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EPITOME OF THE DISPATCHES

Happenings Both at Home and Abroad.

A WEEK'S NEWS CONDENSED

Interesting Collection of Items From Many Places Culled From the Press Reports of the Current Week.

The embarkation of Toral's troops, it is expected, will have been accomplished by August 15.

The government of Hayti has declined to permit this government to erect a weather station on its domain.

Havoc was caused by lightning at Red Oak, Neb. Three persons were killed and considerable property destroyed.

Orders have been received at the navy yard, Charleston, S. C., to expend \$10,000 in repairs upon the old frigate Minnesota.

Nearly all the people of South American countries are in sympathy with Spain and refuse to believe stories of American victories.

A Madrid telegram to the London office of the New York Herald says the government has received a telegram announcing the surrender of Manila to Admiral Dewey.

Commissioner of Internal Revenue Scott has ruled that in the case of mortgage notes on real estate, where payments are made on the installment plan, a separate revenue stamp for each payment will not be required.

The North Sea whalers are again at work. Operations near Point Barrow were resumed April 15. Inland Eskimos are starving and coming to the coast for food. A deer station is to be established at Point Barrow.

The cavalry is anxious to proceed to Porto Rico, but will be obliged to remain here until the Spanish prisoners of war have been transported to Spain, which it is believed will have been accomplished before the next month is well advanced.

An attempt by the crew of the steamer Wanderer to get men and arms for the Cuban army ashore at Bahia Honda was defeated by the Spaniards. The Americans were forced to retreat, with five wounded.

The report of the affair says the American losses were considerable.

The northeast coast of England has been swept by a great storm. Fishing fleets have had narrow escapes, being obliged to relinquish all their gear and nets and run to the harbor for shelter, where many other vessels were compelled to seek refuge. North-bound trains have been delayed by the force of the wind, which has caused considerable damage inland, crops having been flattened. There were some minor wrecks in the North Sea.

A powder mill at Elmira, N. Y., blew up, killing the owner.

Two men were killed as the result of an explosion in the Concy mine, near Skykomish, Wash.

The Illinois circuit court has ruled that the express companies must pay the tax on express packages.

The alleged charges of bad faith against the United States attributed to Premier Sagasta are discredited by Washington authorities as inventions designed to prejudice the successful progress of the present peace negotiations.

A Madrid dispatch says General Corra is arranging for the reception of the Spanish troops which surrendered at Santiago de Cuba, and preparing sanitary stations to prevent the introduction of diseases into Spain.

Strict neutrality is to be maintained by England, and Watson will find no "facilities" at Gibraltar. The British governor there has no objection to the Spanish consul. Spaniards are busy putting the bay of Gibraltar in a more complete state of defense.

The Hong Kong correspondent of the London Daily Mail says the victory of Canton has announced to the foreign office the complete suppression of the rebellion in those districts. He has announced also that four cities have been reconquered by the imperial troops.

With the understanding that no indemnity will be demanded and that the Spanish sovereignty in the Philippines will be respected, the Spanish newspapers consider the terms of peace attributed to President McKinley as being acceptable. The papers, however, protest against hostilities being continued by the United States after Spain had sued for peace.

Admiral Dewey, at Manila, has dispatched the Raleigh and Concord to gather up 11 Spanish craft, which, according to information sent him by Consul-General Williams, are at various places in the Philippines. Among these vessels are three gunboats at San Miguel, Luzon island, and four at Port Royal, Palawan island. Four merchantmen with cargoes of tobacco are reported at Cuyayan, Luzon. The same dispatch reports that the English traders at the coal mines at Batan, Luzon island, have been imprisoned and subjected to ill treatment otherwise by the Spaniards there.

Minor News Items.

A dude fights nearly as well as a cowboy, and a cowboy fights better than anything else on earth.

Over 500 men are at work on the cruiser Yorktown at Mare Island navy yard, San Francisco, rushing her to completion.

The United States government will establish an extensive weather bureau in the Caribbean sea for the use of all nations whose interests lie in that region.

LATER NEWS.

General Merritt has asked to have his command increased from 20,000 to 50,000 troops.

The Peruvian government is sending agents to Europe to purchase warships for the purpose of strengthening her navy.

The designs of the three new vessels of the Illinois type are to be changed so as to make their minimum speed 18 knots an hour.

If the coal operators of the Pittsburgh district do not conform with the terms of the Chicago agreement by August 10, 5,000 miners will be ordered to strike.

President McKinley, it is said, will call an extra session of both houses of congress as soon as Spain accepts the terms of peace offered by the United States.

The steamer Humboldt has arrived at San Francisco from St. Michaels, bringing down about 40 people from the Klondike. The purser says that about \$1,000,000 of the gold fields was brought down on the steamer.

Lieutenant R. P. Hobson, of Merriam fame, is with his mother at Lithia Springs, Ga. The meeting between mother and son was a pathetic one. The son kissed his mother, who threw her arms around his neck and for several minutes rested her head on his shoulder, shedding tears of joy.

Following is an official statement given out by authority of the president on Tuesday as to the terms of peace offered by the United States: "In order to remove any misapprehension in regard to the negotiations as to peace between the United States and Spain, and to make it clear to the public that the terms offered by the United States in the note handed to the French ambassador on Saturday last are in substance as follows: The president does not now put forward any claim for pecuniary indemnity, nor requires relinquishment of all claims of sovereignty over or title to the island of Cuba, as well as evacuation by Spain of the island; cession to the United States and immediate evacuation of Porto Rico and other islands under Spanish sovereignty in the hour of the peace negotiations. The United States will occupy and hold the city, bay and harbor of Manila, pending the conclusion of a treaty of peace, which shall determine the control, disposition and government of the Philippines. If these terms are accepted by Spain in their entirety, commissioners will be named by the United States to meet commissioners on the part of Spain for the purpose of concluding a treaty of peace on the basis above indicated."

The United States commissioners who are to prepare a code of laws for Hawaii will sail on the Mariposa, August 10.

Advices from Havana confirm the report that General Garcia has relinquished his command and gone home to Camaguey.

Intrigue among the powers of Europe to shut out of the Philippines is said to have been checked by President McKinley's course.

A Madrid correspondent says that a band of 800 Carlists recently appeared near Seo de Urgel, in Catalonia, and the troops are pursuing them.

The London Times announces that the Royal Yacht Club has been organized to challenge for the America's cup. The New York Yacht Club will be notified of the decision immediately.

General Merritt has sent notice to Washington that he was about to combine with Dewey in a joint demand for the surrender of Manila, thus forestalling the insurgents, and this movement may cause a rupture.

President McKinley's proposal has reached Madrid, and the Spanish cabinet met Monday to consider and decide upon the reply to be made. The terms offered, it is quite likely, will be accepted immediately. Hostilities in the Antilles in that case will be suspended at once.

The governor-general of Manila, telegraphing to Madrid, says that aid is indispensable to resist the imminent attack of the American forces under General Merritt. The foreign warships in the bay, the dispatch says, answered the salute in honor of the queen's saint day, and the American vessels displayed the American flag.

Some of the members of the Spanish conservative party question the utility of preserving the Philippines because of the enormous expense that a suppression of the rebellion would entail. The latest dispatches from Captain-General Augustin are so dependent about the resources at his disposal that it is surmised that the fall of Manila is imminent.

General Greely announces that he is now in direct communication by cable with General Miles' headquarters at Ponce, having sent the cable instructions from St. Thomas. The British officials who control the cable are willing to transmit messages for the United States government over it, provided their forces are in possession of the cable terminals, but they will not allow their cables to be used if the instructions are out in at any intermediate point.

The dynamite cruiser Netherby purchased from the Brazilian government will be turned into a collier.

Richard Votaw, of Washington county, Ky., who shot four persons at a tent meeting in Mercer county, was shot and instantly killed by Sheriff George Coulter, of Danville.

Albert Calum, a nephew of United States Senator Shelby M. Culom, of Illinois, suddenly expired in a Chattanooga, Ga., drug store, whether he had gone to purchase medicine for himself.

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TROUBLE AT MANILA

Aguinaldo Grows Ugly Toward Americans.

COMPLICATIONS ARE AHEAD

Insurgent Chief Drunk With the Wine of Success—Warned by General Anderson—Has Assumed the Role of Dictator.

London, Aug. 8.—A dispatch to the Times from Cavite says: It is becoming more apparent daily that there are serious complications ahead. The Americans never made a greater mistake than in bringing Aguinaldo and the insurgent leaders here giving them arms and ammunition for free use from the Cavite arsenal. Aguinaldo, fearing annexation by the Americans, openly opposes them.

Either he has been encouraged by some foreign power, or he has a false notion of the strength of the Philippine revolutionists, failing to recognize that their recent successes are due to the concentration of the Spanish strength at Manila, consequent upon the presence of the Americans. Although he admits no foreign recognition, he talks of his government and dictates to the American authorities in absent and inflated terms. He has compelled the natives of the southern approaches to Manila to register their bullocks and ponies, and instructed the owners not to supply them to the Americans for transportation without his sanction.

General Anderson promptly adopted firm measures, warning Aguinaldo that force would be used to impress the means of transportation, which were ultimately forthcoming. Aguinaldo's attitude makes future operations against Manila problematical. In my opinion, with the aid of

SCHLEY IS GENEROUS.

Willing to Divide the Honors With His Brother Officers.

Indianapolis, Ind., Aug. 8.—Shortly after the great naval victory off Santiago, in which Cervera's fleet was pursued and destroyed by the American vessels of war under Commodore Schley, Captain John Schley, cousin of the commodore, wrote a letter of congratulation for the victory won. Today he received a reply, which, in part, was as follows:

"Flagship Brooklyn, Off Santiago de Cuba, July 22, 1898.—My Dear John: The victory of July 3, so complete in its results and so rich in glory for our country, was the joint product of every one fortunate enough to be engaged, and I ought rather to thank you in their name than to appropriate the congratulations to myself.

"Surely, it was large enough to win laurels for all, and I assume no other

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MILES MARCHING ON.

Meeting But Little Resistance in Porto Rico.

Ponce, Porto Rico, via St. Thomas, Aug. 3.—General Miles hourly expects the arrival of transports having on board Brigadier-General Schwan's division of 6,000 men, and also the Mohawk, with the Fifth regular cavalry. General Henry's division, consisting of 3,400 men, and including 36 pieces of artillery, has been ordered to march immediately to Yauco from Ponce to be ready to join the movement north to San Juan on the 16th. The Pennsylvania regiment was sent this morning toward San Juan, eight miles north of Ponce, en route to San Juan.

Miles says he has no intention of making a landing of troops at San Juan, especially as the place is only a roadstead, where transports are liable to suffer from prevalent storms.

The railroad from Ponce to Yauco is now in possession of our troops. General Stone found five mines on the track. These were destroyed and the track is uninjured.

Our troops found 17 Spaniards in the Yauco hospital, all of whom had been wounded in Tuesday's fight.

A proclamation has been issued by the authorities of Yauco as a United States city, expressing delight at annexation and the administration of General Miles and welcoming our troops. The mayor of Ponce has called upon residents of that place to exercise calmness and circumspection under the new and desirable conditions.

Miles has issued lengthy orders of instruction to General Wilson, military governor of Ponce province and city, until General Brooke's arrival. It is of the same tenor as the instructions which Miles gave to Shafter at Santiago, both orders being based on the administration instructions given to General Merritt regarding the government of the Philippine islands.

"I request that the question of the tariff rate to be charged in the parts of Porto Rico occupied by our forces be submitted to the president for his action, the previously existing tariff remaining meanwhile in force. As to the government and military occupation, I have already given instructions issued by the president in the case of the Philippine islands and similar to those issued at Santiago de Cuba.

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Spanish Volunteers Glad for the Chance to Lay Down Their Arms.

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VERY FEEDBLY RESISTED

Miles' Easy Conquest of Porto Rico.

VOLUNTEERS SURRENDERING

Supplies in Abundance for the American Troops—Revenue From Custom House—People Are Overjoyed at the Arrival of the Army.

Washington, Aug. 2.—General Miles, in command of the Porto Rican expedition, sent the following dispatch to Secretary Alger, which was made public at the war department at 10 o'clock to-night:

"Ponce, Porto Rico, Aug. 2.—Secretary of War, Washington, D. C.: Four telegrams received, and answered by letter. Volunteers are surrendering themselves with arms and ammunition. Four-fifths of the people are overjoyed at the arrival of the army. Two thousand from one place have volunteered to serve with it. They are bringing in beef, cattle and other supplies. The custom-house has already yielded \$14,000. As soon as all the troops are disembarked, they will be in readiness to move. Please send any national colors that can be spared, to be given to the different municipalities.

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FLEET AT WORK.

Navies Bombarded by the American Warships.

Key West, Aug. 2.—Reports have reached here that Navitas, on the northern coast of the province of Puer to Principe, Cuba, has been bombarded by the ships of the blockading squadron, evacuated by the Spanish and subsequently burned. No details are known, and the only information of the affair was that given to Captain Maynard, of the gunboat Nashville, by Lieutenant-Colonel Rojas, of the insurgent forces at Gibara, last Tuesday. Colonel Rojas himself has the news at second hand.

The only American ships known to have been in the vicinity of Navitas lately are the Prairie and Balger. The latter