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### Soldiers Die of Neglect at Manila.

Honolulu, Dec. 7, via San Francisco, Dec. 14.—The United States transport Scandia, which arrived from Manila, which place she left November 15, brings a number of officers, 91 discharged and furloughed men and two Red Cross nurses. She brings the largest mail that ever left Manila—213 sacks for San Francisco and one for Honolulu. The vessel will resume her voyage on or about the 20th of this month.

Miss Schaefer, the Red Cross nurse who went from Honolulu to Manila on September 26, returned on the Scandia. She makes starting charges as to the way United States soldiers are taken care of at Manila. Miss Schaefer made the following statement for publication:

#### DYING FOR WANT OF NOURISHMENT.

"Scores of the soldiers are dying in the hospitals at Manila just for want of proper nourishment. They say the government allows 60 cents a day for each patient. I could have saved dozens of lives on five cents a day. Oh, the utter woe of the hospitals, the helplessness of them. Men bright and noble as God ever made, giving up to death—hoping for it, seeking for it, taking poison, doing anything that will relieve the despair that comes upon them. Seeing nothing before them but days of pain and nights of wretchedness, without proper care, without proper food, alone with no one to give them sympathy or cheer, to write to friends, to soothe aching brows or moisten parched lips; if by sheer endurance of nature or obstinacy of vitality they do get better, there is before them nothing but the still merciless period of convalescence with the probability of relaps, and the old weariness of despair to be suffered again. No wonder there are six or seven funerals a day. No wonder the dead house is never empty.

#### INDIFFERENCE OF OFFICERS.

"And outside the hospital and even in it, such indifference. Petty consideration of rank and position, squabbles about precedence, lack of consideration in prescribing and preparing food, while

men are dying not merely of heart hunger, but for want of nourishment. I have gone through the wards day after day, and as I spoke to this one and that, and they poured out their sorrows, men who do not wear their hearts on their sleeve, cried for the pure agony of their loneliness and despair, made poignant and vivid by their own telling of it.

"I got so I just could not go through the wards. What could I do? I saw the need of care and proper nourishment, of the most ordinary hospital treatment, and was utterly helpless to do anything; just one cog in the great remorseless grinding machine, whose material was noble men and whose gist was death.

"I do not mean that all the hospitals are careless or indifferent. Many are trying to do their best. There is a lot of worthiness and selflessness among the attendants at the hospitals. But here it is so much experience and so many clogs to those who would do much. In a whole ward there is not more than one nurse with experience, and for helpers, only one or two awkward boys, who perhaps never saw a sick room before."

#### Governor Lee of Havana.

Havana, Dec. 14.—The United States transport Panama, with General Fitzhugh Lee and his staff aboard, entered the harbor this morning. General Lee was informed by a correspondent of the Associated Press of his appointment as governor of the province of Havana. He said he was much gratified, but he had only wished for a military command. The general added that he is simply in command of his soldiers, that his duty is to preserve life and property, and that he proposes to do so with equal justice to Cubans, Spaniards and persons of all other nationalities.

The headquarters of General Lee will be established at Quemada camp, Marianna. Many prominent personal friends called on the general when he arrived here. Later in the day General Lee and his staff, accompanied by General Greene, in the tug Britannia started for Vedado, where he reported to General

Wade. Thence General Lee went on horseback to Quemada.

A battalion of the Fifteenth infantry was landed from the U. S. transport Saratoga today and marched with band playing and flags flying to Marianna. The soldiers were followed by crowds of people. At every street corner Spanish troops were stationed.

There was some enthusiasm in the Cerro suburbs. The troops which arrived on the Michigan and Panama are well. Havana is quiet.

#### Development of the Philippines.

Manila, Dec. 14.—At an enthusiastic meeting of the Astor battery at its quarters today, preliminary steps were taken to establish the Philippine Development Association of American Volunteers for the purpose of promoting the development of the islands, when the volunteers are discharged from the service.

Congressman Lloyd, of Missouri, says he wouldn't give twenty cents for the whole Philippine group. When Sagasta hears that he will bug himself for being smart enough to sell them for \$20,000,000.

"Good morning have you been indicted?" may become the common form of salutation between republican politicians, if the example of Illinois, and Pennsylvania grand juries should be generally followed.

Perhaps Gov. Tanner may change his mind about his being a bigger man than the grand jury. He will, if Illinois judges have the right sort of backbone.

Senator Caffery sees quite as many dangers in the ownership of the Philippine Islands as Andy Carnegie does, and Andy can't sleep on account of his fears.

"Little Billy" Chandler is having a good deal to say for a senator who has no "pull" with the administration.

That portion of Mr. McKinley's message which deals with the conduct of the war is in accord with the carefully edited reports issued from the War Department, which is not surprising. When he decided to keep Alger in the Cabinet Mr. McKinley knew he would have to stand by him all the way through.

The length of the Peace treaty—7,500 words—makes it unlikely that the most enterprising newspaper would be willing to steal a copy of it for the purpose of cabling it over in full, even if an opportunity to do so were afforded.

If congress doesn't keep its eyes wide open in legislating for the construction of the Nicaragua Canal, it will pave the way for a bigger and worse canal scandal than that in New York.

The old republican play of "Stealing a Senator" is to be put on the boards in West Virginia unless the nerve of the star performers fail before the first performance.

Mayor Harrison, of Chicago, heading off the railroad steal which had been arranged through the hoodlums in the city council, has exhibited a real backbone.

As individuals John Bull and Uncle Sam are each too fond of bossing things to be successful as joint owners of the Nicaragua Canal, or anything else.

If some of the London papers are not more careful, they will convince the world that England expects to be paid for being friendly toward the United States.

Three out of the five Peace Commissioners being senators, it is not surprising that senatorial methods were adopted and the text of the treaty kept secret.

Absolutely nothing is to be gained by charging individuals with responsibility for failure to carry an election, but much may be lost.

The citizens of Atlanta wish it distinctly understood that theirs was the only bona fide Peace jubilee of the whole bunch.

The marked contrast between Mayor Carter Harrison and Gov. Tanner may result in making Carter governor.

For a party that has just captured congress the republicans are displaying an all-fired fear at the mention of an extra session.

It is expected that Senator Caffery will lead the fight against ratification of the treaty of peace that will be made in the Senate.

Now, will Mr. McKinley please tell the country what he really thinks we ought to do with the Philippines.

Senator Quay isn't so sure that politics is pushing that prosecution as he was.

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