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Gilmore's Party.

The first authentic information regarding Lieutenant J. C. Gilmore and his party of 14 men from the United States gunboat Yorktown who were captured by the Filipinos on April 12 was received today at the hands of Major Arguelles of the staff of Antonio Luna.

It is in the form of a list of the missing men and is signed by Lieutenant Gilmore. The lieutenant reports that he and his party have been brought across the mountains from Baler, where they were captured.

This information was brought in response to a note which Major General MacArthur sent to Luna by Major Shields and Lieutenant Hayne and which those officers, bearing a flag of truce, carried General Luna's line yesterday evening. The note, after asking for information regarding American prisoners in General Luna's hands, concluded with the message that he (General MacArthur) would be pleased to meet General Luna.

Raided By Outlaw Bands.

According to dispatches from Puerto Principe, the village of San Andreas was recently raided by a band of 40 outlaws, led by Antonio Barcelo, formerly of Holguin. The place was sacked, the bandits carrying off 20 head of horses, a large quantity of clothing and groceries and \$1,500 in money.

Five mounted armed men, the dispatch says, attacked a store in the village of Tiens Azul, abducted the proprietor and his wife and carried away \$200 in money. The people of that locality are frantically begging for protection, and a force of guards is greatly needed. The country folks are moving into the larger towns for safety, while the planters, many of whom have bought quantities of sugar cane in isolated localities, fear that the marauders will destroy it before it can be gathered.

Dewey Given Great Power.

Washington, May 1.—As a Dewey day present to the admiral at Manila, the navy department made the first order of the kind on record, it virtually makes Dewey the whole navy department, so far as the Manila squadron is concerned. He is given absolute power in practically all matters without reference to the Washington authorities. He can make changes in the personnel of the squadron as he may deem proper; he has power to move officers from one vessel to another, and detach and order home those he may believe are not required in the fleet. It is also said the commands of the new gunboats captured from Spain, now being overhauled at Hong Kong, will be distributed by Dewey.

Discharges Left To Otis.

Senator McBride, of Oregon, has been notified that General Otis has complete power to discharge volunteers, and all applications to the war department for separate discharges are now futile, all being left to Otis.

Without Binding Twine.

Monroe, Or.—The operations of the cordage trust have had a demoralizing effect on the larger farmers of this vicinity. Several of those who cultivate 500 acres and over will return to the old method of heading their grain, thus eliminating the binder as well as twine. This conclusion has been reached by these people on account of the present and past reports sent out regarding the proposed prices to be charged this season for binding-twine. One firm owing and operating a large steam threshing outfit has ordered two 16 foot headers, and, with one already on hand has contracted about 1200 acres, which will not be bound. This will mean a gross loss to the cordage people of something like \$360.

The Russian Famine.

The Russian famine, of which we now and again hear, has an echo in spite of rigid official efforts to suppress all reports, is probably the most extensive and terrible of recent times. According to the St. Petersburg Viedomosti, a journal whose editor is Prince Ukhtomsky, a member of the imperial family, the great province of Samara is famine-stricken and other near-by provinces are but little better off. The failure of crops is the most complete ever known. The people are living on roots, weeds, acorns, chopped straw bran and the like, and are drinking a decoction of raspberry leaves for tea. Samara is one of the most populous provinces in the empire, containing more than 2,000,000 inhabitants. The total population of the affected provinces is not less than 25,000,000, and their area stretches in a vast belt from Moscow to the Urals. The reports indicate that the suffering is far more extreme and widespread than the great Irish famine or the recent famine in India. Anything like systematic or complete relief will be impossible, owing to the lack of transportation in the afflicted territory. The Russian government is doing all that can possibly be done, but it is little enough.

"Hello, Mr. Workingman, what are you doing?" "Digging potatoes." "What are you going to do with them?" "I sort them into four piles." "What for?" "The big pile of fine potatoes you see over there I give to the landlord as rent for his permission to allow me to live on earth; next to the biggest pile I give to the mortgagees as interest for the use of implements to work with; the third pile I give in taxes for the privilege of living in the county?"

Idaho Miners Riot.

The Spokesman-Review correspondent at Wardner reports that word has come that the Canyon Creek miners are marching on Wardner. The inhabitants are under arms and expect to help the soldiers and fight for their lives.

LATER—About 350 strikers are under arrest and the others are escaping over the mountain trails into Montana. The state troops are guarding the prisoners.

Prof. Albion Small, of the Chicago University.

Prof. Albion Small, of the Chicago university, in a recent lecture, roundly denounced the capitalistic tendency to combine everything into trusts, declaring that the trust magnets are dragging the country to ruin. Prof. Small had better be careful. Rockefeller owns the Chicago university.

Minnesota capitalists are trying to steer a bill through the legislature to make boycotting a crime.

The Standard oil plutocrats are said to have gobbled up the great salt mines of Poland.

Many a matrimonial craft is saved from shipwreck only because anchored to a cradle.

Porto Rican women are reported to be brighter and more enterprising than the men. They attend not only to domestic affairs, but take an active share in trading and transportation. Many carry on farms and keep store. American visitors admire their energy and sagacity and think the women of the island will cut some figure in its future history.—Chicago Chronicle.

A new use for steel has been discovered consisting of traces for harness.

A narrow ribbon of steel from one inch to one and a half inches wide and rolled very thin is used. The steel trace is incased in leather. While showing a tensile breaking strain of double that of the best leather the steel trace can be afforded 20 per cent cheaper. The steel is necessarily of the finest quality.

It is now possible to roll aluminum into sheets one four-thousandth of an inch thick, in which form it weighs less than ordinary paper, and experiments are under way looking to its use in the manufacture of books.

The metal will not oxidize, is practically fire and waterproof, and is immune against the attacks of the various parasites.

A man who feared something might happen to him took the precaution to be baptized in an icy river, contracted the pneumonia, and died.

This is one of the most pronounced cases of premonition on record.

The man who set himself on fire while lighting his pipe and burned to death is another horrible example of how the use of tobacco shortens life.

A man's idea of economizing is to ask his wife how much she can manage to save on family expenses.

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