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REBELS RECOGNIZE THE INEVITABLE

Prolonging Resistance Simply to Secure Favorable Terms in the Erection of Government in the Philippines.

Portland, May 6.—A special to the Oregonian from Washington says: Aguinaldo's envoys to the American Philippines commission have formally admitted the sovereignty of the United States over the Philippine islands, and the surrender of Aguinaldo is believed to be close at hand.

Collapse of the Insurrection.

Washington, May 6.—The officials of the state and war departments are looking for a speedy collapse of the insurrection in the Philippines. Not only is this expectation based on private advices from the Philippine commission as to negotiations, but also on the successful development of MacArthur's and Lawton's campaign. So far as the commission's reports are concerned they indicate that the insurgents have recognized the inevitable breakdown of their struggle and are simply striving by prolonging resistence to secure the most liberal terms possible in the erection of government in the Philippines. They have not in a diplomatic sense acknowledged the sovereignty of the United States, but have recognized the physical domination over the military forces and while they talk more or less of independence even at the last moment, without doubt will accept any proposition looking to a protectorate. The president's instructions, however, are clear on this point and the commission understands it is to take no action in the way of promises that will deprive congress of a free hand in disposing of the future of the Philippines.

INQUIRY DID SOME GOOD.

As a Result Soldiers' Rations Will Be More Carefully Looked After.

Washington, May 6.—As a result of the president's consideration of the report of the Wade court of inquiry, the following instructions were today cabled to the military commanders in the Philippines, Cuba and Porto Rico: "To better enable the president to determine what alterations, if any, in the established ration would be conductive to the better health of the troops serving in tropical climates, the acting secretary of war directs you to institute a board of three officers to fully examine into the subject of desired changes in rations for troops and that you submit the substance of the report by cable. Particularly should experienced officers and enlisted men of long service in the tropics receive full consideration."

MERRIAM'S WORK AT WARDNER.

Three Hundred and Fifty Arrests Have Been Made.

Washington, May 6.—The war department has received the following from General Merriam:

"Wardner, Idaho, May 6.—Three hundred and fifty arrests have been made so far. State officers are investigating. It is understood the governor of Montana will surrender fugitives escaping over the mountain trails. I will furnish a force to the Idaho sheriff to secure them."

Sheriff Young Arrested.

Wardner, Idaho, May 6.—James D. Young, sheriff of Shoshone county, was arrested this morning upon an order of State Auditor Sinclair, who is acting as the personal representative of Governor Stuenenberg. The arrest was made by United States troops and the sheriff is now confined with three hundred other prisoners. The sheriff is charged with aiding and abetting the riot and proceedings will be commenced immediately to remove him from office. In the meantime Coroner France will act as sheriff.

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THE MARKETS.

Decline in Price of Wheat, Oats and Corn—Kansas City Stock Market.

Chicago, May 6.—Following is a summary of yesterday's transactions in grain:

Perfect weather and liberal Argentine shipments for the week induced liquidations and short selling in the wheat pit at the opening today and the market continued to sag under its load until the close. A number of stop-loss orders were met with as the market declined. The threatened spread of the Buffalo strike which, if it materialized, would prevent the movement of grain by the lake route, had a bearish influence. Bad crop reports were ignored. July opened unchanged at 72½ to 72 5-8, declined to 71½ and closed at 71¾.

Favorable seeding weather and rumors of a tie-up in the lake weakened corn. Short selling was heavy. July closed 3-8c lower.

Oats declined owing to heavy receipts and selling by elevator concerns. July declined 1-8 to 1-4c.

Provisions ruled steady early on buying by packers, but weakened near the end under renewed commission-house liquidation. Pork closed a shade higher, lard a shade lower, and ribs unchanged.

Today's Wheat Markets

Chicago, May 6.—July wheat, 72¼; cash, No. 2 red, 74.

San Francisco, May 6.—Cash wheat, $1.06¼.

Cattle, Sheep and Hogs.

Kansas City, May 6.—Cattle—Receipts, 3500; market strong; native steers, $4 to $5.10; Texas steers, $3.50 to $4.70; Texas cows, $3 to $4.15; native cows and heifers, $2.50 to $4.60; stockers and feeders, $4 to $5; bulls, $2.70 to $2.75.

Hogs—Receipts, 8000; market firmer; bulk of sales, $3.60 to $3.70; heavy, $3.45 to $3.80; packers, $3.45 to $3.70; mixed, $3.45 to $3.65; light, $3.35 to $3.60; Yorkers, $3.55 to $3.60; pigs, $3.20 to $3.50.

Sheep—Receipts, 2000; market strong; lambs, $3.75 to $7.75; muttons, $3 to $4.80.

LAWTON STIL ADVANCING.

In His Onward March He Meets Slight Opposition.

Manila, May 6, 4:15 p. m.—General Lawton's column advanced to a position two and a half miles north of Balinag today. Before making this forward movement, General Lawton sent back to Manila two wounded men of the Minnesota and one of the Oregon's who were hurt in yesterday's fighting, besides twenty sick men. General Lawton's advance met with slight opposition. Outside of Mausin two thousand rebels were routed in short order. Many corpses of rebels were discovered in the river at San Tomas. Scores of rifles and other arms have been recovered from the river into which they were thrown by the retreating rebels. MacArthur's division is resting at San Fernando, making in the meantime extensive reconnoisances.

Wounded at Manila.

Washington, May 6.—Among the list of names of the wounded at Manila sent by Otis today are: Second Oregon, Company I, Private T. Reeves, knee; Company K, Corporal Edgar G. Chamberlain, thigh, moderate.

THE BISCUIT TRUST.

Includes All the Cracker Companies on the Coast

New York, May 6.—The companies included in the Pacific Coast Biscuit Company, recently incorporated with a capitol of $4,000,000, are: The American Biscuit Co., of San Francisco; the Portland Cracker Co., of Portland; the South California Cracker Co., of Los Angeles; the Washington Cracker Co., of Portland; the Standard Biscuit Co., San Francisco; the Oregon Cracker Co., of Portland; the Seattle Cracker & Candy Co., of Seattle. These companies control the entire business of the Pacific Coast in the manufacture and supply of biscuits and crackers.

An Automobile Syndicate

Chicago, May 6.—The deal by which the Whitney-Elkins-Widener syndicate secures control of the properties of the Siemens-Halsey electric company of America was closed today. The western company controlled by the syndicate has been incorporated in New Jersey with a capital stock of $25,000,000. The new company will manufacture all kinds of automobile vehicles from the transfer wagon to the light running carriage.

Favorable to Nicaragua.

Managua, Nicaragua, May 6.—A Bluefields correspondent telegraphs that Merry, United States minister to Nicaragua, has agreed to a settlement of United States citizens against the Nicaraguan government. The settlement, according to the correspondent, is favorable to Nicaragua

A Steamer Disabled.

San Francisco, May 6.—The steamer City of Pekin from the Orient reported that she had passed the disabled steamer Elihu Thomson 300 miles off shore and supplied the captain with extra sails. The tug Relief was sent in search of the Thomson.

No News from Samoa.

Washington, May 6.—No further advices have reached the state department from Samoa. The commission is due at Apia next Wednesday and the department's information is that there is no danger of another outbreak in the meanwhile.

The Strike at Buffalo.

Buffalo, May 6.—The situation on the docks is unchanged. There has been no attempt at disorder. The work of attempting to compromise the trouble between grain contractors and coopers was resumed this morning.

Resignation of De Freycinet.

Paris, May 6.—M. Charles De Freycinet today tendered his resignation of the portfolio of war. M. Camille Krantz, the present minister of public works, was appointed to succeed De Freycinet.

Explosion of Nitro-Glycerine.

Pinole, Calif., May 6.—The nitro-glycerine house of the California powder works exploded today. Foreman Arthur Graves and L. Wilkins and several others were injured.

A Prominent Mason Suicides.

Omaha, May 6.—W. R. Bowen, the best known Mason in Nebraska, shot and killed himself this morning. Financial troubles was the cause.

SITUATION AT WARDNER

Three Hundred and Fifty Alleged Rioters Under Arrest.

NO FEAR OF FURTHER OUTBREAKS

Three Charges Against the Prisoners, Rioting, Destroying Property and Stopping United States Mails.

Wardner, Idaho, May 5.—Three hundred and fifty miners accused of participating in Saturday's riot are now confined here under guard of United States troops. With today's arrivals five hundred United States troops are now in the Coeur d'Alene district and all fear of further outbreaks is past. There will be three charges against the prisoners, namely: Rioting, destroying property and stopping the United States mail. It is unlikely all of the prisoners will be tried, but they will be held until evidence is collected against the leaders. General Merriam has his headquarters here but a special train is held in readiness to carry him to any part of the district whenever he is needed. A majority of the troops are held in the vicinity of Wallace, Burke, and Mullan, owing to the fact that most of the alleged rioters are in that district. The inquest over the bodies of Smith and Cheyne will probably last for a week, as about one hundred witnesses are to be examined. Coroner France, speaking of the inquest, today said: "The inquest is in the nature of a grand jury investigation. I have been authorized by Attorney General Hayes to make the investigation as searching as possible. We desire to punish the guilty and release the innocent as soon as possible."

Leaders of the Mob Escape.

Washington, May 5.—The war department has received the following dispatch from General Merriam:

"Wardner, Idaho, May 5.—The inquest is still in progress with closed doors. One hundred and twenty-eight arrests have been made by state officers under military support. No signs of resistance, but indications are that most of the leaders of the mob have escaped, going east and west into Montana and Washington. Others are hiding in the mountains. The sheriff at Thompson Falls, Mont., reported many arriving on foot over the mountain trails. The governors of Idaho and Montana are corresponding for arrests in Montana. Troops are in position to do all possible. There is no appearance of organized resistance."

Everything Quiet at Mullan.

Mullan, Idaho, May 5.—Everything is quiet today. Men are still going out, 15 reported having left the Morning mine last night.

SAN FERNANDO EVACUATED.

MacArthur Occupies the Burning Town Without Loss.

Manila, May 5, 4:53 p. m.—Major General MacArthur's division advanced to San Fernando today and found that place had been evacuated by the rebels, who left a detachment to cover their trail by train. General MacArthur occupied the burning town without loss. The rebels south of Manila attempted to rush through General Ovenshine's line last night. The attempt failed but the rebels maintained a fusilade of musketry on the Fourth infantry for several hours. The demonstration was ineffectual beyond scaring the inhabitants of Malate. The outposts of the Idaho and California regiments beyond San Pedro Macati were also attacked during the night. General Lawton is still quartered at Balinagu.

Early Surrender Anticipated.

Washington, May 5.—Three members of the cabinet, Gage, Alger and Griggs, were absent from today's meeting. The president and cabinet regarded the situation in the Philippines as improving, notwithstanding the fighting. An early surrender of the insurgents' forces is anticipated.

Postmaster-General Smith read to the cabinet a letter from Edward Atkinson, president of the anti-imperialistic league, asking permission to send to the officers and soldiers in the Philippines copies of the interdicted literature of the league. The letter was dated several days ago, and it was the receipt of this letter which induced the postoffice department to take action. No reply is to be made to it.

General Luna Wounded.

New York, May 5.—A Manila dispatch to the Journal says: General Luna was wounded in the fighting near San Tomas yesterday. The dispatch says the Monitor today is shelling Paranaque, south of Manila.

THE MARKETS.

Wheat and Corn Lower—Price of Cattle Rules Weak.

Chicago, May 5.—Following is a summary of yesterday's wheat transactions:

Freezing weather in Nebraska and Iowa, too much rain in the Northwest for seeding purposes, and a reduction of seven points in the condition of the Ohio crop for the month inspired a feeble rally in wheat during the early hours of today's session. The market was, however, indifferent to anything bullish, turning weak under free liquidation and short selling. July opened ¼c higher, advanced irregularly to 73⅛ to 73 3-8, declined to 73¼ and closed at 72½ to 72 5-8. Receipts were comparatively light. Rapid progress in planting and reports in increased acreage weakened corn. Liquidation and short selling was heavy. July opened 1-8 to 1-4c higher and closed at 34.

Cattle, Sheep and Hogs.

Chicago, May 5.—The supply of cattle today exceeded the requirements and prices ruled weak. Fancy grades, $5.40 to $5.50; choice steers, $5.05 to $5.35; mediums, $4.55 to $4.75; stockers and feeders, $4 to $5.10; beef steers, $4 to $4.50; bulls, $2.60 to $4.10; cows and heifers, $3.50 to $4.25; Western fed steers, $4.20 to $5.20; Texas steers, $3.90 to $4.90; calves, $4 to $6.85.

There was a poor demand for hogs and prices declined 5c; fair to choice, $3.70 to $3.85; heavy packers, $3.45 to $3.67½; mixed, $3.55 to $3.77½; butchers, $3.60 to $3.80; lights, $3.55 to $3.80; pigs, $3.25 to $3.65.

Sheep—Trade in sheep was active and prices about steady; sheep sold at $4 to $5.25; yearlings, $4.85 to $5.25; clipped lambs, $4.75 to $5.55; chiefly $5.25 and over; Colorado wooled lambs, $6 to $6.10 and spring lambs, $9 to $12 per 100 pounds.

Receipts—Cattle, 9000; hogs, 21,000; sheep, 12,000.

London Wool Sales.

London, May 5.—The offerings at the wool auction sales today were largely Merinos and sold in sellers' favor, particularly low medium crossbreds, which were taken principally by Yorkshire. Greasy mediums showed an advance of 10½ per cent, the highest average reached in many years, and due largely to the determination of the continental buyers to secure this stock. Good Hope and Natal wools were eagerly sought after and Punta Arenas in good condition ruled firm, fine selling at 34 and coarse half higher. The majority of this stock was taken by the continent. The usual large attendance was present and the number of bales offered numbered 14,380.

EIGHT INDIANS IN JAIL.

Were Arrested for Obstructing a Trail in Alaska.

Skaguay, Alaska, April 29, via Seattle, May 5.—Eight Chilkat Indians who were obstructing the construction of a trail by white men men from Haines Mission to Klukwan up the Chilkat river have been arrested and sentenced to 30 days imprisonment in the Skaguay jail. The arrests were made by United States Marshal Tanner, aided by a detachment of troops from Dyea. No further trouble with the Indians is apprehended.

James L. Quinn, who arrived today from Log Cabin, started a report that a rich strike had been made eight miles from Log Cabin. A stampede followed.

KRUEGER'S REPLY TO ENGLAND.

Transvaal Republic Knows What is Best for Its Interests.

Capetown, May 5.—The reply of President Krueger of the Transvaal republic to the demands of the British secretary, Joseph Chamberlain, for cancellation of the dynamite concessions is published here today. President Krueger contends that the concession is bona fide and constitutes no breach of the London convention. The Transvaal, President Krueger insists, is entitled to its opinion as to what is best for the interests of the republic. The amendment of the concession as asked by the British government, the president adds, would be a breach of faith with other parties.

Steamer Lost Her Rudder.

San Francisco, May 5.—The steamer Moana brings advices that the steamer Elihu Thomson of Seattle, from Honolulu with a cargo of sugar, lost her propeller April 30 and was aided by the transport Senator, which took 14 of the crew of the Thomson to Honolulu and furnished the captain with provisions. Captain Whitney will try to work his way to San Francisco under sail.

Big Demand for Stock.

New York, May 5.—President James Stillman, of the National City bank, says that more than twice the $75,000,000 capital stock of the Amalgamated Copper Company had been subscribed when the books closed at noon. It is said that nearly $50,000,000 has come from Boston alone.

Chicago Street Railway Deal.

Chicago, May 5.—The gigantic street railway deal by which the Whitney-Elkins-Widner syndicate will gain control of nearly all the surface lines in Chicago, will probably be complete today.

Alger in Chicago.

Chicago, May 5.—Secretary Alger and General John W. Wilson, chief of engineers, arrived in Chicago today. They made a trip along the sanitary canal as far as Lockport, making an inspection of the bridges and locks.

The Chicago at Gibraltar.

Gibraltar, May 5.—The United States cruiser Chicago arrived this morning. Salutes were exchanged with the British squadron. The Chicago will sail tomorrow for Tangiers.

Transport Sheridan En Route.

Washington, May 5.—The war department is informed that the transport Sheridan left Nagasaki yesterday on her way to San Francisco with sick and wounded soldiers.

A YOUTHFUL BANDIT.

Captain Brown's Slayer Bound Over to the District Court.

Ogden, Utah, May 2.—The funeral of Captain Brown of the police force, who was killed by the bandits yesterday north of this city, will be held tomorrow. James Morgan, the bandit who was captured, claims that it was his brother George Morgan who was killed yesterday in the fight with the Ogden officers and that they formerly resided in Chicago. Morgan is but 19 years old and does not have the appearance of a bandit. The prisoner had a hearing at Brigham City, before Justice Jenser, and pleaded not guilty, although the evidence showed that he fired the shot that killed Captain Brown. He was bound over to the district court.

Torres Must Step Down.

New York, May 2.—A special from Washington to the Herald says: As a result of General Torres' oppressive conduct toward American merchants trading at Bluefields, Nicaragua, this government has determined to request the Nicaraguan government to relieve him from duty at that point. It is proposed by the authorities to keep the cruiser Detroit at Bluefields to provide protection to Americans until there is restoration of order.

Another Arkansas Tragedy.

Little Rock, Ark., May 2.—New shas been received here of the assassination in Van Buren county of the son of Hugh Patterson, who was killed in December, 1897, by Lee Mills and Will Hardin. Mills was hanged, while a few days ago Hardin was shot to death in jail. It is believed young Patterson was murdered by friends of Mills and Hardin.

Suicide at Walla Walla.

Walla Walla, May 3.—The wife of George Deliaven suicided this morning being found in an irrigating ditch with flatirons tied around her neck. Sickness and despondency was the cause.

Good Citizenship League.

Cincinnati, O., May 2.—The third annual convention of the Good Citizenship League began here today with preliminary conferences and committee meetings.

Fire in Philadelphia.

Philadelphia, Pa., May 3.—Fire today destroyed Charles Bachrach's clothing store. About 15 small dwellings were badly damaged. The loss is $150,000.

Stranded on Cape Cod.

Highland Light, Mass., May 3.—As a result of foggy weather and a brisk gale, three schooners stranded on Cape Cod this morning. The crews escaped.

For Minister to Persia.

Washington, May 3.—The president has appointed Hon. Bert W. Bowen of New York minister to Persia.

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COLONEL SUMMERS MARCHING NORTH

Wheaton and Hale Inflict Great Punishment on the Insurgents—MacArthur Advancing on San Fernando.

Washington, May 4.—The following has been from received General Otis:

Manila, May 4.—The situation is as follows: Lawton holds Balinag, having captured the city on the 2d inst., after a rapid movement from Angat. He scattered the strongly entrenched enemy to the north and northwestward, capturing large amounts of food supplies. His successful movement was attended with great difficulty because of the character of the country, and the rain and heat. He now covers the railway communication and will be supplied from Malolos. MacArthur's column concentrated and took up the advance on San Fernando this morning. I do not apprehend sharp resistance on the part of the enemy, who will probably leave the railroad and retire north of Lawton. The destruction of the railroad near Calumpit necessitates dependence on wagon transportation. The enemy to the south and east of Manila, numbering nine thousand, is opposed by a force under Ovenshine and Hall. Demonstrations thus far were properly met by these officers with slight losses. Many requests are received from outlying cities for protection against insurgent troops.

Colonel Summers, with six battalions of the Oregon, Dakota, Third infantry and Utah light artillery proceeded north this morning to Maasand, crossed the river and charged the enemy in strong entrenchments, driving him northward, and inflicting considerable loss. Summers' casualties are two wounded. Wheaton and Hale's division found the enemy in force strongly entrenched and commanded by Commander-in-Chief Luna, four miles south of San Fernando.

Hale on the right dislodged the enemy and Wheaton on the left, leading in person, made a brilliant charge, scattering the forces and inflicting great punishment. Several officers and enlisted men were seriously wounded. MacArthur proceeds to San Fernando in the morning. It is not believed the enemy will make another determined stand until he effects a retreat to Mount Arayat, a short distance from San Isidor.

Colonel Funston Wounded.

Manila, May 4.—General MacArthur carried San Tomas after encountering strong resistance. Hale moved on the right and Wheeler attacked the left in a daring charge in which Colonel Funston again distinguished himself. The Kansan was wounded in the hand. Several other officers and men were also wounded. Colonel Summers with part of the Oregon and Minnesota regiments and one gun of the Utah battery took Masim on the right, resting four miles from San Fernando. The Filipinos are retreating toward San Isidor. It seems that General Luna's force is destined to destruction within a few days unless they surrender or scatter.

Lawton captured 50,000 bushels of rice, an important part of the stores established by the rebels.

Spanish commissioners have made another futile attempt for the relief of Spaniards held as prisoners by the Filipinos. A reply was received stating that Aguinaldo was negotiating for peace, pending which negotiations he could not discuss the question of an exchange of prisoners.

CONDITIONS ON THE YUKON.

Military Government at Circle City and St. Michaels.

Washington, May 4.—Acting Secretary of War Meikeljohn today gave out a report from Captain W. P. Richardson, of the Eighth infantry, who commands the post at Circle City, Alaska, together with a brief report from Lieutenant E. S. Walker, of the Eighth infantry, in command at St. Michael, Alaska, upon the conditions existing along the Yukon. According to Captain Richardson's report, the advent of the United States troops met with considerable disfavor from the majority of the people at Circle City, while at St. Michael Lieutenant Walker reports that the business men desire the retention of the troops and he recommends the continuation of the garrison at that point. Captain Richardson made several attempts to induce the community to establish some sort of local government and several meetings were held in November and December, but in January at a big mass meeting all his work was overturned and by a large majority the town decided to reject every form of town government suggested. The sentiment of the meeting, Captain Richardson says, was "the people of the town already have too much law and government." Captain Richardson explains this opposition to the establishment of a local government on the ground that few inhabitents expect to remain longer than a few months or years at most. The only general regulations issued by Captain Richardson have been for closing saloons, dance halls and gambling places from 6 a. m. until 9 p. m. on Sunday and against the carrying of concealed weapons. He says he may be obliged to prescribe in addition some general regulations upon sanitation and police with the coming of spring. He established a patrol of one non-commissioned officer and six men in the town and reports that the work has been satisfactory.

He commends the work of the commissioner's court at Circle City, which he says has maintained itself with dignity and administered the law within the limits of its authority. At the time Captain Richardson sent his report no mail had been received over the ice from the states. He understood that the first mail sent through early in the season was lost. Local and delayed mail was received from the outside in November and December. He directs attention to the advantage of a cross route from Circle City to Cook inlet or some other point on the coast. The up-river and lake country is only safe for travel during the two or three months of the closed season, whereas the overland route could be utilized while the river is closed.

Lieutenant Walker reports everything quiet along the river on February 8. Supplies were plentiful and there were few cases of destitution. The command at Rampart was reported in good health. The businessmen want the troops there, not only because they afford protection, but because difficulties are more quickly and less expensively arranged and the people feel that the decisions made by military officers are just and equitable.

Some stray reports of possible trouble with the Indians at the mouth of the Koyukuk river were reported to him and Lieutenant Walker is apprehensive that some trouble may occur in the Golovin bay mining district, as there is a disorderly element at that point. Many failures are reported among the builders of small river steamboats, due apparently in the majority of cases, to a poor quality of machinery. Lieutenant Walker warns the public that no machinery can be obtained and that faulty machinery cannot be repaired or replaced without great loss of time and expense. He also says many steamboat men come without proper papers as masters and engineers and have difficulties in clearing from the ports. The dock is being built at Circle City and will be ready for use during the coming season. He says the troops were well supplied with clothing, except gloves, and suggests that a good library is needed for the troops.

A TRUCE IN SAMOA.

Will Be No More Fighting Pending Arrival of Commission.

Auckland, N. Z. May 4.—Advices from Apia state that the rebel loss by the shelling of the Mataafan stronghold at Vailami by the warships of Great Britain and the United States is quite heavy. Many rebels were wounded.

On April 22 there was a sharp skirmish between the rebels and Lieut. Gaunt's brigade near the town of Vailami. In this engagement, one Mataafan was killed.

On April 23 there was bush fighting. The enemy lost several men.

The steamer Tutanekai has arrived with dispatches announcing the request of the international commissioners that the inhabitants peacefully await the arrival of the commissioners. A meeting of the three consuls was held but without result, the German consul dissenting from the proposition of the other two.

Admiral Kautz and the captain of the British cruiser Tauranga have dispatched a message to Mataafa ordering him to withdraw his forces outside a line ten miles long and six miles broad. Mataafa replied, agreeing to withdraw immediately.

Confirmed by Admiral Kautz.

Washington, May 4.—The following has been received form Admiral Kautz:

"Apia, April 27.—All is quiet at Apia. Mataafa and the chiefs have agreed to keep outside the lines prescribed by the British senior officer present and to * * * to * * * until commission * * * there will be no more fighting."

The cablegram was mutilated in transmission but the meaning is plain, confirming the press report that a truce has been agreed upon in Samoa and there will be no more hostilities pending the reaching of a conclusion by the commission now on the way to the islands.

SITUATION AT WARDNER.

Search for Dynamiters Continues. Strikers Leaving the Country.

Wallace, Idaho, May 4.—The hegira from Canyon Creek continues, men going out over the mountains as well as by train. Snow on the mountains is 10 feet deep and soft. The Hecla mine closed down yesterday, being out of men. Other mines are working short. No new men are coming yet, but they are expected daily from Butte. A company of soldiers reached Mullan last night and another this morning.

Strikers May Give Battle.

Wardner, Idaho, May 4.—Searching for dynamiters was continued all morning by the troops. General Merriam, Attorney General Hays and United States Marshal Ramsey have arrived here, also additional troops. A detachment of troops will leave this afternoon for Canyon Creek and Mullan, strongholds of the enemy. They are taking with them a number of non-union men for the purpose of identifying the dynamiters. As no hope is left them it is not improbable they may give battle.

General Merriam in Command.

Wardner, Idaho, May 4.—Brigadier General Merriam has assumed command of the United States forces now in the Coeur d'Alene district. On the train with General Merriam came Troop F, of the Fourth cavalry, and Company B of the Twenty-fourth infantry. Company B was left at Chatcolett for the purpose of intercepting any strikers who might attempt to escape through that avenue.

Military Post in Alaska.

Washington, May 4.—The government has decided to establish a military post at Pyramid Harbor, Alaska. A company of troops will be sent there. This action is regarded as very important and an officer of discretion will be placed in command as subjects involving our relations with the British government will likely be reported upon by this officer.

Home Seekers in Line.

Durango, Colo., May 4.—About 100 homesteaders were lined up at the land office here today prepared to make filings on claims in the Ute reservation, which will be opened for settlement at noon. Many stood in line all night and the number is slowly augmented. Settlers are divided in opinion as to the method of filing.

Jones Appoints a Substitute.

Washington, May 2.—Before sailing for Europe today Senator Jones addressed a letter to J. G. Johnson, national committeeman from Kansas, designating him to act for the democratic national committee during the absence of the chairman.