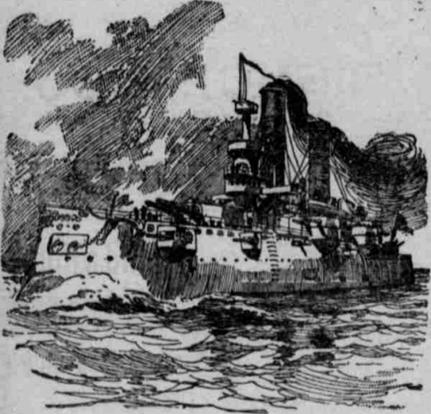


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## ASTOR'S GIFT BATTERY.

The Famous Organization Passes Through St. Louis En Route to the Philippines.

ITS PERSONNEL IS SOMEWHAT UNIQUE.

Lawyers, College Men, Athletes, Newspaper Men, and Some Soldiers of Fortune in Its Ranks, But They Are All Fine Fellows, Many of Them With Good Long Furses.

St. Louis, June 15.—John Jacob Astor's famous gift battery, the only one of its kind in the service of the United States, passed through St. Louis Wednesday morning en route to Manila. It numbers 99 men and three officers. The battery looks like the work of a millionaire, contrasting all to its advantage with many other troops that have passed through St. Louis since war began. It also looks like a lot of college athletes topped up in soldier clothes and out for a mark. The members do a lot of jacking, too, but they are ready for serious work, whether it be fistfights or real, bloody battle, whenever the opportunity presents itself.

The battery came in at 7:15 a. m. from New York. Its train consisted of a chair car, three rather old and dilapidated sleepers and three baggage cars, one loaded with commissary stores, another with six guns, and the third with field provisions. The last two named cars were kept securely locked, and nobody got a glimpse of the wonderful Hotchkiss 12-pound mountain guns that came all the way from England, and are the only ones in use in this country.

Before the train came to a full stop the artillerymen filed out and made a rush up the platform like they were chasing a football instead of a breakfast. Mr. Astor's name and millions attracted a fine lot of men to his battery. Most of them are six-footers, 20 per cent of them are trained college athletes, many of them are former soldiers, and probably all of them have had some sort of military experience, in the militia mostly.

Put according to First Lieutenant Clarence C. Williams, who is a West Pointer, and therefore disdainful of the militia, this sort of experience doesn't count. There are seasoned fighters from Asia and Africa in the battery, regular army men and fighters from the southwest. This heterogeneous company of men is expected to prove a problem that Uncle Sam has been puzzling over for some time. They form the pioneer mountain battery of the United States. If it stands the test, a permanent branch of the service will be established. Mountain artillery has long been a valuable part of Queen Victoria's army in India, and other European countries have used them effectively. It remained for John Jacob Astor to introduce it in America. He offered to equip a battery through out, and Uncle Sam accepted the offer.

One of the artillerymen is Lieut. Gardian, a Canadian, who belonged to a company at Montreal. He resigned there to get into Astor's battery. He is married, and a special order from the war department was necessary before he could be enlisted. There are two or three fellows in the battery who could tell marvelous stories if they could be induced to talk about themselves. They are Englishmen who have served the queen in India. Her majesty didn't tell them they might leave her service, so their names are closely guarded from publication. They are supposed to be younger sons of titled Britishers, and are game ones.

The battery is commanded by Capt. Peyton C. March, formerly a lieutenant in the Fifth artillery. The lieutenants are Clarence C. Williams and Benjamin M. Kehler, formerly of the Sixth artillery. Dr. Williamson is the surgeon and Dr. Watterson the veterinarian. With the battery are several newspaper men, regularly enlisted. Among them are Frank Seymour, who is engaged to marry the daughter of a rich Ohio, and Otto Koenig, who represents the Westliche Post, of St. Louis.

### SUCCESS OF THE WAR LOAN.

The Way Subscriptions are Rolling In Sets All Doubts of Success at Rest—Some Want It All.

WASHINGTON, June 15.—If there was every question about the success of the new three per cent war loan, it has been set at rest by the way in which subscriptions are already beginning to come in at the treasury department. The assurance of the success of the loan, however, has been made absolutely certain by two propositions, each covering the entire present issue of \$200,000,000. The subscription of the National City bank, the Central Trust Co. and First National City Co. made the day the loan was opened, was for any part of the total issue that should not be taken by the public. Another proposal was formulated the same day covering the entire amount. It came from J. Pierpont Morgan and a number of associates.

### The General Deficiency Bill.

WASHINGTON, June 15.—The general deficiency bill, carrying an aggregate of \$724,032,323, was reported to the house by the committee on resolutions. All but \$14,200,000 is for war expenses, and \$8,070,873 of these ordinary deficiencies are for pensions.

### Resignation of the French Ministry.

PARIS, June 15.—M. Meline has handed President Faure the resignation of the whole cabinet, which the president accepted, while requesting the ministers to continue the direction of affairs until their successors are named.

### River News.

STATIONS.	Gauge.	Change 24 hours.	High fall 24 hrs.
Pittsburgh	6.0	0.5	—
Cincinnati	8.1	0.3	—
St. Louis	10.2	0.4	—
St. Paul	9.0	0.4	—
Davenport	12.2	0.1	—
Memphis	15.5	0.3	—
Louisville	14.0	0.1	—
Chicago	20.0	0.1	—
New Orleans	12.5	0.1	—

### Refused to Talk on the Subject.

PROVIDENCE, R. I., June 15.—Dr. E. B. Andrews, president of Brown university, was asked if there was any truth in the report that the superintendent of the Chicago public schools had been tendered him. He refused to talk.

## TO SHOW THEIR PATRIOTISM.

All Stations of the Northwestern in Towns of 500 or Over to be Decorated with Old Glory.

CHICAGO, June 15.—The officials of the Northwestern railway have decided to show their patriotism, and to inspire their passengers by decorating the company's buildings everywhere along the three divisions of the road. The first flags were raised on the Milwaukee division. Sixteen beautiful national emblems are in place between Chicago and Milwaukee, and the breeze is unfurling Old Glory and making the stations, with their towers, appear more like small fortresses than peaceful way depots. It was stated that 40 of the principal places in Illinois had been supplied so far, and that as fast as possible the railway officials would try to show their patriotic sentiment to the smaller communities. In every village or town having 500 or more inhabitants there will be a flag station. There are about 100 such stations on the Milwaukee, Galena and Wisconsin divisions. On lines in Iowa, Wisconsin and Minnesota the Stars and Stripes will be placed as well, and this will necessitate the purchase of flags for the 7,000 miles of road.

## ALL READY FOR THE START.

The Second Philippine Expedition Ready for the Word That Sends It Westward.

SAN FRANCISCO, June 15.—The four transport steamers which are scheduled to leave this harbor for Manila are almost ready for the signal from Maj. Gen. Greener's flagship, the China, which is under way and proceeding on the journey. The steamer Senator which lay at her dock all night taking on cargo and undergoing final preparation for the voyage, moved into the stream about noon. All morning long the vessels were being put into shipshape condition, and about noon it was announced that everything was ready for departure. The soldiers spent a fairly comfortable night on board the transports, in spite of the confusion accompanying the change from camp to ship life. It was expected that the order to get under way would be issued about two o'clock.

## The Expedition Has Sailed.

SAN FRANCISCO, June 15.—The second fleet of transports weighed anchor about six o'clock and are now on their way to Manila.

## REGULARS AND VOLUNTEERS.

A Hot Fight in the Streets of Phoenix, Va., Between United States Regulars and Maryland Volunteers.

WASHINGTON, June 15.—A special to the Post from Old Point Comfort, Va., says a hot fight occurred Tuesday night in the streets of the village of Phoebus, between Maryland volunteers and regulars from Fort Monroe. Officers from the volunteers and regulars were hastily summoned and ended the fighting after about 75 prisoners were taken and sent to the guard-house. It is said about 20 men were injured, none of them serious, during the melee.

## CUBANS ARE CO-OPERATING.

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WASHINGTON, June 15.—The navy department posted the following bulletin: Admiral Sampson reports that he has been reinforced by several hundred Cubans, and that our forces at Guantanamo are in a very satisfactory condition. The town of Acraaderos has been occupied by the troops under Gen. Rabi. The men under Gen. Garcia are co-operating with the American forces.

## THE FIFTY-FIFTH CONGRESS.

(First Regular Session.)

WASHINGTON, June 15.—After the transaction of some routine business the senate, under a special order, began the consideration of bills on the private pension calendar.

## THE GERMANS AT MANILA.

The Only Mission of German Ships is to Afford Protection to German Subjects and Property.

WASHINGTON, June 15.—The state department has been officially advised that reports that Germany would make an issue in the Philippines are unwarranted. German ships would be on hand at Manila to afford protection to German subjects and property, but Germany had not thought of intervention.

## New Revenue Law Beginning to Count.

SAN FRANCISCO, June 15.—The effects of the new war revenue measure are already becoming apparent, the receipts of the central revenue office here on Tuesday being \$26,000, or \$20,000 more than the best record of any day in the history of the office.

## Immense Recruits.

MONTEBERRY, Ala., June 15.—The first detachment of 35 members of the company of immunes to be recruited here, left for Columbus, Miss., under command of Lieut. Robert Telgus.

## A Chickamauga Grapevine Ramor Denied.

WASHINGTON, June 15.—An authoritative statement was made by the department contradicting the reports from Chickamauga that 15,000 troops have been ordered to move at once.

## A Will Contest.

SAN FRANCISCO, June 15.—Two petitions, opposing the probate of the will of Julius L. Franklin, have been filed. The estate affected is valued at about \$200,000. The allegations made are of a sensational character.

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LIBERTY, Mo., June 15.—A mob tried to batter down the doors of the Clay county jail after midnight. It is supposed that the men were after William S. Foley, convicted of the murder of his mother, but he had been shipped out of town and taken to Kansas City. The supreme court, Tuesday, reversed and remanded Foley's case for a new trial. The mob, which was composed of 25 men, left when they discovered that Foley was gone.

## IN Jail at Kansas City.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., June 15.—Wm. S. Foley, murderer, was brought here from Liberty and placed in the county jail for safe keeping.

## INTERVIEW WITH SAGASTA.

Leading Financiers Say Russia Has Taken Steps to Intervene in the Philippines.

LONDON, June 15.—A special dispatch from Madrid, published here, purports to give the substance of an interview with Sagasta, the Spanish premier, who is quoted as saying that Tuesday's rise on the bourse was due to telegrams advising leading financiers that Russia has taken steps to intervene shortly in the settlement of the Philippine question. The premier added, however, that personally he had no knowledge of such intervention.

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## Sanctiogo is Isolated.

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STARVATION IS TAPPING AT THE DOOR. Gervena's Fleet, While It Brought a Supply of Ammunition, Added Seven Hundred to the Number to be Fed—What a Map of the Harbor, Furnished by Spies, Shows.

OFF SANCTIAGO DE CUBA, Saturday, June 11, 4 p. m. PER DISPATCH BOAT WANDA, VIA KINGSTON, Jamaica, Sunday, June 13, 7 p. m.—Rear-Admiral Sampson and Commodore Schley, with their combined forces, are slowly but surely placing such a network about Sanctiogo de Cuba, and are cutting off so effectively every source of outside aid that within a short time starvation's tapping will give way to death's solid knock for admittance at the doors of the ill-fated place.

Within three days three separate sources Reina Mercedes, which was disabled, have been cut off, and Sanctiogo de Cuba is now isolated from the world and is down to famine rations.

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## SUNK BY THE STEAMER EMS.

The Schooner Gypsius Princess Sent to the Bottom and Six Lives Lost—Six Others Rescued.

NEW YORK, June 15.—The schooner Gypsius Princess, of Parramore, N. S., was sunk by a collision by the North German Lloyd steamer Ems at nine o'clock Tuesday night. The captain of the Gypsius Princess, David Merriam, his wife and their oldest boy, Edgar, the mate, a girl of 14 years and a boy of five, were drowned. Sanford Murray, the cook of the schooner, had his leg broken. Five of the crew, besides Murray, were saved by the Ems.

## WILL TAKE A MILLION.

CHICAGO, June 15.—It is announced by the officials of the National Bank of the Republic of Chicago that the bank had subscribed for \$1,000,000 worth of new government bonds.

## WICKED WORK OF ROBBERS.

William Carley and Family Murdered and Their Home Burned to Hide the Crime Near Wetumpka, Ala.

MONTEBERRY, Ala., June 15.—Near Wetumpka last night the house of Wm. Carley was burned, and with his wife and William Carley, all white. Carley had the reputation of keeping a hoard of gold, and there is little doubt that the three persons were murdered by robbers and the house set fire. Bloodhounds have been put on the track of the guilty persons.

## Master Builders' Association.

SARATOGA, N. Y., June 15.—The Master Builders' Association began its thirty-second annual session here. The convention was opened with prayer by Bishop John P. Newman, followed by an address by President S. A. Cross, of New York.

## Sentenced to Death.

BOISE, Idaho, June 15.—H. C. St. Clair was sentenced to Idaho City to be hanged on June 24 for the murder of John Deiker at Van Wyck in October last.

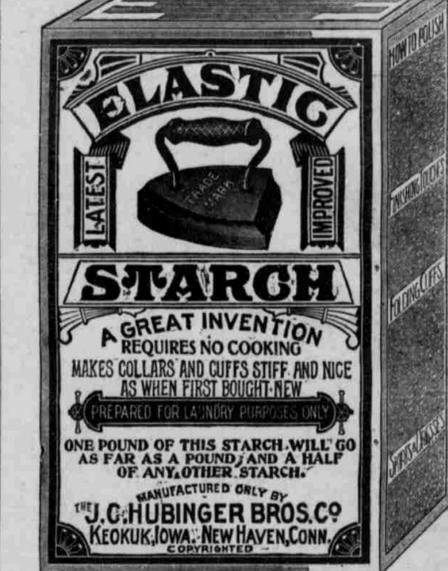
## The Situation at Manila Critical.

MADRID, June 15.—An official dispatch from Manila, dated June 6, admits the situation there is critical.

## For Congress.

ALLIANCE, O., June 15.—Robert W. Taylor was nominated for congress, Eighteenth district, by the republican convention.

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## THE JAPANESE MINISTER.

An Informal Interview With Mr. Toru Hoshi, the Representative of Japan.

## HE REGRETS THE TEN CENT TEA DUTY.

His Country Will Bear the Brunt of It, the Effects of the Law, He Says, Will Regard It as a Discrimination Against Them.

## SCORCHERS COME TO GRIEF.

One Dying and Two Others in Hospital as the Result of Scorching on the Streets of Newark, N. J.

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