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## THOUSANDS OF RATIONS

Examined by Officers in Havana.

Very Little Spoiled Meat Found.

The Recent Order Reducing Salaries at Santiago, Countermanded—The Canteen Abolished.

HAVANA, Cuba, Feb. 14.—George R. Ernst, of Major-General Brooke's staff, has completed the examination of between 800,000 and 900,000 rations of beef in the army warehouses. He found that there was less than 2 per cent. of bad beef, which was received in the same shipment as the beef condemned last week. One box in every ten was opened and examined, as was every box that was smelling bad.

A COUNTERMAND. Santiago, Cuba, Feb. 14.—Major-General Wood has received a cable dispatch from Havana countermanding the order recently issued by General Brooke, reducing the official salaries in this province 20 per cent.

THE CANTENEN DOWNED. Washington, Feb. 14.—The canteen aboard ship is a thing of the past. It never obtained a stronghold in the service of late, the only vessels in the navy permitting the sale of even beer aboard being the New York and Indiana. It cannot be gathered that the operation of the canteen aboard these

ships has been the subject of any ill report, but even there the sales of beer have been ordered stopped, by an order issued today by Secretary Long.

DECISION ON WOOL. Treasury Department Holds It to Be an Agricultural Product.

Denver, Feb. 14.—A special to the News, from Santa Fe, N. M., says: New Mexico sheepmen have been at a loss to know whether wool should be classed as a ranch, or agricultural product. Internal Revenue Collector Morrison appealed lately to the treasury department at Washington, and a decision by Commissioner Scott is that wool is an agricultural product, and when it is offered for storage by a producer in the regular course of trade, for sale, a warehouse receipt covering the same is not subject to taxation.

A RADIATOR TRUST. Trenton, N. J., Feb. 14.—Articles of incorporation were filed today by the American Radiator Company, with an authorized capital of \$10,000,000. The company is empowered to manufacture and deal in radiators, boilers and other heating apparatus.

MORE TRUSTS. FLOURING MILLS IN THE EAST HAVE COMBINED. Large Concerns in Minnesota and Wisconsin Purchased by the Syndicate.

MILWAUKEE, Wis., Feb. 14.—The Evening Wisconsin today says: It was admitted here today that the flour mill syndicate, of which Thomas M. McIntyre is the head, had carried the day. All the Dutch mills, except Freeman's and the Small concern, are reported to have been secured, in addition to a majority of the mills in Minneapolis.

It is also learned that the largest mills in New York and Buffalo, in addition to several large mills in Milwaukee, have been captured. The capitalization of the trust, it is reported, will be about \$35,000,000.

A PAPER BAG TRUST. Milwaukee, Feb. 14.—A special from Appleton, Wis., says: A paper bag trust has been floated with a capital stock of over \$25,000,000. The combine will embrace 55 per cent of the paper bag manufacturers of the country.

CORNERING FISHERIES. New Whatcom, Wash., Feb. 14.—Samuel Gorman and R. Deming, representing Eastern capitalists, are investigating the salmon fishing interests of the Northwest Puget Sound, from Anacortes to the Canadian line, preparatory to the formation of a trust. No definite conclusion will be reached before tomorrow.

## MAKESHIFT IS REFUSED

Army Re-organization Bill Must Pass.

Nicaragua Canal Again Set Aside.

Heavy Fire Loss in Government Machine Shops at the Navy Yard in Brooklyn.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 15.—The president has conveyed his assurances to some of the party leaders in congress, in addition to those given last week, that he will certainly call congress together in extra session, if it fails to pass the army reorganization bill at the present session. In answer to inquiries the administration has been obliged to decline all propositions looking to a tidying over of the needs of the army by passing a joint resolution simply extending the appropriations on the basis of present organization, holding that this device would be utterly inadequate to meet the absolute necessities of the case. The status of volunteers would, it is said, be extremely unsatisfactory, and there would be absolutely no assurance that the president could retain them in service, even when the emergency is great. The same statement would apply to the regular army soldier who enlisted for the war.

THE BILL DEFEATED. Washington, Feb. 15.—The house today settled the fate of the Nicaragua canal bill in this congress, by refusing to override the decision of the chair in the committee of the whole, when the chair had decided that the canal bill offered as an amendment by Hepburn, was out of order. The friends of the Nicaragua canal bill were very confident yesterday and today that they would triumph, but, after four hours' debate, the chair was sustained by 127 to 109. Party lines were not adhered to the division in favor and in opposition to sustaining the chair's decision being about equal on both sides of the political aisles.

HEAVY FIRE LOSS. New York, Feb. 15.—Over a million dollars worth of government property was destroyed by a fire, which started tonight in the large machine shops of the Brooklyn navy yard, known as machine shop No. 23, and the workings of the navy yard have received a serious set-back. Many fine models and patterns of battleships, their parts and plans, have been destroyed, and some of them cannot be obtained again, except by going over the work mapped out in the beginning.

The steam engine department of the Brooklyn yards is practically wiped out, and the work done in that building will have to be thrown temporarily upon the department of yards and docks, and that of construction and repairs. The building was about 100 feet in width and 350 feet long, four stories in height, and built of stone and brick. The wood inside was thoroughly saturated in oil, and the flames rapidly gained headway.

All the engines in the neighborhood of the navy yard responded to the alarm, but the firemen found the great machine shop enveloped in flames, and attention had to be paid to the foundry and other buildings in the vicinity. By 11 o'clock the building was burned to the ground.

MYSTERIOUS DEATHS. Portland, Feb. 15.—Herbert and Edward Grischow, brothers, aged 22 and 23 years respectively, died this afternoon at Fulton, from some mysterious cause.

Dr. E. P. Geary, who attended them, expressed the opinion that they were poisoned by eating canned meat. An autopsy will be held tomorrow.

WEST POINT GRADUATES. West Point, N. Y., Feb. 15.—The graduation exercises of the first class of cadets took place in the memorial hall today. After a short furlough they will be assigned to their respective commands. This premature graduation is necessary on account of the scarcity of officers for the army.

ALL WERE SAVED. Savannah, Ga., Feb. 15.—The tug Cambria arrived at 5 o'clock, with Captain Willis and all the missing members of the crew of the steamer St. Lawrence.

McKINLEY LEAVES HOME. Washington, Feb. 15.—President McKinley and party left Washington for Boston at 5:25 o'clock this afternoon.

## IN MEMORY OF HEROES

The Wreck of the Maine Was Decorated

On Anniversary of the Tragedy.

Sword and Bible Presented to Commodore John Philip, of the Texas, by Sunday Schools.

HAVANA, Feb. 15.—The wreck of the United States battleship Maine, destroyed in Havana harbor, was decorated today with a large American flag. The stars and stripes were hoisted at half-mast by Captain Eaton, of the United States auxiliary cruiser Resolute. An immense rope of green was festooned about the fighting top; each loop hung with laurel wreaths four feet in diameter, and tied with red, white and blue ribbon. The Cuban club, of Havana, placed an artificial wreath on the boat crane, and this Captain Eaton transferred to the peak of the gaff.

THE NEW MAINE. Philadelphia, Feb. 15.—The anniversary of the sinking of the battleship Maine in Havana harbor was marked here by the beginning of work on the powerful man-of-war which will bear the name of the historic battleship that was destroyed. The new Maine will be built by the Cramps Shipbuilding Company, and at the company's yards, at 1 o'clock today, the first piece of the keel of the vessel was laid.

SWORD AND BIBLE. Galveston, Tex., Feb. 15.—This afternoon the beautiful sword and bible, purchased by the Sunday school children of Texas, were presented to Commodore John Philip, who commanded the battleship Texas during the war with Spain. The sword was made by the same firm that designed Dewey's sword, and it cost \$3,500. The presentation was in approval of Commodore Philip's public utterance after the Santiago engagement, acknowledging the sovereignty of Almighty God.

THREATENED STRIKE. New York, Feb. 15.—A dispatch to

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the Herald from Havana says: A strike which will involve 3,000 to 3,500 longshoremen and stevedores is threatened, and should it come the authorities fear that it will bring Cuban affairs to an early crisis. The men are desperate and unruly, and strikes in the past have invariably resulted in serious bloodshed.

The longshoremen have been working fourteen hours a day for an average pay of \$1.75 in Spanish silver. They demand \$2 for ten hours a day, and will probably make trouble if their demands are not met.

### AT MANILA.

MANILA, Feb. 16.—(Thursday, 11:45 a. m.)—Four companies of volunteers, which had been clearing the country in the vicinity of Pateros, ten miles southeast of Manila, and which had been recalled, were followed by the enemy today as they retired.

On reaching San Pedro Macati, the Americans made a stand near the church yard and the rebels were driven back. The Californians again advanced and are now occupying the same ridge, commanding the valley of the river, and the trenches they held yesterday.

A gunboat, near the Pasig river, is clearing the jungle.

STILL BOASTFUL. Montreal, Feb. 15.—Senator Agonillo today said there would be no let up in the efforts of the Filipinos to force the Americans from their country. He said he was not at all surprised that Ho Ho had fallen, as the Americans had the advantage of the fleet. "But wait until they get into the interior," he said, "and then they will have more than their work cut out." He announced that the purpose of Senator Luna's departure was to interview the different countries of Europe and ask for their assistance for the Philippines.

### A NEW MONOPOLY.

NEW WHATCOM, Wash., Feb. 15.—The Pacific American Fish Company, a Chicago concern, made contracts tonight with a dozen locally organized companies, who own locations from Point Roberts to Anacortes, to take all the fish they can produce. One hundred thousand dollars was paid as the first payment, in compliance with and to carry out the contracts. The remainder of the payments are to follow at short intervals.

The president of the company is Henry B. Steele; vice-president, John Cudahy; secretary, R. E. Deming. O. F. Fryer, of Fair Haven, will be general manager. The directors are among Chicago's best-known business men. The capital stock is \$5,000,000. The object of the company is to develop the fishing industry of Puget sound. A plant is to be erected that will have an output of a half million cases per season. A very extensive refrigerating plant, and the shipment of fresh fish, is a part of the plan. The present plans place the establishment at Bellingham Bay.

### NO QUORUM.

SENATOR'S ELECTION PREVENTED IN PENNSYLVANIA.

Democrats and Enemies of Quay Were Absent when the Joint Convention Met Yesterday.

HARRISBURG, Pa., Feb. 15.—The democrats and anti-Quay republicans absented themselves from today's session of the joint assembly, to break a quorum and prevent the possible election of a United States senator. Only fifty-five votes were cast, of which Senator Quay received fifty; George A. Jenks four, and Congressman Da'zell one.

The house, by a vote of 88 to 85, adjourned today without taking action on the McCarrall July bill. The bill now goes over until March 21st, when it will be taken up for second reading. The bill, which it is charged, is in the interest of United States Senator Quay, has already passed the senate. The Quay conspiracy trial has been fixed for February 27th.

### NO STATE PRINTER.

Olympia, Feb. 15.—The house today passed a bill permitting deficiency, judgments and repealing the law relative to the same passed by the last legislature. A bill was introduced in the senate, abolishing the office of state printer, and providing for state ownership of the printing plants.

### THEY MAY FAIL.

CRITICAL STAGE OF NEGOTIATIONS WITH CANADA.

A Brief Session of the Joint Commission Held Yesterday—Runners of an Ultimatum.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 15.—Whether or not the negotiations looking to a settlement of the dozen or more issues between the United States and Canada, by means of the joint commission, now in session, will ultimately fail entirely, can scarcely be foretold. Today's session of the commission was a one-sided affair. After a few minutes in joint session the British members retired, and the Americans remained a half hour longer than usual in conference. This caused a report that the British had presented an ultimatum, which was being considered by the Americans. After the session, however, the members of the commission, whose attention was called to the London dispatch, expressed surprise and declared there was no truth in this, or the report that an ultimatum had been presented today. The negotiations were, they said, in a critical stage, but there was no reason to believe that they had failed, and that was all that could be said at present.

### GOING HOME.

Washington, Feb. 14.—Otis cables from Manila as follows: "One hundred and eighty officers and 1800 Spanish prisoners left port on the 12th and 13th, en route to Spain."

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