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LAWTON'S ADVANCE

General Pilar Wants to Surrender to Lawton.

AGUINALDO HAS A MESSAGE.

General Lawton Pushing Ahead—Relief for Zamboanga—Another Conference to Be Held.

MANILA, May 15.—General Gregorio del Pilar wants to surrender to General Lawton, as he believes he has been deserted by the Filipino government. Aguinaldo is said to have fled into the province of Nueva Ecija. He was last heard of April 29, when he retreated by carriage from Baling, through San Isidro.

Five thousand Spanish prisoners held by insurgents have been taken into a northern province and scattered among small garrisons. They are beyond American aid this season, unless a Filipino surrender takes place within three weeks.

The insurgent hospital near San Isidro is filled with wounded, and General Pilar's main subsistence depot is only five miles from Lawton's front.

Native opposition compelled the insurgent generals to countermand the orders to burn towns as they retreated. The American policy of not destroying property is in favor of the United States.

Five unknown American prisoners were carried through San Miguel last week.

Lawton Enters San Miguel.

General Lawton pushed on to San Miguel. Scouts in advance of General Lawton's column were fired upon by the rebels at 500 yards. The Filipinos retreated before the American advance, and General Lawton occupied the city. San Miguel was held by 600 insurgents. Their arms had been secreted.

General Gregorio Pilar says Aguinaldo, Luna and other rebel generals are forcing all Filipinos to join the ranks and fight, death being the penalty of refusal. Among the prisoners taken at San Miguel are 15 Spaniards, who say that the Filipinos are becoming disgusted with warfare and want to surrender.

The Filipinos have driven 31 Englishmen from rebel territory.

Lieutenant Cole today escorted on a tug Legarda, Aguinaldo's ex-minister of finance, who is friendly to the Americans from Manila to an appointed place of meeting, where Legarda conferred with General Trias, the insurgent minister of war, concerning negotiations for peace. Legarda returned to Manila tonight.

Relief For Zamboanga.

WASHINGTON, May 15.—It is expected at the war department that General Otis will take steps at once to replace the Spanish garrison at Zamboanga with United States troops. The place is one of great strategic importance, being the capital of the island of Mindanao, the second largest in the Philippine group, and a good seaport. The town is easily defended with a small artillery force. The fact that the insurgents are in possession of rapid-fire guns makes the situation at Zamboanga more serious, but it is not believed they have a large supply of ammunition necessary to operate the weapons.

HOPES FOR A SETTLEMENT.

Much Expected to Result From the Coming Conference.

New York, May 15.—A special to the Herald from Washington says: A satisfactory conclusion is expected by the administration of affairs from the conference which will be held by the American Philippine commission with the commission which Aguinaldo proposes to send to Manila.

In his dispatch to the war department today, General Otis announced that Aguinaldo had sent a messenger to him expressing a wish to send a commission to "arrange terms of peace." The administration officials express the opinion that this commission will submit to President Schurman and his associates the answer of Aguinaldo to the propositions made by the American commission to Colonel Arguelles, Aguinaldo's emissary, regarding the character of government which would be given to the Filipinos, and which Arguelles declared was satisfactory.

It is probable apparent to the Filipinos that there is nothing to be gained by conducting negotiations for the purpose of obtaining a temporary cessation of hostilities. General Otis will not grant an armistice, and he has shown that he does not propose to stop fighting, no matter how many peace emissaries Aguinaldo will send to Manila, unless they agree to surrender unconditionally. In his dispatch General Otis shows, despite the fact that Aguinaldo states his purpose to send a commission to arrange peace, that he is making preparations to continue military operations. It is evident to the officials from this dispatch that General Otis has found it necessary

to change his plans. He has been making preparations to attack Bacolor, where 6000 insurgents are believed to be encamped, and it is presumed that the movements reported today still have that point as their object. General Lawton is making excellent progress in his northward march, and the dispatch of Major Kobbe, with 1500 men, up the Rio Grande, supported by gunboats and canoes, is for the purpose of enabling General Lawton to cross the Rio Grande without molestation by the enemy. The plan apparently contemplates the rapid swinging of Lawton to the west, General MacArthur to remain at San Fernando, between the insurgents at Bacolor and those at Mexico, and Kobbe is to take a station so as to prevent them crossing the Rio Grande. MacArthur is also needed at his present point to protect communication with Manila.

AGUINALDO'S MESSAGE.

Says He Has the Americans on the Verge of Defeat.

LONDON, May 15.—The Filipino junta here has received the following message from Aguinaldo, cabled from Hong Kong under date of May 12: "The Filipino government, in accordance with the general feeling of the country, has decided to continue the war at all costs until independence is secured. The Filipinos energetically refuse American peace overtures based on restricted autonomy coupled with promise of subsequent self-government. The Filipinos demand the strict fulfillment of the articles of the American constitution, and treaties contracted by American representatives when imploring a Philippine alliance in combating the Spaniards. All Filipinos generally support Aguinaldo. General Luna's reported overtures for peace are untrue. Our army is near Manila, simultaneously attacking the whole American line.

"The heat and rains are causing many casualties in the American army. All hospitals are crowded with the sick and wounded. Four hundred of the Cincinnati regiment have been imprisoned by General Otis for insubordination in refusing to fight. The regular troops quartered in Manila and other towns are quiet. The volunteers are abused, and always at the front with scanty rations. Discontent between Americans and Europeans is general."

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS.

Regular May Term of the County Board.

S. F. Marks, chairman; J. E. Morton, R. Scott, commissioners.

(Continued from last week)

Pursuant to the call of the chairman of the board, the board of county commissioners met in special session, this first day of May, 1899, for the purpose of meeting with the board of commissioners of Multnomah county, to consider the proposition of building a bicycle path in the two counties. Present: Honorable S. F. Marks and Honorable R. Scott. The court then adjourned and held a conference with the Multnomah county commissioners at Portland.

Be it remembered, that at a regular session of the board of county commissioners for the county of Clackamas, state of Oregon:

Began and held in the court house at said county and state on Wednesday, the 5th day of May, 1899, the same being the regular time fixed by said board for holding a regular session of said board for the transaction of county business. Present, Honorable S. F. Marks, commissioner; Honorable J. R. Morton, commissioner; Honorable Richard Scott, commissioner; and Elmer Dixon, clerk and J. J. Cooke, sheriff. When the following proceedings were had to wit:

In the matter of building a bridge in road district No. 33, Supervisor Lewellen was ordered to build said bridge; and it was further ordered that Myer's repair bridge near the sawmill in same district. In the matter of the Deep Creek hill near Burghardt's, it was ordered by the board that county surveyor, E. P. Rands survey the same.

In the matter of the application of Mrs. Carr for an increase in the allowance granted Miss Carr, as a county charge, the board being fully advised, the petition was denied.

In the matter of the subscription list of donation work and plank from road district No. 39. This matter coming regularly to be heard and the board being fully advised, it is ordered that said petition be granted and that the county will give 30,000 feet of plank for said road in addition to the amount subscribed.

In the matter of correcting the erroneous assessment of Jacob Bohr, your petitioner asks your honorable body to order the sheriff of said county and state to correct an error in the assessment, as the county has been assessing taxes on S. W. 1/4 of S. W. 1/4 of sec. 8, t. 2 s. r. 3 e of the Willamette meridian, but should be N. W. 1/4 of S. W. 1/4 of sec. 8, t. 2 s. r. 3 e of Willamette meridian, as the petitioner desires to pay taxes on his own land. The board being fully advised, it is ordered that said petition be granted.

In the matter of finishing the improvement commenced on the Beaver Creek hill in road district No. 16, it is ordered by the board that special Supervisor Foster be allowed \$150 to finish said road, and it is further ordered that Supervisor Brammer be allowed \$200 to improve said road.

In the matter of the petition of J. C. Elliott for a tax rebate on a double assessment. In the matter of the double assessment of 2 1/2 acres in northwest corner of section 9, t. 2 s. r. 3 e, Willamette meridian, Clackamas county, for the years 1896 and 1898, said land having been assessed to J. C. Elliott for both years as above and taxes paid in full. The undivided one-half of said land was also assessed to T. A. Garbade, assignee, and sold for taxes for the year 1897, amounting to \$6.66 per tax sale, redemption certificate hereto annexed. It was also assessed in 1898 to said T. A. Garbade, assignee, and taxes paid as per receipt annexed. The petitioner therefore asked for a rebate \$6.66 and \$2.66 making a total of \$9.32, paid on double assessment. And the board being fully advised, it is ordered that said petition be granted, and the clerk is hereby instructed to draw a warrant on the general fund for said amount.

J. C. Elliott, \$9.32

In the matter of a poll tax rebate for J. M. Barber, the said J. M. Barber appeared before the board, and stated that he had not been a resident of Clackamas county for nearly two years, and exhibited a poll tax receipt from Washington county, and the board being fully advised, it was ordered that said rebate be granted.

J. M. Barber, \$3.00

In the matter of opening bids for the bridge on upper Eagle Creek, the following were read:

Royal & Son, \$280, \$287, \$340, \$325
Morris & Oids, \$237.35, \$248.65.
C. H. Dauchy, \$275.42.
W. S. Payne, \$230.
F. S. Baker, \$342.

And the board being fully advised that the bid of W. S. Payne is the lowest and best bid, it is ordered that said bid be accepted and the clerk is hereby ordered to contract with said W. S. Payne for the building of said bridge for said sum of \$230.

In the matter of the resurvey of the Killin and Cochran road in road district No. 35, the board being fully advised, it is ordered by the board, that E. P. Rands, county surveyor, be directed to resurvey said road.

In the matter of the report of viewers on the petition of Ed Graves, et al, for a county road: In the matter of the report of Christian Koerber, G. W. Prosser and D. W. Arthur, viewers appointed at the last term of this board to view and locate a county road, situated in Clackamas county, Oregon, described in full on page 21 of this journal, said viewers filed their report showing that they had met on the 20th day of April, a day named in the notice served upon them, and were duly sworn by subscribing to a written oath of office administered by E. P. Rands, the county surveyor, after which they proceeded to the designated place and did view and cause to be surveyed by said county surveyor, the above described road. They also filed the field notes and plat of the survey, and report favorable to the establishing of said road as viewed and surveyed, for the reason that it is a good practical route and of public utility. They further recommend and suggest that the above road be located upon the section line extending north from the N. E. corner of sec. 32, tp. 5 s. r. 1 e, W. M., to the north boundary of said township, providing, however, that it be within the power of the county board of commissioners to make such change. The board not having power to make such changes, Annie M. Hansen, whose property said change affects, is instructed to make her individual petition for such change. Said report was read on yesterday and now on this day on its second reading. And it appearing to the board that there is a remonstrance and petition for damages filed. And it further appearing that none of the remonstrators were present, and that there were 42 more names on the petition than on the remonstrance, it is ordered that said remonstrance be denied and the petition be granted in so far as it relates to said remonstrance; and that it further appears that there has been claims for damages filed as follows to wit: T. C. Ackerson, \$500; Adolf Brockart, \$400; F. E. Fish, \$200; Joseph S. Yoder, \$275 and William Steme, \$100, in case said report is accepted. Therefore it is ordered by the board that George Killin, John Daly, and Al Reynolds be appointed viewers of damages to meet at the beginning point of said road on the 22nd day of May, 1899, at 9 o'clock a. m., and after being duly sworn that they view said road the whole distance through the lands of T. C. Ackerson, Adolf Brockart, F. E. Fish, Joseph S. Yoder, and William Steme, and determine if any, how much less valuable their said lands would be rendered by reason of the location and opening of said road and report the same in writing at the next regular term of this board, and it is further ordered that the expense of said view and survey be paid by Clackamas county as follows:

Chris Koerber, 2 days, 15 miles	\$5 80
G. W. Prosser, 3 " "	11 00
D. W. Arthur, 3 " "	9 20
Paul Schneider, 2 " "	4 00
Ben Preather, 2 " "	4 00
A. M. Scott, 2 " "	4 00
Ernest Rands, 4 " 40 miles	20 00
Total	\$58 00

In the matter of the petition of W. Jones, et al, for a county road. In the matter of the petition filed by W. Jones and more than 12 householders of the county, living in the vicinity of the road described in the petition, and praying viewers to be appointed to view and locate a county road in Clackamas county, Oregon, described in full as follows: Beginning at a point on the Fisher road on the line between secs 25 and 36, tp. 3 s. r. 2 e of W. M., said point being 28-47 chains of the corner of secs 25 and 26 and 35 and 36 of the above township or as near as practicable to said point; thence running east as near as practicable to the line between secs 25 and 36 to the intersection of the section line and the present traveled road; thence in a southeasterly direction to a point in the present traveled road at the north end of the bridge, crossing the Beeson Mill pond. Also to vacate all that portion of the Fisher and Beeson Mill road between the beginning and terminal points above mentioned. Said petitioner filed the affidavit of notices posted respecting said road, showing that there had been posted: One on the court house bulletin board and three in three of the most public places in the vicinity of the proposed road more than 30 days prior to

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