

## SEARCH FOR THE WINDSOR'S DEAD.

### Rescuers Exploring the Fiery Ruins.

### SIXTY-SIX MISSING.

### In Addition to Sixteen Who are Known Certainly to be Dead.

### RICHMONDERS WHO WERE THERE

**Mrs. Rosenthal, Sister of Mr. Alex Meyer, Severely Injured—Escaped from the Sixth Story by a Rope. Witnesses Say the Scene Was One of Intense Horror. No Bodies Found.**

NEW YORK, March 18.—Through the incessant rain to-day, their efforts hindered by a choking smoke that arose from the half-quenched ruins, more than two hundred men from the building, police and fire departments sought, but with only half satisfactory results for bodies of persons believed to have perished in yesterday's fire at the Windsor Hotel. Most of the time the smoke was so dense that the workmen could scarcely see their hands before their faces, and the heat from the mass of debris, glowing red in places, held the rescuers almost beyond their limits. Besides, the remnants of the walls left standing were so shaky and threatening that it would have been dangerous to allow the men to work about the mass of riveted iron and brick.

Efforts were concentrated on clearing away the debris, removing weak walls, drilling the chimneys and other parts of the walls for blasting, and making the ways safe for the men to dig in the ruins for the bodies.

### NO BODIES RECOVERED.

No bodies were taken from the seething mass of ruins to-day. The latest estimate to-night is 16 dead, 66 missing, and 57 injured.

It is believed the men will be able to proceed with the gruesome search tomorrow with better results. Several engines have kept their stations all night long throwing heavy streams of water on the ruins.

Occasionally a mass of flame would stream up from some unquitted spot like a bubble and burst away as the streams were played on it. Through the day explosions of gas penetrated the pumping sound of the engines.

Warren F. Leland, the proprietor of the Windsor, had somewhat recovered to-day, but was still in feeble condition. He is as yet unable to account for the origin of the fire.

### FULLY INSURED.

It was learned to-day that Elbridge T. Gerry had the building and the furniture that belonged to the hotel fully insured, and even the annual rental for which he indemnified himself with policies aggregating \$75,000. Mr. Gerry carried policies aggregating \$25,000 on the building and \$40,000 on the furniture. In addition to this, Mr. Leland had policies aggregating \$100,000 on his own furniture in the hotel. Most of the policies that covered the hotel were written with corporations that have their main offices in other States than New York.

No estimate can be made of the precious metal and gems which have withstood the flames and the action of the embers and wreckage of the great hotel. One family lost jewelry valued at \$20,000, and the total will run up somewhere near a million. How much has been picked up and carried away can never be known, nor can all ever be recovered.

### THE LIST OF DEAD.

Following is the list of dead from the Windsor Hotel fire corrected to 9 o'clock to-night:

- Connolly, John, employe, burns and internal injuries.
- Flanagan, T. Kate, forty years old, chambermaid of hotel, died from the effects of burns and injuries.
- Gibson, Mrs. Addie, 35 years old, Cincinnati, shock.
- Goodman, Eleanor Louise, 17 years old, daughter of Samuel Goodman, of this city, fractured skull.
- Grady, Miss Lasselles, of Elizabeth City, N. C., here on a shopping tour, burned to death.
- Henry, Mrs. M., widow of Dr. Morris P. Henry, internally injured.
- Kirk, Nancy Ann, 72 years old, widow of James S. Kirk, soap manufacturer, 35 Ridge avenue, Chicago.
- Leland, Mrs. Warren, wife of proprietor of hotel, found dead at fire.
- Paddock, Amelia, 35 years old, of Irvington, N. Y., died as a result of fire.
- Leland, Miss Helen, daughter of pro-

prietor of hotel, found dead at fire.  
Sullivan, Mary.  
Unknown man, who jumped from a Fifth-avenue window.  
Unknown man, jumped from roof at rear of hotel; body not recovered.  
Unknown child, thrown from window by mother; body not recovered.  
Unknown woman, mother of child, jumped from hotel window; body not yet recovered.  
Unknown woman, jumped from window.  
**MR. GUNTER MAY BE DEAD.**

NEW YORK, March 18.—Archibald Clavering Gunter, the well-known novelist, was patron of the Windsor Hotel, and it is feared that he lost his life. Colonel Thomas Ochsler, said: "Mr. Gunter was in my apartments an hour before the fire and I have no doubt that his body will be discovered in the ruins of the hotel. He was a constant sufferer from asthma and would find it difficult to make his escape through the smoke."

### RICHMOND PEOPLE THERE.

### In Peril at the Windsor Hotel Fire—Mrs. Rosenthal Injured

There were several persons well known in Richmond stopping at the Windsor Hotel when the terrible tragedy occurred, though most fortunately only one was injured.

Colonel C. O. B. Cowardin, his wife and son, and Mr. Alex. Meyer, of Julius Meyer & Sons, were registered there, but were in another portion of the city when the fire broke out. Mr. Meyer's two sisters, however, Mrs. Rosina Rosenthal and Mrs. Josie Steiner, make their home at the hotel, and the former had a very narrow escape from death.

A letter received by Mrs. Alex. Meyer from her husband yesterday states that Mrs. Rosenthal was on the second floor of the hotel when the fire broke out, and her escape was cut off.

Fortunately there was a coil of rope in the apartment. She tied the rope around her waist secured the other end and swung herself from the window.

Mrs. Rosenthal, however, was unable to check the rapidity of her descent. She struck the ground with considerable force, one of her limbs being broken and her hands burned and cut by the rope.

Mrs. Steiner was not in the hotel at the time, and in the confusion natural to the occasion Mrs. Rosenthal was taken to a nearby drug store when an ambulance conveyed her to Bellevue Hospital.

Mr. Alex. Meyer, who intended to return to Richmond that night, made an attempt about this time to call up the Windsor Hotel to tell his sisters to meet him at the depot, and was told by the Central office of the fire. He went at once to the hotel, and at once began a search for Mrs. Rosenthal, finally locating her in Bellevue, where she was resting comfortably, her injuries having been attended to. She will be removed to a private hospital.

Mrs. Steiner and Mrs. Rosenthal lost everything except the clothes they were wearing at the time of the fire. Mr. Meyer expects to return to Richmond this morning.

Concerning the escape of Mrs. Rosenthal, the New York Sun says: Mrs. Josephine Kreizer had been visiting Mrs. Rosina Rosenthal, who had rooms on the sixth floor of the hotel, when the fire broke out. She was on her way down-stairs when she saw the blaze. She rushed to the office, shouting "Fire!" She was the first to make known the fact that the hotel was on fire. Mrs. Kreizer started upstairs again to warn her friend. She was stopped at the third floor, however, by the smoke. Mrs. Rosenthal escaped by sliding down to the street on a rope from her window. Her hands were badly lacerated, and she received a broken leg when she struck the ground.

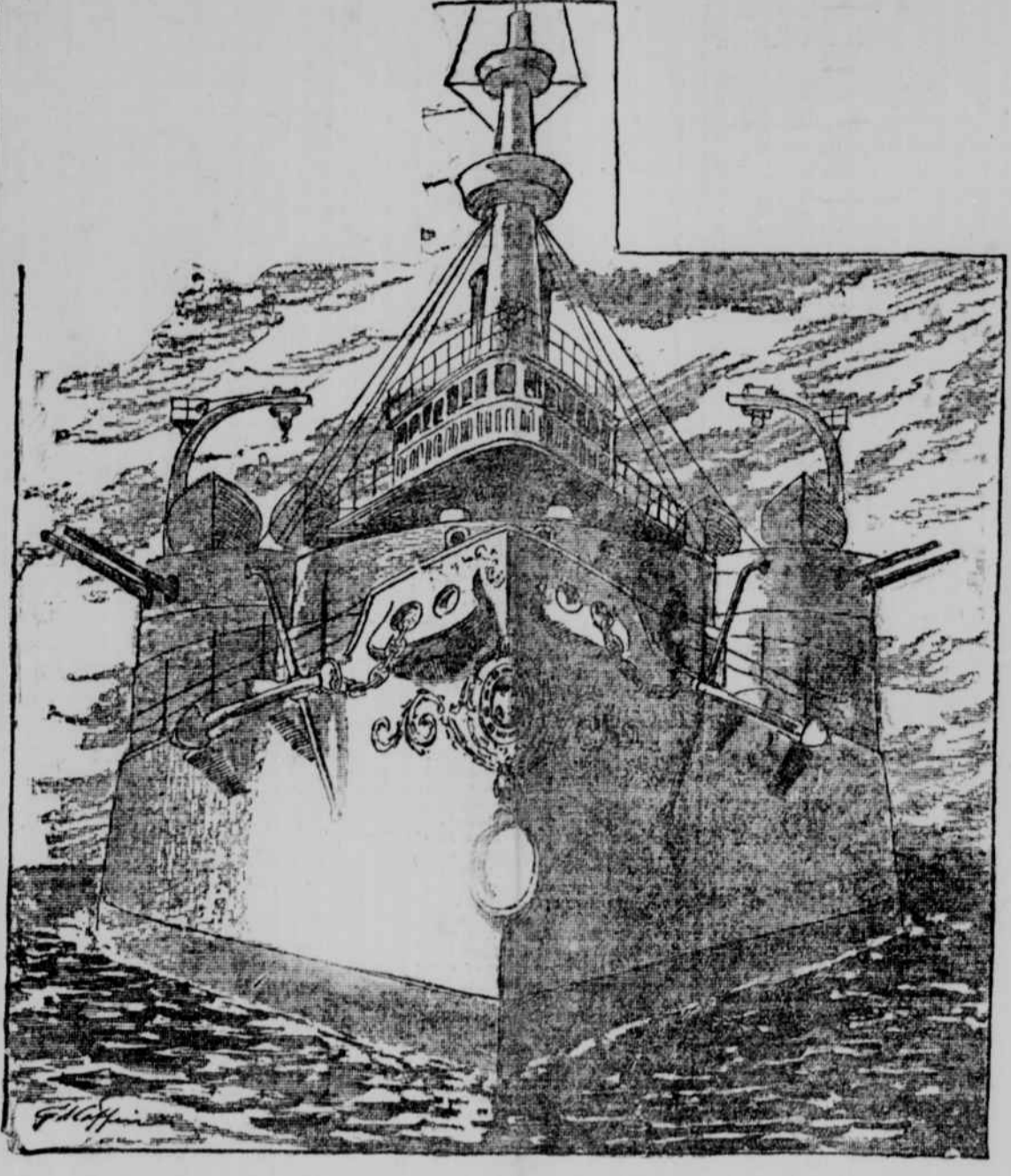
Several friends and relatives called at Bellevue to see Mrs. Rosenthal. Superintendent O'Rourke gave them permission to have a trained nurse attend her in the ward, as Mrs. Rosenthal had been suffering from a nervous ailment for three months. She had just left her sister in the parlor and gone to her room on the sixth floor when the fire broke out. Mrs. Rosenthal seized a life rope and slid down until within about twenty feet from the ground. Then she let go and dropped, suffering a compound fracture of the ankle.

Mr. J. P. Powell, of this city, who was an eye-witness of the fire, returned to Richmond yesterday morning. He says the scene attendant upon it was the most terrible and sickening he ever witnessed. Women threw themselves headlong from windows and were crushed to death on the pavement below. One lady threw her child out and then jumped herself. The little one fell into the flames and perished, while the mother was fatally injured by her fall.

Mr. W. D. Meyer, who is familiar with the Windsor Hotel, says that in his opinion the great loss of life was due to the insufficient number of exits. The interior is also fitted up with the greatest quantity of costly drapery—all as inflammable as possible.

### A Big Texas Fire.

GREENVILLE, TEX., March 18.—A fire last night was one of the most disastrous conflagrations in the history of Greenville. The burned buildings include King's Opera-House, Arden's drug-store, City Library, Graham Brothers' dry goods store, Young Men's Christian Association Hall, and the meat market. The loss will reach \$150,000, partially covered by insurance.



### THE BATTLESHIP OREGON.

Uncle Sam's Floating Fort Which Arrived at Manila Yesterday, Ready for a Fight or a Frolic, and Which Gladdened the Hearts of General Otis and His Men.

## THE OREGON HAS REACHED MANILA.

### The Formidable Fighting Machine Arrives in Good Condition.

### INSURGENTS ATTACK IN FORCE.

### Two American Soldiers are Killed and an Officer and Thirteen Privates Wounded—The Enemy Repulsed with Heavy Loss.

WASHINGTON, March 18.—The Navy Department has been advised of the arrival at Manila of the Oregon.

The following is the cablegram received from Admiral Dewey:

"Manila, March 18. Secretary of the Navy, Washington, D. C.: 'The Oregon and Iris arrived to-day. The Oregon is in fit condition for any duty.'

General Otis is planning another blow at the insurgents in execution of his general scheme of hastening the ending of the rebellion in Luzon before the advent of the rainy season. The fact appeared quite incidentally in a cablegram received from him in which he replied to an inquiry from the War Department relative to the discharge of the volunteer soldiers serving in his army.

The light batteries which have been ordered to Manila are Battery E, First Artillery, now at Jefferson Barracks, Mo.; Battery F, Fourth Artillery, now at Fort Adams, and Battery F, Fifth Artillery, now at Fort Hamilton.

### ANOTHER ATTACK.

MANILA, March 18.—A M.—The Filipinos in force attacked a company of the Washington volunteers at Taguig last night. Two companies of the Washington and Oregon regiments were sent to the assistance of their comrades and drove the insurgents back in front of the Twenty-second regulars who also engaged the enemy. Two American soldiers were killed and an officer and thirteen privates were wounded.

The enemy's loss was severe. The island of Cebu has been made a sub-district under Lieutenant Colonel Hamer, of the First Idaho Volunteers. The other officers are Captain William

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## SOUTH SWEEP BY TERRIBLE STORMS.

### Heavy Loss of Life and Property Reported in Their Wake.

### NINE KILLED IN ONE HOUSE.

### In Cleburn County, Alabama, Where It Appears to Have Been at Its Worst—The Number of Injured is So Far Unknown.

MEMPHIS, TENN., March 18.—A series of terrific wind storms swept through portions of Alabama, Mississippi and Arkansas to-day, doing an immense amount of property damage and killing a number of people. The storm covered a radius of several hundred miles, destroying telegraph wires and cutting off communication with a large part of the affected country.

Cleburn county, Alabama, seems to have suffered the most severely. The storm there reaching the proportions of a tornado. The reports of fatalities in the county vary from six to twenty and many more are said to have been injured. At Sellers, and Luverne, Ala., much damage is reported, and at Hob Roy, Arkansas, one man was killed and several were badly injured.

### A TOWN WIPED OUT.

Dumas, Ark., was practically wiped out of existence, and several other towns in the vicinity suffered severely. One person is reported killed at Hickory Flat, Miss., and as the farm houses in that vicinity suffered heavily, it is unlikely that many fatalities occurred among the population.

### MONTGOMERY, ALA., MARCH 18.

Cyclones passed over different portions of the State to-day, but on account of the telegraph wires being down no particulars can be learned.

At Selma, the spire of the First Methodist church was blown down, crashing through the roof and doing much damage.

At Sellers, a small station on the Plant System, south of Montgomery, the entire town except three houses was destroyed. Luverne suffered greatly, but no details can be given.

### STRUCK MISSISSIPPI.

HICKORY FLAT, MISS., March 18.—A tornado struck this place to-day doing considerable damage to buildings and other property. The school building and two churches were demolished and fifty-five dwellings blown down or unroofed. Several persons received painful injuries. A family living west of here lost their dwelling and a young lady, name as yet unknown, was killed. Trees were torn up by the roots, twisted off like reeds and fencing was levelled. On some farms near here, hardly a building was left standing. Doubtless other fatalities will be reported, but news is meagre.

### DAMAGE IN ARKANSAS.

LITTLE ROCK, ARK., March 18.—A tornado passed through portions of Jefferson and Desha counties. Telegraph wires are prostrated and details are coming in slowly.

At Hob Roy five houses were blown down and one man was killed. At Dumas nearly all the houses in the town were either blown down or damaged and several persons were wounded, but so far as can be learned no lives were lost. There are several small towns in this section through which the storm passed, and as yet no news has been received from any of them.

### GEORGETOWN, MISS.

ATLANTA, GA., March 18.—A special to the Constitution from Tallapoosa, Ga., says: "A cyclone passed over the country between Hells and Edwardsville late this afternoon. It is reported that

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## MAY BE WORK OF MUTUAL FRIENDS.

### McKinley's Party Deny Previous Knowledge of Reed's Visit.

### IT LOOKS VERY SIGNIFICANT.

### Jekyll Island is the Very Place for the Uninterrupted Conference—Judge Day is in Thomasville, But Says He Will Not Go to Jekyll.

THOMASVILLE, GA., March 18.—Thomasville for the first time since the President's visit was rife with political gossip to-day. Jekyll Island, speculation ran, was to be the scene of an important political gathering where the future course of the Republican party would be gone over and settled far from the public and the press and shielded from intrusion by strict enforcement of the law, which controls its destinies.

The sudden appearance of Speaker Reed at Jekyll Island, the authoritative announcement that President McKinley, Vice-President Hobart and Senator Hanna would make their trip there on Monday and the visit of Judge Day, formerly Secretary of State, to Thomasville, though absolutely mere coincidences, according to those gentlemen named, who are here, revived at once recollections of the important part in national history born of the Thomasville conferences four years ago.

The conference now, said the gossip, were to be transferred to Jekyll Island, the scene chosen was suggestive of the times when kings met on craft in mid-stream to settle the destinies of empires.

### THAT DENY IT.

It is fair to say at the outset that Senator Hanna, Vice-President Hobart, and President McKinley himself, say positively that there is no politics whatever in their present visit South, and that it is undertaken solely for rest and recuperation.

As to Speaker Reed's presence at Jekyll, both Senator Hanna and Vice-President Hobart said that they did not know the Speaker was there until they saw the papers.

The latter, before the arrival of the papers, was so positive that the Speaker was not to be at Jekyll Island that when a newspaper man told him Mr. Reed was there, he promptly let him a suit of clothes that Speaker Reed was not at Jekyll Island. The news, it was evident, was also surprising to others in the President's party, who ordinarily would have heard of it had there been any authentic comment about the house on the subject.

As regards Judge Day, he is not going to Jekyll, and probably will be out of Thomasville on the way home by the time the President returns.

There is, nevertheless, a possibility that the Jekyll Island trip, though not so intended by its principals, may have an important political bearing. It may prove to be the reconciliation ground of President McKinley and Speaker Reed. That their relations are strained, and a development of party policy in legislation hindered thereby, is a matter of common report.

Judge Moore, whose guest Speaker Reed is, and Cornelius N. Bliss, who asked President McKinley and party to visit him, are common friends of all parties personally and politically, and through them harmonious fellowship may again prevail between the two foremost Republicans. If the Jekyll Island trip has any political outcome it will be this.

Should this consummation come, it is quite likely that neither the Speaker nor the President would have been party to its inception, for knowledge by them of such an ulterior hope by their hosts would have prevented its accomplishment.

### DENIAL SLEEPING.

This view is entirely consistent with the statement of the principal persons

who will be there, for they declare absolutely politics cut no figure in the trip, and their denials were in no sense technical, but broad and comprehensive.

Judge Day arrived in Thomasville at 2:40 this afternoon. He went at once to the Pine Woods Hotel, and he and Mrs. Day being tired, retired for an hour or so. His cheeks were tanned and he seemed to have gained a little flesh.

Late in the afternoon, to an Associated Press correspondent, he said: "We are working our way North from Palm Beach, and, bearing Thomasville as a fine place, we decided to stop here and pay our respects to the President. I wanted to see him, and Mrs. Day wanted to see Mrs. McKinley. Yes, you will be safe in saying positively that neither politics or international affairs are in any way connected with our visit. We are only here to pay our respects to the President and enjoy ourselves."

### HANNA SAYS IT'S SILLY.

Judge Day said that he was not going to Jekyll Island, and would leave here for the North the early part of next week.

Senator Hanna has learned of his arrival, and called as the Associated Press correspondent was talking to Judge Day. The Senator, who told the reporter that there was to be a big political powwow at Jekyll Island with Speaker Reed and others, said:

"It is silly business talking about political conferences on this issue. It is for rest and nothing else. I wish they would let up talking about politics being in it. The Vice-President had the grip, and I ran down, and I mean to keep him here as long as I stay. Mr. McKinley's nose backward even to look up and over the fence. A dozen times they made the circuit stealing glances across the lawn. At last two or three plucked up a little spirit, after much urging from the companions, but the direct route through the gate and up the front walk was too much for them. They went to the side gate and sidled along the path keeping in the seclusion of the porch's side."

### PO' DE WAR NEGROES.

To-day an aged and bent negro with shaggy white locks, stumped on a cane to the Hanna home. He did not look up but cast furtive glances at the house, behind came another negro wearing huge green goggles and apparently over eighty years old. At some distance followed another and another, until over a dozen old negro men and two old mummies, one with her woolly hair bound in a red bandanna had gone past the gate. Then they hobbled around the house. Some were too backward even to look up and over the fence. A dozen times they made the circuit stealing glances across the lawn. At last two or three plucked up a little spirit, after much urging from the companions, but the direct route through the gate and up the front walk was too much for them. They went to the side gate and sidled along the path keeping in the seclusion of the porch's side."

### SAW THE PRESIDENT.

Mrs. Hanna and Charles Chain, her nephew, saw them and kindly asked what they wished. They humbly muttered that they would like to see the President. Mrs. Hanna said perhaps she could gratify them.

She went in the house and presently the President was leaning over the railing shaking hands with them, and the others who meanwhile had gathered courage to join their daring souls. Soon Mrs. Hanna and Charles Chain, her nephew, saw them and kindly asked what they wished. They humbly muttered that they would like to see the President. Mrs. Hanna said perhaps she could gratify them.

THE GAS WORKS.

A question of general interest to come before the Finance Committee Monday night is the application of the Light Commission for \$100,000, in addition to the \$100,000 allowed them in the budget, to renovate the Gas Works.

There is no doubt that the committee will recommend the appropriation, and it is strongly probable that the Council and Board of Aldermen, which will be called together, will adopt it.

"I would willingly vote \$50,000 to the Gas Works," said a prominent member yesterday, "and I don't think a single citizen would disapprove of the expenditure."

### CAMBON TO ACT.

Will Represent Spain at Final Exchange of Ratifications.

WASHINGTON, March 18.—M. Cambon, the French Ambassador, called at the Department of State to-day and served formal notice of the signing of the peace treaty at Madrid.

It was agreed that the Ambassador should act as the representative of the Spanish government in making final exchanges, while Secretary Hay will represent the government of the United States. Although not customary on such occasions, it is probable that President McKinley will be present at the final ceremony of exchanging ratifications which in that case will take place at the White House where the peace protocol was signed.

It was said at the State Department that the Spanish government requested that M. Cambon's services as its agent be accepted; the French government gave its authorization and his designation was gratifying to our government.

### Rejoice Bark Aground.

LONDON, March 18.—A cable dispatch from Buenos Ayres says that the British bark R. Morrow, Captain O'Brien, from Pensacola, December 2nd, for Buenos Ayres, is aground on Oriz Bank, and that assistance has been sent to her.

### The Pope Receiving.

ROME, March 18.—There is no truth in the report that the Pope was onered on again to-day. During the day he received several persons in audience.



### THE ISLAND OF LUZON.

This island, which is the most northerly of the larger islands of the Philippines, is now the scene of fighting. General Otis, with a very large force, is driving out the Filipinos, and this means that he is mowing them down like cattle, for they are obstinate and will not give in.

### AN INSURGENT FORTIFICATION.

The War Department has called permission to General Otis to go right ahead with the campaign. Heavy fighting is probably at this very minute going on at Luzon. The insurgents have some very fine guns which they purchased from the Spaniards, and they also own a supply of smokeless powder. This shows one of their fortifications. It is upon the breast of a hill, and General Otis will have to do some stiff fighting before he can dislodge it.