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VOLUNTEERS TO RETURN

Will Begin to Leave the Philippines the Latter Part of This Month.

DISPATCHES FROM OTIS

Transports Returning With the Sick and Wounded—Troops Arrive in Good Health.

INSURGENTS GETTING WEARY

Signs of Disintegration in Their Ranks Daily Manifested War Department Gratified.

CHURCH TRUST HAS BEEN FORMED IN NEW YORK

Presbyterian Churches of the Metropolis About to Pool Interests in One Body.

NEW YORK, May 11.—An extraordinary movement is on foot looking to the consolidation of Presbyterian congregations in this city, some of them among the richest in the United States, according to the Tribune.

The congregation of the Madison avenue Presbyterian church last night unanimously decided in favor of consolidating with the Phillips Presbyterian church, the former church to be sold.

Conditions which have existed in the church for some time past have rendered it imperative necessary that there shall be some radical changes and general strengthening.

Probably at no time in its history has Presbyterianism in this city been so restless and perturbed as it is at the present time. Internal variances have depleted the congregations and consequently the withdrawal of existence of many churches of this sect in New York.

Moreover, the constantly increasing migration up town have left the churches which remain in the lower portions of the city sadly diminished in financial resources. The majority of them, in fact, find it a hard struggle to hold on and it is no secret that a number of them are laboring under monetary difficulties of more or less degree.

It was this state of affairs that led to the Fourth avenue church inviting the Thirteenth street church to join with it. Should the project fail, there is every likelihood that negotiations will be begun for the bringing together of the Spring street church and the Thirteenth street church. The Spring street church is without a pastor.

But a consolidation of much wider scope and more important possibilities that is being urged by influential Presbyterians is the combining of the Madison Square church, of which Dr. Parkhurst is pastor; the Brick church, which Dr. Van Dyke will leave in the near future to take up the pastorship he has accepted at Princeton; and the Fourth avenue church. The properties upon which these churches stand, it is pointed out, are extremely valuable, and could be sold for a sum that would provide for the building of a great central Presbyterian church, and support branches in various parts of the city, such as Trinity church is enabled to maintain with the rich funds in its possession.

The establishment of a great church movement of this character is being urged by prominent Presbyterians, for the reason, as they assert, that it would tend not only to lessen the financial strain of the other down town churches, but would give Presbyterianism the strength and impetus which it is agreed it now stands much in need of.

That a consolidation of the three churches will come about some time, perhaps in a short time, is beyond question. Work has already begun to that end and it is only a matter of certain conditions as to how long it will be before it is pushed to completion.

It is equally certain that the Metropolitan Life Insurance company will succeed in purchasing the Madison Square church. It now owns the whole site of the block on Twenty-third street from the Academy of Design to Madison Square, and when the lease of the Lyceum theater runs out it will also acquire that site. The company's aim is to secure the whole block, and it is generally agreed that it is only a question of a little patience to realize its purpose.

THE CHRISTIAN SCIENTISTS WILL MAKE A FIGHT.

A New York Grand Jury Expected to Indict Two Prominent Christian Scientists' Healers.

NEW YORK, May 11.—The Worcester county grand jury which will meet at White Plains on May 25, will take up the case of Mrs. Clarence Fowler, the Christian Science healer; Lison Barquet, Jr., and Ethel Barquet, children of Mrs. Lison Barquet, whose death they are charged with hastening.

The district attorney says that he will ask the grand jury to make a presentment urging that the treatment of patients by "silent thought" be stopped effectually. The members of the Christian Science church in Mount Vernon have called a meeting for next Sunday when a prominent member will address them and the banquet will be discontinued.

The Christian Science institute will provide all the money to defend its votaries and will put up a stubborn fight.

DEWEY IS IN DEMAND

New York's Mayor Cables the Manila Hero to First Land at That City.

LONG ALSO TELEGRAPHED

Asked to Allow the Admiral to Accept the Invitation Before Reaching America.

REPORT OF GENERAL OTIS

The Brigade Has Lost but a Total of Two Hundred and Eighty-Five in the Philippine War.

NEW YORK, May 11.—The following cablegram was sent by Mayor Van Wyck to Admiral Dewey today:

"The people of the city of New York desire an opportunity to officially welcome you on your return home. They earnestly request that you first reach America at the city of New York, the metropolis of the western hemisphere where the fullest opportunity can be given the people of this country to do appropriate honor to a hero of the Spanish American war."

He also sent the following telegram to Secretary Long:

"The people of the city of New York intend to extend an official welcome to Admiral Dewey when he comes to this city. It is their earnest desire that the great admiral should first reach the American continent at the port of New York. They sincerely hope that the United States navy department can so arrange his home coming."

REPORT OF GENERAL OTIS

WASHINGTON, May 11.—Adjutant General Corbin today made public the report of General Harrison Gray Otis, commanding the First brigade, Second division, Eighth army corps, giving the details of operations in the Philippines from the 1st to the 31st of March.

The regimental commanders were Colonel Harry C. Kessler, First infantry; Colonel Fredrick Funston, Twentieth Kansas infantry and Major W. A. Kobb, commanding two battalions Third United States artillery, (serving as infantry.)

The casualties of the brigade in the operations against Malolos were 13, and the total casualties in battle since the outbreak of the rebellion were 28, or considerably more than 10 per cent of the average strength of the command actually engaged in the campaign from the first to the last.

THE USEFULNESS OF WIRELESS TELEGRAPHY.

Will Not Supplant Ordinary Method, But is Invaluable for Military and Other Government Purposes.

WASHINGTON, May 11.—General Greely today made the first authoritative statement as to the progress made in wireless telegraphy under the auspices of the United States signal corps. The important conclusion is reached by General Greely that the wireless system is not likely to supplant the ordinary method of telegraphic communication as the results so far obtained have been uncertain.

General Greely's statement says: "Since the announcement of the tests in space telegraphy by Senor Marconi, two years ago, the subject has been under consideration by the signal corps of the army, and recently experiments have been begun with the object of thoroughly testing the value of their means of communication for military and other governmental purposes.

"That there is a field of usefulness for space telegraphy is undoubted, but that it will supplant to a material extent the use of wire for ordinary commercial telegraphy is not believed.

"Its value for connection between light-houses and lightships at sea and to replace the ordinary flag methods in use between naval vessels is should prove invaluable, since no kind of weather, nor fog, darkness nor storm avail to affect its use.

NEWFOUNDLAND IN FAVOR OF ANNEXATION.

Bishop Hawley, of St. Johns, Says Public Sentiment Strongly Favors Coming Into American Union.

MARSHALL, Mich., May 11.—Eight Rev. Bishop Hawley, of St. Johns, N. F., administered confirmation in St. Mary's church today to a large class. In an interview Bishop Hawley said:

"Public sentiment of Newfoundland is more in favor of annexation to the United States than of confederation with Canada. This feeling has been accentuated by

the fact that the country has been betrayed and drawn into the most shameful railroad contract by a Canadian syndicate and Canadian politicians. It amounts to a virtual swindling of the country out of \$12,000,000 railway and all of our coal, minerals, our forests and agricultural lands.

CHICAGO WILL SHOW AN IMMENSE INCREASE.

Estimated That the National Census Will Indicate a Population of Over Two Millions.

CHICAGO, May 11.—Chicago's actual population at the present time is approximately 2,055,000. The canvassing work for the new city directory shows that the population this year will be approximately 2,125,000.

The directory figures, however, do not take into consideration a considerable portion of the population which a national census does. Taking this into account and using the basis of account of Superintendent Fitzgerald of the school census of last year, the mathematicians have decided that Chicago was more than safely past the 2,000,000 mark, and that the census of next year—that taken by the general government—would prove it.

Superintendent Fitzgerald, whose school census of last year has the reputation of being an unusually careful one, believes that the actual population of the city is now about 2,055,000, and that it will be close to 2,100,000 in 1900.

A MEDIEVAL DISCOVERY.

MONTREAL, May 11.—A remarkable demonstration took place at St. Hilaire, Que., yesterday. Caterpillars, which last year played havoc with apple and sugar orchards, seem to be more numerous and vigorous than before. A crusade against them was formally opened in the parish church here, where mass was solemnized after which a religious procession, headed by the priest and canon boys, followed by 150 or more parishioners, marched through the infected sections with fervent prayers asking divine assistance in their battle against the plague.

CATHOLIC CONTROVERSY SETTLED.

KANSAS CITY, May 11.—A controversy of 10 years standing was settled by the Catholic Knights of America today when its annual convention voted to admit women to the order. Yesterday a resolution proposing this change in the constitution was voted down. Today there was a complete change of front. At this afternoon's session a reconsideration of yesterday's action was moved and carried.

FILIPINOS ORDERED DEPORTED.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 11.—The 12 Filipinos who arrived here on the steamer City of Peking a week ago have been ordered deported by a special board of Inquiry appointed by Immigration Commissioner North. The party consists of 12 adults and two children. Unless an appeal is taken they will probably return home on the next steamer bound to the Orient.

STREET RAILWAY CONSOLIDATION.

SEATTLE, May 11.—A consolidation of six of the eight street railway companies in this city has been effected. C. A. Stone and L. J. Webster, representing Boston capital, are at the head of the new organization which will be incorporated either in New Jersey or in New York. The capital stock of the company will be \$3,000,000. The company will ask for a forty year franchise of the city council.

ORDERED TO MANILA.

SPOKANE, May 11.—A sergeant, two corporals and 12 men of company M, Twenty-fourth infantry, from the post at this city left here today to garrison at Fort Sherman, Idaho, relieving a detachment of the Fourth cavalry, which has been ordered with the remainder of that regiment in this country, to Manila.

WILL EMPARK AT FRISCO.

WASHINGTON, May 11.—The war department will not send any more troops to Manila by way of New York and Suez canal. All the troops now under orders for Manila, or to be ordered there during the next few months, will be sent by way of San Francisco.

GRAND REUNION PROPOSED.

CHARLESTON, S. C., May 11.—An effort is being made here to bring about a grand reunion of the Confederate and Union veterans, and the matter will be formally presented to the Confederate Veterans Association tomorrow.

MINERS AGAINST ANNEXATION.

SALT LAKE, May 11.—The convention of the Western Federation of Miners today passed a strong resolution against the annexation of the Philippine islands.

TO PUT DOWN FAITH CURISTS.

NEW YORK, May 11.—President Michael C. Murphy, of the board of health, has begun an active campaign against all persons who he considers to come under the head of "faith curers."

HILL BACK FROM LONDON.

NEW YORK, May 11.—Among the passengers who arrived on the steamer Tonic today was J. J. Hill, president of the Great Northern Railway.

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