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VICTIMS OF THE HURRICANE

One Hundred Thousand Porto Ricans Rendered Homeless.

FIVE HUNDRED ARE KILLED

Terrible Suffering at Ponce, Porto Rico and Guayama--Washington Appeals for Aid.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 11--The war department today took prompt measures for the relief of the hurricane sufferers in Porto Rico. When the press dispatches and General Davis' advice made known the extent of the disaster, steps were immediately taken to send supplies, and the transport McPherson was ordered put in readiness to sail from New York Monday. She will carry grains and other necessities.

Secretary War Root this afternoon sent the following appeal to the mayors of cities of more than 150,000 population:

"Sir--The governor general of Porto Rico confirms the reports that upon the 8th inst. a hurricane swept over that island, entirely demolishing many of the towns, destroying many lives and reducing as near as he can estimate, not less than one hundred thousand of the inhabitants to a condition of absolute destitution without homes and food. Unless immediate and effective relief is given to these unfortunate they will perish. Under these conditions the president deems that an appeal should be made to the humanity of the American people. It is an appeal to their patriotism, also, for the inhabitants of Porto Rico have freely and gladly submitted themselves to the guardianship of the United States and have voluntarily surrendered the protection of Spain, to which they were formerly entitled, confidently relying upon the more generous and beneficent treatment at our hands. The highest considerations of honor and good faith unite with promptings of humanity to require

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IN POSSESSION OF SANTA RITA

MacArthur's Forces Reconnoiter After Taking the Town.

DISPATCHES FROM OTIS

Only One Casualty Yesterday--Movement of Troops Difficult--Volunteers Coming Home.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 11--General Otis cabled the war department today as follows:

Manila, Aug. 11--Adjutant general, Washington--MacArthur has taken possession of Santa Rita, reconnoitered Borsac, Angeles and other points. The insurgents are driven north.

One casualty yesterday, none today. The condition of the roads make the movement of the troops difficult, but considered necessary to open up this section of the country as it virtually gives control of the province of Batavia and relieves inhabitants there.

OTIS.
WASHINGTON, Aug. 11--General Otis today cabled the war department as follows: "Manila Aug. 11--City of Para arrived. Private Cosley Reid, Twenty-fourth, died at sea. The Sheridan sails today."

The City of Para sailed from San Francisco July 13, with companies B and D, Fourth cavalry; headquarters of companies A, F, H, and K, Twenty-fourth infantry and B company engineer battalion, 25 officers and 911 enlisted men. General Schwan commanding.

The Sheriff will bring back the Minnesota and South Dakota troops.

BURNING OF SATURNUS.

Rebel Pirates Rob the Cargo of an American Vessel.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 11--The navy department this afternoon received the following cable relating to the burning of the Saturnus by the insurgents, which was reported in the press cables several days ago and also the shelling of San Fernando, reported Wednesday.

Manila, Aug. 11--On August the 2nd the gunboat Pampanga, Lieutenant of the Junior grade, McNamee, patrolling Lingayen Bay, Luzon Island, found the American steamer Saturnus on the beach at San Fernando, the insurgents having robbed the cargo. Naval Cadet Woodard in a dingy secured a hawser around the rudder post of the steamer under a musketry fire from strong intrenchments from steamer and the town.

The Pampanga returned a hot fire but could not move the steamer. The insurgents boarded the vessel. Have sent the Yorktown to punish the piratical.

On August 7th the Yorktown and Concord and the gunboats Callao and Pampanga entered the port of San Fernando and found intrenchments encircling the waterfront fully manned. The non-combatants were seen thronging in a substantial warehouse on the north side of the town. The vessels refrained from firing in their direction. The first shell from the Yorktown was answered without delay by field guns and musketry fire. Vessels shelled the town 45 minutes. The extent of the damage cannot be ascertained. The Pampanga remained there. The Concord and Callao are also patrolling Lingayen Bay, Luzon Island. The Yorktown returned to Manila.

The climate at Manila is delightful now; vessels cannot be detached. All are needed to prevent unauthorized trading.
WATSON.

ALASKA BOUNDARY LINE ON BRITISH CHARTS.

Claims of the United States Sustained on Charts of the British Hydrographic Office.

NEW YORK, Aug. 11--A special to the Herald from Washington says: Clear evidence as to the growth of the present Canadian contention regarding the location of the Alaska boundary line can be found in a comparison of official British and Canadian maps. It will be seen that Great Britain has not adopted on the official

THREE VESSELS ARE WRECKED

Carlisle Castle Lost on the Australian Coast.

OTHER MARINE DISASTERS

Lumber Laden Ship From San Francisco Goes Ashore at Rottneest Island--Steamers in Collision.

VANCOUVER, B. C., Aug. 11--The details of the loss of three vessels in Australian waters are brought by the steamer Mlowers. The bark Carlisle Castle, 1244 tons, bound from Liverpool to Fremantle, was totally wrecked off Rockingham. The vessel went ashore during a heavy gale on Safety bay. All on board were drowned.

The ship City of York, in command of Captain P. H. Jones, 1187 tons register, laden with general cargo, including 744,000 feet of redwood lumber from San Francisco, went ashore at Rottneest Island, July 12. The steamers Excelsior and Edina collided on Hobson's Bay, Melbourne. The Excelsior was sunk in 15 minutes. None of her eighty passengers were drowned, but seven were injured. The Excelsior was a steel screw steamer of 240 tons.

FRANK M'DANIELS ARRAIGNED.
Held to Answer Without Bonds for Murder of Clara Fitch.

PORTLAND, Aug. 11--The preliminary examination of Frank M'Daniels, accused of murdering Clara Fitch, began in the municipal court today and was concluded at 4:40 p. m. Acting Judge Mason held the accused to appear before the grand jury without bonds. Eight witnesses testified on the part of the state, but the evidence as a whole was the same as given before the coroners jury and nothing additional was brought to light.

GOLD DUST AT ST. MICHAELS.
SEATTLE, Aug. 11--It is stated that there is now at St. Michael, Alaska, about three millions of dollars worth of gold dust for shipment to San Francisco and Seattle. It is thought this will conclude the big gold shipments for this season.

YESTERDAY'S RACES WERE UNSATISFACTORY.

Yachts Were All Handicapped by Changeable Weather--Defender Again Beaten.

NEW BEDFORD, Mass., Aug. 11--The runoff of the New York Yacht Club fleet from Vineyard haven today to this port proved the most unsatisfactory of the cruise, and, as far as racing was concerned was well high a fizzle.

All day the yachts wrestled with typical dog day conditions, the winds from all quarters and all velocities, interspersed with won in her class. The Columbia was one of those and for a second time on cruise, she beat the defender by many miles because of shifting breezes and calms. In fact so far ahead was the new boat at the finish that the Defender gave up entirely and did not round one of the marks.

DENIAL FROM MERRITT.

Says He Has Not Been Ordered To Relieve General Otis at Manila.

NEW YORK, Aug. 11--Since the visit of General Wesley Merritt to Secretary Root, in this city, rumors have been current that it has been settled that General Merritt will succeed General Otis in the Philippines. When General Merritt was seen in his home on Governors Island, he said: "Any story that I may succeed General Otis in the Philippines, is without foundation. When Secretary Root was in the city, three or four days ago, I dined with him and, of course, I cannot discuss any subject that may have come up. If I am ordered to Manila, I will obey orders the same as any army officer would do."

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