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## HOME-COMING OF THE VOLUNTEERS.

It Is Deferred Till Congress Makes Provision for Regular Troops.

9,000 ARE ON THE WAY.

Not Enough of the Others Will Be Held in the Philippines to Keep the Force There Up to 60,000 Men.

Washington, Dec. 24.—As a result of a conference between the secretary of war and Quartermaster General Ludington, it has been decided that no further action can be taken with regard to the return of the volunteers from the Philippines until Congress shall make provision for their replacement. The war department is considerably embarrassed by the failure of Congress to make provision, before the recess for the relief of the military situation in the Philippines. Acting upon representations made by Gen. Marshall, the department has concluded that it is absolutely necessary to maintain an army of 50,000 men in the Philippines until the military situation is such that a reduction of the military strength below that figure existing conditions would doubtless prove most disastrous to the interests of the United States.

There are now about 63,000 troops, regular and volunteers, in the Philippines, and arrangements have been made already for bringing home 9,000 of that number. No further reduction will be made until the war department is advised fully of the purpose of Congress with regard to army legislation. When the necessary authority has been given, it is the purpose of the department to bring home as rapidly as possible all the volunteers and regulars whose terms of enlistment expire on the 30th of June next, not before. It is expected that Congress will act promptly on the army bill soon after the adjournment of the session. However, it will not be possible to get the fresh troops, so it is said that the war department, to the Philippines in the next two months' time, to bring home the remainder of the volunteers and the regular troops whose terms will expire at the same time, aggregating about 40,000 men, before July 1. This undertaking, it is believed, is beyond the capacity of the transport system as present organized and may necessitate the chartering of additional steamships.

Recent cable advices from Gen. MacArthur indicate a strong desire on the part of the volunteers generally to return to the United States and that comparatively few of them are likely to remain unless the most liberal inducements are offered. It is understood that Gen. MacArthur has recommended that a bounty of \$250 be allowed to each soldier in the Philippines who returns for another term and the plan is to be submitted to the War Department.

**Closed the Holy Door.**  
Bates, Dec. 24.—The pope today performed the ceremony of closing the holy door of St. Peter's cathedral with the keys of St. Peter.

**OPEN NIGHT AND SUNDAY.**  
Great Scheme of Saloon Keepers for Pan-American Show.

Buffalo, N. Y., Dec. 24.—Counsel for the saloonkeepers' union of this city have drawn up a bill for introduction during the next session of the State legislature, providing that saloons in this city may keep open all night during the Pan-American exposition. The bill also provides for closing saloons at 1 o'clock Sunday afternoon.

**DESPERADOES SENTENCED.**  
One Gets Off With Six Years, the Other With Eight.

Spokane, Wash., Dec. 24.—Tom Murphy, the desperado who held up six men and robbed the Warlock gambling hall in the heart of the city last Tuesday morning, pleaded guilty to the charge of robbery today and was sentenced to six years in the Walla Walla penitentiary. J. J. Adams, the last of the gang of desperadoes, recently captured was sentenced to eight years in the penitentiary.

**KIDNAPPED A COLORADO GIRL.**  
Maggie Hoel, 18 Years Old, Is Carried Off—Was Abducted Sunday Afternoon—Fears that She Has Been Murdered—Evidences of a Struggle.

Pueblo, Colo., Dec. 24.—Maggie Hoel has been missing since 2 o'clock Sunday afternoon, and it is feared that she has been murdered. The girl, who was about 18 years old, lived with her sister, Mrs. Charles Beatty, in a lonely spot about three miles west of the city. Sunday, Mrs. Beatty left Maggie in charge of her little child at her home. Upon her return, two hours later, her sister was gone and the baby was alone in the house. Indications about the premises led to the immediate suspicion that the girl had been taken from home by force. There were evidences of a struggle and in the yard were found the footprints of a man, evidently of large size. The footprints led to the direction of the Arkansas river and at some place along the trail appeared the footprints of a bad state of affairs in this section in the way of sickness and want of food, and was asked for a fuller report by Gen. Davis. This was turned over to him.

**ANOTHER BOY IS KIDNAPPED.**  
Hobart Clayberg, a Rich Montanan's Son, Is Carried Off by Two Abductors—Storm Compelled the Kidnappers to Turn Their Victim Loose.

Kalamazoo, Mich., Dec. 24.—Hobart Clayberg, a 15-year-old boy, whose father, John B. Clayberg, is a prominent citizen of Helena, Mont., was kidnapped in this city last night by two men. The boy was blindfolded and com-

pelled to walk to Mattawan, a distance of eleven miles. It became so stormy that the kidnappers released young Clayberg at Mattawan, after robbing him of a small sum of money. The boy was telegraphed here for help and was brought home during the night.

**Supreme Court Adjourns.**  
Washington, Dec. 24.—The United States Supreme court today advanced two more cases involving the question of the relationship between the United States and their insular possessions to be heard on the 7th of January. There are now eight of these cases set for that date. One of the cases, which today involves the collection of duties on goods imported from Hawaii.

**Nearly a Million Dollars.**  
Sydney, N. S. W., Dec. 24.—The steamer Mariposa, which sailed from this port for San Francisco today, has 200,000 sovereigns on board.

**May Be Another Victim.**  
Halifax, N. S., Dec. 24.—Miss Junia Roberbach, an employee of the auditor's office of the war department, has been brought to her home in this city in an acute state of nervous collapse that is likely to prove fatal. Miss Roberbach, who is the daughter of the Auditor Frank H. Morris when MacDonald entered his office and shot him. The shock of the tragedy was too much for the young woman's nerves.

**Fatal Kentucky Feud.**  
London, Ky., Dec. 24.—Two men were killed and two wounded at Farris' distillery, twelve miles from here, yesterday. Four members of the Simpson family on one side, and Henry Barrett and W. H. Young, on the other, engaged in a desperate fight. Young and one of the Simpsons were killed instantly and two of the Simpsons were probably fatally wounded. An old feud was the cause of the trouble. All are from Clay county.

**Revolt in Venezuela.**  
Caracas, Dutch Guiana, via Haytian Cable, Dec. 24.—Celestino Perez, formerly the private secretary of President Castro of Venezuela, has revolted against the Venezuelan government in the Guayana district. A force of 2,500 Venezuelan troops under General Aristides Fuenmayor has been sent against Perez.

**The MacDonough Launched.**  
East Braintree, Mass., Dec. 24.—The torpedo boat destroyer MacDonough was launched at the works of the Port River Iron company today, amid the ringing of bells and the blowing of whistles.

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Relations of the Victims—British Warship Investigating—Land Legislation for Hawaii.

Honolulu, Dec. 17, via San Francisco, Dec. 24.—Frank P. Bennett, the well known American Indian scout, committed suicide here by shooting himself in the head, last Thursday evening, Dec. 15. His suicide followed the death by poisoning of Miss Clara Schneider, a young woman with whom he had been much associated and in tracing the connection between the two deaths, the police stumbled upon many circumstances in support of the theory that the death of the woman should be laid at Bennett's door. Bennett was an Indian fighter of national reputation, being one of the three survivors of the famous company of which Buffalo Bill is best known, and having taken a prominent part in running the Apache Geronimo to safety.

Miss Schneider was a domestic in the family of Hon. Paul Neumann. A post mortem examination showed that her death had been due to morphine poisoning.

Documents indicated that Bennett had borrowed \$400 from her. She wanted to go to her home in Seattle and spoke of getting the money from him to do so.

On the night before Miss Schneider's death she left her home, it is said, for the purpose of meeting Bennett. She did not come home till early the next morning, and was not seen alive again, except for a few unconscious moments at the last. The post mortem indicated that the morphine had been taken with some food. It is not known whether or not Bennett had been with her, but she had said that she was going to see him and get her money.

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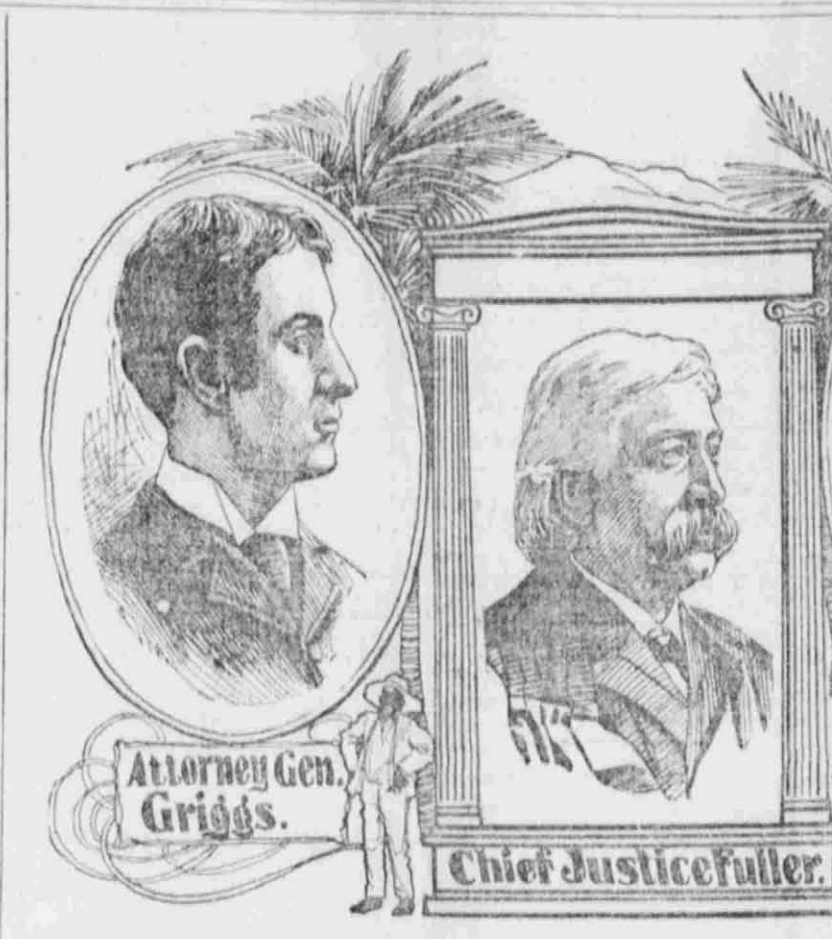
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MEETING HOUSE DEDICATED

The Prayer Offered by Pres. Joseph F. Smith—A Most Interesting Program Carried Out.

Last night the new Sixteenth ward meeting house was the scene of a most pleasant and brilliant affair. The occasion was a dual one, namely, the dedication of the meeting house and the celebration of the 50th anniversary of the birthday of the Prophet Joseph Smith.

The interior of the building was tastefully decorated for the occasion with flags, portraits, flowers and evergreens, and among the many leading and representative men and women present were President Joseph F. Smith, Apostle Anthony H. Lund, Presidents Seymour B. Young, Angus M. Cannon, Joseph E. Taylor, Charles W. Penrose, Bishop A. Milton Musser, Lucy W. Kimball, Bathsheba W. Smith, etc.

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Gen. Davis leaves Washington this afternoon for San Francisco, where he will take passage for Manila on the transport Hancock, sailing Jan. 1. He has been ordered duty as inspector general, division of the Philippines.

**ATTORNEY KIEF'S FUNERAL.**  
Hon. C. S. Varian, president of the Bar association, announces that the funeral of the late C. Ira Kieff will be held at the First Presbyterian church on Wednesday morning at 10:30 o'clock. Seats will be reserved for the members of the bar and undoubtedly the legal fraternity of this city will be heavily represented on the occasion, on which they will pay their last respects to the bright young lawyer who was so suddenly called away.

**INDIA FAMINE FUND.**  
The "News" is pleased to acknowledge receipt of the following amounts on behalf of the India Famine fund. All friends who desire to contribute to this noble cause are reminded that our list will close December 31st.

Willow Creek ward, of Bingham  
Stake of Idaho, ..... \$5.00  
John Chellett, Park Valley, ..... 1.00  
Previously acknowledged, ..... 752.50  
Total, ..... \$779.50

**THE "NEWS" HOLIDAY.**  
There will be no issue of the Deseret Evening News on Tuesday. The public will approve the sentiment that there were personal acquaintance with the Prophet Joseph was not sufficient for obtaining a testimonial in regard to his