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OTIS CENSOR OF DISPATCHES

Dictates Correspondents' Reports and Magnifies American Success.

FOOD SCARCE AMONG REBELS

Their Chief Source of Supply Now Is American Ships—Otis Makes Charitable War—He Permits Them to Obtain Food From Vessels in Harbors.

MANILA, Aug. 19, via Hong Kong, Aug. 22.—In Cavite province, where it was supposed that the rebels had been scattered and demobilized beyond recuperation, they have assembled an army of several thousand. After the San Fernando engagement, the rebels attempted to deter the Americans from further advance northward, menacing railroad communications. Several hundred of General Pillar's men crossed the Rio Grande between the American outpost towns and threatened Baling, Quating and other places with small American garrisons, while, during Sunday and Monday nights smaller bands tried to tear up the railroad tracks at several points between Bigaa and Malolos.

Reinforcements of American troops, however, were sent along the railroad from Manila to San Fernando, while forces at Balmag and Quating sallied out against General Pillar's men and the rebels were easily driven away. In the brush between the Filipinos and Americans during three days, the Americans lost several men while the Filipinos' loss was heavy. Of these operations the Associated Press correspondent was permitted to send only inadequate dispatches, dictated verbatim by Major-General Otis. The censor writes stereotyped official phrases and adjectives in dispatches intended to magnify American operations and minimize opposition. Otis says the newspapers are not public institutions, but private enterprises, and correspondents are here only on sufferance.

All reports from the rebel territory agree that scarcity of food is increasing and rebel commanders at Aparay and other points refused to obey Aguinaldo's orders in regard to closing the ports held by rebels against American ships and any ship bringing stores will be welcomed. Several ships from Manila are now at these ports. Hundreds of people come into Manila daily and return to the rebel lines with food and other commodities. The guards stationed along the road reported that 5000 persons went through the lines in three days, and that forty-five tons of rice were carried out in small parcels on the same road in ten days. Much of this undoubtedly goes to aid the rebels, but the authorities permit this traffic from motives of charity towards women and children, who are undoubtedly suffering. General MacArthur is establishing municipal governments in the villages north of Manila.

Large Run of Puget Sound Salmon.

TACOMA, Aug. 22.—The present run of sockeye salmon on lower Puget sound is so phenomenal as to make it almost certain that the Puget sound salmon pack will be large enough to compensate for the shortage in the Fraser and Columbia rivers. If the fall run of humpbacks and silverheads, which should commence soon, equals the sockeye run now closing, all records of salmon packing will be surpassed.

MAY BUILD BIG SHIPS

Fifteen New Oriental Liners Credited to "Jim" Hill.

CHICAGO, Aug. 21.—It is reported here that James J. Hill will build fifteen new steamers for the trans-Pacific trade for the Great Northern road, the present number being insufficient to handle the increasing business.

Hill Neither Denies Nor Affirms.

ST. PAUL, Minn., Aug. 21.—J. J. Hill, the president of the Great Northern, was

shown an Associated Press dispatch this afternoon which stated that he had completed arrangements for a fleet of fifteen new trans-Pacific steamers. He would neither deny nor affirm the story, but, as it is known that he has been figuring with shipbuilders for several months, there is reason to believe that there is much truth in it. He has said that he believed congress would come to the relief of Oriental shipping at the next session, and this has been the only reason for delaying his Oriental line of steamers. It is thought that he wishes to be in the field to benefit by congressional action when it does come.

Isaac H. Congdon Dead. OMAHA, Aug. 21.—Isaac H. Congdon, for many years superintendent of motive power and machinery of the Union Pacific road, died at his home in this city today. He invented numerous appliances in use on railroads, several of which are in almost universal use, and from which he received large royalties.

Suicide at the Asylum. SALEM, Or., Aug. 21.—Mrs. Delina Porchet, who was committed from Multnomah county nine years ago, committed suicide at the asylum this afternoon. She hanged herself from a window guard with a strip of her dress. She was 54 years old. Coroner Clough considered an inquest unnecessary.

TWENTY THOUSAND ARE HOMELESS

Board of Health Reports Show That Dead Number 1973; Missing, 1000; Homeless, 22,046; Houses Destroyed, 6421.

New York, Aug. 22.—A dispatch to the Herald from San Juan says: The board of charity is sending out supplies by land and water daily, but petitions keep coming in from all over the country requesting food, medicine and money. There are no means of raising funds in the different localities. At Waunabo an effort was made to start a popular subscription, but only ten persons has contributed.

In consequence of the putrefaction of bodies, typhus fever has developed at Arroyo. The captains of coastwise vessels complain that the bad odors at the various ports have caused them more suffering than the hurricane. The reports of the board of health up to last Friday gave the number killed as 1973; 1000 missing; 6421 houses destroyed, and 22,046 persons homeless.

Advices from Ponce state that there has been slight rioting at Kauco, but that it has been easily quelled by the local guards. The local authorities are running short of money with which to pay workmen. There are no reports of fever as yet from the south side of the island. The authorities are making strenuous efforts to relieve the country districts, where great distress is reported.

TROOPS ARE RUSHING FORWARD

All the New Regiments Will Be Afloat by October.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 21.—Orders were issued today directing the movement of the Twenty-sixth infantry from Plattsburg, N. Y., to San Francisco. The quartermaster's department, acting under instructions from Secretary Root, is negotiating for more transports for the Philippine service.

Owing to the determination of Secretary Root to rush the troops forward, the original schedule prepared in the quartermaster's department has been entirely disarranged, and it is the department's intention to have not only the first 10 regiments afloat by the last of October, but also those to be raised under the last order.

Reed Is Out Of It. AUGUSTA, Me., Aug. 22.—The resignation of Thomas B. Reed as congressman in the first Maine district was received by Governor Powers today. Governor Powers has accepted the resignation, which takes effect September 4.

Mr. Reed's letter was as follows: "Portland, Me., Aug. 9, 1899.—To the Governor of Maine, Augusta: I hereby resign the position of member of congress from the first district of Maine, to take effect on September 4. Very truly, T. B. REED."

ONLY HALF ITS EARNINGS

Spent for Northern Pacific's Operation This Year.

ROAD IS VERY PROSPEROUS

President Mellen Talks Freely on What Has Been Accomplished by His Line and What Are Its Prospects—He is Wrathful at Action of North Dakota—Not Enough Cars to Move the Grain.

New York, Aug. 23.—President Mellen, of the Northern Pacific railway, in an interview published in the Wall-Street Topics, said: "Unless frost intervenes very soon the Manitoba wheat crop is safe and it will be a very big one. The crop in the Red river valley and in parts of Minnesota have been considerably damaged by hail-rain and flood, but Providence has been kind to the Northern Pacific and has dealt very generously with the crops along that line. Our crops are on high and arid lands and while there has been plenty of moisture, there has not been too much of it, and the crops have prospered, yet they will not grade quite as high as last year. That, however, will not affect us, though crops will not be as large this year, there will be just as much wheat to move as usual, because the farmers have so much in reserve that the deficiency will be fully made up. This applies to both the eastern and western ends of the road.

"The greatest difficulty which the Northern Pacific will have to contend with this year," Mr. Mellen continued, "is a lack of equipment to carry the grain. Although we have purchased all the cars available, we have been unable to secure enough to carry the crops, and I do not know what we are going to do about it. Our business the last year has been larger than ever before. We never had as much passenger traffic as during this summer, and our freight receipts have broken all records. Our annual report, which will be issued the latter part of September, will be quite as gratifying as that of last year. It will show that the Northern Pacific has been operated for 47 per cent of its receipts, which is a very slight increase over last year.

"The percentage of operation last year was 46.9 per cent. The Northern Pacific can be operated any year under 50 per cent. Whether there will be any change in dividends, I cannot say. The board of trustees will decide that question probably next month. The Northern Pacific will complete its Manitoba extension this fall. It is only twenty-eight miles long. That is the only building in immediate contemplation. Nothing more will be done in the Clearwater territory for some time. Our trouble with the Oregon Railway & Navigation Company is in such satisfactory shape that we shall be at peace with them."

Bryan Democrats Worried. WASHINGTON, Aug. 22.—The Bryanite Democrats are considerably worried over the determination of the populists to hold a convention and offer Bryan the nomination before the Democratic convention meets. There is a split in the populist party on this point, but the Bryan wing of it will certainly endeavor to offer Bryan the nomination early, and compel the democrats to nominate their candidate. It is possible that the Bryan members of the Democratic national committee will hold an extraordinarily early convention in order to checkmate this movement.

His Life Was Saved. Mr. J. E. Lilly, a prominent citizen of Hannibal, Mo., lately had a wonderful deliverance from a frightful death. In telling of it he says: "I was taken with typhoid fever, that ran into pneumonia. My lungs became hardened. I was so weak I couldn't even sit up in bed. Nothing helped me. I expected to soon die of consumption, when I heard of Dr. King's New Discovery. One bottle gave great relief. I continued to use it, and now am well and strong. I can't say too much in its praise." This marvellous medicine is the surest and quickest cure in the world for all throat and lung trouble. Regular size 50 cents and \$1.00. Trial bottle free at Blakeley & Houghton's drug store; every bottle guaranteed.

WANTS DEWEY FOR PRESIDENT

Formally Launches Boom for Admiral, but Unfortunately Puts Him on Wrong Ticket and Up Against the Real Thing.

ST. PAUL, Aug. 23.—The Globe this morning, in its leader, advocates the nomination of Admiral Dewey by the

next Democratic national convention. The Globe says: "The hour has come and the man is here. Sailing over the seas from the far East is the colossal living figure of American history, a man with a hand of iron, a heart of exquisite tenderness, a sense of honor which has led him through more than three score years along the path of eternal right; a man who knows little of politics and has mingled less with politicians; a man who has decided the questions before him with the sword and the scales of justice with all necessary speed and with as much mercy as possible to the fallen foe.

"The Democratic party has but to make this man the magnet of the campaign upon a platform of living principles, the central planks of which shall be death to the trusts and autonomy for the Philippines, Cuba and Porto Rico. Upon this platform can stand the most popular man of the Western hemisphere, the idol of the greatest nation on earth, George Dewey hero of Manila bay and Admiral of the American navy."

M'Kinley's Trip to Ohio.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 22.—The announcement that President McKinley intends to go to Ohio and spend a few days at his old home is said by politicians here to be of more importance than appears on its face.

The presence of McKinley in Ohio, it is believed, will do considerable to stimulate the Republican campaign in that state and tend to waken an enthusiasm in the party which has thus far not been apparent. It is expected that a number of politicians will see the president while he is in Ohio, and in addition to this he will make one or two speeches of the "sweet home" and sentimental kind, coupling them with just enough politics to give the campaign a send-off. The desire of the administration to see Ohio go Republican is intense, and nothing will be left undone to secure that result.

COMMISSION FOR MAJOR WILLIS

Offered a Captaincy in the Forty-fifth Regiment.

SALEM, Or., Aug. 22.—Major Percy Willis, formerly of the Second Oregon volunteers, who was recently recommended to the war department by Governor Geer for appointment as major in the volunteer army now being formed, received this afternoon the following telegram from Assistant Adjutant-General W. H. Carter, at Washington: "You have been appointed a captain in the Forty-fifth infantry volunteers. Wire acceptance to this office."

Major Willis has not decided whether to accept a captaincy or not. He wants a commission equal to that held by him in the Second Oregon regiment. He will probably make up his mind tomorrow.

Saved by a Hail Storm.

BAKER CITY, Or., Aug. 23.—News has reached here of the narrow escape on Sunday of the Baiseley-Elkhorn mining camp from total destruction by a forest fire fanned by a mountain gale. The timber north of the mill and little village was fired at 8 o'clock in the morning by the carelessness of a woodchopper, who was burning out a yellow jackets' nest. For six hours, aided by the mill's fire apparatus, and water brought in from high on the mountain in hastily constructed trenches, 60 miners fought the flames. Many were prostrated; others had their hair and mustaches burned off, and several received badly blistered faces. At 2 o'clock a hail and thunder storm, turning into snow, which fell for 12 hours, helped to save the mine's plant and little town.

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Drink Warren's Pure Ginger Brandy. For sale at all first-class bars. C. J. tubling, agent, The Dalles. M17-3m.

ROYAL BAKING POWDER

ABSOLUTELY PURE
Makes the food more delicious and wholesome

WILSON'S ADVICE TO OREGONIANS

The Secretary of Agriculture Speaks to Oregon Farmers.

MUST NOT EXHAUST RESOURCES

A Wonderful State With a Great Future, if the Producers Will But Heed His Warning.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 20.—"Oregon is a great country, a magnificent country, and the other states are equally great. That section is immensely wealthy in its natural resources, far more so than even I, who had read much of it, had ever supposed. I found the people of Oregon enthusiastic over their state, but there was no man in Oregon as enthusiastic as I was after I had seen a large part of that state. But the people of Oregon are quite capable of defending and boasting on their country, and need no assistance from me.

"To me Oregon was a marvel. Her immense, boundless forests, her endless, fertile valleys, and far-reaching fields I have never seen surpassed or equaled. And the people of Oregon are the right people in the right place. Oregon is no place for the sluggard, the lazy man, or the sloven, and that class is not found there, either. A more enterprising, thrifty, intelligent and diligent set of people can be found nowhere. The Oregon farmers are the cream of our tillers of the soil, and as such, are able to get the most from the bountiful resources at their disposal. They have the best of everything at their disposal, and reap the best possible results.

Object of His Visit.

"My visit to Oregon was to study the country, its resources, the methods of its farmers, and to see just how the department could render them the most beneficial assistance so that they might obtain the best products from their farms and forests. There is much that we might do that would be of assistance to a few, but it is the desire of the department to assist all, and promote the general welfare of the farmers throughout the state. As I said before, the resources of Oregon are the most abundant and of the finest quality, but there is a limit to even the natural resources of Oregon, and it is to guard against a possible exhaustion that strong efforts should be returned. I found that in one respect the Oregon farmers were adhering to an old and antiquated custom, one which should be abandoned speedily, for their own interests are at stake. I refer to the summer fallowing. It is a mistaken idea that fallowing is beneficial, and where many of the Oregon farmers are now securing but one crop they might be reaping two, and sometimes three. In adhering to this ancient custom they are standing in their own light. It is one of my desires to impress upon the farmers the folly of this practice."

BE CONTROLLED BY TRUSTS

Arrangements are Almost Completed by Which From 500 to 2,000 Stores in All Parts of Country Will Be Combined With \$50,000,000 Capital.

NEW YORK, Aug. 24.—The Herald says: Arrangements are maturing for the organization of a \$50,000,000 dry goods corporation in this city to control and operate dry goods and department stores throughout the country. The Mercantile Reorganization Company has

recently been incorporated in Trenton, N. J., as a preliminary to creating big corporations.

Men well known in the dry goods trade have been working on the plan for six months, it is said, and have interested financiers who will back the enterprise. It is expected that the corporation will be launched in time for the fall trade. It is proposed to buy retail stores in cities having a population of 20,000 or more. The company expects to control 500 or 2000 stores throughout the country. Many merchants, it is said, have already signified their intention of joining the combination.

Former proprietors of stores absorbed by the corporation will be retained as managers and will have interests in the stores. They will become stockholders in the company. It is proposed to control the output of certain mills and purchases will be made in immense quantities.

The Victor Fire.

VICTOR, Colo., Aug. 22.—The total number of buildings destroyed by yesterday's fire is estimated at 800. Nineteen blocks, comprising almost the entire business section of the town, are in ashes. The total loss is variously estimated at from \$1,000,000, to \$2,500,000, and insurance from \$400,000 to \$800,000.

Catarrh Cannot be Cured with local applications, as they cannot reach the seat of the disease. Catarrh is a blood or constitutional disease, and in order to cure it you must take internal remedies. Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, and acts directly on the blood and mucous surfaces. Hall's Catarrh Cure is not a quick medicine. It was prescribed by one of the best physicians in this country for years, and is a regular prescription. It is composed of the best tonic known, combined with the best blood purifiers, acting directly on the mucous surfaces. The perfect combination of the two ingredients is what produces such wonderful results in curing Catarrh. Send for testimonials, free.

F. J. CHERRY & Co., Props., Toledo O. Sold by druggists, price 75c. Hall's Family Pills are the best. 12

Believe End of World Approaches.

ST. PETERSBURG, Aug. 23.—Reports from southern Russia say current belief of the approaching end of the world is causing a panic among the uneducated classes. At Karkova, workmen are leaving in large numbers, wishing to spend what they believe to be their last days at their village homes. The factory owners have asked the police to stop this immigration in order to prevent the ruin of business.

Your Face

Shows the state of your feelings and the state of your health as well. Impure blood makes itself apparent in a pale and sallow complexion, Pimples and Skin Eruptions. If you are feeling weak and worn out and do not have a healthy appearance you should try Acker's Blood Elixir. It cures all blood diseases where cheap Sarsaparilla and so called purifiers fail; knowing this we sell every bottle on a positive guarantee. Blakeley & Houghton, druggists.

Operations of Metal Trust.

NEW YORK, Aug. 24.—The Times says: The Union Steel & Chain Company, which was organized three months ago under the laws of Delaware, is reaching out in every direction to control, so far as possible, the blast furnaces, Bessemer converters, ore mills, coking and steam coal mines, roller mills and chain and iron works of the country. The company has a capital of \$60,000,000, and William Rockefeller is one of the moving spirits in the combination.

A partial list of the plants under option to the company may be summarized as follows: Bessemer converters and open-hearth steel furnaces, six; ore mines, four; coking and steam coal mines, four; blast furnaces, 15; rolling mills, 30; chain and iron works, 19.

"DeWitt's Little Early Risers did me more good than all blood medicines and other pills," writes Geo. H. Jacobs, of Thompson, Conn. Prompt, pleasant, never gripe,—they cure constipation, arouse the torpid liver to action and give you clean blood, steady nerves, a clear brain and a healthy appetite. Butler Drug Co.