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SENDS NEW PEACE PROPOSALS

As They Bear the Same Instructions as Before Will Not Be Entertained.

OTIS GIVES NO ENCOURAGEMENT

The Commissioners Will Consider Their Proposals — Lieutenant Gilmore Sends Word to Rebel General Luna.

MANILA, May 2.—6:05 p. m.—Major Manuel Arguezeles and Lieutenant Jose Bernal, of the staff of General Antonio Luna, returned here today to renew and press the request of General Luna for a cessation of hostilities. They have found their field of labor a most ungenial one. The two officers were received and admitted to a conference with Major-General Otis. The proposals which they had to submit differed but slightly from those which they brought from the Filipino commander in the first place. They desired a little time in which to summon congress, and expressed themselves as being confident that congress will decree peace, because the people desire it. They represent that Aguinaldo is without power to surrender the army and that congress must decide the question. Incidentally the Filipino envoy asserted that Aguinaldo had not yet made a fair test of his strength against the American forces, because but one-third of his army had been assembled together. The envoys presented a letter from Senior Malini, president and minister of foreign affairs, in the cabinet of Aguinaldo, and who is the backbone of the Filipino organization. The communication is personal and unofficial, and seconds Major Arguezeles' arguments.

Envoys will see General Otis again tomorrow. They will stop tonight in Manila. They lunched with General MacArthur at his headquarters on a car of an armored train at Calumpit before going to Manila. Whether or not General Luna is sincere in his overtures, the negotiations are giving the insurgents much needed opportunity to reorganize their demoralized forces. The truth is, the dissensions among the leaders of the rebels is helping on the disorganization of the Filipino army almost as much as the American campaign. In course of a conference with the Filipino envoys, General Otis agreed with the statement of Major Arguezeles that the people of the Philippines wanted peace, and he added that requests for protection were pouring upon him from all parts of the country.

General Lawton was engaged in hard fighting early this morning, but telegraphic communication was cut at 9 a. m., and there have been no reports from Lawton since that time.

NEW YORK, May 2.—A Manila dispatch to the Journal says: Aguinaldo has made overtures for peace, Colonel Arguezeles, of the envoys sent to the American lines having presented a proposition which came directly from Aguinaldo. This proposition, the Journal says, was the same as that heretofore made, namely: An armistice until the Filipino congress meets and decides whether the Filipino army should surrender. General Otis declined to receive the dispatch, and says he told Colonel Arguezeles it was useless for the Filipinos to return unless they came prepared to accede to the American demand.

The Same Old Proposition.

NEW YORK, May 2.—A dispatch to the Herald from Manila says: The insurgent commissioners who left Manila on Saturday have returned from the insurgent army headquarters with new propositions for a cessation of hostilities.

Drowned in a Mill Race.

SALEM, Or., May 1.—Walter, the 4-year-old son of George Bryant, living at Annsville, twelve miles east of this place, was drowned Sunday afternoon in the mill race connected with his father's mill. The child had been playing about

the house, when he went out after some wood, and as he failed to return promptly, the mother became uneasy and set out to look for him. The father immediately followed down the race, and found the body floating in the fore bay. It was taken out at once after having been in the water 10 minutes.

SCATTER THEM WITH MUCH LOSS

Lawton Has Captured and Holds Baliung and Has Scattered the Enemy and Taken a Large Amount of Food Supplies.

WASHINGTON, May 4.—The war department received the following dispatches today:

Manila, May 4.—Colonel Summers, with six battalions, including the Second Oregon, the Dakota regiment, the Third infantry, and a piece of the Utah light artillery, of Lawton's division, proceeded north this morning to Maasand, where they crossed the river and charged the enemy in strong entrenchments, driving him northward, and inflicting considerable loss. His casualties were two wounded.

Both Wheaton and Hale, of MacArthur's division, found the enemy in force and strongly entrenched, and commanded by Commander-in-Chief Luna, about four miles south of San Fernando.

Hale, on the right, dislodged the enemy, and Wheaton, on the left, leading in person, made a brilliant charge, scattering his forces, inflicting great punishment. Several officers and enlisted men were seriously wounded.

MacArthur proceeds to San Fernando in the morning, delayed by the partial destruction of the bridge across the river. It is not believed that the enemy will make another determined stand until he effects his retreat to Mount Arayat, a short distance from San Isidor.

The situation is as follows: Lawton holds Baliung, taken May 2 after a rapid movement from Angat, where he left supplies with a wagon train, pack animals and rations. He scattered the strongly entrenched enemy to the north and northward, capturing large amounts of food supplies, and has his detachments thrown out to the north and eastward. His successful movement is attended with great difficulty because of the character of the country, and the rain and heat. He now covers our railway communications, and will be supplied from Malolos.

MacArthur column was concentrated and took up the advance on San Fernando at 6:30 this morning. We do not apprehend a sharp resistance on the part of the enemy, who will probably leave the railroad and retire in a northeasterly direction to the north of Lawton. The destruction of the railroad near Calumpit necessitates dependence on wagon transportation.

The enemy of the south and east of Manila, 9000 strong, is opposed by a sufficient force under Owenshine and Hall. His demonstrations thus far have been properly met by these officers, with slight losses. Many requests have been received from outlying cities for protection against insurgent troops.

OTIS.

For Gallantry in Action.

WASHINGTON, May 1.—In accordance with the request of the president to choose from each volunteer regiment now in the Philippines the one most distinguished for gallantry for appointment as second lieutenants in the regular army, General Otis has forwarded a list of such volunteers. Among the names is that of Reese Jackson, lieutenant in Second Oregon.

Blalock Surveying Party.

GOLDENDALE, Wash., May 3.—W. W. Ames, the well-known fruitgrower, in the vicinity of Columbus, reports that the movements of the Dr. Blalock surveying party seem to indicate stronger than over that they mean business, and that there will be steamboats running on the Columbia river to Wallula in the near future.

Killed in the Woods.

CHEHALIS, Wash., May 1.—Peter Habersetter, an employee of Custer's shingle mill, near Frances, was killed today while working in the woods, a flying tree limb striking him. Habersetter was twenty-six years old. He leaves a widow and a child.

TROOPS EN ROUTE TO WARDNER

Detachment of the Twenty-Fourth Infantry Ordered to the Scene.

ONE TROOP FROM WALLA WALLA

All the Troops Which Left for Wardner Are Fully Armed and Prepared to Cope With Any Emergency—No Hope of Rioters Being Punished.

PORTLAND, May 2.—Sixty men of company B, Twenty-fourth infantry (colored), stationed at Vancouver barracks, have received orders to leave for the scene of the mining trouble at Wardner, Idaho.

They will start at 4:30 this afternoon by way of Portland, under command of Lieutenant W. L. Murphy, and will carry fifteen days' rations and 200 rounds of ammunition each.

Company L, Twenty-fourth infantry, will arrive at Vancouver barracks from the Presidio, San Francisco, tomorrow, and will there await orders to proceed to Wardner.

By the above announcement it will be seen that the authorities intend to lose no time in getting troops on the ground.

It is a curious fact that during the strike of 1892 regulars from Vancouver were called out to help keep order at the present scene of trouble.

WALLA WALLA, May 2.—One troop of the Fourth cavalry, under command of Lieutenant Munro, will leave via the O. R. & N. train at 1:30 this afternoon, under orders from the war department to proceed to the scene of the Wardner riot. Horses will be left behind.

SPokane, May 2.—Seventy-five picked men of company M, Twenty-fourth infantry (colored), led by Captain Batchelor, left Fort Spokane for Wardner, Id., at 7:30 this morning. They carry fifteen days' rations and 2000 rounds of ammunition. Many are veterans who fought at San Juan. The men expect no immediate fighting, but are ready for anything.

Perpetrators Will Go Unwhipped.

WALLACE, Ida., May 2.—Sheriff Young and County Attorney Samuels are both in Wardner today, presumably conferring with State Auditor Sinclair, the governor's representative, who arrived yesterday.

Under-Sheriff Seyesley pronounces Saturday's outrage as unparalleled. The destruction of property was bad enough, although not surprising to one acquainted with conditions here. The boldness of the attack, however, is without precedent, while the shooting of the men was utterly without excuse. He further says that while punishment should be meted to the guilty parties, only the federal government can do so, as there is not a man in Shoshone county qualified to sit as a juror in the case. There is no talk or expectation of any action by the local authorities.

HOMESEEKERS EAGER RUSH

Men and Women Will Stand in a Long Line for Many Hours.

DENVER, May 3.—A special to the News from Durango, Colo., says: The first man took his place before the land office door at 6:30 a. m., and began his long wait for the hour of the reservation opening at noon, May 4. The man is Phillip F. Voight, of Blanca, Costilla county, Colo. News of Voight's initiative sped quickly over the city during the morning, and at noon the line began to lengthen at a rapid rate. By nightfall it had extended down the stairway into the street, the last man being compelled to stand in the wind and snow, which has been playing fitfully upon the thoroughfares all day. Two young women, Misses Emma and Adela Stollsteimer, neither of whom is over twenty years of age,

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occupy the third and fourth places in the line, their brother A. F. Stollsteimer, holding the second place. Those in line have agreed to preserve the line intact while the members take turns at eating and sleeping, provided that the later arrivals would assent to it. There are several hundred boomers in the city, but most of them will have the run for the land, believing that to be the safer way, although Register Perkins has announced that he will not receive duplicate filings, regardless of when improvements on the land were begun. A snow storm is raging here.

FIFTY-FOUR WARRANTS SWORN

Cabins of Suspects are Being Searched and the Town is Wild With Excitement—Fifteen Men are in Custody.

WARDNER, Idaho, May 3.—Fifty-four warrants have been sworn out and constables are making arrests under the protection of colored troops. The dynamiters are being searched, and the town is wild with excitement. About fifteen arrests have been made. Smith's body will be brought back from Canyon Creek today, and the inquest will be held. Other troops will be here on the next train. Cheyne's body is now on the way back here from Spokane for the inquest.

Wild Rumors Flying.

WALLACE, Idaho, May 3.—Wild rumors regarding the action of the Canyon Creek men gain evidence, even here. This morning a report was current and was believed that the body of Jack Smith had been stolen last night. When your correspondent heard the story he went to the morgue and saw the body lying there. An undertaker has charge, waiting orders from Coroner Frank, but he had no idea when it would be shipped to Wardner for the inquest. Rioters still leave by every train. The Northern Pacific, for Missoula, runs an extra coach daily, going well loaded. It is claimed that many Butte men who arrived last week are now leaving.

PRAISE FOR GOV. GEER

The President Pleased With the Stand He Has Taken—Spoke Highly of Volunteers.

WASHINGTON, May 2.—President McKinley has expressed to Senator McBride his great gratification at the position which Governor Geer, of Oregon, took in the matter of the return of the volunteers. The senator took copies of The Oregonian containing Governor Geer's utterances to the president, who read what was stated with a great deal of interest, and desired the senator to convey to the governor his hearty appreciation of the patriotic stand which the Oregon executive had taken, and also his belief that the volunteers, upon their return, would be proud of the position of the governor.

The president also took occasion to speak very highly of the service which had been rendered by the volunteer troops in the Philippines, which had exceeded even his most sanguine expectations.

In the Asylum Thirty-six Years.

SALEM, May 3.—George Weston, an inmate of the insane asylum for thirty-six years, died today. He was the second of the old-timers of that institution to pass away this year, John Sberer, who was also committed in 1863, having died only a short time ago. Little is known of Weston's history beyond the fact that he was received at the old Hawthorne asylum in Portland from Multnomah county, August 11, 1863, his commitment papers being signed by P. A. Marquam who was then county judge of Multnomah county. He was about ninety years old.

TROOPS SEARCHING FOR DYNAMITERS

Strikers Trying to Escape to the Railroad.

CAPTURED BY THE SOLDIERS

General Merriam Arrived Today Fearing Desperate Men Will Give Battle Before They Will Give In.

WARDNER, Idaho, May 4.—Searching for dynamiters has been continued all the morning by the troops, and they still keep taking them down in small squads to the camp where they are guarded. General Merriam, Attorney-General Hays and United States Marshal Frank Ramsey will be here on the train due in a few minutes. Additional troops will be here at the same time. A detachment of troops will leave this afternoon for Canyon Creek and Mullan, the strongholds of the enemy. They are taking with them a number of nonunion men for the purpose of identifying the dynamiters. As no hope is left them, it is not improbable that they may give battle. Inquests have been adjourned pending the arrival of General Merriam and the attorney-general. The town is almost deserted.

Later—General H. C. Merriam arrived here at 1 o'clock this afternoon from Spokane, and assumed command of the United States forces now in the Coeur d'Alene district. On the train with General Merriam came troop F, of the Fourth United States cavalry, from Boise, under Lieutenant Walsh, and company B, Twenty-fourth United States infantry (colored), from Vancouver barracks, in command of Lieutenant Murphy. Lieutenant Murphy and his company were left at Chatolet, where the O. R. & N. crosses Coeur d'Alene lake, for the purpose of intercepting any of the strikers who might attempt to escape through that avenue.

Under Martial Law.

WALLACE, Idaho, May 4.—The report by wire from Wardner this morning is that the country is under martial law, but no official announcement is made here yet. The heira from Canyon Creek still continues, the men going out over the mountains as well as by train. The snow on the mountains is ten feet deep and soft. It will probably take from two to four days to go from Burke to the railroad in Montana. The Hecla mine closed down yesterday, being out of men. Other mines are working short of men, the Tiger suffering less than the Standard or Frisco. No new men are coming yet, but some are expected daily from Butte, where the Coeur d'Alene men are mostly going. One company of soldiers reached Mullan last night, another this morning.

Troops on the Move.

WARDNER, Idaho, May 4.—Troops are continuing the search for dynamiters and a number have been placed under guard. General Merriam, Attorney-General Hays and United States Marshal Ramsey have arrived. A detachment of troops has been ordered to Canyon Creek and Mullan, strongholds of the enemy, and with them will go a number of nonunion miners, who will try to identify the dynamiters, and it is feared the desperate men will give battle before they will give in to the officers.

Sparta Man Missing.

BAKER CITY, Or., May 3.—Eugene Beaya, of Sparta, who has supplied the mines with beef for a long time, and is owner of the Sparta townsite, has been missing for weeks, and his wife, two children and friends fear he has been foully dealt with. Beaya went to Weiser, Idaho, to secure a contract to supply beef to graders of the Weiser-Seven Devils railroad. He carried several hundred dollars, and, as careful search fails to locate him, it is thought he was robbed and murdered, and perhaps his body thrown into Snake river.