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ILO ILO WAR CLAIMS.

Foreigners hold Oils Responsible for the City's Burning.

Correspondence of Associated Press.

ILO ILO, Nov. 17.—The taking of Ilo Ilo is an old story at home, but it is a very live story here today, because upon its facts and details hinge claims for damages to foreigners resulting from the burning of the city which amount in all to more than \$500,000 in gold.

The foreigners claim that our military authorities were responsible for the burning and these authorities have up to the present time ignored the whole matter.

"Early in December, 1898," said a prominent business man of Ilo Ilo, "a circular letter was handed to Major General Otis signed by the foreign merchants in Manila, with branches in Ilo Ilo, in which his attention was drawn to the danger that would inevitably result to foreign life and property if the Americans did not immediately send an armed force to Ilo Ilo to take over possession of the city from the Spaniards before the latter left, as it was well known that the Spanish governor had orders from Spain to evacuate the city with the least possible delay. This letter was ignored by General Otis, and American troops did not arrive in Ilo Ilo until December 24, four days after the Spaniards had left."

Efforts have been made the last month by merchants directly interested in this matter of claims to ascertain what the authorities had done, were doing or contemplated doing in the matter, but it was impossible to gain any satisfaction whatever upon either of these three points. All these Ilo Ilo claims are filed with the proper persons at Manila, and, further, they have been filed with the respective consuls of the foreigners interested. Through this latter channel the matter will come to a hearing, whereupon increasing historical data will be developed and the responsibility be finally fixed.

FATAL WRECK.

Fault of Telegraph Operator Who Has Died.

BUTTE, Mont. Dec. 25.—A special to the Miner from Missoula, Mont., says: By a wreck on the Northern Pacific



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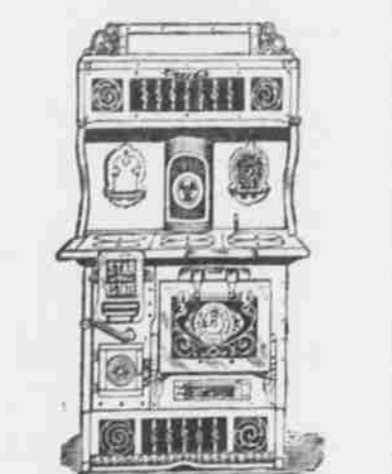
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LIABILITIES. Capital stock paid in \$50,000 00 Surplus fund 25,000 00 Undivided profits, less expenses and taxes paid 25,521 85 National bank notes outstanding 4,500 00 Due to state bank and bankers 1,800 97 Individual deposits subject to check 156,308 00 Demand certificates of deposit 80,204 22 Certified checks 227 27 478,777 79 Total \$478,777 79

Total \$596,410 71 State of Oregon, County of Clatsop, S. S. G. JORDAN, Cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief. S. S. G. JORDAN, Cashier. Subscribed and sworn to before me this 7th day of December, 1899. C. R. THOMSON, Notary Public. W. M. LADD, W. F. MCGREGOR, JACOB KAMM, Directors.

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