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WHITEWASH FOR SECRETARY ALGER

Beef Court of Inquiry Will Not Sustain Miles.

NEITHER WILL IT CENSURE HIM

Findings Will Probably be the Effect That the Fresh Beef Was not Chemically Treated, but that Grounds for Suspicion That it Was So Treated Existed.

NEW YORK, April 21.—A special to the Herald from Washington says: General Miles will not altogether be sustained by the findings of the beef court of inquiry, if the general opinion about the war department as to what these findings will be is correct. It is understood the court will complete its work and forward its final report to the secretary of war some time next week, and although no authoritative statement as to the finding can be made, such information as can be gathered tends to indicate that the report will not completely sustain all the allegations made by Major-General Miles, nor will it completely dismise them.

By the order convening it, the court was directed to investigate allegation made by General Miles as to the unfitness for issue of certain articles of food furnished to the troops in the field in Cuba and Porto Rica and to submit with its findings of fact such recommendations as to further proceedings as must seem to be warranted by the fact developed. The opponents of General Miles made no secret of the fact that it was expected that the court would find the allegations of General Miles entirely without foundation, and would recommend that proceedings be instituted against him. These expectations will not be realized, and the probability is that the court will not recommend any further proceedings either General Miles or any one else.

Among officers of the army it is believed that the findings will be that the charge made by General Miles that the refrigerated beef was treated with chemicals has not been proved, though there was some ground for a reasonable suspicion, and that some of it has been so treated; that the canned beef was good when purchased, but that it spoiled easily in the climate of Cuba and Porto Rico, and that it was not suitable for issue as the main part of the meat ration to troops engaged in field operations in those islands.

It is probable that the court will make recommendations as to the best method of supplying the army with fresh meat in the future, and it may advise that special investigations into this question be made to the commissary department.

DECLINED THE PERSIAN MISSION

Washington Dispatch Says He Had Applied for the Peruvian Mission, but Senator Simon Says He Had Not.

WASHINGTON, April 21.—Ex-Governor Lord, of Oregon, has declined the tender of the mission to Persia. Governor Lord was an applicant for the Peruvian mission.

The foregoing dispatch was this morn-

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ing received by the Associated Press from Washington.

In relation to the appointment of ex-Governor Lord to the office of minister to Persia, and his declination, Hon. Joseph Simon, United States senator from Oregon, who is a warm personal friend of Mr. Lord, this morning said: "The statement that ex-Governor Lord was an applicant for the Peruvian mission or any other diplomatic mission is not true. The president, recognizing ex-Governor Lord's ability and devotion to party, felt kindly disposed to him and anxious to appoint him to some good position when the opportunity should present itself. It appears that the Peruvian mission was the first to present itself to the president, and this he tendered to Mr. Lord, not knowing, of course, whether it would be accepted or not. Mr. Lord has seen fit to decline this post of honor, and that is about all there is to it."

"In regard to the statement that ex-Governor Lord was an applicant for the mission to Peru, I know that he was not. The first private dispatch from Washington announced that the post tendered ex-Governor Lord was the mission to Peru. This was evidently a mistake in transmission. Ex-Governor Lord might have accepted this office, and might not. This mission is a better one from a financial point of view than the ministry to Persia, and, besides, would have been better suited to Mr. Lord by reason of being so closely identified with our own republic. But Mr. Lord has never been an applicant for any diplomatic position."

His Life Was Saved.

Mr. J. E. Lilly, a prominent citizen of Hannibal, Mo., lately had a wonderful deliverance from a frightful death. In telling of it he says: "I was taken with typhoid fever, that ran into pneumonia. My lungs became hardened. I was so weak I couldn't even sit up in bed. Nothing helped me. I expected to soon die of consumption, when I heard of Dr. King's New Discovery. One bottle gave great relief. I continued to use it, and now am well and strong. I can't say too much in its praise." This marvellous medicine is the surest and quickest cure in the world for all throat and lung trouble. Regular size 50 cents and \$1.00. Trial bottle free at Blakeley & Houghton's drug store; every bottle guaranteed.

Elegant new Pullman palace sleepers between Portland and Chicago have just been placed in service via the O. R. & N., Oregon Short Line, Union Pacific and Chicago & Northwestern railways daily every day in the year. Cars are of the very latest pattern, in fact being the most improved up-to-date sleeping cars turned out by the Pullman Company. These new palaces will leave Portland on the evening fast train of the O. R. & N., arriving at Chicago the morning of the fourth day and running through without change via Granger and Omaha. 19th

No Right to Ugliness.

The woman who is lovely in face, form and temper will always have friends, but one who would be attractive must keep her health. If she is weak, sickly and all run down, she will be nervous and irritable. If she has constipation or kidney trouble, her impure blood will cause pimples, blotches, skin eruptions and a wretched complexion. Electric Bitters is the best medicine in the world to regulate the stomach, liver and kidneys and to purify the blood. It gives strong nerves, bright eyes, smooth, velvety skin, rich complexion. It will make a good looking, charming woman of a run-down invalid. Only 50 cents at Blakeley & Houghton's drug store. 2

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SPANIARDS MAY HAVE SHOT THEM

Fate of Lieutenant Gilmore's Party Remains a Mystery.

NEW YORK, April 21.—A dispatch to the Herald from Manila says: Admiral Dewey, in an interview today, said the expedition of the gunboat Yorktown to Baler was purely to rescue the Spanish soldiers and privates who are being besieged in a church there. The soldiers refused to surrender when expected to lay down their arms by General Rios at the end of the Paris peace conference.

Admiral Dewey said he did not know what had become of Lieutenant Gilmore and the 14 men in the launch. They had been sent to sound the mouth of the river, but went beyond the bend, out of sight of the Yorktown. The supposition is they were captured or killed by the Spaniards or the 400 insurgents who are besieging the Spanish garrison.

Admiral Dewey declines to say what steps he will take toward a punitive expedition.

General Rios, the Spanish commander when interviewed, said he did not think the garrison at Balar knew the war between the United States and Spain had ended. He had sent an officer in January to tell the garrison to surrender. The garrison refused to surrender, either not believing the officer or fearing they would be trapped by the insurgents. Since then General Rios has had no communication with the garrison, and this is the first information that the Spanish flag is still flying at Baler.

He thought the Americans were shot by the insurgents, as the Spaniards themselves are besieged and have no way of getting to the river. General Rios said that he had not been consulted.

General Otis doubted whether the proposed exchange of Filipino for Spanish prisoners would succeed, as the insurgents are holding the Spaniards in the hope that it will help their cause. They are not seeking money.

The letter containing General Rios' last appeal to Aguinaldo said the surrender of the Spanish prisoners would create a bond of sympathy between the Filipinos and Spain.

Oregon Boy Wounded.

WASHINGTON, April 21.—General Otis forwards the following list of additional casualties: Wounded—Second Oregon, April 17, company A, Private W. O. Walker, foot, moderate.

Thirteenth Minnesota, April 20, Private Nicholas Hansen, William Winders, Corporal G. H. Burlingham.

(Private William O. Walker, company A, Second Oregon, enlisted at McMinnville last May. He was a farmer by occupation. His father, W. W. Walker, is also a farmer, and lives near West Chehalis, Yamhill county.)

Little Sickness at Manila.

WASHINGTON, April 21.—The following dispatch was received at the war department today:

"Manila, April 21.—Adjutant-General, Washington—The troops are abundantly supplied and the sickness, wounded included, is only seven and a fraction per cent of the command. Otis."

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SHARP ENGAGEMENT NEAR BOCAVE

Three Companies of South Dakota Regiment and Three of the Minnesota Encounter Insurgents.

LATTER SUFFERED HEAVY LOSSES

Americans Exhausted Their Ammunition—Rebels Unusually Active Between Malolos and Calumpit

MANILA, April 21, 9:05 a. m.—At 6 o'clock this morning three South Dakota companies marched from Bocave and in conjunction with three companies of the Minnesota regiment from Guginto, north of Bocave, encountered a rebel force numbering fully 500, when two miles out. The rebels retired three miles in fairly good order, in spite of the fact that they suffered heavy losses. The Americans, having exhausted their ammunition, were compelled to return to their camps.

4:05 p. m.—The heat is intense. At noon the thermometer registered 95 degrees and the mercury was still rising. There were several prostrations from heat among the troops, but only one man was wounded. Later army tugs opened fire on the enemy along the river banks.

The rebels are unusually active from Malolos as far as Calumpit. They have been discovered within two miles of the railroad. Fires are burning east of the railroad and it would appear that the rebels are evacuating the foothill towns in anticipation of an attack upon the part of the American troops.

Washington Regiment Repel An Attack.

MANILA, April 21, 10:45 a. m.—A force of about 200 rebels yesterday afternoon attacked the outposts of the Washington regiment near Taguig, south of Pasig and Pateros. Two companies immediately engaged the enemy and advanced into the open in skirmish order.

The rebels were checked and routed after two hours' fighting, leaving twelve men killed on the field and several wounded. The American troops also obtained possession of Mauser rifles and many other weapons. Three Americans were wounded.

Remarkable Cure for Rheumatism.

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The steamer Spokane has been placed in service on the Snake river between Sparta and Lewiston with double daily service and will be operated as a through mail, express and passenger steamer, making round trips daily except Saturday. Leave Riparia at 2:30 a. m. arriving at Lewiston at 12 o'clock noon. Leave Lewiston at 2:30 p. m. arriving at Riparia at 7 o'clock p. m. The steamer Lewiston will take the place of the Spokane on the same schedule Saturdays and at other times will be operated on a wild schedule, taking care of all local work. The object of this new schedule is to place the Wisten and Buffalo Hump countries more in touch with points on the O. R. & N. 11

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