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## Further Operations.

Manila, March 3, 5:10 p. m.—The United States gunboat Concord has arrived here after a week's cruise along the west coast of the island of Luzon. The only incident of her trip was the burning of a schooner loaded with supplies for the rebels at Dagupan, the terminus of the railroad. The natives fled and abandoned the town when the gunboat anchored in the bay.

### FROM OTIS

Washington, March 3.—The following dispatch has been received by the secretary of war in answer to his inquiry respecting the number of American prisoners held by the insurgents:

Manila, March 3.—Insurgents have not taken nor do they hold a single prisoner of war. They have three soldiers in Malolos, picked up in January, who, without permission, went among them near Cavite and Calocan. I am looking after them and providing money. Have captured over 1500 insurgent soldiers since February 4 and hold the majority as prisoners of war. Reports which reach the United States are manufactured not only in Hongkong. My troops here are in splendid condition.

(Signed) OTIS.

### REBELS DISHEARTENED.

New York, March 3.—A dispatch to the Herald from Manila says: It is rumored here that a steamer with 20,000 stands of arms and ammunition which was bound for the Philippines has been seized in Japanese waters by the Japanese authorities.

Aguineldo's army is disheartened as the result of the recent action. Many companies of the insurgents have retired because their officers shulk and won't lead their men.

The latest news from Cebu is good. The natives are returning to the town. The coolies are now willing to work at reasonable wages. Under the native government they asked double pay. Vessels are now loading and business has been resumed.

The influential natives of the islands of Malate and Ticao request General Otis to send troops there. They say that 200 men could easily subdue the rebels. The inhabitants are peaceable. They are disgusted with the exhortations of three successive native governors.

The two islands contain 80,000 head of cattle which constitute the food supply of the rebel army of the south.

### Another Brush.

Manila, March 4, 11:13 a. m.—At daylight General Wheaton's outpost discovered a large body of rebels attempting to cross the river for the purpose of reinforcing the enemy at Guadalupe, and a gunboat advanced under a heavy fire and poured shot into the jungle on

both sides of the river and shelled the enemy's position at Guadalupe effectively, temporarily scattering the rebels. The enemy's loss was heavy.

Private John T. Oise, Third artillery, was killed.

On board the gunboat Privates William Wheeler and Louis Barrien of the California regiment was wounded.

6:50 p. m.—The rebels in the village San Jose fired on the United States gunboat Bennington today and the warship shelled that place and other suburbs of Malabon this afternoon.

The United States transports Senator and Ohio have arrived here with reinforcements of troops.

### Gomez' Recommendation.

Havana, March, 2.—General Gomez has asked Governor-General Brooke to reduce the army of occupation to 10,000 men, retaining 10,000 Cubans in the service of the military government. At least, so says Senor Munulo de Caspedes, who acted as interpreter at yesterday's council, adding that General Brooke took the proposition under consideration, and promised to consult Washington. Gen. Brooke himself says nothing of the question.

The Cuban military assembly met today at Mariana, General Andrade announced that the pending business was of a very important and serious nature, connected with the report of the special committee that had called upon President McKinley. He suggested that the session should be private, and the assembly so ordered, the public being excluded.

However, that the session was a stormy one, the discussion being over the acceptance of the \$3,000,000 tendered by the United States government. Seventeen members it is said, favored accepting this amount, but no final decision was reached, and the assembly will meet tomorrow afternoon at El Correo.

### Relief of Settlers.

Many settlers in Oregon will be benefited by the passage of senate bill No. 747, to secure which Senator McBride is actively engaged, says the Long Creek Eagle. The bill was submitted by his committee and he reported it back to the senate with the second section to read as follows:

Sec. 2. That in all cases where homestead or timber culture or desert land entries or other entries of public lands have heretofore or shall hereafter be canceled or relinquished on account of conflict, or where, from any cause, the entry has been erroneously allowed and cannot be confirmed, the secretary of the interior shall cause to be repaid to the person who made such entry, or to his legal representatives, the fees and commissions, the

amount of purchase money and expenses paid upon the same by the surrender of the duplicate receipt and the execution of a proper relinquishment to all claims of said land whenever such entry shall have been duly canceled by the commissioner of the general land office. And in cases where parties, as promoters or homestead claimants, have paid double minimum price for land which has afterward been found not to be within the limits of a railroad land grant, or which is within the limits of any portion of a grant which has heretofore or which shall hereafter be forfeited by reason of any failure upon the part of the grantee to construct that portion of the railroad in which such grant was made, which is adjacent to and coterminous with such lands, the excess of \$1.25 per acre shall in like manner be repaid, but only to the entryman who made the excess payment or to his executor or administrator for the benefit of the estate.

### Registration Bill Annex.

It appears that the legislature in making provision for the registration law tacked on a good thing for county clerks, in the shape of a ten cent fee to be paid the clerk by the county for each voter registered. This money is to go to the clerks individually, so the law is understood here. County Clerk Burroughs was asked about it today and said very promptly:

"Yes, I guess the law makes just such a provision, but I do not think it was right and knew nothing about it until the law was passed by someone here at the court house."

Mr. Burroughs will, of course, now that the law has become one of the statutes of Oregon, take his fees, as anyone else would do, and since the vote of Unatilla is about 4000, his fees will amount to about \$400 at each election, state and presidential. It is like "finding it in the road," for County Clerk Burroughs, who has not the least mark of resemblance to a "gruffer" and who was perfectly satisfied with the \$2000 salary he has heretofore drawn—East Oregonian.

### Many Wool Men Going

The people of Pendleton, Oregon are making preparations to extend the best of hospitality to those who attend the second annual convention of the Pacific Northwest Wool Growers' convention, to be held there on March 7, 8, and 9. The convention promises to be more than an occasion for mere enjoyment; but one on which there will given many things of inestimable value to sheepmen and wool handlers. No one interested in this industry can afford to miss it.

Railroads have given a one and one fifth fare. See that you secure tickets based on this rate.

Speaker Reed met Representative Lacey, of Iowa, in the shadow of the entrance to the members' lobby of the house. He peered at the Iowa man, who bears a strong resemblance to the secretary of war.

Walking up to him, and greeting him with a cheerful laugh and a handshake that conveyed a suggestion of great relief, he astonished the representative by drawing out: "Lacy, you look so much like the secretary of war that you ought to be whitewashed."

"The simplest efforts last the longest," said the gifted lecturer; "look at Mary's lamb—forever embued in deathless verse."

At this moment a tall stranger in the audience suddenly arose, and in a voice choked with emotion, fiercely cried: "You're a liar!" Then he dramatically stalked from the room. "Who was that man?" inquired the startled lecturer. "Oh," said the chairman of the lecture committee, "you mustn't mind him. He belongs to the commissary department!"—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

If Mr. McKinley can't bluff any more successfully than he did on the army bill, he should never attempt to play poker.

There is a crying demand for a war investigation that will investigate, instead of devoting its time to trying to cast doubts upon what is already known.

We should like to have certain eminent democrats tell in what parties can elect a democratic President in 1900.

Evidently moved by the fact that a few adventurous Americans have been fighting in the revolutionary ranks in Nicaragua, the President of that country is trying to make things as disagreeable for our government as possible. First thing he knows he may have a good many American visitors.

President Diaz is said to have evolved a plan for civilizing the wilder ladies of Mexico by furnishing them with teachers. If he wishes his scheme to be endorsed by the far-famed savages of Tiburon Island, in Gulf of California, he should see to it that the instructors sent thither are plump in person and not too old.

The declaration of the democratic house caucus, that the Constitution and the Declaration of Independence are both opposed to our governing any people against their will, and declaring it to be the duty of this government to aid the people of the island which lately belonged to Spain to set up governments of their own was thoroughly democratic.

There are reasons—excellent ones—for the belief that the continuation of Military rule in any former possession of Spain after the exchange of copies of the ratified treaty of peace will be a violation of the Constitutional authority of the President. As long as there is a state of war the President's authority is supreme, but as soon as there is peace, the authority lies in congress has not authorized the continuance of either of the several military governments, it must be taken for granted that Mr. McKinley either intends to continue in peace to exercise authority that is only rightfully his in time of war or to call an extra session of congress to deal with the question.

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