

The Weather Prediction.

Fair tonight and Thursday; warmer Thursday; continued warm Friday; variable winds, becoming fresh southerly.

NUMBER 1125.

REOCCUPYING THEIR LOST POSITIONS

Rebels Take Advantage of Hale's Withdrawal.

Nineteen of Their Sharpshooters Within Our Lines.

A Private of the Fourteenth Infantry Mistaken for a Filipino and Shot by a Sentry.

Manila, March 8.—(Non)—General Hale is withdrawing his troops, and the insurgents reoccupied their ground lost during the night. Nineteen sharpshooters were captured within the lines by Captain Link's Idaho company. Private Chapman, Company M, Fourteenth Infantry, doing outpost duty, was mistaken for a Filipino during the night and was shot and killed by a sentry from his own company.

THE NEGRO AND CEBU EXPEDITIONS

The Negro and Cebu expeditions were landed without opposition. The native civil officials were retained by the American administration.

CORPORAL ABBOTT DROWNED.

Falls Overboard From a Transport During a Storm.

General Otis cables the War Department from Manila under today's date that Corporal George A. Abbott, Company D, Twenty-second Infantry, fell overboard from the transport *Albatross* during a storm on the morning of February 1 and was drowned.

OTIS' CASUALTY LIST.

Soldiers Wounded in Fights With Insurgent Forces.

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SOLDIERS' DEATHS IN CUBA.

Report From General Brooke to the War Office.

General Brooke at Havana informs the War Department that the following deaths occurred among the troops in Cuba on March 5:

At Santiago: Sergeant Bonaventura Bellas, Company I, Twenty-second Infantry, died of cholera; Private John J. Adams, Company I, Twenty-second Infantry, died of cholera; Private John J. Adams, Company I, Twenty-second Infantry, died of cholera.

SERIOUS FIRES IN BOSTON.

Several Stores and a Catholic Church Victims in Flames.

Boston, March 8.—A fire started at 57-59 Charlestown Street at 5 o'clock this morning. The flames started in a warehouse and spread to the adjacent stores and the Catholic church on the fourth floor and were difficult to combat.

PESTERED BY WOMEN.

Morbid Females Shower Sentimental Notes Upon Molineux.

New York, March 8.—Letters from morbid women have already begun to pour in upon Richard D. Molineux, the alleged poisoner of Mrs. Kate J. Adams.

MRS. M. T. KELLY ARRESTED.

Police Charge Her With Swindling Business Men at What.

Mrs. Mary T. Kelly was today arrested by Detectives Weedon and Herne on an information charging swindling. She states that she is the senior member of the firm of M. T. Kelly & Co., real estate and commission brokers, with offices in the Metropolitan Building. The warrant for Mrs. Kelly's arrest was issued by the police on the complaint of a local business man, who states that he received a letter from the woman inviting him to come to 1113 G Street northwest for a party.

DELEGATE TO THE CYCLISTS' ASSOCIATION

Pittsburgh, Pa., March 8.—The appointment of Charles W. Mears, of Cleveland, as representative of the L. A. W. to the International Cyclists' Association was made public by President Keweenaw today.

COMMISSIONERS' ORDERS.

Orders for the construction of sewers were issued by the District Commissioners today as follows:

That 200 feet of 12-inch sewer; 125 feet of 10-inch sewer, and two manholes be constructed along the east side of Four-and-a-half Street southwest, between L and M Streets, at an estimated cost of \$650, changeable to the current appropriation for sewers.

That 200 feet of 12-inch sewer; 200 feet of 10-inch sewer, and five manholes be constructed along the west side of the street northwest, between First and Second Streets, at an estimated cost of \$1,250, changeable to the current appropriation for sewerage.

MRS. CODY'S TRIAL CONTINUED.

The Alleged Blackmailer Recalled to the Stand.

Albany, N. Y., March 8.—The trial of Mrs. Margaret E. Cody, the alleged blackmailer, of the Gould family, was resumed today. The court room was crowded, many prominent local notables being present.

BALLOTING AT HARRISBURG.

Quay Lacks Seventeen Votes to Secure Election.

Harrisburg, Pa., March 8.—Today's Senatorial joint ball resulted as follows: Quay, 195; Jenks, 81; Dalzell, 17; Irvin, 3; Stewart, 3; C. W. Stone, 4; Tubbs, 2; Huff, 3; Rice, 2; Grow, 3; Widener, 2; Towner, 3; Smith, 1. Total votes cast, 242; necessary to a choice, 122.

HYPNOTIZED INTO CONFESSING.

A Farmer Withdraws His Admission of Murdering His Family.

Tepeha, Kansas, March 8.—John Gilbert, the Clay county farmer who confessed to having murdered his wife and four children last week, has been placed in jail here on a charge of perjury.

CHURCH SCANDAL IN CUBA.

An Aged Woman's Suit Against a Pastor.

Pittsfield, Mass., March 8.—The case of Susan F. Hopkins for \$5,000 damages against the Rev. Dr. Bliss, pastor of the Congregational Church of Great Barrington, who charged her with sending him anonymous letters containing matrimonial hints, is on in court here.

PLANNING ANOTHER TRUST.

Steam Pump Makers Asked to Join Interests.

New York, March 8.—Steam pump manufacturers are being solicited to join their interests. It is stated that the Henry Worthington Pump Company, Blake & Knowles, Deane Pump Company of Holyoke, Mass.; Steam Pump Company of Buffalo, N. Y.; Laidlaw Dunn & Gordon Company of Cincinnati, and the Holy Manufacturing Company of Lockport, N. Y., are willing to enter a combination.

CHILD POISONER IN PRISON.

Asks for a Pinnac Ice Cream, and for a Glass of Milk.

Providence, R. I., March 8.—Rhode Island's child poisoner is now behind the bars. This little prisoner is the fourteen-year-old daughter of James Harvey, of Central Falls. She is innocently frank about her attempt at killing her father with crocote in his food, and since she has been sent to jail has confessed another attempt.

THIEVES TAKE THEIR TIME.

Spent Four Hours Robbing a Store and Sorting Plunder.

Shamokin, Pa., March 8.—About 3 o'clock yesterday morning a gang of thieves supposed to have been operating in Mount Carmel lately, affected an entrance through a rear window in Shapiro's clothing store, on Independence Street, and commenced robbing the store as has ever been perpetrated in this place. They drove up to the rear of the building in a wagon and sorted and carried out goods for four hours.

FLOOD OF BOGUS DOLLARS.

Have a Genuine Ring, But Are Slightly Imperfect.

Shamokin, Pa., March 8.—This place was flooded with counterfeit dollars yesterday. They found their way into almost every business house, including hotels, banks, and the postoffice. The fact that they have the weight and ring of a genuine coin makes them very difficult to detect. However, on close inspection a slight depression in the face is noticeable while the edging is slightly imperfect. These imperfections are not evident on all of them. The coins may have a perfect edge and a depressed face or vice versa. Again the figure 8 on some is rather wide. The dates are 1878, 1882, and 1884.

SHOPLIFTER SENTENCED.

Annie Askins Gets Twenty-eight Months in Jail.

Annie Askins, colored, who was yesterday arrested by Detectives Baur and Muller for shoplifting, was today arraigned in the Police Court and pleaded not guilty.

STREET CAR RUNS AWAY.

Lynchburg, Va., March 8.—A street car of the Rivermont Railway ran away yesterday down one of the steepest hills of the city. The track was covered with ice and the car slid with great rapidity. Not far from the foot of the hills is a precipice over 100 feet high, but fortunately the car clung long enough to the track to turn on the curve and was thrown against a telegraph pole and a tree. It was considerably broken up, but no one was injured.

SWALLOW SUIT DISCONTINUED.

Harrisburg, Pa., March 8.—The suit of Congressman J. D. Hicks, of Altoona, against Rev. Dr. Swallow, of Harrisburg, claiming \$50,000 for criminal libel, has been discontinued.

ICE RAVAGES AMONG OYSTER BEDS.

Provincetown, Mass., March 8.—The ice floes in the past few days have destroyed \$10,000 worth of oyster beds here.

CANNED HORSE FEE TO THE SOLDIERS

Roast Beef That Was Not Beef at All.

Difference Between the Red and Blue Label Meats.

General Miles' Attorney to Demand an Analysis—Views of Dr. Salmon, of the Animal Industry Bureau.

Light seems to be breaking upon some of the shady transactions involved in the beef scandal. There is a strong probability that much of the canned roast beef to which the troops on transports and in the fields of Cuba and Porto Rico objected was not beef at all, but horse meat.

This is a theory constructed by some men who have closely followed the proceedings of the Alger Relief Commission and the Beef Court of Enquiry. It is a theory built on strong circumstantial evidence.

The theory has been accepted by Major Lee, the counsel for General Miles, and he will seek to prove according to the rules of evidence that much of the alleged canned roast beef furnished to the army was boiled horse. Major Lee will insist on sending a bona fide specimen can to the Bureau of Animal Industry of the Department of Agriculture for examination.

The cans of meat hitherto submitted to the Department of Agriculture for chemical analysis with a view to determining the nutrition of the meat were not representative cases; that is, they were not samples of the meat issued to the troops during the campaign in the tropics; they did not contain the kind of meat which the men who were in the army against which they were issued protested.

Nearly every line officer, both regular and volunteer, who has been called before the Beef Court of Enquiry has testified that the men would not eat the canned roast meat. They would throw it away, cause a great stink in their rations, and suffer from hunger rather than eat it.

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WHITE HOUSE CALLERS.

Mr. Barrows Declines the Nomination for Librarian.

Twelve Senators and sixteen Representatives called on President McKinley today. With the exception of a few who were at the White House to pay their respects to the President, the callers were members of their respective homes, the Congressional visitors called to secure for constituents commissions in the army under the reorganization act. It is said that a pile of army commissions is now on the President's desk, and that when these are signed there will remain few positions.

Senator Gordon, former Senator from Georgia, secured the promise of President McKinley to discharge his son from the volunteer army in order that he may return to his father's plantation in Georgia. The son is Major Hugh Gordon, chief engineer of the First Division, Seventh Army Corps, now in Cuba.

Representative Barrows, whose nomination as Librarian of Congress the Senate failed to confirm, was again tendered the position by President McKinley. Mr. Barrows called at the Executive mansion this morning and thanked the President for his declaration to the appointment, which reads as follows:

Point me to express my sincere thanks to you for your nomination to the position of Librarian of Congress, and for your expression of confidence in my ability to fill the position. I am deeply honored by the possibility for me to meet your expectations, or to do justice to your wise and enlightened policy in making this nomination. I am sure that you will give me every consideration, and I feel constrained to decline the honor, and remain, with most cordial regards, your obedient servant.

It is said that the President will now tender the appointment of Librarian to Prof. Herbert Putnam, who is at the head of the Boston Public Library, to be done in the near future.

Prof. Putnam, it is said, declined it because he believed that Mr. Barrows had secured the influence of the Massachusetts delegation. It is believed that he will now accept.

James Whitcomb Riley and Joaquin Miller paid their respects to the President today. Mr. Riley, who recently returned from the Klondike, has in his possession a nugget valued at \$30. Both poets afterwards called on Secretary Hay.

Corporal Tamm, who was in the White House today in the interest of an army commission for his son.

SUICIDE FOLLOWS A QUARREL.

Unhappy Husband Shoots Himself After His Wife Leaves.

Reading, Pa., March 8.—Albert F. Ketter, a farmer, thirty-one years old, of Millersburg, Pa., shot himself in the chest today in a rooming house in this city, where Peters has money on deposit, from paying it out on his check or draft.

Besides determining the condition of Peters' mind the marshal's jury is also instructed by the terms of the writ de lunatico inquisitivo to determine what property he has, and what is the yearly income from the same.

The petitioner, E. Annie Hannum, is represented by Jere M. Wilson and A. A. Hoelting, Jr., and Peter W. Brooks, Washington, Head, and Frealey.

Before the jury was sworn Mr. Worthington asked that the members be required to state whether or not they had been influenced by the newspaper publications in relation to Peters' actions in this case.

Mr. Worthington, in stating the other side of the case, claimed that the question for the jury to determine is whether Peters is of sound mind and what, if not, what may have been some time ago.

The first witness called was Dr. E. C. Holland, Peters' physician, while the latter was in the hospital. He was called into some detail in relating the circumstances connected with Peters' escape while at Hot Springs, but stated no facts in conclusion.

On cross-examination Dr. Holland said he had been treating Peters. He also testified that Mr. Daniel Frazer was to pay Peters' expenses incurred in coming here to Hot Springs. He said that he is not an expert on insanity. He, however, felt that Peters ought to be confined somewhere for treatment, and as there was no proper place at Hot Springs he advised it to be done at New Orleans.

The next witness was Frank C. Place, clerk for Malvern county, Ark., who told the circumstances connected with Peters' application for a marriage license.

Lee Mayberry, the carriage driver, who waited on Peters at Hot Springs, was called and said that he had seen Peters while he was in the habit of charging Peters from \$20 to \$25 a day for his services.

DETERMINED BURGLARS.

Bound and Gagged the Man Who Disclosed Their Plans.

Wilkesbarre, Pa., March 8.—A daring robbery was committed at the general store of C. B. Kern, in Ashler borough, yesterday morning. About 2 o'clock three masked men broke open a cash door and entered the office. A fourth man stood guard on the outside.

When the robbers were in the building any length of time a miner named Hitchcock came along. He carried a lighted lantern. The man on the outside gave the alarm and the three robbers fled. They seized the miner and pointed four revolvers at his head to keep him quiet. He was then carried into the store, bound and gagged.

The robbers went to work and blew open the safe with dynamite. The explosion shook the building. Hitchcock could not release himself and remained in a den until the arrival of the clerks. There was about \$30 in cash in the safe, two watches and some jewelry. The robbers took everything.

THE HATTERS SCHEMING.

Efforts to Form a Hatters' Combination.

New York, March 8.—Thomas F. Gilroy, Jr., is reported to be promoting a combination of hatters. Yesterday he conferred with wool hat manufacturers in Reading, Pa., and asked for options to purchase the plants and factories in the vicinity of Reading, valued at more than \$1,000,000.

Leading hat men in this city believe that the trust will not be perfected. The wool hat industry is being because of the competition of soft fur hats.

At Poison Prepared for Rats.

Huntington, Va., March 8.—Mrs. B. W. Burdick is said to have prepared a poison in an egg to kill rats. The cook found the egg and made bread with it. The family ate the bread and the cook and four members of the family are now in a critical condition.

There is little hope of any of them recovering.

A Chair for the Catholic University.

New Haven, Conn., March 8.—The Knights of Columbus in national council yesterday appropriated \$50,000 to establish a chair in the National Catholic University at Washington.

The cruiser *Brooklyn* overdue.

Norfolk, March 8.—The United States cruiser *Brooklyn*, en route from Havana to Fort Monroe, is overdue. While no fears are felt for her safety, the navy authorities would feel more comfortable if she were in port.

EUGENE PETERS' SANITY IN QUESTION

Enquiry Begins Before a Marshal's Jury.

Interested Spectators Fill Equity Court No. 2.

Statements Made by the Opposing Counsel—Testimony of the Defendant's Physician.

The hearing in the de lunatico inquisitivo proceedings instituted some days ago for the purpose of making an investigation of the mental condition of Eugene Peters, were begun today before Assistant United States Marshal W. B. Robinson, in Equity Court Room No. 2.

On account of the notoriety which the subject had gained by his marriage and gambling ventures and in other ways in the West and South immediately before his arrival in Washington about two weeks ago the case has attracted considerable public attention, and as a consequence the opening of the proceedings was witnessed by a large number of prominent people. The jury is composed of the following: Robert I. Fleming, W. P. Thompson, Clarence F. Norman, George W. Moss, W. B. Gantley, George W. P. Swartzell, John A. Baker, W. A. H. Church, W. S. Knox, Archibald Greenlee, W. H. Moore, and John E. Herrell.

Aside from the interest generally taken in the result of the enquiry, the suspect, Eugene Peters, and his wife, formerly Clara Louise Mackay, to whom it is said he was married at Malvern, Ark., in February, attract considerable attention. Mrs. Peters is a pretty little woman, a decided brunette, about twenty-two or twenty-three years of age.

Eugene Peters sat behind his counsel and paid the closest attention to what was taking place.

The proceedings were instituted about ten days ago by Peters' aunt, E. Annie Hannum, who alleged that his mental condition was such as to unfit him to care for himself or his property. In connection with these proceedings an injunction was also applied for by his aunt, and granted by the court, restraining certain banks in this city, where Peters has money on deposit, from paying it out on his check or draft.

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MURDER OF A FORTUNE TELLER.

Found in Her Room's Bound and Gagged.

London, March 8.—A sensational murder came to light in the West End today, when the body of a Mrs. Helbrick, a fortune teller, was found in her room bound with ropes. The woman had been strangled in a shocking manner. She had been dead four days when found and her room had been ransacked.

Her husband, who has been missing for several days is suspected of the crime.

SIGHTED ON FIRE AT SEA.

A Steamer in Peril Off the English Coast.

London, March 8.—A dispatch to Lloyd's from Brisban, says that an unknown steamer was sighted off there at midnight on fire.

The crew signalled that they were unable to stop the engines and the vessel was lost sight of headed out to sea.

GERMANY'S FOREIGN POLICY.

Von Bulow Allowed to Suspend Embarrassing Enquiries.

Berlin, March 8.—Herr von Bulow, Minister of Foreign Affairs, has obtained the consent of the deputies to put no further questions as to the government's foreign policy.

This is because of the critical phase of the negotiations concerning Samoa.

THE SPANISH MINISTRY.

Reduction of the Naval Staff Among Coming Reforms.

Madrid, March 8.—It has been decided to reduce the naval staff, and other reforms are now in progress under the new ministry.

Sixteen Cuban and Porto Rican senators are to be appointed to Madrid, Valencia, and Barcelona.

DENYING ITALY'S DEMANDS.

China Stops Negotiations Concerning San Man Bay.