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**IMPOSING BAY PARADE**

Crafts of All Descriptions Escort the Sherman to Her Dock—Scene Unequaled on the Coast.

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 24.—The water front today was the most attractive portion of San Francisco. It was literally blocked with people from one end to the other. Every pier was crowded with excited people and Telegraph Hill which contains a magnificent view of the Golden Gate and harbor, was crowded with spectators anxious to catch a glimpse of the Sherman as she neared the harbor. All eyes seemed to be turned westwardly. From every quarter of the bay yachts, launches, tugs and bay craft of all descriptions made their way through the water, all converging toward one point, the Sherman.

An order for tug boats and bay steamers to leave their positions was issued by Commodore Sprockles shortly after noon and one by one they could be seen moving from their docks, their prow turned toward the Golden Gate. The pleasure craft were crowded. Their human cargoes all gathered on the shore side of the vessels and the slant of the vessels toward that side caused some alarm, but fortunately there were no accidents of any moment and the boats took their appointed positions as if by magic. Everything was done so smoothly and with so little apparent effort that it looked as if the fleet had been schooled to perfection. Suddenly the Sherman was sighted and the escort of tugs nearing the harbor, and then all interest in the gaily decorated yachts was for the time lost. Every face was turned toward the ocean. Nearer and nearer the big white steamer came, and closer and closer the two fleets came toward each other. Two strings of yachts and tugs

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reached the turning point opposite the fort and took up their places leaving the broad ribbon of water between their lines for the Sherman to pass through to the head of the pageant. As the Sherman approached the Gate, the land batteries belched forth in a national salute, and the bay steamers took up the signal with their sirens. Pandemonium reigned. Nearer and nearer the welcome vessel came and at last pushed her prow into the space left for her, and such a scene occurred as has never been seen on the coast before. The signal was given to the fleet of yachts and tugs to get under way just in time for them to fall into the wake of the transport, which, of course, was given the place of honor. Slowly the fleet moved along with the transport. As the fleet neared the transport dock the Iowa let go her batteries, and the curling smoke as it left the cannon's mouth presented a sight which few of the watchers on land and water had ever seen before. Just before the anchor of the Sherman was dropped, Commodore Sprockles gave the signal for the escort to disperse and the first detail of the day's celebration was over. The Sherman will lay off the transport dock tonight, and tomorrow morning she will be moved into her position along side the pier and the boys will be taken ashore for breakfast, after which they will march to the Presidio where they will be given a furlough of 24 hours.

**GREAT SCARCITY IN BESSEMER PIG IRON.**  
Fancy Prices Being Paid by Pittsburg Concerns—Large Shipment of Wire Rods.

NEW YORK, Aug. 24.—The Iron Age, in its weekly review says: The excitement in the pig iron markets is growing and spreading. A very large tonnage of pig iron is being placed for 1900 delivery at advancing prices. The bulk of the sales are for the first six months but a number of important orders have been placed for delivery far into the second half of 1900. It is a fact which does not augur well for the supply for pig iron for the central west for the spring of 1900 that a number of the Lake mining companies are even now announcing to their customers that their allotments of ore will have to be cut down from 10 to 20 per cent. In Pittsburg the scarcity of bessemer pig is illustrated by the fact that one of the largest concerns paid \$22.50 delivered for a lot of 5,000 tons of pig, October and November delivery. Under exceptional circumstances as high as \$25 has been paid in Pittsburg for prompt bills.

A number of inquiries for steel billets for shipment to this country have been forwarded abroad. A new complication has arisen and that is the price there is such that it is doubtful whether the rate of duty will be .4 cents per pound or .3 cents. Following the significant reports of sales of steel rails for 1900 delivery in the west, comes now the official statement that a large railroad would purchase 15,000 tons of rails next year at \$23 at eastern mills. As for the near future, it is only a matter of getting the material, the price being an incidental question. The negotiations for the shipment of 25,000 tons of wire rods to Germany are still pending.

**THE CARTER CASE.**  
A Decision Will Be Rendered on the Return of Carter's Counsel From Europe.

PLATTESBURG, N. Y., Aug. 24.—Attorney General Griggs has made the following statement to the Associated Press concerning regarding the case of Captain Oberlin M. Carter, charged with misappropriating United States government funds while in charge of the work of improving the harbor of Savannah: "The situation in the Carter case is just this: "I have gone over the evidence in the case, which is very voluminous, covering as it does, the technical details of the different branches of the work in the fullest manner. Nothing more can be done in the matter until Wayne McVeagh, counsel for Captain Carter has made his argument before me. Mr. McVeagh is now in Europe and will not return to this country until about September 15. As soon after he returns as convenient, a day will set for Mr. McVeagh to present his argument in behalf of Captain Carter before me. After that I shall make my report to President McKinley. "There is absolutely no truth in the published statement that I have arrived at a decision in the case, and it will be made public in a few days. How could I come to a decision without first hearing the argument of the defendant's counsel, even if I had made up my mind in regard to the case after examining the evidence. "Would it be proper for me to announce my decision without first hearing Mr. McVeagh?"

**FLAG FLIES OVER JOLA**

Sulu Sultan Acknowledges American Sovereignty.

**FRIENDLY FEELING EXISTS**

American Troops and Moros on Good Terms—Americans May Purchase Native Lands in the Island.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 24.—General Otis today cabled the war department that General Bates has returned from his conference with Moros, and confirming the Associated Press dispatches as to the results of the mission. General Otis says: "General Bates has returned. His mission was successful. An agreement was made with the sultan and dates whereby the sovereignty of the United States over the entire Jolo archipelago is acknowledged. "Its flag is to fly on land and sea, and the United States is to occupy and control all points deemed necessary. Introducing firearms is prohibited. The sultan is to assist in suppressing piracy. He has agreed to deliver criminals accused of crime not committed by Moros against Moros. The relations between the United States troops and all Moros are very friendly. Two other points in the archipelago will be occupied by the United States troops when the trade and commerce can be controlled. The Moros of western Mindanao are friendly, and ask permission to drive out the insurgents.

**SULU SULTAN AGREES TO AMERICAN PROPOSALS.**  
Recognizes Our Absolute Sovereignty of the Island—Americans May Purchase Native Lands.

NEW YORK, Aug. 24.—The Manila correspondent of the Herald, describing the agreement with the sultan of Sulu, says: The sultan agrees to all the American terms proposed and recognizes the absolute sovereignty of the United States which the authorities declare he never did for Spain. An important clause of the treaty gives Americans the right to purchase land. We retain all the ports which the Spanish formerly occupied and reserve the right to open others at our discretion. The sultan collects no revenues but will receive an annual salary for maintaining law and order. Several of the principal chiefs are also salaried. The sultan's mother is largely responsible for the happy conclusion of affairs.

**ROOT WILL PURSUE A VIGOROUS POLICY.**  
General Miles Says He is the Man the Country Has Demanded—Otis a Splendid Officer.

NEW YORK, Aug. 24.—General Nelson A. Miles said to the Philadelphia correspondent of the Tribune: "The new secretary of war is a man of business. As a result, different conditions already exist. The interests of the country have demanded a vigorous prosecution of the war in the Philippines; now they will have it. "I know nothing about the change of commanders on the island. My command of the army has nothing to do with the administration. As major general commanding, I am responsible for the health and discipline of the army. Both are in excellent condition. "General Otis is a fine officer. That has been demonstrated by the splendid morale of the army; its health and its efficiency in the field in the Philippines. "The inadequate force to meet the requirements has been the cause of somewhat abating the results which have been achieved. "Our army notwithstanding the vast superiority of the enemy in numbers, has been victorious in every engagement. The army may be large and valiant enough to defeat an army quadruple its size, but it takes additional force to hold the towns in an enemy's country and to cover lines of communication. "About 20 per cent of our army under any conditions is practically inactive owing to various duties about the camp and hospitals, transportation, sickness and various other causes. In the civil war only a portion of the army was operated on the fighting line. "Much embarrassment has been occasioned by the supplying of the enemy with food and ammunition by their friends in Manila and Hongkong, not

to speak of encouragement from their friends in 'the states.' It is difficult to discriminate in the enemy's country between non-combatants and foes."

**DRY GOODS CORPORATION TO BE ORGANIZED.**  
Will Have a Capital of Fifty Million and Will Control Department Stores.

NEW YORK, Aug. 24.—The Herald says: Arrangements are maturing for the organization of a \$50,000,000 dry goods corporation in this city to control and operate dry goods and department stores throughout the country. The Merchandise Reorganization Company has recently been incorporated in Trenton, N. J., as a preliminary to creating big corporations. Men well known in the dry goods trade have been working on the plan for six months, it is said, and have interested financiers who will back the enterprise. It is expected that the corporation will be launched in time for the fall trade.

It is proposed to buy retail stores in the cities having a population of 20,000 or more. The company expects to control 500 or 1,000 stores throughout the country. Many merchants, it is said, have already signed their intention of joining the combination. Former proprietors of stores absorbed by the corporation will be retained as managers and will have interests in the stores. They will become stockholders in the company. It is proposed to control the output of certain mills and purchases will be made in immense quantities.

**FATAL QUARREL OVER A GAMBLING GAME.**  
James Long, a Miner, Stabs Charles Larrabee, in Buffalo Hump, Inflicting a Fatal Wound.

LEWISTON, Ida., Aug. 24.—Word reached here today of the murder of Charles Larrabee, a saloonkeeper at Buffalo Hump, by Jas. Long, a miner, Tuesday evening. The men had quarreled in a gambling game, but it was thought they had settled the difficulty amicably. A few minutes later Larrabee and Long walked out of the tent saloon together, both apparently being in good humor. When they reached the outside, Long stabbed Larrabee twice. One of the wounds penetrated the kidneys from the back. Long was crazed with drink at the time. Larrabee died Wednesday afternoon. Long arrived at the Mt. Idaho county seat last evening and gave himself up to the authorities. Long had followed the occupation of mining in Idaho county several years.

**UITLANDERS WELL ARMED.**  
Have Been Laying in a Supply For Three Years.

CAPE TOWN, Aug. 24.—The Delagoa bay incident coupled with the recent transit of a large amount of ammunition, had directed the attention of the British officials to the immense accumulations of war munitions in the South African republic and Transvaal. The Uitlanders being debarred from carrying arms, the supply of weapons as shown in Loupense Marques (Delagoa) returns for three years, is greatly in excess of the Burghers requirements, and consequently there is a growing feeling among the British community in South Africa that no settlement of the existing crisis will insure a lasting peace unless it includes a provision for the reduction of armaments.

**DEWEY WILL ARRIVE IN NEW YORK THURSDAY.**  
Sends Cablegram to Acting Mayor Guggenheimer From Ville, France Giving the Date.

NEW YORK, Aug. 24.—Acting Mayor Guggenheimer today received the following cablegram from Admiral Dewey: "Ville, France, Aug. 24.—Randolph Guggenheimer, acting mayor: Will arrive Thursday 23 as requested. "DEWEY." This will enable the reception committee to hold a naval parade Friday and a parade Saturday, and obviate the necessity of having a day intervene between the two parades.

**EX-JUDGE HILTON DEAD.**  
SARATOGA, Aug. 24.—Ex-Judge Hilton died suddenly at 5:30 o'clock this afternoon.

**THE WAR FAR FROM ENDED**

Foreign Manila Residents Think It May Last for Years.

**INSURGENTS WELL EQUIPPED**

Well Supplied With Money and Arms—Blockade in Philippine Ports May Be Raised.

MANILA, July 22, via San Francisco, Aug. 24.—In Manila the talk of ending the war deals no longer with weeks, but with months, and even years. Among the mass of the people here, military men and foreign residents, there is but one opinion. The whole effort of the insurgents for three months was to hold off the Americans until their ally, the rains, arrived. In this they have been successful as they could have hoped. Unless affairs take some unforeseen turn the Filipinos will resume the war this fall with a fresh spirit and a replenished stock of arms and ammunition. One ship load of arms, it is learned on good authority, has reached them within the past week. Of money, the leaders of the insurrection have no lack. BLOCKADE MAY BE RAISED. Secretary Root Believes it Does More Injury Than Good.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 24.—The establishment of the blockade of the ports of the Philippine islands, especially those of Luzon, is a subject which is receiving attention at the war department, although Secretary Root says he has not as yet sufficient information to warrant definite action in the matter. The secretary says that he believes in taking advantage of everything necessary to make the campaign successful, and that war cannot be made without causing distress. At the same time, he thinks an absolute blockade may do more injury just now, than good. The probabilities are, however, that when the fall campaign begins there will be an effectual blockade maintained and that commerce between the towns within the American lines and the country in control in the insurgents will be stopped. Meanwhile, all possible precaution will be taken to prevent arms and ammunition from being supplied to the insurgents. OFFICERS DISREGARDED. WASHINGTON, Aug. 24.—Owing to a conflict of authority between the state's and national quarantine authorities of San Francisco, Secretary Gage, after consultation with Surgeon General Wyman today, telegraphed the collector of customs at that port to employ a sufficient force to enforce the federal quarantine regulations. The marine hospital service is laboring earnestly to keep infectious disease out of the country, and at San Francisco is directing its efforts practically against bubonic plague, the introduction of which is feared from the Orient. The local quarantine authorities at San Francisco have, it is said, disregarded the national quarantine regulations which the federal authorities believe it is absolutely necessary to enforce.

**MEXICAN PRISONERS TORTURED.**  
CHICAGO, Aug. 24.—A special to the Chronicle from Austin, Texas, says: "The recent torture inflicted upon six Mexican prisoners confined in the Hidalgo county jail by the officials of that county, in an effort to extort confessions, has become an international affair. Four of the prisoners claim to be citizens of Mexico and they appealed to President Diaz for aid and redress. The appeal was referred to the Mexican ambassador at Washington. The latter has taken the matter in hand.

**TRANSPORT ATHENIAN SAILS.**  
SEATTLE, Aug. 24.—The transport Athenian sailed for Manila tonight. She carried 100 men of the Third cavalry and 450 horses.

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