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EVENTS OF THE DAY

Epitome of the Telegraphic News of the World.

An Interesting Collection of Items From the Two Hemispheres Presented in a Condensed Form.

The Columbia river fish cannery combine will close half of the canneries the coming season.

The Cunard steamer Pavonia, which satled from Queenstown for Boston, January 26, and which was sighted on February 5, in a disabled condition, has arrived in tow at the Azores.

M. Loubet was elected president of France on the 21st. The assembly cast 819 votes, of which Loubet received 483 to 279 cast for M. Meline, and 50 scattering.

A battle has occurred at Talien-Wan between Russian soldiers and Chinese, in which 300 of the latter were slain. The trouble is said to have originated over the question of taxes.

Grading has begun on the Snake River Valley railroad, between Union flat and the head of the south fork of the Penewawa creek. A large force of sonal acquaintance throughout the event of attack.

Bawo & Dotter, is dead in Germany, right preparations were made last night filipinos en masse will second to give them a warm reception in the event of attack. men and teams is working on the big United States was very large. cut between those two points.

A dispatch from Cape Charles, Va., says 50 oyster sloops and schooners have been carried out to sea by drifting ice from Magothys bay. It is be-lieved many are manned, and the crews may suffer from exposure and hunger. Tugs will be sent to overhaul the ves-

The graves of the Maine victims at hands. Havana were decorated with flowers on the 15th, the anniversary of the ex-

A British syndicate has obtained a concession from China to build a rail- order mustering out of service all the road from Hankan to Canton, along volunteers now in the United States.

Col. Miller, who captured Ilo Ilo without the loss of a man in his command, has been promoted to be briga-dier-general by the president.

The Cunard liner Etroria and the cruiser Marblehead narrowly averted a collision during a blinding sleet and snow storm about 70 miles off Sandy

Hook Monday morning. Representative Stallings, of Alabams, has introduced in the house a treal. Agoncillo expects to sail for ducting the movements in front of General King's line at San Pedro Mabill to authorize the president to ap-point General Wheeler a major-general in the regular army.

land. Coasting vessels have been wrecked, and several hundred acres of bananas swept

Nuvel orus ton are clated or sults secured with the new smokeless navy powder for large caliber guns in a test at the Indian Head proving grounds on the Potomac.

Ex-Consul Duckert, of Beligum, has been commissioned to make a tour of China in the interests of Belg.an manufacturers at a salary of \$29,000 a year. The idea of the tour emanated from King Leopold, who will contribute £8,-

000 to the salary. It is expected that General Otis will throwing 600 men out of work. shortly begin an aggressive campaign in the Philippines, as the recent battles have not subdued the insurgents, as was expected The rainy season will soon set in, when military operations can not be well carried on, and a decisive blow must be given before that

The torpedo-boat Fox, built by the Wolff & Zwicker iron works, at Portland, Or., is the first torpedo-boat in the world to come up to the require-ments specified in the contract upon her first official trial. For two consecutive hours in her first trial she maintained an average speed of 28 knots, her engines turning at a rate of 381.4 revolutions per minute, which exceeds the requirements by 11.4 turns.

President Zelaya has issued a decree declaring the republic of Nicaragua to be in a state of soige. A battle is expected to take place at any time west of Chile mountain, the dividing line of the Cordilleras. The president is sending troops to the front as rapidly as collected. The United States gunboat Marietta, wihch arrived at Greytown February 5, has sailed for Bluefileds, the headquarters of the revolution headed by General Reyes.

Although the hour set for the final adjournment of the Oregon legislature was 12 o'clock noon Saturday, the seasion was prolonged till 7 o'clock.

Aside from the formalities of finish ing up necessary matters in hand, the

passage of the special appropriation bill was the feature of the day. The house refused to concur in some of the senate's reductions of items in the bill, and it was necessary to appoint conference committees before agreement could be reached. prolonged the session till 7 o'clock in the evening, when the session was de-

Minor News Items. Mrs. Zachariah Chandler, widow of the famous Michigan statesman, is dead at her home in Detroit. During Senator Chandler's career in Washington, Mrs. Chandler was noted as a social

clared ended.

Advices to the Omaha Bee from its correspondents in Northern Nebraska indicate that the winter-wheat crop has been badly damaged by the recent cold anap. In many localities the crop will be very light.

OF RECENT OCCURRENCE.

The Continental Tobacco Company, at Louisville, Ky., purchased \$138,308 worth of revenue stamps last Monday. This is an unprecedented sale of stamps.

The sultan of Oman has revoked the grant of a coaling station to the French under the British admiral's threat of bombardment. The French consul has TERSE TICKS FROM THE WIRES entered a protest.

A number of young men in Sacra mento, Cal., are organizing a colony to settle on the island of Guam. They propose to engage in the raising of the staple products of the island.

The advance guard of the North Atlantic squadron, composed of the flag-ship New York and the battle-ship Indians, arrived at the Bermudas Tuesday. The squadron will proceed to Havana.

to control the natural gas wells and them from the jungles on both sides of occupation. plants in Ohlo, Indiana and Southern the river. Illinois, The capital stock will be \$24,000,000.

that he considers the moment opport of the line, particularly McArthur's tune for a monarchistic attempt in division. King's brigade is also ex-

leaders of his party. china and glassware exporting house of Bawo & Dotter, is dead in Germany, were concentrating on the American upon them; attack with vigor. All

Manila waterworks on Tuesday, in panies of the Washington volunteers were the principal actors. The insur-Americans were wounded by the explosion of Springfield rifles in their own

The war department has issued an

Ethan Allen Hitchcock, of Missouri, has taken the prescribed oath and enthe interior.

The house committee on appropria. rest of the line.

The senate committee has reported favorably an amendment to the sundry Terrific weather is prevailing on civil bill providing for the laying of a

Many French newspapers

Samuel H. Steven the oldest Presbyterian ministers in has evidently been constru the United States, is dead in Bloomington, Ill., at the age of 86. He was

a tear relative of former Vice-Presideat Stevenson. A fire in the little city of Port families homeless. A chair factory

covering two blocks was destroyed, The revolution in Nicaragua preading. General Mena, at the head f 700 insurgents, is near the town of Rama. The insurgents are well armed with small guns and are expecting

Gatling, Krupp and Hotchkiss cannon. Michael Milano, the prosperous proprietor of a bootblacking etsablishment in Tacoua, committed suicide by firing two shots from a revolver into his brain. Fifty-two dollars was found on the body. Family trouble was the cause of the act.

A new town has been laid out in Alaska, 25 miles from Juneau, which it is expected will be the gateway to the Atlin goldfields. It has been inlet of that name.

from exposure. The captain and eight red, and he asserted that trade would of the crew have arrived at Nassau, N. also suffer as a result of it. P., and report the loss.

Mrs. Howe, of Gresham, On., was drowned in the Willamette at Port- Organized Demonstrations Against the land Monday. She was passing from one steamer to another, as the boats were lying at the dock, when she fell between them. An attempt to rescue taken on an extensive scale. her tailed. She was on her way to visit a son at Salem.

The first session of the eighth continental congress of the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution began in Washington Monday. Mrs. Daniel Manning, president-general of the society, made her annual martre, for and against Loubet. address. She dwelt especially on the There was a collision between rival facaid given by the society during the re- tions and several persons were injured. cent war, asserting that the organisa-tion had furnished \$300,000 in money made in connection with today's disand supplies.

The British ship Drumlanyig, from Liverpool for Vancouver, has put into Montevideo partially dismantled in s

ernment.

Angeles, Wash., leaking badly. Cap- England and the United States, would snow drove them out of the woods, and tain Jensen reports 16 feet of water is have incontestably proven the right of a resident of town shot them from s the vessel's hold.

AFFAIRS AT MANILA

Oregon Soldiers Sent to the Fighting Line.

REBELS NOW CONCENTRATING

Cruiser Buffalo Hombards the Insurgents, Driving Them Inland-Heat

Intense and Increasing. wolunteers abandoned Guadaloupe tion, if convenient.

"Second—Philippine families only to San Pedro Macati. The rebels still be molested, but all other individuals, The Central Union Gas Company has Guadaloupe, Pasig and Patero, despite exterminated without any compassion, the efforts of the gunboats to dislodge after the extermination of the army of

The Duke of Orleans has unexpected- ditions, it is impossible to provide ly arrived at Brussels. It is reported shade for the stroops in different part France. He will consult with the posed from San Pedro Macati to Culiculi, where it joins Ovenshine's brig-

were concentrating on the American upon them; attack with vigor. All aged 65 years, of apoplexy. His per-

A hot skirmish occurred near the originally of the North Dakota volun- lows: The sharpshooters of Tondo and teers, the Fourteenth infantry, and two Santa Ana will begin the attack from which, on the American side, two com- troops of the Fourth cavalry, stretching without and these shots will be the from the beach at Camp Dewey to Gen- signal for the militia of Troso, Binonwere the principal actors. The insurgents were driven into the jungle.

leaving 15 dead and two wounded. Two

the rebels unusually active about 10 companions need assistance.

o'clock in the evening, signaled the "Sixth—The militia of Tondo will Chaplain John R. Thompson, of the o'clock in the evening, signaled the First Washington infantry at Manila, flagship for permission to fire upon start out at 8 o'clock in the morning; died Monday. them, and, this being granted, bomther inland.

tered upon his duties as secretary of with interest, the enemy made no dem- Either independence or death!' onstration, and all is quiet along the

Scouts claim to have seen General tions has ordered a favorable report on the bill to pay Spain \$20,000,000 for els at Paco, with his arm in a sling, gent statement as furnished to the Agoncillo, the Filipino delegate, ar-rived in New York Monday from Mon-chief, is reported to be personally con-

the coast of Jamaica. The winds are cable from the United States to Hawaii apparently realized the hopelessness of high and the sea is encroaching on the and the Philippines.

Solution vessels have been resumed generally with the outside world, and enally with the outside world, and ments; to authorize the sale of agriass support ever feasible. Fortunately, their ig- heat is causing some inconvenience, but the use of sights minimizes no casualties have been reported.

> rebels as a sign of weakness, as they pressed forward along both sides of the river, persistently harrassing the occu-

pants of the town.

Last night the rebels poured volley Wathington, Wis., destroyed \$300,000 after volley into San Pedro Macati worth of property, and rendered 80 from the brush on the adjacent ridge; but fortunately without effect. General King's headquarters in the center of the town was the target for scores o Remington and Mauser bullets.

The rebls are using smokeless po der, and it is extremely difficult to locate individual marksmen.

RUSSIA AND CHINA.

First Rupture Occurred at Tallen-W

-300 Chinese Killed. Peking, Feb. 21.-A serious conflict ias taken place between the Russians and Chinese at Talien-Wan, 300 of the

latter being killed. The trouble is said to have originated in a question of taxes.

Expected by Lord Berestord. Detroit, Mich., Feb. 21.-Admiral Charles Beresford was seen while passnamed Taku, and is situated on Taku ing through Detroit tonight in refer bay, four miles from the mouth of the ence to the battle reported at Talien-inlet of that name.

Wan between Russians and Chinese. Lord Charles said that such a battle The Italian bark Barbara Luigi went was only what he had been expecting ashore February 4 on Little Bahama for some time. Its effect, he believed, bank and is a total loss. Three of the would be to shake the Chinese governcrew were drowned and two perished ment more than anything that occur-

RIOTING IN PARIS.

Paris, Feb. 21.-Police measures

the maintenance of order have been M. Loubet did not quit his residence at the Luxembourg until 6 o'clock this

evening. Toward 7 o'clock demonstrations occurred in front of the office of Zebastian Faure's anarchist paper, the Journal du Peuple, on the Boulevard Montmartre, for and against Loubet.

turbances.

Spain Once Owned It. Seattle, Wash., Feb. 21.-The Post-Intelligencer today publishes the facsimile of a Spanish document which shows that the Spanish were in actual The republicans in the Spanish military possession of Vancouver island chamber have decided to begin at once between 1790 and January 1, 1792. It an energetic campaign against the gov- is stated that the document, if it had been in the possession of Emperor The bark Coloma, from Chemainus, William of Germany when he arbi-B. C., for China, has arrived at Port trated the Canadian boundary between in Coos county, Or., recently. The

A FILIPINO PLOT.

Robels Have Been Planning a General Washington, Feb. 23 .- The following dispatch was received this afternoon from General Otis:

"Manila, Feb. 28 .-- Adjutant-General, Washington.-Following issued by an important ———— officer of the insurgent government at Malolos, February 15, 1899, for execution during that evening and night in this city:

'First-You will so dispose that at 8 o'clock at night, the individuals of the territorial militia at your order will be found united in all of the streets of San Pedro, armed with their balos Manils, Feb. 21.-The California and revolvers, or guns and ammuni-

has since been set on fire, and retired will be respected. They should not hold the country in the vicinity of of whatever race they may be, will be

'Third-The defenders of the Phil-The heat is intense, and is increasing ippines in your command will attack perceptibly daily. Under present conprisoners and "presidiarios," and, having accomplished this, they will be armed, saying to them: "Brothers, we must avenge ourselves on the Americans and exterminate them that we may take our revenge for the infamy

General Ovenshine's line, consisting followed in the attack will be as foland San Miguel will not start out until The Buffalo's searchlight discovering 12 o'clock, unless they see that their

barded the enemy's trenches for 20 complete. Brothers, Europe contemminutes. The only effect of the fire plates, we know how to die as men, was apparently to drive the rebels furshedding our blood in defense of the liberty of our country. Death to the Beyond a few ineffectual volleys from tyrantel War without quarter to the the trenches, which were returned false Americans who have deceived us!

The portion of General Otis' dispatch indicated by dashes the officials were

Manila Is Quiet. Manila, Feb. 23.—The transport Newport has arrived from 110 Ilo with dispatches from General Miller to General Otis. She reports all quiet at Ilo Manila, Feb. 21.—The enemy have occupying the suburbs of Jaro and

the Herald from Manila, sa

MASHINGTON BOYS IN IT.

enemy were concentrating all day at enecute the waterworks and in front of King's clerk, sheriff and brigade. They became so nagging in ington county; to amend the code river. They swept the country for two of supreme court reports at \$2.50 per bank, opposite the insurgent trenches

surgents across the river. Two guns of the Sixth artillery, under Lieutenant Ecott, pounded the insur-gent positions, while the troops from after amendment increasing the salary Macati charged and drove the enemy before them. Fifteen Filipino dead \$500 to \$800, and the salary of the were found and tour wounded. Two treasurer of Wallows county from \$250 American soldiers were wounded by the explosion of Springfield rifles.

The declaration of Aguinaldo that be has made a humane war is a fabrication. In the past few weeks the Red Cross has been like a red flag to the insurgents.

Captain Pierce, of McArthur's staff, testifies that he has been shot at by sharpshooters 50 times in the provisional hospital. Not an ambulance or litter came which was not a signal for a shower of bullets.

The surgeons of the hospital corps, who were giving aid to the Filipinos as well as to the American wounded, were a target for the sharpshooters. wounded man who was being carried from the field was killed by insurgents concealed in a tree. The Red Cross people are now going armed.

Cubane Will Soon Be Paid. Washington, Feb. 23 .- It is said Gomes is now arranging with General Brook for the distribution of the \$3,000,000 which it is expected will be paid to the Cuban troops within a short time.

Colorado Anti-Trust Bill. Denver, Colo., Feb. 28 .- Governor Thomas today sent a special message to the legislature urging legislation to prevent the consummation of the contemplated smelter combine or formation of any trusts in Colorado. The senate passed the anti-trust bill with one dissenting vote.

Washington, Feb. 23 .- The advance guard of the North Atlantic squadron, composed of the flagship New York and the battle-ship Indiana, arrived at the Bermudas today. The squadron will proceed to Havana.

the United States to Vancouver Island. | window of his dwelling.

THE NEW LAWS. LEGISLATURE ENDS.

Much Work Crowded in the Closing Hours of the Session-The Last Working Day.

The last working day of the Oregon legislature was full of business, mostly devoted to the routine of passing bills. The general appropriation bill was

passed by both houses. In the senate the bill to provide for executions of murderers at the penitentiary was indefinitely postponed because it carried objectionable matter

relating to appeals.

Three bills touching military affairs were passed, as follows: To cover into the military fund all moneys received from the United States on account of transportation, etc.; to restore to the military fund some \$8,000 expended in suppressing fishermen's riots in 1896; to reorganize the official staff of the

Oregon National Guard. The following bills were passed: To regulate license fire insurance companies; to protect the fruit and hop industry by requiring the destruction of pests; to cure certain defects in judicial sales and deeds; to prevent the maintenance of armed bodies of men other than the duly constituted authorities; to amend the charter of Newberg; to provdie for criminal prosecutions on information; to protect trout and certain other food fishes; to relieve the state of the necessity of advancing the costs of giving a bond in a proceeding to which the state is a party; to amend the law relating to irrigation rights and ditches; to amend the law relative to liens against mines for labor or supplies; to amend the charter of Arlington; to fix the annual salary of the supreme court clerk at \$3,000, with one deputy in Salem at \$75 per month and one at Pendleton at \$50, and providing that the fees be paid into the state treasury; to fix the salaries of Columbia county officere; to regulate the manner of sturgeon fishing and making a close season on the Columbia river from March 1 to November 1; to provide for inspecting sheep brought in bands into Oregon from another state (same as the Washington law); to amend the law relative to the duties of public road viewers; to fix the annuual salary of the Linn county (Looney pure food bill.) assessor at \$2,400, including the pay of deputies; to regulate the practice of the vocation of barbers; to provide for the appropriation of water to be used

for mining purposes.

In the House. In the house a long discussion occurred on the bill to adopt the Torrens system of land title. The bill, when

put upon its passage, was defeated. Bills passed were: To authorize construction of skids across county roads for logging purposes; to provide for submission to the vote of the peoare occupied chiefly by occasional there has been no fighting since Februsharpshooting from the jungle, when ary 12. All is quiet at Manila. The statute; to provide for payment of taxes in coin, instead of county warrants; to provide for the manner of securing the release as surety upon bonds; to reduce fees to be charged by aty clerks in probate cases: to bibiting the fraudu-

> front of King's position that the general sent two companies of the First of appeal without assignment of error; Washington infantry over the Pasig to authorize the printing of 800 copies miles and then swung over to the river copy; to prohibit the running of push cars upon railroad tracks; to create a facing the American position at Ma- state board of equalization, consisting cati, and opened a flank fire on the in- of the governor, secretary of state and lease the upper deck of the steel bridge. state treasurer; to authorize the working of county prisoners on county roads; to fix the salaries of county treasurers, of the treasurer of Lane county from treasurer of Wallows county from \$250 to \$350; to amend code relative to attachments making the filing of a writ with the county clerk answer the purpose of posting a notice on property; to amend the code relative to action for adverse possession; to fix the compensation of county commissioners after amending the bill by increasing the per diem in Union county from \$4 to \$5; to reduce the mileage of jurors and witnesses in cities of 50,000 population or over, from 10 to 5 cents; to give preference in the employment in pub lic service to honorably discharged soldiers and sailors; to appropriate \$2,000, in aid of the Oregon Historical Society, and to authorize printing at the state's expense to the same amount; to provide for the payment of certain fees to recorders of conveyances; to constitute six days' publication of notice a weeks notice; amending the law relative to the appointment of offiof recorder of Clatsop county, and require that the duties of that office be performed by the county clerk; to 1egulate the purchase, sale and transfer of stocks of goods, by requiring the purchaser to exact from the vendor a list of creditors and the extent of liabilities; to prohibit the running at large of stallions.

State Fair Appropriation.

In the Oregon senate Wednesday the bill to repeal the annual appropriation of money to the state fair was de feated by a vote of 12 to 16.

The Daly School Bill. After the most exciting and dramatic half-day of the session, the Oregon house shortly before 1 o'clock Wednesday noon passed the Daly text-book bill by a vote of 83 to 26, only one member being absent. The bill, which had been made a special order of business for 10 A. M., did not come to a vote

without sensational incidents. The debate was participated in by all the orators of the house, and the lobby and gallery were filled with interested spectators.

Bills That Have Passed During the

Bills passed by both houses previous to the last day are as follows: To authorize the town of Antelope to borrow \$5,000 to build water works.

To incorporate the city of Pendleton To amend charter of town of Adams To regulate pilotage on Columbia

and Willamette rivers. To create office of state biologist without salary.

To reduce salaries of Douglas county officers.

To incorporate Nehalem. To provide that summaries only of county assessment rolls be transmitted

to secretary of state. To amend charter of Hillsboro. To amend the charter of Albany. To incorporate town of Tillamook.

To incorporate the town of Canyon To constitute beach of Clatsop county a public highway. To amend the charter of Grants Pass.

To authorize Jefferson institute to sell out to the school district. To amend charter of Oregon City. To incorporate Port of Tillamook and

provide for the improvement of Hoquiam slough. To incorporate the town of Lakeview.

To incoporrate Cottage Grove. To amend charter of town of Tangent To provide clerical aid for judges of the supreme court.

To incorporate Drain. To incorporate New Astoria, adjoining Fort Stevens. To amend charter of Monmouth. To incoporrate the city of Ontario. To incorporate the town of Bay City. To incorporate the city of Heppner. To incorporate the city Warrenton.

To incorporate the city of Wallows. To amend charter of Gold Hill. To regulate and fix the salary of the seesor of Jackson county.

To incorporate the town of Marshfield. To amend charter of Woodburn. To redistrict the state for senators

and representatives. To create the office of tax collector in Multnomah county. To amend the charter of Corvallia.

To prevent production and sale of unwholesome foods and medicines. To incorporate the town of Seaside.

To raise the salary of sheriff of Marion county. To regulate and to fix salaries of Tillamook county officers.

To fix salaries of county officers in Clackamas, Morrow, Wasco and Yamhill counties. To amend the charter of Eugene. To amend the charter of Astoria. To incorporate the town of Canby.

Clackamas county. To amend the charter of Arlington. Incorporating Weston-Incorporating Dufur.

To create a separate commission for

transaction of county business in

Incorporating Enterprise Withdrawing school lands from sale and placing interest on school fund loans at 6 per cent. Incorporating Dalles City. Incorporating Moro. Incorporating Brownsville. Incorporating Lebanon.

Incorporating Burns. Incorporating Carlton. non in Alsea bay and

supervisors. justice court in cities of 50,000 population or over. To authorize Multnomah county to

To provide for the sale of tide lands. Protecting salmon in the Rogue river and Curry county. To reorganize the state board of hor

Creating park commission in cities of 8,000 population or over. To amend section 5 of the mining Amending the code relative to sher-

iff's deeds. Requiring county clerks to adminiser oaths without charge, in pension

matters. Appropriating \$15,000 a year for fish To amend the charter of Salem.

To regulate horse shoeing in Portland. Providing for normal schools at Ashand and Drain. To provide for the registration of

To provide for a tax collector of Multomah county. To change the manner of governing

the Soldiers' Home. To codify the laws relative to state school lands Partial codification of the school

To encourage the use of wide-tire wagons. To amend the act incorporating the Port of Portland. To change the time of holding court

in the second judicial district. To cure certain defects in deeds. To permit surety companies to qalify as sureties on bonds To change the time of holding court

in the ninth judicial district. To prevent the adulteration of candy. To provide for boarding the prisoners of Clatsop, Washington and Clackamas counties by contract. To provide for the reconveyance of

land to J. E. Saling.

To fix the salaries of the sheriff and clerk in Lincoln county.

To create the county of Wheeler.

To regulate the practice of dentistry. To regulate mutual insurance com-

To provide for a scalp bounty fund To amend the law relating to the duties of the state land agent. To constitute Willamette and Port-land boulevards Multnomah county

NOT A GENERAL SHOT

After Five Months of Patient Waiting.

SPANIARDS WANT MORE BLOOD

Count D'Almenns Makes an Attack on the Spanish Generals Who

Surrendered. Madrid, Feb. 22,-The cortes reassembled today. The galleries in both chambers were thronged with an ex-pectant crowd. The senate was very full, hardly a single general being absent. Senor Montero Rios, president of the senate, in opening the proceedings, pronounced a eulogy upon M.

Faure, and a resolution of condolence with France was adopted. Senor Sagasta, the premier, then proposed to refer the bill projeding for the cession of the Philippines to the United States to a special committee, but the conservatives protested against this, declaring that the bill ought to be con-

scientiously discussed, and Senor Sagasta withdrew his proposal. Count D'Almenas then brought up the question of the conduct of the generals engaged in the war in Cuba, declaring that General Primo Rivera, General Weyler, General Blanco, Admiral Cervera and General Linares had

proven failures. This declaration elicited much applause from the public galleries, in consequence of which several of the

spectators were expelled from the cham-Observing that he would deal with the "shameful capitulation of Santiago," Count D'Almenas asked the boass whether he should proceed, and was answered with cries of 'yes' and 'no' and a general uproar ensued. A repetition of the query raising still greater tumult, Senor Sagasta rose and defended the government and its peace commission. The premier criticised America's unjustified conduct, and said that everything might be discussed, ex-

cept the war, because the cases of the generals were still subjudiciary. County D'Almenas resumed his attack upon the generals and complained

that "five months had elapsed, and not a single general had been shot. FIGHTING WITH FIRE.

Filipinos Attempt to Burn Quarters of Manila, Feb. 22.-The natives of the village of Paco made a bold attempt last night to burn the quarters of the First Washington volunteers by setting fire to the huts adjoining their quarters in the rear. Fortunately the wind changed, at the moment the fire was discovered, and, fanned by a stiff breeze, the flames spread in the oppo-

shacks and houses opposite the ruins of the church. The incendiaries escaped. Mysterious signals were frequently made along the enemy's lines during the night, and this-led to the belief that an attack had been arranged, but

direction, destroying fully

nothing happened. The rebels are leaving the vicinity of San Pedro Macati in small parties, and are reported to be moving toward Sing-

the Cubans to the proposition of the government to pay the soldiers of the

Cuban cause \$3,000,000. General Gomez arrived today in Matanzas, making his way very slowly toward the capital. What is proposed is that the United States shall sanction the floating of bonds by the Cuban municipalities or provinces to the amount of \$7,000,000, which sum is to be paid over to the Cuban troops, in addition to the \$3,000,000 to be paid by the

United States. Data, it is said here, will be produced by the Cuban assembly to show that every cent of this sum was expended in legitimate war expenses.

Victoria, B. C., Feb. 22.-F. C. Cotton, minister of finance for British Columbia, submitted his budget to the legislature this afternoon. The budget shows a deficit of \$647,723, and estimates that the new government has to start with a balance on the wrong side of \$64,000. Estimates show a considerable cutting in the salary list. A new loan will be negotiated for \$1,750 ..

No more large tracts of land will be sold for speculative purposes, but leases granted instead. Loss of revenue by the abolition of the mortgage tax will be met by an increase on the ncome tax.

Millions for Spain. Washington, Feb. 93.-This was enspension day in the house. The sen-

ate amendments to a number of private pension bills were adopted. Cannon, chairman of the appropria tions committee, by the direction of his committee, moved the passage under suspension of the rules of the bill for payment of \$20,000,000 to Spain. After discussing the measure under the 20-minute rule, the bill was passed,

Many Prisoners Released.

Havana, Feb. 22 .- One hundred and sixty prisoners in the Havana jail, whose release was recommended by the board of pardons, were liberated today. The United States government is under obligations to return them home. Many of the prisoners are Spaniards, and the majority of these, after consideration, decided that they would prefer to be sent to Santiago so work in the mines rather than so to