

# ARE AGITATED

## Continued Discussion of Filipino Is Harmful.

### REVOLUTION BEING PREACHED

Washington, Sept. 28.—President Roosevelt is in receipt of a letter from Luke E. Wright, governor of the Philippines, in which the governor discusses frankly some of the conditions which he encountered in directing the government of the islands. Under date of August 15, General Wright wrote in part as follows:

"The effect of the continued discussion of the capability of the Filipino for self government is having its effect here, and makes our task more difficult than it otherwise would be. Unless a man is equipped with intelligence and those qualities which make for good citizenship, the more easily can he be persuaded that he is the possessor of all these qualities. These people have their full share of reckless, half-formed characters who are ready for intrigue in any direction which promises them profit or power. It is this class which has largely given force and direction to the Aglipayan movement, and has recruited its ranks from the ignorant and dangerous elements.

"In this general connection, I may say to you as a matter of information that the agitation in the United States for Filipino independence, and the spoken and written utterances of prominent men who are arguing it, are all brought here and published in the native newspapers and are being made the text for editorials insisting that the Filipinos are now ready to become an independent nation.

"The effect of all this is distinctly injurious. Its tendency is to renew the influence of old insurrection leaders and make them active in preaching the old propaganda. This, in turn, has the effect of demoralizing and weakening the more conservative and thoughtful Filipinos, who fear if they speak out as they really think they would be considered the enemies of their people and lose their prestige with them. Those of the more prominent and best educated class, and who, naturally, have the ambitions, are inclined to join in the general cry."

### UNIONS FEAR WAR.

#### Large Plants are Adopting "Open Shop" Policy.

Chicago, Sept. 28.—The opening of the plants of the International Harvester company and the Pullman company on the "open shop" basis, free from labor union regulations, has alarmed Chicago labor leaders.

The fact that 7,000 union men willingly returned to work for the big harvester company, under the new conditions, is admitted to presage disruption of their unions.

Fear is expressed that the recent defeats of labor unions, and the reductions obtained in wages, may be followed by many other large concerns.

That a grave crisis is felt in labor union affairs seems to be certain from the failure of the sto kyards, the machinists and the garment workers strikes. All these walkouts have resulted disastrously for the union men and women. In addition to this, the following companies have reduced their wage scale and established the open shop:

Inland Steel company, Illinois Steel company, Republic Iron & Steel company, and concerns in the Chicago Metal Trades association. After being closed down since September 15, the car shops of the Pullman company reopened with a force of 2,000 men, out of a total of 7,000, who agreed to accept a cut of 10 to 20 per cent in their pay.

The union leaders are inclined to lay the blame on "lack of proper organization," and government officials for fostering the policy of the "open shop" by their action in the case of employees of the government printing bureau.

### Japanese are Generous.

St. Petersburg, Sept. 28.—A private letter from a person on board the hospital ship Mongolia, at Port Arthur, describing the fight following Rear Admiral Withoff's sortie, pays a tribute to the courtesy and consideration shown by the Japanese. The Mongolia was twice cut off from the squadron, but the Japanese signaled her to steer to the left, which she did. Once the Mongolia was between two fires, and frequently Japanese torpedo boats passed quite close to her, but she was not attacked throughout the fight.

### In Miners' Favor.

Scranton, Pa., Sept. 28.—Judge Gray, to whom was referred the controversy of the coal miners on the check weighman question, and which had previously been adjudicated by Carroll D. Wright in favor of the miners, has also decided the issue in the same way. His decision was received by both W. L. Connell and T. D. Nichols, of the board of conciliation. The former represented the operators and the latter the miners.

### Winter May End Fighting.

Mukden, Sept. 28.—Doubts are beginning to be felt as to whether it will be possible to continue the campaign through the winter, which begins in November. The Chinese have been unable to harvest their crops, and there probably will be much distress, as it is very difficult to bring up stores from China or the native population.

### DEATH LIST GROWING.

#### Sixty-Two Victims of Wreck on the Southern Railway So Far.

Knoxville, Tenn., Sept. 28.—The death list, as a result of the fearful wreck on the Southern railway, near New Market, has grown tonight to 62, and it will probably exceed 70, as many of the injured are in a serious condition and more deaths will occur at the hospital. Today there were six deaths at that institution.

A force of 150 men toiled all day long at the scene of the wreck. Before 2 o'clock the track was clear for through trains, but it required many hours to clear the debris.

Small fragments of bodies were found today, but it is thought that they belong to bodies already found and brought to this city. One little baby was found by the wreckers, but that was all.

The cause of the terrible loss of life on the heavy east-bound train was explained today. It seems that the second coach plowed its way into a bank in such a manner that the other cars were jammed into it and pushed on by the weight of the heavy Pullmans were crushed like egg shells.

The physicians at the hospital state tonight that of the long list of injured which they have in their care, it is probable that not more than four will die. The complete list of injured as given by the railroad officials shows a total of 162, but this included all persons who were slightly hurt or scratched.

### PEACE MADE WITH REBELS.

#### Uruguayan Government Now Has War Claims to Face.

Buenos Ayres, Sept. 28.—Confirmation has been received here of the report of the conclusion of peace between the Uruguayan government and the revolutionists under General Munoz. In explanation of the government forces surprising the insurgent camp, it appears that notification of the recent rupture of peace negotiations was communicated to Fernandez, a revolutionary political leader, but not to those under arms; and up to the moment of the unexpected attack by the government forces, the commanders of the rebels had not been informed that a rupture of negotiations had taken place. The fact becoming known that the revolutionists were not actively hostile led to the resumption of conferences, with the result that terms of peace were agreed upon.

There is general rejoicing here and in Uruguay over the outcome. It is expected that claims will be presented by diplomatic representatives of foreign governments for damages and losses to foreign residents to the amount of several million dollars, and the financial outlook is, consequently, gloomy.

### VESUVIUS VERY VIOLENT.

#### Curious Tourists Kept Back From Danger with Difficulty.

Naples, Sept. 28.—The eruption of Vesuvius continues to increase in force, and is now more violent than any time since 1872. Red hot stones are hurled to a height of 1,600 feet, falling down the flanks of the mountain with a deafening sound.

The director of the observatory says that between 5 o'clock this morning and 6 o'clock this afternoon his instrument registered 1,844 violent explosions, and that one stone thrown out weighed about two tons. Lava flowing from the crater has melted the metal of the Funicular railway, and destroyed the wooden huts in which the guides live. All vegetation within a radius of one mile of the crater has disappeared.

Several earthquakes were felt today. Some of the people in the surrounding villages have left their homes and are camped in the open air. The curiosity of tourists to approach the volcano is such that a large number of carabinieri guards have been detailed to prevent them from pressing beyond the prescribed limits.

### Molten Slag Scatters.

Prescott, Ariz., Sept. 28.—An explosion of molten slag last night caused the total destruction of the Valverde smelter, 20 miles east of Prescott. The smelter employees were engaged in drawing slag from the furnace and were unable to get a plug in to stop it. When the molten mass ran on to the wet floor an explosion followed. The building and machinery were destroyed. The plant was of 300 tons capacity and cost between \$150,000 and \$200,000, with insurance to the amount of \$60,000.

### Split Rail Did It.

Rochester, N. Y., Sept. 28.—Several people were injured, one fatally, in a wreck on the New York Central railroad a short distance east of Lyons early this morning. Three sleepers on the Western Express, a fast train bound from New York to Chicago, left the track because of a split rail and threw the passengers to the floor of the coaches. Just as the train came to a standstill a fast freight train east bound ran into the derailed cars.

### Drinking Soldiers Start Riots.

Berlin, Sept. 28.—The Tagblatt's Kischinet correspondent telegraphs that during the mobilization, anti-Semitic outbreaks occurred in many parts of Bessarabia owing to Jewish traders selling drink to the soldiers.

# CLOSE ON FORT

## Japanese Steadily Advancing at Port Arthur.

### SEVERAL POSITIONS TAKEN

#### Togo Will Withdraw Most of Squadron as Enemy's Ships are Almost Incapable of Resistance.

Chefoo, Sept. 30.—The news received from Port Arthur continues to show a steady, if slow advance of the Japanese upon the Russian fortifications. Day by day the remoter positions of the beleaguered fortress are being taken by the Japanese, and that its fall is only a matter of a short time is the general belief here. The number of Chinese refugees arriving here increases constantly, and this is taken to bode no good for the Russians.

The last of the Chinese to arrive from Port Arthur report a still further advance by the Japanese. They assert that several of the most important positions held by the Russians, farthest from the central fortress have been taken by the Japanese, the latter inflicting considerable loss upon the Russians. The Japanese had tunneled approaches to these positions and finally, with the help of mines, made their way within the fortifications. The Russians were taken by surprise and were able to offer little resistance. Finding they were unable to hold their own against the Japanese the Russians retreated, leaving their dead and wounded behind them.

When the Japanese attack was discerned by the other Russian forts they at once opened fire, and at last accounts this was still being maintained. It is considered doubtful whether the Japanese will be able to retain possession of their newly acquired positions. The greater portion of the Japanese fleet has returned to the Japanese base in the Eliot islands, the Japanese commander having become convinced that the Russian vessels within the harbor of Port Arthur are almost incapable of further resistance and of making any sortie into the open sea.

### ACT OF VANDALS.

#### Oil Paintings of Czar at St. Louis are Mutilated.

St. Louis, Sept. 30.—When the Russian exhibit in the varied industries building at the world's fair was opened today it was discovered that several valuable oil paintings of Emperor Nicholas had been torn from the wall and mutilated by some unidentified person or persons.

Another portrait of the emperor, a handsome and valuable panel, done in colored silk, had been torn from its support and subjected to the greatest indignity. The oil paintings were torn and there were marks showing that the pictures of the emperor had been stamped upon.

The vandalism was reported at once to the exposition authorities, and an investigation ordered. Every effort is being made by both the exhibitors and the world's fair authorities to discover the guilty person or persons.

### LAND FRAUDS ALL RUN DOWN.

#### Agent Greene Is Sure Oregon Cases Will Result in Conviction.

Washington, Sept. 30.—Special Agent A. R. Greene, who has been Secretary Hitchcock's trusted lieutenant in running down land frauds in Oregon, is in Washington, conferring with the secretary. Discussing Oregon's affairs, Mr. Greene said: "We believe we have finished up that land fraud business in Oregon. We have the men responsible held under indictment and it is a safe prediction that there will be some hot news out of Portland within the next month or two, when the trials commence."

After describing the methods of the fraudulent operators, Mr. Greene added: "The usual thing happened. One member of the gang did not think he was getting his fair share of the profits and gave the thing away."

### Officer Is Assassinated.

Geneva, Switzerland, Sept. 30.—Word has been received here that Colonel Bikoff, commander of the Russian guard on the Turkish frontier, has been assassinated. Colonel Bikoff recently helped the Turks in an attack upon Armenian revolutionists, in which an Armenian priest, bearing a white flag, was killed as he approached the Turkish troops. Following the attack upon the Armenians, Colonel Bikoff permitted the Cossacks, who had joined the Turks to pillage and mutilate the corpses of the Armenians.

### Can't Be Held for 1905 Fair.

Washington, Sept. 30.—The natives of the Philippines now at St. Louis are under orders to return home immediately, and cannot therefore be held over for the Portland exposition. If any natives are to participate in that exposition it must be under specific authority of the Philippine government. Colonel Edwards, of the insular bureau, left today for St. Louis, and will give further study to the subject of a Lewis and Clark exhibit for the islands.

### Japan to Borrow Again.

Tokio, Sept. 30.—The government has decided to float another domestic loan of \$40,000,000, on conditions similar to the last. It is probable that the conscription law will be amended, increasing the service in the reserve five years, and making the regular reserve service total 17 years and five months. This means a large increase in the strength of the army.

### NEWSBOYS OF JAPAN.

The newsboys of Japan have been reaping a harvest during the last six months. The people of Japan are great readers, and, besides, they are exceedingly patriotic and intensely interested in the war with Russia.

A Japanese newspaper generally has one big issue in the morning, containing news, cartoons and advertisements, about like our papers. Then after that extras are printed all day long, and sometimes up to midnight. The extras are printed on little slips of paper just large enough to contain the item which is the cause of the extra. These little handbills are printed only on one side of the paper, and sometimes an extra consists of no more than twenty or thirty words. Then next day each paper prints in its regular edition all the dispatches printed in the little extras of the day before, with the hour and minute of publication, and thus they keep tally on "scoops."

All day long crowds of men and boys wait in front of the newspaper



HERALDING A VICTORY.

offices to get the extras. They wear very little clothing—just a short kimono and trousers that look like loose swimming trunks. Each one has a sash of cotton cloth tied around his waist, and to this are knotted three, four and sometimes six and seven ordinary dinner bells. The bells hang on the wearer's hip, and as soon as he gets a bunch of extras he starts off on a dead run down the middle of the street. The bells make a terrible clatter and the people rush out to buy the war news, for they know that the bells means a fresh war extra.

The extras go like hot cakes, and the boys get all the way from five rin (which is about a quarter of a cent of our money) to five sen (or two and a half cents) for them. The bells save the boys the trouble of crying their papers, and, besides, notify everybody at once that there is some big war news on sale.

### WHERE THE TROUBLE COMES.

#### Supporting a "Sealakin Wife" on a "Muskrat Income."

People celebrate the discovery of a new fact in nature; they grow eloquent over the invention of a new piece of machinery; they heap riches in the lap of the man who puts on the market a new breakfast food. Why should they not pay some slight tribute to the author of a new epigram? A really great epigram is rarer than the ruby. The jewel may be crushed, but the verbal gem lives forever and defies all the forces of decay. Its sparkle may never be dimmed.

If the saying expresses a great truth in few words, if it shines with the glint of homely humor, if its appeal be broad and general, so may it be decided whether the epigrammatic offering be genuine or only a clever imitation.

Apply these standards to the rough and uncut, yet precious phrase which lies imbedded in the speech of a plain Methodist minister from the up-State counties of New York and Vermont delivered the other day before the conference of his brethren in his district. He was telling of the hard work and small pay which are the lot of himself and his fellows in the poorer districts of the country. And he closed with this tremendous question: How shall a man support a sealakin wife on a muskrat income? The epigram may provoke a smile, perhaps, but that same question, never before so well put, has vexed many other men in and out of the ministry. Attempts to answer it have ended before now in the penitentiary. It is that question, if authorities are to be believed, which is responsible for the increasing number of bachelors, particularly in the cities, and for the corresponding increase in the number of middle-aged spinsters. It is a question which might, possibly, be profitably debated by some of the women's clubs.

Are too many girls of the present day being reared in a way which fits them only to be "sealakin wives"? And where shall the young man with a "muskrat income" look for a proper helpmate?

At any rate the new epigram cuts deep and raises serious questions. It deserves a permanent place in the archives of the English language, alongside that other classic, but still sparkling, saying which describes the plight of the unfortunate youth who acquired "a champagne appetite with a beer income." It is its companion piece.—Rutland (Vt.) News.

### Drawing Card.

He—Honestly, now, just between ourselves, will there be anything really attractive at your church bazaar?  
She—I shall have a booth there.  
He—Y—ah, e-r-r, g-me nice tickets.—Detroit Free Press.

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