

MOHAMMEDANS OF SULU ASK PEACE AND PROTECTION

Native Chiefs Have Drawn Up a Treaty and are Negotiating With General Otis.

THEIR SURRENDER IS UNCONDITIONAL

Want the United States to Establish Garrisons of Troops in the Islands—Reports From Aguinaldo's Prisoners.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 2.—Mail advices to the war department indicate important negotiations in the Mohammedan section of the archipelago, outside of the much discussed territory of Sulu. Through the efforts of Mr. K. Englekjohn, a gentleman of Norwegian birth who enjoys the confidence of the Tagalo chiefs in Mindanao, overtures of peace have been made to General Otis at Manila.

Minanao is almost equal in area to Luzon, being one of the two great islands of the Philippines. The Mohammedans there number 160,000 and Spain has maintained little more than nominal sovereignty. Thirty of these chiefs held a conference with Mr. Englekjohn at Zamboanga and drew up a form of treaty proposing terms of peace. They have suffered greatly from the invasions of the Moros and offer to submit to the authority of the United States on the sole condition that sufficient American garrisons be established in the island to protect them.

These proposals were submitted to General Otis on the arrival of Mr. Englekjohn, but what action has been taken is not yet known.

An escaped Spanish prisoner from the

insurgent lines north of Manila has arrived at Angeles. He confirms the reports that the insurgents are running short of Mauser ammunition and are unable to refill cartridges of this class. He says, however, that they are well supplied with Remington ammunition, which they manufacture themselves. They also manufacture dynamite and powder from petroleum and salt, which is shipped to them from Manila and taken into their lines at night.

Of the 14 American prisoners held by the insurgents at Tarlac, the rebels claim that four have accepted commissions in the insurgent army. Two Scotchmen, named McKinley and MacIntosh, have escaped from the rebels. They say that the insurgents claim to have 250 American prisoners scattered through various towns, but they know of no one, personally, excepting Lieutenant Gilmore and his fourteen sailors. The insurgents say, however, that they have two American officers in confinement besides Lieutenant Gilmore.

Colonel Smith, at Angeles, has sent to General MacArthur a placard in Spanish, which was found nailed to a tree outside the lines. It was an appeal to the colored troops to join the insurgents in the fight for freedom and referred to "your brothers Sam Hose and Gray, whose blood calls aloud for vengeance."

AFFAIRS IN PONCE.

Preparations Completed for Taking
Census of Island This Month.

Correspondence of the Associated Press.
PONCE, Puerto Rico, Oct. 25.—Census officials have been appointed for all districts of Puerto Rico and the first enumeration will be taken between November 10 and December 29. Already the various officers are busily engaged in the preliminary work and they are making every effort and taking every precaution to avoid errors and get complete and accurate data.

The Puerto Rican Benevolent Society of Ponce deserves much credit for the very efficient work it has been doing in relieving the misery and distress among the poor of this city, especially among the poor and sick women and children. The society is made up of the leading ladies of Ponce, and has over 100 members, only eight of whom are Americans. The ladies work systematically and personally visit the poor and help them.

This is quite a departure from the ancient custom here. The society is going to hold a bazaar in the remodeled La Perla theater in December for the purpose of raising funds to establish an almshouse, in order to take the numerous beggars off the streets of Ponce. There is no such institution here. When the almshouse is instituted a large number of the indigent can thus be taken care of for a comparatively small sum. Now the crippled and infirm are seen on the streets and are supported by the pennies given to them each day.

The society is sending to the United States hundreds of letters to prominent manufacturers and merchants, asking for contributions of goods to be sold at the bazaar. It is hoped there will be a generous response, for the contributions will serve the double purpose of helping a worthy cause and of introducing American merchandise into what is soon to be a new market.

SOMEWHAT BELATED.

San Francisco Announces the Arrival of
the McCulloch, Right From Alaska.

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 2.—The McCulloch, Admiral Dewey's dispatch boat, now a revenue cutter, has arrived from Alaska, where she conveyed Senator Fairbanks, chairman of the Alaskan boundary commission; Senator Foster of Washington and Governor Brady of Alaska. The latter also took Judge

Johnson from St. Michaels to Cape Nome, where he settled numerous disputes. He also held court at Unga, Kodiak and Yakutat. The McCulloch reports a very stormy passage.

AN OYSTER TRUST.

Growers of Long Island Sound to Consolidate Their Interests.
NEW YORK, Nov. 2.—The oystermen of Long Island sound are said to be preparing to consolidate their interests. Such an attempt was made last spring, but the movement proved unsuccessful because many of the 22 dealers who had combined became afraid of being undersold by other members of the union and began cutting prices. The present movement is said to deal with interests capitalized as high as \$20,000,000. Such a combination will save about \$1,000,000 a year, it is said, and will protect the seed men from the present downward drift of prices.

Ten years ago the ruling price for oysters of the first quality was 70 cents to \$1 a bushel. Export oysters were in demand at \$5 to \$6 a barrel. Now the prices paid for marketable oysters is only 30 to 50 cents a bushel and \$3 a barrel is the top notch for those shipped to Europe. One reason which is given for this decline is that the middle men are making the money. The middle men buy the seed which develops from oyster spawn deposited on the submerged lands of the seed men along the Long Island sound shores, and taking it to the Narragansett bay, New York and New Jersey, they replant the seed after the oysters have matured. They sell their product to the scow men, as they are called in New York city. The scow men sell to the consumer.

AMERICAN LOSS TEN THOUSAND

Casualties of Our Two Wars

The Number of Killed and Wounded
Soldiers Up to July 1 of
This Year.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 2.—A recapitulation of the casualties in actions and deaths in the regular and volunteer armies between May 1, 1898, and June 30, 1899, contained in the annual report of the adjutant general of the army, shows a grand total of 10,975.

The casualty list alone aggregates 3,454 of whom 25 officers and 455 enlisted men were killed and 197 officers and 2,754 enlisted men were wounded. The death list, numbering 6,619, was made up of 224 officers and 6,395 enlisted men. Of the total, but 38 officers and 455 enlisted men were killed, the remainder of the deaths resulting from various causes, including the following: Wounds, 10 officers and 192 enlisted men; disease, 167 officers and 5,344 enlisted men; accident, 6 officers and 209 enlisted men; drowning, 3 officers and 88 men; suicide, 2 officers and 52 men, and murders and homicide, 52 enlisted men.

In the regular army the total casualties in action and deaths amounted to 4,155 and in the volunteer establishment to 5,921. In the casualty list, the regulars had 127 officers and 1,656 enlisted men killed and wounded, and the volunteers 102 officers and 1,366 enlisted men killed and wounded. In the regular army, between April 30, 1898, and June 30, 1899, 91 enlisted men were discharged by sentence of general court martial and 2,946 enlisted men deserted.

Three officers of the regular army who were killed also held commissions in the volunteer forces, in which they are included in the above recapitulation.

FATHER MATTHEWS' CAPTURE.

Chaplain of Irish Fusiliers in Hands of
Boers.

NEW YORK, Nov. 2.—A dispatch to the Tribune from London says: Among the officers of the Gloucesters and Irish fusiliers, alive or dead, in Boer hands, considerable interest is evinced by Roman Catholics for the

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but was attending St. John's Episcopal church at the time of her conversion. The general impression is that whether by virtue of a dispensation from the pope the wedding ceremony was performed in a church or whether it is performed at a private residence, the affair will be as brilliant as the high position of the admiral and the social prestige and wealth of Mrs. Hazen lead society to expect.

There is a touch of hard luck in the case of Melklejohn, senior subaltern of the Gordon Highlanders, a son of Professor Melklejohn of the Stranraer university. He had been fighting on the Indian frontier with the first battalion for the last five years, and was one of the heroes of Dargal, where he was wounded twice. Exchanging into the Second battalion, he went to Natal, to lose his right arm at Eland's Laager. As he is left-handed, it is hoped by his friends that he may remain on the active list.

WEBBING INDUSTRY.

Largest Concern in the Country Going
Into One Organization.
BOSTON, Nov. 2.—At a meeting of representatives of the majority of the largest concerns in the webbing industry in America, the work of the preliminary organization of a national combination was perfected.

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In the olden days men were physically, at least, worthy of the admiration of women. It is a great big something for a woman to feel that her husband is truly a capable and intrepid protector. It is a comfort for her to feel that he has the physical stamina and courage to defend her through all the vicissitudes of life. Nowadays there is not much to admire about the average man from a physical standpoint. He may be a moral and a mental giant, but the flesh of ill-health is weak, and he is probably a physical coward. It is not in nature for a sickly man to be a brave man. His spirit may be willing but his body is weak. That is the man's own fault. Any man can be healthy who will pay a little common sense attention to his health when he has it, and when he gets a little out of sorts, take the right remedy. Many of the diseases that afflict mankind are traceable directly to indigestion, torpidity of the liver and impurities in the blood. Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery is the greatest medicine for disorders of this nature. It strengthens a weak stomach, corrects all disorders of the digestion, gives edge to the appetite, invigorates the liver, purifies and enriches the blood and tones up and invigorates the nerves. It searches out disease germs, kills them and carries them out of the system. It is the great blood-maker, flesh-builder and nerve-tonic and restorative. It makes strong, healthy men out of weak, sickly invalids. Medicine dealers sell it and no honest dealer will urge a substitute upon you.

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