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THE MANILA BATTLE

Precipitated by Filipinos, Who Lost Heavily.

AMERICAN LOSS WAS SMALL

Otis and Dewey Report Magnificent Work Done.

OREGON'S NOT IN ENGAGEMENT

MANILA, Feb 5, 8:15 p. m.—The long-expected rupture between the Americans and the Filipinos has come at last.

The clash came at 8:40 yesterday evening, when three daring Filipinos darted past the Nebraska regiments at Santa Mesa, but retired when challenged. They repeated the experiment without drawing the sentries' fire, but the third time Corporal Greeley challenged the Filipinos and then fired, killing one of them and wounding another. Almost immediately afterward the Filipinos' line from Calocan to Santa Mesa commenced a fusillade which was ineffectual.

The Nebraska, Montana and North Dakota outposts replied vigorously, and held their ground until reinforcements arrived.

The Filipinos in the meantime concentrated at three points, Calocan, Gagalangin and Santa Mesa.

THE ENGAGEMENT GENERAL.

At about 1 o'clock the Filipinos opened a hot fire from all three places simultaneously. This was supplemented by the fire of two siege guns at Balik Balik and by advancing their skirmishers from Paco and Paadacan.

The Americans responded with a terrific fire, but owing to the darkness they were unable to determine its effect.

The Utah light artillery finally succeeded in silencing the native battery. The Third artillery also did good work on the extreme left. The engagement lasted over an hour.

The United States cruiser Charleston and the gunboat Concord, stationed off Malabon, opened fire from their secondary batteries on the Filipinos' position at Calocan and kept it up vigorously.

At 2:45 there was another fusillade along the entire line and the United States sea-going double torreted monitor Monadnock opened fire on the enemy from off Malate.

ADVANCE OF OUR TROOPS.

With daylight the Americans advanced. The California and Washington regiments made a splendid charge and drove the Filipinos from the works at Paco and Santa Mesa. The Nebraska regiment also distinguished itself, capturing several prisoners and one howitzer, and a very strong position at the reservoir, which is connected with the water-works.

The Kansas and Dakota regiments compelled the enemy's right flank to retire to Calocan.

The American losses are estimated at 20 men killed and 125 wounded.

The Igorotes, armed with bows and arrows, made a determined stand in the face of a hot artillery fire, and left many dead on the field.

Several attempts were made in this city yesterday evening to assassinate American officers.

DEATH BLOW TO INDEPENDENCE

Feb 6, 9 a. m.—The Filipinos have apparently reached the conclusion that the Americans mean business now that the barriers are removed, as there were no further hostilities last night, and no attempts were made to recover the lost ground.

It is impossible to ascertain as yet how the news has been received at Malolos, the seat of the insurgent gov-

ernment, but the Filipinos in Manila express the opinion that the movement for independence has received its death blow and that annexation will soon be welcomed generally.

FROM DEWEY.
"Manila, Feb 5.—To the Secretary of the Navy, Washington, D. C.: Insurgents here inaugurated a general engagement yesterday night, which was continued today. The American army and navy generally successful. Insurgents have been driven back and our line is advancing. No casualties to the navy."
"DEWEY."

FROM OTIS.

Manila, Feb 5.—To Adjutant-General, Washington, D. C.: Situation most satisfactory; no apprehension need be felt. Perfect quiet prevails in the city and vicinity. List of casualties being prepared and will be forwarded as soon as possible, troops in excellent health and spirits."
"OTIS"

NOTES.

A special to the London Morning Post, reports that the American wounded is given at 200, and 24 killed. It also states that the Filipinos were virtually slaughtered, their loss being estimated in the thousands.

The killed are given as follows: Washington, 6; Nebraska 8; Idaho 5, California 5. This is a complete list at last report.

THE LATEST

Manila Quiet—Our Wounded Increasing.

Special to the Guard.
Manila, Feb 6.—The city is quiet and no alarm is now felt. The list of Americans wounded is increasing. The number of insurgents dead is yet uncounted, but is still growing.

Treaty Ratified.

Special to the Guard.
WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb 6.—The Senate ratified the American-Spanish peace treaty made at Paris, today by a large majority.

LOSSES AT MANILA.

Special to the Guard.
Washington, Feb 7.—The president today commuted Commissary General Egan's sentence of dismissal from the army to suspension for six years.

LATEST FROM MANILA.

Washington, Feb 7.—Late advices from Manila place the American loss at Manila at two hundred and fifty killed and wounded.

Insurgent loss killed, wounded and captured, four thousand.

ENEMY'S LOSS.

Two Thousand Dead and 3500 Wounded.

MANILA, Feb 6.—Careful estimates place the the Filipino losses up to date at 2000 dead and 3500 wounded, and 5000 taken prisoners.

OREGON TROOPS ENGAGED.

MANILA, Feb 7.—The Oregon regiment participated in a sharp engagement with the Insurgents late yesterday afternoon, but drove the enemy back without losing a man.

AN ENGAGEMENT YESTERDAY.

MANILA, Feb 7.—10:30 a. m.—Late yesterday General Hale's brigade advanced and took the water works at Sivatagon. Four companies of the Nebraska regiment and a part of the Utah battery, with two field guns and two Hotchkiss guns, met the enemy on the hill a half mile out, and a sharp engagement took place, in which the Nebraska lost one dead and three wounded.

Dr Young, formerly quartermaster sergeant in the Third artillery was wounded, captured and brutally murdered, and his body when recovered, was found to have been horribly mutilated. The Filipinos were driven back, retiring in bad order, and carrying with them the valves and heads of the steam chest and cylinder of the pumping machinery.

General Overseer's brigade advanced and took Basanque, capturing two field guns. They met with no opposition. General McArthur's division advanced beyond Gagalangin without loss, the enemy retreating upon Calocan.

MORTGAGE TAX LAW

It Passed the House Easily this Forenoon.

NEARLY \$1,000,000.

Special to the Guard.
Salem, Feb 7.—The mortgage tax law passed the house this morning. It provides for exemption for indebtedness. It had very little opposition, although much debate was indulged in over the matter.

GETS TWO THOUSAND.

Representative Flagg's bill appropriating two thousand dollars for the relief of Mr Magness who was injured at the penitentiary on account of carelessness of other employes, passed the house this forenoon.

NEARLY ONE MILLION.

The general appropriation bill for the expenses of the state for two years, introduced yesterday carries with it nearly \$1,000,000. The insane asylum gets nearly one third of the entire amount.

DISTRICT ATTORNEYS.

The house yesterday passed the bill relative to placing district attorneys on a salary. Under the bill the prosecuting attorney for this district will receive \$4,000 per annum.

SENATE.

The senate was busy this forenoon on local measures and routine business.

Special to the Guard.

SALEM, Jan 6.—A resolution was introduced in the senate today and unanimously passed congratulating the Oregon regiment at Manila for heroic conduct and sympathizing with relatives of the noble dead.

Both houses convened at 2:30 o'clock this afternoon.

The principal feature in the senate this afternoon is the third reading of bill allowing clerical aid to the supreme court.

In the house the placing of district attorneys on a salary is being discussed fully.

CIRCUIT JUDGE DISTRICTS

A Place Sought to Be Made For Judge Boise.

Correspondence Portland Telegram.
"There is little question that the object of Butt's bill to create the tenth judicial district is to provide a berth for Judge R P Boise, of the third judicial district, and at the same time put an end to the factional fight that has been in progress in Marion county for several years."

"It will be remembered that an effort was made to legislate Judge Boise out of office early in the season by reducing the number of judges in the third judicial district to one. The victim of this movement, had it succeeded, would have been Judge Boise as the remaining judge, Burnett, is in sympathy and accord with the dominant faction of the republican party in Marion county. This situation was so thoroughly understood that Whitney L Boise, of this city, a son of Judge Boise, and others interested in his retention, immediately appeared upon the scene for the purpose of defeating the movement. The result of this adverse lobby was a stay of execution, but Judge Boise has by no means felt safe at any time since.

"While the object of the Butt bill, which aims to create the tenth judicial district out of Yamhill, Polk, Tillamook, Benton and Lincoln counties, ostensibly is to lighten the labors of Judge Burnett by restricting his territory to Marion and Linn counties, and also relieve Judge Hamilton of the second judicial district by taking from him Lincoln and Benton counties the friends of the bill do not conceal the fact that one of the prime considerations is to assure the retention in office of Judge Boise."

Money Order Forms Changed.

The postoffice department has made a change in the form of the money order accounts rendered by postmasters at many offices. Heretofore, when the postmaster entered the description of the order issued by him he gave the name of the remitter and the payee. In the new form this is dispensed with, and only the number of the order, the office drawn on and the amounts, including fees are entered. This will result in a considerable saving of labor to the postmasters, and in the aggregate, it is said, will save writing 135,000,000 words a year.

FROM THE CAPITOL

Grafts, Grafts, Grafts, Nearly Everywhere Visible.

THE DOCTOR'S SCARCE

Special to the Guard.
SALEM, Oregon, Feb 7.—There are some people in Oregon, who received frost in more than one sense of the word late last week. First the mercury stood down in the bulb of the thermometer, outside the capitol walls, while inside a cool reception was also given to grafters and wire pullers.

Joseph's medical bill, caused flocks of "professionals" to climb on the cars, and pay fare for Salem—but they all returned. Not a single lonesome "medicus" from afar, tarries in town to help push the medical bill through, and those who came and went, held a very poor opinion of legislatures in general. The why and wherefore of this opinion is best explained perhaps by the following sentences caught by the quill driver, from an extended extemporaneous, delivered by one of the physicians mentioned, to a brother prescription maker, as both stood on the capitol steps: "I thought I was going to deal with some of the boys, but its no use. They are a lot of farmers and you can't get 'em to see the right side of anything." Well that may be Mr Doctor, but its a fine thing for Oregon that the farmers are in control, just the same.

The Daly school law (proposed) has also slipped out from under the influence of the "push," which represents the American Book Company, and is now likely to become a respectable state's law. Again, that sugar beet bounty bill is before the senate but with hardly a shadow of a chance to pass that august body.

Other grafts are laying low, with the exception of the force behind the bill whereby the District Attorneys seek to get a larger rakeoff from the state treasury.

These lobbyists are open and above board in their operations, but they are laboring in the cause of a blamed poor piece of lawmaking.

The general appropriation bill will no doubt be introduced on Wednesday in the house, and will make interesting reading to those who delight in figuring up the state's expenses.

The governor's message relative to the withdrawing from sale for a time, of the remaining few acres of school land now on the market, comes rather late, but nevertheless, it is a wholesome suggestion, and in the best interests of our school system, the arguments made in behalf of such action should be heeded.

The reapportionment bill has not been signed by the governor, notwithstanding the press reports to the contrary. The bill, if it becomes a law will most likely do so by limitation, although there are those who believe that the executive will bring his veto gun to bear on it, and thus destroy a few of Portland's desired offices.

Fixtures costing \$3000 were Saturday installed in Baker City's new postoffice. The equipments are the finest and most modern in any Oregon postoffice, the 500 lock boxes and drawers being keyless, with the latest combination knob locks. The new office is in a fire-proof building 25x100 feet in size.

SHERIFF WITHERS VIGILANT.

Still no relaxation of the care and prison discipline that Sheriff Withers and deputies have used in handling Branton will be allowed. His life is in the balance, and the officers keenly realize the desperate character of the man with whom they must deal. To show the care exercised by the officers we will state that the sheriff and ministers left even their pocket knives outside before entering the cell.

BRANTON BAPTIZED

Confessed His Sins and Was Received Into the Church

A SHORT BUT FEELING ADDRESS

Only Ministers and Officials Present.

Daily Guard, Feb 7

Claude Branton the convicted murderer of John A Linn has experienced a change of heart, and at 2:15 o'clock yesterday was received into the Christian church by the solemn rite of baptism.

For some time Branton has appeared anxious as to his spiritual welfare, and on more than one occasion has listened to words of comfort from his spiritual advisors until at last he made known his belief and hope in a pardon for his sins from the Judge who sits above all judges. The pastors who have been ministering to the spiritual needs of the condemned man became satisfied after full and patient questioning and examination that it was a case of true repentance, and not a subterfuge to gain sympathy, and possibly escape the full penalty of outraged law.

THE BAPTISM.

According to previous arrangement Rev Patterson, of the Eugene Divinity school, Rev W L Matlock, supply pastor of the First Baptist church, and Rev M L Rose, pastor of the First Christian church, both of Eugene, called at Sheriff Withers' office shortly before the time stated and secured the permission of that official to perform the rite of baptism upon Branton. Sheriff Withers acceded to their request and with Deputy Sheriff Day, and the ministers repaired to the jail. The jail bath tub was put in Branton's cell and partly filled with water. Sheriff Withers Rev Patterson and Rev Rose entered the narrow cell, Guard Andrews, Deputy Sheriff Day and Rev Matlock remaining outside. Songs were sung and prayers offered by Revs Rose and Matlock. Branton was baptized in the water and when he arose, still standing in the water, he made a few remarks stating that he had repented of his sins and hoped to find forgiveness hereafter; he trusted his example might have a tendency to make other better and shun evil companions and wrong doing. Sheriff Withers says the scene was most impressive, and that Branton's air and talk was that of a man who had resigned himself to his fate, and was sincere in the profession of a change of heart.

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