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WILL SAIL ON MONDAY

Oregon Troops to Leave on the Transports Ohio and Newport.

AGUINALDO IS DICTATOR

He Has Dissolved His Congress and Assumed the Reins of Sole Authority.

YORKTOWN CREW WELL

Cable From Otis on the Movement of Moring Province—Filipinos Seek Protection.

WASHINGTON, June 8.—Otis cables as follows regarding the return of volunteers:

Manila, June 8.—The Oregon volunteers request to defer the time of departure until the 12th instant. They will leave for Portland on the transports Ohio and Newport. The Sixth infantry, upon its arrival, will relieve the Californians at Negros. The Hancock sails in a few days with the Nebraska and other troops.

General Otis has been advised that it is the wish of the president that all arrangements be made to give the returning troops a comfortable voyage, and that the best of care be taken so that no sickness may break out among them. It is also said that precautions will be taken not to load the transports too heavily, so that the returning troops may have plenty of room.

FILIPINO CONGRESS DISSOLVED.

LONDON, June 8.—A special dispatch from Manila today says it is reported that Aguinaldo has dissolved the Philippine congress and proclaimed himself dictator.

A SCHEME FOR PEACE.

Aguinaldo is believed by Washington to be preparing to make terms for himself.

WASHINGTON, June 8.—Officials here are in doubt as to whether Aguinaldo in declaring his dictatorship is animated by a desire to rid himself of his refractory generals Pilar and Luna, or whether he aims to consolidate in his own hands the power to make terms of peace.

It is believed here if Aguinaldo can bend these men to his will and assume the supreme control he will at once make for peace, being able to secure better terms for himself than he would otherwise.

SUPPOSED TO BE BLOCKADERS.

WASHINGTON, June 8.—The three sailing vessels and other steamer reported to have been captured by the United States gunboat Albany, off the island of Negros, Philippine Islands, are supposed by naval officers here to be blockaders carrying supplies of food and ammunition to the islanders who are threatening to rise in the interior.

CABLE FROM OTIS

ON THE SITUATION. Believed that the Rebellion Has Degenerated into a Scattered Band of Marauders.

WASHINGTON, June 8.—The situation in the Philippines is described by General Otis in the following cable: "Manila, June 8.—Adjutant General, Washington: The result of the movements in Moring province was to drive the insurgents into the mountains, capturing Antipoli and other towns in that section. They retreated and scattered before our advance, leaving 25 dead on the field. Our loss was four killed and a few wounded, mostly slight. The city of Moring is garrisoned. All other troops are withdrawn. The inhabitants of the provinces profess friendship and ask protection."

"Large numbers wish to enter Manila, but are refused, as the city's population is increasing too rapidly. Leading natives about the island, including active insurgent leaders, seek permission to send their families to Manila. It is considered the only place of personal security."

The conclusion drawn by the war department officials concerning the conditions in the Philippines, given in the dispatch of General Otis, are that the insurgents are little more than a marauding band which will continually decrease when the men find there is life and liberty under the American government. The people who are coming into the American lines asking protection are considered like those who sought protection in the forts during the early stages of American development in the West.

Nothing is said as to the intention of Otis to continue active hostilities, but this matter is left wholly to his discretion. He will no doubt fight or rest, as the circumstances determine.

THE YORKTOWN PRISONERS.

Are Still Well—Esquire Stanley Accredited With Several Captures.

MANILA, June 8.—5:10 p. m.—The United States cruiser Boston, with Captain Whittling, has sailed for San Francisco by way of Nagasaki, Japan, with long service officers and men from the various American warships. The battleship Oregon will soon be stationed off Samar in the Gulf of Lingayan, on blockade duty. The United States gunboat Albany, commanded by Ensign Stanley, captured three sailing vessels and one steamer off the island of Negros. Nine of these boats of the Albany class are now in commission, and are doing good service in the shallow waters of the southern islands. Favorable reports are still being received from the party of 15 Americans belonging to the gunboat Yorktown, headed by Lieutenant Gilmore, of that vessel, captured on April 12 by the Filipinos. The prisoners are all well and receiving fair treatment.

MEMBERS OF THE HIGH COMMISSION AT TACOMA.

They Hold a Conference With Washington Lumbermen on the Tariff Question.

TACOMA, Wash., June 8.—Hon. Charles W. Fairbanks, chairman of the United States high commission, and his party arrived in Tacoma today and will remain several days. This afternoon Senator Fairbanks addressed the representatives of the great fir lumber mills of the Pacific northwest. The coal mine owners were also present and joined in the discussion of the tariff, the proposed treaty with Canada and the effect of these matters upon the Alaskan boundary. At this meeting Senator Addison G. Foster presided and favored a reduction of 20 per cent in the tariff on lumber, provided the tariff on that article was made a part of the treaty with Canada. E. G. Ames, who was present as several meetings of the joint high commission in Washington, made an official statement in behalf of the lumbermen.

Like half a dozen other leading mill operators who spoke, Ames insisted on protection for American lumber, but agreed with Senator Foster, provided the tariff on lumber was fixed permanently as a treaty obligation, that a reduction of 20 per cent would be acceptable and preferable to the uncertainty of political influences and tariff tinkering by those unacquainted with the necessities and conditions of trade.

Ames said: "I think I voice the sentiment of the lumbermen of Washington, Oregon and California by suggesting that a reduction of 20 per cent on rough lumber will be considered the ultimatum of the American members of the joint high commission to their Canadian associates, and that no concession will be made on dressed lumber or on small lumber."

ARMOR PLATE QUESTION REFERRED TO CONGRESS.

Secretary Long Decides to Buy but a Small Quantity of Harveized Armor.

WASHINGTON, June 8.—Secretary Long has passed on the armor bids recently submitted, deciding to purchase but a small quantity of armor and let the next congress decide what shall be done towards securing the remainder needed for the armored ships already authorized.

The armor companies having stated that they could not furnish Krupp armor of the high grade required by the department at the price fixed by law, but that they could continue to supply Harveized armor at \$60 per ton Secretary Long has ordered the purchase of some of the latter. The bureau chiefs have reported that this Harveized armor would answer the requirements for the armor of the four monitors to be built, and also for the diagonal plates of the battleships Maine, Missouri and Ohio, now under construction.

SCIENTISTS FOR ALASKA.

BERKELEY, Cal., June 8.—A party of four university scientists consisting of W. A. Setchell, instructors W. L. Jepson and A. A. Lawson, of the botany department, and Instructor Lorin E. Hunt, of the engineering department, will leave on a botanical expedition to the Aleutian islands. The party will land at Unalaska, from which point the islands will be explored. The expedition may fall in with the Harriman expedition now on its way to Alaskan waters and do some work in conjunction with the botanists of that party.

MAIL HELD.

SAN FRANCISCO, June 8.—The local postoffice department has received word from Washington to hold all mail for the Oregon, Nebraska and California regiments. This confirms the telegram that the troops are to leave for home very soon.

THE ALASKA BOUNDARY

Modus Vivendi Will Probably Be Signed in London Today.

THREE POINTS ARGUED ON

The Argument Will Be Sufficient to Prevent Any Further Conflict.

MR. BLAND IS DYING

England Thinking Seriously of Giving Old Man Kruger a Deserved Thashing.

WASHINGTON, June 8.—When the state department closed for the day it was with the expectation on the part of the officials that the modus vivendi which has been under negotiation in London, would be completed and signed tomorrow. This signature will probably take place in London, as between Ambassador Choate and Lord Salisbury, unless the program is changed over night. Assuming that the agreement is on the exact lines of the instructions sent, the modus vivendi will fix the provisional boundary line between Alaska and Canada at three points near the head of Lynn Canal.

These will be sufficient it is expected to prevent any further conflicts. These points are, as follows: On White Pass, at the old Canadian custom house in the pass; on the Chilkoot pass, likewise at the Canadian custom house which has existed for the past 15 months; on the Dalton trail just above the Indian village of Kluckwan. The first two points were easily fixed; but there was a hitch of a moment over the location of the divisional point on the Dalton trail. The point named is at the head of Canoe navigation and is 15 miles above the tide water which the Canadians sought so strenuously to reach. The Modus provides only for a temporary delimitation; but there is great reason to believe that the lines it will establish in the end will be accepted by both parties as the best solution of the vexed boundary issue.

BLAND'S CONDITION HOPELESS.

LEBANON, Mo., June 8.—At 10 p. m. Mr. Bland appeared somewhat brighter and he will probably live through the night. He has been speechless for the past 24 hours. His physicians regard his case as hopeless and have so informed his family.

WAR BETWEEN ENGLAND AND AFRICA PROBABLE.

Chamberlain's Reply to the Uitlanders' Petition Regarded as a Practical Ultimatum.

LONDON, June 8.—The morning papers are beginning to talk seriously of a war in South Africa. Mr. Chamberlain, secretary of state for the colonies, in his speech in the house of commons yesterday, announced that his reply to the petition of the Uitlanders, which had been held back pending the result of the conference at Bloemfontein, would now be presented to the Transvaal.

This reply is semi-officially described as "explicit but conciliatory," but it is believed to be in the nature of a practical ultimatum. The resources of diplomacy are regarded as exhausted with the failure of the conference. Nothing is left, it is felt, but a recourse to force.

BETTING ON TONIGHT'S MILL.

Gentleman Jim Puts His Money on Jeffries, and so Do Other Californians.

NEW YORK, June 8.—Despite the fact that Chief Devery has threatened to interfere in the Fitzsimmons-Jeffries contest, betting on the result of the battle continues to increase. Fitzsimmons still rates a strong favorite over Jeffries. So confident are the lanky Australian's admirers that they offer two to one on the result, and in some cases 2½ to one has been secured.

EVERYTHING IS READY FOR TONIGHT'S BATTLE.

Fitzsimmons Agrees to a Clean Break and it is Believed He Wants a Long Fight.

NEW YORK, June 8.—Everything is in readiness for the big fight tomorrow between Bob Fitzsimmons and Jim Jeffries, and with the exception of police interference or an unlooked for accident to either of the principals, the bout will take place as scheduled in the arena of the Coney Island Sporting Club. Everything was practically at a standstill today at the training quarters of both pugilists, both men doing very light work. Jeffries punched the bag for a few minutes and had as brief a bit of practice with the medicine ball, besides skipping the rope a couple of hundred times.

George Siler of Chicago, who is to referee the big contest, was one of the visitors at the cottage by the seashore today. Siler said Fitzsimmons had agreed to a clean break. DeLany claimed that the clean break means a great deal to Fitzsimmons and shows that Bob is afraid of the Jeffries driving machinery. Some of the experts of the Loch Arbor cottage claim that Bob will endeavor to make it a long drawn out battle. Jeffries' friends seem confident of the Californian's victory and none of them look for the battle to last over ten rounds.

Fitzsimmons took a short walk during the forenoon but took no further exercise. Late in the afternoon he drove to the Coney Island Club house. He and Kenney entered the ring and sparred three rounds, only exchanging light taps. Fitzsimmons is in perfect condition and showed a wonderful lot of speed. His foot work was remarkable clever and on the whole his performance clearly demonstrated that he was never in better shape for a bout in his entire career than he is at the present.

VOTE OF THANKS.

LONDON, June 8.—Both the House of Lords and the House of Commons today passed a vote of thanks to General Lord Kitchener of Khartoum and other officers and men engaged in the Sudan campaign.

Jim Corbett bet \$1,000 to \$2,000 on Jeffries last night. Richard Daugherty's offer of \$1,000 against \$50 on the champion was accepted by a well known banker. Jimmy Carroll has bet \$400 against \$70 on the Californian. He says he has a commission of \$1,000 to back Jeffries at 2 to 1. Sam Austin also has a few thousand to back Jeffries.

Harry Corbett, brother of Jim Corbett, and a prominent bookmaker on the Pacific coast, will arrive in town today with a large sum to bet on Jeffries.

AUGUST DALY'S DEATH.

Caused by Pneumonia, but His Condition Caused no Uneasiness Until the End.

NEW YORK, June 8.—A dispatch to the World from Paris, says: Mrs. Daly and Ida Rehan were with Augustin Daly when he died. Mr. Daly had been ill in London two weeks with a severe attack of the grippe and complete rest had been ordered, but he wanted to come to Paris on urgent business. His physicians wrongly advised against the trip, nevertheless Mr. and Mrs. Daly and Miss Rehan crossed over last Saturday.

On arrival here Mr. Daly immediately took to his bed and never left it. He would see nobody except an old friend, Eugene Grivase, a celebrated water-color artist. Mr. Daly jestingly put him in charge of the ladies. Mr. Daly was treated for a slight attack of pneumonia, and his condition caused no fear of a fatal issue. Mr. Grivase accompanied the ladies through the shopping. Tuesday Mr. Daly was worse and a trained nurse was called in, but Tuesday night the patient was better and talked cheerfully until late. He talked again Wednesday morning, but was silent from noon until 2 o'clock, when he had a slight spasm and died. Death was painless, sudden and very unexpected. Nobody had been notified that there was any fear.

Both Mrs. Daly and Miss Rehan are disheartened with grief. Mrs. Daly will not leave the room.

The body will be shipped to America as soon as possible. Mr. Daly's mother is here. The ladies will go in the same ship. Mr. Daly had been seriously affected by worry over a London lawsuit through which he was trying to recover possession of his English theater, which is in the hands of Mr. Edwards.

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