

# Lincoln County Leader

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## THE NEWS OF THE WEEK

Comprehensive Review of the Important Happenings of the Past Week Culled From the Telegraph Columns.

Vice-President Hobart is slowly improving.

All hope of reconvening the joint American-Canadian commission in August has been abandoned.

The Chinese legation at Washington protests against the restriction of Chinese immigrants to Cuba.

Acting-Secretary Meiklejohn has decided that the Chinese exclusion act does not apply to our new possessions.

Newest trusts: Window glass, \$30,000,000, will control 90 per cent of the product; plow manufacturers, \$65,000,000.

In spite of precautionary measures virulent smallpox is spreading in Germany. The disease was imported into the country by Russian laborers.

The Algerites regard the beef report as a complete vindication, and are happy; General Miles refuses to talk; congress may make another investigation next fall.

Ex-President Harrison is on his way to France as counsel for Venezuela in its boundary dispute. Ex-Secretary of the Navy B. F. Tracy is associate counsel, and may accompany him.

Governor Thomas, of Colorado, has wired Adjutant-General Corbin as follows: "The reported interview of mine in the Denver News concerning the Colorado volunteers is false and malicious."

Rioters attempted to blow up a West Duluth street car with dynamite. There were 10 passengers in the car and they all received slight bruises. The car was thrown violently on its side, and its trucks were blown to pieces.

The beef-packers are bringing tremendous pressure to bear on the president to remove General Miles from command of the army in spite of the closing recommendation of the Wade beef court that no further action be taken.

At Jamestown, O., Postmaster George A. McLaughlin, with some boy friends, was putting a "tick-tack" on a window at the home of his friend, E. E. Ginn. Mr. Ginn fired a shot through the window, killing McLaughlin instantly.

An Adelaide, South Australia, dispatch says: The British ship Loch Sloy, Captain Nicol, from Clyde on January 5, for Adelaide and Melbourne, was wrecked on Kangaroo island, April 24. Five passengers and 25 of the crew were drowned.

Several negroes were killed in a storm which swept over chambers county, Georgia.

At a fire in Massillon, O., one fireman was killed and a workman fatally injured.

The president and Mrs. McKinley have gone to Hot Springs, Va., for a 10 days' vacation.

Fifteen cases of disease in Leclair, Ia., have been identified by officers of the state board of health as smallpox. The Davenport council has declared a quarantine against Leclair.

The Topeka Capital has started a popular subscription to purchase a sword for General Funston, the brave Kansan. Every county, town and city in the state is asked to contribute.

George Olmstead, conductor of the train the Wardner rioters stole, has been arrested. He ran between Wallace and Burke for years, yet persists he did not recognize any of the crowd.

At Doniphan, Kan., District Judge Stuart refused to grant a divorce to Ellen Phillips from P. O. Phillips, because their marriage was brought about by an advertisement in a matrimonial paper.

Major Marchand, leader of the famous Marchand expedition, which was returning from Fashoda, on the Nile, to the Red sea, en route to France, is reported to have been killed by a band of marauders.

The Missouri house has passed and sent to the governor an important bill requiring Missouri corporations to keep their principal office in the state, and providing that at least three directors shall be residents of Missouri.

Governor Stanley, of Kansas, has addressed to the governors of Western states pressing invitations to attend the annual convention of the trans-Mississippi commercial congress, which will be held in Wichita, May 31 to June 3, inclusive.

Representatives of more than a score of the leading plow manufacturing concerns of the United States met in Chicago, and virtually completed organization into which it is proposed ultimately to take all manufacturers of agricultural implements. The capitalization of the new combination is placed at over \$65,000,000.

### LATER NEWS.

Because he refused to buy drinks a Chicago janitor was killed by thugs in a saloon.

Long Island is soon to have an industrial colony made up of negroes from the South.

Claims aggregating millions have been filed for indemnity in Cuba by Great Britain, France and Germany.

Miss Winnie Holmes, of Kent, Wash., was drowned in the Sound. She was crossing from Kent to Des Moines with another young lady and two young men, in a rowboat, which capsized.

A naval expedition will be sent from Manila to the island of Mindanao to relieve the Spanish forces at Zamboanga, reported to be besieged by a strong force of insurgents, if the report current in Manila and sent by Otis to Washington is verified.

A freight train of the Southern Pacific was wrecked in Cow Creek canyon, Southern Oregon. The engineer, James McCalley, was killed and the fireman, James Merriman, seriously injured. The wreck was caused by a heavy engine spreading the rails.

Dr. Charles A. Briggs, who was suspended for heresy by the Presbyterian assembly, was ordained a priest of the Episcopal church in New York. He was ordained together with the Rev. Charles A. Snedeker, and the ordination ceremonies were conducted by Bishop Potter.

At Minneapolis, one of the largest gatherings ever seen in this city adopted resolutions in sympathy with the administration of affairs in connection with the Philippines. The names of President McKinley and Dewey were cheered to the echo several times during the afternoon.

The Standard Bank, Bowmanville, 54 miles from Toronto, was robbed of \$11,000 of the bank's money, and a quantity of valuables entrusted to the bank for safe keeping by private citizens. Before attacking the bank the robbers went to the police station and overpowered Henry Metcalf, the man in charge. They blindfolded and gagged him and took him with them while they entered the bank. Then they locked Metcalf up in the station and left.

The latest reports from Oregon orchardists confirm the statement made last week that the prune crop will be practically a failure this season. The prunes continue to fall from the trees. Many orchardists are disposed to take a cheerful view of the situation, and say that with all conditions favorable only a short crop could have been expected, for the trees bore so heavily last year that they needed a rest. With one season's rest and consequent growth, it is said, a full crop should be realized next year.

The Finns are fleeing to this country at the rate of 500 weekly to escape Russian military service.

At a test at Sandy Hook proving ground it was found that wet gun-cotton could be safely used in a shell fired by powder.

Dumarais, a Frenchman, who had entered the rebel lines to negotiate for the release of Spanish prisoners, is said to have just been assassinated by insurgent soldiers.

Every postoffice in the island of Porto Rico, about 80 in number, soon will be flying a United States flag. Flags will be bought by the postoffice department and forwarded to Director of Posts Elliott.

Captain Barker, the senior officer of Dewey's fleet and the commander of the battle-ship Oregon, will be the next commanding officer to come home. His place will be filled by Captain Wilde, of Boston.

According to a dispatch from Cairo to the Daily Mail, the director of the Egyptian museum has discovered the mummy of Thothmes I, of the 18th dynasty, B. C. 1633, and three other mummies in gilt coffins.

La Patria, one of the best edited papers in Havana, has come out with an editorial strongly indorsing the American administration. Its utterances are regarded as representing the best thinking element of the community.

Capt. J. Masson, of Philadelphia, the well-known commander of the Munson line steamship Vintera, fell from his vessel into the water while passing close to the Bahama islands and was swallowed by a shark.

The war department is preparing to send four regiments of regulars to Manila, via New York and the Suez canal, in the transports Thomas, Meade and Logan, which are to be permanently transferred from the Atlantic to the Pacific fleet.

If the inhabitants of the San Fernando region are to be believed, there is little sympathy with the insurrection in that quarter. Before evacuating the city, the rebels burned the church and the public buildings, and looted the Chinese quarters. They drove many rich Filipinos, with their families, out of the city before them, as well as hundreds of Chinese, to prevent them helping the Americans. They cut the throats of many. Many Chinese hid on roof-tops or in cellars, and some escaped by cutting off their queues. There are 50 fresh graves in the churchyard.

## TO EXTERMINATE THE REBELS

### Otis Has Been Ordered to Force the Fighting.

#### INSTRUCTIONS ARE CABLED

##### His Orders Are, If Necessary, to Penetrate Far Into the Interior and Capture or Kill Every Warring Filipino.

Hot Springs, Va., May 13.—This is the gist of a long cipher cable sent by President McKinley today to General Otis at Manila:

"Force the fighting. Penetrate far into the interior and capture or destroy every warring Filipino."

It was prompted by several dispatches from General Otis, transmitted by Secretary Alger, which greatly encouraged the president.

##### Timely Reinforcements.

Manila, May 13.—Although offered the presidency of the Filipino cabinet, Senor Paterno declines to accept it until the native congress, now in special session at San Isidro, authorizes him to treat for peace with the United States.

The arrival of the transport Hancock from San Francisco, with the Twenty-first infantry and a battery of the First artillery, is timely, as General MacArthur is in great need of reinforcements, as a result of the prolonged and arduous campaign.

Prominent Manila Filipinos have decided to publish a newspaper, the Democracia, to advocate peace.

Mr. Higgins, manager of the Manila-Dagupan railway, and two of his assistants, who had remained inside the insurgent line to take care of the property of the railway company, arrived at San Fernando yesterday. They had been informed by the insurgents that they would no longer be responsible for their safety if they remained longer within their lines. Mr. Higgins corroborated the stories that have been told of the demoralization of the Filipinos, and says the rebels are looting property. Mr. Higgins says now is the time for Americans to strike hard.

#### SPACE TELEGRAPHY.

##### Signal Corps Experiments With the Marconi System.

Washington, May 13.—General Greely today made the first authoritative statement as to the progress made in wireless telegraphy under the auspices of the United States signal corps. The important conclusion is reached by General Greely that the wireless system is not likely to supplant the ordinary method of telegraphic communications. The results so far obtained have been uncertain. General Greely's statement is as follows:

"Since the announcement of the tests in space telegraphy by Senor Marconi, two years ago, the subject has been under consideration by the signal corps of the army, and recently experiments have been begun, with the object of thoroughly testing the value of this means of communication for military and other governmental purposes. Special apparatus has been designed and constructed for these tests, which have already shown sufficient promise to warrant further systematic trials.

"During the experiments constant communication by heliograph and flag between the transmitting and receiving stations has been kept up by the trained men of the regular signal corps, and this has greatly facilitated the work of experimenting. Signals, letters and words have been transmitted and received between these stations, but the great delicacy and constant adjustment required in the present receiver have made the transmission of regular messages as yet unreliable and uncertain. The presence of large buildings and large masses of iron and metal, necessarily present in cities, makes such places undesirable for carrying on experiments of this character. The distance over which signals may be transmitted by a given apparatus is a function of the height of the vertical wire used in either end, and this has naturally suggested the use of small gas balloons, such as have already been used for signal and other purposes by the signal corps. A supply of these balloons has been obtained, and will be used for this purpose in the near future.

"That there is a field of usefulness for space telegraphy is undoubted, but that it will supplant to a material extent the use of wire for ordinary commercial telegraphy is not believed. For connection between lighthouses and lightships at sea and to replace ordinary flag methods in use between naval vessels it should prove invaluable, since no kind of weather, nor fog, darkness or storm, avail to affect its use."

##### Starvation on Ashcroft Trail.

Victoria, B. C., May 6.—A mail-carrier has arrived from the Upper Stickeen river after making a hazardous trip over crumbling ice to get relief for prospectors who are starving at Dease Lake, on the Ashcroft trail. He reports that they have eaten all their supplies and horses and are living on mules and dogs.

### WHOLESALE MURDER.

#### Man Kills Two Women, Two Men, a Child and Shoots Himself.

Howard City, Mich., May 13.—Thos Harvey last night killed his wife, his uncle, Robert Firson, and his grandmother, and mortally wounded his 3-months-old child, and his father-in-law, John Logenslayer, and finally shot himself, inflicting a wound which is expected to prove fatal. Harvey's uncle and grandmother live one mile north of town. The murderer went there last evening.

It transpires that Harvey, on reaching the home of his mother-in-law, said nothing about his terrible acts at Pierson's home. He offered to sit up by the corpse of his wife's mother. Accordingly the others retired. It was 4 o'clock in the morning when Harvey went to his wife's room and killed her, and attempted to slay his baby and his father-in-law. He also fired at Miss Labard, but without effect. Harvey's wound is serious, but he is certain to recover. He was employed in a furniture factory, and is only 20 years of age. The cause of his terrible acts has not been determined. He asserted that Pierson, his uncle, was quarreling with his grandmother, and he interfered; that thereupon Pierson stabbed and killed the old lady, aged 70, and that he (Harvey) retaliated by shooting his uncle. After shooting Pierson, Harvey stabbed him three times. Harvey then returned to his home, two miles southwest of town. Arriving there, he shot his wife twice. Pierson's home presents a horrible appearance. Pierson's body was found in a chair, and that of the old lady on the floor clad in her night dress. There are signs of a desperate struggle between Harvey and his grandmother, but no indication of any fight between the two men. Harvey himself today informed the sheriff of the murders at Pierson's house. He was then arrested for murdering his wife. He has nothing to say of the tragedy at his home. There are strong threats of lynching.

##### Christian Science Healers.

New York, May 13.—The Westchester county grand jury, which will meet at White Plains on May 29, will take up the case of Mrs. Clarence Fowler, the Christian Science healer, Liston Barguet, jr., and Ethel Barguet, children of Mrs. Liston Barguet, whose death they are charged with hastening. The district attorney says that he will ask the grand jury to make a presentment urging that the treatment of patients by "silent thought" be stopped effectually. The members of the Christian Science church in Mount Vernon have called a meeting for next Sunday, when a prominent member will address them, and the inquest will be discussed. The Christian Science institute will provide all the money to defend its votaries and will put up a stubborn fight.

##### Church Crusade Against Caterpillars.

Montreal, May 13.—A remarkable demonstration took place at St. Hilaire, Quebec, yesterday. Caterpillars which last year played havoc with apple and sugar orchards seem to be more numerous and vigorous than before. A crusade against them was formally opened in the parish church here, where mass was solemnized, after which a religious procession, headed by the priest and choir boys, followed by 150 or more parishioners, marched through the infected section with fervent prayers asking divine assistance in their battle against the plague.

##### Tornado Struck Mexican Town.

St. Louis, Mo., May 13.—A special to the Republic from Eagle Pass, Tex., says: A tornado struck the mining town of Hondo, in the Sabinas valley, Mexico, last night. Lawrence McKinney, son of the mine superintendent, was killed, and 10 men were severely injured. A large boarding-house, railroad station, store and buildings connected with the mines were almost entirely demolished. Hondo is about 75 miles southwest of Eagle Pass. It is the center of C. P. Huntington's Mexican coal and coke industries.

##### Fire at Skagway.

Seattle, May 13.—Advices from Alaska say that a fire occurred at Skagway May 4. One block of business houses was destroyed. The total loss is estimated at \$10,000.

The principal loss was that of Major's general merchandise store, about \$6,000.

James Freeman, a former resident of California, committed suicide at Atlin, by shooting himself through the head with a revolver. Domestic trouble was the cause.

##### President's Western Trip.

Chicago, May 13.—A special to the Times-Herald from Washington says: President McKinley proposes to make a tour of the West during his summer vacation. Arrangements for the trip have not yet been perfected, but it is understood he will go to San Francisco by the Southern Pacific route, and return to this city on board a special train on the Northern Pacific, stopping en route at the Yellowstone Park and other points of interest. He will leave about the middle of July and be gone probably six weeks.

##### Sewer Pipe Trust.

Dover, Del., May 13.—Secretary of State Hughes today issued a certificate of incorporation to the Federal Sewer Pipe Company.

## GUNBOATS DISLodge REBELS

### Concealed in a Jungle on the Rio Grande.

#### HEAVY FIRING AT SHORT RANGE

##### Americans Opened With Rapid-Fire Guns and Put the Enemy to Rout. Twenty of the Natives Killed.

Manila, May 16.—The tinclad gunboat Laguna de Bay and Cavalonga and a launch, under Captain Grant, ran into a nest of insurgents concealed in the bushes on both sides of the Rio Grande, three miles above Calumpit, yesterday afternoon, and were received with heavy volleys at short range. A sergeant belonging to the Utah battery was killed, and one private was wounded.

Opening with their rapid fire guns the Americans killed 20 of the natives and wounded several others, filling the jungle with a hail of shot for half an hour, until the enemy fled.

##### Flanked the Enemy.

Manila, May 16.—Two companies of the Second Oregon volunteers, and the same number of Minnesota men, with 20 American scouts, under Captain Case and Berkeimer, flanked the insurgents at San Ildefonso this morning and captured the place.

The Filipinos, in terror and panic, fired 20,000 rounds of ammunition, but only slightly wounded one scout. One insurgent officer was killed and six men wounded.

The insurgents retreated and are now at San Miguel, six miles north of San Ildefonso.

Twenty per cent of the opposing rebel force has been killed and wounded since Lawton began his advance May 1.

##### Spaniards Shut In.

Washington, May 16.—The war department today received the following dispatch:

"Manila, May 16.—It is reported that at Zamboanga the insurgents attacked the Spanish troops May 11, using quickfiring guns and arms captured from the Spanish gunboat. The Spanish general and two officers were wounded. There were few casualties among the troops. The Spanish supply is cut off, and the troops are calling for relief. OTIS."

#### A CHECK TO RUSSIA.

##### China Refuses a Demand for Railway Concessions.

Shanghai, May 16.—The tsung-li-yaman (Chinese foreign office) has replied to the Russian minister at Peking, M. De Giers, that the government is unable to accede to the Russian demand, made last Wednesday, for a new railway concession connecting Peking with Russia's present system in Manchuria.

Not since the taking of Port Arthur by Russia have the Chinese been so agitated as over this demand. Whatever M. De Giers named a specific route is not yet ascertainable, some officials asserting that only a preliminary notice was given for a line direct from Peking to Shan Hai Kwon.

Certainly the British legation in Peking had no previous knowledge that such proposal was coming from St. Petersburg. The concession asked for would ruin the existing northern railways, in which British capital to the amount of £2,000,000 is invested, but there seems to be no alternative route without interfering with plans for railway extension which the Chinese themselves have in mind.

It is believed that Russia's action in this matter is intended to demonstrate to the world that the recent convention with Great Britain respecting spheres of influence in China, which was notified to the Chinese government almost before this last convention was demanded, has not fettered the action of Russia at the court of Peking, and also to strengthen Russia's prestige with the Chinese, which was unfavorably affected by her withdrawal of her late protest respecting the northern railways.

#### SITUATION ON THE ISLANDS.

##### Otis Gives Orders for Receiving the Filipino Negotiators.

Washington, May 16.—The following dispatch from Major-General Otis, giving the status of the military situation, as it now exists, in the operations against the insurgents, was received at the war department today:

"Manila, May 16.—Adjutant-General, Washington: The situation is as follows: Lawton from Baliuag has taken Ildefonso and San Miguel to the north, with slight losses, and driving a considerable force of the enemy; gunboats and canoes, accompanying 1,500 men under Kobbe up the Rio Grande from Calumpit, will depart on the 16th. MacArthur remains at San Fernando, covering the country.

"Yesterday a messenger came from Aginaldo expressing a wish to send a commission to Manila for a conference with the United States commission to arrange terms of peace. Directions have been given to pass a body of representative insurgents to Manila, should they present themselves. OTIS."