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ANARCHIST'S ACT
Empress of Austria Assassinated by an Italian.
AGUINALDO IS MAKING TROUBLE
Dewey Asks for Reinforcements... He Thinks the Situation at Manila is Critical.

GENEVA, Switzerland, Sept. 10.—The empress of Austria was assassinated near the Hotel Beauvillage this afternoon by an anarchist, who was arrested.
It appears that her majesty was walking from her hotel to the landing place of the steamer at about 1 o'clock, when an Italian anarchist suddenly appeared and stabbed her to the heart. The empress fell, and was carried to the Hotel Beauvillage, where she expired.
The stretcher upon which the empress was carried to the hotel was hastily improvised with oars and sail cloth. Doctors and priests were immediately summoned, and a telegram was sent to Emperor Francis Joseph.

All efforts to revive her majesty were unavailing, and she expired at 3 o'clock. The medical examination shows that the assassin must have used a small triangular file. After striking the blow he ran along the Rue Des Alpes, with the evident intention of entering the square Los Alpes, but before reaching it he was seized by two cabmen, who had witnessed the crime. They handed him over to a boatman and a gendarme, who conveyed him to the police station.
The prisoner made no resistance. He even sang as he walked along, saying "I did it," and "She must be dead."
At the police station he declared that he was a "starving anarchist, with no hatred for the poor, but only for the rich."

Later, when taken to the courthouse and interrogated by a magistrate in the presence of three members of the local government and the police officials, he pretended not to know French and refused to answer questions. The police, on searching him, found a document showing his name to be Luigi Laocchini, born in Paris in 1874, and an Italian soldier.
A great crowd quickly assembled around the Hotel Beauvillage, where the officials proceeded after interrogating the prisoner. The police searched the scene of the crime for the weapon, and the accomplices of the assassin.
It appears that a boatman noticed three persons closely following the empress, who was making purchases in the shops.

The local government, immediately on receiving the news of her majesty's death, half-masted the flag on the hotel de ville (the municipal office), and proceeded in a body to the Hotel Beauvillage as a token of respect.
The excitement increased, and many of the shops on the Kursaal were closed. The empress' wound was just over the left breast. There was hardly any bleeding. A priest was secured in time to administer the extreme unction.
The assassin, while being interrogated by the magistrate, said that he came to Geneva with the intention of killing the Duc d'Orleans, but the latter had already left. Laocchini (or Lucessi) followed the duke to Evian, about 25 miles north of Geneva, on the lake where he was again unsuccessful. He then returned to Geneva and learned from the papers of the presence of the Austrian empress. Yesterday he dogged her footsteps, but found no opportunity to carry out his purpose, though he watched the Hotel Beauvillage all day. This afternoon, about 1:30, he said, he saw the valet of the empress leaving the hotel and going toward the landing. He inferred from this that the empress was going to take the steamer, and he hid himself behind a tree on the quay, with the file concealed in his right sleeve. In a few minutes the empress, accompanied by her lady of honor, appeared, and the assassin struck the file home.
Laocchini confessed that he has been an anarchist since he was 13 years old. "If all anarchists did their duty as I have done mine," he said, "bourgeois society would soon disappear."
He admitted that he knew the crime was useless, but said he committed it for the sake of example.
In spite of minute searching, the weapon of the murderer has not yet been found.
Dense crowds still surround the Hotel Beauvillage this evening.

A CLASH IS IMMINENT.
Aguinaldo Says He Considers the Americans as Brothers But He Wants to Know What They Intend to do.
MANILA, Sept. 12.—Rear-Admiral Dewey says he considers the situation critical. He has asked for an additional cruiser and a battle-ship. The Spaniards assert that Germany will take a coaling station here, and that Spain will retain the remainder of the islands. The last Spanish garrisons at Ilocos and Laguanaet have surrendered, and the whole island of Luzon is in the hands of the insurgents, except Manila and Cavite.
Aguinaldo went to Lelollo on Friday. He has announced his intention of convening an assembly of the Filipinos on September 15 in order to decide upon the policy to be adopted by the insurgents.
The correspondent here of the Associated Press has had an interview with Aguinaldo, who said there were 67,000 insurgents armed with rifles. He added he could raise 100,000 men. Indeed, the insurgent leader pointed out, the whole population was willing to fight for their independence.
Continuing, Aguinaldo said he had 9000 military prisoners, including 5000 in the vicinity of Manila, besides civil prisoners. Later Aguinaldo said the "provisional government" was now operating 28 provinces. He asserted that in August he appointed delegates in proportion to the population.
As to the Americans, Aguinaldo remarked that he considered them as brothers; that "the two sovereign republics were allied against a common enemy."
When questioned as to whether the future of the Filipinos' policy would be absolute independence, Aguinaldo excused himself from replying, and asked what America intends to do.
The correspondent being unable to answer this question, Aguinaldo continued: "We have been fighting for independence for a long time. The natives who profess to favor annexation are insincere. It is merely a ruse to ascertain American views."
Asked if the Filipinos would reject the retention of Manila, Aguinaldo declined to answer.
"Would the Filipinos object to Americans retaining a coaling station if recognizing the independence of the islands or establishing a temporary protectorate over them?"
Aguinaldo again refused to answer. Pending the conclusion of the assembly, Aguinaldo said he was confident there would be no trouble between America and the Filipinos. The insurgent leader denied having received a request from General Otis and Rear Admiral Dewey to withdraw his troops to a prescribed distance from Manila and Cavite, and he declined to discuss the effect of such a request. Aguinaldo further asserted he had never conferred with the American authorities since the capitulation of Manila, and that he had never authorized the insurgents to search or disarm Americans crossing the line.
The correspondent closely questioned him about last Saturday's incident, when the Pennsylvania troops proceeded to establish a new outpost. The Filipinos objected, and nearly precipitated hostilities, ordering the Americans to withdraw in 20 minutes. They issued ammunition, and intercepted the American reinforcements. Finally General Hale ordered all the Pennsylvanians to advance and the rebels withdrew.
The local governor has explained that the incident was a mistake, and has repudiated his subordinates' action. Aguinaldo declared to this correspondent that the Filipino who made the trouble merely pretended to be an officer, and is entirely unconnected with the insurgent army.
Aguinaldo complained that the Spanish were "disseminating these reports for the purpose of fomenting antagonism between the Filipinos and the Americans."
The whole interview conveyed the impression that Aguinaldo desires absolute independence, regarding the mission of the Americans here as accomplished, and expects their withdrawal "just as the French with Lafayette withdrew after helping the Americans in the war of independence, a war of humanity."
Just now Aguinaldo maintains the role of extreme friendship.

FROM FAR AWAY ALASKA.
Mrs. McIntyre Writes From the "Key City of the North."
SKAGWAY, Sept. 3.—I send you a few items from the "key city of the golden North," as the citizens of Skagway are fond of calling it. This town has grown most rapidly since it started, a year ago, and now is of most respectable size and boasts of some fine buildings. For a while after the gold discoveries at Tagish and Atlin Lakes, Skagway was almost left to the rule of the ladies, but a great many of the gold seekers have now returned, some having secured good claims, are intending to go back, while others are satisfied with the one trial, and will stay here. The eldest son of the writer is still at Atlin, but it is not known as yet how well he has succeeded in his quest for gold. He is expected home daily.
There is a large amount of stuff being freighted over this trail. Pack trains are kept busy. Freight is mostly hauled to the end of the wagon road by wagon,

and then packed on the horses from there. The trail of last fall is a thing of the past now. I walked over the old trail a short time ago and do not wonder at the bodies of dead horses which line it. Horses are keeping in fair condition now and standing the work well. The railroad is now about completed to the White Pass, the end of the wagon road, and the cars will soon supercede the wagons that far. White Pass is consequently booming, as most of the packers will start from there.
The barge Skookum came in yesterday in tow of the Walla Walla, loaded with railroad material, having on board, with other freight, two coaches and a caboose. The fatalities attending the building of the road have been no greater than would be the case in building any road in a rough country where explosives are freely used. We understand that there are at present 24 cases in the railroad hospital at Camp 3, but none of a fatal character.
Days are growing longer here, it is nearly dark at 8 o'clock now and not light until nearly 4 o'clock in the morning. It rains very little here, and we also have very little hot weather. I should call it comfortably cool. Some of the gardens have done well. We have had fine lettuce, radishes, onions, carrots, turnips, peas and as fine Early Rose potatoes as we ever had in Oregon. There are huckleberries here in profusion, wild red currants, high-brush cranberries and raspberries. Fish are plentiful and easily procured, both salt water varieties and trout.
This town now has a good system of water works, and electric light plant, breweries, steam laundries and other industries started, has two good hospitals, and also embalming, and undertaking parlors, steam heated and electric lighted hotels and other conveniences not often found in as young a place as this. The general health of the place is now very good. There has been some cases of cholera morbus, and stomach trouble incident to summer weather, but nothing of a dangerous nature, if not neglected. Typhoid fever, which some feared on account of the dead horses up the trail, has not made its appearance, and there is now no longer any fear expressed of it.

I hope to be in Portland in a few weeks where I hope to meet old friends again.
Mrs. W. M. McIntyre.

A TERRIBLE VOYAGE.
Sad Experience of the 3rd Battalion of U. S. Engineers.
In camp at Honolulu, H. I., Aug. 18, 1898—My Dear Sister—Now that we are in our camp and partially settled—settled on cactus thorns and centipedes—I will let you into some of my joys and sorrows since we sailed from San Francisco.
Our boat, the Lakne, was formerly a lumber schooner plying between San Francisco and Alaska. She belongs to the Johnson, Locke Co., and is 655 tons burden, 147 feet long and 34 foot beam. Her appearance is not inviting for she carries many scars of former cruises. Everything favorable she can make about seven knots an hour.
On the 5th of August the 3rd battalion of U. S. Vol. Engineers broke camp and went on this small vessel to be transported to Hawaii. The outside of our craft was not inviting, but when we went below, or using the nautical phrase, in the 'Tween decks, a chill of horror ran up every spinal column. We were packed like French sardines, using our knap sacks, canteens, etc., instead of olive oil. There was about seventy-three cubic feet of air space for each man, and in calm weather no circulation.
The few hours we waited on the wharf were sweetened by the presence of the Red Cross ladies with large cups of coffee and ham sandwiches. There were crowds of maidens with sweet smiling faces. Many scenes of tenderness took place between members of the San Francisco company and these pretty girls. The Oregon company being great imitators took up the parting ceremonies with the heartiness and good will that has characterized their every movement. Tiny handkerchiefs fluttered and were responded to with brawny arms in mock babyishness waying good byes.
We anchored in the stream that night and in the morning about 8 o'clock started on our south western journey.
Some amusing incidents happened on our way across the sea. I had a good bunk mate so long as we were in the bay but as soon as we struck the bar things took a sudden change. I saw the symptoms of that awful weariness coming over him slowly but surely. He became restless, turned pale, very pale, stood at the railing a few minutes staring into space—evidently looking for angels—then came the terrible upheaval that always follow these symptoms. He seemed to have these symptoms periodically the rest of the way across. The second day of our voyage he was leaning over the railing and looking earnestly into the water when the surgeon approached (concluded on page five.)