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## SECOND OREGON

### The Oregon Boys Ordered to the Front.

**FIRST FATALITY TO OREGON BOY.**  
Fighting is Resumed—Sheridan Sails Portland Boy Killed—Agoncillo Goes to Europe.

MANILA, Feb. 19.—3 P. M.—The California volunteers abandoned Guadalupe church at 5 o'clock this morning, which has since been set on fire, and retired to San Pedro Macati. The rebels still hold the country in the vicinity of Guadalupe, Pasig and Patero, despite the efforts of the gunboats to dislodge them from the jungles on both sides of the river.

The heat is intense, and is increasing perceptibly daily. Under present conditions, it is impossible to provide shade for the troops in different parts of the line, particularly McArthur's division. King's brigade is also exposed from San Pedro Macati to Culiculi, where it joins Owenshine's brigade.

Mr. Higgins, the manager of the Manila-Dagupan railroad, is believed to be safe at Bayambang, although no communication has been received from him since Friday. He was housed at Mr. Clark's place with his wife and family, and about six other Englishmen, some of whom are accompanied by their wives. While it is unlikely that the natives of the locality will harm them, it is feared that others from distant provinces might wreak vengeance at their expense.

In view of the fact that the enemy were concentrating on the American right preparations were made last night to give them a warm reception in the event of attack.

General Owenshine's line, consisting originally of the North Dakota volunteers, the Fourteenth infantry, and two troops of the Fourth cavalry, stretching from the beach at Camp Dewey to General King's right, was reinforced by two battalions of Oregon volunteers and three troops of the Fourth cavalry, as infantry. The Buffalo's searchlight discovering the rebels unusually active about 10 o'clock in the evening, signaled the flagship for permission to fire upon them, and, this being granted, bombarded the enemy's trenches for 20 minutes. The only effect of the fire was apparently to drive the rebels further inland.

Beyond a few ineffectual volleys from the trenches, which were returned with interest, the enemy made no demonstration, and all is quiet along the rest of the line.

Scouts claim to have seen General Pio del Pilar, who commanded the rebels at Paco, with his arm in a sling, directing the troops. General Montenegro, the insurgent commander-in-chief, is reported to be personally conducting the movements in front of General King's line at San Pedro Macati.

The signal corps is arranging signals with the navy for future operations on the left.

With the exception of the port of Ilo Ilo, trade with Philippine ports is still blockaded.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 22.—Otis has cabled the war department as follows:

MANILA, Feb. 22.—The following casualties in the entrenchments were caused yesterday by the men exposing themselves to the enemy's fire:

First California—Sergeant Frank N. Turton, wounded, slight; Private James P. Cassidy, killed.

The following were killed during a reconnaissance this morning in the vicinity of San Pedro Macati: First Washington—Wounded slightly, company E, Privates Joseph H. Cardington, Christian E. Horn, H. D. Hazard. Wounded seriously—Company H, Corporal W. B. Tucker.

Killed—PRIVATE EDWIN W. HAMPTON, Company H, Second Oregon.

The following casualties occurred in a skirmish near the water works this morning.

First Nebraska—Wounded, Private John F. Alley, severe; Alonzo Pike, slight; Charles Govrick, slight.

Portland, Feb. 22.—Edward W. Hampton, the first Oregon soldier to be killed in action at the Philippines, was a son of John Hampton, a furniture mover, who lives at 397 San Rafael street.

The deceased was 20 years old last October, and had lived in Portland since he was 4 years of age. His father moved here from Nebraska 16 years ago, and has raised his family in East Portland, where the dead soldier was well known and very popular.

said he was well contented as one could be in Manila. He said that he would like to be at home, but was willing to remain there as long as his services were needed.

The news was doubly surprising to Mr. Hampton, from the fact that company H had been on duty at the customhouse. When he read in the newspapers that the Oregon boys had been ordered to the front he consoled himself with the thought that the company his boy was in would not have to go.

Young Hampton joined company H only a few days before it left for San Francisco. He had been employed for three years in the sash and door factory of the Northwest Door Company, where he is very highly spoken of by his employers.

He recently sent some Spanish flags and several curios home to his father, which are highly prized by the Hampton household.

**SHERIDAN SAILS FOR MANILA.**  
Nearly Two Thousand Men to Reinforce Otis' Army.

NEW YORK, Feb. 19.—The United States army transport Sheridan pulled out of her pier in Brooklyn at 3:30 o'clock this afternoon, on her way to Manila, by way of the Suez canal, with 1835 enlisted men and officers and their wives and families to the number of 90 persons. The expedition is commanded by Lieutenant Jacob H. Smith, of the Twelfth United States infantry, all of which is on board. Four companies from the Seventeenth infantry, and about 25 men, left behind from the Sherman expedition, complete the military complement. The vessel proper will be in charge of Quartermaster W. M. Coulling, and Captain Higgins is assigned as navigator. The Sheridan is expected to reach Manila in about 50 days.

**GOES TO EUROPE.**  
Agoncillo Will Try to Get the Ears of the Powers.

MONTEREAL, Feb. 19.—Senor Agoncillo and Senor Marti left Montreal this evening for New York en route to London, expecting to sail Wednesday. Their decision to depart was sudden, for the two latest additions to the Filipino embassy in the United States, E. R. De Rios and H. Rivera, who arrived here this evening from Chicago, were surprised at meeting Agoncillo recognizes now that the treaty has been passed and signed, that his mission to the United States is ended, and so he will take up the next move in the game, an attempt to interest the powers of Europe in the Philippines. In the meantime, Rios and Rivera will remain here and put in a week educating Canadians in the social status and ambitions of the Filipinos. Then they expect to follow Agoncillo to Europe.

**FIRED ON THE RED CROSS.**  
Hospital Staff Targets for Rebel Sharpshooters.

NEW YORK, Feb. 21.—A dispatch to the Herald from Manila, says: The enemy were concentrating all day at the waterworks and in front of King's brigade. They became so nagging in front of King's position that the general sent two companies of the First Washington infantry over the Pasig river. They swept the country for two miles and then swung over to the river bank, opposite the insurgent trenches facing the American position at Macati, and opened a flank fire on the insurgents across the river.

Two guns of the Sixth artillery, under Lieutenant Ecott, pounded the insurgent positions, while the troops from Macati charged and drove the enemy before them. Fifteen Filipino dead were found and four wounded. Two American soldiers were wounded by the explosion of Springfield rifles.

The declaration of Aguinaldo that he has made a humane war is a fabrication. In the past few weeks the Red Cross has been like a red flag to the insurgents.

Captain Pierce, of McArthur's staff, testifies that he has been shot at by sharpshooters 50 times in the provisional hospital. Not an ambulance or litter came which was not a signal for a shower of bullets.

The surgeons of the hospital corps, who were giving aid to the Filipinos as well as to the American wounded, were a target for the sharpshooters. A wounded man who was being carried from the field was killed by insurgents concealed in a tree. The Red Cross people are now going armed.

**Guerrilla Tactics.**  
MANILA, Feb. 20, 10.10 A. M.—The enemy have apparently realized the hopelessness of attacking the American position, and are occupied chiefly by occasional sharp-shooting from the jungle, whenever feasible. Fortunately, their ignorance of the use of sights minimizes the effect of their guerrilla tactics.

The retirement of General King's advance posts upon San Pedro Macati has evidently been construed by the rebels

as a sign of weakness, as they pressed forward along both sides of the river, persistently harrassing the occupants of the town.

Last night the rebels poured volley after volley into San Pedro Macati from the brush on the adjacent ridge; but fortunately without effect. General King's headquarters in the center of the town was the target for scores of Remington and Mauser bullets.

The rebels are using smokeless powder, and it is extremely difficult to locate individual marksmen.

The two battalions of the Second Oregon are near the camping ground to the southeast of Manila that was occupied by our troops before the capture of the city. They are, however, facing the other way, and General King's right and General Owenshine's left are farther out in the country than our soldiers were at any time last summer. The ground occupied by General Owenshine's brigade is low, and, during the rainy season, marshy. The part that is not paddy fields is covered with thick jungles. As this is the dry season, campaigning out there should not be so rough an experience as was work in the field last July and August. The two brigades constitute that part of the circle around Manila between the Pasig river to the eastward and the beach to the south.)

**DROWNED IN THE WILLAMETTE.**  
Mrs. Howe Fell Into the River Off the Steamer Pomona.

PORTLAND, Or. Feb. 20.—In the West Side morgue lies the body of Mrs. Howe, of Gresham. She fell from the steamer Pomona this morning before daylight, and half an hour afterwards her body was found fastened to the wheel of the Undine, lying alongside of the Taylor street dock.

The unfortunate woman was on her way to visit a son in Salem. The Undine, Lurline and Pomona were lying side by side, with the latter on the outside and the Undine in the middle. Just before the sailing time of the Pomona, Mrs. Howe crossed the decks of the first steamer to the Undine. The bow of the Salem boat was quite a distance from the Undine, but at the rear the guards of the two boats touched. Watchman Winifred Copeland, of the Undine, observed the woman and told she could cross there. He says he saw her safely across and into the engine room of the Pomona. She stepped back to talk to a gentleman who was with her, he says.

"Be careful," he warned, as she took another step outward, "or you will step into the water." Just as he spoke she took the fatal step.

He grabbed at her and caught her shawl. She slid through it and disappeared into the dark waters.

"Catch my feet," said he to the other man, "and I will reach for her." But the stranger was too excited, Copeland then dove between the two boats, but could not find anything. About half an hour afterwards the body was found beneath the wheel of the Undine. The Salem boat had then gone.

The body was taken to the morgue. It is understood she has a son here besides the one in Salem.

The coroner's story tallies with that of Mr. Copeland. The gentleman accompanying Mrs. Howe was Rev. A. Lingrin, of 333 East Ninth street. She stayed at his house last night, and he accompanied her to the boat this morning. Mrs. Howe has been staying with her son-in-law, J. B. Smalley, of Gresham.

**WASHINGTON LETTER.**  
WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 10.—The greatest interest attended the discussion of the Spanish treaty. While the people were almost unanimously for the treaty, the minority of the senate were some striving to embarrass the administration while others were like Hale of Maine and Hoar of Mass., relics of the old federalist party that opposed the war with England and all the expansion that has given our nation room to broaden and won us prestige for all time. Pitchfork Tillman on the one hand and Senator Hoar on the other hand, show the extremes that composed the opposition to expansion.

At an opportune moment, on the Sabbath day, as the church bells were ringing, word came from far Manila that Aguinaldo was so encouraged by the belief that he had allies in the American senate, that he had organized war and attacked the American forces at night, as Indians always do. They suffered the necessary defeat; that the result of this treachery will show the world the difference between the Anglo Saxon race and the common run of oriental humanity. This lesson will make easy the pacification of the Philippines. It had to come; statesmen at the national capital feel easier; they only regret that loyal and valuable American lives were sacrificed to the hesitancy of the senate and the perfidy and miserable ambition of Aguinaldo. This opening of war

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