

Gen. Wood Says They Were in The Works When Latter Were Assaulted.

DRESSED AND ARMED LIKE MEN

President Satisfied With Explanation And Says Soldiers Performed Gallant Feat.

Washington, March 14 .-- A cablegram from Gen. Wood regarding criticisms of the recent battle of Mount Dajo, on the island of Jolo, together with correspondence between the president and Secy. Taft on the subject, were made public today. Gen. Wood's cablegram was in answer to one sent him at the direction of Secy. Taft, who called attention to the criticisms of "wanton shaughter of Moros," and asked him to sond all the particulars. Gen. Wood's reply denies that there was any wanton killing, and says a number of women and children were killed in the fight because they were actually in the works when assaulted; that Moro women wore trousers and that children were used as shields. The reply was sent by Secy. Taft to the president, with a note in which the secretary says Gen. Wood's cablegram seems to him to show most clearly that the unfortunate loss of life was wholly unavoidable, to which the president re-plied that Gen, Wood's answer "is, of course, entirely satisfactory."

TAFT'S LETTER.

The correspondence follows: "War Department, Washington, March

13, 1906. "My Dear Mr. President: The ac-count of the engagement on Mount Dajo, island of Jolo, between our forces and a large band of Moro robbers, in which the fighting lasted for three or which the nighting lasted for three or four days, showed such a large loss among the Moros as to give rise in a part of the public press to the criticism that there had been a wanton destruc-tion by our soldiers of Moro lives, including those of women and children, Inquiries were made of me by members of the senate and house of representatives in respect to the matter. Accordingly, I yesterday directed that the fol

ingly, I yesterday directed that the fol-lowing telegram be sent to Gen. Wood: "It is charged that there was a wan-ton slaughter of Moros, men, women and children, in the fight in Jolo at Mount Dajo. I wish you would send me at once all the particulars in re-spect to this matter, stating exact facts." facts.

"Gen. Wood's answer came today. It seems to me to show most clearly that the unfortunate loss of life of the men, women and children among the Moros was wholly unavoidable, in view of their deliberate use of their women and children in actual battle and their frantical and savage desire that the women and children should perish with them if defeat were to come. They seem to have exhibited in this fight the well known treachery of the uncivilized Mohammedan when wounded, in at-tempting to kill those approaching for the purpose of giving aid and relief. Gen. Wood's dispatch is as follows:

WOOD'S REPLY.

"The Military Secretary, Washing-on: In answer to secretary of war's ton: request for information, March 12, was present throughout practically en tion and I inspected top of cra ter after action was finished. Am convinced no man, woman or child was wantonly killed. A considerable num-ber of women and children were killed in the fight—number unknown—for the reason that they were actually in the works when assaulted and were un-avoidably killed in the flerce hand-to-hand fighting which took place in the marrow inclosed spaces. Moro women wore trousers and were dressed and armed like the men and charged with them. The children were in many cases used by the men as shields while charging the troops. These incidents are much to be regretted, but it must be understood that the Moros were fighting not only as enemies but rel-igious fanatics, believing Paradise to be their immediate reward if killed in action with Christians. in the fight-number unknown-for the action with Christians. "They apparently desired that none be saved. Some of our men, one a hospital steward, were cut up while giving assistance to wounded Moros, by the wounded and by those feigning death for the purpose of getting this revenge. I personally ordered assist-ance be given wounded Moros and that ford, and waite chemid here and that action with Christians. food and water should be sent them and medical attendance. In addition friendly Moros were at once directed to proceed to the mountain for this pur-pose. I do not believe that in this or in any other fight an American soldier wantonly killed a Moro woman or child, or that he ever did it except unavoidably. Action was most desper ate, and it was impossible to distin guish who would be injured by fire. In all actions against Moros we have begged Moros again and again to fight as men and keep women and children out of it. I assume the entire responsibility for action of the troops in every particular, and if any evi-dence develops in any way bearing out dence develops in any use the charges, will act at once. "'WOOD.'

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ceived your letter of March 13 with accompanying cablegram of Gen. Wood answering your inquiry as to the al-leged wanton slaughter of Moros. This answer is entirely satisfactory. The officers and enlisted men under Gen. Wood's command have performed a most galiant and soldierly feat in a way that confers added credit upon the American army. They are entitled to the heartiest admiration and praise of all those of their fellow citizens who are glad to see the honor of the flag upheld by the courage of the men wearing the American uniform. "Sincerely yours." ceived your letter of March 13 with

"Sincerely yours, "THEODORE ROOSEVELT."

TAFT ON BATTLE OF MT. DAJO. New York, March 15 .- Henry W. Taft New York, March 13.—Henry W. Tait gave a dinner last night to his brothers. Secy. of War Taft, former Congress-man Charles P. Taft of Cincinnail, and Horace D. Taft of Watertown, Conn. Seen before the dinner, the secretary sald

"The matter concerning which I con ferred with Mr. Milburn was the bid of Speyer & Co. on the proposal for the building of about 450 miles of railroad

building of about 400 miles of rational in the island of Luzon, with Manila as the principal center of the system. "The bids for building the lines pro-jected for the islands of Negros, Cebu and Panay have been accepted, and the contracts awarded, but only one bid tendered for the construction of the Luzon lines.

"Upon re-advertisement of the pro-posal there was again only one tender, that of Speyer & Co. It is not entire-ly satisfactory to the war department, and negotiations are therefore in progress with a view to satisfying the government's requirements in the matthe

Speaking of the recent battle with the Moros at Mount Dajo, and the great mortality to the natives that re-

great mortality to the natives that re-sulted, the secretary said: "I am satisfied from my knowledge of the Moros that were the subject of at-tack, that our soldiers indulged in no inhumanities, save only such as are inseparable from war. These Moros are of the uncivilized Mohametan variety, who were preying upon the peaceful el-ement of the Moro population. They were bandits whom it was necessary to subdue. They were fanatical and subdue. They were fanatical and treacherous—an exceedingly dangerous element. Our soldiers were compelled to make the attack under conditions most difficult, and I am sure they were as considerate of life as was possible under the circumstances." The secretary spoke with frankness of his feeling concerning the refusal of



ROOT SPEAKS IN ITS FAVOR.

Resolution Adopted Indorsing the Bill Introduced by Senator

Lodge.

Washington, March 14 .- At the conular reform convention today Secy Root spoke in favor of an improved consular service. The convention adopted resolutions fully approving the bill introduced by Senator Lodge. The resolutions conclude by expressing regret "that one of the most vital provisions of that bill has been removed from it," and ask that the provision authorizing the president to transfer consuls from one point to another in the same grade be reincorporated in the bill.

The following have been added to the

The following have been added to the executive committee: R. W. Gates, Los Angeles; Horace McClure, Senttle; Jo-seph T. Searns, Richmond; Isador Strauss, New York, and Francis B. Loomis, Cincinnati, A publicity and promotion commit-tee was decided upon. It was also de-cided to invite every commercial body in the United States to become a mem-ber, and where there is no such organ-ization in any congressional district some prominent indivdual in the dis-trict will be designated as a member.

some prominent indivdual in the dis-trict will be designated as a member. The delegates called in a body this afternoon at the White House. The president addressed them, as follows: "I need hardly say that our one chance for getting the consular service put on a really effective basis lies with just such organizations as this. We in Washington must rely up 1, you to make our people-pre-eminently a business people-appreciate that the consular service should be in its es-sence a part of the general scheme of business development of the country.

business development of the country, "I have not, I am sorry to say, been "I have not, I am sorry to say, been able to persuade people thus to look upon such a question as the Santo Do-mingo treaty, which is a purely non-partisan measure, for if it was treated as it should be, purely on its merits, there would not be one shade of oppo-ultion to or criticism of it. But while sition to or criticism of it. But while we have not yet been successful in setting the work of the department looked upon quite in the non-partisan spirit that should be our national at-titude in foreign affairs, and have not been successful in getting the consular service make by law what we strive to have it made an absolutely non-par-tisan service-still we have made a certain amount of progress and with the help of you and those like you, we shall be able to make a great deal more progress

"One point let me dwell on. You cannot expect to get permanently good srevice when that service is unattrac-tive and ill protected. We have had a great deal of difficulty with our con-sular service in China. It came partly because men were appointed for polit-ical reasons with scant regard to their qualifications, and partly because men found themselves in remote east-ern ports where there was not much that made life attractive, where there was very little supervision over them and yet great temptation. We all know progress.



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ANARCHISTS WARNED.

Chita, Russia, March 14.—On account of the wholesale arrests and executions characterizing the repression of the revolutionists, numerous threats have been made against the life of Gov. Gen. sued a proclamation, in which he an-nounced that if an attempt is made



"Very sincerely yours. "WILLIAM H. TAFT."

ANSWER SATISFACTORY.

The president's reply follows: "The White House, March 13, 1906. "My Dear Mr. Secretary-I have re-

the senate to pass the Philippine tariff bill. He said: bill. "It was a disappointment to me, and

If was a disappointment to me, and I feel that it was a mistake not to pass the measure. I am unable to say ex-actly the measure of material benefit that would have come to the Filipinos from the operation of the law, but the moral effect of demonstrating to the Filipinos our desire to help them would be important."

KILLED BY ACCIDENT.

Philadelphia, March 14.—Geo. Payne Burnap, aged 38 years, a son of the late Capt. Geo. J. Burnap, died today at a hospital as the result of a most unusual accident. Mr. Burnap arrived yesterday from his home in Santa Cruz, Cal., to attend the funeral of his father. About midnight he went with his broth-or Arthur to the latter's groom As he er, Arthur, to the latter's room. As he lay upon the bed, smoking a pipe, his brother picked up a newspaper from a trunk which stood in a corner of the room. In lifting the paper Arthur dis-lodged a revolver which had been placed on the trunk. The weapon fell to the floor and was discharged. The bullet penetrated George Burnap's left side poar the heart side, near the heart.

CARRINGTON WILL APPEAL.

Manila, March 15.—The supreme court of the Islands has confirmed the decision of the lower court in the case of J. F. Carrington, formerly a major of the Unit-ed States army. Carrington will now ap-peal to the supreme court of the United States.

Carrington was convicted in February last of falsifying vouchers of the civil government when an officer in the army and in charge of a battellon of Filipino scouts, to the amount of \$1,500, and was sentenced to a total of 50 years and five days imprisonment. He was subsequently tried by court-martial and dismissed from the army. the army.

COL. POWELL TO BE BRIGADIER.

Washington, March 14 .- The president today sent the following nominations 'o the senate: Lieut, Col. Charles F.

the senate: Lieut, Col. Chai Powell, to be brigadier general.

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eral. Mercury, and Potash, which is also a common treatment for Conta-gious Blood Poison, eat out the lining of the stomach and bowels, produce chronic dyspepsia, cause the teeth to decay, make spongy, tender gums, affect the bones and muscles, and leave its victims complete physical wrecks. Another effect of this treatment is

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that under such conditions it is neces-sarily difficult to secure honest and efficient service. A pretty thorough clean-up there is needed. But we can-not keep the service as high as it should be kept unless we have ade-

quate salaries, "Remember that the dearest kind of "Remember that the dearest kind of public servant is a servant who is paid so cheaply that he must render cheap service. Also I feel most strongly that in the consular service, which stands entirely apart from the diplomatic service proper, entrance should be made by law into the lower grades and that the higher grades should be filled by a gradual process of weeding out and promotion; remembering, gentle-men, that the weeding out process must not be interfered with. It is not any too easy to get rid of a kindly-natured elderly incompetent at best, and if you add to the difficulty by law, he then permanently stays. Make the entrance to the service as far as posentrance to the service as far as pos-sible non-partisan and make it at the lowest grades, so that desirable positions shall come to those who have rendered good and faithful service in the lower grades, and see that those entering the lower grades shall feel that if they do well they have a low and worthy career ahead of them."

REPUBLICAN CAUCUS ON STATEHOOD BILL.

Washington, March 14 .- Whether the caucus on statehood to be --rticipated in by the Republicans of the house to-morrow is to "blind" those who atmorrow is to "blind" those who at-tend has been an absorbing topic of discussion among the "insurgents" of the party today. No conclusion has been reached. For this reason a con-ference of those Republicans who wish to concur in the senate amendments has been called for 1 o'clock tomorrow. At this conference it will be deter-mined whether insurgents shall ottend the caucus or shall stay away. It is stated by the "insurgents" that they have been urged to attend the caucus on the ground that it is to be a conthere are varied views as to be a con-ference and not a caucus. However, there are varied views as to the bind-ing effect of either a caucus or con-ference. Some members contend that neither binds the participants, while others hold that conferences do not bind, while caucuses do. bind, while caucuses do. Speaker Cannon says he has not yet

Speaker Cannon says he has not yet lost faith in the overwhelming Republi-can, majority which voted for the house bill. He has received many tele-grams today and admits that influences are working to secure a concurrence in the senate measure. The caucua tomorrow will, he says, determine this point. The speaker says he has not read the statchood bill as amended by the senate, but has been reliably in-formed that it contains amendments of such character that if any member made the point of order it would have to go to the committee on territories under the rules. Mr. Cannon made the significant remark that people seemed to forget that there was a three months' session of Congress (alluding to the coming short session), in which the two houses might get together on the statehood bill.

MRS. SAUER IS BEATEN.

Los Angeles, March 14 .- Admitting Los Angeles, March 14.—Admitting herself beaten in her fight against ex-tradition, Mrs. Margaret Sauer, alias Margaret Graham, started for San An-tonio, Tex., this afternoon in the custo-dy of Sheriff Tobin to answer charges of embergiometric of embezzlement.

TENNENT UNDER ARREST. St. Louis, March 14 .- John H. Tennent, Sr., president of the defunct Ten-



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