

## SKIRMISH AT SANTA RITA

### Scouting Party Encounters a Body of Insurgents.

#### REINFORCED BY GEN. FUNSTON

#### Six Americans Were Wounded—Filipino Commissioners Go Back to Aguinaino for Further Instructions.

Manila, May 27.—A scouting party of American troops encountered a body of insurgents at Santa Rita and the Americans being reinforced by Brigadier-General Funston, with the South Dakota regiment, a warm fight ensued. A lieutenant and five men of the American force were wounded and ten of the insurgents were killed and several captured.

General Hughes, who has been appointed to relieve Colonel Smith, as governor of the Visayan district, will be succeeded as provost marshal by Brigadier-General Williston, who recently arrived here in command of the Sixth artillery.

The Filipino commissioners left by a special train yesterday. They will be escorted to their lines under a flag of truce. It is expected they will return soon. President Gonzaga, of the commission, previous to his departure, said:

"We greatly appreciate the courtesy shown us. We have spent some time with your commissioners incidentally considering American annexation. Its principles impress us profoundly. The plan of government offered the Philippines seems in theory to be a good colonial system, but why should a nation seek to make a colony of a distant people, who have been so long fighting against Spain to secure the same rights your annexation gives? You fought the same battle in America when you fought against England."

#### Two Engagements.

Washington, May 27.—General Otis today cabled the war department: "Manila, May 27.—On the 23d inst. the Third infantry, returning to Baliuag, was attacked in the morning, noon and evening by a large force of the enemy, suffering in casualties two men killed and 13 wounded. The enemy was repulsed, leaving on the field 16 killed and a large number of wounded and prisoners. Yesterday, the enemy appeared in the vicinity of San Fernando, and was attacked by the Kansas and Montana regiments, which suffered slight loss. The enemy was driven through rice fields, leaving 50 dead and 38 wounded and 28 prisoners; 50 rifles and other property were captured. The retreat through swamp lands saved the enemy from destruction. Lawton is returning, leaving with MacArthur on the front regular troops to replace the volunteers."

#### THE FEUD RENEWED.

#### Gomez and the Assembly Leaders Again at Odds.

Havana, May 27.—The feud between General Gomez and the old Cuban assembly has been renewed. General Gomez' manifesto, issued to the soldiers today, advising them to give up their arms and return peacefully to their homes, will be met tomorrow by a strong manifesto from a majority of the Cuban chiefs urging the soldiers not to accept any part of the \$3,000,000 offered by the United States, but to demand and keep their arms.

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## TROUBLE MAY BE RENEWED.

#### Samoan Commission Will Probably Uphold Admiral Kautz' Policy.

Apia, Samoa, May 27.—The Samoan commission, consisting of Bartlett Tripp, former United States minister to Austria-Hungary; Baron Speck von Steinberg, representing Germany, and C. H. Eliot, C. B., of the British embassy at Washington, representing Great Britain, arrived here on May 13. Their first sitting took place on May 16. The commissioners were engaged all the morning in a conference with Chief Justice Chambers. Nothing is disclosed regarding the deliberations, but it is reported they will uphold the action of Admiral Kautz, the American naval commander. Mataafa sent the commissioners a letter of welcome, and expressed the hope that they would satisfactorily end the troubles in Samoa.

It is understood Mataafa will obey the unanimous order of the commission, though it is doubtful whether he will order his followers to disarm, unless the Malietos are first disarmed. The Mataafans will probably disperse to their homes if ordered to do so, but they will never recognize Malietos as king, and doubtless there will be further trouble in the future, if the kingship is maintained. Only one or two cases are known of the wounding of natives by the shell fire of the warships, and as they have not realized the strength of the Europeans, they may go to greater extremes if war arises again.

The rebels remain outside the lines indicated by the admiral, and have strongly fortified a new position, while the loyalists are being drilled and have fortified Milinuu. A considerable number of loyalists have been brought in by the warships from other islands. Half the male adults of Samoa are awaiting action on the part of the commission in order to support Malietos. The Germans are preparing compensation claims. A correspondent reports Mataafa as saying it was the head chiefs and not himself who began the war. Mataafa claimed he has upheld the treaty and said his orders throughout were not to fire upon Europeans, and but for this order the whole party of blue-jackets would several times have been shot down by large bodies of natives concealed in the bush.

#### DISRUPTION IS THREATENED.

#### Dissensions Have Arisen in the Gigantic Bicycle Trust.

New York, May 27.—The Herald says: More dissensions have arisen in the bicycle trust and threaten to disrupt that giant combination. When the hundred or more manufacturers of bicycles and bicycle parts gave options on their plants to A. G. Spalding to June 1, it was understood that such plants as were accepted by him were to be paid for in cash by that time. Scores of manufacturers came to this city last week with the expectation of closing their deals with the manager for the trust. They were more or less indignant when they were requested to extend their options to August 1. It now develops that several of them had determined protests against delay, and at least one of the biggest makers in the combination refused flatly to renew his option.

More than this, the opposition to the trust, that was led originally by R. T. Coleman, was revived and now threatens to develop more strength than it at first possessed.

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## WILL RESIST THE ITALIANS

### China Preparing for War in San Mun Bay.

#### ORDERS ISSUED TO VICEROYS

#### Germans May Also Be Driven Out of Shan Tung Peninsula—Another Expedition in Search of Andree.

London, May 29.—The Shanghai correspondent of the Daily Mail says: Orders have been issued from Peking directing the viceroys and governors of the neighboring provinces to put all their forces on a war footing, owing to the arrival of six Italian warships in San Mun harbor. It is thought also that the Chinese propose to drive the Germans from Shan Tung peninsula.

#### SEARCH FOR ANDREE.

#### Another Expedition Has Gone to Look for the Missing Aeronaut.

Copenhagen, May 29.—The expedition under Professor A. G. Nathorst, which is to search along the northeast coast of Greenland for Professor Andree, the missing aeronaut, has sailed from Helsingborg, Sweden. Professor Nathorst's relief party sailed on the steam whaler Antarctic, of which he is part owner. A wealthy Norwegian merchant named Hammes will defray almost the entire cost of the expedition.

After carefully examining the region between the seventy-third and seventy-fifth degrees, north latitude, Professor Nathorst will proceed toward Cape Bismarck, on the east coast of Greenland, in the hope of meeting Captain Sverdrup's expedition, which left Christiania last June on the Fram. His theory is that Andree, if alive, is probably on the northeastern coast of Greenland. He argues that if the missing aeronaut landed in Greenland and took the east coast route to the south, several years must elapse before he could work his way without ship to the nearest settlement.

The relief party consists of six scientific men besides Dr. Nathorst and a crew of 13. The plan is to head for Jan Mayen, an island in the Arctic ocean, and then to follow the ice edge until an opening is found through which the shore can be reached.

#### MUST PRESS THE CAMPAIGN.

#### General Otis Told to Fight in Wet Season and Dry.

Washington, May 29.—General Otis was told to fight by the cabinet today. He was told to press the campaign at all times, in the wet season and out, and the cabinet was informed that Otis, in pursuance of instructions of the administration, has warned the Filipino peace envoys not to attempt to reopen negotiations except on the basis of unconditional surrender. In other words, the negotiations are declared off until the Filipinos are ready to quit. The substance of the ultimatum to the Filipinos is: When you desire to re-enter the American military lines, come prepared for an unconditional surrender; otherwise, you will not be admitted. The authorities have again taken up the question of sending additional troops to the Philippines, and the Twenty-fourth infantry (colored) has been slated for service there. Other regiments may also be sent.

#### President's Western Trip.

Washington, May 29.—President McKinley will visit Oregon during his summer vacation, unless his present plans are upset. He will be there in time to visit the Second Oregon volunteers after they return from Manila. He will go to Yellowstone Park, and to every state that had volunteers in the Philippines, according to the present plans, if the state troops are all returned before September. He wishes to go to the coast and return before Dewey's return, which will be about October 1, as he will be in New York to receive the admiral. It is claimed that this will be a political tour and the first sounding of the Western states on the issues of the day.

#### Dewey's Return Trip.

Washington, May 29.—Admiral Dewey today cabled the navy department that he will stop at various places on his way to the United States, and reach New York about October 1. Admiral Dewey's dispatch did not enumerate the points where the Olympia will touch en route to New York. It may be an effort will be made to ascertain this for the benefit of some of the towns especially along the Mediterranean who may desire to take official notice of the visit of the distinguished naval officer and his famous flagship.

#### The Coney Island Fire.

New York, May 29.—Coney Island property to the value of nearly \$1,000,000 was destroyed by fire early this morning, 20 acres in the heart of the summer resort, the district known as "the Bowery," being reduced to ashes. The 200 buildings burned were located between the Bowery and the ocean. Tilyus walk on the west, and the old pier on the east.

#### The New York Mutual Life Insurance Company's Insurance Has Now Passed the Billion Mark.

#### No Reign of Terror.

Wardner, Idaho, May 29.—The following dispatch, addressed to the Silver Bow Trades and Labor Assembly, Butte, Mont., was signed today by 55 citizens of Wardner: "We thank you for sympathy extended us by the resolution of May 23, but you are three weeks behind time. The reign of terror ceased when the first company of troops arrived. Peace and happiness reign supreme. No one has died in prison."

## FEARS OF PESTILENCE.

#### Dawson City Again Threatened With Deadly Disease.

Dawson, via San Francisco, May 29.—With the return of spring to Dawson, come renewed fears of pestilence and death. Stringent sanitary measures are being adopted. Health Officer Good has posted public notices throughout the town, forbidding all persons to gather ice or take water from the Yukon at an point nearer than a mile above the city. The Yukon council is planning a system of drainage for the flats upon which the city is situated and an ordinance has been passed requiring the inhabitants to use the utmost care in cleaning their premises prior to the breaking up of the river. Notwithstanding all these precautions, physicians predict an unusual prevalence of typhoid, owing to the accumulated filth of winter which now encumbers the site of the city.

#### Lack of Preparation.

London, May 29.—All the dispatches to the morning papers from The Hague show that the peace conference is suffering from lack of preparation. The Muraviev circular contains heads and chapters, but no details. Its author emphasized disarmament, but slighted arbitration. M. de Staal, in opening the conference, absolutely reversed this order. What is wanted is something for daily wear and tear.

The Daily News says: "The British and American proposals, though simple, are more practicable than the scheme of M. de Maartens, of the Russian delegation, and it is likely that France and Russia, and even Germany, will ultimately agree with them."

#### Alaska Negotiations.

London, May 29.—The foreign office officials confirm the statement made by a New York correspondent of the London Times to the effect that negotiations with the Canadian government on the subject of Alaska, have reached an almost hopeless stage, owing to the insistence of the Canadians that they receive a slice of Alaska, which apparently precludes any agreement being reached on the subject between the American and Canadian high commissioners. The evening newspapers reproduce the New York dispatch with comment, generally regretting the situation, but objecting to the conclusions that Canada is blamable.

#### Charges Against Admiral Kautz.

New York, May 29.—A dispatch to the Herald from Apia says: Mataafa has written to the commission asking permission for himself and 300 unarmed supporters to occupy the eastern sections of Apia near his counsel. He requests the withdrawal of the English and American sailors to their ships and the disarming of the Malietos during the hearing. H. J. Moore, the American supporter of Mataafa, has written a protest against the conduct of Rear-Admiral Kautz. He makes sensational charges of abuse of military power toward the opposition, wanton destruction of many boats and villages, and cruelty.

#### More Troops Needed.

Manila, May 29.—The events of the past week have emphasized the need of a much larger army here, without which, according to the best authorities in Manila would be attempting the impossible, to expect to maintain supremacy in the Philippine islands. The inadequacy of the American forces is said to be responsible for the large loss in the number of small encounters, without material results as compensation. Most of the fighting has been in territory which the Americans had swept, but had been compelled to abandon because they could not spare troops to hold it.

#### Big Steel Firm Falls.

Glasgow, May 29.—A great sensation has been caused by the failure of Neilson Bros., an important firm engaged in the iron and steel trade. They had long bore Glasgow pig-iron, and were heavily overvalued when a corner in warrants was engineered. It is calculated the concern lost \$1,250,000 during the past year. Total liabilities, unknown. Neilson Bros. are the largest dealers and exporters of ship-plates in Scotland.

#### Big Fire in Brooklyn.

New York, May 29.—Cartridge & Co.'s iron bed manufactory, a three-story frame building in Brooklyn, caught fire at 2 o'clock this morning and was burned to the ground. The fire spread to a row of tenement houses on Driggs avenue, and another on Graham avenue, and about 100 families fled in their night clothes, carrying such household goods as they could save.

#### Camp for the Volunteers.

San Francisco, May 29.—Pursuant to instructions from the war department, General Shafter is taking steps to prepare a model camp at the Presidio for the accommodation of 4,000 men. It will be occupied by volunteers returning from the Philippines until they can be mustered out. A board of officers will select a site and attend to the details of establishing a new camp.

#### The Soldier Dead.

San Francisco, May 27.—The remains of 18 soldiers who died in the Philippines have been landed from the transport Sheridan, and will be sent for burial wherever relatives or friends may desire.

#### Explosion in a Dye Mill.

Philadelphia, May 29.—Daniel Huston was instantly killed and William Lang so badly injured that he died, by the explosion of a steam drying cylinder in the dyeing and finishing mills of James Martin & Co., today. Several others were injured, one probably fatally.

The supreme court did not decide the Oregon "overlap" case in which so much interest has been exhibited, and it goes over until the October term.

## ALONG THE COAST.

#### Items of General Interest Gleaned From the Thriving Pacific States.

#### To Exclude Convict-Made Goods.

The Manufacturers' and Producers' Association, of San Francisco, Cal., has entered upon a vigorous campaign against convict-made goods being placed upon the free market. Circulars are being sent throughout the state, accompanied by a postal card, which is to be filled out and returned to the association by the receiver of the letter. By filling out this card an agreement is made to exclude from business establishments and homes all stores known to have been made by convict labor. Recent investigations made by the association disclosed the fact that among other things large quantities of stores made by convict labor in Oregon were being sold not only in San Francisco, but throughout the state of California, and it is principally against this trade that the circular letter is directed.

#### Sharp Advance in Oatmeal.

Flour and feed merchants of Vancouver, B. C., last week announced an advance of 20 cents per barrel in all grades of oatmeal. Heavy orders will have to be filled from the north shortly, and American dealers have been asking for quotations from British Columbia merchants with a view to having the orders filled in Vancouver. The supply of oats held on the coast is not large, and higher prices followed the inquiries from Seattle and Pacific coast points. As many tons will be required in the north before the new crop is ready, another advance in both oats and oatmeal is looked for. No attempt has been made to corner the market.

#### Mill Will Not Close Down.

D. A. Merriman, president and general manager of the mill mill at Everett, Wash., received word from the headquarters of the American Steel Wire Company, in Chicago, that 2,500 tons of wire rods were about to be shipped to Everett for the mill at that point. This mill has been running night and day for the past two weeks, and there is not enough wire rods on hand to keep it running more than a month longer, so it was feared that the mill would have to shut down, but this shipment of rods, however, will be sufficient to keep the mill running continuously for at least three months.

#### Southeastern Oregon Wool.

The wool market has opened up in Red Bluff, and the prevailing prices range from 6 1/2 to 7 cents for fall clips, and 11 to 12 cents for the spring clips, only a small quantity selling at the top price. It is expected that by the end of the week the whole spring clip of Tehama county will be in. It is evident that the Lake county market will not be as lively as that of the spring of '98, owing to the fact that there still remains so much unsold wool. Figures gathered from the various wool centers of Oregon give a total of 6,000,000 pounds remaining unsold from the clip of 1898.

#### Cold Storage Plant.

Olcott Payne, the Northwest agent of the Erick Ice Machine Company, of Waynesboro, Pa., is at present in Lewiston, Idaho, preparing plans and specifications for the cold storage plant to be established at Vineland by the Lewiston Ice & Cold Storage Company. The company will put in an ice machine plant having a capacity of ten tons, with a cold storage warehouse attached, and provided with ample facilities for handling the fruit crop along the rivers and other cold storage business. The plant will be installed and ready for business early in July.

#### Electric Lights for Republic.

The San Poil Mining & Water Company has secured a franchise and right of way from the commissioners of Ferry county to string wires, set poles and introduce electric lights throughout the town and suburbs of Republic. The company is composed of Spokane men and a few Republic men. The works are to be placed at or near San Poil lake. Contracts are being made with private people for placing lights in their buildings and places of business. The capacity will be 1,200 16 candle-power, and must be in operation by August 1, 1899.

#### Big Orders Placed.

The Pacific American Fisheries Company, of New Whatcom, has placed an order for 7,200,000 cans with the Pacific Sheet Metal Works. They will also soon be manufacturing 60,000 per day at the Franco-American cannery, and 50,000 per day at the Friday Harbor plant. One hundred and fifty thousand boxes will be manufactured by the Puget Sound Sawmill & Shingle Company, and Morrison Bros., of Ferndale, will make 50,000 for the fish company.

#### To Bond the City.

The city council of Edmunds, Wash., has introduced an ordinance for the issuance of \$6,200 coupon bonds to raise money to construct a system of waterworks. The bonds are to be issued in denominations of not less than \$100 nor more than \$1,000, and made payable in not more than 20 years from date. They are to bear interest at a rate not to exceed 6 per cent per annum, payable semi-annually.

#### New Bottling Works.

L. L. Daus will establish a branch of the famous Daus bottling works, of Boise, Idaho, at Weiser, and will open at that point in the manufacture of all kinds of carbonic drinks. He has with him a complete soda plant and bottling outfit, and will be prepared to do a large wholesale business. It is thought that this branch establishment will soon exceed the mother establishment, owing to the ideal location at Weiser.

## Montana Wool Clip.

Several sheepowners of Meagher county have been offered and accepted 15 cents a pound for their wool clips of this season. Last season Montana wool steadily advanced after the markets opened, and the average price was very near, if not quite, 17 cents. This season the statistical position of wool is stronger than it was a year ago, and these offers of 15 cents at this season justify the belief that Northern Montana wool should go as high as it did last year.

#### New California Industry.

The Florister Pulp & Paper Company has been organized at San Francisco, with S. D. Rosenbaum as president. The object of the company is to build a mill near Floriston, Nevada county, and manufacture wood pulp paper from the sawdust of the numerous lumber mills in that vicinity. Power for the mill will be had from the Truckee river, where a dam will be built for that purpose.

#### Another Enterprise.

Ansil Perfett, of Indianapolis, Ind., has perfected his new smokeless powder, the secret of which he has kept quiet for nearly four years. As a result of a test made by government regulations, a company was incorporated with a capital stock of \$150,000 to engage in the manufacture of this powder. The first Western plant will be located at Bozeman, Mont.

#### Bond Sale.

The treasurer of Okanogan county, Wash., has called for bids for the purchase of \$500 bonds of school district No. 39. Said bonds are to be in denominations of \$100 each and interest is payable annually at a rate not to exceed 7 per cent per annum.

## PACIFIC COAST TRADE.

#### Seattle Markets.

Onions, 80c@1.10 per 100 pounds. Potatoes, \$35@40. Beets, per sack, \$1@1.25. Turnips, per sack, 50@75c. Carrots, per sack, 75c. Parsnips, per sack, 85c@1. Cauliflower, \$1.00 per doz. Celery, 35@40c. Cabbage, native and California \$2.50 per 100 pounds. Apples, \$2.50@3.50 per box. Pears, 50c@1.50 per box. Prunes, 50c per box. Butter—Creamery, 20c per pound; dairy and ranch, 12@18c per pound. Eggs, 18c. Cheese—Native, 13c. Poultry—Old hens, 16c per pound; spring chickens, 14c; turkeys, 16c. Fresh meats—Choice dressed beef steers, prime, 9c; cows, prime, 9c; mutton, 9c; pork, 7c; veal, 8@10c. Wheat—Feed wheat, \$20. Oats—Choice, per ton, \$26.50. Hay—Puget Sound mixed, \$7.00@8; choice Eastern Washington timothy, \$12.00. Corn—Whole, \$23.50; cracked, \$24; feed meal, \$24.00. Barley—Rolled or ground, per ton, \$25@26; whole, \$24. Flour—Patent, per barrel, \$3.35; straights, \$3.10; California brands, \$3.25; buckwheat flour, \$3.50; graham, per barrel, \$3.60; whole wheat flour, \$3.75; rye flour, \$4.50. Millstuffs—Bran, per ton, \$15; shorts, per ton, \$16. Feed—Chopped feed, \$21@23 per ton; middlings, per ton, \$22; oil c/ke meal, per ton, \$33.

#### Portland Market.