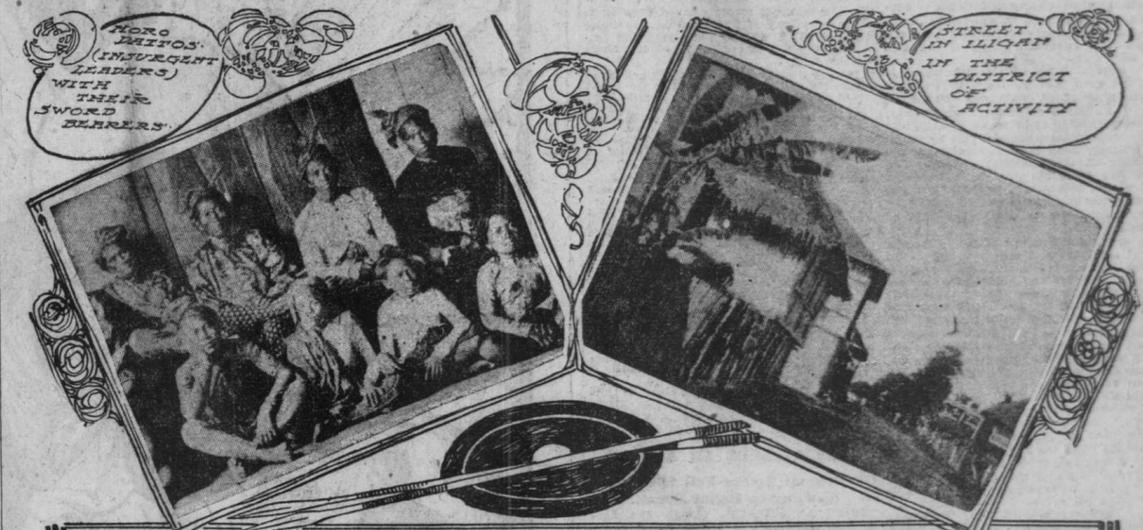


## MORO SULTAN MAKES DECLARATION OF WAR AGAINST THIS GOVERNMENT

### Sends a Defiance to General Sumner and Says He Will Fight for the Religion of Mohammed.

"The Sultan of Bacolod desires war forthwith. He wishes to maintain the religion of Mohammed. Cease sending letters. What we want is war. We do not desire your friendship."—Sultan of Bacolod's defiance to Uncle Sam.



**M**ANILA, Oct. 12.—The Sultan of Bacolod, Mindanao, has rejected the friendly overtures of General Sumner, commander of the American forces in Mindanao, in a defiant letter in which he invites war. The Sultan says: "The Sultan of Bacolod desires war forthwith. He wishes to maintain the religion of Mohammed. Cease sending letters. What we want is war. We do not desire your friendship." Friendly Moros report that the Sultan of Bacolod is fortifying his strongholds. He is in possession of many rifles. It is expected that an American column will be sent from Camp Vicar to capture and reduce the Bacolod stronghold. It has not been decided when the move is to be made. Counterfeit American silver dollars are being made in China and circulated here extensively. The suspicion is held that some of this money was shipped from San Francisco. The dollars are of silver and of standard weight. They have been detected through the improper stamping of the word "Liberty" on the Goddess. The low price of silver insured to the makers of this counterfeit money a profit of 100 per cent. American silver circulates as gold in the Philippines.

### RETURN OF THE BUFFALO.

**Delivered Seamen and Stores to the Asiatic Fleet.**  
NEW YORK, Oct. 12.—The United States steamer Buffalo arrived this morning from Manila and ports on the Asiatic station with forty-two officers and 568 men. The Buffalo left New York on June 5 last with 39 midshipmen of the class of 1902, 750 men and 800 tons of stores for the Asiatic fleet. She had a pleasant run,

AMERICAN GENERAL WHO HAS BEEN CHALLENGED TO WAR BY A MORO SULTAN, AND SCENES ON THE ISLAND OF MINDANAO, WHERE THE CONFLICT WILL BE WAGED.



falo transferred about 450 men to their vessels and received 280 who had served the required two years in the Philippines. She also landed stores for the southern squadron and took on stores for the northern squadron. Bad weather interfered considerably with the handling of the men and stores at Manila, and as cholera existed there comparatively little communication was permitted with the shore. Thirteen midshipmen were transferred to vessels at Cavite, and the Buffalo sailed on August 9 for Nagasaki, Japan, where Admiral Evans, with the Kentucky, the New Orleans, Helena and Vicksburg, was found. The Buffalo made exchanges of men and supplied stores. She also transferred five midshipmen and received a number of officers who had been ordered home. As much cholera existed at Nagasaki the steamer remained at the water anchorage under voluntary quarantine. On August 19 the Buffalo sailed for Wu Sing, China, where she found the Monterey, the Wilmington and the collier Saturn. There she continued the exchange of men, delivered stores, coaled ship and received officers for home. She left Wu Sing on August 19 for Hongkong and found there the Monadnock, completed the transfer of men and stores and left for home on August 25, stopping at Singapore, Colombo and Port Said. At Messina, Sicily, the Buffalo fell in with the Albany and received five officers and forty-seven men sent home from vessels of the European station on account of the expiration of their terms of sea duty. The Buffalo crossed the Atlantic in about 34 latitude and had fine weather. The officers of the Buffalo include Captain A. Ross, Lieutenant Commander H. H. Hoxley and Lieutenant Commander V. S. Nelson. The officers from the Asiatic fleet include Lieutenant Commander F. H. Herman and Lieutenant Commander F. H. Scribner.

### FIVE DEATHS CHARGED TO THIS WOMAN

#### Confession of Forgery Unravels Sensation.

#### Bodies of Two Massachusetts Men to Be Exhumed.

#### Detectives Believe They Will Find Evidence of Wholesale Poisonings.

Special Dispatch to The Call.

**BOSTON, Oct. 12.**—The body of B. H. Guild, who was buried on July 29 in the little cemetery at Sheltonville, twenty-five miles from Boston, will be exhumed this week. This announcement reveals one of the most uncanny sensations ever known in Norfolk County. The State police have been called into the case and one of Chief Wade's best officers is looking into the records of Guild's widow, Mrs. Jennie Guild, who is serving a fifteen months' sentence in Sherburn for having forged her husband's name, and also into that of Sydney Withington, who is now in the reformatory on the same charge. Benjamin Guild died one month after his marriage, at the age of 72, to a young nurse of 30. A trail of death has followed in the footsteps of Mrs. Guild and the case, in some of its aspects, reads like a chapter from Jane Tappan's autobiography. A week before Guild died he was in the best of health; then came sudden sickness and death in agony. Mrs. Guild's first husband, Nathan Wilbur, died in 1855 after a short and peculiar sickness, whose chief symptoms were similar to those of Guild's. However, he had just had his teeth operated upon and it was after the operation that his sickness began. It is on this end of the case that the officials are now working and a second body may be exhumed, as it has been inferred that the first husband's body was embalmed, as was Guild's.

### WOMAN'S PLAN GOES AWRY.

One startling development of the past few days is that if Guild had lived twenty-four hours longer his property would have been in his wife's hands. The transfer had been made, but Guild's signature was wanting on the deeds, so that his sudden death frustrated this plan in which he himself had taken an interest. Previous to his death his attendants at the house were his wife and Sydney Withington (this name is believed to be an alias), whom Mrs. Guild invited from no one knows where to help on the farm. Guild complained of terrible stomach pains, which were accompanied by vomiting. He grew worse day by day, and died on Friday morning.

No sooner had Guild been buried than Mrs. Guild moved for her appointment as administratrix. This was opposed by Mrs. Lyman Hancock of Plainville, daughter of Guild's second wife, and they finally agreed upon lawyer H. E. Ruggles as administrator, he being appointed in the Probate Court during the next week. Two days after his appointment a note for \$275, purporting to have been signed by Guild on July 2, was presented by Mrs. Guild. This note, Mrs. Guild confessed later, was forged.

### CONFESES THE FORGERY.

It was Mrs. Guild's hurry to get money out of the estate by presenting the note to Administrator Ruggles so soon after her husband's death that was her undoing. The case came up before the court last month. Both Mrs. Guild and Withington pleaded guilty and were sentenced, she to Sherburn for fifteen months and Withington, who is only 25 years old, to the reformatory. When they pleaded guilty after having retained eminent legal talent for counsel to fight the case if needs be there came rumors that Mrs. Guild and Withington wanted to have the case forgotten as soon as possible, so that there would be no full investigation. These rumors have been too prevalent and too emphatic to be ignored, and the county will bear the expense of an examination and an autopsy.

In addition to her two husbands the woman is suspected of having caused the death of her two children by the first marriage and that of a man known as Richard Lloyd. The children died suddenly in Connecticut. Lloyd, who lived with the woman, disappeared after a violent quarrel over property. No trace of him was ever found, though search was made. In every case, where death has occurred Mrs. Guild has profited financially.

### Two Miners Killed by a Cave-In.

**BINGHAM, Utah, Oct. 12.**—The Highland Boy mine, near this city, was the scene of a fatal cave-in at 4 o'clock this morning. Two men, John Sundquist, single, and Mike West, married, were crushed to death and Erick Nyquist, single, aged 45, was painfully though not fatally injured.

### WIFE'S VISIT TO DENTIST STIRS IRE

#### Husband Threatens in Town of Palo Alto.

#### A Private Detective's Story Arouses a Sensation.

#### Vigorous Denial Is Made, But There Is Talk of a Divorce Suit.

Special Dispatch to The Call.

**PALO ALTO, Oct. 12.**—Many months have elapsed since this quiet little hamlet has had such a toothsome morsel of gossip to roll under its wagging tongue as was unexpectedly afforded it during the past fortnight. Scandal—ever a choice and palatable topic when the names of prominent and fashionable folk are involved—has come over the families of two of the best known men of the town, with the result that one happy home is rent asunder and another is apt to be. Gossip is busy with the flames of Mrs. Joseph Larkin, a petite, symmetrically-formed, handsome, stylish young woman, the wife of a leading business man here, and Dr. H. B. Dodge, a dentist, an elderly gentleman of family and of good standing in the community. The husband of the young woman, it is said, prompted by the disclosures made to him by a private detective whom he had employed to watch the young wife, visited the office of Dr. Dodge and then there threatened to shoot him and to plaster his flesh with tar and feathers if he did not leave town forthwith. No such drastic measures were taken, however, as the doctor is still in town, although confined to his bed with a fever. Mrs. Larkin has left town and is now understood to be with her parents at Belmont. The two Larkin children have been sent away to school. Joseph Larkin, the husband, is said to be in San Francisco.

### LAWSUITS IN PROSPECT.

Although no legal action has yet been taken by either of the parties concerned, it is said Larkin will institute suit for divorce some time this week and that Mrs. Larkin will offer a counter suit. Details of the relations between Dr. Dodge and Mrs. Larkin are necessarily meager because of the reticence observed by both sides. Dr. Dodge, lying ill at his handsome home on the outskirts of the town, his sweet-faced wife sitting at the foot of his bed fanning him affectionately, while his 14-year-old son sat reclining in an easy chair in an adjoining room preparing his lessons, denied in toto the accusations against him. Larkin's friends, on the other hand, insist that the stories of misconduct are true, and are still talking of spreading the tar.

Suspicious of his wife's frequent visits to the Dodge dental parlor, Larkin hired a private detective from a San Francisco agency and secured apartments for him in the Mariposa building, where the Dodge offices are located. The detective's room adjoined the rear parlor of Dodge's suite.

### STORY OF THE VISIT.

On the afternoon of October 2 Mrs. Larkin came into the parlors and, as the detective avers, was ushered immediately into the rear interview room. According to the best information obtainable, the detective heard the couple telling each other love stories, and although he did not actually witness the presence of either, he recognized them by their voices and straightway surmised that Mrs. Larkin had not called on professional business. Dr. Dodge says the detective could not have seen Mrs. Larkin in his office—although he admits that she was there on this day—because the door between the rear room and the one supposedly occupied by the detective was securely bolted and a heavy portiere hung from the inside room. The detective hurried to his employer and reported what he had heard. The next day, according to Larkin's friends, he went to the office of Dr. Dodge and, after a stormy interview in which blows were narrowly averted, Larkin threatened to shoot the dentist and to tar and feather him if he did not leave town. News of the heated conversation between Larkin and Dodge spread over the town and soon many tongues were wagging. The incident was distorted out of all resemblance to its truth, it even being said that Larkin had inflicted a severe beating on the doctor and had already prepared the tar and feathers.

### RUMORS FOR GOSSIPS.

Because of the prominence of the parties involved it was attempted to hush up the affair, which would probably have been done had Dr. Dodge not taken sick. This fact immediately gave rise to the report that he had been shot, and naturally the

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### PURPOSELY PROLONGING THE STRIKE

#### Operators Hope to Discredit the President.

#### Politics Back of Their Refusal to Make Concessions.

#### Morgan Seeks to Defeat the Renomination of Theodore Roosevelt.

Special Dispatch to The Call.

**WASHINGTON, Oct. 12.**—Senator Quay of Pennsylvania came to Washington this morning by appointment, had an hour's conference with President Roosevelt and returned to Philadelphia at noon. The Senator admitted that he came to the capital to talk with the President, but would not say more. He declined to express an opinion regarding the coal strike or predict when it would end.

Secretary Root also was non-communative regarding his interview with Morgan. It is said on good authority that the Secretary carried a message to Morgan, but it was not a request. President Roosevelt has made no requests of Morgan. Whatever his message, it was relating to something he intends to do to end the strike if there is not an amicable settlement arranged by the operators and miners. The President is still representing the third party in this controversy—the American people—and insists that they shall have coal.

The President is not worried about politics in this coal strike, while the only people who have found politics mixed up with the effort to reach a settlement are the operators and the newspaper organs of Morgan. These have so industriously cried out against political interference for the past month that there is a growing impression in administration circles that politics is at the bottom of the refusal of the operators to come to any terms with the miners.

### MORGAN DECLARES HIMSELF.

This talk about political interference began soon after Morgan returned from Europe. In fact, there has been a persistent effort by Morgan's friends to create the impression that prominent Republican officials were trying to inject politics into the coal strike as part of the Congressional campaign. Since Morgan returned from Europe he has let it be known that he did not regard President Roosevelt as a safe executive; that Roosevelt must be defeated for renomination or re-election and a man elected who could have the confidence of "the business interests."

It is now believed in administration circles that the insult to Roosevelt by the operators was premeditated and inspired; that it was part of a well-laid plan to discredit the President with the people and elect a Democratic House to show lack of confidence in Roosevelt. Morgan is willing to have his roads lose millions in money now to make impossible a continuance of Roosevelt as President after 1904. He has an ambition to name the next President of the United States and is believed to have deliberately held back a settlement of the coal strike to aid in defeating the re-election of a Republican Congress.

### PRESIDENT'S NEW MOVE.

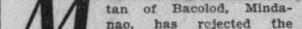
The interview Senator Quay had with President Cassatt of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company yesterday and that which the Senator had with President Roosevelt to-day are said to point to a new move which will put the coal strike up to the highest possible authority in the coal-carrying business. The Pennsylvania company controls the Reading Railroad, which is the chief coal-carrying road in the anthracite region. President Baer of that road has been the most stubborn man among the operators in refusing to agree to any terms.

President Roosevelt, Senators Quay and Platt and Governor Odell have come to the conclusion that mere figureheads can no longer stand in the way of a settlement, and they have put the question up to the two chief men in control of the great combination of mine operation and coal hauling—J. Pierpont Morgan, who financed the roads, and President Cassatt of the Pennsylvania Company, who is the real executive head of the Reading. These two men must fish or cut bait. They must settle the strike or accept the consequences. The Pennsylvania company cannot afford to defy the United States Congress, the Pennsylvania Legislature and the Governor of New York. Close friends of the President to-night believe that the strike will be settled within a week.

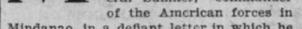
Secretary Root was at the White House this evening to report on his conference with Morgan yesterday. Professor J. W. Jenks, who prepared the report on trust combinations for the Industrial Commission, and Marcus A. Marks, a New York lawyer, also had a conference with the President. Professor Jenks is one of the



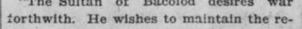
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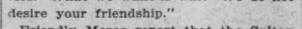
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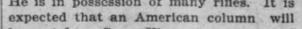
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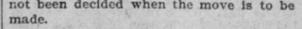
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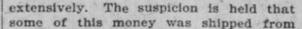
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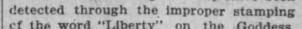
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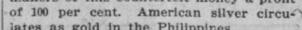
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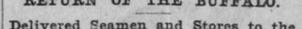
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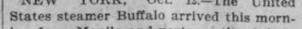
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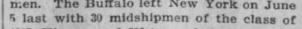
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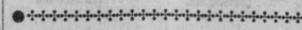
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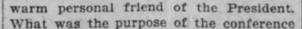
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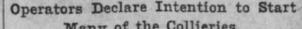
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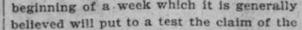
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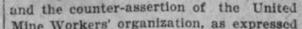
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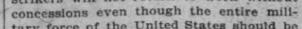
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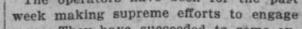
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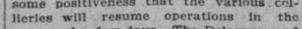
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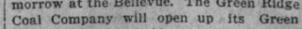
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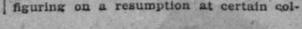
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### WARNING TO HARRIMAN

**OMAHA, Oct. 12.**—Thomas F. Wilson, fourth vice president of the International Association of Machinists, to-day said that the strike of shop men now being conducted by him against the Union Pacific Railroad might be carried to all of the Harriman lines. Such a result depended largely on the action of the annual meeting of the Union Pacific, which would be held in Salt Lake City on October 14. An endorsement by that meeting of the position taken by the Union Pacific officials on the strike and the piece work system, said he, would be considered sufficient cause for carrying the strike to the other Harriman lines.

### POSTS NOTICE TO STRIKERS.

**WILKESBARRE, Oct. 12.**—The Erie

### Kansas City Relief Fund.

**KANSAS CITY, Oct. 12.**—A movement for the relief of the striking anthracite coal miners was started to-day by the Industrial Council, the central labor organization of Kansas City. A fund will be raised by a direct appeal to all of the union labor bodies here. A committee was appointed by the Industrial Council to solicit for this fund. One hundred dollars was raised at the meeting of the council to-day.

### Four Coal Trains Move.

**READING, Pa., Oct. 12.**—Four trains of washery and mined coal, comprising 679 tons, passed down the Reading road during last night. The fuel is intended for sale to the company's employees and for use in the locomotives. This was the heaviest shipment since last May.

### Geneva Strike Collapses.

**GENEVA, Oct. 12.**—The strike has collapsed, the strikers' syndicate having called upon all trades to resume work.

### Morgan Goes Yachting.

**NEW YORK, Oct. 12.**—Developments here today in the coal strike situation were lacking. J. P. Morgan spent the day on board his yacht, the Corsair, lying in North River. It was reported that George F. Baer was one of two men who left the yacht in a launch at 10 o'clock to-night.

### Aid for French Strikers.

**CHARLEVOIX, Belgium, Oct. 12.**—The national committee of miners of four of the great Belgium coal fields met to-day and passed resolutions in favor of demanding an increase of 15 per cent in the wages of the coal miners, the object of the demand being to create a diversion in favor of the striking coal miners in France and to prevent the supplying of Belgium coal to France.