HILLSBORO, OREGON, THURSDAY, DECEMBER 14, 1899.

NO. 39.

EVENTS OF THE DAY

Epitome of the Telegraphic News of the World.

TERSE TICKS FROM THE WIRES

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

Englishmen are depressed by the sit-

Arisona will apply for statehood the present congress

The Americans have occupied Bang-

ned, province of Abra. Steamers will leave Portland every 10 days for Cape Nome.

The Kentucky election commission gives Taylor's plurality as 2,383.

The Filipinos' treasury was capture by the Americans at Mangatarem The government's herd of reindeer in

Alaska is rapidly increasing and now numbers 2,600. Bishop Henry Potter, of New York,

has arrived in Manila on a brief visit to study the Philippines. A gas explosion killed many coal miners at Carbonado, Wash. Cause

of the accident is a mystery. The British artillery arm in South Africa has been materially strength-

ened by the arrival of six big guns. Commander Charles I. Howell is dead at New York city. He was chief engineer of the Maine when she was blown up.

Lady Francis Cook, formerly Tennie Clafflin, announces her intention to forsake England and take up her residence in New York.

Two hundred miners are on a strike at the Tesla coal mines, California, because of a dispute with the superintendent over the wage schedule.

The horticultural commissioners of Southern California propose to establish a quarantine against infected nursery stock imported from foreign coun-

General Gregorio del Pilar was killed in a fight with the Thirty-third infantry, 18 miles northwest of Cervants. The insurgents lost 70 men in

the engagement. The Vananda group of mines near Baker City was sold for \$1,500,000. The property is to be extensively developed by the new owners, who are Brit-

ish Columbia capitalists. Genral Grant's expedition in Luzon has visited Orani and several western towns, meeting small bands. He killed several of the rebels and cap-

tured a quantity of munitions of war. The investment of Mafeking is cl

John S. Chase, the socialist mayor of Haverhill, Mass., has been re

Ten shipwrights from Seattle took the places of the strikers at Vallejo

Ex-Governor Lord, of Oregon, bas departed for Argentina, to take his

post as United States minister. Legality of the war revenue act is involved in the inheritance tax case be-

fore the United States supreme court. The Six Chinese Companies, of Sar Francisco, have subscribed \$4,000 to promote commercial relations between

China and the United States. The New York coffee exchange has petitioned the authorities to release the coffee cargo of the plague ship

Taylor. They claim there is no danger Chaplain Shields, being tried at San Francisco by court-martial for drunkenness, will try to prove that his

brother clergymen are persecuting him. Beet-sugar men are much disturbed over recent discussion. Their industry is flourishing, but free sugar from the islands they say would be disastrous to

The German ship Wansbek, which has arrived at Astoria, lost two men on the voyage from Philadelphia, and the boatswain says it was the captain's

Crawford, the soldier who permitted Wardner bull-pen prisoners to escape, was dishonorably discharged and sentenced to 18 years six months imprison-

Dispatches indicate that the Boer are making all preparations for a hasty retreat to the Transvaal borders in the

event of defeat at Tugela and Lady-A Kentucky mob had no mercy for a negro who murdered and outraged a woman. He was dragged through the streets at the end of a rope and finally

bound to a stake and burned alive. Sick soldiers were compelled to fight at Vigan. The Americans had but one

company and 150 sick men. They had to fight 800 Filipinos. The attack was made in the early morning, and it became a hand to hand conflict.

Fighting has ceased between the Mexicans and Yaquis, the Indians having retreated. It is said they may be joined by others. A courier says the Yaqui's losses in killed and wounded during 10 days' fighting were estimated at 200. The Mexican losses were 18 billed and 80 wanndal

John J. Smallwood, president of the Industrial and Collegiate institute at Claremont, Va., was born a slave and largely educated himself.

Judge Wylie, for years one of the most prominent figures on the district , is still living in Washington, wigorous health.

Spain will build a new navy. An anti-British meeting was held in

Gatacre does not blame the guides for his disaster. Otis has been instructed to open ports in the Philippines.

A colony of 30 Michigan people will settle near Fairhaven, Wash. Five stores were burned out on Sixth

It is said that South Africa has al

ways been a graveyard for the British generals' reputations.

The British bark Indian Emprie, laden with coal, was burned to the water's edge near Lima, Peru. Our fron ore supply is short. It will

take 200 vessels to handle the cargoe of iron engaged for importation. Two prominent Portland physicians

negligence in diagnosing her case. A report comes from Astoria, Or.

that the packers' combine will operate only three of its canneries next season Britishers acknowledge that they

lost over 700 men at Stormberg, and Boer reports apparently agree with those from British sources. Nearly 2,000,000 bushels of whea

are stored in warehouses of Tacoma and not a ship is loading, the owners of the wheat holding for better prices.

A company has been organized in Eastern Oregon to build a railway line from Hilgard to the John Day country. The O. R. & N. is said to be in the deal. Jones of Washington has introduced

in the house a bill for a cable to the Philippines, to cost not to exceed \$8,-000,000, and the creation of a cable

Terrific gales were reported from ports on the Great Lakes Tuesday, and fears were felt for the safety of a fleet of steamers which had left the Straits of Mackinac.

Crocker denies that he has given up his Southern Pacific job. He will continue as a director in the company until the Crocker stock just bought by the Speyer syndicate is paid for.

Otis reports that 2,000 additional Spanish prisoners have been secured in Northern Luzon, making over 3,000 released within a month. Seven hundred are now en route from Vigan, and transports will be sent for the re-

The transports Sheridan and Grant are at Scattle.

Engineers and firemen of the Union Pacific have asked for more pay.

The Pacific Express office at Omaha was robbed of from \$5,000 to \$20,000. The British ship Glenholm will be

fumigated at Astoria for fear of yellow A prominent Frenchman says that

England is ready for war with the A negro was shot at Lewiston, Id.

The bullet flattened on his skull and he was comparatively uninjured. Washington officials are anxious over

the possible fate of the American prisoners in the hands of Aguinaldo. The debate on the finance bill ha

commenced in the house. Representative Overstreet made the opening ad-The football team of the University of California will play the Carlisle In-

dians on Christmas day, in San Fran-Commander E. P. Wood, U. S. N.,

is dead of typhoid fever at Washington. He commanded the Petrel in the battle

To increase Admiral Dewey's troubles Minnestoa people will present him with a large black bear recently captured.

General Gatacre lost nearly six hundred men near Stormberg. The British forces were led into the trap by treacherous guides.

The supreme court of Oregon has finally passed upon the case of the state vs. Magers, the petition for a rehearing being denied.

Congressman Bailey will protest against the entrance of General Joe Wheeler into congress on his return from the Philippines.

"Governor of Cuba" will be the official designation of the office to which Major-General Leonard Wood will be assigned early in the new year.

Colonel James Graham and William P. Cunneen, prominent politicians of St. Marys, Kan., drank from a disinfectant bottle which they supposed to contain whiskey, and are not expected

The president will soon send a spec ial message to congress regarding rewards for officers and men from the At lantic squadron who distinguished themselves during the war with Spain, and whose gallantry has not yet been recognized.

The controller of the currency has leclared the fifth dividend of 10 per cent in favor of the creditors of The Dalles National bank, making 95 per cent paid on the claims proved, amounting to \$26,318.20.

The Illinois Central railroad ha practically secured control of the Minneapolis & St. Louis line, giving it an independent line to St. Paul.

Patrick Furey, who died in Philadel phia at the age of 106, had as his am bition the desire to live in three cen turies and nearly accomplished it.

The queen of Portugal, who is said to have taken up medicine as a fad, became so interested in it that she completed the course and took the degree

AN EXPLOSION OF GAS

Killed Many Miners at Carbonado, Washington.

CAUSE OF ACCIDENT A MYSTERY

street, near Alder, Portland, Or.; loss, Deadly Blackdamp Followed the Explosion, but the Mine Was Exeily Ventilated.

Tacoma, Dec. 12.-A mine explosion at Carbonado, 40 miles easterly from Tacoma, at 11 o'clock this morning, killed 32 men. Identification of the dead men is almost impossible. The scraps of clothing that still cling to the bodies of the men are carefully preserved, laid aside and labelled to sid in the identification. Frenzied relatives have been sued by a lady who claims of the missing men gathered at the mouth of the mine and watched eagerly to catch a glimpse of the forms as they

were hurried by to the coroner's office. forward, but it may be days before the last blackened form is taken from the mine, for many men are believed to lie buried under masses of earth and rock. To extricate them will take time, and thus far the work of rescue has been pushed forward at the extreme endur ance of the workers, for the black damp and noxious gases have driven

the rescuers back repeatedly. When the explosion occurred a rush of the inhabitants was made in the direction of the mouth of the tunnel Women, the wives of the men supposed to be in the shift, ran to and fro, screaming and wringing their hands with anguish, crying children clinging

to their skirts. It was all that D. T. Davies the superintendent of the mine, could do to stop the wives and friends of the doomed miners from plunging madly into the tunnel's mouth.

A revised death list follows: Company men-Leonard Johnson, Henry Soni, Matt Rehela and Victor Ruhinaki (formerly given as John Hill) all Finns; Michael Kichinko, John Mellon and Andrew Gecey, Poles; John H. Jones, David X. Thomas, Howell Meredith, sr-, Watkin Jones, Evan M. Lewis, Daniel Davis and Rees Jones, all Welsh; William Wilson, Joseph Lee and Richard Dare, Americans, and Ben Zeidler, jr., German. Contract miners-August Hainut and Emil Hainut, Belgians; Paul Cur-tiss, Adam Pavoll, John Flota and Stephen Kraunoga, Poles; Ben Zeidler, sr., Germans; Matt Nuland and Jacob Lands, Finns. The cause of the explosion is a mystery to every one.

Only safety lamps are worn when at duct a searching examination as to the cause of the explosion. He has telegraphed State Mine Inspector Owens, leagues in caucus. Overstreet of Inat Spokane, to attend the inquest and examine witnesses himself. question of the ventitation of the mine, in conformity with the state law, will be thoroughly gone into.

The total number of men in the un fortunate shift was 76, of whom 44 are alive, all of them having escaped or been rescued.

The mines are owned by the Carbon Hill Coal Company. They give work to 400 men, and have an output of 300,-000 tons annually, and are situated 40 miles from Tacoma, on the Cascade division of the Northern Pacific. The mines are in a deep ravine, through which the Carbon river flows. The mines are supplied with every appliance for safety. They are largely tunneled, and the tunnels are so big that locomotives are run into them.

In 1890 an explosion at this same mine cost two lives, and John Hartman and some others were severely burned.

Seattle, Dec. 12.-Washington min ers, through the local union, have taken steps to render the families of the victims and those injured in the Carbonado explosion financial aid. All labor unions in Western Washington will contribute to the fund.

SERIOUS REVERSES.

Gatacre Was Defeated at Stormberg

Molteno, Cape Colony, Dec. 12. General Gatacre left Sputter's kraal by train for Molteno and then proceede by forced march 12 miles toward Stormberg. He had 2,000 men, including the Northumberland fusiliers, the Royal Irish rifles and two batteries of field artillery.

The British were unmolested by the Boers until the Boer position was reached, when a hot fire was unexpectedly opened upon the advancing column.

The engagement began at 4:15 A. M. At 7 A. M., after a sharp artillery duel, the British retired. They are now marching toward Molteno. Gatacre found the enemy's position impregnable. It was impossible for the British infantry to get at the Boers.

Trying to Monopolize Nome's Gold. Seattle, Dec. 11.-Cape Nome miners have held a series of meetings in this city and employed counsel to defeat what they claim is an attempt on the part of certain corporations to withdraw in their favor the famous Cape Nome beach diggings.

New Train Put on.

The O. R. & N. Co. has just completed the purchase of a lot of new modern passenger epuipment, which will permit the putting on of a second train, via the Huntington route. This will give Portland by this route both morning and evening service-two trains in each direction, and will be a great benefit in handling the business or the Baker City mining district, which is having such a tremendous

SEIZURE OF SUBIG.

Important Capture by General Grant'

Manila, Dec. 13 .- The advance guard of General Grant's command under Major Spence, arrived at Olongapo, Subig bay, at night, December 9, which place was occupied with lit-tle resistance, the enemy fleeing. Major Spence had an arduous march over

the mountain trails. Yesterday morning the Baltimore and Oregon and a chartered transport arrived at Olongapo from Manila. The navy was disappointed to find the army in possession of the place, which they had hoped to capture. A detachment of marines, under Captain Myers, occupied the navy-yard at Olongapo and will hold and occupy it as a naval station. The yard consists of sever new, large buildings, and some repair and machinery shops, all damaged by the bombardment of September 23.

During the morning of December 10 the navy transported Major Spence's command from Olongapo to the town of Subig, five miles distant. The enemy was seen deserting Subig as the troops landed, and the latter occupied The work of rescue is being rushed it without resistance. They found the rward, but it may be days before the place abandoned by the retreating enemy, who fired a few shots. Americans deployed to the right and left of the town, and killed one of the

General Grant and the remainder of his command arrived at Olongapo yesterday afternoon. He will proceed to Subig and join Major Spence. General Grant will move north along the coast, and will effect a juncture with the Twenty-fifth infantry, under Colonel Andrew S. Burt, who was reported eight miles from Iba, December 7. The enemy encountered in General Grant's advance fled to the mountains and scattered. General Grant is not garrisoning the towns he occupies. No casualties are reported in his command.

THE DEBATE OPENED.

House Takes Up Consideration of th

Currency Bill. Washington, Dec. 13 .- The feature of the opening day of the debate on the currency bill in the house was the speech of Dolliver of Iowa. It was characterized by all the wit and eloquence for which the Iowan is noted, and held the members, without regard to party, for more than an hour. Dolliver declared that the least doubt in the Republican party as to the wisdom of enacting the gold-standard law had been removed by the experience of the business world during the past three years. He scored Mr. Bryan and generally ridiculed the alleged false pro-

phecies of the Democrats in 1896. DeArmond of Missouri was the heavy gun on the Democratic side. He warned the Republicans from the West that they could not deceive their con-Governor Rogers will con-stituents in the coming congressional elections by claiming that they had yielded to the wisdom of their colthe bill, and Maddox of Georgia re-

plied to him. McClellan of New York was the only other speaker today. He announced his opposition to the bill on the ground that it would contract the currency extinguish bank notes and enhance the value of coin bonds. He appealed to those of his Democratic colleagues from New York who it is reported intend to vote for the hill not to do so.

Lighthouses for Alaska

After a conference with the chief o the lighthouse board, Representative Cushman of Washington has concluded to introduce a bill appropriating \$500,-000 for the erection of suitable light houses and signals along the Alaskan coast. While this sum will not begin to supply a sufficient number of aids to navigation, it will be a starter, and it is hoped that further appropriations will follow. Mr. Cushman intends to insert a provision in the bill making the Alaskan coast, together with the Puget sound shore, from Cape Flattery, around to the boundary line, a sepa rate lighthouse district, to be known as

district No. 17.

Sympathy for the Boers. Washington, Dec. 13 .- An appeal by Mason for an expression of sympathy for the Transvaal republic in its war with Great Britain was the feature of the senate proceedings today. It was the first formal address delivered in the senate this session, and was listened to with thoughtful attention by both the members and by a large gallery of auditors. The resolution upon which Mason based his address was referred to the foreign relations committee. Lodge, considering it too delicate a question in view of the position of this government to pass upon without seri-ous consideration. No business of im-

ortance was transacted by the senate Bomb Destroyed Spanish Theater. Madrid, Dec. 13 .- Durgin a perform ance yesterday at the theater at Murcia, captial of the province of that name, a bomb was exploded, fire broke out and the theater was destroyed. The audience, however, got out with out serious accident.

Powder Mills Blown Up.

Pottstown, Pa., Dec. 18 .- The pow der works of James S. Miller, near Sumneytown, were completely wrecked by an explosion today, and three men were killed and several others were in-

Bottle Paper From the Ningara Port Colborne, Ont., Dec. 18 .- A Paris, Ky., Dec. 18.—Clarence Wil bottle containing a piece of paper on iams, colored, was hanged in the jail which was written the following, yard here this morning. March 24 parently by the captain of the found ered steamer Niagara, was found on the "Expect to go down any minute

Captain McGlory. Good-bye. Steamer Niagara foundered about three miles from Port Maitland." Pieces of the wreck identified as be longing to the Niagara have drifted

SAVED BY ARTILLERY

His Batteries Kept Gatacre From Heavier Loss.

THE GUIDES NOT TRUSTWORTHY

Against Superior Forces-Opinions of the Press.

London, Dec. 13 .- Later details regarding the disaster to General Gatscre's column show that but for the nagnificent work of the British artillery the disaster would have been far more extensive, as the incessant Boer fire in the midst of repulsed infantry ultimately led to disorder, which only escaped developing into rout through the batteries of artillery occupying successive positions, covering the retreat, thus drawing a portion of the Boer's galling fire.

Apparently, the British were set at an impossible task, and were treacher ously guided. After a trying march and being under arms 16 hours, they attacked the wrong part of the Boer po-sition, where the hill was impregnable, and the burghers were estimated to number 6,000 men instead of 500, as spies had reported. There is little in the story to mitigate the immense humiliation caused by the episode, which as almost an exact counterpart of the battle of Nicholson's Nek. The war office was besieged by anxious relatives today, and successive editions of the newspapers were eagerly scanned. Men and women are equally persistent in pleading for information, but the authorities either do not possess any, or are not prepared to publish it at

The affair has caused a most depressing influence everywhere, not ex-cepting the stock exchange, where consols were at the lowest price in many years, and South African securities slumped, not so much on account of the military reverse, which is retrievable, but owing to profound appre-hension as to its political effect. No great surprise would now be felt in Cape Colony's becoming aflame from end to end.

ENGLAND IS DEPRESSED.

London Papers All Regard the Defeat London, Dec. 13 .- Discussing the

defeat of General Gatacre at Stormberg, the Daily Mail says:
"Quite apart from the loss of 600 fighting men, the unexpeted Boer success will probably cause a more general and serious movement among the Cape Dutch. The government must promptly face this by the immediate

dispatch of further troops."

The Daily News says: "The reverse emphatic commentary on the peculiar difficulty of military operations in a semi-disaffected country. The enemy's spies are everywhere, and nowhere can we rely confidently on any counter information. General Gatacre seems to have been completely trapped. Of course he will immediately be rein-

forced." The Daily Chronicle says: "There is only too much reason for fear that this is the worst illustration we have had yet of inadequate equipment and insufficient scouting. How far this disaster was due to lack of judgment on the spot and how far to lack of artillery is not quite clear, but the patient public cannot help reading that General Methuen's victory at Modder river was won by artillery reinforce ment at the critical moment, and all they would like to know is how many times this particular lesson is to be

learned." The Standard says: "The event is in the highest degree deplorable. It will tell against us unfavorably in the Free State, among the colonial Dutch and even among the natives. A great deal of evidence has been accumulating during the past weeks to show how deeply the colony, or at least the northern and western portions of it, are honeycombed by dissatisfaction. Our generals have to cope with a rebel colony as well as hostile republics, and must take measures to lay their plans in accordance with the details."

SHERMAN REGRETS.

Says the President's Philipine Policy Is

Philadelphia, Dec. 13 .- In respons o an invitation to attend an anti-imperialist mass meeting to be held at the Academy of Music, on the centennial anniversary of the death of Washington, December 4, the following letter has been received from ex-Secretary of State John Sherman, dated at Washing-

"I have a strong conviction that th president erred in sending soldiers to he Philippines to take possession of their country. The United States had wisely, as I think, assisted the Filipines in driving the Spaniards out of the Philippine islands, and should, I think, have aided them in protecting their country against all assaults. He no doubt was advised to adopt the measures taken, and all I can do is to express my regrets. Yours very truly, "JOHN SHERMAN."

A Kentucky Hanging.

last Williams, while intoxicated, shot and killed Josie Tillman, a woman with whom he had quarreled.

Carbonado, Wash., Dec. 13 .- A re lief committee was organized here today, and an appeal issued for aid for the destitute families. Seven bodies were taken from the mine today.

GATACRE EXPLAINS.

of British Disaster at Stormber London, Dec. 14 .- The war office re

ceived the following from General Forestier-Walker, dated today: "Cape Town, Dec. 14.-Gatacre reports as follows:

"The idea to attack Stormberg seemed to promise certain success, but the distance was underestimated by myself and the local guides. Police men took us round some miles, and consequently we were marching from 9:30 P. M. until 4 A. M., and were landed in an impossible position. I do not consider the error intentional.

"The Boers commenced firing from the top of an unscalable hill, and wounded a good many of our men in mine accident were held today. Corthe open plain. The Second Northumberlands tried to turn out the enemy, but failed. The Second Irish fusiliers seized a kopje near and held on, sup-ported by mounted infantry and Cape police. The guns under Jeffreys could not have been better handled, but I regret to say that one gun was overturned in a deep mullah, and another sank in quicksand. Neither could be extri-

cated in time to be available. "Seeing the situation, a dispatch rider was sent to Molteno with the news. I collected and withdrew our force from ridge to ridge about nine miles. The Boer guns were remarkably well served. They carried accurately 5,000 yards. I am holding Bushman's Hoek and Cyphergat. I am sending the Irish rifles and Northumberlands to Sterkstrom to recuperate. The wounded proceeded to Queenstown. The missing Northumberlands number 366, not 396 as previously re-

London, Dec. 14.-The war office publishes the following dispatch from General Buller:
"Dispatch from General White,

dated yesterday, says:
"'Last night Colonel Metcalf and 500 of the Second rifle brigade, sortied to capture a Boer howitzer on a hill. They reached the crest without being discovered, drove off the enemy and then destroyed the howitzer with guncotton. When returning, Metcalf found his retreat barred by the Boers, but he forced his way through, using the bay-onet freely. The Boer losses were con-siderable. The British losses were as follows: Lieutenant Ferguson and 11 men killed; Captain Paley, Second Lieutenant Davenport, Second Lieu-tenant Bond and 41 men wounded; six men captured, who had remained be-

hind in charge of the wounded." GIVES TIME TO ALL

House Provides for Night Sessions to

Washington, Dec. 14.—There is such great pressure for time on the part of the members of both sides who desire to participate in the currency debate in

not keen, judged by the attendance

in the galleries, although the members themselves are listening attentively to the speeches. The features of the debate todaywere the speeches of Grosvenor of Ohio for the bill, and of Cochran of Missouri and Newlands of Nevada against it. The other speakers were: Parker of New Jersey, William Allen Smith of Michigan, Prince of Illinios, Lawrence of Massacuhsetts, and Powers of Vermont for the bill, and Shafroth of Colo-

rado and Sims of Tennessee against it. Whether Admiral Dewey, acting for the United States government, formally or informally recognized the Philippine republic at Manila, is a question which Pettigrew of South Dakota desires the navy department to answer. He introduced a resolution in the senate today directing the secretary of the navy to supply the senate with information on the subject, but Chandler of New Hampshire objected to its immediate

consideration. Senator McBride today reintroduced his bill to appropriate \$650,000 to enlarge the Portland public building He says it will be impracticable now to secure a change in the building material, but that another story can be added to afford the extra room, which is needed to accommodate the various government offices. This bill was favorably reported without amendment by Senator Simon last year, and both senators expect to secure its passage this

Senator McBride also reintroduced his bill fixing the salaries of letter cartiers in all large cities.

Manila, Dec. 14.-Colonel Smith, with a detachment of the Seventh infantry, surrounded and captured in a village near Malasqui a party of guerrillas, who had made their headquarters there. The party included the Dagupan along the coast. There is no band which had assassinated seven concentrated insurgent force of importofficials at Malasqui for friendliness to the Americans. It is expected they will be speedily tried, and either shot or hanged an an example, if convicted.

A gang of alleged boy burglars was arrested in Chicago in as lavishly furnished apartments as a millionaire would occupy. Five boys composed the gang and their ages range from 11 to 17 years. The walls were hung with costly tapestries, rugs, valuable paintings and musical instruments.

Philadelphia, Dec. 14.-A disastr freight wreck, resulting in the death of two men, the serious injury of s third and the destruction of about 80 cars, occurred early today on the New York division of the Pennsylvania railroad, between Plainsboro and Princeton, N. J. Engineer Sheigler and Fireman Henicer were killed

DEED OF A SMOKER

Trying to Light His Pipe He Exploded the Mine.

CAUSE OF CARBONADO DISASTER

Another Accident Was Caused by a Miner Opening a Powder Keg With a Pick.

Carbonado, Wash., Dec. 14.-Funeral services over 23 victims of the

oner Hoska will begin the inquest to-

Development during the day proved that old man Ben Zedler's tobacco pipe had been responsible for the disaster, and the 28 fresh graves. Foreman Robert Cox's gang found Zedler's corncob pipe and a bag containing about two ounces of tobacco early this morning, near where his corpse was discovered the evening previous by Foreman Lewis' body-searching party. From all appearances the old man had just filled his pipe, preparing for a smoke, and had opened his safety lamp to get a light. He never knew what happened

afterward. Rees Jones' remains were also discovered early this morning by Cox's gang. A right leg is missing, having been blown to atoms, and one side of his face and head was frightfully shat-

State Mine Inspector Owens said to-

night:
"The indications are that the open lamp of Ben Zedler, sr., caused the ex-An explosion due to black powder

was reported from Burnett to Acting Mine Inspector Little this forenoon by a messenger from Superintendent C. H. Burnett. John Krook, a miner there, tried to open a 25-pound keg with a pick, and the powder exploded, burning him and a companion, John Monther almost fatally. This occurred some time during the night in one of

land coal mines last night, killing Zucci and George M. Jones and badly burning P. Fairbairn, Harry Thompson, John Guthrie, sr., John Guthrie, jr., Fred Larson and a Chinaman. FILIPINOS' HORRIBLE DEVICE.

Victoria, B. C., Dec. 14.-A gas ex-

plosion occurred at one of the Cumber-

Pitfalls With Sharpened Bamboo Poles, for Impaling the Unwary. New York, Dec. 14 .- A special to the Tribune from Washington says: In the hospital reports which reached the war department from Manila is chronicled the first casualty due to the house that three night sessions were falling into a Tagal pitfall which conordered today. Interest in the debate tained the horrible device of bamboo posts set firmly in the hole and sharpened at the top for the purpose of impaling the unwary. The American troops have frequently found such trape on the line of march, and especially in front of insurgent trench Ordinarily the traps have been simply deep holes in the jungle covered with long grass, and although soldiers have frequently fallen into them, no serious injury has resulted. On October 25, when 45 men of company I, Nineteenth infantry, were engaged in a reconnoisance in chasing a small band of Tagala from some trenches, Private Peter Karl plunged into such a pit with its sharpened bamboos, and had his foot and leg severely lacerated, which put him out of service. Fortunately he did not tumble headlong into the trap, for if he had, in the opinion of the

geons, his wounds must certainly have

REPORTS FROM OTIS. No More Organized Resistance Expected in Luxon-Insurgents Routed.

Washington, Dec. 14 .- The war department has received the following from Otis, dated today: "Manila-In Bulucan province, the insurgents have been scattered and driven east to the mountains.

casualties in that section in the last

few days were 10. The insurgents

prisoners, aggregate 100. Consider-

casualties, in killed, wounded

able insurgent property, with records, arms and ammunition, has been cap "Our troops are now in the mountains in pursuit of the insurgents, who have been driven from Subig bay, and marines now occupy the naval station there. Our column moving west from Tarlac is now on the west coast of Luzon, where it has been supplied. It encountered resistance. The column is now moving west and south from

ance in Luzon north of Manila. "Southern Luzon will not offer any serious resistance. The troops are cooperating in that section, and organized rebellion no longer exists, and our troops are actively pursuing the robbes bands. All important and threaten centers of population in the north have

Belle Fleming, aged 17, of Guthrie, O. T., has been admitted to the bar of the United States court.

Attacked by Yaqui. Austin, Tex., Dec. 14.-Information reaching here today is to the effect that December 3 the Yaqui Indians and the Mexican forces, under General Torres, had a pitched battle, near Rio Chico, on the Yaqui river. The engagement was with the main body of Indians, the Mexican forces numbering some the Mexican forces numbering son 4,000 men. According to re-Fireman Henicer were killed and fighting was most severe and lasted Brakeman Zagbaum was dangerously a day and night, when the Indiant. Three trains were damaged in withdrew, having sustained const