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WOULD ENLIST MACABEBES

General MacArthur in Favor of Trying the Experiment.

HE WOULD EMPLOY THEM AS SCOUTS

Six Hundred Recruits Arrive at Manila—General Otis Invites Volunteers to Reenlist for Six Months.

Manila, May 27.—General MacArthur is in favor of the experiment of enlisting Macabebes against Tagals. MacArthur would arm a hundred of these men and make them scouts, and if the experiment proved successful he would re-enlist more of them.

General Otis has issued orders inviting the volunteers to re-enlist for six months according to the act of congress.

The transport Morgan City with six hundred recruits has arrived and will proceed to Ilo Ilo.

Major Diggles, of the Thirteenth Minnesota, is dead.

All Quiet at Sulu.

Washington, May 27.—The following has been received at the navy department:

"Manila, May 27.—Information has been received from the commander of the Castine that the Spanish troops have withdrawn from San Boangan. Information has been received from the commander of the Helena that United States troops have relieved the Spanish troops at Sulu on May 20. All is quiet there."

The Utah Light Artillery.

Washington, May 27.—Richard W. Young, of the famous Utah light artillery, in concluding his report to the war department, says: "I desire to commend most heartily without distinction the officers and men in the organization under my command. The amount of labor done by the men in dragging guns and constructing the earthworks has been prodigious and was always done cheerfully. All have been compelled to advance along open roads, usually in plain view of the enemy, and have unshrinkingly served the guns. It has, too, been a feature of these operations that in every advance the gunners have gone forward practically on the line of the skirmishers. Their willingness to work and intrepidity has not been more conspicuous than the skill with which they have handled the guns and the accuracy of their aim."

The Solace at San Francisco.

San Francisco, May 27.—The transport Solace arrived today from Manila. She had aboard a large number of soldiers and sailors whose term of service have expired or who have been incapacitated.

THE FAIR WILL CASE.

Mrs. Nettie Craven Applies for a Family Allowance.

San Francisco, May 27.—The application of Mrs. Nettie R. Craven for a family allowance out of the estate of James Fair as the widow of the late senator, was called in Judge Troutt's court today, but went over until August 13. W. W. Foote, of counsel for Mrs Craven, was allowed 20 days in which to file a bill of exceptions to the order of Judge Troutt refusing permission to Mrs. Craven to intervene in Charles Fair's contest of the trust will. There will be a battle royal when the application of the Fair widow for a family allowance comes up for hearing.

THE SPEAKERSHIP.

A Conference of Wisconsin Congressmen at Milwaukee.

Chicago, May 27.—A special to the Times Herald from Milwaukee says: Wisconsin congressmen are gathering here for a conference on the speakership. Congressman Babcock said: "The action of the delegation will be of the greatest importance in deciding the result. If we agree to support one candidate I think three or four other western states will follow our lead, and these announcements would go far toward settling the question of the speakership."

IS THIS YOUR STORY?
"Every morning I have a bad taste in my mouth; my tongue is coated; my head aches and I often feel dizzy. I have no appetite for breakfast and what food I eat distresses me. I have a heavy feeling in my stomach. I am getting so weak that sometimes I tremble and my nerves are all unstrung. I am getting pale and thin. I am as tired in the morning as at night."
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THE MARKETS.

Slight Decline in Wheat and Corn. Cattle, Sheep and Hogs.

Chicago, May 27.—Following is a review of yesterday's grain markets:

Wheat opened at a decline of 1 to 1¼c, due chiefly to disappointing cables. Liberal Northwest receipts and reports of an improvement, in the condition of the spring crop. Selling for both accounts was heavy and the market ruled weak up to the last hour, when it rallied on an accumulation of domestic crop damage news and unfavorable advices from Europe. Selling was resumed, however, and became so aggressive during the last 15 minutes that the market weakened again and closed within ¼c of the low point of the day. July opened 1 to 1¼c lower, at 75¼ to 75⅛, declined to 75c, advanced to 76 1-8 and sold off to 75¼ at the close.

Favorable crop reports and an announcement by a prominent statistician that the acreage would reach 84,000,000 weakened corn. July corn closed 1¼c lower.

Oats declined under liquidation owing to slack cash demand, heavy receipts and favorable weather. July lost ½ to 5-8c.

Heavy hog receipts and the tendency of the grain market weakened provisions. Pork lost 7½ to 10c and lard and ribs 2½c each.

Today's Wheat Markets.

San Francisco, May 27.—Cash wheat, $1.07½.

Chicago, May 27.—July wheat, 75¾; cash, No. 2 red, 76.

Cattle, Sheep and Hogs.

Chicago, May 27.—Trade in cattle was dull and prices ruled a shade easier; fancy grades, $5.60 to $5.70; choice steers, $5.30 to $5.55; mediums, $4.85 to $5; beef steers, $4.40 to $4.80; bulls, $3 to $4.50; heifers, $3.70 to $4.50; Western fed steers, $4.75 to $5.50; Texans, $4.20 to $5; calves, $5 to $7.75.

The supply of hogs was in excess of demand and prices ruled 2½c lower fair to choice, $3.77½ to $3.87½; heavy, packers, $3.50 to $3.75; mixed, $3.60 to $3.60; pigs, $3.25 to $3.70.

There was a lively demand for sheep and lambs at the recent decline; poor to prime sheep, $3.50 to $5.50; chiefly $4.75 to $5.45; yearlings, $5.50 to $5.85; clipped lambs, $4.25 to $6.50, largely $5.85 to $6.30; Colorado wooled lambs, $6.25 to $6.85; spring lambs, $7 to $8 per 100 pounds.

Receipts—Cattle, 250; hogs, 35,000; sheep, 7000.

A WILD TURMOIL.

Exciting Scenes in the Italian Chamber of Deputies.

London, May 27.—According to a special dispatch from Rome the scenes witnessed yesterday in the Italian chamber of deputies were repeated today. Preimer Pellieux denounced the socialist attacks on the army and a wild turmoil ensued. Rightists rose and dashed at the socialists, hitting and kicking. The session was suspended and the chamber cleared by officials. The situation is regarded as grave.

An Important Case Decided.

Tacoma, May 27.—The final suit to settle title to the "Nigger tract," sixty acres of land in the heart of the city, which has been pending in the courts a dozen years, was decided today, Seymour R. Allen getting the last five acres in dispute. Pierce county claimed it by law escheat. The tract was purchased by Portland negroes a score of years ago.

The Prosecution Overruled.

Little Rock, Ark., May 27.—The state supreme court today sustained the decision of the lower court in sustaining the demurrer interposed by insurance companies in the famous anti-trust suit begun by the attorney general. The prosecution's contention that the insurance companies which belong to rating bureaus in other states cannot do business in Arkansas was overruled.

Italian Peasants for Hawaii.

San Francisco, May 27.—The steamer Solace brings news that Hawaiian planters are planning to introduce Italian labor on their plantations. The Italian government will permit the enlistment and shipment of unlimited numbers of the peasant class. Planters have not taken final action but it is understood that 10,000 Italians will be imported during next year.

Bad Railroad Wreck in Texas.

St. Louis, Mo., May 27.—A Post-Dispatch special from Dallas, Texas, says: A passenger train on the Pecos valley road was wrecked last night near Canon City, Texas, by a water spout undermining a culvert. One brakeman and one passenger were drowned and the entire train destroyed.

In Favor of Revision.

Paris, May 27.—It is announced that the president of the civil section of the court of cassation has reported in favor of a revision of the Dreyfus trial and sending the prisoner again before court martial. It is practically certain to be accepted and means that Dreyfus will be retried.

A Storm in Nebraska.

Omaha, May 27.—The worst storm which has visited Nebraska in years passed through the section north of Minion last evening. Buildings were wrecked and considerable stock killed in a strip several miles long and 200 yards wide. No lives were lost.

Drowned in the Yukon.

Victoria, May 27.—The steamer City of Topeka brings news of the drowning of three men on the Yukon, Conrad Maberg, of New York; David Peters, of England, and a man named Rhodes. Eight miles from Dawson they broke through the ice.

Presbyterians Favor Arbitration.

Minneapolis, May 27.—At the final session of the Presbyterian general assembly today an additional address to the international peace congress was adopted. It recommends an international court of arbitration.

Daily Treasury Statement.

Washington, May 27.—Today's statement of the condition of the treasury shows:

Available cash balance, $268,158,846.
Gold reserve, $227,364,355.

The Peace Conference.

The Hague, May 27.—Andrew D. White, chief member of the American delegation to the international peace conference, announced yesterday that he would bring forward the United States arbitration proposal next week.

Colorado Blockade Raised.

Leadville, Colo., May 27.—After a blockade lasting four months the South Park line has been opened and a train reached here from Denver today.

A Dinner to Harrison.

Paris, May 27.—President Loubet has invited former President Harrison and Mrs. Harrison to a parliamentary dinner on Monday next.

SAVED FROM THE HANGMAN

Death Sentence of Frank Smith Commuted by Governor Geer.

WAS TO HAVE BEEN HANGED TODAY

Smith Will Spend the Remainder of His Days in Prison—History of the Crime for Which He Was Convicted.

Salem, Ore., May 26.—Governor Geer has commuted the death sentence of Frank L. Smith, who was to have been hanged at Jacksonville today, to life imprisonment in the penitentiary.

How Smith Received the News.

Ashland, Ore., May 26.—The action of Governor Geer, in commuting the sentence of Frank L. Smith to life imprisonment, reached Sheriff Orme, at Jacksonville, at 2 o'clock this morning. Upon the receipt of the dispatch the sheriff went to the jail to inform Smith of the news. Upon being awakened and told of the governor's action Smith got up and danced around the cell, yet not in surprise, for he professed to believe all along that his sentence would be commuted.

A History of the Crime.

On Sunday morning, February 13, 1898, there arrived in Ashland, Ore., on the north bound freight train of the Southern Pacific Company, one Peter Nelson, a Swede, aged 37 years, bound for Portland, having tramped and beaten his way on the railroad from the Sacramento valley, where he had been working as a farm hand. He had in his possession a small new trunk, containing clothes and underwear, a pair of blankets and about $110 in money on his person. He remained in Ashland until the following night, making a few acquaintances in the vicinity of the depot, to whom he conveyed the information that he was going to Portland to seek work and would hunt up a countryman of his there, named Erickson, whom he thought would assist him in obtaining employment in the city.

He had evidently been traveling in company with other tramps before reaching Ashland, for while here he was accosted by an Italian who was bound north and whom he had seen before, but desired to have nothing to do with. Nelson left town on Monday night's freight train. Somewhere between Medford and Central Point he fell off the moving train and was badly stunned, but was able to walk to a nearby residence, where he appeared about 2 o'clock Tuesday morning, February 15, and awoke the family, who found Nelson with his skull fearfully fractured and the scalp torn and bleeding. The man talked rather incoherently, and after being taken to Medford for medical treatment, died soon afterward.

There was every evidence that the Swede had been assaulted and robbed by his companions and then thrown off the moving train, for dead. His valise and personal effects were cut open and the contents scattered along the railroad track and quantities of blood were found on some of the clothing which had been rolled up and placed in a sack. His pocket book had been cut open and was found empty. The car in which the assault, robbery and murder took place gave evidence of a bloody struggle.

The Italian, Joe Lasalle, alias "Blackey," was suspected and there was evidence that several had been implicated in the affair. The efforts of the officers to discover the criminals was rewarded soon by the arrest at Roseburg of Frank Lawrence Smith and another man, who was afterwards discharged. "Blackey," however, who had always been suspected as the instigator of the crime, and is thus charged by Smith, was never apprehended. There has been a suspicion that after Nelson had been beaten to death with the iron coupling-pin, which was used as a weapon, that Smith made away with "Blackey," but this theory is not generally credited.

Smith, who was 20 years of age on the 21st of this month, and who is a native of Pennsylvania, though his relatives now reside at Trenton, N. J., and, according to his own statements, are not in good repute, themselves, was tried in the circuit court of Jackson county at the April, 1898, term and was convicted of murder in the first degree. Smith was sentenced by Judge Hanna to be hung, the date being fixed for June 10. A stay of execution was secured and the case was taken to the supreme court, where the lower court's rulings were affirmed. On the first day of the April, 1899, term of court Smith was again brought before Judge Hanna who again passed sentence upon him, fixing the date for his execution for May 26.

MORE TROOPS ARE NEEDED.

Filipino War Far from an End, According to This Report.

Manila, May 26.—Events of the past week have emphasized the need of a much larger army here, without which, according to the best authorities in Manila, it would be attempting the impossible to expect to maintain supremacy in the Philippine islands. The inadequacy of the American forces is said to be responsible for the large loss in a number of small encounters without material results as a compensation. The most fighting has been in territory which the Americans had swept, but had been compelled to abandon because they could not spare the troops to hold it. Foreigners who have arrived from the insurgent country under the recent order of expulsion say the cemeteries in all the towns are filled with fresh graves. A majority of the Filipinos' wounded die because the insurgent hospitals are inadequate.

Dewey Will Be Home in October.

Washington, May 26.—Admiral Dewey cables the navy department that he will stop at various places on his way to the United States and will reach New York about October first.

The Return of the Volunteers.

Washington, May 26.—The secretary of war today sent the following cablegram to General Otis: "Many petitions are being received to have the Washington and Oregon troops sent direct to Puget Sound and Portland. This can be done if the men wish it. It will deprive them of $25 to $35 for travel pay from San Francisco. Let a vote be taken with this knowledge by the regiments and advise me."

SAILS FOR MANILA.

The Gaelic Takes a Heavy Cargo and Several Passengers.

San Francisco, May 26.—The steamship Gaelic sailed today for the Orient via Honolulu with a large number of passengers and a heavy cargo. Among those who departed on the steamer were Captain Pigman, United States navy, and Lieutenant Commander Walter S. Crossley, United States navy. Captain Pigman goes out to command the Charleston and Lieutenant Commander Crossley is assigned to duty as flag officer of the Baltimore.

The Gaelic took little mail for the American forces in the Philippines, as the transport Grant, which is scheduled to sail for Manila next Monday, will carry the mail for the soldiers and sailors now in the far East.

FEARS OF PESTILENCE.

Stringent Sanitary Measures Being Adopted at Dawson.

Dawson, April 15, via San Francisco, May 26.—With the return of spring to Dawson come renewed fears of pestilence and death. Stringent sanitary measures are being adopted. Health officer Good has posted public notices throughout the town forbidding all persons from gathering ice or taking water from the Yukon at any point nearer than a mile above the city.

THE CHICAGO PLATFORM.

Will Be Reaffirmed, So Bryan Says, and New Planks Added.

St. Louis, Mo., May 26.—Wm. J. Bryan was seen today and expressed himself as much pleased with the result of last night's banquet. Bryan said: "The Chicago platform will be reaffirmed in its entirety and new planks added to cover new questions. The trust issue will be the most important."

Riots in French West Indies.

London, May 26.—Advices from Gandeloupe, French West Indies, report a recurrence of serious rioting between the native population and British contract labor immigrants. Continous fierce fighting is said to have taken place and the police and military cannot suppress the disturbance. The British consul has appealed to Great Britain for protection of British subjects.

Canada Wants Part of Alaska.

London, May 26.—Foreign office officials confirm the statements of a New York correspondent of the London Times to the effect that negotiations with the Canadian government on the subject of Alaska have reached an almost hopeless stage owing to the insistence of the Canadians that they receive a slice of Alaska.

Call for a Committee Meeting.

Washington, May 26.—Senator Aldrich, chairman of the senate committee on finance, has issued a call for a meeting of the committee in New York June 9. The meeting is expected to decide what course the committee will pursue under the resolution of the last session of congress permitting the committee to hold meetings during congressional vacation.

Fire at Coney Island.

New York, May 26.—As a result of a fire at Coney Island seven blocks of frame buildings were destroyed. The loss is $350,000. In one hour after the first warning large squares filled with buildings utilized for such purposes as photograph galleries, saloons, dining rooms, dance halls, theaters and the like were in ruins.

Killed by an Explosion.

Philadelphia, Pa., May 26.—Daniel Huston was instantly killed and Wm. Lang so badly injured that he has since died by an explosion of steam while drying a cylinder today in the dying and finishing mills of James Martin & Co. Several others were injured, one probably fatally.

Trying to Float the Paris.

Cove Rack, Cornwall, May 26.—A supreme effort to float the Paris was commenced today. When the tugs and engines of the Paris were going at full speed the latter appeared to be swaying a trifle, but the leakage in the steamer's engine room is increasing.

Changes in the Civil Service.

Washington, May 26.—The cabinet meeting today was devoted to the consideration of minor matters. Final changes in the civil service order were approved. It is said the order will exempt about 4000 persons in the classified service.

An Infuriated Lover.

San Diego, Calif., May 26.—Infuriated by her refusal to marry him, Benedict Berman today stabbed Elizabeth Berkley, an elderly matron, three times in the breast. Benedict then cut his own throat. Both will die.

Presbyterians Oppose Roberts.

Minneapolis, Minn., May 26.—In the Presbyterian general assembly today resolutions against Congressman-elect Roberts of Utah and in favor of an anti-polygamy amendment to the national constitution were adopted.

The Novak Murder Case.

Des Moines, Iowa, May 26.—The state supreme court today handed down a decision in the Novak murder case affirming the verdict of the lower court, imprisonment for life. Novak was captured in the Klondike.

A Big Failure at Glasgow.

Glasgow, May 26.—A great sensation has been caused by the failure of Neilson Bros., an important firm engaged in the iron and steel trade. The concern lost $1,250,000 during the past year.

Bloody Riot at Buffalo.

Buffalo, May 26.—A fight between Italian and Polish laborers occurred today, during which Louis Selmeck was shot in the back and Castigala Caljejo cut on the face.

A Minnesota Town Burned.

Staples, Minn., May 26.—Twenty-five buildings, comprising one-third of the business portion of Staples, burned last night, causing a loss of $50,000.

Death of Rosa Bonheur.

London, May 26.—A dispatch from Paris today says Rosa Bonheur, the famous animal painter, is dead.

Ex-President Harrison in Paris.

Paris, May 26.—Former President Benjamin Harrison has arrived in this city.

Wholesale Denunciation.

The Silver Bow Trades and Labor assembly at Butte, Montana, adopted a set of resolutions strongly condemning the United States and state officials for their treatment of union men at Wardner, Idaho. Organized labor is called upon to hold mass demonstrations to denounce "General Merriam and the war department behind him, the subservient governor of Idaho and the sympathetic governor of Montana, for tyrannical treatment of workingmen of Idaho and Montana."

"Men are so stupid."
"Why do you say that?"
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SLAUGHTER OF FILIPINOS

Sixty-six Killed and Many Wounded and Taken Prisoners.

TWO AMERICANS LOST THEIR LIVES

Filipino Retreat Through the Swamp Lands Saved Them from Destruction—Rifles and Other Property Captured.

Washington, May 25.—General Otis cables the war department as follows:

"Manila, May 25.—On the 23d inst., the Third infantry, returning to Baliuag, were attacked morning, noon and evening by large forces of the enemy, suffering in casualties two killed and 13 wounded. The enemy was repulsed, leaving on the field sixteen killed and a large number wounded and prisoners. Yesterday the enemy appeared in the vicinity of San Fernando and was attacked by the Kansas and Montana regiments, which suffered slight loss. The enemy was driven through the rice fields, leaving 50 dead, 38 wounded and 28 prisoners. Fifty rifles and other property were captured. The retreat through the swamp lands saved them from destruction. Lawton is returning, leaving with MacArthur on the front regular troops to replace volunteers."

Filipinos Ask a Question.

Manila, May 25.—The Filipino commissioners left by special train today. It is expected they will return soon. President Gonzanga, of the Philippine commission, previous to his departure, said:

"We greatly appreciate the courtesy shown us. We have spent some time with your commissioners incidentally considering American annexation. Its principles impress us profoundly. The plan of government offered the Philippines seems in theory to be good. It is a colonial system, but why should your nation seek to make a colony of a distant people who have been so long fighting against Spain to secure the same rights your annexation gives? You fought the same battle in America when you fought against England."

THE SITUATION IN SAMOA.

Will Be Further Trouble if the Kingship is Maintained.

Apia, Samoa, May 17, via Auckland, May 25.—The Samoan commission arrived May 13. The first sitting took place May 16. The commissioners were engaged all morning in conference with Chief Justice Chambers. Nothing was disclosed regarding the deliberations, but it is reported they will uphold the action of Admiral Kautz. Mataafa sent to the commissioners a letter of welcome and expressed the hope that they would satisfactorily end the troubles in Samoa. It is understood Mataafa will obey the unanimous order of the commission. The Mataafans will probably disperse to their homes if ordered to do so, but will never recognize Malietoa as king and doubtless there will be further trouble in the future if the kingship is maintained.

To a correspondent of the Associated Press Mataafa said it was the head of the chiefs, not himself, who began the war. Mataafa claimed he upheld the treaty and said his orders throughout were not to fire upon Europeans, and but for this order the whole party of blue jackets would several times have been shot down by large bodies of natives concealed in the brush.

PREFERRED DEATH TO DISGRACE.

Nephew of Walter Q. Gresham Shoots Himself Through the Heart.

Portland, May 26.—James Neill Gresham, a young man from La Grande, Ore., shot himself through the heart at the Perkins hotel last evening. He was a nephew of the late Walter Q. Gresham, Cleveland's secretary of state, and nephew of Ex-Governor Taylor, of Tennessee. The young man was in the custody of Deputy Sheriff McLaughlin, of Union county, who had come to Portland to take him back to La Grande.

The warrant upon which Gresham had been arrested was based on a complaint of the cashier of the La Grande bank, charging him with having obtained money in the bank's name, without authority.

THE DEMOCRATS.

They Are Silent Regarding Plans for the Coming Campaign.

St. Louis, May 25.—Members of the democratic national committee went into session this morning. Governor Stone was re-elected chairman. Reports on organizations and conditions of different states were made by representatives who outlined the conditions existing at home. Not one of the speakers touched upon trusts, imperialism or silver. Bryan was introduced and made a short address urging organization and that an effort be made to establish a fund for the coming campaign. No action by the committee regarding the plan of the next platform is expected.

Porto Rico's Future.

Washington, May 25.—General Guy V. Henry, who has been superceded as governor general of Porto Rico by General Davis, called on the president today. General Henry talks enthusiastically of the island. He believes it has a prosperous future and that the people will eventually make good citizens.

Depends Upon Circumstances.

Washington, May 25.—President McKinley has positively decided to go as far west as St. Paul, but whether he will go to Yellowstone Park and the coast depends upon circumstances.

Wilson Denies It.

Washington, May 25.—Secretary Wilson today denied the report that he would be a candidate to succeed J. H. Gear as United States senator from Iowa.

Charged With Printing Bogus Labels.

Reading, Pa., May 25.—Jas. E. Norton, a job printer, was arrested today charged with printing bogus cigar upon labels.

THE PEACE CONFERENCE.

Presidents for Various Committees Selected and Approved.

The Hague, May 23.—Chiefs of delegations to the peace conference held a private meeting this morning and afterward informed their colleagues of the arrangements made for choice of presidents for the various committees. The delegates approved the selections made. The conference held a plenary sitting at noon. Following are the members of the first commission:

Honorary president, Von Munster, head of the German delegation, and White, head of the American delegation. Effective president Van Karnebeck, head of the delegation from the Netherlands. There are divided in two sections, war and marine.

A LYNCHING IN MEXICO.

Three Negro Laborers Hung and Four Shot to Death.

Cincinnati, O., May 23.—A special to the Enquirer from Diaz, Mexico, says: There is great excitement at San Diablo over the lynching of seven colored laborers on the Mexican Central railroad. Jose Santon, a Spanish negro, attempted to assault the wife of Senor Dupley, a ranch owner, and was traced by bloodhounds and in the company of nine others was captured opposite Eagle Pass. The regulators hung three and shot four who were attempting to escape.

A Series of Conflagrations.

Pittsburg, Pa., May 25.—The fertilizing plant of Walker, Strattmal & Co., was destroyed by fire today. Edward Probst, an employee, is missing. The loss is $1,000,000.

Patterson, N. J., May 25.—Nightingale's silk mill was destroyed by fire today. The factory contained 200 looms. The loss is $50,000.

St. Johns, N. B., May 25.—A serious fire broke out at noon in the Indian town district and about thirty buildings have been destroyed.

Suicide Near Oregon City.

Oregon City, Ore., May 23.—Solomon Bachart, a young man living near Marks Prairie, was found this morning in the woods lying on his face, having shot himself with a revolver. He is still alive but his recovery is doubtful. At 5 o'clock last night, Miss Hillon, aged 17, living on Marks prairie, while returning home from Aurora, was assaulted and dragged from her horse by Bachart. She reported that Bachart tried to kill her, then said he would kill himself. Bachart belongs to a respectable family.

Referred, Without Debate.

Minneapolis, Minn., May 25.—In the Presbyterian assembly today D. W. Glass, of Baltimore, caused a surprise by introducing a resolution advocating a conference of all evangelical churches, including the Roman Catholic, to discuss harmonious arrangements and distribution of foreign missions. It was referred, without debate.

The Baptists in Session.

San Francisco, May 25.—The morning session of the Baptist educational society was occupied by a conference and discussion of the subject "Is the establishment of a Baptist theology school on the Pacific coast desirable and feasible." Rev. Alex Blackburn, D. D., of Oregon, took part in the discussion.

Daily Treasury Statement.

Washington, May 24.—Today's statement of the condition of the treasury shows:

Available cash balance, $265,945,663.
Gold reserve, $226,651,114.

Coghlan Assigned to Puget Sound.

Washington, May 24.—Naval orders were posted today assigning Captain J. B. Coghlan to duty as commandant of the Puget Sound naval station.

Troops Arrive at Wallace.

Wallace, Idaho, May 24.—Company A of the First cavalry arrived this morning. They are the first troops to be stationed here. The river is rising rapidly and may cause trouble.

Admiral Schley at Denver.

Denver, May 25.—Admiral Schley arrived at Denver this morning and was greeted with the cheers of hundreds of people assembled at the Union depot.

Public School Building Robbed.

Tacoma, Wash., May, 25—The Oakland public school was broken in last night and robbed of every book and all other paraphernalia of study.

Killed By Exploding Shells.

Copenhagen, May 23.—While men were engaged in filling shells at the military laboratory some exploded, killing several men.

Schley at Council Bluffs.

Omaha, Neb., May 23.—Admiral Schley was tendered a reception at Council Bluffs today. Several thousand people attended.

Oregon Pioneer Drowned.

Salem, Ore., May 23.—J. A. Pennebaker, a pioneer of this state, was drowned in the Willamette near Mehama yesterday morning.

Drowned in the Danube.

Berlin, May 23.—Fourteen person were drowned today by the capsizing of a ferry boat on the Danube.

Buffalo Strike Settled.

Buffalo, May 23.—The grain shovelers' strike was settled this morning.

Cure for Consumption.

Prof. Cervello, at the Palermo hospital, in Rome, has invented what he claims is a cure for consumption. The principal feature of the cure is the inhalation of gas produced by a powerful antiseptic called formalina. Cervello says he has tried the method on twenty consumptives in the third stage of the disease in the Palermo hospital. Two died from debility before the cure could operate; thirteen recovered within a month, and five are last recovering their health. A factory for the manufacture of formalina is being erected. Treatment is expected to cost $10 a day. Prof. Cervello will shortly go to Berlin to lay his discovery before the Berlin congress on tuberculosis.