

YAQUINA WILL BE IMPROVED

Commercial Bodies at San Francisco.

Have Taken the Matter in Hand.

A Safe Harbor Must Be Created at Once—New Steamship Lines to Be Established.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., April 18.—At a meeting of the chamber of commerce today, the improvements, needed to make the harbor of Yaquina safe, were discussed. The local board of trade will join with the chamber of commerce in urging the government to make an appropriation, sufficient to cover the cost of the improvements desired, and urging that the work be commenced without delay. If the harbor is improved as desired, a line of steamers will be put on between this city and Yaquina.

NEW STEAMER LINE.
Portland, April 18.—Within the next month, according to the statement of G. W. Antrim, of the firm of Conking & Antrim, shipping merchants, of San Francisco, another line of steamers will be plying between that city and Portland, and which will return via Gray's Harbor, making a new and direct line of water transportation between Portland and Gray's Harbor. The company is known as the Merchants Steamship Line, with headquarters in San Francisco, and, according to Mr. Antrim, it already operates a line of steamers to Gray's Harbor, and another to Seattle, besides sending vessels to other points on the coast.

THE NORTHWEST BOOMS.
Chicago, April 18.—George H. Heffer, general passenger agent of the Milwaukee & St. Paul Railroad, has just returned from an extensive tour of the Pacific coast. He reports that the Northern Pacific coast points are just now experiencing a wonderful revival. All industries are prospering to an unprecedented extent. The mining industry is having a boom. Mineral deposits in the states of Washington, Oregon and Idaho, which were scratched over as long ago as 1860, are now being systematically worked, and the

richness of their development is proving a genuine surprise; British Columbia's mineral resources are also proving to be practically inexhaustible.

While the mining industries are prospering, agricultural interests are also experiencing good times. The low second-class colonists' rates put in effect by the Great Northern and the Northern Pacific, has resulted in over 3,000 people going to that territory so far this year.

FROM EMPEROR WILLIAM.

A Beautiful Memorial Received by the President.

Washington, April 18.—President McKinley has received the following from Emperor William, of Germany:

"Great and Good Friend:—In commemoration of the consecration of the church of the Saviour, at Jerusalem, which took place on October 31st, last, which was so important an event for the Evangelical portion of Christendom in which, to my joy, the representative of Evangelical synod of North America, took part, I have caused a number of copies of artistically executed memorials to be executed, and take the liberty, herewith, to send you a copy of this memorial, with the request that you will kindly accept it. I accept the assurance of my distinguished consideration. (Signed.) William II."

The memorial is a condensed history of Christianity from the birth of Christ. The president has forwarded a suitable answer.

GONE TO MEXICO.

Indians Leave Their Reservations, Being Dissatisfied.

Guthrie, O. T., April 18.—Five thousand Indians, dissatisfied with conditions in their reservations of the Indian Territory, have left in a body for Mexico, to establish a union reservation on a large lot of land near Guadalupe, according to reports received here.

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AN AMERICAN SHIP'S CREW

Falls into the Hands of Filipinos.

Mysterious Dispatch from Dewey.

Lieutenant Gilmore and Party Evidently in Sore Distress on East Coast of Luzon.

WASHINGTON, April 18.—The navy department has given out the following dispatch from Admiral Dewey:

"Manila, April 18.—Secretary of the Navy, Washington: The Yorktown visited Balena, Luzon, on the east coast of Luzon, April 12th, for the purpose of rescuing and bringing away the Spanish force, consisting of eighty soldiers, three officers and two priests, who were surrounded by 400 insurgents. Some of the insurgents were armed with Mauser rifles. * * * by the natives. Lieutenant J. C. Gilmore, while making * * * was ambushed and was fired upon and captured, their fate being unknown, as the insurgents refused to communicate afterward. Following are the missing:

"The officer previously referred to: Chief Quartermaster W. Walton, Coxswain J. Ellsworth, Gunner Mate E. J. Nygard, Sailmakers Mate Van Roit, Seaman W. H. Rynder and O. W. Woodbury, Apprentices D. W. A. Venille and A. J. Peterson; Ordinary Seaman F. Brissolee, O. B. McDonald; Landsman L. T. Edwards, F. Anderson, J. Dillon and C. A. Morrissey. (Signed) Dewey."

(The asterisks denote the portions of the dispatch which could not be deciphered.)

AN ERRAND OF MERCY.

Washington, April 18.—The capture of the Yorktown's men was discussed with much feeling in naval circles. The misfortune was felt with added keenness, as the navy has prided itself thus far on its immunity from reverses. The admiral's dispatch of today was the first knowledge that the department had, that the Yorktown had gone on a special mission to relieve the Spanish garrison at Balena. That the capture should have been effected while the American forces were on a mission of mercy towards the Spaniards, rather than in the prosecution of campaign, leads to the belief that Spain would have no further grounds for questioning the good faith with which the Americans were seeking to relieve the condition of the Spanish prisoners. Although the dispatch gave no indication that Lieutenant Gilmore and his men had lost their lives, yet great anxiety was aroused by the mystery surrounding their fate while in the hands of the uncivilized enemy.

This is the first capture of any Americans, military or naval, so that it is unknown how the insurgents would treat our men. If civilized methods were pursued, an exchange could be quickly effected, as General Otis has a large number of Filipino prisoners, but the insurgents have been averse, thus far, to exchanging Spanish prisoners, and this raises the question as to what they would do with the Yorktown's men.

THE PRISONERS.

Washington, April 18.—The dispatch from Admiral Dewey caused much excitement in naval circles, as soon as its contents became known. It was received late in the day, and considerable delay was occasioned by the blindness of some of the cipher words. It was impossible to completely decipher it, and the asterisks indicate the unintelligible words. Lieutenant Gilmore, the officer referred to as captured is well known in Washington, having been stationed here for some time, and his wife's family lives here. He was born in Philadelphia, 1854, and was appointed naval cadet from Arizona in 1871. He reached his present grade of lieutenant in 1881. His main service has been on the Monongahela, Bancroft, Vesuvius and Machias, besides considerable service in boards.

Just a year ago he reported to the St. Paul, then commissioned as an auxiliary cruiser, and served on that vessel under Captain Sigbee throughout the war. On January 14th, last, he was ordered to the hospital ship Grace which was about to sail for Manila, and on his arrival there was assigned, by Admiral Dewey, to the Yorktown. The others mentioned in the admiral's dispatch are shown by the naval records as follows:

William Walton, chief quartermaster, enlisted at Chee Foo, China; born in Mannheim, Germany.

John Ellsworth, coxswain; enlisted at Mare Island, California; born in Portsmouth, N. H.

Lyman Paul Edwards, landsman; enlisted at Mare Island, California; born in Peru, Ind.

John Dillon, landsman; enlisted at Honolulu; born in Galway, Ireland.

Paul Van Loit, sailmaker's mate; en-

listed at Mare Island; California; born in France.

Charles Albert Morrissey, landsman; enlisted at Mare Island, California; born in Columbus, Neb.

Oran L. McDonald, ordinary seaman; enlisted at Mare Island, California; born in Cammel Valley, California.

William H. Rynder, coxswain; enlisted at Mare Island, California; born in Amsterdam, Holland.

Silvio Brissolee, landsman; enlisted at San Francisco; born in San Francisco.

Alvert J. Peterson, apprentice, third class; enlisted at San Francisco; born in Oakland, California.

Orrison Welch Woodbury, seaman; enlisted at Gloucester, Mass.; born in Lynn, Mass.

Densell George Arthur Venville, apprentice, second class, enlisted at Mare Island, California; born in Dudley, England.

Fred Anderson, landsman; enlisted in New York; born Buffalo, N. Y.

Edward J. Nygard, gunner's mate, third class; enlisted in New York; born in Warsaw, Russia.

MANILA, April 19.—4:35 p. m.—Admiral Dewey has been notified of the disappearance of J. C. Gilmore and fifteen members of the crew of the gunboat Yorktown.

Last Saturday the Yorktown anchored off Balera, east coast of Luzon, 200 miles from here, where there was a Spanish garrison of about fifty men, which had been defending itself against several hundred Filipinos for months past. Lieutenant Gilmore, Ensign Stanley and a boat's crew were sent up the river from Balera bay to communicate with the Spaniards. Ensign Stanley, who landed at the mouth of the river, reports that he heard three volleys, a bugle call and cheers up the river, but the automatic gun which was part of the equipment of the boat was not heard. Stanley then paddled to the Yorktown in a canoe.

Search was made for the Yorktown's crew, but no trace of them was found, and the Yorktown sailed for Ilo Ilo, and her commander cabled to Admiral Dewey. His theory is that the Filipinos had captured or sunk the boat; or that the Spaniards had rescued the American party.

The officers of the navy department are confident that such of the men of the Yorktown, as escaped being killed outright in the first ambushade will be well treated by the insurgents. Some time ago the war department made inquiry as to the number of American prisoners held by the Filipinos. In reply General Otis referred to a number of soldiers and said that they were being fairly treated by the insurgents, he supplying the funds to defray the cost of their food. In many cases he said, the officials were only nominally in confinement, being allowed the liberty of the towns. The officials are hopeful that Gilmore and his men, who survived the ambushade, will some day regain their liberty. The department has sent no instructions to Admiral Dewey as to the course he shall pursue.

FILIPINO CLAIMS.

London, April 19.—The Filipino junta claims to have received a cablegram from General Luna, commander of the rebel forces in the Manila district, direct from Manila, on Friday, declaring that General Lawton, "whose object was to proceed to Balera and effect a junction with the United States gunboat Yorktown," was invaded by the tactics of the Filipinos into "perilously extending his line, with the result that one of his columns, consisting of 140 officers and men, on reaching a place called Binagonam, was ambushed by a

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large force of Filipinos, that communication with the main force was severed and that their entire column was captured."

The Filipino advisers further assert that General Lawton, who was at Laguna de Bay, on hearing the news, "retired to Manila, stating that he had been recalled by Otis on the ground that a native rising in Manila was imminent."

THE STORY DOUBTED.

Washington, April 19.—The war department does not credit the Filipino assertions, contained in the dispatch, because it is believed General Otis would have cabled any such disaster. It is further stated that Lawton could not possibly have had in mind a junction with the Yorktown, as there is an impassable range of mountains between the country to be traversed and the sea.

HATCHET MEN FIGHT.

A Highbinder War Breaks Out in Fresno, California.

Fresno, Cal., April 18.—The bloody highbinder war, that has been expected for some days, broke out in Chinatown this evening, and as a result, three Mongolians occupy slabs in the morgue, two more are at the county hospital, mortally wounded, and nine are behind the bars of the county jail. The officers have anticipated the outbreak for some time, as it was known that a large number of hatchet men had arrived here from San Francisco. Policeman Rapelji, who was a block away when he heard the first shot, ran to the scene where two Chinese were pumping lead into the body of a third Chinese, who lay at their feet. Further up the alley were at least a dozen Chinamen running about and blazing away at each other.

As Rapelji ran up the alley a Chinaman ran past him pursued by a highbinder. The fugitive made for a doorway, but was dropped on the steps, by the bullet from the highbinder's gun, which struck him in the head, killing him instantly. Rapelji captured the murderer.

Policeman Morris saw a highbinder run up to a Chinaman standing in a doorway and deliberately fire two shots at him, killing him instantly. The murdered then started to run, whereupon Morris ordered him to stop, but instead the highbinder threw his gun at Morris' head. Morris shot the Chinaman in the back, and he is not expected to recover. The fight is between the societies, Bing Kung Tongs and Sney On Tongs.

DESPAIR AND DEATH.

Awful Deed of a Despondent Mother in Duluth.

Duluth, Minn., April 18.—Penniless, behind on her rent and hopeless of the future, Georgiana D. Worschak, a widow, aged 26, shot herself and her two children, aged 4 and 6 respectively last night.

A SUFFICIENT FORCE

IS UNDER OTIS' COMMAND FOR ALL PURPOSES.

Volunteers Are to Be Returned at Once—The First Will Sail on May 5th.

WASHINGTON, April 19.—A conference held at the White House today between the president, Secretary Alger, Secretary Long and Adjutant-General Corbin resulted in confirmation of the original decision of the administration to at present refrain from availing itself of the authorization conferred by congress to organize a volunteer army of 25,000 soldiers in addition to the present regular army.

General Otis' latest dispatch, descriptive of conditions in the Philippines, was carefully considered and it was concluded to accept his estimate of the military needs of the case, so that he has already indicated that his present army is sufficient for the purpose he has in view, and the decision is tantamount to a resolve to avoid the recourse to additional volunteers.

Otis now has a force believed to aggregate about 22,000 effective men. Secretary Alger informed him that the troops now on the way would give him an army of about 20,000 men, after allowing for the return of the state volunteers. This is believed, at the war department, to meet all needs of the summer season. To General Otis has been left the selection of the organizations to be sent home first, and it is expected he will follow the plan he has outlined, of relieving first the men who have been longest in the Philippines.

WILL RETURN SOON.

Washington, April 19.—General Otis has cabled the war department as follows:

"Manila, April 19.—The embarkation of the volunteers on their return to the United States will begin about May 1st. They will render willing service until return transports are available. The embarkation will continue through June and July. (Signed) Otis."

PORTO RICANS PLEAD.

Washington, April 19.—Dr. Julio Henao and Dr. Zeno Gaudia today presented to the president a memorial drawn up by them as commissioners of the people of Porto Rico, asking that the exclusive military control over the island be withdrawn, and that matters relating to the various branches of the civil government of the island be turned over to the control of the departments in Washington, having jurisdiction over similar matters in the United States, that the troops in the islands be reduced to the number necessary to garrison the forts and military outposts; that the people of the island be granted all the privileges and immunities of citizens of the United States, and that the people of the island be granted a territorial form of government.

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