

# LAWS FOR ISLANDS MIGHT MEAN WAR

## 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 war struggle have many interests and territorial possessions in close proximity to the Philippines, and to discuss the disposition of the Philippines at this time would be impolitic and extremely unwise," declared a minority report of the House insular affairs committee today on the pending Philippine independence bill.

### ISLANDS HELD PART OF JAPAN.

"A distinguished Japanese," said the report, "once observed that the Philippine Archipelago is but a continuation of the Pacific. Territorially we are in closest relations with Japan, one of the nations now at war.

### INDEPENDENCE IDEA WEAKENS.

The report was signed by Representatives Tower, Iowa; Miller, Minnesota; Foss, Ohio; Young, North Dakota; Peters, Maine, and Frear, of Wisconsin, who advocated immediate legislation to meet commercial emergency needs in the Philippines. The report declares that the minority do not object to the conservative features of the Jones bill, which provides for recognition of Philippine independence when the Filipinos are able to set up a stable government, but adds that the bill is so much less radical than the Philippine independence bill of two years ago, and so much further from a declaration of independence and gives the Filipinos so much less extension of autonomous government.

### PRIZE COURT WANTED

#### BRITISH OFFICIALS URGE PROMPT FORMATION OF WAR TRIBUNAL.

Sittings Desired to Expedite Decisions As to Rights of Neutrals in Captures at Sea.

### 100,000 CLASH IN FIGHT

The battle began at dawn with an artillery duel across the embankment. By noon the cannonade was terrific. The Germans got the range and a rain of shrapnel burst about the Belgian batteries, which limbered up and retired at a trot in perfect order.

### MINERS THREATEN TO SET BUTTE AFIRE

#### "Troops Will Find Ashes, for We Have Dynamite and Oil," Says Leader.

### 50 ARMED GUARDS READY

#### Newspapers Purposely Withhold Announcement of Soldiers' Coming, but Helena Editor Gives Out News—Meeting Called.

BUTTE, Mont., Aug. 31.—Miners openly threatened tonight to lay the town in ashes if either state or Federal troops attempted to enter Butte. One of the leaders of the miners declared that they do not intend to fight, but would wreak vengeance upon the business men for having been instrumental in bringing soldiers to Butte.

### PROCEDURE DEEMED LEGAL

#### Seizure Proper Within Three-Mile Limit, Is Washington Opinion.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 31.—State Department officials did not regard as unusual the reported removal of German and Austrian reservists from American ships of Hongkong, provided the incident occurred within the three-mile limit of the British port. Inasmuch as Hongkong is under British jurisdiction, her warships could arrest the nationals of any belligerent within territorial waters.

### BELGIANS DENY CRUELTY

#### Indignant Protest Says Germans Try to Deceive.

Indignant protestations against the allegations of Germany that Belgians have been using unfair methods of warfare have been filed with the Belgian Legation at Washington, together with an assertion that Belgium will demand an international investigation of reported cruelties of Germans in Belgian territory, according to word received by C. Henri Labbe, Belgian Vice-Consul in Portland.

### "CAN TRUST" ACTS TOLD

#### OWNER OF ABSORBED PLANT IS WITNESS AT CHICAGO.

CHICAGO, Aug. 31.—Operations of the financiers who organized the American Can Company were told here today by witnesses called by the Government in the so-called "can trust" case.

### 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 Festival Board, probably will resign from his position on account of business affairs and his resignation probably will be presented tonight at a meeting of the board at the Commercial Club to organize for the coming year's work.

### JURY EXONERATES SOLDIER

#### R. R. Miller Not Blamed for Death of Ernest White in Vancouver.

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 Coroner's jury today in the police station.

### DOMINICAN LEADER REBELS.

#### Washington, Aug. 31.—Desiderio Arias, leader of a powerful Dominican rebel faction, does not approve of the provisional presidency of Professor Don Ramon Baez, according to a report received today at the State Department.

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### SANITATION IS OPPOSED

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### BERMUDA GETS CANADIANS

#### British Regulars Ordered to Front Replaced by Volunteers.

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### NEVADA PRIMARIES ARE ON

#### Three Candidates Get No Opposition for Party Nominations.

RENO, Nev., Aug. 31.—Nevada voters will select party nominees tomorrow for the general election in November. Approximately 18,000 voters registered for the primary election. The Democratic registration exceeds the Republican by 1,000. The Socialist registration is third and the Progressive last.

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