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ADJUTANT-GENERAL FINZER,
OF OREGON, HOLDS OUT A
FLATTERING PROSPECT FOR
MUCH DESIRED ACQUISITION

The Morning Astorian is indebted to Charles H. Abercrombie, of this city, for the privilege of publishing the following letter anent the strong probability of the establishment here of a full company of the Oregon National Guard, and perhaps two. The communication indicates that it is well within the possibilities; and therefore it remains for all interested here to give the matter cordial and opportune support from now on. The letter reads:

"Portland, April 13, 1908.

"Hon. Chas. H. Abercrombie,
"City Attorney, Astoria, Ore.

"Dear Sir:—I am in receipt of your communication of the 10th inst., in reference to the organization of additional companies of the Oregon National Guard. In reply to the same, I wish to state that the War Department desires that at least three Coast Artillery companies be organized in this State for duty at the mouth of the Columbia River. I have for some time had Astoria in mind as one of the towns where a company of this kind should be organized but this is the first communication that I have received, in reference to it, although I had been informed before that if the matter was taken up, it could be accomplished.

"There is legislation before Congress now that will appropriate money for the supply of uniforms and equipments for these companies. As soon as this is passed, the matter will be taken up and I shall be very glad to co-operate with you and the citizens at Astoria in organizing a Coast Artillery Company. If you desire to take up this matter and circulate a petition for signatures of men who are willing to be mustered into service, I will be very glad to assist you and would like to hear from you again in the near future. Respectfully,

"W. E. FINZER,
"Adjutant-General."

THE TRAINED MELODISTS.

Another Long Step in the Career of
the Astoria Philharmonic Society.

The Morning Astorian has pleasure in chronicling the slightest advance movement along the lines of quasi-public culture as applied to this community; and in the instance at hand, is more than pleased to announce that the Astoria Philharmonic Society is no longer a tentative proposition, subject to barren outcome and futile effort, but a comprehensible and consummated fact; a matter of gratulatory and final success.

Dr. Emil Enna was in the city yesterday and with his colleagues in this admirable scheme, wrought the last step that begets the real access and makes it possible for the society to grow at any pace set by the earnest good will of its membership. Primarily, a full set of rules and by-laws have been formulated, adopted and made part of the regime; rehearsals have been provided for weekly, and will take place, under his direction and with his abounding talent to augment each Tuesday evening henceforth; all with the cardinal and delightful philharmonic concert to take place during the second week in June next, as a focus, not alone for the brilliant talent that may be engaged in such an effort, but for the people at large to look forward to with eager anticipation and to court with as ardent a good-will as they can evince toward this fine organization.

Yesterday's business transactions resulted in the formation of the two

principal and controlling committees of the society; the Music Committee and the Finance Committee. The musical end being in the hands of Messrs. Theo. T. Frederiksen, chairman; Samuel Elmore, Will Gratke, S. L. Nanthrup, A. R. Cyrus, T. L. Ball and Dr. Emil Enna. The finance committee's work resting in the capable hands of Dr. A. A. Finch, chairman; Captain C. S. Gunderson and W. E. Schimpff.

In connection with the splendid June program the musical committee has been directed to get into early communication with some noted and available vocal soloist, as one of the special features of an event that is to mark the initial event in the life of the society. From time to time, prior to this big and pleasurable event, other items of interest will develop at the meetings each week and, will be given due prominence in these columns.

ADMIRAL IMPROVING.

PASO ROBLES, Cal., April 14.—After remaining quietly in his room since last Thursday owing to a recurrence of pain in his left knee, Admiral Evans was taken out today and wheeled to the bath house. After being given a sulphur bath and treatment he was taken back to his room. There was a marked improvement in his appearance. His face was less drawn and there was a good healthy color. Although still weak it is evident he is stronger than or some days. The admiral remarked today that for the first time since his arrival here he was really feeling that he was gaining strength and getting well.

INOPPORTUNE ARRIVAL.

WASHINGTON, April 14.—The President's message in support of his plan for appropriation for four new battleships, concerning which there has been so much speculation was received today by both Houses of Congress. There was considerable delay in reading the message in both the House and Senate. In the Senate, because Foraker was engaged in making his speech and the attendant confusion following its delivery, resulted in its being read at a disadvantage.

In the House, the House was in a committee of the whole on the navigation bill when the message arrived, and this and a typographical error in the speech which was seized by opponents of the measure to delay its reading, until after the House had taken up the provision regarding the battleships. The message therefore was not read until just before the close of the day's work.

It was enthusiastically received by the advocates of a larger navy. The anti-later gave vent to their feelings by authorizing a reading of the petition from a number of citizens of New York City which protested at the "extravagance of spending \$60,000,000 for four battleships."

The demonstration afforded the affair an opportunity to judge of the temper of the House as a whole on the proposition. It was evident that the opponents of four battleships are in majority although the final vote may be close.

METHODIST CONVENTION.

CHICAGO, April 14.—Eight hundred delegates from the Methodist Episcopal Churches of Illinois, Indiana and Michigan met yesterday in an interstate convention to listen at the Centenary Church to a discussion of the opportunities of that denomination in home and foreign mission work. A resolution was passed condemning the republican party of Illinois for its "personal liberty" declaration. A protest was also made against the repeal of the Sunday closing law.

Send the Morning Astorian to your friends in the East.

BASEBALL SEASON OPENS.

Both Leagues Open Today—154 Games Scheduled.

NEW YORK, April 14.—The American and National Leagues will open the baseball championship today and from now on there will be no intermission until the long schedule of 154 games has been completed. The personnel of the 16 clubs which will engage in the struggle today is not unfamiliar to the followers of baseball. While there has been considerable shifting about since the season closed in 1907, the majority of players who will don uniforms today are well known to the fans, either as successful players for the clubs which they now represent or other organizations of equal rank last season. The opening of the season will be between the Yankees and the Brooklyn. The fans will doubtless turn out strong. The Yankees will meet the Philadelphia athletes in the first of a four-game series, and there will be all the pomp and ceremony of the opening season flags, a band and the usual parade of the players across the field. President B. B. Johnson of the American League, will throw out the ball and the season will be officially started.

Manager Griffith has decided upon Glade to pitch the first game with Kleinow behind the bat. Manager Connie Mack of the visiting team will rely upon the big Indian Bedwer, while Sreck, Waddell's old partner, will wear the mask.

LIVELY DEBATE IN HOUSE.

WASHINGTON, April 14.—The expected fight in the House over the question whether or not there shall be two or four battleships authorized for the coming year did not materialize today while the naval appropriation bill was under consideration. Instead most of the session was devoted to a lively debate in regard to a naval station in the Philippine Islands. The supporters of Subig Bay, led by Hoss and Hobson, were victorious despite the vigorous opposition from both sides of the Chamber. Accordingly the sum of \$100,000 was recommended by the committee for improving and developing the naval station at Olongapo, Subig Bay, was allowed to stand. The special message from the President urging four battleships was read and elicited loud applause from the advocates of the proposition. The naval bill was not concluded when the House recessed until tomorrow.

DIED AFTER VACCINATION.

LOS ANGELES, April 14.—Death followed closely the vaccination of Charles Maitland, aged eight years, who died after a few days' illness. The Maitlands came to Los Angeles lately from Pennsylvania and the little boy was placed in school. His parents were informed that they must comply with the health law requiring vaccination or take the lad out of school. The father feared for the result but submitted and had the boy vaccinated. The boy became ill and died after lingering several days.

FULTON'S REPLY.

PORTLAND, April 14.—Senator Fulton, before an audience of about 3000 persons tonight defended himself against the attacks which have been recently made in this city by Francis J. Heney. Senator Fulton's reply was temperate in tone and judged by the applause with which the various parts of his speech were received it was convincing to his hearers. Fulton impugned Heney's motives in coming to Oregon, charging that his interest was the outgrowth of personal animosity rather than in his interest in good government. He denied each of Heney's accusations of wrong-doing, and attacked the credibility of the evidence his antagonist has put forth. Fulton declared there was nothing in any of his private correspondence that reflected discredit to him when it was interpreted in the proper light. He accused Heney of having had former State Senator Brownell indicted in order to frighten Brownell into giving up letters from Fulton to Brownell, and declared that F. P. Mays whom Heney declared was a supporter of Fulton's had consistently voted against Fulton of the United States Senator to the end. He also said the amount paid Heney by the government for conducting the land fraud trials was something over \$54,000.

SKIRMISH IN MANDANAO.

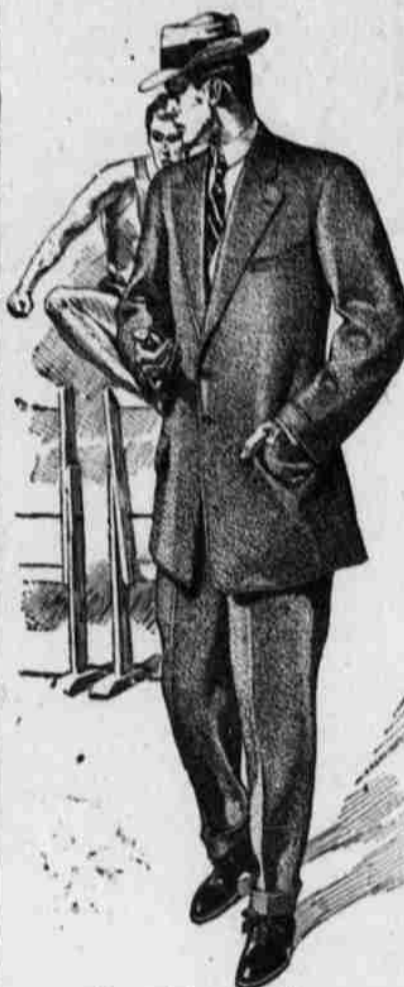
MANILA, April 14.—A private telegram reports the engagement of the regular troops and constabulary and Moro outlaws near Lanao, Mindanao. Two of the members of the

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constabulary are reported killed and three soldiers wounded.

TWELVE MEN IN BOX.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 14.—Twelve men are now in the jury box in the Ruel case on trial before Judge Dooley. Tomorrow the defense will be given an opportunity to exercise a peremptory challenge. On the face of the examinations already conducted there is a probability that four talesmen will be ordered out of the box through the exercise of the peremptory challenge.

STREET CARS MOVING.

PENSACOLA, April 14.—For the first time in nine days the street cars were operated today. The state militia lined up both sides of the streets and although there were frequent jeers no violence was attempted and the cars all went to the barns at dark.

JUDGE GRAY NAMED.

DOVER, Del., April 17.—Despite the written declaration of Judge Geo. Gray that he will not under any circumstances consent to have the delegates to the Denver convention instructed for him, the Delaware state democratic convention today officially placed the democracy of the country Judge Gray's name for the nomination for President.

THE SUMMER GIRL.

Another good place for observing the universal American princess is a suburban town—near any great city—and preferably a drug store in a well-to-do residence district. A summer evening is the time to choose. The princess must have her soda water at frequent intervals, and she must go to the drug store to get it. In a certain prosperous suburb which I happen to know very well, she floats about the residence streets of an evening in the finest of summer fabrics, with or without a hat, and with her pretty arms and neck bare, and she does not dream of shocking any one; on the contrary, from my acquaintance with her I venture to believe that if any unaccustomed observer were so silly as to permit himself (or herself) to be shocked, the

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with a box of candy, to the steady admirer, who works for a big concern down town and hopes to make her his wife as soon as his salary shall reach the necessary figure. The front porch is the scene of many laughing parties, of many a quiet confidence, of many a merry little flirtation. Father and mother say good night and go to bed, leaving their particular American girl to entertain her boy friends, innocent of chaperonage, supreme in her mastery of every situation in which she may find her self.