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TROOPS EVERYWHERE ON THE MOVE

Aguinaldo Abandons His Baby and His Wife With Her Gold In
His Headlong Flight—Every Fellow Now
for Himself.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 25.—The adjutant-general has received the following cablegram from General Otis:

"Manila—A vessel from Lingayen gulf with dispatches from Wheaton to the 23d inst., brought in Buencamino, the insurgent secretary of state, captured on the night of the 13th to be escorted north by 2000 troops from Bayombong and Dagupan. These troops Wheaton struck at San Jacinto, and Young eastward.

"Aguinaldo, with part of his family, escaped north with 200 men, passing between Young and Wheaton. Young is still in pursuit at last accounts, and has been rationed at San Fernando. Aguinaldo's mother and oldest child, with Buencamino, became separated from the rest of the party, the mother getting lost in the woods and the child, 4 years old, is now with Wheaton's troops. Two thousand dollars in gold, belonging to the mother, was captured and is now in the Manila treasury.

"A heavy storm in Lingayen gulf has prevented the landing of troops there for the north. MacArthur has captured the insurgent director of the railroad, who endeavored to destroy the railroad to Dagupan; also Captain Lawrence, an Englishman, who served in Aguinaldo's artillery.

"The telegraph is not working north of Tarlac today. Lawton is believed to be on the military road to Bayombong. The roads are now practicable for wagons and supplies for him, and they are being forwarded. The troops have liberated 300 Spanish prisoners, recently."

MANILA, Nov. 25.—The news which the steamship Bratus brings from Dagupan dispels all doubts that the so-called Filipino republic is crumbling like a house of cards.

Aguinaldo is deserted or being abandoned by the politicians and his army which a fortnight ago was entrenched at Tarlac and exercised a de facto government over nine-tenths of the people of Luzon, and he is now a fugitive in the mountains, with small hope of re-establishing the machine.

The army is scattered in the hills on both sides of the railroad and its widely separated detachments are within the cordar which General Lawton and General Wheaton have cemented. The ruling spirit of the cabinet is a prisoner in Manila, a white elephant on the hands of the authorities, and the small fry are tumbling over one another to get to Manila.

Three provisional governors have arrived in Manila to request General Otis to install them in their old offices under the new regime. Dr. Luna, brother of General Luna, and a prominent insurrectionist, has arrived here and his friends and many others are applying to general Otis for permission to enjoy the luxuries of Manila.

The only large force of insurgents known to remain are those in Cavite province, at San Mateo and in the Sambles mountains, though several sea ports yet have large garrisons. Aguinaldo began his retreat with 2,000 men under General Gregorio del Pilar. That force was probably brought to its present proportions by desertion.

The last definite news as to Aguinaldo's whereabouts is that he passed through Trinidad, east of Aringay and toward Bacombong, escorted by 200 men of the Bulacan battalion, who had dwindled from 600 within a week.

MOVEMENTS IN PANAY.

Series of Engagements in Which the Natives are Driven Back to the Mountains.

MANILA, Nov. 25.—The movement

against the insurgents in the island of Panay has resulted in driving them to the mountains, 20 miles inland.

The Americans in all had five killed and 35 wounded. General Hughes, General Carpenter and Colonel Edmund Rice commanded during the various fights. Thirty-two insurgents were killed in the engagements and the natives reported that 19 cartloads of wounded were taken away.

Among the Americans killed were a lieutenant of the Eighteenth regiment and a sergeant of artillery. Twelve obsolete cannon were captured.

The Third infantry, reconnoitering from Balingas, met the insurgents on the main road and had a running fight to San Idefonso, where they drove 300 Filipinos from the old Spanish redoubt.

Proceeding towards San Miguel, the Americans found the insurgents in a series of strong works two miles south of the town, probably, General Rio del Pinar's old command, numbering 750 men. An officer and a private were killed. The insurgents had four men killed and 19 wounded. Nine Filipinos were captured.

This is probably the largest band of insurgents north of the Pasig river.

THE SHERMAN IN.

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 25.—The United States transport Sherman arrived from the Philippines today. There were 18 cabin passengers and 194 discharged and sick men on board. Eight died on the voyage.

GRANT'S FLYING COLUMN.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 25.—General Fred Grant it is stated will in a few days start out with a flying column to clear the province of Cavite of insurgents.

MURDER AT SPOKANE.

Body of a German Found Hid With a Gunshot Wound.

SPOKANE, Nov. 25.—The body of August Zaspel, a German laborer, was

found buried at the edge of a bluff three miles west of this city this morning. The man had been killed with a gunshot wound in the breast.

The murderer had dragged the body 200 yards and buried it. Suspicion points to William Frank, a German, who has made threats against Zaspel, on account of the latter's alleged intimacy with Zaspel's wife. Frank is under arrest.

TIME FOR REFORM

San Francisco Official Treatment of Chinese to be Investigated by Federal Authority.

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 25.—The Chronicle says that the death of Ho Man, a Chinese, at the county jail may result in an international complication. He was in custody of the federal officials awaiting deportation to China, his immigration certificate having been found to be defective. His death is alleged to have been caused by neglect.

Incidentally it has developed that the city autopsy surgeon who stated that the man died of heart disease, made only a superficial examination of the body. The Chinese Six Companies will request their consul to ask reparation from the United States government.

INFLUENCE OF UNITED STATES

A GREAT DIPLOMATIC FEAT

Forces the Door Open in China and a Re-adjustment of Policy on the Part of All European Powers.

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LONDON, Nov. 25.—As a result of the United States request to the powers for assurances regarding the maintenance of the "open door" in China, the Associated press is able to say that negotiations have been entered into looking to a more permanent and important international agreement than yet made.

Though the greatest official reticence is observed at all capitals regarding the secret movement, there is good cause for believing that negotiations have reached a hopeful state. According to the reports current here, in consequence of Russia and France failing to reply satisfactorily to Washington's request, the United States has decided to take up the Chinese question still more vigorously.

The co-operation of Great Britain to this end, it is asserted, was secured and it is said upon the initiative of the United States efforts were set on foot to secure not only assurances to the United States, but a definite agreement between the European powers themselves.

Such an understanding to the average European statesman has long seemed Utopian, yet today the Associated Press is informed on good authority there are fair chances of Great Britain, Russia, Germany and Japan, in conjunction with the United States, becoming signatories to a treaty delimitating spheres of political influence in China and determining their fiscal policy in that quarter of the globe, based on "the open door" principle.

Such is the scope of the negotiations, the projected arrangements may be retroactive, for instance, may change hands in return for other privileges.

France apparently has exhibited the greatest opposition to this plan so far, but assurances have been received from Russia; and her apparent willingness to enter into agreement with the United States as a leading factor has given rise to the belief that France is not necessarily a stumbling block, for if Russia entered into an agreement with France, it is asserted, is almost bound to follow or render herself powerless in the far east.

It is understood the United States, Great Britain and Japan, have already arrived at a perfect understanding.

Germany's decision was greatly influenced by the emperor, who had frequent conferences on this far eastern problem while in England with Joseph H. Choate, United States ambassador.

SITUATION IN NATAL CONTINUES VERY GRAVE

Rigid Censorship Maintained Adds Much to
Prevailing Sensation of Uneasiness.

BOERS SAID TO BE GREATLY ELATED

No News From Ladysmith Since Friday When Union Jack Was
Still Flying—Recruits for Boers Said to Be Raised
In This Country.

LONDON, Nov. 25.—The situation in the northern part of Cape Colony is about as unsatisfactory as it can be. The Boers are turning up in all directions.

Cape Town dispatches received tonight report that the enemy have blown up the railway bridge between Rosmead Junction and Middleburg, with the object of preventing the advance from Port Elizabeth.

The effect of blowing up this bridge will tend to isolate Naauwpoort, which was recently re-occupied by British.

PHILADELPHIA, Nov. 25.—It is asserted that on last Thursday night 450 men left this city en route to the Transvaal to join the Boer forces.

Recruits in much larger numbers are said to have been shipped at numerous intervals since the beginning of the war. It is also asserted that recruiting is going on in all parts of the country.

LONDON, Nov. 25.—This position in Natal remains full of perplexities, which the censorship has increased. Although a division and a half have practically powerless until supplied with cavalry and artillery, and until these arrive the situation will undoubtedly remain grave.

With three beleaguered garrisons in Natal besides Kimberley and Mafeking and no signs of success in the immediate future, it is no wonder that the outlook is regarded as distinctly gloomy tonight and that the most possible made of General Methuen's success such as it was. That battle decided nothing. From no other point can even the semblance of success be reported.

Mafeking appears in a worse plight than the Britishers have hitherto cared to admit and it is difficult to see how it can be relieved for some time to come.

While an official dispatch from the Boer head laager outside of Ladysmith, dated Nov. 24, showed that the town

THE BICYCLE RACE.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Nov. 25.—The score at the end of the 32nd hour in the 6-day bicycle race is as follows: Waller, 645 miles; Lingenfelder, 611 miles; Niederhofer, 503 miles.

SCHLEY HAS SAILED.

NEW YORK, Nov. 25.—The cruiser Chicago, flagship of the South Atlantic squadron, under Rear-Admiral Schley, sailed for her station today.

DIRECTOR GENERAL DAVIS DEAD.

CHICAGO, Nov. 25.—Colonel George R. Davis, former director general of the world's fair, died at his home in this city tonight from heart disease.

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