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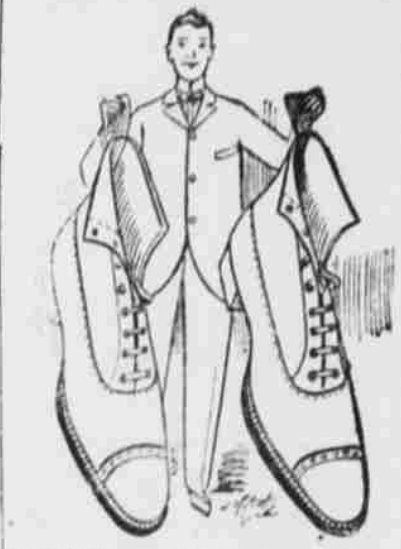
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AN ADVANCE ON MANILA

Said That Aguinaldo Intends to Mass His Forces and Attack the City.

REPORT IS LIKELY TRUE

Insurgent Troops Have Concentrated Near Malabon and Are Saving Ammunition.

SHERMAN REACHES MANILA

Five Thousand Fresh Troops Added to Our Forces in the Islands—Fighting in Negros.

MANILA, March 22.—5 p. m.—While apparently inactive since Sunday, really the opposite has been the case, with the American forces. Reorganization, entailing many changes has been in progress since the abandonment of the flying column. General Wheaton's and General Hove's brigades have not been assigned, but the Oregon regiment, the Minnesota regiment and the Twenty-second regiment have been concentrated at the camp on the Luneta, at the water front, in readiness for immediate transportation when the plans of the military leaders have been formulated. Our troops are entrenched and the situation is practically unchanged.

The insurgents have refrained from making any attack recently, and it appears that the rebels are saving their ammunition for a decisive movement. According to a prisoner captured by our troops, Aguinaldo has announced that he will personally mass the reserves at Malabon in Manila within 30 days, unless the Americans withdraw in the meantime. The concentration of the rebel forces in the vicinity of Malabon gives color to the statement of the prisoner.

Advises received from Cebu by a coasting steamer say everything is quiet there. The United States transport Sherman from New York, February 1, has arrived here. Two sailors and two privates died on the voyage, and one man was drowned in the Mediterranean.

THE SHERMAN AT MANILA.

WASHINGTON, March 22.—Additional reinforcements reached Manila this morning, as is indicated by the receipt of a dispatch from General Otis, saying that the transport Sherman had arrived with the troops in good condition. The Sherman followed the Grant through the Suez canal, these preceding the transport Sheridan over the same route. The Sheridan is expected to reach Manila in about two weeks.

These three vessels will add about 5000 fresh regular troops to the military forces in the Philippine islands, and are expected to aid materially in the plans which contemplate the complete subjugation of the insurgents before the opening of the rainy season, about the middle of April.

FIGHTING AT NEGROS.

NEW YORK, March 22.—A dispatch to the Herald from Manila says: Reports of fighting in the island of Negros, with other particulars, have reached Manila.

The transport Indiana is leaving now for Negros with one battalion of the First California regiment under Colonel Dubois.

SPANIARDS FLEE FROM ILO ILO. NEW YORK, March 22.—A dispatch to the Herald from Ilo Ilo says: A scare is reported in the island of Negros. Upwards of 60 Spanish refugee planters have arrived at Ilo Ilo and state that a native tribe, 5000 strong, living on the Montes river, 20 miles south of Bacolod, threaten to destroy the haciendas and crops. They have a few firearms, but are mostly equipped with bows and spears.

The Spaniards requested arms from General Miller to defend themselves and their property.

There is no change in the situation here. The wounded men are recovering.

RANSOM OF PRISONERS. NEW YORK, March 22.—A special to the Herald from Washington says: Major General Otis and the other members of the Philippine commission will decide whether or not the ransom of the Spanish prisoners held by Aguinaldo will be permitted.

As a result of the representations of Ambassador Cambon and the National Red Cross, showing the deplorable condition of the prisoners, General Otis will be given power to act after advising with his associates on the commission. The president hopes it may be possible to obtain the release of the prisoners, but does not wish to give General Otis direct instructions, in view of the former's objection on the ground that it would give Aguinaldo means to secure military supplies.

There are said to be about 60 Spanish prisoners, most of them priests. As the Philippines blamed the priests for most of the hardships they suffered under Spanish rule, they are particularly inhuman in their treatment of the churchmen.

INSURANCE COMPANY LOSES.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 22.—The supreme court rendered an important decision in an insurance case today. Mrs. Alice L. Knarston, a widow, brought an action against the Manhattan Life Insurance Company of New York, to re-

cover upon a policy of life insurance taken out by her husband. The defense was that the policy had become forfeited prior to the death of the insured by reason of the non-payment of the fourth annual payment. In the lower court the insurance company was successful. The supreme court took a different view of the matter, reversed the judgment of the lower court and ordered a new trial. The widow contended that the company waived the payment of the premium at the time it became due by its agent agreeing to an extension of time, hence there was no forfeiture of the policy. The supreme court sustained this contention.

CORBIN DECLINED MAJOR GENERAL'S COMMISSION.

Did Not Want to Stand in the Way of Promotion of Generals in the Fighting Line. NEW YORK, March 22.—A dispatch to the Tribune from Washington says: The forthcoming army register, the first to be printed for more than a year, which will be issued by the war department by the end of the week, gives official corroboration to the report that Brigadier General Corbin refused to accept a commission as major general of volunteers, which was tendered to him by the president in recognition of his services in the war with Spain.

From the new official register, it appears that such a commission was made out for General Corbin on August 21, 1898 and declined. This entry is notably conspicuous in the register, because in the 20 pages of the volunteer list, the complete military records of all the officers in the army, there are a few similar instances of an appointment by the president having been followed by a declination. General Corbin, when asked why he did not accept, said: "The number of major generals was limited and we needed every one of them in the field. I could not stand in the way of any man who was in the fighting line. I wanted them to have their promotions first. My place was here. The law did not specifically say that the adjutant general of the army, large as it had grown to be, should be increased in rank. It did not permit an increase of major generals in the line, and I thought the officers of the line should have all the vacancies so long as we needed them."

GREATER NEW YORK WILL HONOR QUEEN VICTORIA.

Flags on All the Public Buildings to be Displayed in Honor of Her Majesty's Birthday. NEW YORK, March 22.—Queen Victoria is likely to receive an unprecedented honor by the city of New York on May 21, the queen's birthday, the national state and city flags will be flung to the breeze from all public buildings in Greater New York in honor of the queen.

The first resolution to pay this tribute was offered at the meeting of the municipal council, and it was passed by a unanimous vote.

The resolution declared that an affinity existed between the Anglo-American people; that to the United States substantial aid and moral support were given during the war with Spain, and the city of New York, as a tribute of respect and honor to Queen Victoria, should display the American flags on her birthday.

REPUBLICAN PARTY TO BE ORGANIZED AT PORTO RICO.

Leaders of the Radical Party to Organize One—The Platform Will Be Thoroughly American. PORTO RICO, March 22.—Leaders of the radical party have decided to organize a republican party in Porto Rico, with a thoroughly American platform. They will endeavor to unite all factions.

A platform will be submitted at a meeting to be held tomorrow, containing and endorsing the policy of President McKinley; will pledge fidelity to the American flag, and hail the prospects of annexation to the United States.

The platform will also favor free suffrage, free trade with the United States, and the establishment of a gold basis of currency.

DENIAL FROM ALLEN.

LEADSTONE, Me., March 22.—Amos L. Allen, secretary to Speaker Reed, says regarding the interview printed yesterday in which he was made to say that Reed would not be a candidate for the presidential nomination in 1900, that he did not make such a statement, and he did not know whether Reed would be a candidate or not.

OPTIONS ON LEATHER CONCERNS.

BOSTON, March 22.—The Evening Journal says: About 60 per cent of the firms in the United States engaged in the manufacture of upper leather from hides or catskins have signed options for turning over their business to the American Hide & Leather Company, which is to be incorporated under the laws of New Jersey, with \$50,000,000 capital.

BEEF INQUIRY COMPLETED.

CHICAGO, March 22.—The members of the government court of inquiry finished their labors in Chicago today and left for New York this evening. The testimony of Governor Roosevelt will be received, after which the court will proceed to Governors Island.

CHAMPAGNE COMBINE EFFECTED.

NEW YORK, March 22.—It is reported in Wall street that champagne importing houses in the United States have about completed a new combination to control all the popular brands. The new company will be capitalized at \$50,000,000.

PASSENGER RATES CUT.

MONTREAL, March 22.—The Canadian Pacific, following the lead of the Great Northern, has cut the second class passenger rate westbound from St. Paul to the Pacific coast to \$22.50.

ALGER STARTS FOR CUBA.

WASHINGTON, March 22.—Secretary Alger and a party of friends left tonight for Savannah, Ga., on their way to Cuba.

END OF THE ASSEMBLY

Dissolution of the Obnoxious Cuban Body Now Seems Probable.

ARMY WANTS ITS MONEY

And the Assembly Must Not Stand in the Way by Continuing in Business.

NO FURTHER CONCESSIONS

Attorney General Griggs Says Our Occupation is Temporary and Injustice Would Be Done.

NEW YORK, March 22.—A dispatch to the Tribune from Havana says: A week of reflection seems to have brought the Cuban military assembly to its senses. For Tuesday's session witnessed a marked return on that body's part to reason and moderation.

A decided surprise was sprung on the radical element when a motion was introduced by Senor Despaigne and four others, providing for the disbandment of the army and the dissolution of the assembly itself, at the same time authorizing the soldiers to accept any arrears of pay offered to them by the United States. Sangally and Gomez, the radical leaders, pleaded against immediate action on so unpalatable a proposition, but the only concession they secured was a postponement of the discussion on Senor Despaigne's motion until Saturday.

A bitter fight will doubtless be precipitated over this invitation to the Cuban gathering to commit political hara-kiri, but it is expected now that a majority will sanction the dissolution project as the best means of retiring from a situation which is no longer tenable. As the army wants to accept the \$2,000,000 now awaiting delivery and is willing to disband thereafter, the only practicable role left to the assembly is to lend its countenance to the distribution with the best grace possible.

The Havana papers are still filled with details of the armed collisions which have taken place in the streets since Saturday. Senor Mora, the civil governor, has issued a proclamation calling attention afresh to the provisions of the code restricting the right of free assembly and urging the public to refrain from illegal gatherings. Orders have also been given to enforce more rigidly the law against carrying concealed weapons, which, for the last month, has been a dead letter.

AGAINST FURTHER CONCESSIONS.

NEW YORK, March 22.—A special to the Herald from Washington says: Attorney General Griggs will advise Secretary Alger to grant no concessions of any character in Cuba. He has under consideration several questions in connection with desired concessions in Cuba, but he will determine them adversely to the applicants.

In his opinion relative to the contract relations between Dady & Company and the city of Havana, the attorney general declared that "the administration of the United States in Cuba is of a military nature and merely temporary. No action binding the island or any of its municipalities to large expenditure and continuing debt ought to be made except upon grounds of immediate necessity."

The attorney general, in his interpretation of the army appropriation law that "no property, franchises or concessions of any kind whatever shall be granted by the United States or by any military or other authority whatever in the island of Cuba during the military occupation thereof by the United States." will reiterate his view in the Dady opinion, though perhaps in somewhat stronger language. It is expected that the attorney general will shortly hand down an opinion in the matter of the application of the Commercial Cable Company to run a line to Cuba.

ASK BROOKE FOR TIME.

HAVANA, March 22.—General Weyler's decree suspending executions upon judgments will expire with the present month, and the situation, especially regarding mortgages, is somewhat complicated. Creditors and debtors alike, in anticipation of the expiration of the decree, have been petitioning Governor General Brooke for a few weeks to take action with a view to equitable adjustment.

The form of the new decree has been carefully considered by General Brooke and his advisory cabinet, and the decree will be issued on or before March 31.

STRAWBOARD COMBINE EFFECTED.

NEW YORK, March 22.—The prospectus of the National Strawboard Company

has been issued. It says that the company is to be incorporated under the laws of New Jersey, with a capital of \$5,000,000 equally divided between common and 7 per cent cumulative preferred stock. The company will have a working capital of \$200,000, and it is expected by its managers to control half the strawboard output of the country. An agreement will be reached, it is said, with the American Strawboard Company, which controls the other half of the output.

THE TUMORS DENIED.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 22.—The report brought from Skagway that tons of mail matter are being lost or destroyed at that place and that Canadian mail carriers refuse to handle letters unless they bear Canadian postage, is emphatically denied by Assistant Superintendent Harry Lewis, of the railway mail service. He admits that a large amount of mail accumulated at Skagway during the winter months and it was impossible to get over the summit until February. Three carriers are already on their way to Tanana, on the Yukon, by the way of Skagway, Dawson, Circle City, Forty Mile and other camps. Mr. Lewis says the Canadian postal authorities have never refused to afford every facility for the dispatch of letters going through their territory.

JAMAICA'S TARIFF BILL.

NEW YORK, March 22.—A dispatch to the Herald from Kingston, Jamaica, says: On Wednesday last the election members postponed consideration of the new government tariff measure increasing duties, indefinitely. The governor general issued a proclamation today dissolving the legislative council under advice from the secretary of state and he will suggest the election of members of the new council tomorrow to force the tariff bill through. The present constitution is 15 years old and it is the first occasion on which the government has reverted to this power.

WILL NOT PAY THE CLAIMS.

OLYMPIA, March 22.—During the excitement of the closing hours of the senate extra compensation was voted the employees, the same to date from the commencement of the session. Auditor Cheestman declined to draw warrants for the several amounts involved and referred the matter to Attorney General Vance for an opinion. Today Vance advised the auditor that there is no warrant of authority in the constitution for paying claims that are presented under the several resolutions, and therefore they will not be allowed. The aggregate amount of the several claims is about \$1500.

EXPLOSION IN PARIS.

PARIS, March 22.—According to the official statement regarding the explosion last evening in a laboratory attached to the war department, it occurred in the course of experiments in mixing gases intended to light railway cars.

Another account says it was due to experiments made for the purpose of ascertaining the cause of the Toulon and Bourges explosions by mixing different kinds of powders, and that it shows that the Toulon catastrophe was the result of carelessness. Seven persons were injured—three of them seriously—by last night's explosion.

THREE WERE KILLED.

PENN GROVE, N. J., March 22.—Over 300 pounds of smokeless powder exploded today at the E. J. Dupont powder works, instantly killing three workmen and injuring a number of others slightly. The dead are: Isaac Taylor, aged 50 years, married; William Ford, aged 40, married; John Magill, aged 30, single.

TWO HAVE DIED.

SEATTLE, March 22.—Two deaths have resulted from last night's explosion. Those who died from their injuries are D. W. Jacobs, of Chicago, and Alfred Sattler, of New York.

Jacobs was a commercial traveler, for Florheim & Company of Chicago. Sattler represented the International Art Company of New York.

FOR BETTER FIRE PROTECTION.

NEW YORK, March 22.—The corporation council today sent to Albany a bill giving to the municipal assembly power to make such laws or ordinances as would guarantee better protection against fires in hotels.

THREE BODIES RECOVERED.

NEW YORK, March 22.—What are supposed to be the remains of three bodies were taken out of the Windsor hotel ruins tonight. These are three bring the list of dead to 18. There are 37 persons missing.

HAVE LEFT JERKYL ISLAND.

THOMASVILLE, Ga., March 22.—President McKinley and Vice-President Hobart returned to the home of Senator Hanna this evening, much refreshed and pleased with their trip to Jerkyl Island.

VANDERBILTS IN 'FRISCO.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 22.—Cornelius Vanderbilt and wife have arrived here from Monterey, where they have been sojourning for several weeks. They will remain here a few days.

THE COMANCHE SOLD.

WASHINGTON, March 22.—The navy department today sold the old single-turreted monitor Comanche to J. Panthey, Bircovich & Livingston, of Oakland, Cal., for \$2,500.

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