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CANAL AND LOCKS. SUGAR GOES UP. Only Feasible Project for The Dalles, Says Burton.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 7.—Chairman Burton, when asked today if he favored the repeal of the boat railway project for the Dalles of the Columbia, said that he did, most emphatically.

Children to Rebuild Missions. NEW YORK, Jan. 7.—Children in the Sunday schools of the Congregational Churches in the United States have been asked to contribute a fund of \$50,000 for the rehabilitation of the recently destroyed Chinese missions.

Belgian Queen's Condition. PARIS, Jan. 7.—The Petit Journal publishes the following dispatch from Brussels: "Despite official denials, Queen Marie-Henrietta is in an extremely critical condition."

REPLY TO HARRISON

Solicitor-General's Brief in Porto Rico Cases.

UNITED STATES NOT A DESPOT Limitations of Constitution Plainly Stated—Validity of Duties Assessed and Collected on the Several Importations.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 7.—Solicitor-General Richards, in behalf of the Government, today filed in the United States Supreme Court a brief in the case brought by Elias B. Delma, Caleb B. Downs, Henry W. Dooley, Ricardo Armijo and George W. Crossman against George Bidwell, Collector of the port of New York, involving questions of taxation relations between the United States and our insular possessions.

The Delma case concerns duties collected on sugars imported into New York from Porto Rico after ratification of the Paris peace treaty and before passage of the Porto Rico act. The Downs case concerns duties on oranges brought from Porto Rico into New York after the passage of the Porto Rican act; the Dooley case and the Crossman case, duties on goods imported from Porto Rico during military occupation and partly before and partly after the ratification of the treaty, and also after the passage of the Porto Rican tariff act, and the Crossman case, duties on oranges imported from Porto Rico into New York after the passage of the resolution annexing the Hawaiian Islands and the passage of the act providing for their government.

Because some limitations apply it does not follow that all apply. Those which do apply everywhere, both within and without the United States in its broadest sense, it says, are those securing the blessings of justice and liberty to all the people. Tyranny and oppression cannot constitutionally exist within the sovereignty of a republic, whose founders declared that all men are entitled to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.

Summary of Important News. Federal Government. Solicitor-General Richards filed his brief in the Porto Rico cases. Page 1. The Congressional hearing committee took the testimony of the witnesses. Page 2. The Morans are awarded a contract for a battleship. Page 3.

Colombia and Venezuela May Fight. KINGSTON, Jan. 7.—Letters received here from Panama and other sources indicate that Colombia and Venezuela are much strained in consequence of the latter's conviction with and the assistance being given to the revolutionists in the former.

Has Not Obtained Justice. CURACAO, (via Haytian Cable), Jan. 7.—The United States Minister at Caracas, Venezuela, Mr. Loomis, according to the latest advices received here, has not yet succeeded in obtaining justice for the New York & Bermudas Asphalt Company in its dispute with the local authorities.

A TRADE CONFLICT

Certain to Result in the Supremacy of America.

LODGE PICTURES THE FUTURE

WASHINGTON, Jan. 7.—A notable speech delivered in the Senate today by Lodge, addressing the Senate on an amendment to the Army bill striking out the provision for a veterinary corps, he discussed briefly, and principally in

short time, comparatively, there would be greater peace and order in the islands than they had ever known. After some sharp sparring, Bacon put this question to Lodge: "From your knowledge as chairman of the Philippine committee of the conditions in the islands, will the army of 15,000 be needed there for a short time or for an indefinite time?"

WASHINGTON, Jan. 7.—The funeral of the late Philip D. Armour will be held at 1 o'clock Wednesday afternoon at the home, 2115 Prairie avenue. The body will lie in state at the Armour home from 9 o'clock in the morning until noon of the following day.

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ORPHAN HOME FIRE

Terrible Holocaust at Rochester, N. Y.

VICTIMS ARE MOSTLY CHILDREN

Twenty-seven Persons Perished and Twenty-five Were Injured, Some of Them Fatally—Blaze Started in the Hospital Section.

ROCHESTER, N. Y., Jan. 8.—This morning at 1 o'clock a fire broke out in some mysterious manner in the hospital section of the Rochester Orphan Asylum, in Hubbell Park, and at this hour (3:30 A. M.) 27 persons are known to have perished and 25 were injured, some doubtless fatally.

The flames were discovered by two young men, W. Clark and F. Young, who happened to be passing the building on Exchange street. Clark ran to the nearest fire alarm box and sent in an alarm, after which both turned their attention toward arousing the nurses, attendants and children.

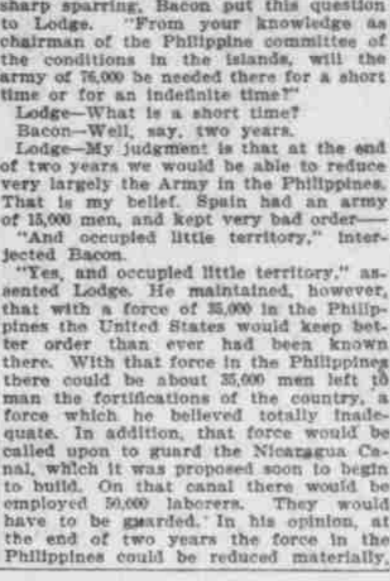
in a few moments the entire half of the building in which the hospital was situated was a mass of flames. The smoke poured out of every window, and screams and frantic cries could be heard from the panic-stricken children. Long ladders were thrown up, and firemen plunged into the stifling smoke and bore out scores of inanimate forms in their arms. All the rescued were unconscious, many were dead.

Four of the hospital were only two small children and two women attendants. All are believed to have perished. A telephone message was sent to all the hospitals for the entire department, and the fire was fought from every available point, but the buildings were doomed.

At St. Mary's Hospital eight are dead, the identity of none being known. There are five dead at the Homeopathic Hospital, the majority of whom were children. Several died in houses near the fire. The total number of fatalities known is 27.

Lillie Stone, aged 8 years, is fearfully burned about the legs and body, and will die, Miss Beahm, the nurse of the hospital ward of the asylum, will probably die. Kate Cottrell and Blanche Atheson, the dying children, were also severely injured.

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MRS. RICHARDSON ACCUSED.

Coroner's Jury Says She Killed Her Husband or Knows Who Did.

SAVANNAH, Mo., Jan. 7.—The Coroner's jury, in the case of Frank L. Richardson, the merchant who was murdered in the doorway of his residence Christmas eve, returned a verdict at 4 o'clock this afternoon, charging that Richardson came to his death from a pistol shot fired by his wife or by some person known to her and unknown to the jury.

After waiting almost two weeks, the jury heard the testimony of Mrs. Richardson at her residence today. The widow lay in bed and answered the questions of Prosecuting Attorney Hoopes and the jurors impatiently. Once she exclaimed: "When will you leave me alone?" Mrs. Richardson was represented by two prominent local lawyers, and was surrounded by her own and her husband's relatives during the talking of her testimony. She denied that she knew anything about the murder other than that has been told by other witnesses, and denied that she had had any improper relations with the men whose names have been brought into the case.

Stead's Gift Refused. LONDON, Jan. 7.—The Board of Poor Law Guardians, at Woolly by two prominent patriotic grounds, to accept a gift of pictures and books from William T. Stead for the workhouse, forwarded through Lady Somerset.

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