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ISLAND OF LUZON TO BE HELD BY UNITED STATES

Force of Circumstances May Necessitate This Government De- priving Spain of the Philippines.

GREAT STORM SWEEPS THE BARBADOES, KILLING HUNDREDS OF PEOPLE

Kingston, Capital of St. Vincent Island, Entirely Destroyed---Thousands Rendered Homeless and Many Are Starving---Great Damage on All the Islands---Tennessean Who Murdered Hildebrand at San Francisco Breaks Down When Taken to Jail and Confesses His Awful Crime---Indignation Is High Against Him---More Trouble.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 14.—Much satisfaction was expressed today over the reports from Madrid that the lower house of parliament had passed the government bill accepting the terms of the protocol. The upper house already has passed this measure, so that the last fear of legislative opposition to the transfer of Cuba, the Ladronez and Porto Rico is over. The authorities feel that this carries us over the danger point, as it has been feared for some time that the animosity in the Spanish cortes would lead to the defeat of the Sagasta ministry on the question of evacuating the Spanish islands, either in one branch or the other. There is little doubt that the general line of policy was agreed upon between the president and his cabinet at their meeting yesterday. There is good reason for believing the assertion that the decision was definitely in favor of not permitting Spain, under any conditions, to retain sovereignty in any part of the Philippine islands based on a misconception, as members of the cabinet and the members of the peace commission refuse absolutely to discuss the subject, and therefore whatever is said is based more or less on inference or round about information.

It is not doubted that the commission will start negotiations at Paris with the assertion that we have conquered Spain in the Philippines, and that Spanish sovereignty has already been forfeited there. This will not, however, necessarily signify that it is the purpose of the administration to retain possession of the entire group of islands, or to permanently deprive Spain of all her possessions in the Pacific. It is believed that the administration has not gone beyond a determination to retain the whole of the island of Luzon, but it is understood to be the determination of the present to establish at the outset the right of this government to determine the fate of the islands and to make the condition on which a government shall be established there.

The matter of relinquishing possession of the rest of the islands is involved with so many conditions to be considered that it is realized it may be force of circumstances become necessary to deprive Spain permanently of all her possessions in that quarter. It is understood not to be a matter of policy to acquire all this territory, but it may become a necessity. The commercial and trade side of the question, as involving the development and expansion of our commerce in the Pacific, is occupying the chief attention in connection with determining our policy.

GREAT STORM SWEEPS OVER LESSER ANTILLES

Kingston, Capital of St. Vincent Island, Entirely Destroyed, and Three Hundred Lives Were Lost

LONDON, Sept. 14.—Advices were received here late tonight saying that a terrible hurricane has swept over the Barbadoes, in the Windward group of the Lesser Antilles. Three hundred persons have been killed and 40,000 rendered homeless.

ST. THOMAS, D. V. I., Sept. 14.—According to the latest reports from St. Lucia, the storm which broke out on the island developed almost unprecedented violence, being accompanied by a tidal wave and tremendous rains. Numerous land slides were caused and many houses, bridges and cocoa estates have been de-

stroyed. At least twelve lives have been lost.

Guadeloupe, the French island in the Leeward group, has experienced very heavy weather. Nineteen deaths are reported.

A boat from the island of St. Vincent 100 miles west of the Barbadoes, arrived today at the island of Grenada and reports that St. Vincent has experienced the most violent and destructive cyclone ever known there. Kingston, the capital of St. Vincent, is totally destroyed. It is estimated that 200 lives have been lost in that island and that 250 people are homeless. The bodies of the dead are being buried in trenches. Thousands are starving or being fed at public expense.

The amount of property destroyed in St. Vincent cannot yet be estimated. Every small house is down and many large ones have been destroyed. The demolished buildings include churches, stores and almost all the state buildings. Three large ships are ashore on the Windward coast and many smaller vessels are stranded.

No information is obtainable here from the Barbadoes, but the worst is feared.

ROSSER'S CRIME WAS CRUEL AND UNPROVOKED.

Weeps After Arrest and Says He Was Too Drunk to Know What He Was Doing.

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 14.—When Walter Rosser, the Tennessee volunteer who murdered Henry Hildebrand, a clerk in the Srockels market, during a drunken spree, was booked at the city prison he began to sobber up. He handed in a lady's gold watch and \$6 in coin and asked that the watch be cared for. Then he wept and said he realized his deep disgrace, but claimed not to recollect anything about the shooting. "My father and mother are alive," he said, "and are living in Stevenson, Ala. My father is a superintendent for the Nashville, Chattanooga & St. Louis railroad. "I am a member of the Sigma Xi Fraternity, and a graduate of the Vanderbilt university, and am entitled to the degree of M. D. When the war broke out I was a student in classics, but I left school and enlisted in the Tennessee regiment at Memphis. My knowledge of medicine gained me the position of steward of company B, which position I still hold. "I have telegraphed my father and expect him to come to this city at once. "Later in the evening Judge J. H. Guerry, of Georgia, who has lately come to this state to practice law, called on the prisoner and tendered him services as a friend of the family, and he was accepted. He will appear in court when Rosser is arraigned.

Eye-witnesses of the affair state that Rosser fired the fatal shot without provocation. He fought against arrest and almost succeeded in escaping in the excitement having slipped one hand out of the steel handcuff. While waiting for the patrol wagon he is said to have pushed the dead body of his victim with the toe of his shoe.

Colonel Smith, of the Tennessee regiment, deeply regrets the column which the crime has cast upon his command. He will compel all the men to surrender their weapons, and may restrict their liberty in the future.

The regiment has achieved an unenviable reputation since its arrival here, some of its members having been concerned in a recent brutal assault upon a negro near the Presidio, and others having been arrested for various offenses. Colonel Smith, however, maintains that most of his men are members of southern families of good social standing, but the bad element got in during the hasty recruit-

ing necessary to increase the companies from 84 to 106 men.

The awful murder of Henry Hildebrand by Walter Rosser, a member of a Tennessee regiment, has aroused the indignation of the people of this city to a high pitch. The numerous lawless acts of the Tennesseans have been so flagrant that popular feeling is becoming intense. Market street was blocked today by a crowd that assembled before the Popular restaurant, which bore a huge sign reading: "Patronage of Tennesseans not wanted." The proprietor of the restaurant, at the request of the police, removed the sign, as it was feared unruly soldiers might cause trouble.

HOT WORDS BETWEEN COUNT AND GENERAL.

Administration of Spanish Philippine Attacked in Spanish Cortes—Duel to Follow.

MADRID, Sept. 14.—General Primo de Rivera has demanded an inquiry into his administration of the Philippine islands and in doing so he said the attacks of Count d'Almeida were only fit for the mouth of a "miserable slanderer."

The count was endeavoring to reply when Senor Sagasta read a decree proroguing the cortes. Count d'Almeida and General Rivera separated, approached the president in a hostile manner and a duel is expected.

A painful impression has been caused here by a statement made by the Pais saying the United States intends to demand \$20,000,000 indemnity in behalf of American citizens who have suffered from the insurrection in Cuba.

SHAFTER'S CAMPAIGN REPORT.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 14.—General Shafter's report of the campaign which terminated in the fall of Santiago, has been made public. He devotes the main body of the report to the active operations about Santiago.

General Shafter says subsequent events and results show that the plan of campaign adopted by himself at Santiago was the only feasible one.

In closing, he says: "I wish to dwell upon the natural obstacles I had to encounter and which notwithstanding could have overcome or obviated. The rocky and precipitous coast afforded no shelter for landing places; the roads were mere bridal paths; the effect of the tropical sun and rains upon the unacclimated troops was deadly and the dread of strange and unknown diseases had its effect on the army. In spite of the fact that I had nearly 1,000 men continuously at work on the roads, they were at times impassable for wagons.

"The San Juan and Aguadores rivers would often suddenly rise, so as to prevent the passage of wagons, and then the freight and pack trains with the command had to be descended upon for the victualing of my army, as well as 2,000 refugees, who could not, in the interests of humanity, be left to starve while we had rations.

"Often for days nothing could be moved except on pack trains.

"The supply of quartermaster and commissary stores during the campaign was abundant, and notwithstanding the difficulties in landing and the progress of carrying rations to the troops on the firing line were at all times supplied with the coarser components, namely, oat bread, meal, sugar and coffee.

"There was no lack of transportation, for at no time up to the surrender could all the wagons I had be used.

"In reference of the sick and wounded, I have to say that they received every at-

ention that it was possible to give them. The medical officers, without exception, worked night and day to alleviate the suffering, which was no greater than invariably accompanies a campaign.

"The discipline of the command was superb, and I wish to invite attention to the fact that not an officer was brought to trial by court martial, and, as far as I know, no enlisted man. This speaks volumes for an army of this size, and in a campaign of such duration."

General Shafter recommends for promotion and brevets the following: Lieutenant Colonel E. C. McClelland, Lieutenant Colonel George McDerby, Lieutenant Colonel Miles, Lieutenant Colonel J. J. Astor; Lieutenant Colonel E. F. Pope, Major R. H. Knoble, Major S. W. Grosbeck, Lieutenant Colonel Charles S. Humphrey, Lieutenant Colonel J. E. Weston, Major G. H. Starr, Major Leon Bourgeois, Major H. J. Gallagher, Captain G. H. Brice, Captain E. H. Plummer, Captain J. C. Getmore Jr., and Captain W. H. McKittrick.

MORE TROUBLE.

ROME, Sept. 14.—Italy, it is announced, has declared that her diplomatic relations with the republic of Colombia are ended, Colombia refusing to recognize the British minister as the Italian representative during the latter's absence.

WE MUST RETAIN PHILIPPINES.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 14.—Newspapers reaching the state department in the official mails from the Orient show that the almost universal expression in the public press of Japan is in favor of the United States holding permanently and governing the Philippine islands.

The position taken is that this will be in the interest of peace, commerce and good government. The editorials insist that this is the only issue of the matter that will satisfy the highest interests of the islands, and the demands of civilization. The papers declare that the United States, in assuming control of the islands, will receive the moral support, if not the active co-operation of Japan and Great Britain.

COMPSON RETAINED.

SALEM, Sept. 14.—The supreme court today handed down a decision affirming the incumbency of General H. B. Compson, railroad commissioner, as against the claim of A. L. Wagner, recently appointed by Governor Lord.

THE RED MEN IN CONVENTION.

INDIANAPOLIS, Sept. 14.—The Red Men in their council today settled the question of the admission of salmonmen, so far as constitutional amendments are concerned. But eight of the 12 delegates voted for the resolution to prohibit their membership.

The new officers are as follows: Great Inchoonee, George E. Green, of New York; great senior sagamore, E. D. Wiley, of Iowa; great junior sagamore, Thomas G. Harrison, of Indiana; great prophet, R. T. Daniel, of Georgia; great chief of records, Charles C. Conley, of Pennsylvania; great keeper of wampum, William Provin, of Massachusetts.

LEFT FOR VANCOUVER.

OAKLAND, Sept. 14.—This afternoon the last of the Eight infantry, which since last June has been located at Camp Barrett in this city, broke camp and proceeded to Fort Vancouver, where it will do garrison duty. The command is comprised of Company H., Captain Lyons; Company G., Captain Simpson; Company

I. Captain Riley; Company D, Captain Elliott. They are under the command of Lieutenant-Colonel Carrington.

HOAR TENDERED THE PLACE.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 14.—It is understood President McKinley has invited Senator Hoar, of Massachusetts, to become Hay's successor as ambassador to England. While no definite reply has been received, it is believed Hoar will decline the appointment, believing he can be of more use to his country in his present position.

BIG DEED FILED.

OAKLAND, Cal., Sept. 14.—The Pacific Borax and Redwood's Chemical Company, limited, otherwise the English borax syndicate, has filed a trust deed of all its properties on the Pacific coast to cover a loan of \$1,250,000, which has been made by the Indian and General Investment Trust Limited of London for the purchase or construction through F. M. Smith, who is known as the "Borax King," of a large borax plant at Constable Hook, N. J., which is to be removed most of the large plant which the Pacific Coast Borax Company has been operating in Alameda. Extensive deposits of borax at Antofagasta, Chile, are also to be purchased. The deed recites that the works control borax mines or factories in San Bernardino, Inyo and Alameda counties of this state and Esmeralda county, Nevada, and Curry county, Oregon.

ADDRESS TO CUBANS.

SANTIAGO, Sept. 14.—A council of the so-called provisional government of the republic of Cuba, represented by Senor Bartolome Maso, president; Cisneros Capote, vice-president, and Senor Font, Senor Aleman, and Senor Morena del Latorre, secretaries, met at Santos Cruz September 13 and formulated a manifesto to the Cuban people, with an order to commanders of the Cuban army, both of which have been promulgated. The manifesto, which is an elaborate document, touches on the history of the movement for Cuban independence and the principles upon which the Cuban people have fought for their liberty.

JOE HOLLADAY IS DEAD.

PORTLAND, Sept. 14.—Joseph Holladay died tonight, aged 77. He was a pioneer of Oregon, and was a brother of the late Ben Holladay, of pony express fame.

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