

# THE SLOW PROGRESS OF THE PHILIPPINE CAMPAIGN

## But a Small Portion of the Islands so Far are Under American Control.

### INSURRECTION REPORTED INCREASING

#### Natives are Destroying the Railroad to Prevent Its Use by American Troops in the Coming Campaign.

CHICAGO, Oct. 28.—The Tribune today prints a summary of the situation in the Philippine islands from its special correspondent there, Richard H. Little. The letter, which is dated Manila, September 14, says:

Here are some figures made seven months and a half after our campaign against the Filipinos began. Say it is 51 miles to Angeles, we hold possession of the railroad up to that point. We can fairly claim possession of the land a half-mile on each side of the track. We have possession of the wagon road, and, let us say, a half-mile on each side from San Fernando through Bacolor to Santa Rita, eight miles, with four miles to Guaga. We have a road from Mololos to Baliuag, 11 miles northeast. We can claim 11 square miles here.

We have Manila out as far as the water works, five miles away. That gives us, say, 25 miles around the city. Then we have the road and a half-mile each side down 15 miles to Imus. Then we have Calamba and some other points on the lake that General Lawton captured before he was ordered back. These towns are not approached by road, but by boat across the Laguna de Bay, and we only control the land they stand on. Adding up our total possessions we find we have 117 square miles. The island of Luzon contains 42,000 square miles. Outside of Luzon, the insurrection seems to be growing.

The insurgents hold ports in Mindanao, the next largest island to Luzon in the Philippines, and said to be incalculably rich in gold and silver mines and iron and copper ores, coal and other minerals, beside possessing wonderful forests of hard wood. No Americans have dared venture there as yet, as General Otis has sent no troops to the island. Englishmen and Germans are prowling about the island getting all the concessions they can. It is said that several prospecting parties are at work.

General Otis reports conflicts between the "robber bands" and American soldiers in Negros and Cebu. The Nineteenth, Eighteenth, the Sixth and one battalion of the Twenty-third infantry are now in those two islands fighting the "robber bands," who dig trenches and occupy towns and make night attacks after the fashion of the insurgents in Luzon.

A late report from Cebu is to the effect that some 2,000 robbers were menacing our forces and a collision was imminent. The next campaign is going to be different from the last. We will get out of the flat, open country into the mountainous, thickly wooded country. If we do not end the war here we will have to carry it into the high, rocky mountains of Luzon.

It will be no violation of a state secret to say that the first object of the next campaign will be to take the rest of the railroad from the hands of the insurgents. The insurgents ought to be firmly convinced by this time that we want the Manila and Dagupan road, as we have fought along that line seven months. They know we want it, and they also know that we are going to get it, for they are already tearing up the track, burning the ties and burying the rails north of Angeles.

The country east of the railroad, north of Angeles to Dagupan, is made like it is south of Manila, except higher and more broken. West of the railroad are high mountains, that will offer the insurgents better opportunity to retreat and escape than they have had in the low country. With the taking of the railroad, we will have cut off the provinces of Zambales, Pagsanjan, Tarlac and Pan Panga and Bataan can lay claim to a good deal more country than the precise amount of real estate on which our American is now consisting.

"The walled city" cannot understand why the enemy has so much trouble with the railroad. When the officers

in the field notify the "walled city" that the rails have been torn up from the section of track just captured, and that the ties have been burned and the grades destroyed, they get an order to "fix it." So after a few miles of railroad are captured the soldiers have to scatter up and down the track and go mining for steel rails.

The insurgents bury the rails five or six feet deep. They observed that the Americans located the rails by sounding with a crowbar, so they resorted to the expedient of putting a layer of ties over the rails. To replace the burned ties, the quartermaster's department was forced to use planks, two boards each two inches wide, being nailed together for ties. The sidetrack, wherever possible all the way back to Manila, was jerked up, carried north and put down where the rails could not be found.

Another great need of the army is light-draft steamboats for use on the many rivers and lakes of Luzon. There is hardly a place in the world where an army could use river steamers to greater advantage. The Rio Grande, the Chico, the Rio Grande Pampanga, the Agno, the Bicol and the Pasig all flow through fertile and densely populated valleys and offer means to the army of bringing up supplies and swiftly transporting big bodies of soldiers that would be invaluable were it utilized.

From what can be learned from the insurgents, they are well satisfied with the present condition of affairs. Their congress has just returned a communication to the American peace commission declaring that while they would have accepted autonomy from our government if they had been properly dealt with at first, they will now consider no proposition except independence. With almost 42,000 miles of territory from which to draw supplies, and with boats coming in without any opposition from Hong Kong, Japan and from Central and South America and Australia, the insurgents are doing well as far as supplies are concerned.

#### THE NORTHWEST PASSAGE.

Captain of Jeannette Says It Is Feasible and Literally Alive With Whales.

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 28.—Captain Newth of the whaling steamer Jeannette, who has arrived from the Arctic, reports that he reached Crozier channel, latitude 71.30, longitude 120 west. No other American vessel has ever made Crozier channel, but 50 years ago Captain Newth says three English vessels wintered at Mercy bay, Banksland. The channel closed up, however, and the Englishmen were forced to abandon their vessels.

It is a very exceptional year when the channels are free from ice floes, as Captain Newth found them so, and he says that if he had had two years' provisions with him he could have made the trip through the northwest passage to Baffin's bay. Captain Newth says that Melville sound would prove the richest field for whales if the current was not so strong. As it is, vessels of light power cannot stand the strain.

Whales follow the feed wherever the current carries it, and the Jeannette crew saw hundreds of them feeding in Melville sound.

#### STATE PRISONER ESCAPES.

He Has Secrets Which He Wishes to Sell to European Powers.

NEW YORK, Oct. 28.—A dispatch to the Herald from Berlin says: A Constantinople telegram to the Tageblatt states that the son of Midhat Pasha, who, since his father's death, has lived as a state prisoner in a Derwish monastery at Smyra, escaped a short time ago.

It is reported that he went to England, where he succeeded in obtaining possession of certain papers which his

father had deposited in a place of safety some years ago.

These are very important documents and will throw a new light upon the deposition and death of Abdul Aziz, the causes which led to the abrogation of the constitution and the outbreak of the Russo-Turkish war.

#### THE EXAMINER PROBABLY.

Woman Disguised as a Man on a Transport as Newspaper Correspondent.

ASHEVILLE, N. C., Oct. 28.—A letter received here by the wife of Bandmaster Coe of the Twenty-ninth infantry, U. S. V., says that when the transport carrying the regiment to Manila arrived at Honolulu one of the employees of the ship became very ill, but refused to take medicine or have the attendance of a doctor.

Colonel Hardin ordered a surgeon to attend the case, and it was discovered that the patient was a woman in male attire going to the Philippines to represent an American newspaper. She refused to disclose her name or the paper she would represent.

### CORNELIUS MUCH DISAPPOINTED

#### THOUGHT FATHER RECONCILED

Hoped for Better Treatment in the Will, and Has Withdrawn From Association With the Family.

NEW YORK, Oct. 28.—The Tribune this morning says:

The provisions of the will of Cornelius Vanderbilt, which were made public yesterday, excited intense interest. From certain remarks, it appears that this settlement alone, effected after long discussion, prevented a contest that might have resulted in one of the greatest and costliest will litigations ever known. Cornelius Vanderbilt, Jr., when he learned the provisions of his father's will, placed his interests in the hands of his counsel, Carter & Ledyard. They conducted negotiations with Henry B. Anderson, the attorney of Alfred Gwynne Vanderbilt. While none of those interested would say what was done, enough has been admitted to indicate that had Alfred not made the concession mentioned, litigation would have followed.

Cornelius Vanderbilt was at the Grand Central station yesterday. Alfred was at Newport. When Cornelius was seen he dismissed the subject briefly by saying:

"Whatever arrangements may have been made were made through my attorneys, Carter & Ledyard. I have no comment to make upon the settlement. It was a family arrangement, and not a gift."

It was learned from a trustworthy source yesterday that Cornelius Vanderbilt, Jr., is much disappointed by his father's will and the attitude in which he has been placed by his brother's handsome concession, and that he will withdraw from any further participation in the affairs of the Vanderbilt property.

Cornelius Vanderbilt, Jr., is described by those who know him intimately as a reticent young man. He took his disagreement with his father much to heart, and after his marriage tried in every way to overcome the difficulty. He entered the office of the superintendent of motive power of the New York Central and went to work to prove his merit. He worked early and late. He never asked more than any other employe. He did everything he could to prove to his father his serious intentions. He never complained, and never allowed an opportunity to pass without trying to secure a re-establishment of the former cordial relations between himself and his father.

It is said further that he hoped and believed he had succeeded in gaining his father's favor. The two men did not discuss the subject, but for hours father and son talked cordially at the Breakers in Newport and also in this city. The young son of Cornelius, Jr., was often taken to the Breakers, and Mr. Vanderbilt manifested a keen enjoyment in seeing his grandson. It is said that in the light of these talks and the fondness displayed by his father for

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the baby, Cornelius believed that he had regained his father's favor, and would share at least equally with Alfred, should he not be the chief heir.

When he learned the provisions of the will he was much disconcerted and troubled. It was said yesterday that he would soon retire from the place in the New York Central office, and that he would never ask to have a voice either in the family councils or in the management of the enormous Vanderbilt properties. His plan, it was added, was to go into the banking business as a partner of his father-in-law, R. T. Wilson. Neither Cornelius Vanderbilt, Jr., nor Mr. Wilson would discuss this statement, but such action upon the part of Cornelius Vanderbilt, Jr., is expected by his relatives and the intimate friends of the family.

#### HE IS NOT SATISFIED.

Cornelius Vanderbilt Says He Was to Have \$10,000,000 of His Father's Estate by Agreement.

NEW YORK, Oct. 28.—The World publishes the following: Cornelius Vanderbilt, at his home, No. 908 Fifth avenue, at 10:45 o'clock last night made this important statement to a World reporter:

"The agreement by which I receive \$5,000,000 from my brother's portion of the estate has been made to appear as a mere gift. It is no gift, but the result of a compact entered into before my father's death. By this compact I was to receive no less than \$10,000,000."

"The truth of the matter is that an agreement of an adjustment was from the beginning. Yes, I may say from the beginning to the end."

"There was an understanding between us that my share should be no less than \$10,000,000."

"When was the agreement made?"

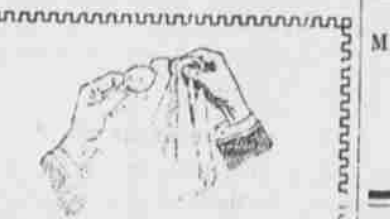
"I can only say that it was some time prior to my father's death. The matter since then has been in the hands of my lawyers, Carter & Ledyard. They have absolute charge of my interests."

Mr. Vanderbilt was asked if there would be an amicable settlement of the estate on the basis indicated by the transfer of \$5,000,000 to him from Alfred's portion. To this he replied: "You must excuse me. I will not discuss the matter further. I just wish to be set right before the public. All my interests are in my lawyers' hands."

Dr. P. O. Koto, who is a candidate on the republican legislative ticket of Iowa, did not receive the nomination until seven thousand three hundred and twenty-six ballots had been taken. There must have been a stubborn jurymen or two among the delegates to that convention.

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