

THE TELEGRAPH SUMMARY

NEWS OF THE WORLD IN BRIEF.

A Complete Review of the Events of the Past Week—in This and Foreign Lands—Taken From the Latest Dispatches.

A prominent Boer says Kruger is the only man who can end the war. The British Columbia government has withdrawn its opposition and granted a charter for the road south from Michel to connect with the Great Northern.

E. Thompson, who was nominated for United States senator by the republican caucus, failed of election by the joint session of the house and senate.

The sale of the world's champion trotter, The Abbot, 2:03 1-4, for \$40,000 to Fred Gherken has been practically completed, according to the New York Times.

It is understood on high authority that the president has decided to appoint Mr. P. C. Knox of Pittsburg to fill the vacancy in his cabinet that will be caused by the retirement of Attorney General Griggs on April 1.

The European diplomats in Washington are deeply interested in the action of the United States in sending the armed cruiser New York to Morocco to aid the American consul general in exacting an apology and obtaining a settlement of claims aggregating \$50,000.

A snowstorm approaching a blizzard in severity swept over the Missouri valley last Wednesday. Nebraska, western Iowa, South Dakota and Wyoming and Kansas felt the effects of the storm, which tied up street car traffic in many cities and delayed railroad traffic. In northwest Michigan, where the railroads had hardly recovered from last week's storm, a heavy snow fell.

The sureties of Andrew W. Smyth, formerly superintendent of the United States branch mint at New Orleans, will have to pay the government \$25,000 to replace that amount of money which Smyth alleged was burned by an electric spark in a vault at the mint during his incumbency during the early 90s. The United States court of appeals handed down its decision in the case, upholding the lower court, which held the sureties liable. Smyth is now in Ireland.

The libel actions brought against the London Star and Leader by Arthur Chamberlain, brother of Joseph Chamberlain, in connection with war office contracts, was begun today in the king's bench court, before the lord chief justice, Lord Alverstone. The plaintiffs claim damages for serious attacks on their commercial integrity, including the statement that they stooped to improper means in order to obtain contracts, against the interest of the public service. The defendants pleaded that their articles did not libel the plaintiffs and were fair comment on matter of public interest.

J. P. Minaber, S. Minaber and J. A. Neuwoudt were shot at Deaar, near Cape Town, for treason and murder, in pursuance of a sentence of court martial. The death sentence was passed a week ago in connection with the wrecking of a train near Taabach, by which five men were killed. General Kitchener confirmed the verdict. The general was paraded and the prisoners were led out at sunset. Death was instantaneous. A Dutch minister and relatives remained with the prisoners until the end. Two others concerned in the wrecking were sentenced to five years at penal servitude.

Paderewski, the pianist, while making a tour of Spain recently, received news of the death of his only son.

At Melbourne it is officially estimated that the wheat crop will yield 17,550,000 bushels, or an increase of over 2,000,000 bushels upon last year's yield.

The United States army transport Grant has sailed from Manila for San Francisco with the Twenty-ninth and Thirty-second regiments of volunteers. General Fullon and 180 of his command, armed with rifles, have surrendered to Colonel Scott of the Thirty-ninth Volunteer Infantry at Antique, Island of Panay.

At Milwaukee fire destroyed the four story piano establishment of William Roofing & Sons and wrought some destruction to adjoining property, entailing a loss of \$350,000.

As a result of the cabinet meeting recently the postmaster general will issue an order establishing the domestic rate of postage between the United States and Cuba, the order to take effect on April 1.

The first business failure has occurred in New York's Chinatown. The old grocery house of Wing Wo Hing company has filed a petition in bankruptcy, with liabilities of \$7463 and assets of \$2913.

The result of the combined movement against General Fourie, near Thabanchu, was the capture of 200 Boers, 120,000 sheep, 5,000 horses and a host of cattle. The Boers broke southward to the right and left.

Ex-President Harrison left \$40,000 in life insurance. The appraisement of the Harrison estate gives its total value at \$380,000. This includes all real estate, railroad bonds, stock in the Union Trust company, the law building at Indianapolis and other securities.

There is evidence in St. Petersburg of plots against the authorities. A correspondent asserts that sums of money are being distributed to the factory hands in St. Petersburg and vicinity to induce them to join the disaffected students. It has not been learned whence the money comes, but indications point to high sources about the court.

Lord George Hamilton, secretary for India, in the house of commons in Lon-

don, to a question from Sir Edward Sassoon, unionist, said that the gold reserve accumulated under the Indian currency act amounted March 7, to £6,957,000. There was an additional £800,000 not held under the act. It was all in India and none of it in the Bank of England.

President Mellen of the Northern Pacific says: "We lost at least \$3,000,000 revenue in consequence of last season's shortage of the grain crop in the northwest, but from the figures already at hand it is apparent that the company's new business will keep the gross earnings from falling below the previous year's record. If there is a full grain crop this year I look for an actual increase in the earnings of at least \$3,000,000."

The foreign office at London takes a pessimistic view of the situation in the east in spite of the settlement of the Tientsin question and entertains grave fears that the relations between Japan and Russia may shortly reach the danger point. Judging from information obtained in various official quarters in London, Japan has confided to at least some of the powers her determination to oppose at all costs any secret agreement between Russia and China by which the former could secure territorial advantages contiguous to Korea.

Another hurricane has swept over the New Hebrides islands with disastrous effects. New Caledonia in particular suffered from the devastating effects of a wind storm, driving several vessels ashore and playing havoc with the Nickel company's property. Trees were uprooted, plantations destroyed and houses wrecked, although there was no loss of life. At Tonga, four good sized ships were driven ashore and completely wrecked. The steamer Miowera also brings a tragic story of the obliteration of a native village near Kumusi, New Guinea.

A race for a \$50,000 purse made up of \$10,000 a corner and \$20,000 added by Thomas W. Lawson, between Charlie Herr, Cresceus and Borama, is announced by Mr. Lawson of Boston. The race will be at Readville, Mass., in the week beginning September 16, all the gate receipts to go to charity. The race is to be best three in five heats, first horse to take \$30,000, second \$20,000, and each owner to deposit \$2,500 and the remainder the night before the race; all gate receipts to be divided equally between the West End nursery and Infants' hospital and the Industrial School for Crippled and Deformed Children, both of Boston.

Wisconsin and Minnesota Storms. Minneapolis, March 25.—Thunder and lightning storms raged in Wisconsin and Minnesota. At New Richmond there was a veritable cannonading for two hours. The Omaha station at Boardman, Wis., was struck by lightning and burned. Much damage was done to telephone and telegraph wires in the two states. At Clearwater a barn was struck and nine farm animals killed. Lightning also struck barns near Stillwater and four head of cattle were killed on the farm of Joseph Josephson, near Mapleton, Minn. The storm was the severest known so far in the season.

Holdup in Seattle. Seattle, March 25.—Within 120 feet of the most brilliantly lighted corner in the business district of Seattle and in sight of a crowd of people two unmasked highwaymen held up and robbed A. A. Seagrave, proprietor of the Occidental hotel. Seagrave was walking down Cherry street from Third avenue when the robbers quietly stepped out of an alley and with a revolver made him hold up his hands. He had only a knife and a silver dollar. They took the money and gave back the knife. One of the robbers suggested giving back the dollar, but Seagrave told them to "blow it in." No arrests.

Sugar Plant for Cuba. What may be the first step in the consolidation of the various large sugar interests in the island of Cuba, or the purchase of these interests by American capitalists, has been taken. The Chappara Sugar company of Cuba, with offices in this city, has placed contracts in this country aggregating over \$2,000,000 for the equipment of the largest sugar plant ever built in Cuba. The company, of which ex-Congressman Hawley of Texas is president and in which H. H. Howelson & Co. and Theodore Havemeyer are largely interested, has acquired 66,000 acres of land in eastern Cuba.

Pig Iron Prices Raise. Birmingham, Ala., March 26.—Another advance of 25 cents per ton has been made on pig iron, making the total advance \$1.25 since November and \$1 within the past month. The sales by the local manufacturers were heavy, the purchases being for immediate consumption. A representative of one of the leading companies said today in speaking of the market: "The pig iron market is considered to be in a firmer condition than it was four weeks ago, when prices ruled \$1 per ton lower."

Boers Wrecked Supply Train. Standerton, Transvaal Colony, Friday, March 24.—Four hundred Boers under the Boer commander, Buys, have wrecked a supply train north of Vladilaagte. They carried off several wagon loads of provisions. A convoy destined to join General French's column has been attacked between Blood river and Scheepers' Nek, Transvaal colony. The British had one man killed and three wounded. The bridge at Blood river was burned.

To Command the McClellan. Chattanooga, Tenn., March 23.—Captain M. G. Zalinski, who has been in charge of the United States quartermaster's department at Chickamauga park for the past 18 months, has received orders to report at New York, where he will be given command of the transport McClellan for the Philippines.

NORTHWEST NEWS ITEMS

BRIEFLY TOLD IN NOTES.

An Interesting Collection of Items From the Four Northwest States of a Miscellaneous Nature Gathered the Past Week.

MONTANA. There are about 30,000 books in the Butte library, and additions are made monthly.

It is announced that a new telephone line will be built from Great Falls to Benton during the coming summer.

Corporal Bryan O'Hara, of Fort Harrison, has opened a recruiting station in Great Falls for the purpose of getting enlistments for the service in the Philippines.

Of the four boys who ran away from the Fort Shaw Indian school recently two were caught in Great Falls and the other two were caught at Watson, being on their way to the Fort Peck reservation.

The Missoula Driving Club and Fair association has been organized. It has been decided to hold a two day race meeting July 4 and 5, and to give a rousing Fourth of July celebration in connection with it. It is also decided to hold the western Montana fair in connection with the fall race meeting.

The greatest rush for land that ever occurred since the opening of the land office in Kalspell occurred last week when four new townships were opened up for settlement. Many people have been living upon the lands in question for several years, while many were of recent settlement. Timber is becoming valuable now and these townships contain a great amount of good timber, as well as fine agricultural lands.

The supreme court has granted a writ of supervisory control, dismissing Thomas McLaughlin as receiver of the Nipper mine at Butte, which is in controversy between F. A. Heinze and the Anaconda company, thus reversing the order of Judge Clancy without waiting to hear from him. The Nipper is owned jointly by the two parties to the suit and the receiver was appointed at the instance of Heinze. The court thus exercises for the first time the power granted by the constitution, which it has always held in reserve.

Governor Toole has disposed of another muddle made by the legislature on the last day of the session by vetoing the apportionment bill. The muddle was due to the creation of new counties out of the former county of Deer Lodge. The northern part of that county was first made into Powell county, then the name of the southern half was changed to Daly in honor of the late Marcus Daly, and the name of Powell was changed again to Deer Lodge. The apportionment bill was drafted before the last change was made and in the rush of finishing legislation and electing a senator on the last day of the session, the legislature forgot to make the necessary amendments. The result was the bill gave Powell county representation under both that name and the name of Deer Lodge, while Daly county, with 20,000 people, including Anaconda, was left out altogether.

WASHINGTON. The total registration of Spokane is 3,750.

Wenatchee will soon have electric lights.

Miss Laura Morgan of Colfax is still missing.

A great deal of land is being taken up in the vicinity of Wenatchee.

A voluntary fire department was formed in Wenatchee last week.

W. A. Ritchie, the Spokane architect, may superintend work on the capital building.

Washington will have no fire marshal because no salary is specified in the bill recently passed.

Some irrigation districts of Yakima valley will suffer from the shortage of water this season.

The Yakima Creamery & Produce company has been organized to do business at Yakima City.

The Wenatchee chamber of commerce is talking of an excursion to Everett in the near future.

Ellensburg is being greatly improved this spring by the many trees which are being planted by the property owners.

Some person wrecked the plant of the Republic Pioneer last week by burning the type and using a crowbar to the presses.

S. A. Anderson, wiper at the roundhouse at Leavenworth, was recently struck by an engine and received fatal injuries.

At Seattle last week S. Christianson, a grocer, was held up by two masked robbers, beat over the head and relieved of \$60.

The Yakima milling company has closed operations for a week to put in new machinery and increase the capacity of the mill.

There are three new cases of smallpox in the family of George Neal, a farmer living on Union flat, eight miles south of Colfax.

Lieutenant Colonel Will Luhn of the 35th volunteers received a warm welcome home from Manila at Spokane last week by relatives, comrades and citizens.

C. H. Sinclair, a government expert, will leave Seattle within a short time to remark the international boundary in the Mount Baker district. Captain J. F. Pratt of the United States coast and geodetic survey states that the boundary is not to be changed, but is simply to be remarked.

Andrew Merchant, a pioneer of the northwest and a brother of Robert Merchant, a Seattle commission merchant, died recently at the family residence in Seattle from heart failure, aged 61 years. Andrew Merchant settled in Or-

egon a few miles south of Portland in 1847, he being one of the pioneers of that state.

The body of Thomas Doherty, who was drowned in the Snake river at the Trade Dollar dam and power plant on February 14 last, has been recovered. Doherty was an engineer from Joliet, Ill. The remains will be shipped to that place.

It begins to look now as though the Long Tom reservoir project at Mountain Home was going to be put through. The Chicago people who have since last fall been examining into the project, have decided to take it up and it is believed they have ample funds to carry it to a successful completion.

The membership of the Northwestern Sportsmen's association embraces clubs and individual shooters of the states of Montana, Idaho, Oregon, Washington and the province of British Columbia. The tournament scheduled to take place at Walla Walla in June is the seventeenth annual event of the association. Trophies valued at \$2500 and cash premiums of \$1000 are offered for the best slub and individual scores.

IDAHO. Colonel J. W. Jones of Blackfoot has been appointed regent of the state university, vice L. C. Rice, declined.

Buildings have been erected and machinery is on the road for a cooperative creamery to be established at Mohler.

The governor has signed the bill authorizing the issue of \$1,170,000 of bonds to settle up all outstanding deficiencies. Spring plowing is progressing rapidly on American, Bear and Texas ridges. Some of the farmers have commenced seeding.

R. Jackson has deeded to Mr. Dahlke, the creamery promoter, a valuable corner lot on Railroad avenue as a creamery site at Genesee.

Raymond & Co., proprietors of the cold storage warehouse in Genesee, are contemplating the erection of a cold storage plant of large capacity in Kendrick.

A meeting of farmers was held at Cameron recently for the purpose of discussing the erection of a cooperative creamery. The idea met with considerable favor. No action was taken, as those present had no data from which an estimate of the expense of construction could be made.

Word has been received from the chief of police at Portland that Henry N. Stanton and his wife, Bessie Stanton, both wanted in Kootenai county for felony, were under arrest in Portland. An officer has gone after them, both having signified their willingness to return to Idaho without requisition papers.

Extraordinary features connected with the arrest of H. A. Clayton, colored editor of a weekly paper (republican), on a charge of criminal libel, preferred by Chief of Police Meredith, has caused intense excitement. The ministers took up the matter and Chief Meredith was called a brute.

One of the most important bills passed by the last legislature was introduced by Representative Gunderson of Mason county, providing for the selection of text books by counties instead of by the state board of education, as heretofore. This was the last bill remaining in the hands of the governor, and he has vetoed it.

Governor Hunt has signed the bill creating the county of Clearwater out of the southern portion of Shoshone county and parts of Idaho and Nez Perce counties. He will visit the new county before naming the officers. The governor vetoed the bill creating a new judicial district, the Sixth, comprising Blaine, Custer and Lemhi counties.

The report is brought to Grangeville of the assault and robbery of Clyde White at his camp upon the ridge above White Bud, 12 miles south. He was camped with Frank Smith, and about evening they were attending to their horses when they were assaulted by three men, who clubbed White, knocking him senseless. Smith retreated to camp to secure some weapons. When he returned White was still lying where he had been left. His money was gone. The assailants could not be recognized in the darkness and there is no clue.

OREGON. The Grant county court, at its recent session, authorized \$404 in scalp bounty warrants.

At Underwood's Landing, in Skamania county, Washington, E. Benjamin, a logger at Hood River, just across the river, was shot and instantly killed by an unknown man.

The 2 year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Campbell was drowned in the mill race of Miller Brothers' mill at Milton recently. The body was recovered 20 minutes later.

The jury in the right of way condemnation case against H. G. Yoakum and others for a line through their farm at Yoakum station returned a verdict for \$3,500. The defendants demanded \$10,000.

Fife & Conlan, the Spokane contractors who were last year awarded the contract to build the \$100,000 water system at Baker City, will this week resume work on the uncompleted system.

As a freight train on the O. R. & N. main line was rushing along between Umattilla and Walluta Engineer George McElroy saw a man lying on the track with his head across the rail and feet across the other. The man looked up when he saw the approaching train, yet made no effort to escape from danger, calmly remaining between the rails and allowing the train to pass over him. As the train had just emerged from a deep cut and was rounding a curve, McElroy was unable to stop the two big engines and 40 freight cars, although he whistled continually. The man's head was cut off and the body mangled, making it impossible to identify him. Nor were there any papers found enabling the trainmen to ascertain his name.

SPAIN TO THE UNITED STATES

SELLS ISLANDS FOR \$100,000.

Comprising Islands of Cagayan, Sulu and Sibutu—Last of Spain's Possessions in South Seas—Duke of Arcos Receives Warrant.

Washington, March 25.—The Spanish minister, the duke of Arcos, has received from Secretary Hay a treasury warrant for \$100,000 and the United States received the final cession of "any and all islands of the Philippine archipelago lying outside of the line described in article 3 of the treaty of peace between Spain and the United States of December 19, 1898."

At the same time a protocol was signed by Mr. Hay and the duke, exchanging ratifications of the treaty of cession. The specific purpose of the transaction is said to add the islands of Cagayan, Sulu and Sibutu to the possessions of the United States.

The ceremony attending the exchange of ratifications and the payment of the \$100,000 warrant was an interesting one. The duke of Arcos arrived at the state department by appointment at 10 o'clock. He had with him the Spanish version of the treaty, handsomely engrossed and bearing the signature of the queen regent of Spain and the Spanish royal seal. Mr. Hay joined the minister in the diplomatic room. The officials long in charge in the execution of treaties and ratifications were called in. The American text of the treaty, bearing the signature of President McKinley, already to the WW WWWW been prepared. The queen regent's ratification was handed to Mr. Hay and he in turn presented to the duke of Arcos the ratification executed by President McKinley.

The treaties in each case were handsomely bound, that of Spain being in red, with the royal arms in gold, while America's was bound in dark blue, bearing the national coat of arms.

A brief protocol was then signed. It recites the formalities of ratification of the treaty, signed at Washington, November 7, 1900, providing for the cession of any and all islands of the Philippine archipelago, etc. The treasury warrant for \$100,000 had been prepared in advance and was handed to the duke by the secretary. There was an exchange of felicitations over the close of the transaction and the duke of Arcos departed with his \$100,000 warrant and the ratified treaty.

Russian Denies Charge. St. Petersburg, March 24.—It is understood and generally believed in diplomatic circles that the Russo-Chinese agreement now being considered differs considerably from the original draft, though the precise differences are not obtainable. Russian statesmen reiterate emphatically that Russia does not intend to assume a protectorate over Manchuria.

Time Is Growing Short. Washington, March 24.—The question of Chinese indemnities has given way for the moment to the more pressing issue over the consummation of the Russo-China agreement, relating to Manchuria. The latter subject has reached a decisive stage, as only three days remain in which China can confirm or reject the agreement.

Up to the present time, neither the state department nor the Chinese minister has received any report that China has rejected the treaty.

There naturally is much anxiety in official and diplomatic circles as to the outcome, the active part taken by the various powers and the threatening attitude of Japan giving unusual importance to the conclusions to be reached within the next few days. The Chinese minister today had a conference with Secretary Hay, the Manchurian question being the chief question of discussion. The minister brought no definite information, however, as to what has been done on the agreement.

So far as the United States is concerned, it seems likely that the last word has been spoken, and there is not expected to be any decisive move or protest beyond what already has been given. At the same time it is appreciated that the United States has large commercial interests in Manchuria which can not be affected if China's authority there is practically transferred to Russia.

Russian Flag Left Flying. London, March 25.—The Sunday Special's Tientsin correspondent says: "A new and unfortunate hitch has occurred in the Anglo-Russian siding dispute. After both parties had withdrawn according to agreement the Russians suddenly returned to the spot and planted flags over all the territory. They afterward again retired, leaving the flags flying."

Von Waldersee Mediator. London, March 25.—The Berlin correspondent of the Sunday Special says: "The settlement of the siding dispute was the work of Count von Waldersee, who interfered at the special request of Emperor William, the latter considering that the maintenance of friendly relations between all the members of the international force was clearly within the scope of Count von Waldersee's duties as commander in chief."

New Oil Well Found in Peru. Lima, Peru, via Galveston, Tex., March 25.—It is rumored on reliable authority that the Talamo Petroleum company has lately discovered a new well which is a splendid producer. This discovery, it is said, will lead to the export of oil to Central America and Australia.

Sold Out to the Tin Trust. Astoria, Ore., March 24.—The local tin can factory, owned by the Pacific Sheet Metal works, has been transferred to the American Tin Can company, the recently formed trust to control the tin can industry.

Burn a Schoolhouse.

Dayton, Wash., March 24.—Gladys Cunningham, Pearl Evans and Lizzie Bosque, aged 14, 16 and 15, respectively, have had a preliminary trial charged with setting fire to the public school building. Lizzie Bosque admitted the crime, Pearl Evans admitted being present, but Gladys Cunningham denying any knowledge of the affair. The Bosque girl's attorney asked the court to bind her over and will appeal to the superior court to commit her to the reform school. The attorney for the other girls brought many witnesses to show that the Cunningham girl had nothing to do with the case, and the case against her was dismissed. The other two were bound over in bonds of \$200 each. J. H. Gough caused the arrests and will secure the county reward of \$250.

From the evidence introduced it appears the girls thought they were doing the town a service in firing the school. The building had frequently been condemned by citizens and hopes of a new school were freely expressed if the building should burn. It is supposed the girls acted on this suggestion.

Strike at Marseilles.

Marseilles, March 25.—The strike situation has taken a more favorable turn. At a recent meeting in the town hall convoked by the mayor of Marseilles to consider the situation, which was attended by the deputies, general councillors and municipal councillors, a dispatch was received from M. Waldeck-Rousseau, the French premier, announcing the masters had agreed to arbitration respecting such points of dispute as were open to negotiation. Two representatives of the strikers were present at the meeting and accepted the proposed arbitration, provided it was approved by the general assembly of the strikers. The councillors then called on the prefect and begged him to withdraw or conceal the troops in the city. In view of the negotiations the prefect consented to conceal the troops, the councillors promising to influence the strikers to cease further disorders. The striking dock laborers have informed the mayor that the arbitration proposals have been accepted and the assembly of engineers has authorized Mayor Flisseries to act as intermediary between them and their employees.

Severe Storm in Florida.

Pensacola, Fla., March 24.—Great damage was done by a severe southwest tornado, the winds raging from 48 to 54 miles an hour. The Russian bark Letitia was driven against the west side of Comandancia wharf with such violence that all three masts of the bark snapped off, leaving her rigging in a mangled mass. Every vessel in the bay dragged anchor and the Norwegian Toly was being fast driven ashore when she put on steam and pulled out into the stream again. The schooner Irene and two lighters loaded with lumber were driven ashore at the city front. A small schooner capsized, several lighters loaded with lumber sank and the beach is strewn with the wreckage of small boats and drift timber. There was an unusually high sea, the water being nearly level with the wharves and all morning vessels were tugging, tossing and pulling at their anchors amid the tangled mass of wreckage. There was no damage of consequence ashore and so far as known there was no loss of life.

Reduce Army of Philippines.

New York, March 25.—A special from Washington says: "Advice from the Philippines are so encouraging for peace that the war department is considering the advisability of reducing the garrisons in the archipelago. The reorganized army will be recruited to the full strength of 100,000 men, but it is believed that future requirements will not compel the administration to maintain this maximum. About 30,000 regulars will be entitled to their discharges in the current year. It is proposed to let these soldiers return to their homes and to not fill their places. Thus the army can be reduced to 70,000 men in a perfectly natural way without interfering with its discipline or effectiveness."

Will Investigate.

Kansas City, March 24.—Through J. T. Marchands, its special agent, the interstate commerce commission is said to have come into possession of absolute proof that rebates have been made regularly by local railroads on eastbound shipments of packing house products from Kansas City, and criminal proceedings for violation of the interstate commerce act may result. The investigation held in this city on Thursday last, when several local freight agents were examined by the commission, will it is said, be resumed in Chicago shortly, and the railroad officials who evaded the inquiry will be summoned to appear. It is alleged that the commission intends to prosecute for perjury some of the agents who testified at the Kansas City hearing.

Bold Robbers.

Wichita, Kan., March 23.—The safe in the combination bank and drugstore of Holt & Co. of Geuda Springs, 50 miles south of here, was blown open early this morning and robbed of its cash contents. The amount is not known, but some people place it at the apparently exaggerated sum of \$7000. The robbers got away without leaving any clue.

Aid Society Celebrates.

New York, March 24.—The 25th anniversary of the Legal Aid society was celebrated by a banquet at the Waldorf, Saturday night. Among the guests of honor were Vice President Roosevelt, Charles F. Fairchild, Lyman Abbott, St. Clair McElwray and Admiral Higgins.

Troops Leave.

Osburn, Idaho, March 24.—When Company M of the Seventh infantry left here they were under orders for Manila, the expectation being that they would sail from San Francisco soon. The entire company went except 11 men who were not in physical condition to stand a campaign in the Philippines.

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