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SCENES OF RUIN ON EVERY HAND

Iloilo Was Terribly Wrecked by Rebel Incendiaries.

ARRIVAL OF THE ST. PAUL

Miller's Artillery Found in Action and His Troops Advancing Into the Jungle to Prevent an Attack on the Town.

NEW YORK, March 10.—A dispatch to the Herald from Bascood, island of Negros, under date of March 1, says:

After a pleasant voyage, the St. Paul, carrying the deputation from Negros, Colonel James F. Smith, the first American governor, and the first battalion of the California regiment, Major Simes commanding, arrived at Iloilo on March 3. As the vessel entered the harbor at midday it found the artillery in action and General Miller's command advancing into the cocoanut plantations at the right of the line.

General Miller, fearing an organized and strong attack upon the town, had requested assistance from the Boston landing. Captain White was unable to accede to this request owing to the fact that a portion of the crew was at Cebu.

It was at first expected that the Californians would land and assist General Miller's forces, but on landing the Herald correspondent met General Miller returning from the front and learned that it was only a false alarm.

Iloilo was terribly wrecked by the insurgent incendiaries and presents a scene of havoc and desolation. Magnificent residences and great warehouses were totally wrecked.

General Miller and his staff are confident they can hold the town. The insurgent strength is not definitely known, but it is believed that there are 2000 men armed with firearms and 2000 armed with bolas. They follow similar tactics to those at Manila, dropping irritating shots into the American lines throughout the night, but never appearing in sufficient strength to justify a resolute forward movement. Few casualties are reported.

The St. Paul proceeded to Baacood, and arrived at noon today. The Americans found a native guard of honor drawn up on the beach. The inhabitants were amicably disposed. The American flag was already flying from an unfinished convent.

Coming on the Scandia.

MANILA, March 10.—5 p. m.—The remains of Colonel W. B. Smith, Major E. McConville, Captain David S. Elliott and Second Lieutenant Eugene French, who were killed in action, were shipped home today by the United States transport Scandia, with military honors, the Second Oregon volunteers furnishing the escort through the city. A battalion of the Twenty-second infantry has reinforced General Wheaton's brigade.

MILITARY RULE GIVES WAY

Administration Contemplating Certain Changes Calculated to Promote Harmony—Cabinet to be Composed of Citizens.

WASHINGTON, March 10.—The administration is contemplating a change in some features of the government of Cuba. It is probable that the military government will, to a certain extent, be replaced by a civil government. The head of the government must, of course, remain military, but the plan in contemplation is to have civil officers in place of military men in the cabinet and subordinate positions.

It is believed that experts in different lines, such as finance and revenue and

the management of the general business of the island and of the different municipalities will get along more smoothly than the army officers.

It is not known whether the contemplated change has reached a point further than discussion in the war department and with the president, but its advantages have been pointed out and the authority of government to establish such a civil government under control of the military government has been determined.

DANGER OF ARMED COLLISION

Americans Threaten to Expel by Force Canadians Who are Encroaching on American Territory—An Appeal to London.

CHICAGO, March 10.—A special to the Times-Herald from Washington says: There is grave danger of an armed collision between the American and Canadian miners in the Porcupine creek region, over the Alaskan boundary question.

Despite the fact that the location of the boundary has been determined beyond any reasonable doubt, the Canadians have encroached six miles or more on the American side, where they claim the right to stake claims and search for gold and deny the same right to the Americans.

The Americans have threatened to expel the Canadians by force, and it is feared that a conflict may be brought on.

The situation is so serious that upon information contained in a letter from Governor Brady, of Alaska, to the secretary of the interior, the secretary of state has called the attention of the British government to the actions of the Canadians and has asked to have them recalled to their own territory.

Money For Cubans.

NEW YORK, March 11.—The United States transport Meade sailed today for Havana. She has on board \$3,000,000 provided by the United States government to pay Cuban troops.

Much interest is centered in the removal of the treasure from the sub-treasury. A large crowd watched the proceedings. Captain Littel, of the quartermasters department, had charge of the detachments of soldiers. There were about fifty men, each with a Krag-Jorgensen rifle and a full belt of cartridges. They formed in line at the treasury building, and the boxes and safes of coin were passed out between them. The money was put on trucks, and eight men got on each truck to guard the treasure en route to the steamer.

Kipling Wants Josephine.

NEW YORK, March 10.—The Tribune says: For two days Mr. Kipling has made repeated inquiries for his children. He asks the nurse and Dr. Dunham when he may see them, and is particularly anxious to see Josephine, the little one who died. His nurse finds it very difficult to invent some new excuse to gain time. The father seems to have some inkling that something is wrong, and his continually repeated requests for Josephine are most pathetic. Of course the nurse will not be told him until he has recovered, if it is possible to keep him in ignorance of his great loss.

Children Attacked by Rats.

BOSTON, March 11.—Sewer rats attacked two children in a house in Dorchester and inflicted probably fatal wounds. Mrs. Woodward left her two children, Elsie, aged 3 years, and Emma, aged 1 year, asleep in their bed while she went up to the grocery store. Returning half an hour later, she found them covered with blood, and examination showed parts of the face and limbs had been partially eaten.

Passenger Fell Overboard.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 11.—The ship S. N. Castle, which has arrived from Honolulu, brought tidings of the drowning of L. Lowman, a passenger, who was making the trip for his health, and who accidentally fell overboard, Friday, March 3. His body was not recovered. He was about 40 years of age, and was from Cincinnati, though he had recently resided near Los Angeles.

To the Public.

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AMERICANS WILL TAKE AGGRESSIVE

Active Campaign Against the Filipinos Will Be Begun.

AMERICANS ABOUT TO ADVANCE

The Second Oregon Made a Part of General Wheaton's Brigade, Seventeenth Regulars Released Them.

MANILA, March 12.—11:30 a. m.—In all probability the current week will see the beginning of an active campaign on a scale hitherto unknown in the Filipinos. For the last few days there has been unusual activity at headquarters, and there is every indication of a complete reorganization of the entire corps in the near future.

Since the arrival of the American reinforcements several changes have been made, the most important being the appointment of a divisional brigade under General Wheaton, consisting of the Twentieth and Twenty-second regiments of infantry, eight companies of the Washington volunteers, three mounted troops of cavalry and a battalion of light artillery.

All the troops have disembarked. A battalion of the Fourth regular infantry is already on the firing line, assigned to General McArthur's division. The others have been held in reserve, and are encamped on the Luneta parade ground.

A battalion of the Seventeenth regulars have been assigned to protest guard, relieving the Oregon volunteers.

During a rainstorm which occurred before daylight this morning the rebels on the extreme left fired several volleys at the Americans, but without effect. Otherwise everything is quiet.

MANILA, March 11.—3:15 p. m.—At daylight the rebels were caught enfilading the entrenchments at Calocan, and were shelled by a battery. Desultory firing also took place at San Pedro Macati.

The United States cruiser Charleston has relieved the armed transport Buffalo off Paranaque.

The last batch of Spanish soldiers, numbering 885 men, excepting a few, who are in the hospital, were embarked on the transport Buenos Ayers today.

WARRIOR RE- BUKED IN PUBLIC

Money Sent From New York to Pay the Island Troops Who Fought for Independence.

HAVANA, Cuba, March 11.—The Cuban military assembly, in public session this afternoon, impeached General Maximo Gomez and removed him from his command as general-in-chief of the Cuban army, the first ballot resulting in twenty-six votes being cast in support of the motion to impeach and remove General Gomez, against four in opposition. The original motion provided for the abolition of the grade of general-in-chief, but an amendment was offered to this by Senor Aguerro, which read:

"To abolish the grade of general-in-chief, and remove General Gomez, for failure in his military duties and disobedience to the assembly."

Much passion was evident in the speeches, in some of which Gomez was declared to have been delinquent in his duties and disobedient, because he had accepted the proposition of Robert P. Porter, President McKinley's special emissary, without consulting the assembly; because he had taken upon himself arrangements for the payment and disarming of Cuban troops, independent of the assembly, and because he had declared to the assembly that

he would observe its rulings in so far as he could see them beneficial to Cuba. The assembly then declared that \$3,000,000 is sufficient, and that it has not yet accepted the proposition. The discussion of this question will soon be taken up, now that General Gomez has been removed.

Not the Place for Officers' Families.

WASHINGTON, March 11.—The war department today issued the following cablegram from General Otis:

"Manila is not the place for officers' families; the great difficulty experienced in caring for those now here, and their safety, is one of the chief causes of anxiety. Officers' families should remain in the United States."

Under such conditions the secretary of war regrets that no more families of officers or enlisted men will be permitted to accompany the troops. The families of officers, for which quarters are legally provided, will be permitted to retain their quarters at posts from which the troops depart.

TALMAGE RESIGNS HIS POSITION

Will Not Continue His Pastorate in Washington.

WASHINGTON, March 9.—Rev. Dr. T. Dewitt Talmage, who for nearly four years has been pastor of the First Presbyterian church of this city, today sent a letter to the session of that church, tendering his resignation. The explanation made in the letter is as follows:

"The increasing demands made upon me by religious journalism and continuous calls for more general work in the cities have of late years caused frequent interruptions of my pastorate work. It is not right that this condition of affairs should further continue."

Reappointment Necessary.

WASHINGTON, March 9.—No action has been taken looking to appointing a postmaster at The Dalles since the adjournment of congress. This office will probably be filled by the president by recess appointment, in which event the present incumbent, J. A. Crossen, will be relieved. Until then he continues in office. The appointment lies wholly with the president, and H. H. Riddell, whose name was sent to congress, having the backing of the entire delegation, will probably be named.

To Celebrate the Fourth.

TACOMA, March 9.—The finest Fourth of July celebration ever given in the Northwest has been arranged for this city this year, to be combined with the annual rose carnival, the celebration to last three days, President McKinley and Admiral Dewey have been invited to be present, the latter to be presented with a testimonial donated by the state for the flagship Olympia.

Must Make Choice of Two Evils.

PEKING, March 11.—The Italian minister here, Signor Martine, addressed a note to the Chinese foreign office yesterday evening, requesting it to give back the Italian dispatch asking for a concession, and notifying the foreign office to accept the latter request as a demand, adding that he was willing to enter into friendly negotiations as to the details, but insisting upon an answer within four days.

The note was couched in courteous terms, but the Chinese regard it in the nature of an ultimatum, to which they will probably yield.

Congressman Greene, of Nebraska Dead.

OMAHA, March 11.—Congressman W. L. Greene, of the sixth Nebraska district, died suddenly of heart failure in the Burlington station in this city at 7 o'clock. Mr. Greene arrived this morning from Washington, and spent the day with friends in the city. At 7:45 p. m., he left his hotel for the train in company with three friends. On arriving at the depot he was found to be in an unconscious condition, and was taken to the station, where he soon expired.

To Bond Arlington.

ARLINGTON, Or., March 11.—The proposition to bond the city was carried today by an almost unanimous vote. Only eight votes were cast in the negative.

Anti-Christian Science Bill Vetoed.

GETTYSBURG, O. T., March 9.—The governor vetoed the bill regulating the practice of medicine on the ground that it interfered with religious liberty. The measure aimed at Christian Science.

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PASIG TAKEN IN A HOT BATTLE

Filipinos Withstand the Assault of the American Forces for an Hour.

OREGON AGAIN IN THE FRAY

American Casualties Numbered But Six Wounded, While the Filipinos Lost Thirty Killed and Sixteen Prisoners.

MANILA, March 13.—11:55 a. m.—At daylight today Brigadier-General Loyd Wheaton's divisional brigade, consisting of the Twentieth infantry, the Twenty-second infantry, eight companies of the Washington volunteers, seven companies of the Oregon volunteers, three troops of the Fourth cavalry and a mounted battery of the Sixth artillery, was drawn up on a ridge behind San Pedro Macati, a mile south of town.

The advance was sounded at 6:30 a. m., the cavalry leading the column at a smart trot across the open to the right, eventually reaching a clump commanding the rear of Guadalupe.

Supported by the Oregon volunteers, the advance opened a heavy fire on the rebels. The response was feeble and desultory, apparently coming from few men in every covert. While the right column was swinging toward the town of Pasig, the left advanced, pouring volleys into the bush.

A small body of rebels made a determined stand at Guadalupe church, but was unable to withstand the assault.

At 7:30 a river gunboat started toward Pasig. The rebels were first encountered by this vessel in the jungle near Guadalupe. Steaming slowly the gunboat poured a terrific fire from her gatling guns into the brush. For an hour the whirring of the rapid firing guns alternated with the booming of the heavier pieces on board.

In the meantime Scott's battery ashore was shelling the trenches and driving the enemy back. The artillery then advanced to the ridge of bamboo and drove a few of the enemy's sharpshooters away with volleys from their carbines. The artillery then advanced and met with no opposition.

The infantry had been sent forward in extended order, the Washington regiment resting on the bank of the river, each regiment deploying on reaching its station and furnishing its own support. The entire column wheeled toward the river, driving the enemy toward his supports and then advancing on Guadalupe. The artillery moved to a ridge commanding Pasig and Pateros. By this time the enemy was in full flight along a line over a mile long, and the firing was discontinued temporarily, in order to give the troops a rest before making the attack on Pasig. The enemy's loss was believed to be severe, but only eight Americans were wounded at this stage of the engagement. It was raining heavily.

After a short rest, General Wheaton resumed the attack on Pasig. Scott's battery, supported by two companies of the Twentieth regiment, advanced on Guadalupe by the road along the river bank, the remainder of the Twentieth regiment and the Twenty-second regiment following with the reserve of Oregon volunteers.

At 11:30 a. m. the column came in contact with the enemy, and the gunboat steamed to the firing line and cleared the jungle on both sides while the battery took up a position on the bluff at the right. The first shot from the American

field pieces at 1200 yards range dislodged a gun of the enemy at Pasig. After the town had been shelled the Twentieth regiment lined up on the bluff and the Twenty-second took up a position on the left of the place, with the cavalry in the center, whereupon the enemy retreated to the town. The gunboat then moved into a bend opposite, and a hot fire on the rebel position was maintained along the whole American line until 2:20 p. m., when preparations were made for the attack.

At 3 p. m. our gunboat started in pursuit of the enemy's armed tug, chasing her to the lake.

At 3:30 p. m. a large body of the enemy was discovered working around the right flank, and the Twentieth regiment was moved to a commanding ridge. The rebels were met opposite Pateros, but bolted. Thirty of the rebels were killed, sixteen more taken prisoners, and the Americans lost six men wounded. The whole American line bivouacked at 5 o'clock.

About 700 rebels were reported to be marching northward a few miles to the southwest.

ASKS UNCLE SAM'S AID

Determined Though Unofficial Effort to Secure Their Exercise Being Made, But With Little Success.

NEW YORK, March 12.—A dispatch to the Herald from Washington says: A determined though unofficial effort is being made to secure the exercise by the United States of its good offices in behalf of China. The matter has not yet been brought officially to the attention of Secretary Hay, but it is understood that he is aware of the wishes of certain interested persons, and the advantage, from their point of view, which would accrue to this government in case of such action.

It is untrue that an appeal has been made to this government to make any representations to foreign governments to prevent them from seizing Chinese territory. What is desired is that this government shall, through its minister in Peking, inform the empress dowager of the dangerous position China occupies and having done this make a public declaration that the commercial interests of the United States make it necessary that no further leases of Chinese coast territory be granted.

It is extremely improbable, however, that the government will consent to take such action.

How to Prevent Pneumonia.

You are perhaps aware that pneumonia always results from a cold or from an attack of La Grippe. During the epidemic of La Grippe, a few years ago when so many cases resulted in pneumonia, it was observed that the attack was never followed by that disease when Chamberlain's Cough Remedy was used. It counteracts any tendency of a cold or La Grippe to result in that dangerous disease. It is the best remedy in the world for bad colds and La Grippe. Every bottle warranted. For sale by Blakeley & Houghton, druggists.

President McKinley Going South.

WASHINGTON, March 12.—A number of the friends of President and Mrs. McKinley were at the White House tonight to say good-bye to the chief executive and his wife, who start on their trip South tomorrow evening. The affair was entirely an informal one. Among those present were all the members of the cabinet, except Postmaster-General Emory Smith and Secretary Hitchcock, Vice-President and Mrs. Hobart, Mr. H. H. Kohlsaat, of Chicago, and several residents of Canton, O., now living in Washington.

To Exterminate A Pest.

MOONSBORO, March 12.—Destruction of the "digger" squirrel is contemplated by the farmers of Benton county. In the precincts in the south end of the county a numerous signed petition to the county court is being circulated. The petition asks the court to fix a 4-cent scalp bounty on the rodents, and the prospects of the matter receiving favorable consideration are good.