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BATTLE AT MANILA

Most Important Engagement Since Dewey's Annihilation of the Spanish Fleet.

Insurgents Inflict Heavy Losses on the Spanish and Nearly Capture the City.

Thirty-Two Thousand Men Located for Dispatch to Spanish Possessions.

New York, June 17.—The Journal has the following despatch from Hongkong: The most severe and important battle of the Spanish fleet has just occurred at Manila. One thousand insurgents attacked 2,000 Spanish, inflicting heavy losses and almost forcing an entrance to the city. The insurgents under Aguinaldo, and the American sailors and marines of Admiral Dewey's fleet completely surround Manila.

The foreign residents have fled to the American consulate. Governor-General August has placed the women, children and priests in a position of safety.

Governor-General August is reported to be willing to surrender to the Americans in order to prevent the insurgents capturing the capital, setting it on fire and killing the Spaniards. The archbishop, however, is opposed to the surrender, and has overruled August.

A Spanish spy attempted to poison General August, but the plot was discovered. Aguinaldo was made very sick, but completely recovered.

A Spanish prisoner was caught trying to assassinate Aguinaldo. When the plot was discovered he attempted to escape, but was shot dead. The success of the insurgents is wonderful. The Spaniards taken prisoners in the two weeks' campaign aggregate 3,000, including 2,000 soldiers of the regular army. Prominent among them are Generals Garcia and Cordoba. The governors of the provinces of Cavite, Batangas and Bulacan were also made prisoners.

The large garrison at Old Cavite has surrendered. The command of the shore of an entire bay. All sources of supply are now cut off from the Spanish forces at Manila.

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of American residents and correspondents is becoming critical. The press has thought it to denounce them persistently by its organs. The authorities are said to be on the point of giving way to the dictation and outcry of the press. Expulsion is the mildest step threatened, while "severe repression" is intimated. A use of force of the correspondents are not American citizens, but Spaniards, Englishmen, Germans and Irishmen. Spanish newspapers display intense animosity to wards all foreign correspondents, calling the attention of the authorities to the presence of correspondents at Manila, Algeciras and Ferrol, and denouncing the English correspondents as quite as bad as the Americans. It is interesting to note at the same time that all Madrid papers publish telegrams from special representatives at Washington, New York, Tampa and Key West.

Proposed Exchange of Prisoners. New York, June 17.—A special to the World from Washington says: Capt. Nicoll Ludlow, commander of the month of Terror, sailed from Key West this morning for Havana on a tug flying the flag of truce to arrange for the exchange of Lieut. Hobson and the crew of the Merrimack. As soon as the officials are informed that the Madrid government will authorize General Blanco to make an exchange of Americans for Spanish prisoners orders will be sent Capt. Ludlow to proceed to Havana and make arrangements for exchange.

Germany's Eyes on the Philippines. London, June 17.—According to a special despatch from Shanghai, Admiral Von Diederich, it is semi-officially asserted, left Nagasaki for Manila upon receipt of instructions from Berlin to prevent Admiral Dewey from bombarding the city, also because Captain General Arguinaldo offered the German consul the Caroline islands as a coaling station in operations to be undertaken against Manila.

Austria's Attitude. London, June 17.—The Vienna correspondent of the Times says: There is every probability that Austria will continue to maintain neutrality. All reports as to Austria's impatience for mediation are completely devoid of foundation.

Trying to Sow Disension. London, June 17.—The Berlin correspondent of the Times, after quoting the Berlin Post and other financial papers insinuating that some foreign power is trying to sow disension between Germany and America, says: "Why does not some official agency condemn the statements in the Marine Politische Correspondenz that Germany will have as the outcome of the presence of her squadron in the Philippines, the possession of a harbor? Why not do this instead of attacking foreign journals?"

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MANILA BATTLE STILL RAGING

Insurgents Have Again Attacked the City Beth Front and Rear.

Reported That Cuban Rebels Are Not in Sympathy With the United States.

A Fleet of American Transports Sighted Off the Coast of Cuba.

London, June 18.—A special dispatch from Manila says: According to a despatch just received here from Hongkong, four warships, carrying the flag of the Philippine insurgents, appeared at Manila bay and attacked the city in conjunction with the forces on land.

Madrid, June 18 (10 a.m.)—A despatch from Havana says the Guerra Marina publishes a number of documents, including a letter from Maximino Gomez, the Cuban Junta, New York, protesting against intervention by the United States.

This paper, it appears, thereupon remarks: "Intervention in its present violent form is repugnant to a majority of the rebel chiefs and distasteful to the mass of the insurgents."

Mole St. Nicholas, June 18.—An American warship and two transports, the latter containing part of the army with which it is intended to take Santiago, have been sighted off Cape Mayal, at the eastern end of Cuba. The captain of the vessel which reports seeing the American fleet here says that at full speed in a southerly direction, they were seen as dusk last night. They are undoubtedly part of the fleet which left Tampa Tuesday night, and the other ships are close by. By this time the leaders of the fleet are off Guantanamo bay, if they have not already entered it. It is considered certain that by to-night the reinforcements needed so greatly by the men at Camp McClellan will have been put ashore.

The Queen Regent's Distress. New York, June 18.—A despatch to the Herald from Madrid says: The news concerning the abdication of the Queen Regent which was recently given by Le Figaro, has caused a very bad headache, widely denied in the Madrid press.

The Queen Regent is much depressed by the sad situation of the country and the Spanish people's lack of sympathy for her. She made up her mind a fortnight ago to renounce her rights and title to be queen regent in favor of Alfonso XII. This princess, who is Spanish in heart and mind, is much beloved throughout the Kingdom. The Queen Regent thought by yielding the regency to her she would disarm the aversaries of the existing regime and rally all hearts around the little king.

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FROM THE CAPITAL

D. C. Fraser, M. P., Likely To Be Appointed Judge in the Northwest Territories.

Robt. Cassels, Q. C., Dead—The Decentralization of the Dead Letter Office.

Ottawa, June 17.—It is likely that D. C. Fraser, M.P., will be made a judge in the Northwest Territories at a salary of \$14,000 a year.

Robt. Cassels, Q.C., registrar of the Supreme court, died here to-day after a long and severe illness. He was appointed in 1875, and is a brother of Walter Cassels.

The decentralization of the dead letter office commences on the 1st July, when there will be six, as follows: One each at Montreal, Winnipeg, Vancouver, Victoria, and Halifax. Mr. Mallene will be in charge at Victoria.

A Berlin dispatch says it is officially announced that from July 1st next Great Britain and her colonies, with the exception of Canada, will receive from Canada the benefit of the most favored nation tariff. This benefit is regarded as a reprisal for Canada's act which brought about the denunciation by Great Britain of the commercial treaties with Germany and Belgium. Regarding the notice of reprisal upon Canada Sir Richard Cartwright says that the notice is not unexpected, and Canada could not complain, as she need not have expected favored nation treatment from those to whom she did not give a good return.

Canada, therefore, was very little affected by Germany's action.

TRIBUTE FROM ENGLAND. A Manchester Clergyman Praises the United States.

Washington, June 16.—Hon. James F. Melne, assistant United States treasurer, has received through Speaker Reed a letter from Rev. James Elliott, of Manchester, England, enclosing a postal order for 10 shillings and 6 pence. In the course of his letter Mr. Elliott says: "Will you kindly accept half a guinea as a very small token of a very great regard for the United States in its present high and righteous enterprise. It may furnish a cup of cold water to some member of your army or navy bravely contending in the interests of humanity and justice."

Mr. Elliott adds that this simple offering does not spring altogether from a new-born sentiment. When last year we celebrated the diamond jubilee of our beloved Queen, behind my pulpit platform were grouped three flags—the royal British Standard in the centre, with on one side being the Union Jack and on the other the Stars and Stripes.

The explanation is simple. We felt that in the United States, whether so many levels of one goal, countless hearts of kith and kin were beating in sympathy with our own.

Moreover, it seems almost impossible for us to regard the Stars and Stripes like the emblem of any other nation as out and out a foreign flag. Had it not been so regarded by us it could never have occupied the position it does, the august and memorable occasion I have reference to. May God bless, protect and prosper the United States.

In regard to the Stars and Stripes "be pleased to accept the assurance that your generous expressions of sympathy are received with the feelings they have occupied the position it does, the great part of the population of this country."

W. A. Dier and A. A. Davidson arrived by the Islander last night from Fairview.

ING OF GERMAN WARSHIPS AT MANILA

Madrid, June 18.—(10 a.m.)—Spanish papers to-day published a manifesto in favor of peace.

There is much comment here over the long conference which the British ambassador has just had with the Minister of War.

CANADIAN NEWS. The Crow's Nest Pass R.R.—Halifax Clergyman in Disgrace.

Winnipeg, June 17.—Vice-President Shannahan and a Detroit Canadian Pacific official reached here to-day from the Pacific Coast. In an interview the vice-president said: "Work is progressing satisfactorily on the new Crow's Nest Pass road. We went over the 118 miles which have been laid, and when we came away grading was well advanced toward Kootenay lakes. By fall we will have reached the lake, our present terminus. We have two years to build to Nelson, our objective point. There are many engineering difficulties to overcome, there always are on railways running through a mountainous country, but in time we shall successfully surmount all these obstacles."

Dr. Laurier, brother of Hon. Sir Wilfrid Laurier, accompanied by Madame Laurier, passed through the city last night en route to Nelson, B.C., where he intends to spend the next two years, believing that the climate will benefit his health, which has been poor for some time.

Marie Hurst is under arrest here charged with robbing her female companion of \$400 while travelling on the C. P. R.

Regina Liberals are preparing a welcome for their new Lieutenant-Governor, Hon. M. C. Cameron.

Toronto, June 17.—There was considerable suppressed excitement when the Anglican synod met this morning to endeavor to make terms with Bishop Sweatman. The result of the morning's deliberations was the adoption of a series of resolutions confessing the indebtedness of the diocese as the bishop, and undertaking to remove all cause of complaint. The synod's indebtedness, amounting to \$1,555.62, will be paid to-morrow morning, pending the collection of the amount by an assessment of the clergy and laity of the diocese. A strong financial committee was appointed to endeavor to raise the sum sufficient to pay the Episcopal stipend of \$4,000. The bishop's past course was enquired, and the highest regard for him by the clergy and laity of the diocese was declared to exist. Mr. S. H. Baker presented the resolutions and the bishop was much moved by the manifestations of affection and respect, and said that in recognition of the attitude of the synod he could do no more than withdraw his resignation, which he thereupon did, whereupon the synod rose and sang the Doxology.

Halifax, June 17.—A clergyman of the Methodist denomination was yesterday dropped from the church on account of obligations to business people. The guilty man is David Watson, of the Sydney district, and the conference took this step in order, as it is expressed, to maintain the standard of the clergy and laity.

Guelph, Ont., June 17.—Dave Irving was found guilty of burglarizing Rosewell store at Elora, and sentenced to day to fourteen years in Kingston penitentiary.

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ROYAL BAKING POWDER Absolutely Pure

SERIOUS STRIKE AMONG MILLMEN Employees of Edward's Mills at Rockland Ont., Create Serious Disturbances.

A Number of Policemen Badly Hurt—The Militia May Be Called Out.

Official Returns Showing the Marvellous Increase in Total Trade of Canada.

Ottawa, June 18.—There is a big strike on at W. C. Edwards's saw mills at Rockland, where over six hundred men are employed. Some twelve Dominion policemen have been badly hurt in trying to put down the disturbances. The men want more pay, shorter hours and to be paid fortnightly instead of monthly. The militia may have to be called out. Mr. Edwards tried to pacify the men, but they hissed him. Over 100 men are at the gates refusing to admit any one to go to work. A large number do not sympathize with the strikers. W. C. Edwards is member of parliament for Russell.

Official returns of the total trade of Canada for the seven months ending May 31st show \$282,576,000 against \$218,041,000 for the same period last year, an increase of \$1,832,000. Imports increased by \$10,000,000 and exports by \$7,000,000. These returns are complete, except for Vancouver which, as usual, is behind.

The inspector of mines for Nova Scotia has been appointed inspector of mines for the Yukon, along with Norfolk and McCreary, who are out there now. They will all report to commissioners.

Mr. Morrison has arranged with Sir Louis Davies to see him on Wednesday next in regard to the representatives who are now on their way from British Columbia to Ottawa respecting new fisheries regulations.

CABINET DIFFICULTIES. Italian Ministry Resigns—Ribot Unable to Form a Cabinet in France.

Rome, June 18.—In the chamber of deputies to-day the premier, Marghi de Rudini, announced that the ministry, which was only formed on May 31st, had resigned.

The Italian ministry which has just resigned only presented itself to the chamber of deputies on Thursday last.

Paris, June 18.—After a consultation with M. Ribot, former premier and minister of the interior, the president accepted the latter's resignation on June 15th, Wednesday last.

"THE PURPLE EAST." An Outbreak Among the Albanians—Fierce Fighting Reported.

Constantinople, June 17.—The outbreak among the Albanians at Berat, near the frontier of Montenegro, is due to revenge taken by some Christians upon Albanian murderers of Christian notables last autumn. Albanians in remote districts are participating in the present outbreaks. In consequence of renewed representations from Montenegro, supported by Russia, the Sultan will dispatch troops to the disturbed districts from Uskub. There was fighting all day Thursday, and many were killed or wounded on both sides. According to advices, many women and children fleeing towards Montenegro have been killed by the Albanians.

LI HUNG CHANG. Advices From Tientsin Foreshadow His Return to Power.

London, June 18.—Official changes at Peking, says dispatches to the Daily Mail from Tientsin, foreshadow the return of Li Hung Chang to power. His ship will be a land parade of sailors and marines.

TELEGRAPHIC TICKETS. Chicago, Ill., June 17.—J. C. Pardonburg, of Cleveland, Ohio, has been elected Supreme Grand Master of the Supreme Grand Orange Lodge of the United States.

Paris, June 17.—M. Leon Bourgeois has declined to accept the task of forming a cabinet. President Faure has invited M. Ribot, former premier and minister of finance, to form a cabinet to succeed the Melme ministry, which resigned on Wednesday last.

St. Albans, Vt., June 17.—The good rains which have fallen in this colony are estimated to have improved the value of the wheat crop in Victoria \$1,000,000.

Senate Will Pass Hawaiian Resolution Next Week—Dole Will Be First Governor.