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SITUATION IN THE FILIPPINES

GEN. OTIS SAYS THREE MONTHS.

Dewey for Immediate Action—A Flag of Truce Goes out—Otis Will Expect Nothing but Unconditional Surrender—Complaint of the Army.

Manila, P. I., March 4.—I am just about to start with a flag of truce for the insurgent lines at Calocan, having received permission from General Otis, to confer with the Filipino commander, Infantera De La Cruz, in the presence of both armies. General Otis thinks that the war will be practically ended within three months. When General Lawton's division arrives, the American line, now stretched out for 22 miles around Manila, will be shortened and strengthened, to enable a powerful column to mass and smash the insurgent masses beyond Calocan, and thence advance on Mandalay, the Filipino capital. Admiral Dewey thinks that the enemy should be attacked immediately, and all the islands occupied.

General Otis said to me today that he will not receive any communication from the insurgents, but he is willing to treat with Aguinaldo simply as chief of the insurgent forces. He will accept only unconditional surrender. Before the present conflict began General Otis said he sounded Aguinaldo's commissioners as to the acceptance of local self-government under American sovereignty. Aguinaldo replied that he would only accept absolute independence, although he was willing to let the United States protect the republic against foreign interference. General Otis is anxious to have Spain ratify the treaty, as now everything outside of Manila is officially Spanish territory. The admiral is for action. He thinks that the admiral's sailing and firing on our troops all around the city night and day from the insurgent trenches will assist the Filipinos in getting arms.

General Otis, the Spanish commander, now in Manila, wishes to withdraw at once his troops from Cebu Zamboanga and other points in the Philippines, but General Otis refuses to consent.

Our lines about the city are everywhere well placed. Incendiaries have been suppressed and the natives in Manila are thoroughly cowed. There is an average of three deaths weekly from smallpox in the American army. Thirty cases are now in the hospital.

General Otis has complained to Admiral Dewey against the navy forcing the campaign too rapidly.

IDIOTS.

Mr. Stevens of Wallawa has returned from Stevens peak and reports eleven feet of snow there.

The prune and apple trees of the Potlatch have suffered no damage from the effect of the extreme cold weather.

The whist tournament at the Moscow club is ended. Lyman Reed finishing six points ahead of the next best man.

The Nez Perce jail has become so unsafe that all of the federal prisoners have been ordered removed to Moscow for safe keeping.

Parties coming in from the mountains say that the snow is so deep that the Clearwater has reached the high water mark.

Spalding at present is taxed to its utmost capacity on account of its influx of gamblers from all over the country, who are reaping a harvest from the Indians.

Dr. L. F. Inman of Moscow has received a message from the war department informing him that the report of Tracy Inman's death at Manila Monday was untrue.

J. J. Remington of Salmon river, near White Bird, reports that the stock on the river is doing well since the disappearance of the snow, but that feed is short.

Mr. Tompkins, a miner in the Standard mine at Wallawa, had his hip crushed by a fall of rock in the mine Friday. He was removed to the Providence hospital and is slowly improving.

The decision of the local land office in favor of the contestant in the case of C. B. Carter vs. W. T. Adams, to a quarter section near Lapwai, has been affirmed by the commissioner of the general land office.

Messrs. D. and C. W. Came of the woolen mill at Post Falls, state that they have bought several new knitting machines, and will start up the first of April with an additional force of 16 new employees.

Judge Mayhew has sentenced James A. Turner of Wallawa to one year in the penitentiary for manslaughter. The jury recommended him to the mercy of the court, and the sentence is the shortest the law allows.

The past week has been a notable one for the fruit growers and farmers of the Potlatch country, two meetings having been held and a degree of interest manifested that made the institute of more than ordinary significance. The institute was the first of a series, and the fruit growers are enthusiastic over the results.

To Build Two New Steamers.

Negotiations have been concluded for the building by the Cramps of two, and perhaps three, large ships for the Oriental & Occidental Steamship Company, of which company John D. Spreckels is president. The new vessels will be about 6000 tons each, furnished with twin screws and capable of averaging 17 knots an hour. They will probably ply between San Francisco and Sydney, N. S. W.

Advance of Wages.

Pittsburg, March 3.—The Schenck Pressed Steel Company of Allegheny advanced wages in all departments today from 5 to 10 per cent. This increase will benefit more than 3000 men and will prevent the strike of punchers and riveters.

The wisdom of the wise and the experience of ages is preserved by quotation.—Disraeli.

WASHINGTON.

The city of Dayton has practically no floating debt.

A telephone line will be put in between Wilkeson and Carbonado.

The chief of police of Seattle intends to try to put a little life into the curfew ordinance.

Dan McDonald, a longshoreman, 60 years old, was found dead in his cabin in Old Tacoma last week.

Manning Hill, at one time the fastest bicycle rider in the state, is now an Adventist preacher at Elma.

William Babino, a logger, was drowned while attempting to cross Puget sound in a rowboat during a heavy wind last week.

The Walla Walla Union has changed hands. J. G. Franklin, B. E. LaDue and L. Armstrong will take charge of the paper and job of it.

Robert Sheldon, an old pioneer of Snohomish, dropped dead at the home of W. J. Stevens recently while visiting with the family of the latter.

A man named Harris, from near Montesano was arrested and turned over to the sheriff of Chelan county, charged with abducting his 13-year-old niece.

Ritzville's new opera house is finished. The building is located opposite the courthouse. Its size is 40x100 feet, and has a total seating capacity for about 600 people.

At Oakesdale last week Isaac Hickey became suddenly insane and gave his wife, who has been seriously ill for some time, a dose of strychnine. She will recover.

Helen Beller, of Walla Walla, has disappeared, taking with her about \$3,000. A great deal of it was in county warrants, which she exchanged before leaving for parts unknown.

Charles Grayson, a resident of Loomis for the past eight years suddenly became insane a few days ago. It is said he has been worrying over contracting for work on a mining property.

The Chelan county council has passed an ordinance imposing a \$2 poll tax on all male inhabitants between the ages of 21 and 50 years, unless they are members of the volunteer fire department.

The contract has just been completed for repairing and remodeling the water system of Garfield, by which the system has been much improved and a larger volume of water has been supplied.

While returning to Montesano recently from a hunting trip, Scott Stevens and Arthur Johnson received the contents of a shotgun which accidentally exploded, and will be laid up for a few weeks.

Charley Ike, a Yakima Indian, who went to Wallawa a few days ago to serve as interpreter in the whisky-selling cases in the federal court, was arrested and robbed, some time last week.

The British ship Andelma, which sank in Tacoma harbor six weeks ago, with her officers and crew, will be raised, if possible, by Captain W. H. Smith, of San Francisco, and C. J. Caruthers, of Seattle.

Ellsworth DeLashmutt, the young man who recently secured a license to marry Emma Grunewald, a prepossessing young widow of Rosalia, but who, the day prior to the nuptials, was arrested for spanking the 2-year-old child of his prospective bride, has become insane.

INDUSTRIAL NOTES.

The railroad to the Fairfax mines has been completed.

Arrangements are being made in Palouse to manufacture pottery.

The Keele & Perkins shingle mill at Sultan, Wash., has started up.

Carr & Carr, bankers of Montesano, are arranging to open a bank in Elma.

The ice crop this year at Miles City, Montana, is good, averaging 34 inches of clear, good ice.

During the year 1898 the mills of Ballard manufactured over 300,000,000 cedar shingles.

Ebbertson will put in a fruit evaporator this coming season, with a capacity of from 30,000 to 40,000 pounds.

There are 90 Japs at work laying side track at Wallawa. They are fast taking the place of Chinamen.

Warren Stetson, of the Stetson & Post Mill company, is interested in an excellent and broom handle factory being erected at Eadro-Woolley, Wash.

There is considerable uneasiness among stock men and farmers near Colfax because the prolonged winter is causing a shortage of feed.

The Abbott ranch, near Montesano, was recently sold to a brother of J. B. Gouehner, manager of the Montesano creamery for \$25,000.

Cattle buyers from Spokane have been scouring the country to the south of Rockford during the past two weeks in quest of beef cattle.

A cockerel at the Spokane poultry show was such a fine bird that the judge of the exhibition offered \$75 for him, which was promptly refused by his owners.

The Pomeroy and Lewiston stage line has been shortened. The stage only runs from Pomeroy to Alpowai. The mail route is discontinued between Alpowai and Lewiston.

Dr. N. G. Blalock, of Walla Walla, the most extensive fruit raiser in the Inland Empire, states that the fruit crop of Walla Walla county has been extensively damaged.

United States Commissioner B. K. Knapp, of Ives, Okanogan county, last year, made a success of tobacco raising on his ranch, and recently was offered 121 cents a pound for a large quantity.

The Bellingham Bay Improvement company's mill at New Whatcom presents a veritable sea view appearance. A large number of men are employed in the saw mill, which has a capacity of cutting 75,000 feet of lumber per day.

The biggest sticks of timber ever cut in Portland were cut at the mill of Inman, Paulsen & Co. recently. They were of fir and were three feet square, and a little more than forty-eight feet long. They contained 5,200 feet of lumber, and weighed about 20,000 pounds each.

MINES AND MINING NEWS

OUR NORTHWESTERN MINES.

Items Gleaned From the Late Reports—All Districts Are Being Developed—A Prosperous Year Is Predicted—Mining Notes and Personalities.

The new \$100,000 mill at the Goldconda mine, near Baker City, Ore., is building. The owners expect great success with the new bromine-chlorine process. They are J. G. and J. F. Fogelish, of Danville, Ill. The mill building covers 170 by 300 feet. The complete equipment will be in operating shape April 1.

In South Africa.

In 1897 in the Rand, South Africa gold district, there were in operation 4675 stamps; in 1898, 5042; the tonnage crushed in 1897 was 5,225,355—about 4½ tons per stamp per day. As to the United States, the tendency is to increase the capacity per stamp. In the past ten years that district has yielded \$220,000,000 in gold.

The Payne Mines.

The Payne mines are situated in the Slovan division of British Columbia, says the Toronto World. So far only one of the four claims owned by the company has been worked and out of this claim the company has received and paid \$1,000,000 in dividends, besides paying all costs of development and equipment out of the earnings of the mine.

Sulphur.

Sulphur was mined in the United States in 1898 in Utah, Nevada and Louisiana. The total production was about 3,000 short tons, valued at \$66,000. The Nevada product was shipped to San Francisco. Utah produced 337 tons. The production of sulphur in Louisiana (made by the French process as in previous years), amounted to 1,427 short tons. Nothing was done at the Louisiana mines after May.

The Uses of Aluminium.

There seems to be no limit to the uses to which aluminium can be put. The Russian minister of war has approved of aluminium horse shoes for the cavalry, after a severe test as to their merits. They wear longer than iron, are less affected by moisture, cost no more, and are of course much lighter. They are likely to come into general use in the near future. Within a few years iron will have to take a back seat for many of the utilitarian purposes to which it is now devoted to dispensable.

Fame of Republic Spreads.

Patrick Clark, the principal owner of the Republic mine, has returned from his eastern trip and reports that he found the fame of Republic camp has already reached the cities of the east, and the indications are that considerable eastern capital will seek mining investments throughout the northern section this coming spring. Mr. Clark stated that the regular monthly dividend of \$30,000 from the Republic mine would be passed this month, as the cold snap had seriously interfered with the operations of the mill. It is a creditable fact, however, that the net returns of the limited operations of the mill was more than ample to pay all expenses of development work on the mine.

MINING NOTES.

At Portland is being framed a gold mining dredge to cost \$40,000 for the Pomeroy Dredge Company of Portland, Ore.

Calumet, Mich., is now the second largest mining camp in the United States, and claims a population of 40,000, being next to Butte.

It is estimated that there is now \$1,000,000 worth of ore in sight in the Red Boy mine near Baker City. The monthly cleanups of this mine range from \$19,000 to \$25,000.

Another strike of clean galena ore is reported on the Little Spokane, near Troy, Montana. Ore is being hauled to the railroad for shipment to Great Falls.

There is a persistent rumor that the Keystone is about to absorb the Goldflint, in the Yakh district, Montana, and that one big mill will work the ore from both propositions.

This week a force of men were put to work sinking an incline shaft on the Rebate in Republic to catch the ledge at a point near the bottom of the winze, and another force will commence a raise to connect with it.

On the Silver King, near Okanogan lake, and owned by the Canadian-American Gold Mining and Development company, of Rosland, 250 feet of tunnels have been driven since November 1.

A strike has been made at the 70-foot level in the Golden Eagle, on the north fork of the Kettle river, in the Boundary country. The find consists of four feet of high grade copper-gold ore, from which assays were had from \$80 to \$100.

A carload of red granite has been shipped to Seattle from A. C. Thompson's new quarry. There is said to be but one other place in the United States where such a fine quality of red granite is found. Most of the red granite in this country is brought from Scotland.

The Camp Hewitt properties which have recently been secured by the Canadian-American Gold Mining and Development company of Rosland, comprise 10 gold-copper claims situated on Okanogan lake at the new town of Pencland, which is located 20 miles north of Pentleton on the west side of the lake.

One mile east from the ranch of W. L. Davis, just across the Okanogan river, lies what is called a sodium-sulphate mine. This deposit covers about sixty acres, and from samples sent to

the agricultural college of Washington and a chemist in Seattle is pronounced by them commercially pure.

Another attempt has been made to find Indian John's fabulously rich placer gold fields, said to be located in Cassiar and which are pronounced among the lost mines of the world.

This time Californians tried to locate the gold, but did not succeed. After two years' wandering some of the party have returned to Vancouver.

British Columbia.

Arrangements are being made to resume work on the Diamond Hitch in the Boundary country.

The Caledonia, in Bear Lake district, B. C., has 150 feet of tunneling and has just commenced a cross-cut tunnel. Two shafts are being worked.

On the Monte Carlo and American Eagle on Hardy Mountain in Boundary valuable deposits of native copper ore have been encountered.

A valuable body of ore has been crosscut on the City of Paris and Lincoln claims in Central camp, Boundary country.

A foot of clean ore has been struck in the drift being run on the Mabou claim, which adjoins the Enterprise mine on Ten Mile near Silverton.

At the Dundee mine the main shaft is now down to the 263-foot level. The drifting on ore is being carried on at the 200,000 level, where it is 18 feet thick.

The Gladstone mineral claim, situated on Porcupine creek, four miles east of the Nelson and Fort Sheppard railway, has been sold by N. A. Rivers to Gideon Mahar.

Montreal parties have purchased a large interest in the Oro Denoro claim in Summit camp, enough having been invested to insure the steady working of the mine in future.

Fifteen men are at work on the City of Paris and Lincoln mines over in Central camp and are making good progress on the 800-foot tunnel which is now over 600 feet.

R. G. Sidley of Anarchist mountain has bonded his well known Anarchist group of claims at Camp McKinley to W. P. Paton and company of Greenwood for a large sum.

The mill at the Porto Rico is running night and day and is giving good satisfaction. There is much speculation as to the returns, and estimates vary from \$20,000 to \$50,000.

The Boundary Creek Mining company, which owns the Last Chance, in Skylark camp, has purchased a complete plant, consisting of a 50 horse power boiler, hoist, pump and steam drills from the Jumbo Machine company at Trail and expect to have it on the ground shortly.

The confirmation of the sale of the Cornucopia group for \$600,000 is the latest actual transfer of note and is indicative of what is going on around Sumpter, Ore.

The result of the Hall Mines smelting operations during the four weeks ending January 27th were: 22 days, 6 hours smelting, 3,727 tons smelted, yielding 69 tons copper, 39,250 ounces silver.

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It is estimated that the ore shipments already made from the Slovan group in the Fort Steele country, of over half a million dollars. Twenty-one mines are at present on the list of shippers.

During January the B. A. C. did over 2500 feet of tunneling, shafting, etc., on its various properties and probably the February record will be even greater than that.

The tunnel on the Wallingford at Rosland is now in 245 feet and has a good showing of mineral in the face.

A change has been made to the use of coal as a fuel in the Virginia mine, at Rosland.

The new machinery on the Sullivan group, in the Fort Steele country, is working without a hitch. The development work has been much more rapid since the machinery was started.

A crosscut tunnel has been started on the Vancouver group, near Silverton, to tap the ore bodies at much greater depth than the present workings.

On the Noble Five the big ore body lately run into has been followed for 85 feet. Its average width is five feet. It is estimated that the amount of ore in sight is worth about \$200,000.

New Secretary of War.

Washington, March 5.—General "Joe" Wheeler may be the next secretary of war. The president, when he heard how Speaker Reed had insulted the general by refusing to recognize him on the floor of the house, was indignant. The president regarded the speaker's action as an insult to an old and valued representative, an insult to the confederacy, an insult to a soldier, an insult to a Santiago hero. Several gentlemen talked over the matter with the president this evening. When they left the White house the news became current that General Wheeler would succeed Russell A. Alger, and that the latter might oblige his friends by announcing his willingness to retire next week.

A Sister of Joe Jefferson.

New York, March 5.—Cornelia Jefferson, whose name by marriage became Mrs. Jackson, died at her home in this city at the age of 62. She was the only sister of Joseph Jefferson, the comedian. In childhood she went on the stage and during her life she was more closely connected with the dramatic profession.

Kipling Is Much Better.

New York, March 5.—It was said that Mr. Kipling had lost no ground during the day, but had made some progress toward recovery. The patient, the physicians say, had not spoken to any one since talking a little with his wife during the evening.

ITEMS FROM ALL AROUND

TERSE TICKS FROM THE WIRE.

A Complete Review of the Events for the Past Week—This and Foreign Lands—Summarized From the Latest Dispatches.

President J. J. Hill of the Great Northern and President A. L. Mohler of the O. R. & N. held a conference in Seattle recently. It is thought that the conference was based upon the question of constructing a railroad into the Republic mining district.

William Wayne Behin is under arrest in the Waldorf-Astoria, charged with threatening the life of the Denver millionaire, David H. Moffat, and also with trying to defraud the hotel out of \$423.

The United States gunboat Wheeling has arrived in Vancouver, B. C., from Alaska.

Miss Ada Rehan, the leading lady of Augustin Daly's company, has been engaged, with Mr. Daly's permission and approval, to create the part of the heroine in the next Drury Lane drama.

The commissioners of Golden Gate park, San Francisco, have accepted an offer by Claus Spreckels to erect a marble or granite music stand, to cost not less than \$60,000.

At St. Louis, in the trial of Campbell Aligair on the charge of murder, photographs purporting to portray every stage of the assault were brought forth by the state and allowed as evidence. The entire trial was before a camera.

Orders have been issued for filling in of the fifty-mile gap between Surf and Elwood, on the coast division of the Southern Pacific railroad. This will complete a new trunk line from San Francisco to Los Angeles within a year.

Frances Saville, the opera singer, who states that she is a citizen of California, has brought suit against the Madison Avenue hotel in New York to recover \$20,000, the value of a casket of jewels which she alleges was stolen from her apartments in the hotel December 5, 1898.

Total receipts from customs and taxes in America's island possessions are: In Cuba, from July 18, 1898, to January 31, 1899 (six ports not reporting for January), \$1,312,372; in the Philippine islands, from August 13, 1898, to December 31, \$1,819,813; in Porto Rico, from August 15, 1898, to December 15, 1898, \$3,643,602.

Lieut. Commander C. P. Rees, U. S. N., who was the signal officer with Admiral Dewey's fleet, and who stood upon the bridge with the admiral during the battle of Manila, has arrived in Topeka, Kan., to visit relatives. The naval officer was received by the governor and both branches of the legislature, and spoke briefly before both the house and senate.

An appeal has been received by the San Francisco Chamber of Commerce on behalf of the flood sufferers of the Shan Tung province in China.

President Zelaya's army has captured Cili mountain and Agnas Calientes, thus virtually terminating the Bluefields revolution.

The transport Sherman, New York for Manila, has arrived at Port Said.

Two iceboats going at a high rate of speed came together on Hamilton bay, Ontario. Win. Holtham was killed and several others severely injured.

Thirty Spaniards arrived on the Cunard liner Umbria, at New York recently. Most of them are laborers and are able to read and write. All of them are going to different mining towns of the west.

The bodies of a letter carrier Fred Marty, his wife and two-year-old child, who 10 days ago perished in the fire at the Arlington flat building, in Chicago, were found under a pile of debris.

It is learned that ex-President Cleveland has signified his intention of attending the dinner to be given at Delmonico's on March 2nd in honor of Carl Schurz.

Representative Grosvener of Ohio has introduced a bill directing that government publications bear the imprint of the International Typographical Union.

List of Casualties.

Washington, March 5.—The war department has received the following cablegram from General Otis:

Manila, March 4.—Casualties, near Calocan, First Montana, March 2.—Band Private Alfred Cashmore, thigh, slight.

Near San Pedro Macati, Third artillery, March 3, Sergeant Dennis Shea, just reported as missing.

Grant Cullam, Tenth Pennsylvania, was sent outside the lines for information January 27, and has not been seen since.

Gold in Chilkat Country.

San Francisco, March 6.—Advices from Juneau, Alaska, of February 22, say that a new strike in the Porcupine district has caused quite a rush of miners to the Chilkat country.

The bad made on Talikin creek, which flows into the Chilkat about 12 miles from Hayes mission. The mission is rapidly growing into a lively town. The whole country back of it, except beyond the divide, is in American territory, in Alaska proper, and claims are about 1500 feet square, or about 20 acres in area.

Arsenic in All Wall Papers.

Ithaca, N. Y., March 6.—Dr. F. M. Chasnel of the chemical department of Cornell university has announced that, as a result of a chemical analysis he has been carrying on for several months, he is able to state that nearly all wall papers sold at the present time contain arsenical poison, some of them in surprising quantities.

Did for the Big Fight.

New York, March 6.—W. B. Gray, manager of the Westchester Athletic club deposited \$300 with Dave Holland of this city in support of the club's offer of \$15,000 for the Fitzsimmons-Jefferys fight.

The board of stewards of the California Jockey Club have indefinitely suspended two jockeys, Cash Sloan and W. H. Martin, the former being a brother to Tod Sloan.

The directory of the Greater American exposition has just elected these officers: Dr. George L. Miller, president; Frank Murphy, treasurer; and Dudley Smith, secretary.

According to reports received by the steamer Miowera, the situation in the New Hebrides is serious.

The annual meeting of the Congressional Temperance Society at the Vermont Avenue Christian church, Washington, was a memorable one, in honor of the late Representative Dingley of Maine, who was for 18 years president of the organization.

L. D. Broughton, Jr., received a letter from the universities of Oxford and Cambridge on the matter of a chess match by cable with the American universities of Columbia, Harvard, Yale and Princeton.

P. S. Carr, late captain of Company I, First Kentucky regiment, was shot through the left arm at the elbow by Harry Price, a young lawyer of Cattleburg, who was a private in Carr's company.

Eugenio Casselli, the South American racket and handball player, played a series of racket games with Instructor H. Boakes of the Chicago Athletic club and for the first time since coming to the United States Casselli met defeat.

The conferees on the census bill have agreed and will make their report in the week. The census will be nominally under the direction of the secretary of the interior, but all appointments in the census bureau will be made by the director of the census.

At Crawford, Neb., three miles from Fort Robinson, City Marshal Frank D. Moore was probably fatally wounded by Louis Grossman, late trumpeter of Company C, First U. S. cavalry.

A tornado passed over Evansville, Ind., last week. The Evansville Brick company's plant, the Diamond Commercial company's building and one residence were destroyed and many private homes unroofed. Other minor casualties were reported. The loss will be heavy.

Texas is passing through an alarming epidemic of meningitis. Many schools have been closed on account of the ravages of the disease.

There are 30 cases of typhoid fever in the Second division hospital in Major General Lee's camp at Havana.

David Holland, who is residing here for the contest between Bob Fitzsimmons and Jim Jeffries, today received an offer of \$21,000 from the Triangle club, located on Stony Island avenue, Chicago.

The two officers who pay all expenses of the principals and their trainers to the battleground and deposit the purse 10 days prior to the day of the fight, or earlier, if desired, when the articles of agreement are signed.

Ex-Representative Levi Maish, of Pennsylvania, is dead.</