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KANSAS TROOPS DISEMBARK

Enthusiastic Welcome Extended to Heroes from the Sunflower State.

Gallant General Funston a Pronounced Expansionist--Says the Campaign Is Well Managed.

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 11.—The Twentieth Kansas regiment and 400 discharged soldiers, who arrived here last night on the transport Tartar, were landed today. The march to the Presidio was an exciting one for the soldiers. The welcome they received was second only to the one accorded the home troops on their return home. Throngs surged around General Funston, and he had great difficulty in making progress through the crowds. Cheer upon cheer greeted him, but his only acknowledgment was a military salute and an occasional doffing of his cap.

The soldiers were headed by Colonel Metcalf, and the crowds simply would not let the soldiers pass in peace. Breaks occurred every few minutes. Relatives and friends broke into the ranks and marched with the soldiers, some smiling and laughing and others crying, but all happy and glad.

The parade was reviewed on Vanness avenue by General Shafter, Governor Stanley, of Kansas, and Governor J. R. Rogers, of Washington, and their staffs.

General Funston, in an interview today, said: "This is America you know—and I am an American. That tells the story best of our delight in reaching home again. There is nothing greater than the great joy of being among you again—among the people who, we know, are our countrymen and kin.

"I have only this to say of the campaign in the Philippines: Everything is being done that could be to carry the war to an early successful conclusion. The report that I am an anti-expansionist is ridiculous and not worthy of serious consideration. I never intimated such a thing, and have been wrongly quoted in the matter."

Asked what he thought of the Filipinos, the general said: "They have some pretty good fighters there and some pretty good shots, but the majority of them are rather poor marksmen." He added that while some of the Filipinos were intelligent, he did not think they were capable of self-government.

KANSAS CELEBRATES.

Topeka, Kan., Oct. 11.—Upon the receipt of the bulletin announcing the

arrival of the Twentieth Kansas at San Francisco, bedlam broke loose in Topeka. The whistles of all the manufacturing institutions began to screech, and every church bell in the city rang out the glad tidings. The streets soon filled with people, and there was great rejoicing. Reports of similar demonstrations come from Lawrence, Ottawa, Hutchinson and other cities.

FIGHTING IN LUZON.

Manila, Oct. 11.—General Schwan's column having accomplished its purpose of punishing the rebels, is returning from San Francisco de Malabon with the artillery and transportation service.

The naval expedition that recently went to the mouth of the river Pasig, to raise the Spanish river gunboat Arayat, reports that no resistance has been encountered from the Filipinos and that the work of salvage is proceeding slowly.

During the early morning hours today, there was some firing near Angeles with the result that eight Americans were slightly wounded. Artillery was used and the enemy responded. General MacArthur does not attach special significance to the incident.

A small party of Americans was fired upon by Filipinos near Maraguayan, two of our men being wounded.

AN OFFICIAL REPORT.

Chicago, Oct. 11.—A cablegram from General Otis, to the war department, received late this afternoon, confirms the press dispatches regarding General Schwan's movement on San Francisco de Malabon. General Otis says: "General Schwan succeeded yesterday in driving the insurgents south, with loss, from San Francisco de Malabon. He reports their forces disintegrated and retreating on divergent roads which are impassable for artillery or wagons. There is no intention of occupying the country permanently or temporarily. The transportation will return by way of Rosario and the column will move in the direction of Das Marinas, probably retiring on Imus. The country is of no strategic importance."

General Otis disapproves of officers' families joining them at Manila. Regarding this question he today cabled the department as follows: "The population of Manila is much congested. Provision for officers' families cannot be made. Those already arrived, together with families of enlisted men, have caused much perplexity. I would not permit my own family to come under existing circumstances. Nearly all officers and men here are absent from Manila on duty; families should await more peaceful conditions."

Another message announced the arrival at Manila of the transport Victoria with 400 horses; ten died en route, and several found to be afflicted with glanders, were shot. The Garonne sailed from Manila on the 9th inst., and the Athenian on the 9th, both for Seattle.

IS PURSUING THE REBELS

Otis Gives Aguinaldo No Peace in Luzon.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 10.—The war department today received the following dispatch from General Otis: "Manila, Oct. 10.—General Schwan's column moved early this morning from Santa Cruz de Malabon. It is now believed to be in San Francisco de Malabon, and not to be meeting with very determined resistance. Matters are quiet in the Imus section."

"General Young with a column starts northward tomorrow morning from San Fernando. Colonel Bell cleared the country yesterday west of Guagua and is including Florida, Bataan, making captures of a number of officers and men and also property."

FUNSTON'S HEROES.

San Francisco, Oct. 10.—The transport Tartar, bearing the Kansas troops, arrived tonight from Manila. The Tartar was met at Angel Island by Governor Stanley, of Kansas, and party, who went out in a tug to meet her. The customs officers gave orders that no one should board the Tartar. Brigadier-General Funston was passenger but eagerly sought for. Owing to the rough condition of the bay it was impossible to get a very extended interview with him. When asked as to his future plans, he replied: "They depend entirely on what the authorities at Washington wish me to do."

Three deaths were reported to have occurred on the voyage.

THE WASHINGTON TROOPS.

San Francisco, Oct. 10.—The First Washington volunteers and the other soldiers who arrived here yesterday from Manila on the transport Pennsylvania, were landed this morning and marched to the ferry building where breakfast was served to them under the direction of the citizens' reception committee. The soldiers were given a fine reception. After breakfast they were again mustered into line, and marched to the Presidio. Their route took them through the business section of the city, and all along the line they were received with wild hurrahs, the blowing of whistles and the firing of cannon.

The new arrivals were escorted to the Presidio by the Presidio band, two batteries of the Third artillery, and troop G of the Sixth cavalry. On Van Ness avenue the regiment was reviewed by General Shafter, Governor Rogers, of Washington, and Governor Stanley, of Kansas.

The camp for the Washingtons had been prepared for them in advance, and on arrival at the reservation, very little had to be done to make the men comfortable. The soldiers will remain here for some time. Arrangements have been made to take them to their northern homes in special trains provided by Levi Ankeny, the Walla Walla millionaire, who has a son in the regiment.

While the speech making was in progress at the ferry, the ladies from Washington were attending to the wants of the soldiers at the breakfast table and decorating them with flowers. After breakfast the men reported back to the transport to get their arms and shortly afterward the command to march was sounded. The procession was led by the Third artillery band and two companies of heavy artillery. The governor of Washington, the visiting citizens of Washington and the city representatives followed in carriages. Then came the First Washington band, the drum corps and volunteers. The soldiers wore their blue fatigue uniforms. In the rifles of the men had been placed bouquets of roses and pinks. The men appeared to be in excellent condition and marched like veterans. The Third artillery and two troops of cavalry followed the volunteers.

The entrance to the Presidio was reached a few minutes after noon, and the men were given permission, immediately on their arrival at camp, to attend to their luggage and rest in the tents. The Washington soldiers will remain in camp for several weeks before going north to their homes.

The First Montana regiment played host to the returning Washington volunteers at the Presidio today. The entire returning regiment was given a luncheon in the camp of the boys of the middle Northwest. Each company of enlisted men entertained the company of the corresponding letter in the

Washington regiment, the banquet being spread in the company mess rooms. The officers of the Montana regiment entertained the officers of the visiting regiment in their mess hall.

MORE WARSHIPS.

New York, Oct. 10.—A special to the Herald from Washington says: Acting Secretary Allen has ordered the cruiser Newark to the Philippines. She is now fitting out at Mare Island. Captain B. H. McCalla, who did such good work at Guantanamo, is in command. The auxiliary cruiser Badger will require fifteen days for repairs. The gunboat Bancroft is practically ready and will be speedily put in commission. The Nashville has arrived at San Juan, where she is taking coal aboard. The New Orleans is on her way to New York to be repaired. The Brooklyn will sail for Manila Wednesday.

FIRE AT MOJAVE.

Mojave, Cal., Oct. 10.—A fire, which started at 8 p. m. last night, totally destroyed the business portion of this town. One store remains, but every saloon, hotel and lodging-house, except one, were burned.

Horses and dogs were burned in large numbers. No human lives were lost. The fire is supposed to be of incendiary origin. The property loss is probably between \$50,000 and \$60,000, with light insurance.

RUMORS OF OVERT ACTS

Boers Reported to Be on British Soil.

LONDON, Oct. 11.—Dispatches from South Africa report that a force of 4000 soldiers of the Transvaal, under General Lourenço, are threatening Mafeking, and the inhabitants of that place are excited. The Boers are expected to occupy Newcastle by tomorrow.

A dispatch to the Daily Telegraph, from Ladysmith, claims among the special reports, declares that war has been begun by the Boers in Natal. The correspondent says: "Free State burghers have seized a train at Harrysmith, which was the property of the Natal government. Last night a mounted patrol was stoned by Boers. The men's orders were not to fire unless they were fired upon."

Other dispatches only report that hostilities are imminent. A rumor, prevalent here, that Cunningham Greene, the British diplomatic agent at Pretoria, had been assassinated by the Boers, is of doubtful origin, and is considered impossible. The military authorities in South Africa have instituted a censorship over all telegrams, in order to prevent information regarding British movements reaching the Boers.

OOM PAUL SPEAKS.

The following cablegram was received tonight, by the Chicago Tribune, from President Kruger, of the Transvaal republic, the cablegram being sent in answer to a message from the Tribune requesting a statement of the position of the Transvaal in the present crisis: "Through the Tribune we wish to thank our many American friends for sympathy in the present crisis of the republic. Last Monday we gave England forty-eight hours' notice, within which to give assurance that the dispute would be settled by arbitration or other peaceful means. The notice expires at 5 today. The British agent is recalled, and war is certain. This is a fitting end of the British policy of force and fraud, which has marked all South Africa with the blood of Afrikaners. We must now make South Africa a free of the white man's grave. The republic's friends include all nationalities, among them a strong American corps, showing that it is not a case of the Boer against the English, but all nations against the English. We have full faith in freedom and republicanism, in that righteousness which guides the destinies of nations. (Signed) President Kruger."

READY FOR HOSTILITIES.

Pretoria, Oct. 11.—A German detachment has posted a big gun on the frontier line, on the border, in a position to aid Wakerstrom. Five hundred burghers assisted in hauling the big gun up the steep and almost inaccessible acclivity.

WILL REPRESENT ENGLAND.

Washington, Oct. 11.—It is practically settled that the United States will look after the interests of Great Britain in the Transvaal in the event of war. Although Great Britain, up to a late hour today, had made no formal request for such action on the part of the United States, it is believed there is an understanding to that effect between the two governments.

GREAT ENTHUSIASM.

London, Oct. 11.—Great preparations are being made at Southampton for the departure, Saturday, of Sir Redvers Buller, and a great demonstration is anticipated. The fleet of transports conveying Sir Buller's army corps will be escorted by warships, while further dispatch boats and gunboats will be sent to South African waters. The

government has already expended \$25,000,000 in naval and military preparations. The outbreak of war has sent up the price of English wheat, and on various country markets the farmers have refused to sell wheat under 30 shillings per quarter, in some cases even holding out for still higher prices.

SAIL FROM PORTLAND.

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