TAKES THE OATH OF ALLEGIANCE

Aguinaldo Accepts Authority of the United States.

DISPATCH FROM MACARTHUR

Suggestions as to What Former Dictator May Do For America Also Forwarded to Washington but Not Given to Public.

WASHINGTON, April 2.—The war department today received information from General MacArthur that Aguinaldo has taken the oath of allegiance to the United States under the terms of the amnesty offered by General MacArthur by direction of the president. The dispatch conveying this information contained much more than was given to the public. The portion withheld related to the future disposition of Aguinaldo and made suggestions as to what the late chief of the insurgents might accomplish.

No official statement could be obtained as to what finally would be done with the prisoner, but it was emphatically stated that he would be held for the present but would be granted all possible immunity consistent with existing conditions. General MacArthur has hopes that a great deal may be accomplished through Aguinaldo. During the time he has been a prisoner he has made quite a favorable impression upon General MacArthur.

It has been suggested that under the terms of the notice of amnesty the prisoner should be set at liberty at once, but there is a provision in the amnesty proclamation which says that those who have violated the laws of war are excepted from its terms. Whether or not General MacArthur has been satisfied that Aguinaldo has not violated the law cannot be stated, as the prisoner would be permitted to take the oath pending the investigation of his past conduct.

Aguinaldo, having been the head of the insurrection, undoubtedly can be held until a thorough investigation is made or until the circumstances which surround the situation in the Philippines make it advisable to release him outright or otherwise dispose of him. These conditions and the general situation and Aguinaldo's relation to them was the subject of General MacArthur's dispatch and are being considered and will determine the final disposition of the matter. The taking of the oath in itself is regarded as giving Aguinaldo a status of loyalty to the United States quite different from those still in arms.

ANTIS NOT DISMAYED.

BOSTON, April 2.—Erving Winslow, secretary of the Anti-Imperialist League, was informed that Aguinaldo had taken the oath of allegiance today. The secretary said he did not see how that affected the work of his organization. "It does not concern us what attitude the Filipinos may take as much as it does what the United States may do. Our battle has not been fought for the Filipinos but for the constitutional liberty of America."

AGUINALDO TAKES OATH.

WASHINGTON, April 2.—The following dispatch was received by the war department from General MacArthur at 8 o'clock this morning:

"Manila, Apr. 1.—Since his arrival at Manila, Aguinaldo has been investigating conditions in the archipelago. He has relied almost entirely upon the instructive advice of Chief Justice Arellano. As a result he today subscribed and swore to the declaration on page 11 of my annual report.

"MacARTHUR."

The oath referred to in General MacArthur's dispatch is as follows:

"I hereby renounce all allegiance to any and all so-called revolutionary governments in the Philippine islands, and recognize and accept the supreme authority of the United States therein. I solemnly swear that I will bear true faith and allegiance to that government; that I will at all times conduct myself as a faithful and law-abiding citizen of said islands, and will not hold correspondence with, or give intelligence to, an enemy of the United States, nor will I abet, harbor or protect such enemy; that I impose upon myself these voluntary obligations without mental reservations or purpose of evasion, so help me God."

MORE SURRENDERS.

MANILA, April 2.—General Gonzales, the insurgent governor of Manila, with ten officers and forty-three men, has surrendered to Colonel Beacom at Malabon.

BALFOUR TO BE APPOINTED.

Will Succeed Lord Salisbury as Prime Minister and Be Elevated to the Peerage.

NEW YORK, April 2.—A dispatch to the Tribune from London says:

The invalids are profiting by the sudden invigorating change in the weather, among them Lord Salisbury, whose improvement is marked. Contradictions of the report of his failing health and impending retirement are emphasized at Westminster on the eve of the Easter recess, but those closest in touch with public affairs are not misled by the optimism prevailing on the ministerial side. The prime minister's eagerness to be relieved from official cares is known and his retirement from public life is much nearer than is generally believed.

Nothing is likely until the budget speech has been made, the civil list sanctioned and financial support for the fiscal year virtually arranged. But there will be a new prime minister before the session ends and the ministry may be changed at one or two points.

One forecast may be repeated with confidence as it is obtained from high authority. This is the appointment of Mr. Balfour as prime minister with elevation to the peerage. Mr. Balfour's presence at Windsor on Sunday is explained by the fact that a change is impending at an early day and that he has been in consultation with the king respecting it. The high authority asserts that Mr. Balfour's elevation to the peerage is the king's method of determining the succession to the premiership and that Lord Salisbury will retire as soon as this change can be effected. Mr. Chamberlain will then become leader in the commons and the aggressive force of the government will be greatly increased. He can lead the commons without abandoning the colonial office for the treasury and Sir Michael Hicks-Beach may remain chancellor of the exchequer.

Sir Michael Hicks-Beach is an inflexible old Tory whose will has been the strongest force in the cabinet for offering resistance to Mr. Chamberlain. His influence can hardly fail to diminish after the budget speech is made. He may escape Sir William Harcourt's criticism by adhering closely to the lines of Liberal finance but it is clearly impossible for him to present anything but an unpopular budget with large additions to taxation.

BOY KIDNAPPED.

Son of a Retired New York Florist Disappeared on the Way to Church.

NEW YORK, April 2.—After vainly running down every clue, the police became convinced last night that Willie McCormick, jr., a 10-year-old High Bridge boy who disappeared last Wednesday night, is the victim of a kidnapping plot.

Captain Titus, of the Central Detective Bureau, and Captain James Gannon, of the High Bridge police station, have put every available man on the case.

On Wednesday night two of the boy's sisters were going to church with him when he found it necessary to return to the house for his overcoat. He was delayed for a few moments and the sisters walked toward the church. When he failed to rejoin them soon they walked rapidly to the church, both believing until they had returned home that he had decided not to go with them. As a matter of fact he had slipped on his overcoat and started after them. Captain Gannon in discussing the case said:

"I am firmly convinced that the boy has been taken by designing persons and that he is being held by them. This boy was never known to be away from home over night. His habits were good and there had been nothing to drive him away from home. I am of the opinion that he is being held in New York City."

Captain Gannon added that every section of the city and all points adjacent to it had been scoured during the last three or four days and nights and that this would be continued. Willie is the son of a retired florist living in Ogden avenue in High Bridge. The child has eleven sisters. His mother is prostrated from grief and anxiety and the father almost equally so.

ALLEN WILL RESIGN.

Wishes to Give Up Governorship of Porto Rico.

NEW YORK, April 2.—A special to the World from Washington says:

Chas. H. Allen, governor of Porto Rico, who left San Juan today for Washington, is expected to tender his resignation soon after reaching here.

Mr. Allen will retire voluntarily. When he accepted the post, which he did reluctantly and only at the earnest solicitation of the president, he promised to remain there but a year. The time is now up and he does not care to remain longer, although the president will doubtless endeavor to persuade him to go back because of the good work he has done as well as because of the difficulty of filling the place.

Governor Allen can have his old place as assistant-secretary of the navy back if he wishes it, as it was understood when his successor was appointed that it would be opened to him upon relinquishing control of affairs on the island.

No names have been suggested as Mr. Allen's successor as yet, and possibly none will be until he has formally tendered his resignation.

LI HUNG CHANG RETURNING.

Chinese Diplomat Is Indisposed and Leaves for Shanghai.

TIEN TSIN, April 2.—Li Hung Chang with his body guard is returning to Shanghai. He is indisposed.

INDEMNITY NOW PARAMOUNT.

NEW YORK, April 2.—A dispatch to the Tribune from London says:

The China question has again fallen into the background since nearly all well-informed men agree that neither Germany nor England will interfere with Russian designs in Manchuria and that Japan can be placated by concessions in Corea. The indemnity is now under discussion between Germany and England, with the probability that the compromise agreed upon between them will be received by the powers after protracted delay.

DESTRUCTION OF FORTS.

PEKIN, April 2.—Regarding the destruction of the forts, the generals are practically agreed that those at Taku, Shan Hai Kwan and Tien Tsin must at least be rendered useless, while the north fort at the entrance of the river Taku must be destroyed entirely on account of the fact that it has caused lower water on the bar, having diverted the course of the stream. The merchants have frequently complained to the consuls but no government has liked to ask China to destroy a fort at the entrance of an important river. This, however, can now be done as matter of military necessity and will give foreign merchants intense satisfaction as in consequence of its having been done the river will in a short time again be navigable as far as Tien Tsin.

DANGER OF WARFARE.

PAO TING FU, March 30.—Via Pekin, Sunday, March 31 (By post to Che Foo.)—Though Pao Ting Fu may be reached in a few hours by railway, it is practically unknown to foreigners now in Pekin. Marvelous stories and rumors pass as current facts but are entirely without foundation. After the occupation of Pao Ting Fu an agreement was entered into between the allies and the Chinese that the former should not advance beyond the province of Chi Li and that the latter should not go beyond ten miles inside the Shan Si province. The Chinese have frequently broken the agreement and have been attacked by both Germans and French in different parts of the province.

Chi Li at present has 10,000 Chinese troops, commanded by Liu Kluanhsi, the famous black flag leader, within twelve miles of Huo Lu, where there are 2000 French troops who are anxious to make an attack but are restrained by positive orders from Pekin, M. Pichon (the French minister) having informed General Voyron, commanding the French troops, that he has received instructions from France to the effect that the government [illegible] aggressive action on the part of the troops, provided the Chinese do not advance, which is not considered likely, so there is little chance of a collision.

Early in March 150 Germans were attacked near the border and two men were killed. Two thousand soldiers entered Shan Si province through the Ante-Suling pass, driving the Chinese beyond Shaiquan and then returning to Ante-Suling, where they are now in camp. French officers state that Shan Si has a different people from the Chi Li province, the inhabitants being more arrogant, daring the foreign troops to enter. The French have large supplies at Cheng Ling and Huo Lu including camel trains.

Pao Ting Fu is entirely peaceful and its condition is better than that of any other city occupied by the allies. Chinese officials conduct the government of the entire city, the French and German commission acting in an entirely advisory capacity and never interfering except in cases where flagrant injustice has been done, when they act as a sort of court of appeals. Most frequently they have been called upon owing to the interference of the Catholic missionaries and the exaction of extortions.

ACTIVITY IN MEXICO.

American Contractors Taking Advantage of Prosperity to Secure Large Contracts.

NEW YORK, April 2.—H. H. Barnes, member of a local firm of brokers, who has returned from an extended tour throughout Mexico and Yucatan, reports considerable industrial activity in these parts of the world. In the course of an interview with a representative of the Journal of Commerce and Commercial Bulletin, he said:

"Americans are at last awakening to the opportunities which Mexico and the surrounding states offer to the investment of capital and the undertaking of important contracts. While I was in the City of Mexico four American firms had representatives there with a view of securing a contract from the municipal authorities for the asphalting of the capitol. The contract will be at least worth $2,000,000."

As regards the state of Yucatan, Mr. Barnes said a franchise has been secured from the city of Merida by the Merida Well Company, in which American capital is largely invested, with a view to the conveying of water in pipes and the erection of hydrants in the streets of Yucatan's capital. Pure water has been struck by the sinking of artesian wells to a depth of some 600 feet. Four wells are already sunk and about a score more will be bored, all of which will mean the purchase of considerable American machinery. It is anticipated that fully 100 miles of pipe will be required for transmitting the water through the streets. Six to eight-inch steel-threaded piping will be utilized. These and other pipe contracts, which will aggregate close on to $500,000, are to be given out shortly.

The prosperity of the country is astounding, the existing condition of affairs being brought about mainly by the increase in the price of hemp. The inhabitants have their hands full, therefore, and are looking to foreign contractors to undertake the drainage work. It is proposed to build a four to six-foot iron pipe line between Merida and Progresso, a distance of 28 miles. The pipe contract alone would involve an expenditure of some $2,000,000.

"Altogether," concluded Mr. Barnes, "the chances of the American export trade in that region are exceedingly promising."

CARNEGIE TO ELEVATE STAGE.

Proposes to Endow a Theater in New York and Another in London.

NEW YORK, April 2.—A dispatch to the World from London says:

The Daily Express is informed that Andrew Carnegie proposes to endow a theater in New York and another in London for the elevation of the stage, provided a working plan can be devised which will prevent the management from falling into the hands of extremists or faddists.

Mr. Carnegie's wish is said to be to establish an international theater with a stage on either side of the Atlantic, that companies and productions may change from one house to the other to keep up the interest and center the interest of the playgoers of both nations upon common ideals of dramatic art.

The idea is said to have been suggested by Richard Mansfield's recent declaration that an endowed national theater is necessary for the preservation of the drama.

Mr. Carnegie is reported to have said recently to a friend:

"If I know how a theater should be managed as well as I do a library, I should endow one with no loss of time."

It is further stated that Mr. Carnegie has been consulting with actors, managers and critics and may soon be expected to make an announcement.

NEW MINE SCALE.

Men Have Gone to Work in Irwin District.

PITTSBURG, April 2.—The new mine scale will go into effect today and it is believed it will give satisfaction, although there is some dissatisfaction in some parts of the district. All fears of a strike in the Irwin district for the enforcement of the Pittsburg scale have been dissipated by the action of the men themselves. Last evening a largely attended meeting adopted resolutions accepting the operator's 65-cent scale and agreeing to return work tomorrow.

SERIOUS SMALLPOX EPIDEMIC.

Circuit Court Adjourned Till Next Session at Weston, West Virginia.

WESTON, W. Va., Apr. 2.—The smallpox epidemic in Webster county has reached such a stage as to cause serious alarm. The circuit court should have opened at Addison yesterday but on account of the prevalence of the disease, Judge Bennett, who is in this city, decided to postpone all cases until the next term.

MILLS AGAIN STARTED.

Purchase by Trust Did Not Result in Permanent Closure.

OIL CITY, Pa., April 2.—In accordance with orders received by the local managers of the National Tube Company, the Oil City mills were started yesterday. These mills were formerly operated by the Oil City Tube Company but have been closed since the formation of the trust. When going full blast 1000 men are employed.

APPLE KING DEAD.

CHICAGO, April 2.—David Henning, the Chicago apple king, is dead at his former home in Battle Creek, Michigan, from a rupture of a blood vessel.

CAN CUBANS GOVERN THEMSELVES.

One of the best known diplomatists recently declared that the Cubans are incapable of governing themselves, and that the United States must maintain its present control indefinitely, or else annex the island. There will be those who will dispute this, but there are none who dispute the well established fact that Hostetter's Stomach Bitters is capable of controlling the common diseases of the stomach. It is a remedy that is backed by fifty years of success. It is an ideal medicine for constipation; a strength builder for those who are predisposed to lung troubles, and for nervousness it is of wonderful benefit. As an appetizer it is incomparable. Those whose stomachs are out of order should not fail to try a bottle.

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