

**Republicans** See Chance for America to Become Involved Over Philippines.

BATTLE ZONE TOO CLOSE

Minority House Report Says Topic of Independence Too Dangerous at Crisis, as Japan, Angered, May Take German Samoans.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 31 .- "The nations involved in the Far Eastern etruggle have many interests and ter-ritorial possessions in close proximity to the Philippines, and to discuss the disposition of the Philippines at this time would be impolite and extremely unwise," declared a minority report of the House insular affairs committee today on the pending Philippine inde-pendence bill. struggle have many interests and ter-

The report, signed by the Republicans of the committee, declares Japan might seize all of Germany's Pacific posses-sions.

### Islands Held Part of Japan.

"A distinguished Japanese," said the report, "once observed that the Phil-ippine Archipelago is but a continua-tion of their own. Territorially we are in clozest relations with Japan, one of the nations now at war.

one of the nations now at war. "Still closer are our territorial rela-tions with Germany. The Samoan Is-lands in the Southern Pacific are di-vided between Great Britain, Germany and the United States. "Hawali, with 131,000 total popula-tion, has 80,000 Japanese and only about 10,000 Americans. This group of islands in the center of the Pacific Ocean probably is the most desireable strategic point in the world. Germany May Lose Samoans.

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## Independence Idea Weakens.

The report was signed by Repre-sentatives Towner, Iowa: Miller, Min-nesota: Foss, Ohio; Young, North, Da-kota: Peters, Maine, and Frear, of Wis-consid, who advocated immediate legis-lation to meet commercial emergency needs in the Philippines. The report declares that the minority do not ob-ject to the conservative features of the Jones bill, which provides for recog-nition of Philippine independence when the Filipines are able to set up a sta-pite government, but adds: "It is significant that the bill is so much less radical than the Philippine and so much further from a declara-tion of independence and gives the Filipines so much less extension of autonomous government.

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collapsed amid puffs of brown smoke The sky was smeared in a dozen places with the smoke of burning dwellings. Uhlans Burst Forth. Suddenly a soldier crouching beside ne cried. "Les Allemands." From a screen of woods along the embank-nent burst a long line of gray figures

screen of woods along the emaan-ment burst a long line of gray figures hoarsely cheering. At the same moment I heard a splutter of shots in the vil-lage below me and my chauffeur screamed, "Hurry for your life, Mon-sieur, the Uhlans are upon us." I think I broke the world's record for speed in getting to my car. As we shot down the road which leads to Antwerp, at 50 miles an hour, the Uh-lans cantered into the village, the sun striking on their lance Ups. The railway embankment from which I viewed the battle was fairly car-peted with corpses of German infantry-men killed the day before. I saw peas-ants throw them into one grave. The retreat from Malines was a never-to-be-forgotten sight. For 20 miles every road was jammed with clattering cavalry, plodding infantry and rumbing guns, their caissons cov-ered with green boughs to mask their

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position. Gendarmes with giant bear skins, chasseurs in green coats, carbineers in leather hats, machine guns drawn by dogs, ambulances with red cross flags, and cars, cars, cars—all the dear old familiar makes among them—contrib-uted to form a mighty human river flowing Antwerpward.

## Flight Becomes General.

Malines has a population of 50,000 and 45,000 fied when they heard the Germans were returning. Sights along the road were pathetic beyond descrip-tion. Children and aged, rich and poor, lame and blind, with their few poor belongings on their backs or piled in pushcarts, clogged roads and impeded the soldery.

pushcarts, clogged roads and impeded the soldiery. These people were abandoning all they held dear to pillage and destruc-tion. They were completely terrorized by the Germans. But the Belgian army is not terrorized. It is a retreating army, but it is victorious in retreat. The army is cool confident courage.

army, but it is victorious in retreat. The army is cool, confident, courage-ous, and if the German giant leaves himself unguarded a single instant little Belgium will drive home a solar plexus blow.

PROCEDURE DEEMED LEGAL

Seizure Proper Within Three-Mile

Limit, Is Washington Opinion.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 31.—State De-partment officials did not regard as unusual the reported removal of German and Austrian reserv-lats from American ships off Hong-kong, provided the incident occurred within the three-mile limit of the Brittsh port. Inasmuch as Hongkong rived.

INDIGNANT PROTEST SAYS GER MANS TRY TO DECEIVE.

international Investigation Demand

## of Minister Who Lays Charges at Door of Kaiser.

Indignant protestations against the allegations of Germany that Belglans had been using unfair methods of war-fare have been filed with the Belgian Legation at Washington, together with an assertion that Belgium will demand an international investigation of re-ported cruelties of Germans in Belgian

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BRITISH OFFICIALS URGE PROMP

FORMATION OF WAR TRIBUNAL,

Sittings Desired to Expedite Decision

As to Rights of Neutrals in

Captures at Sea.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 31 .- British



the bill is forced into partisan politics. Emergency Laws Needed. "The minority would be glad to con-sider at any time any bill for the ben-effi of the Filipino people and to ex-tiend to them from time tô time a larger measure of self-government. "It is unwise to consider at this time a complete change in the govern-ment of the Philippines. There is a great need just now of emergency leg-isiation to which there would be lit-the finit of indebtedness from \$5,000,-the finit of indebtedness from \$5,000,-the state could be reported out at once and pass without opposition. As to the other branch of Congress the Sentiel, an emergency measure will receive immediate consideration. bur this, hill will not even be con-bur this hill will not even be con-bur this hill will not even be con-As to the other branch of Congress (the Senate), an emergency measure will receive immediate consideration. but this bill will not even be con-sidered in committee there during the present session, or possibly not at all in the Senate at the short session." Representative Towner introduced a bill today increasing the limit of in-debtedness of the Philippine govern-ment to \$15,000,000 at any one time. PRIZE

100,000 CLASH IN FIGHT

(Continued From First Page.) The battle began at dawn with an ar tillery duel across the embankment. By noon the cannonade was terrific. The Germans got the range and a rain of Germans got the range and a rain of shrapnel burst about the Belgian bat-teries, which limbered up and retired at a trot in perfect order. I could see dark blue masses of Bel-gian infantry falling back, cool as on a Winter's morning. Through a mistake

of a picket fence. During the height of the battle a Zeppelin slowly circled over the field like a great vulture awaiting a feast. By 4 o'clock all the Belgian troops were withdrawn except a thin screen to cover the retreat. I was anxious to with ness the German advance and remained on the railway embankment on the out-skirts of Sempat after all the Belgians had withdrawn except a picket of 16 men. 1 had my car waiting with the motor running.

otor running. The German's prefaced their advance ith a terrible fire. The air was filled ith whining shrapnel: farmhouses ing trains.

CHICAGO, Aug. 31.-Operations of the financiers who organized the Amer-ican Can Company were told here today by witnesses scalled by the Gov-ernment in the so-called "can trust"

case. J. L. Beard, of Chicago, at one time a millionaire, said he was sole owner of Crosby & Co. when, in 1843, he gave an option on his business to the Amer-lean Can Company, which was then being organized, for \$300,000. Three years later he agreed to accept \$1,100,-000 of common and preferred stock in the company for his business. Beard told of a visit to New York when he received a check from the directors of the new company at a

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and Brings \$150,000

Beard told of a visit to New Tork when he received a check from the directors of the new company at a meeting. Just after lunch the director asked him to return the check, he said, and after three years' delay he received \$150,000 in the stock of the company. The reason given for the should have started with the education of the laborer instead of the employer. The said. We have tried for years to induce the worker to better his saintary condition, but generally he refuses to do so.
AFFAIRS CALL MR. BAKER Newly Elected Member of Rose Festival Board May Resign.
George L, Baker, one of the newly-elected members of the Portland Rose

Both Mr. Andreani and A. L. Wilde,

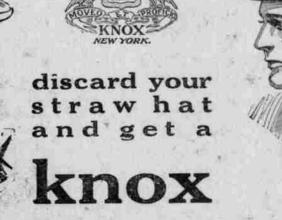
elected members of the Portland Rose Festival Board, probably will resign

makes it possible to signal m

VANCOUVER, Wash. Aug. 31.—(Special).—Robert R. Miller, of the Quartermaster's Corps of the Twenty-first Infantry, held for the killing of Private Ernest S. White, of E Company, in a saloon Saturday night by striking him on the chin with an open hand, was exonerated from all blame by a Corponer's jury today in the police station. Several eyewitnesses agreed that White picked the quartel and struck the first blow. Miller swung his right hand, catching White on the left jaw. He was picked up by soldlers and Dr. R. H. Hagood was called.
White died without gaining company. In a soloner's large the and the progressive last.
B. H. Hagood was called.
White died without gaining composition the leaves a young wife and baby.



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