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SECRETARY ROOT SUBMITS ANSWER

He Was Asked Whether Orders Were Approved By General Chaffee.

GENERAL BELL TAKES

He Says the Reckless Expedients Adopted By the Enemy Leave no Means of Protection.

WASHINGTON, May 7.—Secretary Root today submitted to the senate an answer to the resolution of May 1, calling for copies of any orders issued by General Bell relative to reconcentration in Batangas and of the orders issued by General Smith to Major Waller, set up by the latter in his defense before the court martial. The secretary also was asked to state whether these orders were approved by General Chaffee or by the war department when they were known in the department and when countermanded. In reply the secretary submits two orders by General Bell, dated December 3 and 5 last. In the first General Bell refers to treachery of natives, to their use of infernal machines and to their constant violation of all the rules of civilized warfare. Therefore he declares that he is reluctantly obliged to avail himself of the right of retaliation under the regulations and to deal severely with persons who may commit acts denounced in the general order No. 106.

General Bell says: "Reckless expedients adopted by the enemy, especially the policy of intimidation and assassination, leave to the brigade commander no other means of protecting either the lives of his subordinates or those of peaceful or friendly citizens, or the interest of his government against the repetition of the barbarous outrage except the enforcement of penalties authorized by the above-cited laws of war. The brigade commander therefore announces for the information of all concerned that wherever prisoners or unarmed or defenseless American or natives, friendly to the U. S. government are murdered or assassinated for political reasons and this fact can be established, it is his purpose to execute the prisoner of war under authority contained in section 59 and 148. This prisoner of war will be selected by lot from among officers or prominent citizens captured as prisoners of war and will be chosen when practicable from those who belong to the town in which the murder or assassination has occurred. He explains that the order referred to was approved by Abraham Lincoln and that orders mentioned in the resolution and in Bell's order of December 13, were in strict conformity with the letter and spirit of this famous order, which he says was a contribution of great and recognized value. Secretary Root says there is reason to doubt that the policy embodied in the above order was at once the most effective and humane which could possibly have been followed and declaring that so indeed it has proved, he submits copies of the telegrams announcing the surrender of Malvar and termination of the organized resistance in the Philippines. The secretary denies having any knowledge of any order issued by General Smith to Major Waller, such as was referred to in the court martial, and he excuses his orders for General Smith's trial, based upon newspaper publications as confirmed by General Chaffee. He declares that all of General Smith's writer orders relative to Samar also have been printed by the senate and that all are in strict conformity with the general order No. 106.

EXCLUDING MANUFACTURES. NEW YORK, May 7.—Gradual exclusion from the Netherlands of the British iron and steel manufacturers is reported, cables the London correspondent of the Tribune, by the British consul at Amsterdam. He expresses the opinion that there are two difficulties to be overcome if British manufacture is to regain its lost footing. The first is the adoption of a standard system, which has made great progress in Germany and Belgium in nearly all iron and steel man-

ufactures. The other difficulty is the existence of trusts or syndicates in almost every principal branch of the iron trade in both these continental countries.

PHASE IN DUTCH CONSTITUTION.

NEW YORK, May 7.—There is a clause in the Dutch constitution which is particularly interesting just now, cables the London correspondent to the Tribune. It provides that if the queen has a son, her majesty shall abdicate in his favor when he reaches his eighteenth birthday; if on the other hand no child is born within five years, the Dutch Parliament has the power to dissolve the marriage.

SEVEN PEOPLE DROWNED.

Sunday School Party Out on a Pleasure Ride.

TOLEDO, O., May 7.—Seven young people, members of the Sunday school class of the First Baptist church, were drowned in the Maumee river just below this city tonight at 10 o'clock, as the result of a Naptha launch frolic. The boat was run down by the tug Arthur Wood.

The dead are: IRWIN SWAIN, BESSIE LEBBE, EDNA LOWE, WILLIAM FANNER, BESS BYSCRUM, EULALOE RICHARD, GRACE HASPIN.

A NOVEL EXPERIENCE

MAYOR OF NEW YORK WILL RIDE THROUGH SEWER

He Will Head a Procession of Automobiles in an Underground Trip.

NEW YORK, May 7.—The mayor of Greater New York will, on May 17, make the first underground trip in an automobile that has ever been made by an official of the city. He is scheduled to go at the head of a procession of several automobiles, the passengers in which will be members of the board of estimate and department officials of Berlin, through the large 15-foot sewer that is now being built to drain the entire ridge section of Brooklyn.

The officials will have the novel experience of traveling for a mile or more through a subterranean passage 70 feet or more below the surface of the streets. The Brooklyn officials desire to show the mayor the places in their home borough where large sums of money are needed to begin or carry forward improvements already under way. One of these improvements is the Bay Ridge sewer. This one sewer is one of the largest ever built and when it is completed, it will drain a territory covering the greater part of that section of Kings county south of Prospect Park.

BRITISH LEAGUE

NEW YORK, May 7.—A meeting of the British Empire League has just been held in the House of Commons, under the chairmanship of Lord Avebury, to hear an address from Colonel Denison on the subject of preferential trade rates, cables the London correspondent of the Tribune. The Duke of Abercorn, Sir Charles Tupper, and several influential members of parliament were present.

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PORTAGE RAILROAD ABOVE DALLES

The Columbia River Basin Board Will Take the Matter Up.

IT IS A BASIN PROPOSITION

Federation of Labor Finishes Business and Elects Officers.—Astoria Was Honored.

PORTLAND, May 7.—Plans for completing the portage railroad above The Dalles are taking shape. The project will be taken up by the directors of the Columbia Basin Board of Trade which meets tomorrow.

The Board of Trade of this city has adopted the plan of organization of a new company to finish the road and to operate it. The Columbia River board will be asked to approve the proposal of the Portland board and to lend its influence toward carrying out the scheme.

The value of the capital stock will be determined by the incorporators. These will be representative citizens of the entire Columbia River basin.

A number of responsible men have signified their willingness to become incorporators. Among them being Ralphson Yalmer, of Genesee; E. W. Tallant and M. J. Kinney, of Astoria; W. L. Steinwegor, of North Yakima; E. E. Case, of Waterville; J. W. Stearns, of Pullman, and E. H. Libbey, of Lewiston.

It is proposed to sell \$200,000 worth of bonds, the proceeds to be used in putting the road into shape for business. These bonds will constitute the first mortgage on all the franchise, rights and properties of the road.

It is stipulated that the new company shall convey freight and passengers at a reduction not less than 25 per cent from the present railroad rate and that it shall meet any future reduction in rates made by the railroad.

Assurance has been given by the members of the old company of their entire willingness to turn over the road.

PORTLAND, May 7.—The State Federation of Labor has finished its first annual session and after adopting a constitution and by-laws and electing officers it decided upon La Grande as the next meeting place. The following officers were elected: President—G. L. Harry, of Portland. First vice-president—T. C. Welch, of Astoria. Second vice-president—General Hornby, of Portland. Third vice-president—G. Johnson, of Baker City. Fourth vice-president—W. E. Miller, of Salem. Secretary—W. H. Barry, of Portland. Treasurer—Charles Mickle, of Portland.

PORTLAND, May 7.—President A. L. Mohler, of the O. R. & N. Co., today issued the following circular announcing the appointment of new officials of the road: R. B. Miller, general freight agent. Harry M. Adams, assistant general freight agent, transferred from Spokane, vice, W. E. Coman, who accepts service with the Southern Pacific. George J. Mohler, general agent of Spokane, vice, Harry M. Adams. J. W. Nowkirk, assistant treasurer, vice, G. E. Wilmington, deceased.

ARCHBISHOP CORRIGAN'S SUCCESSOR.

NEW YORK, May 7.—There is much speculation says the Rome correspondent to the Tribune, as to the successor of Archbishop Corrigan of New York. Even the Pope himself could hardly say now who will be elevated to the vacant office. The whole canonical procedure for choosing an Archbishop requires a minimum of three months. From the indications here it seems that the choice will be between Bishops McDonnell and Parley. In Vatican circles it is said the death of Archbishop Corrigan eliminates the greatest rival of Archbishop Ireland for the new American Cardinalate.

UNDER CHURCH LAW.

NEW YORK, May 7.—It will be nearly 40 days, under the church law, before three names selected by bishops

of the province can be sent to the Pope from which he will make a choice, if he does not decide to disregard them all, as the successor of Archbishop Corrigan.

When the prelate who now lies dead was selected by the Pope as Archbishop of this diocese, all the names sent to the Pope were disregarded and he then named M'gr. Corrigan for the place. Most prominent among those named in the quiet discussion of probabilities are Bishop Parley, auxiliary bishop of this archdiocese and Bishop McDonnell of Brooklyn. The other two names most often mentioned are those of Father Charles H. Colton and Father J. H. McGeehan. It is possible that any of the consultors or irremovable pastors may be finally selected by the bishops of the province and their names be sent to Rome.

MAINE WORKERS SPEAK.

PORTLAND, Me., May 7.—The central labor union here has protested against the recent advance in the price of beef, and unanimously adopted a resolution binding its members not to purchase beef for 30 days.

SUFFRAGIST IN THE DARK.

NEW YORK, May 7.—Mrs. Mary A. Livermore, the well-known woman suffragist, is confined to her home in Melrose, says a Boston dispatch to the Times, by a serious difficulty with her eyes. For the past two weeks she has been under the care of a physician and has remained in a dark room. It is feared she may become totally blind.

TEMPEST IN A TEAPOT

ANOTHER REVOLUTION IN SAN DOMINGO.

Rebels Sack Baraton, Devoting Most of Their Attention to a Gin Mill.

NEW YORK, May 7.—Members of the crew of the British brigantine Alice, Captain Inness, which has just arrived from the West Indies, report that while the brigantine lay about 85 yards from the shore at Barabona, on the southwest coast of Santo Domingo, a force of revolutionists entered the town and began discharging rifles. The inhabitants of the port ran shrieking from their homes along the beach.

"The revolutionists first sacked the principal saloon in the town," said one of the crew. They broke all the windows, drank all the liquor in bottles and then smashed the bar. They rolled barrels of rum out into the street and what they could not drink they turned into the gutters.

"Next they attacked the jail and took out all the prisoners they wanted. The freed convicts joined the insurrectionists.

"In the attack eleven guards and one prisoner were killed. Two civilians were killed in the woods which thickly skirt the town at the base of the mountains.

"The women and children who fled along the beach sought the protection of Captain Inness, who brought off as many as the gig would hold. A sloop brought off the rest of the refugees.

"The refugees, 100 in number, remained aboard three days. Meantime 100 government soldiers had appeared and were driven to retreat by the revolutionists, who then disappeared."

PHILIPPINE BILL IN THE SENATE

Tillman Adds to His Already Lurid Record.—Arraigned By Burton.

Democrats Disgusted and Many of Them Leave While the Disgraceful Senator Talked.

WASHINGTON, May 7.—The discussion of the Philippine bill in the senate took a sensational turn today. McComas, of Maryland, referring to the alleged cruelties of the American soldier in the Philippines—cruelties which he deeply deplored—told of some of the cruelties which had occurred on both sides during the civil war. In this connection he suggested that the senators from South Carolina and Mississippi, where there is less popular liberty than in any other states were shouting loudest for constitutional liberty in the Philippines.

These remarks drew a sensational reply from Tillman, of South Carolina, who declared that it was no longer possible to sneer away the responsibility for the infamies committed by the Americans in the Philippines. He said that if it had been known in the South that the reins of government were to be given to negroes, the civil war would have been prolonged indefinitely. He insisted that in order to maintain their self-respect, while the people of the South had been obliged to subdue the negroes by whatever means they could, using the shotgun as one means. He frankly described how the negroes had been defeated at the polls, admitting that the whites had gotten just such majorities as were necessary.

When we get ready to put a nigger's face in the sand," he said, "we put his body there too."

He declared that the people of the South never would submit to negro domination, and he hoped Republican senators would turn from the game of deviltry to the Filipinos, and assist the South to rid itself of the threat of negro domination. While Tillman was speaking many Democratic senators left the chamber, his audience on the floor being mostly on the Republican side. Burton, of Kansas, vigorously arraigned Tillman for his utterances.

STRICKEN IN THE HARNESS.

College Professor Attacked With Disease While Hearing Class and Dies.

SPRINGFIELD, O., May 7.—President J. M. Ruthrauff, of Wittenberg College, died last night in the law office of John Leismann, where he was stricken early in the day, while discussing difficulties with the senior class of the college and the theological seminary. A congestion at the base of the brain, supposed to have been brought on by overwork and troubles with the classes is assigned as the cause. Dr. Ruthrauff came to Wittenberg about two years ago from Cathage, Ill.

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