

The American Advance.

Severe Fighting Between United States Troops and Filipinos Near Manila.

The City of Pasig Captured After an Hours Engagement—Natives Lose Heavily.

Manila, March 13, 11.15 a. m.—At day-light today the United States divisional brigade, consisting of the 20th United States infantry, the 22nd infantry, eight companies of the Washington volunteers, eleven companies of the Oregon volunteers, three companies of the 4th United States cavalry and a mounted battery of the Sixth Artillery was drawn up on a ridge behind San Pedro Macati, a mile south of the town.

The advance was sounded at 8.30 a. m. the cavalry leading the column at a smart trot across the open to the right, eventually reaching a clump command-post near the town.

Supported by the Oregon advance force opened a heavy fire on the rebels. The response was feeble and desultory, apparently coming from a handful of men in every corner.

While the right column was swinging towards the town of Pasig, the left advanced, pouring volleys into the bush. A small body of rebels made a determined stand at Guadalupe church, but the enemy was unable to withstand the assault.

At 7.30 a river-guano boat started towards Pasig. The rebels were first encountered by this vessel in the jungle near Guadalupe. The vessel was shot at and a terrific fire from the guano boat poured into the brush. For an hour the whirling of the rapid fire guns alternated with the booming of the heart-pieces on board.

In the meanwhile Scott's battery ashore was shelling the trenches and driving the enemy back. The artillery then advanced to the ridge of bamboo and drove a few of the enemy's sharpshooters away with volleys from their carbines. The artillery advanced still further and met with little opposition.

The infantry had been sent forward in extended order, the Washington regiment on the left, the Oregon on the right, and the 20th and 22nd regiments in the center, the latter deploying on reaching its station and furnishing its own supports.

The entire column then wheeled towards the river, driving the enemy towards their supports, and then advanced on Guadalupe. The artillery moved to a ridge commanding Pasig and Parterose.

By this time the enemy was in full flight along the line over a mile long, and the firing was becoming temporary. The enemy retreated to the west, before making the attack on Pasig.

The enemy's loss is believed to be severe, but only eight Americans were wounded.

At this stage of the engagement it was raining heavily.

Capture of Pasig.

Manila, March 13, 4.50 p. m.—General Wheaton attacked and captured the city of Pasig, east of Manila, this afternoon. The enemy made a stand for an hour, but at the end of the time were forced to retreat.

The loss of Filipinos was 30 killed and 16 wounded. Of the United States forces six were wounded.

The Advance on Pasig.

Manila, March 13, 7.15 p. m.—After a short rest General Wheaton resumed the attack on Pasig. About 8.30 a. m. the 20th and 22nd regiments, advanced on Guadalupe by the road along the river bank, the remainder of the 20th Regiment and 22nd Regiment following with the reserve of the Oregon volunteers.

At 11.30 a. m. the column came in contact with the enemy and a guano-boat steamed to the firing line and cleared the jungle on both sides, while the battery took up a position on a bluff at the right.

The first shot from the American field pieces at 1,200 yards range dislodged a gun of the enemy at Pasig.

After the town had been shelled the 20th Regiment lined up on the bluff at the 22nd took up its position on the left of the place with the cavalry in the center, whereupon the enemy retreated to the town.

The guano boat then moved into a bend opposite the town and the rebel position was maintained along the whole American line until 2.30 p. m., when preparations were made for the attack.

At 3 p. m. our guano boat started in pursuit of the enemy's armed tug, chasing her to the lake.

At 3.30 p. m. a large body of the enemy was discovered working around our right flank, and the 20th Regiment was moved to command the ridge. The rebels were met opposite Paleros and the enemy halted.

Thirty of the rebels were killed. As prisoners captured, sixteen were also taken.

The Americans lost six men wounded.

The whole of the American line bivouacked at 5 o'clock. About 700 rebels were reported to be marching northward.

The Spanish gunboats El Cano, Samar, Rizanga, Pampanga, Albay, Galamanee, Rizanga, Gortique, Pano, Manilera, and Marites, lying at Zamboanga, island of Mindanao, have been sold here to Francisco Reyes for 201,112 Mexican dollars. They will probably be sold to the highest bidder, or they may be transformed into merchantmen.

The Spanish Prisoners.

London, March 13.—It is reported that Manila that General Otis has ordered the discontinuance of negotiations with the Spanish Generals Blos and Canullo for the release of Spanish prisoners on a payment of a heavy ransom, as such payments would encourage the Filipino cause by replenishing the insurgents' treasury.

"Joint Civilizers of the World."

New York, March 13.—A dispatch to the Herald from Manila says: At a luncheon given at the Union Club by the Spanish navy and army officers to the officers of the Twelfth and Seventeenth

Loss of the Castilian

Big Allan Liner Runs Ashore on Her First Trip to Liverpool.

It Is Feared the Fine New Steamer Cannot Be Saved—Passengers Landed.

Halifax, B. N. March 13.—The big new Allan steamer Castilian, from Port-au-Prince, for Halifax, is ashore on Gannet rock ledge, near Yarmouth, and in a bad position. Holds number one and two are reported full of water.

The disaster occurred during a thick fog early this morning. The Castilian left Portland at 1 p. m. yesterday for Liverpool. Her cargo consisted of 100,000 bushels of wheat, and three or four thousand tons of Ontario cheese, hams and a general line of merchandise. There were 18 horses and 400 sheep. She had fifty passengers, twenty cabin, eight intermediate and twenty-two steerage.

During the night the weather was hazy and they proceeded slowly and cautiously, carefully looking out for buoys or land. Suddenly breakers were seen and at once the vessel struck forward but quite gently, the shock not awakening the passengers. She struck at 3.40 this morning. There was no confusion, and all orders were obeyed with coolness and promptness. It was low tide when she went on, and as the engines would not take her off, the captain decided to wait for daylight and send ashore for assistance.

The sea was comparatively smooth. About five o'clock the chief officer and purser were despatched to convey the news to the land. They proceeded to Tusketweide, the nearest telephone office, and communicated with the local agents of the Allan line, and tugs were sent to the scene.

A tug returned late to-night bringing the fifty passengers. Captain Garrett and the crew remained on the steamer. The Castilian is reported as lying easy, but probably she cannot be saved.

The Platea Ashore.

Key West, Fla., March 13.—The British steamer Platea, Captain Allan, from Baltimore March 9, for Havana, with a cargo of hay and railroad iron, went ashore on Friday last on Coffin's patches, fifty miles from here. Her cargo is being jettisoned. The Platea is a steel screw steamer of 2,044 tons, net register.

Vessel Going to Pieces.

Later.—The steamer Castilian is going to pieces, rapidly. The grain, of which she had a hundred and thirty thousand bushels on board, has been swelling her forward holds, and that part of the ship has burst, the water washing in and out, carrying the grain into the sea. Some two hundred sheep have been killed in the hold. There is no hope whatever of saving the ship, although a great deal of her cargo may be saved.

Captain Barrett and his officers have left the steamer.

A strong gale during the night helped the work, which was begun when the Castilian struck the ledge. A number of steam tugs and sailing vessels are at the wreck picking up what cargo they can.

A Siwash Festival.

Many Tribes Gather at Fort Rupert to Attend a "Hiyu Potlatch."

The Chief of the Fort Rupert Indians Establishes a Peace Society.

What Happened to Chief Jim—An Old Klotchman and Her Debt.

News was brought by the steamer Willapa of a "delate huyu" potlatch now being held at Fort Rupert. The erstwhile quiet and sparsely occupied Indian village, when the steamer left was crowded with the swartly tribesmen, nearly twelve hundred having gathered there and more were coming in daily. It seems that the midwinter dances, the wild, weird Tamamassos, or devil dances, which had been going on since when the chief of the Fort Rupert Indians sent his messengers forth to call the tribes from the island rancheries and the hamlets of the adjacent mainland to a monstrous potlatch—a potlatch of potlatches, as an insignia of membership in the new society.

The object of the gathering in the first place was to cement a friendship among the various tribes, and that might be successfully accomplished. The chief of the Fort Rupert decided to establish a society, the "Ere Masons" among the northern natives. All who come into the organization were to have their brows decorated with turbans of red cedar bark, for, according to the superstitions of the legend-loving aborigines, the red cedar is supposed to possess a charm which worked into the mind and caused the wearer to have a more peaceable nature.

Accordingly the klotchmen were sent to the woods to gather the red cedar bark, and basketful after basketful was brought to the peace-loving chief of the Fort Rupert. Every Indian who came to the potlatch was to be turbaned with the bark, as the Old Fellow is with the new society.

The primary cause of the chief's movement was that the tongue of the scandal-monger was making ill-feeling and wider growing breaches between the tribes, for like the people who live within the city wall, the Indians have also among them and back-bite their fellows. If there was to be peace among the tribes, the chief argued, all this must be stopped.

When the klotchmen returned from the woods carrying big packs of the peace-producing bark the Fort Rupert tribesmen forsook their dances, and gathered around the group of totems in front of the chief's hut, where, with due pomp and circumstance, the chief initiated them into the new order and bound the bark around their dusky foreheads.

Thus decorated they awaited the coming of the visiting siwashes. The first contingent arrived some ten hours after the invitation, when seven long war canoes swung into the bay from the northward, the scout being manned by more natives on to the beach. When the strange bark turbans were explained they consented to obey the adjuncts of the peace order, and like the Fort Rupert, they were initiated and had their cedar bandages bound around their heads. Tribe after tribe came, until at length the beach was crowded with big war canoes for hundreds of yards, and all acknowledged that the chief's object was a very laudable one, and consented to wear the bark head dress.

On Thursday last, however, there arrived one tribe who refused to join the peace society. A sturdy young chieftain from the mainland arrived with nine long canoes and between sixty and seventy braves. As he swung into the canoe-lit cove in front of the village he, like the previous arrivals, was astonished to see the strange turbans on those on shore, and standing up in his foremost canoe, he enquired from the crowd who awaited his landing as to what it was and what it meant.

The tribes, who were stationed in separate groups, tribe by tribe, along the beach to welcome Chief Jim, told him that it was because a chief had been formed to stop all quarrelling.

Chief Jim at once refused to join the new order, and with his fellow tribes he stood erect in the foremost canoe, hurling his refusal to the assembled tribes. Waving a big sword frantically the while and making a big show of defiance.

One by one the tribes began to argue with him, each tribe, beginning with the Fort Rupert, who were stationed at the upper end of the battalion of tribesmen, telling him of the benefits which they hoped would accrue from the new institution.

Chief Jim, though, was fast in his resolution not to agree to wear the bark. Then, finding he would not yield to cajoling, the tribes one after the other began to abuse him, calling him the siwash verminous possessor. They were angered, and the bark seemed to wear lost at the peace-producing power. Some were going into the canoes and bringing the malcontents in by force. What might have been is not known, for, seeing that if it came to a question of force his own men would be overpowered, Chief Jim submitted.

Standing at the bow of his foremost canoe, he ordered his followers to rise, and all made sweeping bows to the assembled tribes, saying, as they did: "We are dogs; we submit; we are dogs."

Then springing to his feet and waving his sword the belligerent chief shouted: "Why do you talk so much? Do you not see that we have come across big waters? Do you not know we are hungry and my men suffer from the cold? Give us something to eat, and not so many words," replied the chief of the

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Some days ago war between Sweden and Norway was hinted at during a debate in the Storting, and Colonel Basse took the opportunity of pointing out that the Norwegian fortresses were good for nothing in the case of war.

The minister of war hotly contradicted the statement and several others of the members also criticized Colonel Basse, but the whole affair is causing great uneasiness here, as the mere suggestion of war between the sister countries in parliament is proof of the jealousy which exists.

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Nice, March 13.—Queen Victoria arrived by a special train from Boulogne Sur Mer this afternoon. When passing through the city she was met by a large number of people and expressed to him her sympathy with families of the victims of the explosion at the faval magazine early last Sunday morning, promising to send a donation to relief fund. All customary honors were paid Her Majesty on her arrival. The streets were thronged with people, cheering heartily, and the municipal authorities presented a magnificent bouquet in the form of a wreath. The Queen was accompanied by two valets and other emblematic devices.

A TERRIBLE HURRICANE.

Sweeps the Northeast Coast of Queensland—Over Four Hundred Lives Lost.

Brisbane, Queensland, March 13.—A search steamer which has just returned from Cockatoo, reports that three schooners and eighty luggers were lost, and that four hundred colored persons and eleven white were drowned during the recent hurricane that swept the northeast coast of Queensland.

One of the fishermen employed by Brown & Co. yesterday made an unusual catch. In hauling in his lines he found to his surprise attached to the bait a fine large seal. It is now on exhibition at their store, 89 Johnson street.