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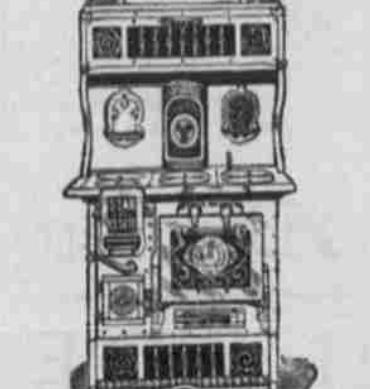
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REGIMENT IS NOW FREE

Seven Hundred Volunteers Arrive in Portland and Are Disbanded.

GREETED BY RELATIVES

Banquet at the Armory at Which General Summers Was Presented With Sword.

THE LOST BARK MIDAS

Message Found in Breakers at Long Beach—Hurricane Demolishes San Juan de Porto Rico.

PORTLAND, Aug. 10.—The Second Oregon regiment has disbanded and the men have returned to their homes after 15 months in the volunteer army of the United States. Special trains bearing about 700 volunteers arrived here at 4 p. m.

After relatives and friends had greeted the volunteers, they marched up Sixth street to Morrison and out Morrison to Multnomah field. The procession was headed by the O. N. G. followed by the naval band and G. A. R.

At Multnomah field five thousand people had assembled. After a short drill by the volunteers, General Summers turned over the colors of the regiment to Governor Geer, who accepted them in a few remarks on behalf of the state.

At the armory this evening, the regiment was tendered a banquet at which General Summers was presented with a sword. Among the decorations which attracted general attention was a large American flag suspended over Sixth street from the Hotel Portland to the post office. It was the first American flag planted on Philippine soil and is now the property of General Summers.

BARK MIDAS HEARD FROM

Message at Long Beach Saying "All Well Down."

PORTLAND, Aug. 10.—What has every appearance of being a genuine message from the lost bark Midas, was found floating in the breakers just off Stout's place, about four miles north of the Columbia river, Tuesday by John Klosterman, of this city. A slip of paper was found in a bottle which Klosterman secured while in bathing. As far as it could be interpreted by hand writing experts, by whom it was examined, the message read as follows: "British Bark Midas, ballast shifted, all in small boats, first mate's boat capsized, will all drown."

The last words of the message were so indistinct through the apparent haste with which they were written, and the fading of pencil marks, that they could not be deciphered. The signature, except for the word "Capt.," was quite plain.

The Midas sailed from Nagasaki, for Portland, January, 1888, with crew of 25 men, to load wheat.

On receipt of the message the signature was compared with that of Captain Messenger on his clearance papers at the custom house. The resemblance is so striking as to leave small room for doubt as to its being made by the captain of the lost Midas.

HURRICANE AT SAN JUAN.

Four Natives Drowned in the Harbor and Much Property Destroyed. SAN JUAN DE PORTO RICO, Aug. 10.—A hurricane broke over the south coast at 1 o'clock Tuesday morning and swept the northwest. There was no abatement for nine hours.

At San Juan four natives were drowned in the harbor; eighty houses were demolished and hundreds were unroofed. The damage to property is estimated at \$500,000. Commissary stores to the value of \$50,000 were destroyed. A dispatch by cable from Ponce, sent at 10 o'clock this morning, says the town

was almost destroyed. Almost all frame buildings are down.

ON JAMAICA COAST.

Many Fatalities and Distress Among Survivors.

KINGSTON, Jamaica, Aug. 10.—The Barbados bulletin report that the eastern and northwestern districts of Dominica are damaged; that Goadsloe bay suffered slightly and that Montserrat and Antigua have suffered severely. Many of the inhabitants are homeless. Cultivation is destroyed and plantations are wrecked. Virgin Islands, particularly Tortola and St. Croix were the worst sufferers. They report fatalities and distress among the survivors, besides property losses.

THE OLD DEFENDER

NEARLY BEATS COLUMBIA. Over Thirty-Seven Mile Course Later Wins by Only Fourteen Seconds—Sail Starting Race.

VINEYARD HAVEN, Mass., Aug. 10.—The old Defender practically won the race against the Columbia today, if time allowance was given, in the dirtiest sort of weather for a yacht club cruise. But the victory, it must be admitted, was more than well earned, and yachtsmen of the New York Yacht Club and guests never saw before, and may not see again for years, such a sailing event. The margin between the famous sloop was 14 seconds over a minute in a 37 mile run from Brenton's Reef Lightship, off Newport, to the West Chop buoy in the Vineyard Sound, with a change in the course at Vineyard sound Lightship, 17 1/2 miles from the start.

The race between the Columbia and Defender was fairly soul stirring. After both got away over the starting line, it was nip and tuck for almost an hour. The Defender just a hair's breadth, comparatively speaking, in the lead, with the Columbia ahead. At last the Columbia made a lead so that the Defender was 100 yds. in advance. The Defender walked away as the heavy breeze blew the latter down and made her lose the distance on numerous tuffs.

THE SHORTAGE IS ONE THIRD

Fishing Season Closes With Its Best Run Still in the River.

MAKING FOR THE DALLES

Where the Fish-Wheels and Pitch-forks Will Throw Them Out in September.

At 12 o'clock noon yesterday, the fishing season terminated, as prescribed by state legislative enactment. Its close was marked by a feeling of dissatisfaction—a pronounced knowledge that the run of years finds the run of season annually slackening; that the season necessitates an extension to meet the unalterable decree of nature which now operates to send the fish into the larger rivers later and later as time ordains their moods and changes. August 28, finds the Columbia river fishermen with but two-thirds of their work accomplished, but the final third awaited them, had the law so been constituted as to grant the fish commissioner's jurisdiction in the emergency. Five or ten days added to the August closing date this year would represent thousands of dollars additional to the fishing fleet, and consequently, an equal sum of money for the further production and welfare of the city of Astoria.

Deputy Fish Commissioner A. D. Boardman, who is now a guest at the Occident hotel, talked with an Astorian reporter yesterday relative to his visit in an official capacity. "It is my purpose," said Mr. Boardman, "to look the situation carefully over at this point. Today I shall take a launch and cover the Washington shore of the Columbia, more, perhaps, to learn the condition and progress of the canning industry than otherwise, for I anticipate no violations of the fishing laws. I shall be accompanied by Mr. E. D. Butts, the resident deputy, whose home is at Ilwaco. Mr. Butts will be familiar with the purposes of the trip and I shall no doubt quickly gather such

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THE REBELS HAVE FLED

American Army Makes Reconnaissance but Fails to Find the Enemy.

GENERAL OTIS' ORDER

Closes Insurgent Ports to Inter-Island Traffic—Insurgent Ports Closed to Americans.

SAN FERNANDO BOMBARDED

Gunboats Shell the Town, the Rebels Fleeing to the Hills—Town Badly Damaged.

MANILA, Aug. 10.—6:45 p. m.—Official reports received here from the Philippines of the recent fighting with the Filipinos, say today was spent in reconnaissance during which the American troops found few of the enemy.

But there were no engagements of importance. A battalion of the Seventh Infantry, under Major O'Brien advanced very close to Angeles. The major reports there are about 20 insurgents there. A battalion of the Twelfth Infantry made a reconnaissance in the direction of Pore, but the enemy there scattered. The main body of the American army is at Calumpit. The lines have been lengthened materially since the advance was stopped yesterday and now includes the towns of Gungas and Santa Rita.

Major General Otis today issued an order closing the ports in the hands of the insurgents to inter-island traffic. Airmail issued a decree July 21, dated from Manila, closing the insurgent ports to vessels flying the American flag and inviting vessels under other flags to visit them. The visitors under foreign flags cannot traffic with these ports without running the blockade.

The gunboats Concord, Yorktown, Calcasieu and Pampanga bombarded San Fernando Tuesday. The Filipinos replied with cannon and musketry for an hour and then fled to the hills, the gunboats firing on them through the machine guns until the rebels disappeared. The bombardment was continued for some time afterwards and many houses were ruined and destroyed but the town was not set on fire. The gunboats did not land men. The rebel losses are not known.

The United States transport Sheridan sailed for home today with 60 men of the South Dakota regiment, 26 of the Minnesota regiment and 35 men discharged from various organizations.

EDMONTON TRAIL MINERS BROUGHT TO WRANGEL.

The Survivors Tell Heartrending Stories of Hardships Endured and Comrades Lost and Abandoned.

WRANGEL, Alaska, Aug. 4, via Seattle, Aug. 10.—The Sitken river steamer Strathcona arrived here today with 30 survivors of the Edmonton trail. They are: M. Handelman, Chicago; J. C. M. Vancouver; W. T. Mann, Missouri; E. H. Lyons, Missouri; W. Coster, Manitoba; M. Ostr, Chicago; G. Volger, Canada; S. W. Morgan, Silverton, Or.; H. Fink, Los Angeles; G. Gaffney, Los Angeles; H. Bercon, Salt Lake City; W. Hixman, Chicago; C. Jefferson, Ashbury Park, N. J.; J. Moore, San Francisco; M. Vosey, Ohio; J. McOllivray, London, Eng.; W. Reed, Canada; O. Reed, Canada; J. Levin, Ottawa; J. Hockney, Ottawa; E. H. Dunbar, Seattle; W. H. Dunbar, Seattle; M. Tull, Canada; E. H. Tull, Canada; M. W. Wilson, Chicago; A. H. Tiger, Prince Albert Province,

Canada; C. Stiefel, Chicago; W. H. Wells, Missouri; D. Robertson, Vancouver; I. G. Tomlinson, Tacoma.

All these men came in with pack trains sent out from Telegraph creek and Laketon and various trading companies last spring.

The unfortunates tell heartrending stories of hardships endured, comrades lost and abandoned; and strongly denounce the trading and transportation companies, as well as the Canadian officials and newspapers that so profusely advertised this route as a feasible one to the Klondike goldfields.

To outward appearances these men certainly give evidence of sufferings undergone since leaving Edmonton, 15 months ago. Most of them are sickly-looking, with unkempt beards and gray clothes, pictures of physical and financial wreck. Several are prematurely gray and bear marks of worry. Few have just enough money to reach Seattle or Victoria, but the majority are without funds. The citizens of Wrangell have appealed to the United States government at Washington, but up to this date no aid has been received. There are now about 20 destitute miners here.

FAVORS INCREASE OF THE PHILIPPINE ARMY.

Senator Hawley Urged the Matter on the President Several Times—Has Confidence in Otis.

NEW YORK, Aug. 10.—Senator Joseph R. Hawley, of Connecticut, called for Europe yesterday. He will spend six months in rural England. Just before his departure he said:

"I am glad to see that the army in the Philippine islands is being reorganized. I have urged such an increase from the outset and some months ago I saw the president several times to urge upon him the necessity of sending reinforcements to the islands at once. Then I received private information from Manila which convinced me that I was right. I laid the matter before the president at once. I am sure that we shall get along very well there in the future."

"Is General Otis likely to be relieved of command there?"

"I don't think so. I don't see why he should. I have a great deal of confidence in him. I believe he is a good man for the place. Of course, there is a great deal going up from the colored journals. They began with Surgeon-General Sternberg and tried to kill him. They then shifted to Alger and they shifted him. And now they don't see any one to go for but Otis. They can tie a tin kettle and yell 'mad dog,' but I think the public is beginning to see behind the clutter and to take things more quietly."

BURN PLENTY OF RED FIRE.

McKinley's Advice to the Dewey Recruits of the District of Columbia.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 10.—"Gentlemen, burn plenty of red fire." That was President McKinley's emphatic admonition to the representatives of the citizens of the district when they called to consult with him regarding the arrangements for the reception to Admiral Dewey upon his arrival in Washington.

When the chief executive of the nation views the city on the night of Dewey Day, he will find that his injunction has been carried out most faithfully. Admiral Dewey will be escorted to the capital by a committee on the day the nation's sword is to be presented to him. That night there will be a monster parade. Every organization in the District of Columbia will be invited to participate in the procession. Every military body, all the civic, fraternal, patriotic, social and benevolent societies and the bicycle clubs will be included. An energetic effort will be made to have each body in line make some distinctive illumination on its own account. There will be elaborate illuminations along the line of march.

GOLD DUST FROM ALASKA.

SEATTLE, Aug. 10.—The steamer Queen arrived from Alaska today. In addition to 250 excursionists she had 100 miners from Dawson and Atlin aboard. The amount of gold dust they carried is estimated at \$150,000.

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