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# DEWEY CALLS FOR REINFORCEMENTS AT MANILA

## Critical Situation, with the Insurgents in Control of Everything There Except Manila and Cavite.

# TERRIBLE HOLOCAUST IN ARIZONA DESTROYS BOTH LIFE AND PROPERTY

## The Worst Calamity Ever Known in the Community Near Prescott---Sickness in the Camps Decreasing---Relief for the Destitute at New Westminster---The Evacuation Committee at San Juan de Porto Rico Adjourns Until Tomorrow---Stranded Arctic Whalers Rescued by the Bear Will Arrive at Seattle Today---A Spanish Story.

**M**ANILA, Sept. 12.—Rear Admiral Dewey says he considers the situation critical. He has asked for an additional cruiser and a battleship. The Spaniards assert that Germany will take a coaling station here and that Spain will retain the remainder of the islands.

The last of the Spanish garrisons at Iloos and Laguanet have surrendered and the whole island of Luzon is in the hands of the insurgents, except Manila and Cavite.

Aguinaldo went to Lelillos Friday. He has announced his intention of convening an assembly of Filipinos on September 15 in order to decide upon the policy to be adopted by the insurgents.

The correspondent here of the Associated Press has had an interview with Aguinaldo, who said there were 47,000 insurgents armed with rifles. He added that he could raise 100,000 men. Indeed the insurgent leader pointed out that the whole population was willing to fight for their independence. Continuing, Aguinaldo said he had 9,000 military prisoners, including 5,000 in the vicinity of Manila, besides civil prisoners.

Later, Aguinaldo said that the "provisional government" was now operating in provinces. He asserted that he appointed delegates in proportion to population. As to the Americans, Aguinaldo remarked that he considered them as brothers. That "the two sovereign republics were allied against a common enemy."

When questioned as to whether the future of the Philippines would be absolute independence, Aguinaldo excused himself from replying, and asked what America intends to do. The correspondent being unable to answer this question Aguinaldo continued: "We have been fighting for independence for a long time. The natives who profess to favor annexation are insincere. It is merely a ruse to ascertain American views." When asked if the Filipinos would reject the retention of Manila, Aguinaldo declined to answer.

"Would the Filipinos object to the Americans retaining a coaling station, if recognizing the independence of the islands, or establishing a temporary protectorate over them?" Aguinaldo again refused to answer. Pending the conclusion of the assembly, Aguinaldo said he was confident there would be no trouble between America and the Filipinos. The insurgent leader denied having received a request from General Otis and Rear-Admiral Dewey to withdraw his troops to a prescribed dis-

tance from Manila and Cavite, and he declined to discuss the effect of such a request. Aguinaldo further asserted that he had never conferred with the American authorities since the capitulation of Manila and that he had never authorized the insurgents to search or disarm Americans crossing the line. The correspondent closely questioned him about last Saturday's incident when the Pennsylvania troops proceeded to establish a new outpost. The Filipinos objected, and nearly precipitated hostilities, ordering the Americans to withdraw in twenty minutes. They issued ammunition and intercepted the American reinforcements. Finally, General Hale ordered all the Pennsylvanians to advance and the rebels withdrew.

The local governor has explained that the incident was a mistake and has repudiated his subordinates' action. Aguinaldo declared that the Filipino who made the trouble merely pretended to be an officer and is entirely unconnected with the insurgent army. Aguinaldo complained that the Spanish were disseminating these reports for the purpose of fomenting antagonism between the Filipinos and the Americans. The whole interview conveyed the impression that Aguinaldo desires absolute independence, regarding the mission of the Americans here as accomplished and expects their withdrawal "just as the French with Lafayette withdrew after helping the Americans in the war of independence, a war of humanity."

Just now Aguinaldo maintains the role of extreme friendship.

**TERRIBLE HOLOCAUST IN JEROME, ARIZONA.**  
Greatest Loss of Life and Property Known in That Territory in Its History.

PRESCOTT, Arizona, Sept. 12.—Yesterday one of the greatest calamities in the loss of human life and destruction of property that has ever occurred in this territory happened in Jerome.

It was nearly 7 o'clock when the first alarm of fire was given and sleepers awoke to realize that a shack in the Italian quarter near the Grand View Hotel, was being consumed by the fiery element. The flames spread rapidly, licking up building after building, and in less than two hours after the alarm was given an area covering at least five blocks was in smoldering ruins. Structures of the most substantial material were consumed as though they were tissue paper.

Many men and children are missing. Eight charred bodies have thus far been discovered and it is feared twice that number have perished. No one, however, at present knows the exact extent of the loss of life, and not until the ruins have sufficiently cooled to permit a careful search will the list of casualties be completed.

After the alarm was given and the utter futility of any effort to arrest the progress of the fire by fighting it with water was seen, dynamite was resorted to, but it did not avail. The cinders were carried aloft by the explosions and fell on house after house, getting them rapidly on fire. In some instances the embers traveled yards. The water supply was inadequate and was only effective in a few remote and isolated buildings. Jerome is a town of about 2,500 people. The total loss is placed at from half to three-quarters of a million dollars. There was but little insurance, the total aggregating less than \$5,000. Following are some of the principal losses:

Dave Connor, hotel, \$40,000, loss total.  
C. O'Keef, general merchandise, \$40,000, loss total.  
Merrill Bros., general merchandise, value \$5,000, insurance nominal.  
Hoover & Gardner, resort, value \$10,000, insurance nominal.  
Senate saloon, \$6,000, insurance nominal. Annex, loss \$7,000.  
George Lanham, loss \$7,500.  
William Hook & Co., \$7,500.  
Joseph Tomberino, \$10,000.  
Mrs. Boys, lodging house, \$6,000.  
St. Charles Hotel, \$30,000.  
Grand View Hotel, \$25,000, insurance nominal.  
Fifty company cottages, \$100,000, insurance nominal.

At least 200 additional places of business, including confectionery, tobacco, fruit, barber shops, meat markets, and like places, aggregating a big sum, were total losses.

**SICKNESS ON THE DECREASE.**  
SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 12.—Sickness is very much on the decrease in the Presidio camp, and the disease is getting well under control. There were 26 in the home today, 18 in the division and 27 in the Presidio field hospital. There are 60 cases of typhoid in the division hospital.

Private Hanson and Private Kennedy, both of company K, First Washington volunteers, and Private Jones, troop B, Fourth cavalry, are all in a very critical condition from typhoid.

**RELIEF COMMITTEE APPOINTED.**  
SEATTLE, Sept. 12.—Mayor Humes today appointed a relief committee to collect and distribute supplies to the citizens of New Westminster whose homes were destroyed in yesterday's fire.

**EVACUATION COMMITTEE.**  
SAN JUAN, Porto Rico, Sept. 12.—The two evacuation committees held an hour's session today and adjourned until Wednesday. The American commissioners

made known their position regarding the evacuation and transfer of the island, in accordance with their instructions from Washington. Those instructions they decline to make public at present, as publicity might lead to an embarrassment in the negotiations.

**WHALERS RESCUED.**  
SEATTLE, Sept. 12.—A telegram to the Associated Press from Port Townsend says the revenue cutter Bear, which carried the government relief to the whaling fleet in the Arctic ocean, has entered the straits of Fuca. She will reach Seattle about 6 a. m. tomorrow. The Bear has on board about 100 men, composing the crews of the Rosario, Orca, and Fearless, the three vessels of the whaling fleet that were wrecked in the ice.

**THE MARKETS.**  
SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 12.—Wool—Portland, Sept. 12.—Wheat—Walk Walla, 57¢; valley and bluestem, 60¢. Eastern Oregon, 10¢; valley, 15¢. The receipts today were 150 cars, and a freer selling movement is reported in the interior.

**NATIONAL NAVAL RESERVE.**  
CHICAGO, Sept. 12.—A movement for the creation of a national naval reserve, with the Illinois naval militia as the nucleus, has been started in this city by the local officers.

**BAYARD VERY WEAK.**  
NEW YORK, Sept. 12.—A dispatch from Dedham, Mass., says: Thomas F. Bayard did not rest at all yesterday and is very weak. His doctors expect him to live about a week longer.

**THE DEAD SOLDIERS.**  
NEW YORK, Sept. 12.—The death of these soldiers is announced.

At Hackensack, N. J.—George R. Cook, company E, Seventy-first New York, typhoid fever.

At St. Catherine's hospital, this city—J. W. Phillips, light battery F, typhoid fever. His home was in Oakland, Ind.

At St. Peter's hospital, Brooklyn—Sergeant J. B. Welch, company K, Ninth Massachusetts.

At Long Island college—Henry Dobson, company D, District of Columbia volunteers.

**WEAVERS ON STRIKE.**  
FALL RIVER, Mass., Sept. 12.—The weavers of the Borden City cotton mills, Nos. 1 and 2, struck work today against a reduction of wages. The weavers of mill No. 3 had been on a strike for three weeks for the same cause. The strikers number 600 or 700.

**GOT THERE JUST IN TIME.**  
SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 12.—The Call says: Private advices have been received in this city to the effect that the Caroline group of islands, which this county contemplated seizing, had war with Spain been prolonged, by this time would have been in the hands of the natives.

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