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A GLOOMY PROSPECT

Rebels Will Regain Possession of the Philippines.

100,000 MEN ARE NECESSARY

To Subdue the Filipinos, Says Dr. McQuesten—His Melancholly Views the Result of Ill Health, No Doubt

SAN FRANCISCO, June 21.—Dr. Chas. A. McQuesten, who was on the staff of General Otis, and who was health officer at Manila, has returned home, invalided by the climate.

Captain McQuesten made a close study of the conditions of the Philippine situation. He is of the opinion that it will take from 100,000 to 150,000 soldiers to properly subdue and hold the islands. He also says that the peace commission was an absolute failure, and that its work from the start was without effect. He strongly supports the military government of the islands, except that he thinks more men will be necessary than has been estimated.

"Dr. Schurman knows that the commission is a failure, and is coming home in July," added Captain McQuesten. "Unless troops, thousands of them, are sent to the aid of our men there, they will be driven back into Manila in the course of the next few months, during the rainy season. Our men simply cannot stand the climate. Fifty per cent of them will be incapacitated by sickness. Manila will be in a state of siege again.

"One of the great dangers that our men have to face is the climate. The new comers will be at a disadvantage because the volunteers who are returning home are inured to the climate. As a matter of belief, the Filipinos think they have the Americans licked already.

"One solution of the situation might be to enlist colored troops from the Gulf states, and this might settle some of the race questions of that section. These men would be better able to stand the climatic conditions around Manila, and it has been proven that they are good fighters.

"I want to say a word for the Western volunteers. They make the finest soldiers in the world, and their fighting qualities are wonderful. But the volunteers all want to return home, and I hardly think that the plan to enlist three skeleton regiments from the volunteers now in the Philippines will be a success. The men enlisted to fight for their country, and they are not the kind of men who want to stay and fight an insurrection for money or the fun of fighting."

About the Filipino Leaders.

A few days ago it was announced that Aguinaldo, "the Washington of the Philippines," having failed to coerce his so-called congress, had declared himself dictator. Later it was reported that many leading Filipinos, who had hoped for independence under a republican form of government, had lost confidence in Aguinaldo and had come into the American lines. Now it is announced that General Luna and his chief of staff have been assassinated by Aguinaldo's body guard.

General Luna, previous to the insurrection of 1896, was one of the best known of all the Filipino leaders. His brother, the artist, was one of the inner circle of the first rebellion, and was arrested with Dr. Rizal before the rebels had struck their first blow. The Lunas had been regarded as one of the most distinguished native families in Luzon, and their name was associated with the greatest triumphs of the natives in literature and art.

Aguinaldo came to the front in 1897. All who have met him say he is not the trong man of the rebellion. It has merely suited the purpose of stronger men like Luna, Riego, Ricati, and Sandico to keep him in the foreground. When General Merritt was in the Philippines General Luna was regarded as the real head of the Filipino army, and when General MacArthur advanced against Malolos Luna was in command of the army that opposed the Americans.

It was clear weeks ago that Luna and Aguinaldo had quarreled. Peace commissioners appointed by Aguinaldo were arrested by Luna, and orders given by Luna were revoked by Aguinaldo. The assassination of the fighting General of the rebel army may lead to the disintegration of his division, but it is likely also to pave the way for the "modern Washington" to make a virtue of necessity and surrender.

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State and General News.

The Salem fruit cannery will begin operations this week.

Spokane has had 32 cases of smallpox, and no deaths have resulted.

Eugene will erect a monument to the memory of Oregon volunteers.

The Corvallis wheelmen challenge horseman to a race for $100 a side.

Southern Oregon asserts she will make up for the Willamette valley crop shortage.

A turtle weighing over 1200 pounds was caught recently near Elberon, Wash.

The Oregon coyote scalp bounty law has cost the state $3511 thus far this year.

A Salem boy has sent home from Manila as a trophy of war the hand of a dead Filipino.

Baker City warehouses have a million poonds of wool in them. It is selling at 11 to 12 cents.

Union Pacific is said to be preparing to build a line from San Francisco to Portland and Tacoma.

The Bandon broom factory has shipped 80,000 handles to Australia, and the order is to be duplicated.

Seven hundred and thirty-three building permits have been issued in Seattle since New Year's day. More than double last year's same months.

The Union Pacific robbers got 2000 new pennies in the recent hold-up. They were destined for a bank in Pendleton, and of course looked a little like 85 gold pieces.

Elections will be held in ten states in November as follows: Iowa, Kentucky, Maryland, Massachusetts, Mississippi, Montana, New Jersey, New York, Ohio and Pennsylvania.

A female bandit held up an Arizona stage and made the passengers shell out to the tune of $350 in coin and a number of valuables. In all circumstances of life hath lovely women her winning way.

W. C. Brown, a pioneer of 1847, is building a tomb for himself and wife in a private cemetery on his home grounds near Dallas, Polk county. It is of cut bluestone. The walls are two feet thick.

Saw logs are in demand at Coos bay. Mill men are exerting themselves to their utmost to get logs to keep their mills going, and if they had a larger amount on hand would run their mills on five fourths time.

The people of Portland have raised $300 for the purchase of a handsome sword to be presented to General Summers on his return from Manila. A sword from the people of his own city will be a remembrance which General Summers will highly prize, and which he has fairly won on the field.

A swarm of bees that "settled" in the courthouse at Heppner a year ago have been induced to take up their residence in a new hive, and are to be removed to Deputy Sheriff Florence's house. They greatly added to the gayety of life in the courthouse, and the county officers feel relieved that their capture and removal has been effected.

The present outlook of the peach crop at Ashland indicates that there will be from 50,000 to 60,000 boxes for export. This is the estimate of prominent growers and it is probably a very conservative one. There is very little dropping of the fruit reported and everything is favorable at the present time, not only for a good crop in quality as well as quantity.

Work in the beet fields has now commenced and will be constant until the last beet is manufactured into sugar several months hence. In a few weeks hay harvest will require more men than usual from the fact of an unusually heavy yield, by the time that is through our grain harvest will be here. To say nothing of the lumbering, wood or fruit interest, neither of the building that is going on in this part of the country. We may have had a late spring but everything will be on the move from now until snow comes.—La Grande Observer.

When the midnight train arrived at Astoria Monday night a carload of cattle was unloaded. When the animals saw the headlight on the platform they stampeded, and three jumped overboard. Early this morning one of Booth's cannerymen, who was drifting near Sand island, nine miles below where the steers jumped overboard, found his net in trouble. He thought that a sea lion was in it, and let it drift on the beach of Sand island. He was then surprised to find that in the darkness he had caught a live steer. He untangled it from the net. The steer is alive and in good condition.

A special to the Chronicle from Omaha says: Paul Vandervoort has received a letter from President McKinley acknowledge the receipt of his letter offering to take to Cuba a great colony of old soldiers of both the blue and the gray, whose presence shall be a guarantee against the outlawry practiced by some of the Cuban bands. Mr. Vandervoort is receiving hundreds of letters daily from veterans in all parts of the country, who are anxious to accompany the expedition. Mr. Vandervoort was formerly commander-in-chief of the Grand Army of the Republic. He says the colonists will go in the fall, whether the movement has been sanctioned by the government or not—merely as a private affair. The West and South seem to be the largest contributors to the scheme.

SAN FRANCISCO, June 20.—Four transports will sail for Manila within a week, and a fifth will soon leave. The steamer Zealandia is now scheduled to sail on Thursday. The Sherman and Pennsylvania will depart together on Saturday, and the Valencia will follow on Sunday. The Wyefield, carrying only frieght, will depart early next week.

The Zealandia will take part of the Twenty-fourth infantry and the Valencia will take the remainder. The troops that have been assigned to the Sherman and Pennsylvania will arrive late in the week.

WHEATON'S GALLANTRY

Is Officially Recognized by Gen. Otis

BOERS ARE ROUGH RIDERS.

The Conquest of the Transvaal No Idle Undertaking For Great Britain.

WASHINGTON, June 20.—General Otis forwards the following:

"Manila, June 20.—Adjutant-General, Washington: Wheaton at Imus, Cavite province, with four guns, four battalions of the Fourth and Fifth infantry, Nevada troops and cavalry. Sent a battalion south on a reconnoissance in the direction of Das Marinas yesterday morning, where the enemy was reported to be concentrating their scattered forces. The battalion encountered the enemy's force of 2000, marching to attack Imus, successfully impeding its progress.

Wheaton, with two guns and two battalions, hurried forward and repulsed the enemy with heavy loss, the enemy leaving over 100 dead on the field. Our loss is five killed, 25 wounded. Wheaton was reinforced last night by a battalion of the Ninth infantry, and is driving the enemy beyond Das Marinas, which is now in his possession. Casualties today not reported. Wheaton's qualties for a bold and successful attack are unsurpassed."

CHICAGO, June 20.—Lord Cecil Douglass Compton, an English captain of Lancaster, after a brief stay in Chicago, left for the East last night with his wife. Lord Compton served in South Africa for five years.

He spoke of the Transvaal problem entirely as a military man. He said:

"There are motives of fair play and humanity which make Great Britain exceedingly reluctant to interfere in South Africa by force. But it is only candid to say that considerations of a military character also operate to make us chary about rushing into a campaign which must put the most formidable obstacles and involve questions of transport, supply and strategy that might staggern a military experience.

"In the first place, the Boers from the Transvaal are magnificent guerrilla soldiers. Their history has proved it, and they are fully up to their standard today. They are expert marksmen, born rough riders, such as your own cowboys, and their courage and tenacity are undeniable. Individually they are as good military stuff as the world possesses.

"They also are thoroughly convinced of the justice of their cause, and would die to a man at the word of Oom Paul. But, aside from their morals and their fitness, the Transvaal country is one admirably adapted for the purposes of defense. It is a land with large uninhabited space. An army invading it must have a distant base and its supplies must be brought through a semi-tropical country under the most disadvantageous conditions. Cape Town is 1000 miles from the Vaal river, and if an attack were to be made from Natal there would be mountains to work through and much tropical growth.

The conquest of the Transvaal would be one of the most arduous undertakings we ever entered upon. In my opinion, no less than 60,000 men would be required. Your own Philippine war is not so difficult. Indeed, it is folly to underestimate the military strength of the Transvaal, which proceeds not alone from the material character of the population, but also from the nature of the country itself.

General Joubert, commander-in-chief of the Boers, in the event of war between the Transvaal and Great Britain, would march on Kimberly, the diamond mining center of Cape colony, and after its capture he further calculates that he will be the master of Cape Town a fortnight after the declaration of war, and that he will then be able to dictate terms of peace.

General Joubert's force, it seems, will consist of 20,000 men, armed with Mauser rifles, in addition to 46 quick-firing guns and 1000 artillerymen, most of them drawn from the German and the Dutch armies. With these troops he also expects to receive assistance from the Orange Free State.

G. A. R. ENCAMPMENT.

Now in Session at McMinnville. A Large Delegation Present.

MCMINNVILLE, June 21.—The city is tastefully decorated in honor of the G. A. R. encampment. The large camping grounds is already well filled with campers, and many delegations are here. The programme for the encampment is as follows:

Tuesday—Forenoon—Receiving and locating delegates and visitors. Afternoon—Convention work. Evening—Reception.

Wednesday—Forenoon—grand parade; session work. Afternoon—Session work and drill of school cadets. Evening—Camp fire at the courthouse lawn; toastmaster, Captain J. A. Sladen, presiding.

Thursday—Forenoon—Drill by Manila Guards, session work. Afternoon—

The procession for the parade today will be formed as follows:

Custer post band; four lady guards, mounted; officers of G. A. R. in carriages; G. A. R.; W. R. C.; Sons of Veterans; Union Veterans' Union; Ladies of G. A. R.; Indian war veterans; Manila Guards; school cadets; school children; fraternal orders; fire department; citizens; bicycles. The procession will march to the courthouse, where Senator Mulkey will deliver the main address of the encampment

FRUIT AND GRAIN.

Prospects For Good Crops Grow Brighter.

The change to warm, dry weather has been of great benefit to all vegetation. The soil is in prime condition and rapid growth in all crops prevails. Fall-sown wheat is heading and spring sown grain is growing rapidly. Clover is ready to cut and haying is general. The reports indicate that the hay crop will be the best that has been cut for many years. Hops are making rapid growth. Spraying has commenced in yards of the better class. Garden produce is making rapid growth. Early potatoes are in bloom and late-planted potatoes have just above the ground. Corn is making good growth. Seeding on the low, wet land has been completed. The grain crop is reported to be in fine class condition everywhere, and unless adverse conditions prevail the yield will be heavy.

The fruit prospects are good in Jackson, Josephine and Curry counties, fair in Douglas and Coos, and poor in the Willamette valley and in Lincoln, Tillamook and Clatsop counties. In the poor districts last prunes remain on the trees. Bartlett pear trees are nearly bare. Peaches are scarce. Cherries continue to drop. Some varieties of apples will be a full crop, others a poor one. Peach trees in Jackson and Josephine counties are so full of fruit that hand pruning will be necessary to prevent trees from breaking. Strawberries have ripened rapidly. Cherries are ripening. Western Oregon now promises excell at crops, except in fruit. Stock is in good condition and the present prospects are for a succe sful year.

A few stores within the next week will be of to nafi. Of the soil on the higher places is drying out.

The upper rivers are rising rapidly and it is possible that the highest water of the year in the Columbia and tributary rivers will occur within the next five days. P. S. PASCO.

Riddle Items.

Peter Ulam of Glendale made this city a visit Wednesday.

Fred Stearns of Canyonville was doing business in town Saturday.

Prof. Goble, the optician, was "making gives" at this place several days this week.

The hot weather during the past week has caused the hay harvest to begin in earnest.

As the dry season advances it is becoming quite fashionable to go picnicing on Sundays.

W. L. Nichols went to Greens a few days ago with some beef cattle, which he had previously sold.

Riddle was quite well represented in Roseburg the fore part of the week, several of our citizens having gone there "courting."

Mr and Mrs. E Raymond of Days Creek came over Saturday to be in attendence at the quarterly meeting of the M. E. Church, and also to visit with friends here.

The regular quarterly meeting of the M. E. Church was held at this place Saturday and Sunday. The presiding elder, with a number of other reverend gentlemen, were in attendance.

J. T. Mayes and John M. Jackson, our hustling merchants, have shown their patriotism by erecting two new flag poles at their respective places of business, from the top of which gloriously floats the Stars and Stripes.

Mrs. Clyde Manns went up in the canyon Tuesday morning to visit with her husband, who is cutting wood for the railroad company. Of course they expect to return for the Fourth of July celebration.

A. F. Cornutt went to Roseburg a few days ago for the purpose of buying a threshing machine. He went on his "bike" and returned home Saturday. We are not informed whether or not he purchased a machine.

Quite a large number of the Days Creek people were in town Saturday, trading with our rustling merchants. Riddle is becoming known far and wide, and justly, too, for it's business activity. It's the place to secure bargains.

Jno. M. Jackson has completed a water system near his store that will be very useful during the dry weather, and also in case of fire. He has recently had a large well dug and by means of a force pump and a long line of hose, he can stand in front of his store and throw the water across the street, thus keeping the dust laid and the air cool.

A GLORIOUS CELEBRATION.

If energy and activity count for anything, Riddle will have a great celebration on the Fourth of July, or "bust" a-trying; and it is an assured fact that we will just simply eclipse anything ever attempted in South Douglas. Several drills will be on exhibition, among them a flag drill. Music will be furnished by the famous Myrtle Creek band, and sports of various kinds will make lively the hearts of young and old. Miss Audrey Riddle will be the Goddess of Liberty. A splendid oration by that "prince of good fellows," O. P. Coshow, will be a feature that must not escape mention. It is expected that 2000 people or more will be present, and lots of good things to eat, may be depended on to supply the wants of all. At night a grand display of fireworks will make the heavens bright with beauty, and illume the darkened atmosphere with a radiance rare and dazzling. REGULUS.

There are rumors of suspicious circumstances connected with the burning of the big railroad trestle at Leland, Saturday night, which indicate that the fire was of incendiary origin. The fire when discovered seemed to have caught near the bottom. The fire is quite an expensive one to the company.

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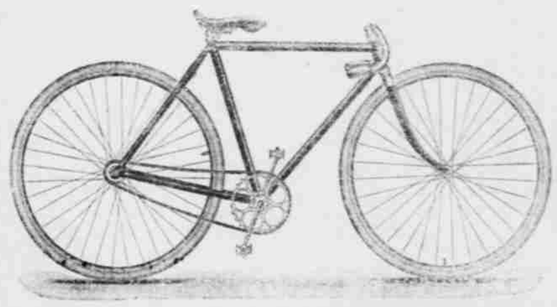

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