice Kline, dangerously wounded Marshal Maddox and probably fatally wounded the lady with whom Mrs. Kline was living, who attempted to interfere, and then committed suicide. Kline was crazed by jealousy, his wife having deserted him.

The Mexican government has completed plans for a new post office edifice in the City of Mexico which will be built near the School of Mines, in what is now the center of the city. The building will be wholly of steel frame work, and fireproof. A Chicago firm of architects received part of the contract.

Gen. William Montgomery Gardner, a veteran of the Mexican and civil wars, died at Memphis, Tenn., on the 16th, aged 78. Gen. Gardner graduated from the military academy at West Point in the class of 1846.

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William Fitzgerald, a farmer, 40 years old, living five miles southwest of Oskosh, Wis., struck by lightning while standing in the door of his barn, on the night of the 16th, and instantly killed. A cow in the barn was hit by the bolt and James Fitzgerald, father of William, engaged in milking, was pinned under the animal when it fell over. He was not seriously injured.

A cablegram received at the state department, on the 17th, from the State Ministry at Petropolis, announced that the Brazilian government had paid the indemnity requested for the destruction by a mob of a Baptist chapel in the province of Nietheroy, maintained by the American Baptist mission.

Ambassador Cambon, of France, left Washington, on the 17th, for Chicago, to receive the degree of LL. D. from the University of Chicago. This is the second American university to give this high degree to the French ambassador, Harvard having bestowed the doctorate upon him two years ago.

Charles Betts, 13 years old, who was charged with the murder of a farmer near Winfield, Kas., was put upon the stand, on the 17th, for cross-examination. The boy was cool and was not mixed in his answers. His recital of all the details of the story had a good effect on the jury.

Asa, eight years old, and Carl, aged 11, sons of Adam Roger, of Laketon, Ind., were drowned in Eel river on the 16th. They, with several companions, were bathing, when the younger boy got beyond his depth, and in attempting to rescue him the elder was dragged down.

A. N. Townsend, agent in New York city for the Hong Kong and Shanghai banking corporation, received a cable message, on the 17th, saying that \$250,000 Mexican dollars, stolen from the company on May 24, at Singapore, had been recovered in Ceylon.

Miss May Hossmer, the actress, and George Russ Fiske, actor and singer, were married in Chicago on the 17th. Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Fiske, of Salem, Mass., parents of the groom, came west to witness the ceremony.

A fishing schooner named the Lady Clare was lost, on the 17th, by being crushed in the ice in the Strait of Beale Isle. Forty-seven persons on board were rescued.

MISSOURI STATE NEWS.

At Liberty the jury in the case of Lena Broyles, of Kansas City, against H. G. Norton, for breach of promise, gave her a verdict for \$25,000, the full amount asked for. The case came from Kansas City on a change of venue.

Norton is a railway postal clerk between Kansas City and Denver. The plaintiff alleged that she and Norton became engaged August 25, 1898, and were to be married on the 10th of September. He refused to fulfill his promise. The plaintiff presented a very strong case. She alleged that the engagement was made at Budd park, Kansas City, on the date named. The family lived then at 22 West Thirtieth street, and her mother kept a boarding house. To substantiate her claim of the engagement, the testimony of her family and of boarders was introduced. Her mother, Mrs. Ella Broyles, testified that Norton had admitted to her the engagement and had talked her about it. The boarders testified that Norton was in the habit of calling Miss Broyles his little wife in their private moments, and that they were being coupled visited the house that was being erected and talked of it as their home. Norton made a general denial of the engagement, and said he did not pay any more attention to her than to other girls.

From a Coroner's Report. The coroner of St. Louis had 1,211 cases during the year ending March 31. There were 127 suicides, 114 homicides, 360 accidents and 610 miscellaneous. Of the accidents 71 were street car and 50 from steam railways. Of the suicides 36 were by carbonic acid, 13 morphine, 33 various poisons, 10 drowning and 13 hanging. Eight suicides were between 10 and 20 years, 36 between 20 and 30 years, 29 between 30 and 40 years, 14 between 40 and 50 years, 26 between 50 and 60 years, 70 between 60 and 70 years, 2 between 70 and 80 years and 2 whose ages could not be approximated. Eight killed themselves in April, 11 May, 15 June, 14 July, 9 August, 12 September, 11 October, 10 November, 12 December, 4 January, 10 February, 11 March.

Recent Deaths. Dr. Edwin K. Lewis, one of the best-known surgeons in the west, at Kansas City, aged 48.

Lewis was a veteran of the civil war, at his home in Chillicothe. Joseph Jones, presiding judge of the Putnam county court, at Unionville, aged 53.

Mrs. Amelia Tinsley, widow of Addison Tinsley, founder of the Tinsley Tobacco Co., at her home in Louisiana, aged 74.

Zeno B. Clardy, a nephew of ex-Congressman Martin L. Clardy, at El Paso, Tex. Mr. Clardy was a former resident of St. Francois county.

Ex-Congressman David Rea, at his home in Savannah. He had served three terms in the national house of representatives, and was one of the most prominent lawyers in the state. He was in his seventy-first year, and death was caused by Bright's disease.

Over a Wire Fence. In Greene county Joe Herndon, a prominent farmer, about 60 years old, and James Sparkman, a neighbor, had a lawsuit over a wire fence that the latter had built. Herndon, it is alleged, attempted to cut an opening through the fence, when Sparkman appeared and ordered him to desist. Herndon failing to obey the command, Sparkman emptied a load of shot into his body.

Their Picnic Too Gay. Eighteen students, most of them from prominent Missouri families, have been expelled from the Chillicothe normal, the faculty having learned of a picnic they had, at which beer was drunk and dancing indulged in. Some of the students were among the best in the school.

After Two Years. D. S. Showalter, who escaped from the State Hospital for Insane No. 2, St. Joseph, two years ago, has been captured at St. Louis. He told the officers he had no recollection of his wanderings since he escaped.

Will be Held at Nevada. It has been definitely decided that the 1901 encampment of the Missouri national guard will be held at Nevada, Brig.-Gen. H. C. Clark, of Butler, having given information to that effect.

Died From Umbrella Stab. Frank Preston, proprietor of the Luella hotel, Chillicothe, died from the effects of being stabbed with an umbrella by Richard Burke. The point entered the brain through the eye.

Ferguson's Sentence Commuted. Gov. Dockery has commuted the sentence of William Ferguson, convicted of murder in Grundy county, from death to life imprisonment.

Found Dead on His Farm. John C. Casteel, president of the bank at Princeton, Mercer county, was found dead on his farm two miles from that town. He was Princeton's postmaster for 14 years.

Wanted to Die. Atkinson P. Crosby, who is said to have been left considerable property at Moberly, but run through with it, tried to drown himself at St. Louis.

Rural Free Delivery. Rural free delivery will be established at Concordia, Lafayette county. There will be one carrier; length of route 2 1/4 miles; population, 747.

The Work of Lightning. During a severe electric storm at Fulton, lightning killed 16 three-year-old steers, belonging to John M. Pratt, a prominent stockman.

Boat Himself in a Barn. The body of Columbia Taylor, aged 50, was found hanging in a barn at Bloomington, Macon county. He had met with financial reverse.

Zinc Mine Wrecked. The Big Dick plant, one of the properties of the defunct International Zinc Co., east of Joplin, was wrecked by an explosion of a boiler.

The Thieves Caught. Officers in pursuit forced thieves to abandon a huge raft of railroad ties, near Bir Pincy, in Pulaski county.

DOVIE'S LATEST PHANTASY.

Says the Doctors are Preparing to Kidnap and Drive Him Insane. Chicago, June 17.—John Alexander Dowie announced at his meeting in Zion tabernacle yesterday that certain physicians of this city had formed a plot to kidnap him, lock him in a detention hospital and beat him on the head and back till he should lose all his reasoning powers and become really insane.

He said that the kidnaping might take place last night, and after the service he called a special private meeting of the male members of Zion to take steps to help the Zion guard in protecting him. He also made threats against the physicians that he would do to them as he thought they were trying to do to him, unless they shall let him alone and stop calling him a paranoiac.

With all this Dowie repeated continually his pretensions to be Elijah reincarnated, making way for the end of the world, and he incidentally laid claim to immortality, until such time as his work was accomplished.

"I have special information," shouted the general overseer to his followers, "that a law has just been juggled with special reference to me. These doctors have fixed it so that an insanity complaint does not have to come from a relative now, but may come from any man who says he acts in public interest."

"Do you know what this means? It comes from the same men who are calling me a paranoiac. It means they are going to kidnap me. They will try to get me some night. They will carry me to a hospital and bind me hand and foot. Then they will beat me and torture me till they make me insane. That's what they will do, the fiends, the scoundrels!"

"I say to Zion, 'On guard!' I want every member of Zion and every male member especially, to remain after this service and plan with me how to protect ourselves from these scoundrels and thieves. The emergency is great."

ARMING FOR TROUBLE.

Scheme of Leavenworth Negroes for Securing Revolvers Disclosed. Leavenworth, Kas., June 17.—Considerable excitement has been created by the unearthing of what appears to be a scheme of the negroes of Leavenworth to arm themselves with revolvers purchased from soldiers at Fort Leavenworth. Ever since the burning of Fred Alexander the negroes of Leavenworth have been in an ugly mood, and conservative men say that the race feeling stirred up at that time may break out at any time. The police are doing everything possible to kill this feeling, and are assisting the officers at Fort Leavenworth to recover the revolvers.

It seems that the negroes had circulated the report among the soldiers at the fort that they would buy up all the government revolvers offered, and several soldiers took the opportunity of disposing of the government's goods. Lieut. F. L. Deen, of Troop K, finally set a trap for the negroes, instructing certain privates to offer their weapons for sale. Three negroes, who bought them were arrested and are being held.

THE SEARCH FOR EDWARDS.

The Wily Negro Leading the Officers of the Law a Long Chase. Shreveport, La., June 17.—The search for Prince Edwards, the murderer of John Gray Foster, continues. There seems to be no doubt that the negro being pursued in northeast Texas is the man wanted, but his course is so sinuous that it is extremely difficult to follow his trail.

A telephone message received from Marshall, Tex., yesterday afternoon, says that the searchers are working night and day. Great difficulty is experienced in extracting information from the negroes in the country through which Edwards is supposed to have passed. All is quiet at Benton.

AMERICA'S CUP DEFENDER.

The New Rigging of the Constitution Completed Yesterday—Looked Very Neat. Bristol, R. I., June 17.—The force of riggers, with several members of the Constitution's crew practically completed the rigging of the Constitution last evening, enabling the crew to once more hoist the yachting ensign, the New York Yacht club's pennant and the owner's absence sign.

The Constitution looked very neat yesterday afternoon with her top-mast on end, colors flying and clean decks. An unusually large number of steam yachts and steamboats passed through the harbor yesterday, bringing people from various points to look at the cup defender.

THE PHILIPPINE REVENUES.

An Increase of Nearly a Million Dollars in the Custom Revenues for the First Quarter of 1901. Washington, June 16.—An increase of \$940,515 in the customs revenues of the Philippine islands for the first quarter of 1901, as compared with the same period of 1900, is set forth in a statement made public by the division of insular affairs of the war department. The total revenues for the first quarter of the current year amounted to \$2,199,294.

By the Marconi System. London, June 17.—The steamer Lucania, the first of the Cunard vessels to be fitted with the Marconi system of wireless telegraphy, made communication with the shore when 20 miles from Liverpool.

Newfoundland's New Governor. St. Johns, N. F., June 17.—Sir Cavendish Boyle, the new governor of Newfoundland, arrived yesterday from England to assume his administrative duties. He will take the oath of office to-day.

GEN. CAILLES TO SURRENDER.

Two of His Colonels Sign His Name to an Agreement for Himself and His Followers. Manila, June 17.—Colonels Infant and Guivara, representatives of Gen. Cailles, yesterday signed the name of their principal to an agreement to surrender. Under the terms of this agreement Gen. Cailles is to assemble his men at Santa Cruz, Laguna province, as quickly as possible, and there surrender himself and his command to the American authorities. The exact number of his force is uncertain, but there will probably be more than five hundred.

For more than a year past Gen. Cailles has commanded the insurgent forces operating on the east side of Bay lake, north of Manila. He is said to be a French half-caste, and during the last revolution he had acquired a reputation for vindictiveness and cruelty.

The society of Mando-Ducats, whose practice it was to assassinate or bury alive those of their countrymen who accepted American sovereignty whenever the latter fell into their hands, operated with the cognizance, if not the support of Gen. Cailles. At one time Cailles offered a reward of ten dollars for the heads of all Americans brought to him, and more recently he offered a reward of \$10,000 for the head of Capt. Edward N. Jones, Jr., of the Eighth infantry.

Since the capture of Aguinaldo, Cailles, who was one of the few insurgent leaders who did not surrender under the terms of amnesty, has been persistently pursued by the American troops. He was declared to have been wounded in one engagement last month, and negotiations for his surrender have been going on with Gen. Sumner for some weeks past. He was declared to be an outlaw by the American authorities, and this fact, which meant that he could not expect to enjoy immunity for his past deeds and violations of honorable warfare, but would have to stand trial for the many charges against him, doubtless impelled him to prolong his resistance. The members of the federal party advised him to surrender, but this he persistently refused to do until he saw that his capture was inevitable.

PLEASED WITH THE PROSPECT.

The Promised Surrender of Gen. Cailles Gives Satisfaction. Washington, June 17.—Officials of the war department are very well pleased with the prospective surrender of Gen. Cailles, the Filipino insurgent leader. Advice received at the department indicated that this would occur soon. Cailles is a man of considerable influence, and with his backing of some hundreds of men has been a menace to the military authorities.

OVERCONFIDENT BRITONS.

Surprised by the Wily Boers and Slaughtered in Their Camp—Frightful Casualties. London, June 17.—Lord Kitchener has cabled from Pretoria under yesterday's date as follows: "Near Welmansrust, 30 miles south of Middelburg, 250 Victoria mounted rifles from Gen. Beaton's column were surprised in camp at Steenkoolpruit by a superior force of Boers at 7:30 p. m. June 12. The enemy crept up to within short range and poured a deadly fire into the camp, killing two officers and 16 men, and wounding four officers and 38 men, of whom 25 were slightly wounded. Only two officers and 50 men escaped to Gen. Beaton's camp. The remainder were taken prisoners and released. Two pompons were captured by the enemy. Full details have not yet been received."

The serious reverse which Lord Kitchener reports is the first accident of the kind that has happened to the Australian contingent, and it is supposed to be due to neglect of proper picketing. Although it is offset by defeat inflicted upon De Wet, the loss of guns is regarded as a serious matter, which will encourage the Boers to continue the struggle.

More or less fanciful accounts are published on the continent of alleged peace negotiations, but there is nothing in them. Nothing has come of the interview between Mr. Botha and Mr. Kruger beyond developing the fact that Mr. Kruger will listen to no proposals unless they are accompanied with a guarantee of the independence of the republics.

The Daily Mail's Cape Town correspondent says that Cecil Rhodes, speaking at Bulawayo, Saturday, predicted that a federation of South African states would come in three or four years; but he contended that to grant self-government to the republics before federation would render federation impossible.

SUMMONED TO WASHINGTON.

Ex-Congressman Peters to be Tendered the Position of Pension Commissioner. Chicago, June 17.—A dispatch to the Record-Herald from Topeka, Kas., says: "Ex-Congressman S. R. Peters, of Kansas, yesterday received a dispatch calling him to Washington, where he will be tendered the office of pension commissioner, succeeding H. Clay Evans.

President McKinley has had under consideration the names of ex-Congressmen Blue and Peters for this position, and Mr. Peters' summons to the White House settles the appointment in his favor.

Died of Bright's Disease.

Minneapolis, Minn., June 16.—Joseph Hays Thompson, a pioneer business man and one of the earliest settlers in this state, succumbed to Bright's disease at his residence in this city. He was 57 years old.

Alleged Mining Stock Swindlers.

San Francisco, June 16.—The police have arrested three men whom they charge with being members of a combination that has been operating in eastern cities with worthless mining stock shares.

BY THE PHILIPPINE MAIL.

Records in the Cases of Filipinos Convicted by Military Courts of Atrocious Crimes.

DETAILS OF SEVERAL NOTABLE CASES.

The Filipino Bandits Prove Themselves to Be Capable of the Most Horrible Crimes, Which Must Be Met With Determined Repressive Measures.

Washington, June 18.—A Philippine mail brings to the war department the records in 11 cases wherein Filipinos were tried by military commissions on charges including murder, criminal assault, kidnaping, assault and battery, burglary, and violation of the rules of war.

An Especially Notable Case.

An especially notable case arose out of the operations of a famous oath-bound band of Filipinos called the Society of the Sandatahans. The principal office of this society, next to a triumvirate of chiefs, are a chief ex-terminator and assistants, and a requisite number of grave diggers, who participate in the self-appointed work of the band. The leaders select their victims, capture and carry him away in the night to a secret rendezvous, on a sandy beach covered with very tall grass, where the diggers already have prepared the grave. Here, in the presence of the assembled band, helpless men and women, from time to time, have been stabbed to death and tossed into the graves. The members of the band then lead off in the direction of the sea and fall of the nearby waters to hide the evidence of their ghastly work. Ten members of the band, including two of the chiefs, were tried before a military commission, and eight of them were sentenced to be hanged.