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LATE NEWS FROM OTIS

Aguinaldo Asking For a Conference.

Filipinos Have Realized the Error

Attacking the American Forces—The Commanding General to Use His Own Judgment.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 8.—There was almost a complete release, today, of the tension under which the rapid occurrence of events in the Philippines has held the officials of the administration since the first startling news from Manila on Saturday night. This was brought about through the receipt of a bulletin from General Otis, summing up the latest results of the fighting he has had with the natives. The statement that Aguinaldo's influence has been destroyed, and that the Filipino leader was seeking for a cessation of hostilities and for a conference, was most acceptable, and was interpreted as an admission that he had realized his terrible mistake. It is entirely probable that he will be able to obtain anything like the same terms as were possible last week. No one here knows just what General Otis intends to propose in the way of terms.

Secretary Alger, this afternoon, repeated his statement of yesterday, that he had given the general no instructions since the battle, and saw no reason for giving any. He realized, he

said, that General Otis, being on the ground, and having proved his fitness, was in a better position to deal with the situation than any one in Washington. Should the general ask permission, therefore, to do any thing, he would be granted permission immediately.

"Should he ask for instructions on any point," said Secretary Alger, "he will be told to exercise his own discretion."

FIGHTING LAST NIGHT.
Manila, Feb. 9.—(Thursday)—At 11 a. m.—The Filipinos at Calocan opened fire last evening, just before midnight, upon the Kansas outposts on the extreme left of the American line. They maintained a fusillade of musketry supplemented by an occasional shot from two big guns, for about 20 minutes. The Americans did not reply.

TUESDAY'S SKIRMISH.
Manila, Feb. 8.—(Noon).—Last evening, as the Filipinos at Calocan were evidently massing for a night attack upon the American left wing, the Twentieth Kansas Infantry was ordered to attack and drive the sharpshooters from the bamboo jungle in front of the firing line, where they had caused considerable annoyance all afternoon. A battalion charged brilliantly, driving the enemy like chaff and penetrating to the very heart of Calocan.

First Lieutenant A. C. Alford, as cabled last night, was killed while leading his company. He was shot in the forehead. Sergeant Jay Sheldon, of company I, was seriously wounded. Privates Daniel Hewitt, (Health) Ernest Fritz, John Gillilan and two other members of company B, were also slightly wounded. Thirty dead Filipinos were counted in the brush, and there were many more wounded.

The gunboats Concord and Callao took up an incessant fire from the bay, the Concord dropping many shells into the town with telling effect. In order to avoid accidents from this source, General Otis was compelled to recall the Kansas battalion, after burning the outskirts of the town. Either the shells of the American warships, or the shells themselves, fired a number of buildings within the town limits. Presumably this was the result of the shelling. No further attempt to attack during the night was made by either side.

The Spanish papers generally comment in favorable terms on the admirable order maintained in Manila.

The situation today is practically unchanged. The American line has not been appreciably extended, and the troops generally are taking a much needed rest. Reconnoitering shows that the Filipinos are in force in the villages of Pasig and Paranaque, probably 7,000 men at the latter place, with strong fortifications. All is quiet along the line when this dispatch is filed at noon.

5.15 p. m.—The provost guard is in absolute control of Manila. All fears of a native uprising in the city were dispelled by the promptness which quelled

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AMERICANS IN CONTROL

Otis' Victory the Joy of the Nation.

Filipinos' Loss Over Four Thousand.

Desperadoes Crowd Manila, but Inhabitants Are Thoroughly Cowed—Many Arrests.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 7.—There was little abatement of interest in the stirring events at Manila exhibited today at the war department. The first feeling of anxiety for the safety of the American forces had given way entirely, save in case of personal friends and acquaintances of soldiers supposed to be injured, and there was displayed, instead the greatest interest in the extent of the loss inflicted upon the insurgents by the American soldiers and sailors. The officers at the war department, who know Otis well, declared, when the announcement came of the killing and wounding of 4,000 men, that he undoubtedly underestimated the damage inflicted by him, as was his wont, instead of magnifying it in the Spanish fashion.

The news of today from abroad was found in the casualty list, sent by Otis, and in the concise and excellent description sent by him of the results of the engagement of Saturday night and Sunday. The officials say that nothing more can be expected from him on this point, until he has had an opportunity to forward a report, giving in detail all the history of the fighting.

Naturally there was a great deal of speculation as to the future conduct of affairs by Otis, but to some extent this must remain speculation, inasmuch as Secretary Alger has said that the general is to be left to follow his own discretion. To assist him to a correct understanding of the diplomatic situation, he has been cabled the full text of the treaty.

A forward movement is probable at Ilo Ilo, where General Miller has been for weeks lying in front of the town. He had never any doubt of his ability to take the place, but there has been a restraining influence from Washington, based on the hope that the insurgents could be brought to a peaceful retirement from the town, and the apprehension that an effort to force a landing might result in serious injury to the foreign interests. Now, however, it is felt that the latter are perhaps more in jeopardy from the continuance of the existing state of affairs than they would be through a rapid seizure of the town. General Miller now has with him the Eighteenth Infantry and a battalion of artillery, and it is likely he will be strongly reinforced before an attempt is made to take Ilo Ilo. Naval officers have watched, with pride, the achievements of the naval vessels during the recent fighting, and they were gratified when Secretary Long this afternoon sent the following cablegram:

"Dewey, Manila: Congratulations. (Signed) Long."
General Otis' report of the casualties in the Manila fight, up to date, aggregate 197. Of these forty-nine were officers and men killed, and 148 wounded.

ENEMIES WITHIN.
Manila, Feb. 7.—8 p. m.—There are many indications that Manila is full of desperadoes, who had intended to cooperate with Aguinaldo. The police are continually capturing men and women with weapons concealed in their clothing. The vigilance of the authorities in this respect is highly reassuring. Last Saturday, about midnight, two Englishmen accidentally encountered a gang of armed natives, in a dark side-street. The natives, fearing discovery, imprisoned them until morning, and threatened to kill them unless they maintained silence. Many native clerks, employed by mercantile houses, are missing. As it is impossible that they should have passed the lines, the inference is that they are hiding in the city. Several attempts were made to assassinate Americans on the streets, but the danger is now at a minimum. The natives are terribly cowed, and the precautions taken, especially against incendiarism, are admirable. The rebels, who have been swept in every direction, like pheasants in a battle, died by hundreds in the trenches—for the most part passively, except the Ygorotes, who charge desperately and uselessly. The rebel prisoners declare that their attack was unpremeditated, that the Americans fired, and then everybody followed, in accordance with a sort of general understanding.

THE CORTES CONVENED.
Madrid, Feb. 8.—The queen regent has signed decrees convoking the cortes February 29th, for the purpose of ratifying the peace treaty and establishing constitutional guarantees.

We have good building and loan laws. Let them alone.

DISCUSSED THE POLICY

To Be Pursued in the Philippines.

Debate in the National Senate.

Removal of the Last Disability Clause Against Former Confederates—The Militia.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 7.—For two hours or more today the senate had the resiliency, declaratory of the policy of this government in the Philippines, under discussion, but no vote was reached, and the resolution went finally to the calendar.

A RECOMMENDATION.
Washington, Feb. 7.—By a unanimous vote the judiciary committee of the house today decided to recommend the repeal of what is said to be the last remnant of disqualification against those serving in the confederacy. The proposed amendment is as follows: "That the sections of the revised statutes, which disqualify persons otherwise from serving as grand or petit jurors in courts of the United States, who have taken up arms or joined in any insurrection or rebellion against the United States, be repealed, and hereafter no person shall be disqualified for any service in any court for any participation in the civil war of 1861-65."

THE MILITIA.
Washington, Feb. 7.—The secretary of war has sent to congress a statement on the militia, showing a total organized force of 101,538; total unorganized and available, 8,989,825.

HE SEIZED A VESSEL DEWEY CAPTURED ARMS BELONGING TO AGUINALDO.

This Probably Caused the Battle at Manila—The Filipinos Were Much Incensed.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 7.—It may be that it was Admiral Dewey's act in seizing a vessel loaded with arms and ammunition intended for them, that incited the Philippine insurgents to the attack on the American soldiers on Saturday night, for it is understood that one of the bitterest of their grievances was what they declared to be an unwarrantable interference with their shipping. It is learned at the navy department that about a week ago the admiral caused the seizure of the schooner Tanung, with a full supply of arms for the insurgents. The admiral's report disclosed the fact that an American, and not a German, owned the vessel thus being used to arm the insurgents against General Otis' troops.

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OTIS RULES.

WITHIN A RADIUS OF NINE MILES OF MANILA.

Insurgents Have Mousers and Krupp Guns—Cannon Served by the Spanish Soldiers.

MANILA, Feb. 7.—General Otis, as this dispatch is sent, is in complete control of the situation within a radius of nine miles of Manila. The American lines extend to Malabon on the north and to Parangue on the south, fully 25 miles. While a few detached bodies of Filipinos offer desultory opposition, the main body is in full retreat and utterly routed. Of the hordes of troops drawn up in battle array against the Americans, fully one-third are already incapacitated, and the rest are scattered in every direction.

The Americans now have a steam-car line to Malabon, and 600 marines with four Maxim's have been landed from the fleet on the beach, north of the city.

Among the important cities captured was a strong embrasured earthworks within sight of Calocan.

There was considerable firing from the upper windows of houses in the native quarter of the city last night, but no casualties have been reported as a result.

The signal corps was compelled to run lines along firing lines during the fighting, and consequently there were frequent interruptions of communication, owing to the cutting of wires and the signal men were ordered to kill without hesitation any one who attempted to interfere with the lines.

EAGAN SENTENCED.

IS SUSPENDED FROM THE ARMY FOR SIX YEARS.

Will Then Be Reinstated and Retired—He Loses His Allowances During Suspension.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 7.—The sentence of Commissary General Eagan is dismissed from the army. The president has commuted to six years the suspension which covers the remainder of time prior to Eagan's retirement. Eagan will be reinstated in time to retire with the regular rank and pay provided in such cases. The sentence of suspension, according to the legal officers of the department, does not deprive General Eagan of any part of his pay, but as sentence reads "without rank or duty," he loses his allowances, which include commutation of quarters, rations and fuel, and his horse allowances. This is quite a large financial item.

NEW SUIT FILED.—In the case of Grant Davis, plaintiff, vs. P. L. Brown, defendant, a suit for the enforcement of the payment of an alleged claim due on the sale of an electric light plant, the defendant yesterday filed his answer in Judge Burnett's department of the circuit court, making general denial of all allegations in the complaint. H. J. Bigger is attorney for the defendant.

DEWEY AND OTIS.

CABLEGRAMS RECEIVED FROM ADMIRAL AND GENERAL.

They Return Thanks for Congratulatory Telegrams Sent from Washington—To Long and Alger.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 8.—The following cablegram was received at the navy department today from Admiral Dewey: "Manila, Feb. 3.—To Secretary of Navy: The commander-in-chief, officers, and men, thank the president and secretary of the navy for their congratulations. (Signed) Dewey." Secretary of War Alger received the following from General Otis: "Manila, Feb. 8.—Sincere thanks for congratulations. All credit is due to the hearty response of the troops to the orders of the officers. Otis."

INTENSE COLD

RECORD ALMOST BROKEN IN CHICAGO LAST NIGHT.

Lowest Notch Recorded in Twenty-Seven Years—St. Paul Was Also Suffering.

CHICAGO, Feb. 8.—Not since 1873 has Chicago experienced such intense cold as that which prevailed today. The lowest notch reached since the establishment of the weather bureau in this city was 23 below. At 11 o'clock tonight it was 19 below, and still falling. St. Paul reports 22 degrees below zero.

FOR PUBLIC BUILDINGS.

Reports of House Committee Being Considered in Congress.

Washington, Feb. 7.—Today and tomorrow were set as the days for consideration of the public buildings bill. The committee had reported seventy-eight bills for buildings in thirty-five states authorizing in the aggregate an expenditure of \$14,669,960. Little or no opposition developed today, and the bills were favorably acted upon almost as rapidly as they could be read. As a result, forty bills, carrying or authorizing appropriations aggregating \$11,354,000, had been laid aside with favorable recommendations, before adjournment was reached.

THE IOWA IN PORT.

Arrives in San Francisco After a Very Pleasant Voyage.

San Francisco, Feb. 7.—The battleship Iowa arrived here today from New York, from which port she sailed in company with the Oregon and two escorts on October 12th last. The voyage from the Atlantic to the Pacific was a pleasant one, both the Iowa and the Oregon making the journey without a hitch of any moment. The Oregon left the Iowa when off the Peruvian coast, en route to the Hawaiian islands.

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<h4 style="text-align: center;">New Percales</h4> <p style="font-size: small;">Beautiful new spring styles; why not make that Shirt Waist now?</p>	<h4 style="text-align: center;">New Taffetas</h4> <p style="font-size: small;">NEW LIBERTY SATINS.</p>	<h4 style="text-align: center;">The North Winds</h4> <p style="font-size: small;">Icy Kiss is cold and cruel, but our</p>
<h4 style="text-align: center;">New Madras</h4> <p style="font-size: small;">In values that are unsurpassed, lovely new ones, at prices that defy competition.</p> <p style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold;">85c to \$10 a pair.</p>	<h4 style="text-align: center;">Near Silk</h4> <p style="font-size: small;">The correct dress lining and many novelties in our lining department.</p> <p style="font-size: small;">NEW CERISE CARDINAL AND MARINE BLUE WOOL MOREENS.</p>	<h4 style="text-align: center;">Frieze Ulsters</h4> <p style="font-size: small;">At closing prices will soon dispel its chilling touch.</p>
<h4 style="text-align: center;">New Curtains</h4> <p style="font-size: small;">And plain nets for sash curtains; also designed Bobinettes and Swisses.</p> <p style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold;">15c to 50c yd.</p>	<h4 style="text-align: center;">Pull Ribbons</h4> <p style="font-size: small;">The newest attraction, in lovely and effective styles.</p>	<h4 style="text-align: center;">New Shirts</h4> <p style="font-size: small;">With horizontal stripes; solid bodies; great values.</p> <p style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold;">\$1 and \$1.25.</p>

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