

## AGUINALDO'S ATTITUDE IS COMPLETELY CHANGED

Since the Arrival of General Merritt Aguinaldo Has Made Overtures For Closer Co-operation--To Firm Measures are Attributed the Causes of this Change.

MANILA, Aug. 3, via Hong Kong, Aug. 5.—Aguinaldo's attitude has undergone an entire change since the arrival of General Merritt. Instead of issuing orders detrimental to American interests in a semi-dictatorial way, he has made overtures for closer co-operation against the common enemy, the Spanish.

The change of heart has undoubtedly come of firm measures taken to curb the impetuosity of the insurgents, who have been carried to the verge of indiscretion by their recent victories.

Aguinaldo has suggested that American officers be appointed to take command of a portion of the insurgent forces, and as further evidence of his humility has requested to be permitted to march through the city of Manila after the United States has taken possession of it.

## Withdrawal of the Troops is Counseled

All of the American Generals Unite in an Address to Major-General Shafter.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 3.—A special dispatch from Santiago de Cuba conveys the following:

A meeting summoned by General Shafter was held this morning at headquarters, and in the presence of every commanding and medical officer of the Fifth army corps, the general read a cable message from Secretary Alger, ordering him, at the recommendation of Surgeon-General Sternburg, to move the army into the interior to San Louis, where it is healthier. As a result of this meeting General Shafter will insist upon the immediate withdrawal of the army to the north within at most two weeks.

The following letter written by Roosevelt was sent as an explanation of the situation:

"In the meeting of the general and medical officers called by you at the pal-

ace this morning, we were all, as you know, unanimous as to what should be done with the army. To keep us here, in the opinion of every officer commanding a division in the brigade, will simply involve the destruction of thousands. There is no possible reason for not shipping practically the whole command North at once. Yellow fever cases are very few in the cavalry division. But in this division there have been fifteen hundred cases of malarial fever. Not a man has died from it, but the whole command is so weakened and shattered as to be ripe for dying like rotten sheep. When a real yellow fever epidemic strikes us, and it is bound to do so if we stay here at the height of the sickness season, August and the beginning of September, it will, in all human probability, mean an appalling disaster, for the surgeons here estimate that over half of the army, if we are here during the sickly season, will die.

The sick list is very large, though its exceeding 4000 affords but a faint index of the debilitations of the army. Not ten percent of the men are fit for active work.

"The fever immune regiments ordered here are sufficient to garrison the city and surrounding towns, and there is absolutely nothing for us to do here, and has not been since the city surrendered. I write only because I cannot see our men go to destruction without striving so far as lies within me to avert a doom as fearful as it is unnecessary and undeserved."

After Roosevelt had broken the ice, all the American general officers united in an address to General Shafter, expressing the opinion that the army should be taken at once to some point on the northern sea coast of the United States.

The address is positive in the statement that the entire army must be moved at once or the greater portion of it would perish.

## EXPEDITION LEAVES TOMORROW

Transports Lakme and Charles Nelson to Be Used for Transporting the Troops—Trip Will Be Hard.

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 4.—The troops of the First New York regiment of volunteers will embark on the steamer Charles Nelson for Honolulu early tomorrow morning. About the same hour the battalion engineers will board the steam schooner Lakme, and both vessels will probably sail early Saturday morning for the Hawaiian islands. The prospects of the men who compose this expedition for an enjoyable voyage are not of the brightest. The Charles Nelson is a dirty looking coaster, smelling viciously of oil and bilge water, with close stuffy quarters for the officers, to say nothing of those of the men below decks. The Lakme is nothing more than a steam schooner, even dirtier and

more ill smelling than the steamer Nelson. By contracting for these vessels Major-General Otis has caused much adverse comment in military circles here. Of course they say openly that Otis exceeded his jurisdiction in engaging vessels for the troops that were not to depart for weeks after he left the city.

## MODIFIED TERMS DECIDED FINAL

Cambon Has Been Notified that War Cannot End Until They Are Accepted in Their Entirety.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 4.—M. Cambon has been notified by the president that the modified terms of peace submitted to the Spanish government are final, and that hostilities cannot cease until they are accepted in their entirety. The administration manifested thorough confidence in Spain's ultimate acceptance of the terms imposed, and her noti-

fication to that effect is expected within the next few days. Explanations of certain intentions contained in our note have been vouchsafed, and the president is quite willing to wait a few days, which can have little effect on the present situation.

**A Destructive Blaze at Baker.**  
BAKER CITY, Or., Aug. 4.—The Baker City iron works, owned by French & McLynn, were destroyed last night by fire. The loss is \$10,000, about one-half covered by insurance. It is supposed the fire caught from a spark in the roof, as the foundry had been working on large castings and the heat was intense. The plant will be rebuilt at once.

**E. and E. Mines Leased.**  
BAKER CITY, Aug. 4.—It is currently reported and with a degree of accuracy that indicates reliability, that the E. and E. mines at Bourne have been leased to a wealthy California syndicate, and that the mines are to be operated on a more extensive scale than ever before.

**Fight Arranged Between Jeffries and Corbett.**

NEW YORK, Aug. 4.—Jeffries has signed articles for a fight with Corbett before the Lenox Athletic Club. The latter has not yet affixed his autograph, and should he refuse, Sharkey will be given a show.

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## DIFFICULTY OF FINDING ENOUGH TROOP SHIPS

Fears Expressed that Sufficient Vessels Cannot be Found to Carry the Troops from San Francisco.

CHICAGO, August 4.—A special from San Francisco says:

There will be no more expeditionary troops sent to San Francisco en route to the Philippines. If General Merritt demands more troops than the 8000 already here they will be sent from the Atlantic coast via the Mediterranean sea and the Suez canal.

General Merriam has made strenuous efforts to engage the transports necessary for the soldiers now here and he may be compelled to send some of these by the eastern route. The supply of vessels on the Pacific coast is about exhausted and the condition of affairs has been brought to the attention of the California delegation in congress and should the government be compelled to send troops by the Suez canal, the fact will be played as a trump card in favor of the Nicaragua canal when the question comes up for settlement in the next congress.

## SEC. LONG'S PLANS FOR THE NAVY

Many of the Auxiliary Cruisers and Yachts will be Retained at the Conclusion of the War.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 4.—So soon as peace is declared Secretary Long, of the navy, will immediately take steps to reorganize the Pacific, Asiatic and European squadrons. Secretary Long has already given much time to the consideration of the condition of the navy after the close of the war which is now at hand, and has held many consultations with the chiefs of the bureaus concerning reorganization of a regular naval service.

The secretary has planned to retain in the service several of the auxiliary cruisers and yachts which have been doing such effective service against the enemy in Cuban waters. As to which vessels will comprise the several squadrons cannot yet be determined.

Strong reinforcements are likely to be sent before long to Admiral Dewey. However, to each squadron in foreign waters will be attached vessels of such powers and fleetness as will fully demonstrate to the foreign powers the ability of Uncle Sam to care for his own.

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## EXTENSIVE RAID IS BEING PLANNED

Canadian Sealers Will Take Advantage of the Absence of Revenue Cutters in the North to Make a Big Haul.

UNALASKA, July 25, via Victoria, B. C., August 4.—Well-founded rumors are in circulation that a concerted attempt will be made next month by a fleet of Canadian sailors to raid the rookeries on the islands of St. Paul and St. George. There is but one government vessel, the gunboat Wheeling, to guard Behring sea against pelagic sealers, and the department has ordered her to visit the various fish canneries along the Alaska coast and see that the fishing laws are not violated.

Around Unalaska and Dutch harbor, where the larger portion of the sealing fleet rendezvous before the season opens are over a score of vessels, and it seems to be an open secret that in the event of the animals being scarce in the present zone allowed for sealing purposes, the captains contemplate raiding the rookeries. The absence of revenue cutters, they declare, seems to imply a tacit invitation to invade the sea and kill seals wherever they may be found.

Both St. Paul and St. George islands have a few government officers, lessees, and a couple of hundred natives, but this force is inadequate to frustrate a well-planned raid. The officers themselves expect the laws will be flagrantly violated unless revenue cutters are sent up to render patrol service.

The plan of branding female seals,

government officers say, is proving a success. Those that were branded last year and emigrated south during the winter are returning to the breeding grounds. The work of branding will be continued this year.

## LITTLE DELAY ANTICIPATED

A Preliminary Agreement is Likely to be Effected Within a Week Which Will Practically End the American-Spanish War.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 4.—A long conference between the president, Secretary Day and Secretary Long was held this morning. Secretary Day when he joined the president after the latter had been conferring with the secretary of the navy for three-quarters of an hour, looked worn and fatigued as a consequence of the night conference with the French ambassador. They were together going over the peace proposition and it was 10 o'clock this morning before the conference ended. Secretary Day full confidence that there will be little serious delay over the closing of the details of peace. Those who have gone over the ground and conferred with officials express the belief that peace is very nearly detained. One administration man who talked with the president and others today predicted that a preliminary agreement which would practically settle the war would be effected within a week.