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THRASHING OLD STRAW.

The President About to Send the Senate All State Correspondence on the Philippine Question.

NEW YORK, Feb. 27.—A special to the Herald from Washington says:

President McKinley will send to the senate today (Tuesday) his answer to the Hoar resolution asking for practically all the information in the possession of the government relative to the Philippine islands not already before that body.

Some reports from General Otis and correspondence he has had with Aguinaldo will be new, though the officials say they will throw little light on the affairs of the archipelago. This, it is stated, is particularly true with reference to the aid and comfort the insurgents have received from persons in the United States.

In one of the reports made by General Otis he asserts that after the destruction of the Spanish fleet, "and undoubtedly with the aid and consent of agents of the United States government," a small band of men, natives of Luzon, returned to the vicinity of Manila.

These, he says, were doubtless encouraged by citizens of the United States and others, acting without authority. General Otis declares that "to attempt the organization of what they were pleased to designate an independent government for the Philippine people, they themselves, became the controlling element. Aguinaldo and his assistants landed from American vessels in Cavite, supplied by United States agents with arms and ammunition in small quantities for the purpose of raising a native force to assist the American troops to keep back from the shore of Manila bay the scattered Spanish troops, giving annoyance in that vicinity."

General Otis' reports will also repeat the cause of the beginning of the revolution. He will declare that the insurgents did everything in their power to bring on the conflict.

On the night of February 4 "a demonstration was made on one of our small outposts, which occupied a retired position at least 150 yards within the line which had been mutually agreed upon." He says:

"An insurgent approached the picket and, refusing to halt or answer when challenged. The result was that our picket discharged his piece, when the insurgent troops, near Santa Mora, opened a spirited fire on our troops stationed there."

One of the reports, dated just before the outbreak, contains the following statement:

"I am of the opinion that some of our worst foes are those of our own household. I include an article cut from the Singapore Free Press which the insurgents declare was written by United States Consul Pratt. The better class of insurgents have complained of this article, as it has had quite an exciting effect upon their people. The active intermeddling of other consuls has also

given us considerable trouble."

The article which Consul Pratt is alleged to have written speaks of the vacillation of the president over the Philippines, and of the stupidity of the refusal of the United States to recognize the Philippine government.

ANOTHER TRANS-CONTINENTAL.

Milwaukee Southwestern to Extend East and West.

NEW YORK, Feb. 27.—The Times says: Plans have been partially completed for a great new trans-continental railway line with a connecting line of steamships to Liverpool, by which the distance between that city and the western grain states is to be shortened 800 miles.

The new Milwaukee Southwestern is to be a part of this system, and when completed it will extend to the Pacific coast.

James McNaught, who returned yesterday from Milwaukee, in speaking of this scheme, said:

"The final proposition of the Milwaukee Southwestern Railroad Company, which is to be built from Milwaukee to Rock Island, will be submitted to the county board of supervisors at Milwaukee tomorrow. The proposition will unquestionably be accepted by a large majority. It will involve a subsidy from Milwaukee county of \$500,000 in county bonds to aid in the construction of the road, for which the country is to receive non-cumulative preferred stock in the company. The road will have seventy-pound rails, and a standard gauge, and the manner in which each part of the road is to be built is clearly defined in the contract with the county."

"This road will be operated in connection with the Canada, Atlantic and Great Northern railway of Canada. The line of the Canada Atlantic and its connections will be used as far as Ottawa. From there to Quebec, the connection will be furnished by the Great Northern of Canada, which is now under construction and will be completed in June. The line will be in full operation to Quebec by the middle of August."

"The Canada Atlantic has an outlet on Georgian bay, so that grain could be shipped from Milwaukee to this point by steamer. Negotiations for the acquisition of steamers for the new Quebec-Liverpool ocean line, which is to be part of the system, are now pending. It has not yet been definitely settled by which route the Pacific is to be reached, but it is understood that one of the existing lines will operate in harmony with the new route to the Atlantic."

STILL UNDER INVESTIGATION.

Government Has Not Decided to Give Up the Islands Claimed by Spain.

NEW YORK, Feb. 27.—A special to the Times from Washington says:

The state department has before the Spanish claim to the islands of Sibutu and Cagayan, Sulu, and is carefully investigating the subject. All reports to the contrary notwithstanding the government has not decided to give up its claim to these islands, and the state department has not reached any decision about it. The announcement made some days ago, that the Spanish claim had been allowed was not authorized by the department. The government still contends that the islands are American territory, though this decision may be altered by the result of the investigation now being made.

Spain's claim to the islands is regarded as prompted by a desire to sell them to some other power, since she cannot turn them to any other account. Germany's desire to obtain a foothold in that part of the Pacific and the efforts she has made to obtain one suggests her as Spain's most probable customer. The military importance of the two islands, if owned by a power at war with us, is appreciated here and the government has no wish to surrender them unless Spain's title is clear.

A REMARKABLE STORY.

Most Grievous Discoveries by a European Traveler in Africa—Cannibalism and Terror Run Riot.

LONDON, Feb. 27.—Some of the morning papers—the Daily Mail, the Daily Chronicle, the Daily News and the Morning Post—publish a remarkable interview with E. S. Grogan, who has just returned to England, after a two-years' journey in Africa.

Mr. Grogan, who traveled over 6500 miles and represents himself to be the first European who has traveled through the continent from the Cape to Cairo, says that after leaving Lake Tanganyika, with eight porters, he entered a region of active volcanoes, where he encountered "enormous lava streams, forming a veritable sea, forty

miles by sixty, and a hundred feet deep."

This whole region he found devastated, forests and herds of elephants being buried in liquid fire.

The neighboring country, he says, is occupied by some 5000 Belekas, ferocious cannibals from the Congo, who live by man-hunting. His guides told him that the country covering 3500 square miles, has been, until recently, densely populated, but that the people had virtually been killed and eaten by the Belekas.

Everywhere he found evidences of cannibalistic practices. The very paths in the jungle were marked by lines of human skeletons.

The streams were full of decomposing remnants of humanity, half eaten and horribly mutilated.

These cannibals, according to Mr. Grogan's narrative, lived in grass cabins. He saw "cauldrons full of liquid, with floating human skulls and the bodies of infants."

On one occasion the savages attacked Mr. Grogan's party, but he opened on them with rifle fire. This staggered the cannibals, as they had never before seen a gun or a white man. Mr. Grogan shot two of the men and the rest retired.

He says the Belekas are by no means repulsive to look upon. Although small, they are well-built and have good features. Men and women go about stark naked, and their long hair gives them a peculiarly wild appearance.

Proceeding along the west coast of Albert lake, Mr. Grogan found the natives terrified by raids of the Belgians. He declares that he thoroughly investigated this matter and found that the Belgians were in the habit of crossing the frontier, had shot large numbers of the inhabitants and had carried off the young women and cattle, tying up and burning the old women, while white Belgian officers were present. He adds:

"From the north of Albert lake to Lake Mowu, the whole country is in a state of chaos. It is administered by incompetent Belgians. Often the non-commissioned officers and troops are of the lowest type of the natives and they are almost invariably cannibals."

The Daily News and Daily Chronicle comment editorially in a serious strain upon the interview.

THE DEBATE CLOSED.

Brilliant Speech by Dilliver in Favor of the Puerto Rico Bill—Final Vote Today.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 27.—The general debate on the Puerto Rico tariff bill closed today in a blaze of glory. The galleries were banked to the doors and every seat on the floor was occupied when the rival champions of the respective sides, Dilliver, of Iowa, and Bailey, of Texas, made their closing arguments. Each spoke for an hour and a half.

The speech of Bailey, devoted to the legal phases of the controversy, while it was profound and impressive, did not arouse the unbounded enthusiasm which swept the galleries and the floor while Dilliver was speaking.

The Iowa was at his best and his wit, eloquence and sarcasm in turn drew salutes of applause from his republican associates.

Before the closing speeches were made, Cannon, of Illinois, chairman of the appropriations committee, and one of the veterans of the republican side, made an exceptionally effective speech in support of the bill.

Messrs. Carmack (dem.), of Tennessee, Clayton (dem.), of Alabama, Kieberg (dem.), of Texas, Pearce and De Armond (dem.), of Missouri, also made speeches in opposition to the bill. The republican managers are now confident that with the modifications agreed upon at the conference last night, the bill will command a narrow majority in the final vote tomorrow.

GREAT FIRE AT NEWARK.

The Retail Dry Goods District Swept Clean With Enormous Loss.

NEW YORK, Feb. 27.—The greatest fire Newark, New Jersey, ever experienced swept through the retail dry-goods district tonight, destroying a score or more of buildings. The loss is estimated at over \$1,000,000.

The fire destroyed W. V. Snyder's department store at Broad and Cedar streets and its stock, worth \$500,000; the building adjoining, occupied by J. M. Mantz and others; T. B. Allen's confectionary store; C. B. Allen's trunk store; rear of the David Strauss' department store and the L. S. Plautz dry goods store; the W. T. Rae's jewelry store; P. J. Carrigan's drug store and a number of small stores and Elmer's pawn shop.

Four firemen were buried under the wall. Captain Walter Harrison and fireman Thomas Brown were taken out unconscious and may be fatally injured. The other two firemen were severely injured.

AMERICAN ENGINES ABROAD.

Baldwin Locomotive Works Get a Big Contract From France.

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 27.—The Baldwin Locomotive Works, of this city, has received an order from the Paris and Orleans railway of France, for thirty ten-wheel passenger engines. This is the first locomotive contract ever placed by the railway in America.

NEW TROLLEY ROADS.

New York Grants a Franchise to the Morgan Syndicate.

NEW YORK, Feb. 27.—A bill pending in the New York legislature repeals the act forbidding construction of railroads on the Albany and New York

BEECHAM'S PILLS

Act like magic—strengthening the Muscular System, restoring the long-lost Constitution, bringing back the keen edge of Appetite, and arousing with the Rosebud of Health the whole physical energy of the human frame. One of the best guarantees to the Nervous and Debilitated is that Beecham's Pills have the Largest Sale of any Patent Medicine in the World, and this has been achieved without the publication of testimonials.

10 cents and 25 cents, at all drug stores.

road, which is a continuation of Broadway. The bill is said to be in the interest of a syndicate in which John D. Rockefeller, Levi P. Morton and J. P. Morgan are reported to be interested. This syndicate, it is said, proposes to construct trolley car lines between the more prosperous Hudson river towns and then connect these lines so as to form a continuous line from New York to Albany.

THE BROOKLYN "LOOP."

Admiral Sampson Denies Captain Concas' Statement.

BOSTON, Feb. 27.—Speaking of Captain Concas' statement that the loop which the Brooklyn made saved her from being rammed by the Maria Teresa, Admiral Sampson said:

"The statement is incorrect. The Maria Teresa was thousands of yards distant at the time, so far away that the Brooklyn was in no danger of being rammed. The intervention of the Iowa and the Texas precluded, of course, any possibility of collision with the Brooklyn."

"But the Brooklyn was not required to make the loop in order to save herself. That is all I care to say in the matter."

MOVING THE DEAD.

Discharging Soldiers' Remains From the Hancock.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 27.—This morning the work of moving the dead from the transport Hancock will commence. The Hancock brought 565 bodies home which, with those that have been returned on other transports, make a total of 1,136 bodies received from the islands.

The bodies will be met at the Presidio wharf by a detachment from battery O, Third artillery, which will escort them to the buildings where they will await the disposal of relatives.

BRANCH IN FRISCO.

New York Asiatic Association to Be Represented on This Coast.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 27.—The chamber of commerce of this city has appointed a committee to consider the advisability of establishing here a branch of the New York American Asiatic Association, the purpose of which is to increase trade with the Orient.

PURCHASED AN ISLAND.

PITTSFIELD, Mass., Feb. 27.—The island of Basilian, in the Philippines, is reported to have been purchased by Prince Poniatowski, of San Francisco, for \$500,000. The prince, who is president of the Standard Electric Company, is in Pittsfield, buying electrical equipment. Basilian is twenty miles long, lies southeast of Mindanao, and is valuable for its pearl fisheries and hemp trade.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS.

Mary H. Christensen and husband to John Ellis, lot 1, block 18, Smith's Warrenton; \$250.

Rasmus Pederson to Nellis C. Eberolden, undivided half of 90 acres in section 6, T 5 N, R 6 W; \$155.

Eller Ness to A. M. Moier, east half of southeast quarter of section 21, T 6 N, R 7 W; \$400.

There is an inconsistency that proceeds from the levity or weakness of the mind, which makes it give in to every opinion; and there is another levity, more excusable, which arises from satiety.

THIRTY-EIGHTH STREET IMPROVEMENT.

Notice is hereby given that the city of Astoria proposes and intends to establish the grade of Thirty-eighth street in said city from the south line of Duane street to the south line of Harrison avenue so that said grade when established will be at the following described elevations above the base of grades for said city as established by ordinance, to-wit:

At the north line of Duane street 82 feet.

At the north line of Franklin avenue 114 feet.

At the north line and also the south line of Grand avenue 149.2 feet.

At the north line and also the south line of Harrison avenue 154.4 feet.

Said street to be of the same elevation throughout the width thereof at any and every point along the said street crossings in said portion of said street to be level and the grade between crossings to be on a straight slope or incline.

This notice is published for ten days in pursuance to an order or resolution of the common council of the city of Astoria, adopted on the 19th day of February, 1900. Within ten days from the final publication of this notice the owners of three-fourths of the property adjacent to such portion of said street may make and file with the auditor and police judge a written remonstrance against the proposed grade and thereupon the same shall not be further proceeded in or made.

Date of first publication February 23, 1900.

H. E. NELSON,
Auditor and Police Judge of the City of Astoria.

REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE Astorian National Bank

At Astoria, in the State of Oregon, at the close of business February 21, 1900.

RESOURCES.

Loans and discounts	\$111,122 90
Overdrafts, secured and unsecured	324 64
U. S. Bonds to secure circulation	12,500 00
Premium on U. S. Bonds	1,580 00
Stocks, securities, etc.	33,507 11
Banking-house furniture, and fixtures	8,833 01
Other real estate and mortgages owned	9,230 00
Due from National banks (not Reserve Agents)	1,801 58
Due from State Banks and Banks on my knowledge and belief	7,485 22
Due from approved reserve agents	25,052 94
Cheques and other cash items	717 45
Notes of other National Banks	130 00
Fractional paper currency, nickels, and cents	141 39
Lawful Money Reserve in Bank, viz:	
Specie	\$36,079 50
Legal-tender notes	1,071 00
Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer (5 per cent circulation)	562 50
Total	\$243,719 82

LIABILITIES.

Capital stock paid in	\$50,000 00
Surplus fund	9,000 00
Undivided profits, less expenses and taxes paid	1,026 31
National Bank note outstanding	5,850 00
Individual deposits subject to check	\$6,775 10
Deposits of certificates of deposit	14,131 10
Time certificates of deposit	66,937 31
Total	\$177,843 31
Total	\$243,719 82

STATE OF OREGON, County of Clatsop—ss: I, J. E. Higgins, cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true according to my knowledge and belief.

J. E. HIGGINS, Cashier.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 23rd day of February, 1900.

E. Z. FERGUSON,
Notary Public for Oregon.

Correct—Attest:
GEO. H. GEORGE,
A. SCHERNACKAU,
H. C. THOMAS,
Directors.

FRANKLIN AVENUE IMPROVEMENT NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that it is the intention of the common council of the City of Astoria, to improve all that portion of Franklin avenue in that part of the town (now city) of Astoria, Clatsop county, State of Oregon, laid out and recorded by J. M. Shiveley, lying between the north line of Thirty-first street on the west, and the following described line on the east, to-wit: Commencing at the southeast corner of block number one hundred and forty-nine (149), in said Shiveley's Astoria, and running thence southeasterly and parallel with the east line of said block 149 to a point where said line so run would intersect the north line of Franklin avenue in said Astoria; and running thence easterly in a straight line to a point where the north line of Franklin avenue in said Astoria intersects the east line of the said J. M. Shiveley Donation Land Claim, thence south along the east line of said donation land claim to a point where the south line of said Franklin avenue in said Astoria intersects said east line of said Shiveley's Donation Land Claim, and running thence easterly to the established grade thereof, said improvement is to be made by piling and blanking to the width of 36 feet along the north line of said portion of said street throughout the extent thereof of east and west, and grading and planing the remaining portion thereof throughout the extent and width thereof, with the construction of sidewalks and a gutter on the south side of said portion of said street only, and a hand-rail on the north side of the street from the east line of Thirty-first street to a point 162 feet east thereof, and as to that portion of said street improved by piling and blanking the same shall consist of 21 benches of piling fifteen feet apart with four feet between the benches, and 12 feet between the benches to be away from the street. That the piling and blanking portion of the street is to be laid with stringers and covered with plank throughout the width thereof, the covering plank to be 4x12 inches. The construction, in matter of detail, except as otherwise stated, to be in accordance with the specifications of ordinance No. 1300 of the City of Astoria, except also that the lumber to be used may be of any color of wood sound fir lumber, and the work to be strictly in accordance with the specifications thereof filed with the auditor and police judge of said city by the city surveyor of said city. That the costs and expenses of said improvement which said district is as follows, to-wit: Beginning on the east line of Thirty-first street at the southwest corner of lot six (6) in block number one (1) in Shiveley's Astoria, Clatsop county, State of Oregon, and running thence northeasterly through the center of said block one (1) to the east boundary line of said block one (1), thence north along the east boundary line of blocks one (1) and one hundred and fifty (150) to the northeast corner of lot six (6) in block number one (1) in Shiveley's Astoria, and running thence southeasterly along the east line of said block one (1), thence north along the east boundary line of blocks one (1) and one hundred and fifty (150) to the northeast corner thereof, thence southeasterly along the north line of said block one (1) to the northeast corner thereof, thence southeasterly along the east line of said block one (1), thence north along the east boundary line of blocks one (1) and one hundred 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