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Michael G. Mulhall, the noted statistician who died recently in London, forecasted the twelfth American census within 95,000, showing how very precise and accurate statistical science can be in skillful hands.

Henry James was once praising the work of a fellow author. "You are very kind to him," said some one present, "for he says very unpleasant things about your work." "Ah," said Mr. James, "but, then, both of us may be wrong."

A station nine miles out from a great city on one of the oldest railroad lines in the United States bears the name "Relay." This was because the horses by which the road was first operated, were there changed. What's in a name? Sometimes a fragment of history.

The bureau of engraving and printing has orders from the postoffice department to print the new Pan-American Exposition stamps in the following quantities: One cent, 71,000,000; two-cent, 160,000,000; four-cent, 5,000,000; five-cent, 8,000,000; eight-cent, 3,000,000; ten-cent, 4,000,000; total, 251,000,000.

In the Sella Pass in the Dolomite mountains, above Bozen, three women from Fassa lost their way in the snowstorm, and were found frozen together in a stone-like group. They had to be laid on a sledge together and dragged into the Valley, and thawed before a great fire, before they could be separated for burial.

Northern Indiana farmers are experimenting in the domestication of quail, and the results are reported as highly gratifying. Nearly every farmer in that section has from one to three coveys on his farm and is giving them kind and careful attention. During the snow season the birds are fed regularly and on some of the farms they have become so tame that they roost with the barnyard fowls.

It is said that Herr Heinrich Ehrhardt, the well-known ammunition cart and gun manufacturer of Eisenach and Dusseldorf, Germany, intends, in co-operation with the wealthy Turin manufacturer, Friedrich Spuhn, to establish extensive works for the manufacture of his specialties in Italy. The proposed works will not only be devoted to the guns of Ehrhardt's patent, but also to the manufacture of boiler tubes.

The Paris seamstresses have gone on a strike for shorter hours and higher wages, and American dressmakers have formed a union for effecting prompt payment for garments delivered. On the other hand, an American lady has sued a famous dressmaker of Paris for wasting her time trying on a gown that did not fit. Her plea that nine fittings for one gown was a condition calling for damages has been sustained by the French court.

President Thwing of the Western Reserve university at Cleveland says in noting a marked decrease in the number of divinity students that two influences produce this result—the larger inducements which commercial pursuits offer and the unsettling of religious beliefs and doubts as to future relations between church and society. Young men, says Mr. Thwing, are in doubt, whether the church is to be a place of worship or a sort of club.

While most of the important armies of Europe possess an equipment, more or less complete, of quick-firing artillery, and Italy is busily occupied in bringing herself into line, the German war office is stated to have succeeded in procuring a field gun which is not only a quick firer, but absolutely free from recoil. So perfect is the mechanism for neutralizing the recoil in the new gun just turned out by Messrs. Krupp, that a coin placed on one of the spokes of a wheel is said not to be disturbed by the discharge. The whole of the German field artillery is now to be adapted to the non-recoil mechanism.

A disposition to do the fair thing by home talent has been evinced by a statesman in the Missouri legislature, who has introduced a bill into the senate "that the 14th day of February be and is hereby declared to be the only ground-hog day in Missouri." It appears that some confusion has arisen as to the precise festival of his groundhogship, and legislative enactment is expected to straighten out the tangle. It is not altogether certain that St. Valentine will joyously consent to a division of honors with the humble weather prophet, but the crowding of two such festal days into one will be gladly welcomed by a busy and industrious people.

The servant question in South Africa is one of the minor problems which must be worked out, war or no war. A correspondent of a daily paper complains of his experience with his Zulu houseboy, who had been paid the evening before. At 1 in the morning the servant was discovered leaving the house in heavy marching order, carrying his belongings. There had been no disagreement. It simply was a case of "moving on," from a desire for change. The Zulu mind seems to have regarded giving notice as superfluous.

The county having the largest area is in California; the county having the smallest area is in Rhode Island. Both facts seem fitting. If Bristol county, with its twenty-seven square miles, were in the form of a square, a brisk walker might cross it in little more than an hour. Were San Bernardino county, almost twenty thousand square miles, reduced to the form of a square, the swiftest express train could not cross it in two hours. That huge county is larger than New Hampshire and Vermont combined.

ALLEGED FRAUD IN OFFICE.

Jas. H. Brown, of Battle Creek, Must Answer to This Charge.

TROUBLE DATES BACK IN 1898

When it is Alleged That Brown Charged the State and Collected Pay for Four Days' Service at Pontiac While at the Same Time He was Otherwise Engaged.

Must Answer to the Charge of Fraud.

The trial of James H Brown, of Battle Creek, a member of the state live stock sanitary commission, who was indicted by the grand jury for alleged fraud in office, commenced in the circuit court at Lansing on the 22d. Prosecutor Tuttle is assisted by Watts S. Humphrey, of Lansing, and the defendent is represented by Philip T. Colgrove, of Hastings. No trouble was experienced in securing a jury, only two jurors being excused. Prosecutor Tuttle, in opening the case to the jury, stated that the people would show that during the week of April 11, 1898, Brown charged the state and collected pay for four days' services in Pontiac when, in fact, he was engaged in making a test of Farmer Elliott's cattle, and those of Farmer Jennings under private contract. Elliott paid him $22 for his services, but Jennings, who has since died, failed to remit for bills subsequently rendered. The prosecutor also promised to show that at the same time Brown was under contract to give the Michigan Farmer service amounting to two days' work each week, and that he did furnish that paper the required copy for the week in question.

Trouble at Monroe.

A representative of Brennan, Donnelly & Vandemark, attorneys for the Detroit & Toledo shore line railroad, went to Monroe last Saturday night, (April 20) and routed out the county officials, filing a bill of complaint against the city of Monroe, the common council, Mayor Martin, Street Commissioner Beck and the Toledo & Monroe Railway Co., to prohibit them from interfering with the crossing laid by the shore line on that date. A temporary injunction was secured and served by Sheriff Hause before midnight, and two deputy sheriffs placed on guard at the new crossing. Employes of the Toledo and Monroe railroad are claiming that the state railroad crossing board has granted a rehearing and consented to a grade crossing on Elm avenue and are making preparations to commence work. The shore line people claim to have advices from Commissioner Osborn that application for a rehearing was denied. If the crossing is attempted more trouble will follow.

Budget Now Stands at $3,215,543.94.

So far the ways and means committee of the house has reported out favorably a total of $3,216,543.94 in appropriation bills. Of this amount $1,203,500 has been for the educational institutions of the state, and $341,800 for the state reformatories, or $161,435 more for educational institutions than was granted by the 1899 legislature, and $8,200 less for reformatories than was granted by that legislature. The educational appropriations of the present session as agreed to by the house are: University of Michigan, $442,000; State Normal, $221,300; Central Normal, $118,000; Northern Normal, $85,200; Agricultural college, $133,000; College of Mines, $195,000. The reformatory appropriations are: School for Girls, $140,275; Industrial School for Boys, $179,500; Ionia House of Correction, $10,025; state prison, $12,000.

Jackson Man's Terrible Crime.

David H. Creech, of Jackson, capitalist and 71 years old, fired four bullets into the head of his young wife, Mary J. Creech, who had recently obtained a decree of divorce. Creech is in jail charged with assault with intent to murder and Mrs. Creech lies in a precarious condition at her home in that city. The crime is the immediate result of a supreme court decision, handed down on the 16th, which affirmed the decision of the circuit court which granted Mrs. Creech an absolute divorce with alimony and the custody of the children. Mrs. Creech is a second wife. She was housekeeper in the Creech family during the lifetime of the first wife and upon the latter's death, some 15 years ago, continued in that capacity.

New Hotel for Baldwin.

The Pere Marquette Railroad Company has commenced work on a fine large two-story hotel which they will erect between the tracks south of the passenger depot at Baldwin. The building will be 24x80 feet and 23 feet high to the roof. The structure will be a fine piece of architecture when completed, modern, convenient and elegant in furnishing and finishing.

Affirmed Decision of Lower Court.

The supreme court has affirmed the decision of the lower court in the case of the creditors of the late Robert M. Steel, of St. Johns, against ex-State Treasurer George A. Steel, who was a preferred creditor of his father's estate. The decision fully sustains the transactions of the ex-treasurer in the settlement of his father's affairs.

Norway now has a bank.

Holland's profit on its electric light plant last year was nearly $2,000, after deducting a large amount for depreciation.

It is alleged that Chas. R. Mains has left Battle Creek for good, having removed to California where he proposes to start life anew.

It looks now as though Tekonsha would not have a saloon the ensuing year, although the election was won upon the proposition to grant licenses. Saloonists from various portions of the state have visited the town but have been unable to secure responsible bondsmen.

The recent Tibbetts murder trial in Ottawa county cost the county $3,800. But a conviction was secured and a terrible crime was ferreted out, and the people are satisfied. Geo A. Farr, of Grand Haven, who assisted the prosecution in the case, was paid $25 a day for 12 days' actual work.

The Pere Marquette Railroad company is about to spend several thousand dollars at Northville in altering the main tracks and adjusting the grade for heavy traffic. The work is to be started at once, and will involve the payment of nearly $600 a day in wages for the next four months.

MINOR MICHIGAN MATTERS.

One case of smallpox is reported at Sparta.

Carsonville has three saloons and all of the license holders are women.

Additional rural free mail delivery has been ordered established at Ionia, May 15.

The cornerstone of Menominee's new federal building was laid on the 17th, under Masonic auspices.

Freezing weather and a heavy fall of snow was reported at many places in the state on the 18th.

A large grain elevator at Battle Creek was destroyed by fire on the 17th, entailing a loss of $40,000.

It is said that 28 buyers are chasing up and down Clare county purchasing all the eggs they can get hold of.

R. E. Walker, a Sanilac county farmer, has eight head of cattle that he has refused $50 a head for. Their average weight is 1,200 pounds.

The canal project at Port Huron is still in the air, the council having turned down the bids of three contractors at its meeting on the 22d.

The fishing tackle is being brought down from its resting place and put in readiness for its annual outing when the trout season opens only a few days now.

Work has finally begun on the construction of Cadillac's new opera house, after many long months of talking over the project and repeated disappointments.

Tekonsha has a country school with two pupils in attendance most of the time. There are times when the attendance is but one. The teacher is paid $20 a month.

Farmers in Cass county are predicting a fine wheat crop in their section this summer. They say it will not be so large as in some years past, but its quality will be high.

Deputy Game Warden W. A. McGov... of Tustin, captured 20 residents of Interlochen and vicinity while engaged in spearing bass. A wagonload of jacks and spears was confiscated.

As there was no testimony strong enough to hold Drs. Bailey and McLaren, charged with manslaughter in the Mahan case at Detroit, Justice Sellers on the 22d exonerated them.

Every man in Grand Ledge is employed, and it is impossible to get all the help needed at the new table factory. New buildings are going up all over the city, and still the cry is "more."

The regularly elected assessor, of Tekonsha, declined to qualify and the council had difficulty in filling the position. Two appointments were made before a candidate could be found to take the place.

There is—or was—one dog in Hillsdale that had ideas of the eternal fitness of things. He dropped dead the other day and picked out an undertaker's establishment in which to do the shuffling off act.

The contract has been let for the construction of the chicory factory at Bad Axe, and now the citizens of that enterprising burg will turn their attention to the securing of some other industry to help in the upbuilding of the village.

The Lexington News thinks it has located the meanest man on earth, for sure. He is a resident of Sanilac county. His wife died recently, and he asked that her false teeth might be removed, remarking that they could be used again.

It is reported that two farmers living near Bay City, recently, by mutual consent of all parties interested, decided to trade wives. One of the men, together with his new wife have been arrested, but the other cannot be found at this writing.

Col. Russ, of Ypsilanti, who has been working on the consolidation of the flouring mills at Lapeer says that the plan is now being successfully carried through. The new company, which will be capitalized at $25,000, will take over all three mills.

Two new rural delivery routes started from Grand Ledge on the 19th, handling nearly 500 pieces of mail. There are three rural routes from there now and none in the city, so for once the farmers cannot complain that the cities get all the good things.

Mrs. Peter Peterson, wife of a prominent contractor of West Bay City, hanged herself while alone in her home on the 22d. The body was found by one of her boys when he came from school. She had been sick and despondent for some time. She is survived by a husband and seven children.

Pearl Marvin of Cadillac was roughly handled on the night of the 20th on a farm near Walton by a gang of men who gave him a thorough horse whipping and then treated him to a coat of tar and feathers. He was charged with undue intimacy with a family while the husband was in the hospital at Ann Arbor.

The body of a partially developed child was found floating down the river at Marine City on the 16th in a cigar box. It was clothed in a small nighty and the limbs were doubled up to make it fit in the box. The marshal has been investigating the case, but up to the present has not been able to find any trace of whom the mother may be, or who placed it in the river.

The J. S. Stearns' manufacturing plant, of Ludington, has announced to employes of the works, including several hundred men with homes and families located in different parts of the city, that prizes of from $5 to $10 each will be offered by the firm to employes keeping their homes in best repair and yards in most attractive condition during the summer season.

Dowagiac's city council has shut down on "straw bonds" for saloonkeepers, and hereafter those wishing to embark in the liquor business there will have to have bondsmen of undoubted financial standing.

Nelson Rowe, while trimming an apple tree on his farm, near Hartford, lost his balance and fell backward, his foot catching in a limb where he hung, suspended by one foot, until unconscious, when the limb gave way and he fell, striking on his head shoulders. Mr. Rowe's grandson saw the accident and when assistance arrived it was found that concussion of the brain had resulted and the old gentleman was otherwise badly bruised.

Hart has a good chance to secure a starch factory, an institution which would furnish a good market for the surplus potato crop of that section.

DOINGS OF THE 41ST SESSION.

The following bills were passed by the senate on the 16th: Relative to the paroling of convicts—requiring all wardens to report monthly to the governor as to the conduct of paroled prisoners; to amend the garnishee law so that service may be had on the bookkeeper or other responsible employe of a company; relative to corporations to own and hold buildings for offices, stores, halls, etc.; relative to labor liens on logs, etc.; relative to assigning errors on rulings of circuit courts; relative to maps of electric suburban railways; to regulate the sale of concentrated commercial feeding stuffs; appropriation for the asylum at Ionia, $109,700; relative to guardians of drunkards; relative to filing of bonds on appeal in probate court; to amend tax law relative to assessment rolls; for the better regulation of truancy; for the registration of grange libraries; appropriation for the state public school; relative to taxation for highway purposes; for the incorporation of companies for carrying on any lawful business; to amend the highway laws relative to opening new roads; relative to reports of mining companies; to vacate St. Helen township in Roscommon county; giving the Bay county supervisors authority to borrow $5,000 to pay a mortgage on the grounds of the Bay County Agricultural society.

The following bills were passed by the house on the 16th: Providing for the payment of fees to the county of Arenac in suits and proceedings in the circuit court; making president of the village of Stephenson ex-officio a member of the board of supervisors of Menominee county; to vacate the township of St. Helen, Roscommon Co.; to detach certain territory from school districts No. 1 and No. 5, township of Marathon, Lapeer Co., and attach the same to school district No. 8; authorizing supervisors of Bay county to make a levy of $5,000 to a mortgage against the Bay County Agricultural society grounds; to create a voting precinct in the township of Ingallston, Menominee Co.; placing the drain commissioner of Saginaw county under the control of the board of supervisors; extra appropriation for state board of health $7,000; deficiency appropriation for School for the Deaf, $8,066.66; appropriation for Eastern Michigan Asylum, $17,500, to purchase land; appropriation for Home for Feeble Minded, $196,452; additional appropriation of $5,000 for Pan-American commission.

The senate passed the following bills on the 17th: Relative to the salaries of Saginaw county officers; to create a voting precinct in Ingallston township, Menominee county; to authorize the supervisors of Springwells township, Wayne county, to employ a clerk at $300 a year; regulation of telegraphers, messenger boys, etc., so as to prohibit giving away information intrusted to them; to require adequate water and sewer facilities at slaughter houses; to prohibit prize fighting; relative to registration in Saginaw county; amending the law relative to the examination of school teachers so as to raise the standard; to license and tax "fly-by-night" merchantile concerns; appropriating about $140,000 for the State Industrial School for Girls; to appropriate $3,000 more for the Michigan building at Buffalo.

The following bills were passed by the house on the 17th: Authorizing the building of a bridge across Kawkawlin river in Bay county, with a referendum clause attached; amending the act authorizing Dickinson county in conjunction with the proper authorities of Wisconsin to build a bridge across Menominee river; giving Detroit board of estimates power to pass upon the maintenance fund of the Detroit board of education; amending charter of the city of Port Huron; amending act to incorporate the public schools of the township of Ossineke, Alpena county; appropriating $56,155 for the Michigan fish commission; appropriating $17,500 to the Eastern Michigan asylum at Pontiac for the purpose of buying certain lands.

Gov. Bliss is spending his time these days in interviewing senators and representatives and trying to impress them with the necessity of holding down appropriations so that economical administration may result, but he is having poor success. The upper peninsula delegation is not running out of its way to do him any favors after the Newett affair, and they are bent on getting all they can in the way of appropriations.

Some of the leading members of the house are considering very seriously the question of adjournment. The house is dragging away in a perfunctory way and petty little bills are being acted on day after day as the principal business, when as a matter of fact they ought to be merely sandwitched between important measures. The Atwood resolution fixing May 1 for adjournment has evidently cut no figure whatever. The railway taxation bill is, so to speak, in its infancy as far as the senate is concerned and there are 80 bills on the house general order.

Senators Proctor, of Vermont, and Cockrell, of Missouri, had an important conference with the President on the 17th, regarding the situation in Cuba. Both senators have made trips to the island since the adjournment of congress.

A high wind which struck Chicago on the 21st loosened a huge water tank from its fastenings on the roof of the Galbraith building, causing it to crash through the six floors to the ground, injuring five persons and resulting in a damage to the building estimated at $50,000.

Gov. Dockery, of Missouri, on the 17th signed the bill passed by the legislature appropriating $1,000,000 for the Louisiana purchase centennial celebration in St. Louis in 1903. The governor also signed the revenue bill, which taxes all whisky sold in the state 10 cents per barrel.

A special from Kendallville, Ind., says: The home of John Audigo, an Amish farmer, was entered on the night of the 20th by three men, who secured $6,000 after burning the old man's ears, nose and fingers with lighted matches. A 15-year-old daughter of the farmer was insulted before the robbers took their departure. No clue.

It was reported in what are usually well-informed railroad circles on the 16th that Jas. J. Hill, of the Great Northern, had disposed of his B. & O. and Erie stocks and that the operation netted him $4,000,000.

THE QUEEN QUITS HER HUBBY

And has Gone to Live With Her Mother at Villamanrique.

LEFT HER CHILDREN BEHIND

Because She Could not Take Them From the Kingdom Wanted to Enter a Convent but on Applying for Admission Found They had Been Closed to Her.

Queen Takes Her Clothes and Goes.

The threatened break between the king and queen of Portugal over the attitude of the Portuguese government toward the religious orders has finally taken place. The young queen has left her husband and withdrawn to Villamanrique, not far from Seville, where she is now staying with her mother, the widowed countess of Paris, who has an immense chateau and estate there. Nor is it likely that she will return to Lisbon for many a long day, especially now that diplomatic intercourse between the vatican and the Portuguese court is broken off, and that the king and his government are in a state of virtual conflict with the papacy. When King Charles, after his return from England, placed himself in a position of antagonism to the vatican, the queen decided to leave the kingdom with her children in token of her disapproval of her husband's policy. On discovering that she would not be allowed to take the royal children out of the kingdom, she announced her intention of withdrawing to a convent at Lisbon. Several convents in which she was specially interested were closed by the police, as being inhabited by religious orders that had not been authorized by the government, and she realized that it would be impossible for her to take up residence in any one of these, so decided to leave the kingdom alone and without her children.

Said to Have 50 Wives.

In the arrest of Count Leopold de Melville, otherwise known as Leo Fraquini, who is held by the New York police on a charge of bigamy sworn to by a brother of one of his Chicago wives, there was brought to light in that city a romance whose unfolding reveals the count as the hero of more than 100 love affairs. He is declared to be the husband of an assortment of wives whose number a recently deserted wife in Chicago estimated not less than "50 or so." As a duelist on many a blood stained field of honor in Europe, the count became celebrated nearly a generation ago. His duels were always fought for love, and the wounds received in these onsets he proudly bears on his face and body. He at last broke altogether with his father, a nobleman high in the court and counsels of the king of Belgium, and came to this country.

Wants to Hand . the Cash.

Gov. Allen, of Porto Rico, who is now in Washington, will urge President McKinley to so construe the Foraker bill that if the Porto Rican tariff is removed next July, as reported, the import duties upon goods from foreign countries into Porto Rico shall be paid to Porto Rico and not to the treasury of the U. S., as is at present the case with most of the duties collected there from foreign imports. It is argued that local merchants are not benefited if the U. S. receive the customs receipts. According to figures of G. W. Whitehead, the collector of customs for Porto Rico, the total import duties for March were $81,778, of which only $17,850 were for American goods. March can be taken as a fair average.

Flood Damage May Reach $3,000,000.

While western Pennsylvania was fairly out of the clutches of the flood on the 22d, fears of quick repetition of the disaster, and perhaps on an increased scale, seemed to haunt the people. Weather conditions are not reassuring. It is again raining in Pittsburg, and advices from the headwaters of the Allegheny on the morning of the 22d showed a renewed rise with a continued downpour. Warmer temperature acting on the snow, was a factor that also caused some apprehension. It is impossible to fairly approximate the loss resulting from the high waters. Estimates vary from $1,000,000 to $3,000,000, but the first figures will probably come nearer the correct amount.

Blew Their Heads Off.

Chas. Brown and E. E. Canby, president and cashier, respectively, of the First National bank of Vancouver, Wash., which was closed on the 20th by the controller of the currency, committed suicide the same night two miles from that city, by shooting themselves with revolvers. Their bodies were found the following morning lying together in a small clump of bushes. Both used the same weapon and Canby evidently died first, as the revolver was found in Brown's hand. Each put the muzzle of the revolver in his mouth and blew the top of his head off.

A dispatch from Madrid says that the Canary Islands have been swept by a cyclone, killing 17 persons and doing great damage to property.

Emperor Francis Joseph has fulfilled a long-cherished desire of Czech population of Bohemia by ordering the establishment at Prague of a modern national art gallery, toward the foundation of which he has himself donated 2,000,000 crowns.

A derrick car and a gondola toppled over a bridge over Eighteen Mile Creek, 18 miles from Buffalo, on the Nickle Plate railroad, on the afternoon of the 16th. Six men went with them to the rocky bed 80 feet below. Two were so badly injured that they died within half an hour after the accident. Four others were seriously injured.

Henry H. Hawthorne, one of the invalid soldiers in the soldiers' home at Dayton, O., has just received notice that he has been made the beneficiary to the amount of from $200,000 to $500,000 left him by a woman out of gratitude for having saved her life many years ago. The woman was Mrs. Josephine Fairfax, who recently died in the south of France.

A remarkable story has been received from France to the effect that 120 needles had thus far been extracted from various parts of a young woman's anatomy. The needles were swallowed by her when she was a child.

THE CALL OF PEACE.

Aguinaldo Issues One to His Countrymen 1,000 Prisoners Released.

The following is Aguinaldo's address to the Filipino people, made public the evening of the 19th:

"I believe I am not in error in presuming that the happy fate to which adverse fortune has led me is not a surprise to those who have been familiar with the progress of the war. The lessons taught with a full meaning, and which have recently come to my knowledge, suggest with irresistible force that a complete termination of hostilities, and lasting peace, are not only desirable but absolutely essential to the welfare of the Philippine islands.

"The Filipinos have never been dismayed at their weakness, nor have they faltered in following the path pointed out by their fortitude and courage. The time has come, however, in which they find their advance along this path to be impeded by an irresistible force which, while it restrains them, yet enlightens their minds and opens to them another course, presenting them the cause of peace.

"This cause has been joyfully embraced by the majority of my fellow countrymen, who have already united around the glorious sovereign banner of the United States. In this banner they repose their trust and belief that under its protection the Filipino people will attain all those promised liberties which they are beginning to enjoy.

"The country has declared unmistakably in favor of peace. So be it. There has been enough blood, enough tears and enough desolation. This wish cannot be ignored by the men still in arms if they are animated by a desire to serve our noble people, which has thus clearly manifested its will. So do I respect this will, now that it is known to me.

"After mature deliberation, I resolutely proclaim to the world that I cannot refuse to heed the voice of a people longing for peace, nor the lamentations of thousands of families yearning to see their dear ones enjoying the liberty and promised generosity of the great American nation.

"By acknowledging and accepting the sovereignty of the United States throughout the Philippine archipelago, as I now do and without any reservation whatsoever, I believe that I am serving thee, my beloved country. May happiness be thine!"

To signalize this important step in the pacification of the country, Gen. MacArthur orders the release, on swearing allegiance to the United States, of 1,000 insurgent prisoners.

CUBA AND PHILIPPINE NEWS.

A thousand troops in the Island of ... are unable to accomplish the surrender or the capture of 200 insurgent ... men who are still out. Col. McClernand says the terms the insurgents offered are impossible. Of the 50 towns, a dozen of the larger have been organized under military order. The others are believed to have insurgent governments. The island, probably, will be organized as one province. The population numbers 650,000.

The chief of staff of the insurgent Gen. Mascardo has surrendered at the town of Marivales, in Bataan province, Luzon. He said that Mascardo's band of followers, now greatly diminished, are in a bad way. It is impossible for them to elude the Americans, they are unable to obtain food and want to surrender. It is expected that Gen. Mascardo himself will surrender shortly.

Judge Taft, president of the Philippine commission, says that Mgr. Chapelle, the papal delegate to the Philippine islands, told him the friars were not to return to the provinces, and that only a sufficient number of them are now in Manila to act as instructors in the colleges. This disposes of the troublesome "friar question."

Lieut. Wm. S. Nipes of the 32d volunteer infantry has captured a bearer of dispatches from the insurgent Gen. Noriel to Gen. Malvar. Noriel directed Malvar not to surrender, saying he would send him 2,000 recruits, money and ammunition when Aguinaldo was released. Noriel succeeded Trias in southern Luzon.

If the plans for the navy department are adopted by congress a $5,000,000 naval station will be established at Olongapo, Subig bay, Luzon.

A dispatch from Manila, dated the ...th, says 50 insurgent riflemen attacked the town of Bay, on Bay Lake, in Laguna province, southeast of Manila. The insurgents were quickly routed.

It is estimated that an official announcement regarding the disposition of Aguinaldo will soon be made.

A head-end collision between two passenger trains at Woodbine, Ia., on the 16th, resulted in the death of one man, the probable fatal injury of another and the serious injury of several others.

Dr. H. L. Nietert, superintendent of the city hospital at St. Louis, has just performed one of the most remarkable operations ever recorded in the annals of surgery. It consisted of taking three stitches in the heart of Philip Dun, who had been stabbed in a saloon brawl.

Advices from Agana, island of Guam, bearing date of March 14, say that the grippe is prevalent there and that many native children and adults are dying from its effects. Deaths result mainly because of the difficulty of impressing on the natives the necessity of caring for the sick properly.

The following dispatch was received from Gen. MacArthur on the 17th: "Col. Abah, insurgent leader Marinduque, nine officers, 70 soldiers, 248 small arms, surrendered (Maj.) Frederick A. Smith, April 15, oathed with impressive ceremony, released. This ends insurrection there."

Old timers in the Yukon are anticipating a flood because of the unprecedented snowfall along the Yukon. A heavy fall of snow, aggregating four feet, was recorded a week ago. There is now 15 feet of snow on the summit, and the White Horse & Yukon Railway company is preparing for possible trouble when the snow melts.

At the recent special election the proposition to bond the city of Owosso for $50,000 for paving was defeated by a small majority. Owosso needs paving bad. Twenty-five interested citizens petitioned for another special election, and it will be held May 1.

CHINA WAR NEWS.

According to a dispatch from St. Petersburg official information has been received that renewed military activity is beginning in Manchuria. Chinese troops are strongly entrenched at three points around Mukden. They are armed with good Mauser rifles and have 30 Krupp guns. To the eastward of Mukden, near Turchausen, there are 12,000 men under the chief boxer, Lutanse. To the northwest, near Kulo, there are 6,000 Chinese under the former governor of Mukden. To the eastward in Mongolia and near the In Shan mountain there are 9,000 more under the Chinese Gen. Schu.

A dispatch from Pekin, dated the 18th, says that Count von Waldersee escaped from the burning palace of the empress, which was destroyed by fire on the 17th, through a window with great difficulty. Maj.-Gen. Schwartzkopf, Count von Waldersee's chief of staff, appears to have lost his life by returning to the burning building after having escaped from it. Incendiarism is suspected.

In the discussion of Chinese indemnities, which is going on at Pekin, and also at the various foreign capitals, it has been developed that the French government is desirous of looking after not only those claims of a distinctly national character, relating to France and French subjects, but also the extensive class of claims of Catholic institutions and missionaries.

Chinese rebels have again attacked the Manchurian railway, and have destroyed 150 versts of the line, removed the rails and broken up the rolling stock. Moreover, they have killed nearly a whole detachment of railway guards. Troops have been sent from Amur province to the scene of attack.

A dispatch from Pao Ting Fu, dated the 20th, says that city has been for the last four days a big military camp of French and German soldiers on the way to the front. It is now estimated that 8,000 French troops and 6,000 Germans will form the entire force when all the reinforcements have arrived.

The Korean government, according to advices just received from Seoul, the capital of Korea, has decided to borrow from France 5,000,000 yen, for the purpose of constructing the northern railway from Seoul to Wiku.

The Tartar general at Feng-Tien, Manchuria, has borrowed of the Russians, on the security of the land and poll taxes, the sum of 400,000 taels, to be applied in forming a force of military police.

TRANSVAAL WAR ITEMS.

A train loaded with cattle and coal was captured by the Boers near Molteno, Cape Colony, on the evening of the 18th. The forward locomotive escaped and ran to Stormberg and returned with troops who found the train on fire. A couple of natives were killed. The train hands had been stripped and then released.

Lord Kitchener has issued a proclamation to the effect that any resident in the martial law districts of Cape Colony found in arms, inciting to fight, aiding the enemy or endangering by overt act the British forces, will be tried by court martial and be liable to the most severe penalties. Such persons may even be shot.

A big scandal is alleged to have taken place in the British war office. Two members of the governmental committee appointed a year ago to determine the value of various explosives have taken out patents in their own names.

Aguinaldo has been removed from from the Malacanan palace to a private residence. The guard placed over him has been modified. It is reported that the Filipino leader is now desirous of visiting America.

According to a dispatch from London, Maj.-Gen. Horace Lockwood Smith-Dorrien, now in South Africa, is to be promoted to the rank of adjutant-general to the forces in India.

The force under Commandant Bokburg, composed of 106 men with wagons and rifles, have surrendered near Middleburg, Transvaal Colony.

The coronation of King Edward will take place the latter part of June, 1902.

THE MARKETS.

LIVE STOCK.

	Cattle	Sheep	Lambs	Hogs
New York				
Best grades	$4 75@5 80	$5 00	$6 85	$6 65
Lower grades	4 00@4 40	4 00	5 60	6 20
Chicago				
Best grades	5 00@6 00	5 00	5 85	6 15
Lower grades	3 95@4 90	4 40	5 60	5 85
Detroit				
Best grades	3 80@4 85	4 00	5 25	5 95
Lower grades	2 75@3 75	3 00	4 75	5 25
Buffalo				
Best grades	4 00@4 75	5 00	5 75	6 30
Lower grades	2 00@3 25	3 00	5 00	6 00
Cincinnati				
Best grades	4 75@5 25	4 25	5 50	5 80
Lower grades	4 35@4 65	4 00	5 60	5 50
Pittsburg				
Best grades	5 00@5 50	4 80	5 60	5 95
Lower grades	4 00@4 65	4 40	5 35	5 55

GRAIN, ETC.

	Wheat No. 2 red	Corn No. 2 mix	Oats No. 2 white
New York	77@77½	50@50¼	32@33
Chicago	70@70½	41@44¼	25@25¾
*Detroit	75@75¼	43@43¼	30@30¼
Toledo	74@74½	44@44¾	27@27¼
Cincinnati	75@75½	46@46	28@28¼
Pittsburg	77@77¼	45@45½	32@32¼
Buffalo	76@75¼	44@44¼	31@31½

*Detroit—Hay, No. 1 Timothy, $12 50 per ton. Potatoes, 35c per bu. Live Poultry, spring chickens, 10c per lb; fowls, 9c; turkeys, 10c; ducks, 10c. Eggs, strictly fresh, 12c per dozen. Butter, best dairy, 16c per lb; creamery, 21c.

BASE BALL.

Below we publish the standing of the National League Clubs up to and including the games played on Tuesday, April 23d:

	Won.	Lost.	Per ct.
St. Louis	3	1	.750
Brooklyn	2	1	.667
Philadelphia	2	2	.500
Boston	1	1	.500
Pittsburg	1	1	.500
Chicago	1	2	.333
Cincinnati	0	1	.000
New York	0	1	.000

Gov. Dockery, of Missouri, has vetoed a compulsory education bill on the ground that it savored too much of paternalism.

A cage filled with natives fell down a deep shaft of the Goldenhuis mine at Johannesburg on the 16th, and 26 of the natives were killed.

Lord Kitchener, in a dispatch under date of Pretoria, April 21, says: Since my last report the British columns have captured 242 prisoners, 248 rifles, some ammunition and wagons and carts. A few men have also surrendered.