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HOT FIGHTING.

Americans Capture Santa Cruz, a Filipino Stronghold.

One of the Most Interesting and Most Important Battles of the War.

The Advance Was Made With a Rush—Something Like the Old Fashioned Frontier Style of Shooting.

MANILA, April 10, 7.10 p. m.—Santa Cruz was the Filipinos' stronghold on Lake Laguna de Bay, and it fell into the hands of Gen. Lawton's expedition after some sharp, quick fighting, forming one of the most interesting and important battles of the war.

The plans of the commanders worked perfectly, with the exception that the progress of the expedition was delayed by difficult navigation of the river. About 1,500 picked men composed the expedition, which was under the personal command of Gen. Lawton, on account of the illness of Gen. King.

Gen. Lawton and his staff accompanied the expedition, leading charges in Indian fighting tactics, which eventually resulted in the complete rout of the rebels, with the smallest amount of damage to the city and slight loss to the Americans.

The expedition started from San Pedro Macati at dusk on Saturday, intending to capture Santa Cruz by assault at daylight. But in navigating the shallow, tortuous river, perhaps through the cunning of the native pilots, who were not anxious to see the Americans successful, several boats grounded, and it was nearly dawn when the troops reached the lake.

Gen. Lawton, with the 14th Infantry battalions, approached a narrow iron bridge across a creek on the south border of the town. Here a company of Filipinos was entrenched across the stream and behind a stone barrier.

PARLIAMENT.

Ganong Condemns Government for Duplicity Regarding Prohibition.

Powell Criticizes Attitude of Ministers in Regard to their Pledges.

St. John and Halifax Subsidized Six O'Learys Make a Big Pull on the Public Treasury.

OTTAWA, April 11.—The debate on the address was resumed today by Mr. Henderson of Halifax. He said: "The government speaker followed, and Mr. Ganong took the floor. The member for Charlotte, after referring to the duplicity of the government on the tariff question and on the independence of parliament, condemned their deception in regard to prohibition. It would not be in fact, it was now a matter of certainty that the government never meant to give effect to the people's will if it were expressed in favor of prohibition. If the majority had been six hundred thousand the government would have dealt with it as it is now doing. But he wanted to inform the government that the 27,000 men who voted for prohibition were the best citizens of this country. They represented more than themselves. They represented four millions of Canadian people. Neither this government nor any other could afford to disregard the wishes of these people. Personally he would like to see a dissolution of parliament in order that the temperance people could have a chance to express their views as to this question. Mr. Ganong spoke of the three or four colleagues of Mr. Laurier who took the stump against prohibition in Quebec. He then read a number of letters and resolutions by ministers of the gospel, temperance organizations and other temperance people, expressing condemnation of the government for breaking its pledge. Mr. Ganong also showed that the course of the government was in flat violation of the promises made by the premier and Hon. Mr. Fisher. He then referred to the prohibition bills and resolutions introduced by Mr. Flint of Yarmouth. Mr. Flint had excused himself from bringing in the bill or motion 'last year on the ground that the government had a prohibition bill of their own for that session. Mr. Flint would now perceive what the government prohibition bill amounted to. There was nothing new in the way of Mr. Flint's bill, but he (Ganong) was of the opinion that if Mr. Flint should introduce it this year a place would probably be found for him on the bench."

ONTARIO AND QUEBEC

KINGSTON, Ont., April 11.—The following maritime province men are on the graduating list of Queen's University medical school: J. Y. Baker, Summerside, P. E. I. and V. L. Goodwill, Charlottetown, P. E. I.

NEWFOUNDLAND.

ST. JOHN'S, N. F., April 11.—The sealing steamer Greenland arrived here today with 18,000 seals. She reports that the rest of the fleet continue to do well.

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It was surprised that the paper of Ross Robertson, who professed to be an independent member, should have charged this government with having perpetrated a "raid" on the public in the matter of the preferential tariff. He admitted that the general rate of duty had been increased before, and that there had been a large reduction on goods imported from the United States and not from Great Britain, but claimed that on the whole the schedule taken together had been a net benefit to the country. Mr. Patterson contended that the reductions in the tariff to all countries saved the taxpayers some two millions, and that the amount would be larger during the current year.

WASTING TIME.

The Government Has Not Yet Introduced Any Legislation.

Mr. Emmerson Will Not Tell What He is Paying Per Pound for Steel Bridges.

FREDERICTON, N. B., April 11.—Last week was a very dull one in the legislature, no interest being taken in the proceedings before the house. The speaker was utterly destitute of energy except occasionally for a short time in the afternoon, when a few normal school students availed themselves of the privilege of visiting the provincial parliament. There has yet been no important or interesting legislation before the house. A number of private bills have been passed and some local bills introduced. The government has not as yet initiated any legislation except the amendment to the game law introduced on the day of opening. Lack of interest in the proceedings is very manifest to a visitor to the house in the hushed and unconcerned manner of the members. Only a few seem at all interested in the affairs before the house, the great majority being engaged in letter writing and newspaper reading when engaged at all.

Notes on the proceedings of the committee on the building of the Kingston bridge. The replies from Hon. Mr. Emmerson to Mr. Humphrey's inquiries were very vague, but enough was learned to show that the bridge is still being built by the Record Foundry Co. of Moncton, practically without tender or competition. The astounding statement was made by Mr. Emmerson that he did not know how much per pound he is paying for the Kingston bridge, consequently he does not know whether he is paying a big or a little price for the structure. Mr. Humphrey was not satisfied and the meagre information vouchsafed by the chief commissioner. Mr. Humphrey has given notice of further inquiries.

The Women's Christian Temperance Union of this city is supporting a petition now before the house for the Woman's Suffrage bill, by circulating among the members printed matter setting forth some of the advantages of granting suffrage to women. It is not yet announced when the provincial secretary will make his budget speech and the house go into supply, though it is supposed it will be about Friday.

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