

A WAR MYSTERY SOLVED AT LAST.

The Knife With Which Morgan's Raiders Escaped Found.

DISCOVERY OF MUCH INTEREST.

As It Removes the Odium Attached to the Name of the Prison Warden Who was Thought by Many to Have Given Them Aid.

COLUMBUS, OHIO, December 24.—Officials of the penitentiary today succeeded in finding a knife that was probably secreted by Thomas W. Bullett, of Louisville, Ky., who was one of the Morgan raiders, who was imprisoned with the famous desperado in the prison during the civil war and was one of the number to escape from the prison.

Mr. Bullett recently told how and where he had secreted the knife, and expressed the belief that it was still in the place where he put it years ago. It is said that the knife was one of fourteen which the prisoners of war made, which was hidden when the fact of their possession was exposed.

IN AN AIRSHAFT. The place of concealment was said to have been in an airshaft used as a ventilator, and after persistent search it was found at the bottom, where it had dropped at some time since the raiders left the prison. It was rust-eaten and the handle of wood had nearly rotted away. A second knife was also found in the tunnel.

The discovery is of especial interest, since it settled a much-spoiled point—the means of escape of the prisoners. The most of the prison officials believe that the first knife is the one described by Mr. Bullett, and if that is true it proves beyond question that the Morgan raiders made their escape, as has always been claimed, by the tunnel route and not by the aid or connivance of any of the prison officials.

DISLIKED THE WARDEN. This point is given emphasis, too, by the fact as stated by Mr. Bullett, that the raiders took no stock in Warden Marlon, in fact, disliked him, but he was anxious that the truth should be known for the truth of history and to relieve the warden's memory of any odium that might have attached to it by reason of the escape of General Morgan and his six companions.

MORE TROOPS FOR CUBA. Two Big Transports to Leave Charleston for Cienfuegos This Week.

CHARLESTON, S. C., Dec. 24.—Two of the largest of the transports, the Minnewaska and Manitoba, are expected in Charleston Harbor on Monday or before, and at least 2,500 men will likely be sent to sail for Cienfuegos and Matanzas. Generals Bates and Sanger are expected here tomorrow or Monday with headquarters and one regiment, and these generals will take with them stores, stock, lumber for tent poles, fuel, forage and cots. The steamship Saratoga is expected to arrive here for her fourth trip on Wednesday and will carry back to Havana the First Battalion of the First Regular Infantry.

Another steamer, a small one, is expected to load with 300 tons forage and quartermaster's supplies for Casilda, Cuba, during the week. The big transport Minnewaska will carry General Bates and the Sixth Ohio Infantry, now in camp at Knoxville, Tenn., to Cienfuegos. This regiment numbers 1,100 men, and will bring 12 miles and 100 five horse. A detachment from some regiment in Savannah will also go on the Minnewaska, which, in addition to the men, will also carry 75,000 pounds of hay, 75,000 pounds of oats, 300 tents, lumber, and supplies for thirty days.

The Manitoba will carry Brigadier-General Sanger and staff, Second Brigade, Second Division, and a regiment of his brigade now in camp at Americus. The Second Brigade, from special orders, also go. It includes 100 beds, four medical officers, 57 female nurses, 45 animals, and 14 wagons. There are 1,600 men in the regiment, and they will carry cots, tents, lumber, fuel, and stores.

On December 28th the Saratoga will take to Havana a battalion of the First Infantry, and the stores, forage, and mules left here by the Second Battalion of the Tenth Infantry.

It is understood that other troops are to be rushed to this port in the next two weeks, but the foregoing are the only dates named.

TWO SPANISH GUNBOATS. The Alvarado and Sandoval Reach Norfolk from Guantanamo.

NORFOLK, VA., Dec. 24.—Special.—The captured Spanish gunboats Alvarado and Sandoval arrived at the Norfolk Navy Yard this morning from Guantanamo bay, where they have been overhauled and refitted. They are the first vessels of the Spanish navy to be added to that of the United States. The vessels are commanded by two naval heroes of the operations which preceded the destruction of Cervera's squadron.

Lieutenant Edwin Anderson, who cut the cable at Cienfuegos in an open boat while under fire from the Spanish fleet, while the Alvarado is commanded by Lieutenant Bue, the officer who first positively located the Spanish squadron in Santiago harbor.

The two gunboats have interesting histories. The Alvarado was surrendered with Santiago and her disposition caused trouble between General Shafter and Admiral Sampson. The Sandoval was dismantled and sunk by her own commander. She is destined to be used as a target ship, and is to be used in the Peninsular war.

They ran into a log raft in the Albatross and Chesapeake canal last night and narrowly escaped being wrecked. They will proceed to the Portsmouth, N. H., navy yard.

GEN. OTIS TO DECIDE. Whether American Troops Shall Be Despatched to Hilo to Interfere.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—The administration has determined to advise Gen. Otis in command of the United States forces in the Philippines, the question whether our troops shall be despatched to Hilo, where recent Spanish representations have stated a sanguinary conflict is in progress between the insurgents and the remaining Spanish troops. Some days ago General Otis asked the War Department if any precise instructions were to be given to him as to his dealings with the situation at Hilo. The reply was sent to General Otis several days ago, and it will be for him to decide whether a United States force will go to Hilo, and how many men will constitute the force.

Sagasta Better. MADRID, Dec. 24.—Condition of General Sagasta, the Premier, was today better this morning, and the attending doctors are now hopeful of his recovery.

"THE KING OF THE TURF."

Ex-Secretary of the Navy Whitney is Known More Widely by This Name Than Any Other.



If William C. Whitney did not possess a red cent he would be rich, but his wealth would be in names, for he has the agreeable distinction of being "king" of more enterprises than any other living man.

Late Mr. Whitney has been brought more conspicuously before the public by the purchase of a number of electric light companies at a cost of \$5,000,000. This makes him a new king in finance, a rival in power to John D. Rockefeller—another possible billionaire.

A famous writer once said: "If a rich man does not entertain he is called 'king'; if he does not go to church he is called a hypocrite." Neither of these accusations can be deservedly laid at Mr. Whitney's door. He does not only entertain, but does so lavishly. He also attends church and gives fabulous sums to charity.

As a sportsman Mr. Whitney is known the world over. His horses are the finest on the turf, and the private race track on his Long Island country seat is the

most complete in existence. It is because of these horse qualities that he is known as "king of the turf."

Then there is the palatial city residence on Fifth avenue, New York city, which went to a year ago was the center around which all swelled radiated. At present, however, it is practically closed, as Mrs. Whitney is unable to entertain. She was so unfortunate as to be thrown from her horse while spending a while in Aiken, S. C., last winter, and since then has been confined to her bed, under the constant care of a retinue of servants and Mr. Whitney, who has been devoted to her. She is the second wife of the great financier and sportsman, and had been married only a few years when the accident occurred.

There were several children by the first wife of whom Mrs. Almeric Hugh Paoli, nee Miss Pauline Whitney, and Harry Payne Whitney, daughter of Miss Gertrude Vanderbilt, husband of Cornelius Vanderbilt, Sr., are the most prominent. Mr. Whitney has also immense interests in railroad stocks.

engages the socket and the tip of the bulb to hold the lamp in a horizontal position, thus increasing the amount of light.

An apparatus has been designed for use in excavating frozen ground, consisting of a boiler and fire-box to heat water, and drive the steam into a vertical cylinder, the bottom of which is open to allow the steam to thaw the ground, with openings for shovel handles in the top.

Doors can be securely held in any position by a new device, having a horizontal plate to be fastened to the lower edge of the door, with a lever pivoted on the plate to swing down until a friction plate at the end rests on the floor, a spring at the opposite end of the lever holding it in place.

The speed of swimmers is increased by a new appliance, having an ankle plate to be strapped on the foot to carry a webbing stretched on ribs, which opens and shuts alternately as the swimmer's feet are moved through the water, the webbing increasing the resistance of the water.

A Massachusetts woman has patented a bouquet holder, consisting of a flat box with an absorbent, with a pin at the rear, by which it can be attached to the coat, a hinged lid pressing the stems of the flowers against the absorbent to prevent the flowers from wilting. For use in applying cement to the surface of concrete, a new device has been invented, a tray in which the cement is placed for heating, with a wheel journaled in a lip which is turned by a vertical rod to revolve in the cement and transfer it to the surface of the rim as it turns on the wheel.

Blenders are now being used at what speed they are traveling by using a new device, which is now on its way to Havana to superintend the steps attending the formal surrender of the territory to the United States forces on January 1st.

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PHILIPINO ENVOYS REACH NEW YORK.

They Will Go to Washington and Wait for Philippine Commissioners ARE AGAINST ANNEXATION.

Agonillo Says the Philippines Should Be on a Footing with Cuba—Thinks the American People Understand the Situation Better

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—The Filipino envoys, P. Agonillo and S. Lopez, following close upon the heels of the peace commissioners, returned to this city today on the Eurymia. They will remain here over Christmas, and at the close of the holidays go to Washington, where they will await the arrival of Juan Luna, General Beigo Do Eros, and Dr. T. J. Aguinaldo, special commissioners sent by Aguinaldo to the American Government. The new contingent of Filipinos are expected to arrive in Washington by way of San Francisco by January 24 next. Agonillo, when he got to Quarantine, made inquiries about Judge Day and the other members of the American commission. He was told that they had arrived safely on the St. Louis, and the treaty of peace between the United States and Spain was doubtless then in the hands of President McKinley.

WERE NOT THEIRS. "I have seen a Spanish copy of it," said Agonillo, "and know all that concerns my country. The Spaniards gave away or sold what they did not possess. The agreement, as far as it concerns the archipelago is practically void." "Are you still opposed to the annexation of the Philippines to the United States?" he was asked. "Certainly not, and why shouldn't I? Hasn't Admiral Dewey in his official communication to the United States government said that the people of the Philippines are fitter for self-government than the Chinese, and that he knows both sides well? Dewey's word ought to have some weight, and is it right to keep my countrymen back while you promise freedom to the people of Cuba?" "Was your mission to Paris as fruitful as you expected?"

HIS MISSION FRUITFUL. "I believe that it was fairly so. Our position is a part of the record of the commission. It contains the information that Captain Wood, the commander of the Petrel, and that Consul Pratt, in Singapore, William in Hong Kong, and Williams in Cavite, implored the armed cooperation of Aguinaldo and the other Philippine chiefs offering to recognize the independence of the Filipino nation as soon as the military situation permitted. The commission, however, appeals have been made to Senators Hale and Hoar to help save the people of the Philippine Islands who fought with the Americans as comrades for justice and humanity, from military subjugation. I think that the American people understand the situation now and that they will see that justice is done the Philippines when the expansion bubble has burst. I am now awaiting further instructions as to how to proceed, and they will arrive with the special commissioners I have mentioned."

ORDERED TO CUBA. Generals Bates and Sanger Will Assume Command of Cuban Provinces.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—Major-General John C. Bates, who is now in this city, has been ordered to assume command of the military department of Matanzas, Cuba, January 1st, when the United States will take formal possession of the island.

General Bates has recently been in command of the First Division of the First Army Corps, with headquarters at Camp. Brigadier-General Joseph Sanger, of the Inspector-General's department, has been temporarily assigned to the command of the military department of Matanzas, Cuba.

These two assignments complete the detail of officers to command the various military departments in Cuba under the new command of Major-General Brooks, who is now on his way to Havana to superintend the steps attending the formal surrender of the territory to the United States forces on January 1st.

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THE WORLD OF LABOR. Canada exports apples. Ireland has 8,000 mud cabins. Cuba has 1,200 sugar plantations. Boston is the chief rice market. Louisiana leads in rice production. Ottawa has no Sunday street cars. Germany announces zinc war paper. Boone, Ia., has a vacant house. Mexico City is to have an electric road. The consumption of rice in Europe has more than doubled since 1870. Florida's pineapple crop is worth \$30,000,000. Mexican farm laborers get 25 cents a day. Des Moines has a 70-year-old blacksmith. All Centralia, Wash., stores are open on Sunday. Alabama's Governor was a telegraph operator. Gastonia, N. C., is to have another cotton mill. The best hotel in San Juan, Puerto Rico, charges \$2 a day. The best managed dairies in Minnesota have reduced the cost of manufacturing a pound of butter to 1.5 cents. A new 600-pound cotton mill may be established at Talladega, Ala. Of the 5,000 officials in Berlin as many as 17,000 give their services free. More than 90 per cent. of the ships of the world are built in the British Isles. At Kokonago, in the Philippines, the discharged for refusing to serve negro hotel guests. A Tacoma company will soon ship 800,000 feet or more of fir decking to Hamburg, Germany. The W. C. T. U. of Alton, Ill., has succeeded in placing a prohibitive license on cigarettes. A Cleveland Councilman has introduced an ordinance limiting the height of buildings to eight stories. The Albeville (N. C.) cotton mills will commence to run this season. New machinery is to be added. The coal output of the State of Washington this year is 1,100,000 tons, an increase of nearly half a million over 1897. The supply in sight will last for nearly fifty years, and there are hundreds of thousands of acres undeveloped. It is estimated that the output of the mines of Butte and Anaconda, Mont., is over 11,000 tons a day of copper ore. It is said that the use of natural gas in the Elmira window glass factory would reduce the cost of fuel from \$30,000 the amount now paid for coal, to about \$10,000. Most of the railroad stations in Russia are about two miles from the towns which they respectively serve. This is a precaution against fire, as many of the Russian dwellings are thatched with straw. The volume of business handled by the savings bank department of the London postoffice has grown to enormous proportions, and at present the staff of the Central Savings Bank numbers more than 250 persons. A mass-meeting was held in Milwaukee last week to protest against the payment of pensions to retired firemen and policemen, and to take action looking to the repeal of the law under which the pensions are paid. Pearson Escapes. WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—Joseph D. Pearson, who demolished the windows of the British embassy several days ago by hurling bricks through them, yesterday escaped from the Government Insane Asylum, to which institution he had been committed after he had been declared insane by a jury. Up to a late hour the efforts of the police and asylum attendants to discover whereabouts and return him to the institution have been unsuccessful. This morning while walking in the grounds of the asylum, accompanied by a private attendant, Pearson made a bold dash for liberty, without giving the slightest warning of his intention. Outspringing the door, he made good his escape. He was last seen climbing over the wall separating the grounds from the road that leads to the city.

USEFUL XMAS PRESENTS. Persian Rugs, Smyrna Rugs, Fur Rugs, Carpet Sweepers, Portieres, Lace Curtains. Look at our Jute Smyrna Rugs of different sizes and very handsome effects at special low prices. GEORGE W. ANDERSON & SONS' CARPET HOUSE, 1204 East Main Street. HORSES CLIPPED In the Most Approved Manner at... SI EACH N. LEONARD, 310 N. Ninth St., Richmond, Va. who heretofore the American flag has never been unfurled. The Wilmington is of light draft and especially designed for duty such as she is now engaged in performing. She will be absent, it was stated at the navy yard today, more than a year. Shot Mysteriously. While Victoria Gilliam, a negro woman, forty-five years of age, was sitting in her room in the house No. 106 north Second street, about 9:45 o'clock last evening, she was struck by a bullet, which penetrated her side near the seventh rib. It is not known who fired the shot, but it is thought that it was done by some small negro boys who were playing with a pistol in the street in front of the house. The wound was not serious, and Dr. Gwathmey gave the necessary medical attention. The bullet fortunately took a downward course, and the woman is not in any great danger. Neph Lost His Thumb. Noah Woods (colored) lighted a Grant cracker about 11:20 o'clock last night and forgot to let go of it. The explosion took off one of Noah's thumbs about half the way, and he was Mosley, of the ambulance corps, took off the other half. Cut on the Cheek. William Booker (colored) and friends got into a row about midnight on Fourth street near Broad, and one of the friends cut William's right cheek in two from his forehead to his chin. Dr. Gwathmey, of the ambulance corps, took five stitches in the cut. Saving Cuba Money. SAN JUAN, P.R. (Special).—General Guy V. Henry, the Military Governor of Porto Rico, reduces the budget for next year from 1,000,000 pesetas, as under the Spanish regime, to 1,500,000 pesetas. He asks for authority to apply the custom-house revenue to the improvement of roads and the cleaning of cities. Case of Bubonic Plague. PLYMOUTH, ENGLAND, Dec. 24.—On the arrival here this evening of the British steamer Gledonia, from Calcutta, Naval Surgeon-General Sir James Spence, of London, it was reported that there was a case of Bubonic Plague on board, the patient being one of the cabin passengers, an officer in the India Company's service who was coming home on leave. The Beer Tax. WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—Some days ago the Secretary of the Treasury submitted to the Attorney-General the question of the taxability of beer under the war revenue act. It is understood that in the forthcoming opinion it will be held that beer is in the hands of retailers on the date the act went into effect is not subject to the increased tax. As It Goes. Mamma, grandma, sister, auntie, Stuff the stockings, wash elate, Give the credit to old Santa, But 'tis papa pays the freight. —Chicago Record.

THE WILMINGTON SAILS Starts for South America on a Long and Novel Voyage. NORFOLK, VA., Dec. 24.—Special.—The United States Gunboat Wilmington, left the Norfolk Navy Yard this morning for South America and passed out Cape Henry at noon upon the long voyage. It is stated that the Wilmington, built as was her sister ship, the Helena, at Newport News, will ascend the Orinoco and Amazon rivers, visiting waters