Although the court of inquiry appointed to investigate the charges of General Miles that the beef supplied the army was unwholesome, has not yet made its report, sufficient testimony has been produced to convince the public that the charges were true, and that the grossest frauds had been worked upon the government through its agents in the war department, and should be sufficient to convince the president. The evidence of Egan the so-called refrigerated beef and canned roast beef were made by him because it was Secretary Alger's wish ers, which the commissary-general considered equivalent to a direct order from his superior. The testimony of officers and enlisted men in the army was that the beef furnished was utterly uefit for consumption.

The president rewarded Egan for calling Miles a liar, but it is proven beyond doubt that Miles was not a liar, but a brave soldier seeking to protect the health of the soldiers by demanding that they be fed on wholesome food, and that the war department was so indifferent to the fate of the soldiers that it attempted to brush Miles' accusations aside and suppressed Col. Roosevelt's reports, in order that the beef trust might be enriched. This through state and municipal legislatestimony all stands out boldly before the president, and it becomes his duty to repair the wrong so far as possible by removing the head of the depart

ment who sanctioned these frauds. The testimony is all against the rewho have been poisoned and starved by being fed on improper food, duty would demand that he dismiss in disgrace the recreant servants, indict and Algerism has placed upon them.

If the president is honest and desires to retain the good will of the people who have honored him by electing him to the high position he occupies, he will punish those who are responsible for the sickness and death of our brave soldiers through feeding them on embalmed beef and starving them on corned beef pulp. The facts are all case against the unscrupulous officials in the war department has been made out, and the public is waiting for the president to act in the premises.

## WORTHY OF CONSIDERATION

In another column is published letter asking what can be done to cre ate a market for fruit, and suggesting a meeting of the fruit raisers and merchants of Tne Dalles to devise some plan whereby the fruit raised in this esection can be marketed at a price that will leave a profit to the grower. This is certainly a matter of no small importance, since fruit growing is every year becoming an industry of greater magnitude. But it loes not seem that there should be any serious question as to how it should be disposed of. The fact that on the shelves of our grocery stores are to be found immense quantities of California and New York canned and preserved fruits should solve the question, and make it clear that a cannery is the proper means of disposing of the surplus fruit.

To depend upon shipping fruit gree has proven both unsatisfactory and unprofitable to the fruit grower. Since there is not a possibility of fruit buyers coming here evey season and buying direct from the raiser, the producer generally has to take all chances of shipping, and also on the market when his fruit reaches its destination. Even though the market is sufficiently stable to justify the grower in shipping, it is only the best quality that will do to send out green, hence a large amount of fruit is always left on the grower's hands. Were there a cannery here all fruit could be worked un into a merchantable article, and none would go to waste.

Parties who are informed on the matter say that a fruit canning plant can be erected for \$5,000. If this is true, a capital of \$10,000 would be sufficient to put up the plant and operate it until enough of the output could be put on the market to pay running expenses. If by an investment of \$10,000 The Dalles can start such industry as will make a market for all the fruit raised in the country, both good and bad, and at the same time supply the lacal market with canned fruits, thus retaining money at home that now goes abroad, it will certainly be a good

A few days since Governor Geer received the following telegram from

the Chicago Tribune: "The governors of South Dakots and Nebrasks are demanding the recall of the volunteers from their states from the Philippines, on the ground that their term of enlistment expired when the ratifications of the peace treaty were exchanged, and that the present conflict in the Philippines is in opposition to liberty and in the in terest of capitalism. Do the people of your state demand the return of your volunteers for the same reasons?"

On receipt of this inquiry the governor swelled up a little and without consulting the people of the state at large, telegraphed a reply in which he said among other things:

"Our people take no stock in the declaration that the conflict in the more than a year ago, were loudly accusing President McKinley of 'cowardice' and of delaying the war with Spain in the 'interest of capitalism.' as represented by Spanish bondhold

pines 'in opposition to liberty and in the people of Oregon are habitual strangers, and which finds no lodg- overlooked by our legislatures.

nent in their minds at this time." Governor Geer probably passed his opinions on what he has read in the Oregonian and kindred journals to the asked by the New York Tribure how effect that the people of Oregon were a call for more volunteers to go to the blood-thirsty pirates and with one Philippines would be responded to in second desired to exterminate the Filipinos regardless of justice of the o fall down upon their knees and speak for all the people of the state, and reflect his own opinions, but whea he hears from all of Oregon, he will find that a majority of the people look upon the present war against the

·liberty." DEMOCRATIC AIMS.

The Louisville Courier Journal hampion of the Star Eyed Goddess and a lover of democracy and liberty. clearly shows that the contracts for debris of populism, which had accumucleared the deck of the democratic that he should deal with certain pack- ship for action, it would "proceed to would be for soldiers to suppress having these four ends in yiew." First-The destruction of combina-

tions of capital designed to limit production, to raise prices and to promote Second-The raising of the public moneys by taxes fairly divided between

to no class or interest. Third-The recovery to the people of all franchises belonging to the people, but diverted from public to private

Fourth-such a reorganization and reform of our judicial system as will remove the court farther from the influence of the rich and make them presentatives of the president, and | not to be reached by excited appeals while he cannot bring back to life the and revolutionary menaces, but by dead soldiers or restore to health those calm, conservative methods, originating in the benign and orderly opeoa tions of an enlightened public opinion In 1896 Watterson wandered away from the only party that then proposed punish the beef trust, and clear his to inculcate into the veins of govern skirts of the stigms which Alger and ment the principles he now outlines For this he probably has no excuse to make, though he no doubt regrets having been a party to the electing of President McKinley, and would willingly enter heartily into a move to establish a government, the objects of

> BANK-WRECKING. Senator Quay are startling, because they show how difficult it is to pene-

ued frauds which may be perpetrated by unscrupulous bank officials. Judge Biddle, the trial judge in this ensational case, stated the matter epigrammatically on Wednesday, "Crimnal offenses," said his bonor, "are not mere passer-by. There is always con-

Bitter experience in this state, a elsewheae, has proved the exceeding difficulty of detecting offenses against the banking laws when perpetrated by conning officials The comptroller of the currency requires five statements annually from national banks and these are supplemented by occasional personal examinations by national bank examiners. But the territory covered by each examiner is extensive his examinations are necessarily hurried, and experience has shown that banks may be plundered in spite of

these imperfect safeguards. After all, the best guarantee of con cientious banking is had in the character of the officials of a bank. An upright banker needs no watching. A trickey banker will evade the laws and may wreck a bank in spite of the mperfect watch which the government puts upon him.-Spokesman-Re-

A number of influential republican apers that evidently fear Carter Har ison, of Chicago, may be the democratic nominee in 1900, are trying to work up prejudice against him among the advocates of silver in the democratic party-those who supported Bryan in 1896-by assetring that he is a gold democrat, a machine politician and under the thumb of Crocker, the Tammany boss. There is no foundation for their assertions. Harrison upported Bryan in 1896, and no expression of his since would justify the beltef that he has rejected any plank in the Chicago platform. The fact that Harrison has given the great city of Chicago the best administration it has ever had, and that he has constantly stood up for the rights of the people, makes him a formidable candidate for higher office than the mayorality of Chicago, and the republicans naturally desire to create a prejudice against him, for they well know if he should be the democratic nominee for OUR PUFFED UP GOVERNOR president next year, he would be a dangerous man for them to try to op-

ently been held that have proven to the most incredulous that democracy Milwaukee where Col. Bryan and contrary to the expectation of some epublican wise acres, the two great leaders were in perfect accord. The other was in New York City last Satorday and was attended by 3,000 enthusiastic democrats who gave Col. Bryan the heartiest reception ever

ccorded a man in the United States. General Wheaton, while pursuing the Filipinos into the mountains, sent General Otis this message: "They would not wait to be killed." This is not surprising. Even sayages are similation" is not proving a success be to have party leaders consider

The bill for publishing the delin- him overboard.

'On Monday Governor Geer

Oregon, and made this reply: "You ask my opinion as to 'how cause for which our soldiers are called | call for more volunteers for service in upon to fight. Or perhaps be imagined the Philippines would be answered. that all Oregonians are like he, ready I have no means of knowing, save by the general knowledge that when the worship the administration, accept its first call was made last year, the only every act as right, regardless of the disappointment shown anywhere was onstitution, the laws or the common by those who tried to enlist and were dictates of humanity. He assumed to rejected, and that if the desire to enlist then was based on unselfish patriotism (and there can be no doubt of this.) in the event of a call for more volunteers to hold the fruits of the Spanish war and to give Dewey's vic-Filipinos as one in "opposition to tory a permanent place in history Oregon would furnish her quota as

promptly as any state in the Union." Governar Geer seems not to realize that there is a difference in the purposes for which volunteers enlisted Henri Watterson's paper, is still the year ago and the purpose for which they would be called upon to enlist now. When the first call was made it It propose to first "throw out the was for the purpose of maintaining national dignity and to engage in a lated among the general mass of demo- war of humanity-to stop the depredaaratic wreckage" and then, having tions of a tyrant and liberate an oppressed people. A call made now formulate a line of domestic policies liberty, and whip those same people back into what they believe would be perpetual bondage.

The governor does not misjudge Oregon enstriction for whenever the nation is in need of defenders, this state will furnish her quota, but Ore gon's citizens are not imbued with production and consumption beginning that class of patriotism that would with a tariff for revenue only and end- force into subjection, at the point of ing in a graded income tax, oppressive the bayonet, a people who are ready to offer their lives as a sacrifice for inde pendence. If a call should be made for another regiment of Oregon volunteers to engage in the war of conquest uses, buy the purchase of corporations in the Philippines it might result in a and individuals, corruptly working regiment being organized, but it would not comprise such men as make up the present Second Oregon-the flower of the country, the most energetic and high spirited young men of the statebut men who go toto the army for the sake of employment, because of the more accesable to the poor; a result failure to get other and more lu rative positions, men who do not fight for the love of country but for the bope of financial reward.

A strong effort is being made in New assume control of supplying light within its borders. Those cities that own their light plants have found the which are to give the greatest good to of any size will adopt a plan that is is unnecessary the greatest number, which is pure thus proving a seccess in other places.

Dalles furnishes water to people, and does so at a cost to the consumer much less than that charged by private trate the systematic and long-continthe business. Even at this reduction the plant is said to be operated at a profit, and will ere long pay for their. The tendency of the times is toward public ownership of water. lights and even transportation facilities, and it is a question that will some time be brought before the people of this place. Ownership of the water plant of The

> paying concern, pay off the indepted appropriations for some state instituness against it and also keep up neces tions were cut down. But if anyone sarv repairs. Whether enough lights are required by the last legislature be will fail to the market. Few governments but for illuminating the streets to justify is see the logic of the Astorian's arguthe city owning its own picht is does ment. There was more money placed tionable, and the matter of present indebtedness is one also to be taken into consideration, for it is not de-

sirable to incur too much of a debt for future generations to pay, nor is

WE NEED FACTORIES.

principally to the town.

This slack business for a few months each year will prevail until such a time as employment can be given to more people through industries that from \$3,000 to \$6,000 as wages monthly it- would greatly stimulate general business, as the greater portion of the wages earned would be spent in the want a double pension. stores or with the farmers for supplies. With such an amount expended every month in the town, in addition to the ordinary trade, our merchants would ever have occasion to complain of slack trade during the dull months. it still alive in the land. One was in They would be doing business right. along, regardless of seasons, and gen Mayor Harrison, of Chicago, met, and eral prosperity would prevail. The Dalles, with a few manufacturing industries instituted can ce made the in Eastern Oregon, but without them, we will always have dull seasons.

omething toward establishing indus awfully wrong. tries that will improve their business? A BAD STATE OF AFFAIRS "It is stated that Chairman Hanna intends to call the executive committee not willing to do any waiting in this of the republican national committee city. It is understood that Reed will Philippines is 'waged in opposition to connection. If they would only 'wait together for the purpose of outlining resign his seat in congress and remove licerty and in the interest of capital- to be killed" the Philippine problem a plan of campaign. There is no ur- to New York. The statement has ism.' The very men who make this would be settled in short order. This gant need of this, and the probability be is why the policy of "benevolent as- is that if such action is taken it will a yearly income of \$50,000. Before

cide if it is really necessary to drop quent tax list in Multnomah county "A republican senator said today will be \$15,000. It looks like our that he did not think McKinley would "The charge that the American flag learned legislators should be able to cause Alger to resign, [notwithstand- An earthquake snock in the province is waving over a conflict in the Philip- divise some plan by which the cost of ing the reiteration of the attacks in of Rio Ja has destroyed the villages of collecting delinquent taxes could be Eastern republican papers upon the Vinclina and Jaquel. Several persons the interest of capitalism' savors very made less expensive. But like all administration of the war department. much of a spirit of demagogy to which ther matters that tend to lessen the He expressed the belief that Alger He expressed the belief that alger would not have made his emphatic decisration that he intended to stay in burdens of the people, this has been would not have made his emphatic

CONDITIONS HAVE CHANGED the cabinet if the president had not given him some assurance of his in tention not to force him out. At the same time the senator regarded it as possible that the Ohio political situation would determine the matter, and if it appeared that the state was likely lost, the Ohio method of disregarding anything else except success would be brought into play, and Alger would have to go."-Washington dis-

patch to Portland Oregonian. Has the great American republic ome to this? Is it possible that the chief executive of the nation is nothing but a machine politician, and that he question of whether or not an in competent, unscrupulous, dishonest official shall be retained must depend upon the effect his retention or dis missal will have upon the future success of the party in power? Must everything be made secondary to partisanship? The commission appointed to inquire

nto the conduct of the war departmen during the disturbance with Spain, while it attempted to follow instruc tions and whitewash Alger, could got smother facts, and by its report convicted him of incompetency. The court of inquiry that investigated the harges of General Miles that the beel furnished the army was unfit for use, has unearthed evidence not only sustaining the charges, but proving beyond doubt that the secretary of the war was corrupt, and let contracts to packing houses, not because of the good quality of their products, but ecause of favoritism. In short, that he was corrupt. These indictments, according to the dispatch quoted above; re to be ignored, so far as Alger's reredublicans, are liable to lose Ohio through keeping him in office," the president will request him to resign. a thing of the past; that dishonesty in there are many who believe it. official life cannot be punished unless. it will advance party interest; that even the highest office in the land may be corrupted. It means that there is too much party and too little patriot-

ism left in our polities. Readers of the Oregonian have no doubt noticed how it has changed its sentiment within the past few weeks. A month ago there was no paper on the coast that raked the trusts and CITY OWNERSHIP OF LIGHTS. unholy combines of capital apy stronger than did the Oregonian, nor was is not unlikely that in time all cities, fallen through. Further explanation, Mr. Reid's ambitions.

When the railroad shops were here Tacoma furnishes street lights and the united states will begin about to be given the privileges thus granted to the United States will begin about to be given the privileges thus granted to the United States will begin about the control of the United States will begin about to be given the privileges thus granted to the United States will begin about to be given the privileges thus granted to the United States will begin about to be given the privileges thus granted to be given the given the given the given the granted to be given the given the granted to be given the also supplies light to private conmerchants did not notice there being such a non compos mentis country as to other nations. corporations before the city entered the merchants welcome such corporations before the city entered the merchants welcome such corporations before the city entered the merchants welcome such corporations before the city entered the merchants welcome such corporations before the city entered the merchants welcome such corporations before the city entered the merchants welcome such corporations before the city entered the merchants welcome such corporations before the city entered the city enter why not institute systems that would bring large good old times back? It chip every time some one scowls. can be done if the business men of the town will stand together and offer cash inqueements to manufacturing industries that will necessarily employ large forces of men and wemen.

Ownership of the water plant of the Astorian devotes and Dalles is proving successful, and it is iterial to shewing how Governor Geer's beyond question that the water sys administration is handicapped because edwill consider the appropriations made talk trade, but at present it is not in at the disposal of state officials than ever before in the history of Oregon. If Governor Geer's administration is a failure for want of money to spend, God pity taxpayers in the future.

it likely that the people would consent " Mathew P. Qu y has lost the greatto a very great addition to their taxes est political fight of his life. The in order to secure lights. Yet every- Pednsylvania legislature refused to rebody wants the town lighted, and elect him United States senator. He since it appears unlikely that an deserved defeat because of his effort agreement will be reached whereby to force his election when the people lights can be bought, the next ques- generally and a strong minority of his tion to be considered is for the city to party did not want him, to say nothing own its light plant. It appears the of his malfesance in office. Any man only solution of the light question is who will block legislation and cause for the city to put in a plant of its own serious loss to his state thereby, just or allow the streets to go in darkness to satisfy his own selfish ends, should never be elected to office

Business men and property owners At this season of the year Dailes of The Balles, what do you think of anchored off Baler, east coast of Luzon, merchants complain of dull trade, and Mr Farley's proposition for raising 200 miles from here, where there was a under present conditions it is to be funds to encourage manufacturing Spanish garrison of about 40 men, expected, for during the months of industries? Can you devise a better which had been defending itself March and April farmers are busy pian? If so let us hear from you. We against several hundred Filipinos for with their seeding, hence do not come know you are all anxious to help ocom months past. Lieutenant Gilmore, to town, there is little travel through The Dalles, are all willing to do more Ensign Stanley and a boats' crew were ful solution of the present trouble is the place and as there is but a small business than you are doing, all want sent up the river from Baler buy to amount of produce marketed in those every house you have occupied. Then communicate with the Spanisteds. Enmonths, trade in stores is confined | why not get to work in some pracicable way to accomplish results that will be beneficial to all?

An exchange complains that too many of the volunteer soldiers who will employ a large number of hands saw service in . Cuba are applying for and create a monthly pay-roll. Had pensions. The editor of the paper we some industries that would em- probably forgets that they were fed on ploy from 200 to 300 hands and pay out embalmed beef and canned roast pulp furnished by the firm of Algar & Eagan. Had be been fed ou such stuff for two or three months he no doubt would

The appointment of ex Governor Lord as minister to Persia is an honor to the state of Oregon, that will be received with pleasure by all Oregon. ians. That our state should be thus recognized is pleasing, and indicates that those in high places are beginning to recognize the importance of the

Webfoot country. Even Tom Reed is disgusted with liveliest town and best business point the rotteness of the Hanna-Alger administration, and proposes to clear his conscience a little by withdrawing Cannot the merchants and other busi- from Congress. When Reed gives up ness men of the town afford to dooste in despair there must be something

Reed Will Leave Congress NEW YORK, April 19 .- It is announce ed that Speaker Reed has decided to Simpson, Thacher & Barnum in this settling down Mr. Reed will make a in the Philippipes.—East Oregonian | what to do with Alger's case, and de-protracted visit to Europe.

NEW YORK, April 19 .- A dispatch to the Herald from Buenos Ayres says:

were killed.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

The Southern Pacific Rallacad Company has just placed an order in the east for 3,000 new cars and 35 firstclass engines." This would indicate that there is to be a great tide of travel to the coast.

One of the humorous ideas of the day is that the South American countries could ever be willing to return to Spanish influences. The annexation of Spain to Brazil would be more in 

A British judge has disallowed Lady Harburton's claim for damages against a landlord who declined to give the lady rooms because she came in bloomers: The judge is unreasonable. He wears a gown himself-why should he oppose the other sex making use of "compromise pants?"

Captain Leary, the to be governor general of Guam island in the Pacific, will be allowed \$50,000 a year for the expense; of his "kingdom" or \$5 for everyone of his 10,000 subjects. The people's money is being wasted in many ways and yet imperialism is hardly, more than a day old. - East

A St. Lonis wirl is reported to have jilted a sitle foreigner because he made inquiries at a commercial agency regarding ber father's financial standing. Poreigners with title may as well understand now and for all time that the American girl, while ready to buy, is too proud to give bonds for the fulfillment-of her dinancial obligations

It looks now like the McKinley boom" has a cinch on the presidentall ention of the war portfolio is con- nomination for 1900. But since be cerned. But if it "appears that the has to carry Alger, Eagan and "enbalmed beef!' on his shoulders, his heavy load will make it impossible for bim to win: for, as a prominent re-This condition of affairs would lead to | publican has said; "16 to 1 or anything the belief that American patrio ism is is better than enbalmed beef." And

Secretary Alger says he will not resign from President McKinley's cabinet, but will hold on till the end unless some unforeseeu accident occurs. If McKinley is the man be ought to be the unforseen will happen. He cannot afford longer to force upon the people such a bundle of incompetency as Alger is. He should lose no time in removing Alger from his

Whitelaw Reid, editor of the New York Tribune, is playing a desperate there a much stronger apponent of the game. He wants to be ambassador to granted to Switzerland can receive York, San Francisco and numerous unjust protective tariff than the Port- Paris, and to secure that goal he must them, they will be required to make other large cities throughout the land daily. But all of a sudden it has first get Alger cashiered, by getting, country toward having the muncipality changed front. A month ago there Horace Porter, present ambassador was a strong probability that a daily to Paris, installed into the office of able importance, especially as it is the paper would be started in Portland secretary of war at Washington, expectation of the state department that would stand up for the people's There may be a good many slips be- that before the expiration of the perplan a paying and saving one, and it rights; now that proposition has about tween the pursuit and possession of iod in which the treaties of reciprocity

There will be no trouble between for there was outside money out in civilized nations of the world the tencirculation every month. Would not dency is spainst bullets at every little difference of opinion. Nations as well as people realize that pational honor does not require the knocking off of a

Some Washington correspondents are trying to make it appear that Great Britain is anxious to trade her West India possession for the Philip Such an idea is wild. Great Britain is not bunting for such "barguins" as the Philippines in their present sate. Whenever Uncle Sam has whipped the Filipinos into subjection, and can give a clear title to the islands, the British government might ours would buy a war.

A Boat Crew From the

Yorktown Disappears.

MANILA, April 19 .- Admiral Dewey has been notified of the disappearance of J. C. Gilmore and 14 members of the gunboat Yorkique. sign Stanley, who landed at the mouth of the river, reports that he heard three volteys; a bugle call and obsers up the river; but the automatic gun which was part of the equipment of the boat was not beard. Stanley

then paddled to the Yorktown in Search was made for the Yorktown's crew, but no trace of them was found, and the Yorktown sailed for Ho Ho, and her commander cabled to Admiral Dewey. His theory is that the Filipinos had capsured or sunk the boat, or that the Spaulards had rescued the American party.

GOVERNOR LORD HONORED. WASHINGTON, April 18.—The fo

owing diplomatic changes have been anounced as the result of the cabinet meeting today: W. W. Rockhill, now minister to Greece, has resigned that post. Arthur Sherburne Hardy, of New Hampshire, now minister to Persia, has been promoted to succeed Rockbill.

Wm. P. Lord, of Oregon, has been appointed minister of Persia. John M. Irwin, of lows, formerly governor of Idaho, has been appointed minister to Portugal, to succeed Lawrence Townsend, transferred to Belgium, vice Bellamy Storer, who goes to Madrid.

CHICAGO, April 18 - President into the Desplaines river at Lockport October 9, Chicago day. The trustees with the Mississippi river, it is desired that the president of the United States should start the water flowing.

A FILIPINO

Reciprocity Treaty Likely - Cause Bother

NEW YORK, April 18 .- A special t A result of the United States granting corded to France under the reciprocity agreement with the latter country. privileges be allowed to them.

tained by France under her agreement stated today that it had become neces sary to formally denounce it, such denot to grant any favor in commerce to be enjoyed by the other parties."

Before Germany or any other nation desiring to obtain the privileges reciprocal compensation to The United States. The matter is of considerbe made, several instruments will have been signed, and Switzerland Germany and England and the United during the life of her treaty will have

nese out and the Indian infantry advanced, the Chinese etiring several The Chinese losses are unknown, as

WHAT THE PILIPINOS WANT.

NEW YORK, April 18 .- A dispatch to the Herald from Manlia says: In an interview with General Lagorda, he said that a committee of 22 Fillipinos had been appointed to confer with the peace commission for the

First-To obtain as large autono mous rights for the Filipino people as Second-To bring about peaceful

elations between the insurgents and the Americans. Third-That the Americans Filipinos shall occupy public offices. Arevaleo, a former side to Aguinaldo, is now in Manila. He said in an interview that if the Americans send to Aguinaldo now, he thinks a peaceprobable. Influential Americans think that the commission of rich Eilipinos is eager to protect property. and has little influence with the insurgents.

Yukon Breaking Up. VICTORIA, B. C. April 18 .- Men jus arrived from the Klondike say that the Yukon is already breaking up and is flooded from Marsh Lake up. One party of four, headed by Stuart, of Snohomish, went through the ice near White Horse rapids, April 2, and were drowned with their dogs. While the Litkle party, now here, was crossing Summit lake last Saturday, John Deland went through the ice and was only rescued with difficulty. Grave anxiety is expressed for those now on the trail.

Japan Stands Ready. SAN FRANCISCO, April 18 .- Among the arrivals on the Coptic were Prince Konoye, president of the Japanese chamber of peers, who is on his way around the world on a trip of inspection and investigation.

Prince Konoye says the Japanes are determined to preserve the integricy of the Chinese empire, if possible, but in case that there should be par tition there should fall to Japan a good share of the country, so that it might be opened under Jadanese auspices.

SERIOUS IF TRUE Claim to Have Captured 140 Lawton's Men.

LONDON, April 19.-The Filipino junta claims to have received a cable McKinley is to be asked to open the gram from General Luna, commander Mrs. Tackman's first sluice gate which will permit the of the rebel forces in the Manila diswaters of the sanitary canal to flow trict, direct from Manila, on Friday, declaring that General Lawton, "whose object was to proceed to Baler are making plans for an elaborate and effect a junction with the United canal opening, and as the main drain- States gunboat Yorktown," was inage chadnel, if the main purpose of veigled by the tactics of the Filipines the original plans are carried out, will into "perliously extending his line. some day be a link in a deep waterway with the result that one of his columns, to connect the chain of Great lakes consisting of 140 officers and men, on reaching a place called Binagonam, was ambushed by a large force of Filipinos, that communicated with the

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Negotiations to Be Installed Looking to a Settlement.

MANILA. April 18.-A number of rominent and wealthy Filipinos are organizing a committee to take steps to bring about if possible an understanding between the rebels and the Americans. One branch of this committee intends to ask the United States Philippine commission to make a statement as to what terms would be offered the rebels if the latter will

Another branch of the committee will approach Aguinaldo with terms and endeavor to persuade him to accept them. It is considered doubtful, however, if any members of the committee will dare to personally confer with the rebel leader. The committee includes several parsons recently condemned to death by Aguinoldo for petitioning him to cease fighting. A TROUBLESOME TREATY.

the Herald from Washington says: to Switzerland the same privileges acseveral European and South American authorized by the army reorganizacountries have demanded that like tion law.

So dangerous to the commercia interests of this country has become this Swiss treaty, under which Switzealand is entitled to the benefits obwith the United States, that it was | mencing May 5.

NEW YORK, April 18 .- A dispatch to the Herald from Hong Kong says: Thousands of Chinese advanced toward the British came at Taipohu Monday and fired several rounds of artiliery at the enemy, who occupied the surround ing hills. Shrappel drove the Chi-

miles, burning villages. they carried away their dead and wounded. The British had no loss. Is is proposed to advance the British occupation. With the exception of his staff General Gascoigne is utilizing Indian troops. Hong Kong is guarded by volunteers and Welsh fu-

seived from Otla:

following purposes:

main force was severed and that their

entire column was captured." The Filipino advices further assert that General Lawton, who was at Laguna de Bay, on hearing the news, "retired to Manila, stating that he had been recalled by Otis on the ground that a native uprising in Manila was imminent.

The foregoing is said by the members of the Filipino junta to be a separate afair from the disappearance of a boat's crew of the Yorktown in the vicinity of Baler.

Campaign Against Filippinos Will Be Pushed Unremittingly.

TO: CONTINUE

NEW YOKK, April 20 .- A special to the Herald from Washington says: Notwithstanding the hot sesson and the imminence of the rainy season in the Philippines, there is to be no cession of active hostilities against the Filipinos.

This fact developed at a conference between the president, Secretary Alger, Secretary Long and adjutant-General Corbin. It was also decided not to issue a call for the 35,000 volunteers

It is the purpose of the administration to send to the Philippines almost as many regulars as there are volunteers to be returned. There are 14 volunteer regiments which, according to General Otis, will return home com-

Six regular regiments are now on their way to Manila. With their denunciation to take effect early in 1900. parture only three infantry commands The treaty provides that "each of the will remain in the country available contracting parties hereby engages for service in the East. It is understood that if coudition's continue satisany nation, union of nations, state or factory in Cuba, a couple of regiments society which shall not immediately of infantry will be drawn from that island and the Eleventh from Porto

> There is talk also of dispatching cavalry to General Otis.

GOOD NEWS FOR OREGON.

WASHINGTON, April 19.-General Otis has cabled the war department as MANILA, April 19 .- The embarkation of the volunteers on their return to the United States will begin about

vice until return transports are availthrough June and July, In the above dispatch is contained news which will gladden the hearts of thousands of Oregon people. It means that by the middle of June, allowing

for unlooked-for delays, the Second Oregon volunteers will probably have returned to their homes. When the return of the volunteers was first talked of, the government announced that the various regiments. would be brought home in the same order in which they went out. This would make the Second Oregon and

the First California the first to come Thirty days is required to make the passage from Manila to San Francisco. If the first transport sails May 5. therefore, it should arrive early in June. That at least part of the Second Oregon will be on this vessel there is no cause to doubt. The boys

will probably be in Portland by June INSURGENTS ARE SCATTERED.

WASHINGTON, April 19.-The lowing cablegram has just been re-

Manila, April 19.-Lawton returned from lake country April 17, bringing the captured yessels. The insurgents are much scatter They retreat before our forces, and await opportunities to attack detach-

The better class of people are tired of the war and desire peace. The enemy build their hope on the return of our volunteers to the United States. Their army is much demoralized, and the loss by desertion is large. Those will probably prosecute a guerilla warfare, looting and burning the country which they have occupied.

The health and spirits of the troop are good . Reports from the Visayan islands continue very encouraging, Interisland commerce is heavy, and customs receipts are increasing.

An Oregon Man Hon NEW YORK, April 20.-Dr. J. L. chair at Yale made vacant by the ribly in earnest about meeting its re derth of C. C. Marsh, is assistant curator of vertebral paleontology of the commanding respect throughout the American museum of natural history archipelago. to this city. At the time of Professor Marsh's death he was under contrac to go to Yale as his assistant this fall. with the ultimate end in view of becoming his successor.

Dr. Wortman was born in Oregon City, August 25, 1856, and received the president's commissioners, 35,000 his education at the state university are deemed the right number to garwhere he graduated in 1876.

A Father's Awful Doed. CAICAGO, April 19 .- After killing is 5-year-old son today by cutting his throat with a butcher knife, Emil Eyktra jumped on a horse and fled from his home in South Holland. He was pursued by an excited crowd, but escaped. He is believed to be insane.

Heavy Wheat Shortage. CHICAGO, April 20 .- The Trade Buletin, conceding all damage claims in the states between Ohio and the Missouri river, estimates that the winter wheat crop promises 327,000,000 bushels or 55,000,000 less than last year. Ice cream soda at the Palace of

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pressed in the early autumn. The volunteers to be returned t this country from Manila number PULLMAN barely 12,000, many of whom are great debilitated, so the determination to end 14,000 ablebodied soldiers to take their place is calculated to show the rebel leaders the United States is ter sponstbilities for preserving order and

time aggressive operations can be

It is announced that the army in the Philippines will be increased to 35,000 men, whether the rebels abandon the field or not. If Aguinaldo gives up his hopeless fight as a result of the negotiations between his followers and rison the forts in the outlying islands and establish lawful government in them. If the insurrection continues in Luzon at least 30,000 American troops, it is estimated by the authorities, will be required there for the campaign that will be undertaken, the NEW YORK remaining 5,000 going to garrison the BOSTON and all

foreign trade. Nearing the End. PHILADELPHIA, April 20 .- Consul of Senator Quay announced that they would not offer testimony. This means that the case will go to the jury this afternoon

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