

Bloodshed In Samoa

Mataafa's Followers Attack the British and United States Consulates.

Warships Bombard Several Villages--Sailors and Marines Killed and Wounded.

Auckland, New Zealand, March 29--Latest advices from Samoa tell of the bombardment of several native villages by the United States cruiser Philadelphia, Admiral Kautz, and the British cruisers Porpoise and Royalist. During the bombardment, which lasted eight days, a number of British and American sailors and marines were killed and wounded.

During the violation of the treaty by Mataafa and his chiefs, constituting the provisional government, the various consuls and senior naval officers met and Admiral Kautz issued a proclamation calling upon Mataafa and his chiefs to return to their homes. Mataafa evacuated Mullin, the town he had made his headquarters, and went into the interior.

An ultimatum was then issued by the German consul at Apia, upholding the provisional government. As a result of this the Mataafas assembled in large force and commenced the bombardment of the consulates.

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The demand was ignored and the rebels commenced an attack in the afternoon of March 15. The Philadelphia, Porpoise and Royalist opened fire upon the distant villages. There was great difficulty in locating the enemy, owing to dense forests and several other reasons. The rebels were soon in flames and a defective shell from the Philadelphia exploded near the American consulate, but the marines outside escaped. A fragment struck the American consulate, shattering it so badly as to necessitate amputation. Another fragment struck the German consulate, smashing the roof. The Germans then went on board the German cruiser Falk.

The rebels made a lot.

Attack on the Town

During the night, killing three British sailors. A British marine was shot in the leg by a sentry of his own party and another was shot in the feet, while an American sentry was killed. The bombardment continued the inhabitants of the town took refuge on the Royalist.

The Porpoise has shelled the villages east and west of Apia and captured many boats. The Americans and British are fighting splendidly together, but there is bitter feeling against the Germans.

Attitude of Officials

Washington, March 29--The attitude of the American officials in Samoa was stated in a dispatch from the State Department. It was understood between the two governments that the first essential in Samoa was to maintain peace and order. For that reason it was determined that any "lawlessness" on the part of Mataafa or other Samoan element which threatened the lives and property of residents would be suppressed, even though force be required. It was not intended to give Samoa over to a reign of anarchy simply because the German consular officials at Samoa differed with the British and American officials. It is evident that the bloodshed has arisen out of the part of Mataafa and the American and British commanders to protect law-abiding and peaceful elements against the disorderly and rebellious subjects of Mataafa. It is stated that the attitude of the American and British authorities is not likely to rise a serious issue on the position thus laid down by the British and American officials.

Press Opinions

London, March 30--The papers to-day comment on the serious news from Samoa. The Morning Post says: "The serious news must be correct and punished and something more than a nominal penalty will be imposed for the blood of British and American sailors. The German authorities at Apia have incurred a heavy responsibility."

The Daily Chronicle says: "There is only one alternative. Germany must remove her consul (Herr Rose) or go out of the province."

The Morning Post says: "Admiral Kautz and his squadrons were not competent to dismiss the provisional government. The single bright spot in this dark business is that the Americans and British fought splendidly together."

The Daily Mail says: "It is a consolation to think that as in Crete the spilling of British and American blood will bring a cessation of the civil war, so the friendship of Germany is the pivot of foreign policy which wishes should be respected in the final settlement."

Berlin, March 30--A brief official dispatch from Apia, Samoa, dated March 29, says: "The bombardment continues. In pursuance to military orders, the villages have evacuated many houses. The chiefs of the Tanus party, who were deported back from the islands, have been taken to other islands. The fire arms and ammunition taken from Tanus on January 2 were being returned."

No News of Fighting

Washington, March 30--Assistant Secretary Allan issued a statement today that the last despatch from Admiral Kautz was as follows: "The situation is improving since the telegram of the 18 via Sydney, New South Wales, says that Kautz."

This was the only dispatch received from Admiral Kautz at the navy department. Secretary Allan says it will be observed it contains no details, considering the reported trouble at Apia, and the date upon which it was despatched from Apia is not given, but it is presumed it left Samoa on the 29th. It is also upon which the steamer from Apia to Auckland sailed. The despatch of the 18, which Admiral Kautz refers to, was not given out at Apia.

Winnipeg, March 29--At noon today in his office, a daring attempt was made to shoot Mr. H. Howell, Q.C., by a one-legged cripple named James Kerr. It appears that Kerr was consulting Mr. Howell, and at the conclusion of the interview he remarked that he would shoot Mr. Howell, and put his hand into an inside pocket to pull a revolver. Seeing what the man was about, two of the clerks jumped to Mr. Howell's assistance and disarmed Kerr. The revolver was loaded in five chambers. Kerr was immediately arrested, and information sworn out charging him with carrying a concealed weapon and attempting to shoot.

Stern Realities of War

United States Troops Suffer Severely Under the Deadly Fire of Filipinos

McArthur's Forces Are Now Advancing on Maleolos--Aguinaldo Preparing for Fight

Manila, March 29, 10:10 p.m.--After a couple of hours' rest, McArthur's division pushed on across rice fields and through jungles without meeting any opposition, the enemy flying from the villages of Ucat, Taal and Bigas, after burning them. Even the town of Bulacan, the capital of the province, was burned, and abandoned. The enemy's loss was severe.

At 5 o'clock the enemy made a stand in the trenches half a mile beyond Cuyuginto station, at a river crossing. The Kansas and Pennsylvania regiments immediately deployed. They crossed the railroad bridge under a heavy fire, and attacked the enemy's position.

The rebels withstood the musketry fire for half an hour, but the artillery discovered them, and at the end of forty-five minutes fighting, the insurgents bolted towards the hills.

Our loss was two killed and twenty wounded. The enemy's loss was severe. General McArthur went into camp near the station at 6:30, four miles from Maleolos.

Heavy American Casualties

New York, March 30--A dispatch to the Herald from Manila dated Wednesday says: "The army advanced today, and covered more than two miles before any resistance was offered. Insurgents have been found with their throats cut. This is understood to indicate that they were this morning refusing to fight. It is now believed that the insurgent's faith in Aguinaldo is destroyed."

Aguinaldo, with his family, is said to be preparing to flee from Maleolos. General McArthur has already ordered an armed railway car for future operations.

At 6 o'clock this (Wednesday) morning, The Flying Column, with the third artillery, Montana, and Kansas volunteers, on the left of the railroad, and the Pennsylvania, South Dakota and Nebraska volunteers on the right, started for Boca, across two miles of open fields. The insurgents began to fire immediately, and continued until the troops reached the river at Boca. The American troops never wavered. The Nebraska regiment swung from the extreme left, and doubled up the insurgents' left at the river. The insurgents ran after some rails had been removed from the railroad. Wounded insurgents report that the enemy had retreated to Maleolos.

In the Pennsylvania regiment there was one man killed and five wounded. In the Kansas regiment lost one officer and fifteen privates were wounded. In the Montana regiment five men were wounded, and in the Nebraska regiment one man was killed and ten wounded.

The Americans' advance was wonderfully rapid, considering that the enemy destroyed the bridge under fire. There was no resistance at Bigas.

The troops advanced quickly in contracted lines to the town of Cuyuginto. The Pennsylvania regiment crossed the bridge as an advance guard.

Unexpectedly the insurgents concealed in the woods ahead opened a heavy fire. Then the Kansas regiment and one battalion of the South Dakota regiment rushed over the bridge, under fire, two of the Utah battery guns, and one Colt rapid-firer, also came into action. The insurgents had made trenches across the railroad.

Our loss was several killed and more than twenty wounded, before the insurgents were driven off.

Military Experts on the Situation

Washington, March 30--Among the foreign attachés stationed here in Washington, the fighting above Manila is being followed with critical interest. They spoke of it in rather serious terms, the prevailing view being that the insurgents can keep up a long and harassing running fight. One foreign representative, who has seen long service in the Far East, said that "casualties of 21 a day may seem small, but when long continued, they reach disastrous proportions."

Since the fighting with the insurgents began, some of the foreign governments have arranged to send their military attaches to Manila to observe developments. An Italian military expert has already left on that mission.

Spaniards Assist Filipinos

Paris, March 30--Felix Roxas, the Filipino French agent whom Aguinaldo is visiting here, denies the statement that Aguinaldo wishes to compromise with the Americans. The Filipino leader, Roxas declared, has been studying the history of the American revolution, and has taken courage on account of the reply of the Filipinos to their aggressors is still "independence or death."

Supplies Plentiful

Washington, March 30--The following was received at the war department from Manila to-day: "Subsistence supplies are excellent and abundant; messes are deteriorating in this hot climate, and have been sold at public auction at a high figure. Considerable hard bread which was spoiled will have to be sold at a loss. The supplies in all other departments are good; medical supplies abundant. (Signed) Otis."

Madrid, March 29--An official gazette today publishes a decree establishing a credit of 13,658,500 pesetas for the payment of the interest of the Cuban debt on April 1.

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Making Good Catches

Favorable Reports Received from the Victoria Sealing Fleet

The Diana Leaves for a Six Month's Cruise to the Cooper Islands

All good walls that the seal herds are rapidly decreasing and being exterminated by pelagic sealing, vide Dr. Starr Jordan and others, notwithstanding, from information received it appears there are still vast herds of seal to be taken. The fur-bearing animals have been unusually plentiful off the lower coast this winter, and in fact have been placed from here from Honolulu to the Behring Sea. The coasting steamers running up the coast have from time to time brought reports of seeing big shoals of seals, and two weeks ago a large bunch of them were seen away up in the Baronoff straits in the inland Alaskan waters.

Despatches received from San Francisco report them more plentiful than ever before, and the Victoria schooners are reported to be making big catches. The Geneva, Captain W. D. Byers, has put into Monterey with 1,243 skins in her hold in salt, and the Mermaid, which sailed from here with Capt. Le Blanc in command, and 14 white hunters, is also reported to be making a big catch. The reports from San Francisco say the fleet was for the most part heading for Seal Bass, where they were seen away up in the Baronoff straits in the inland Alaskan waters.

There are nineteen schooners hunting on the coast, and from the majority very encouraging reports have been received. The first to sail was the Abbie M. Deering, which sailed early in the fall, long before the season usually opens. The Geneva sailed on November 14th. She carries a crew of 28 whites. The Mermaid sailed on November 16th; the Olinak, on the 9th; the Zillah, May 18th; the Olinak, on the 10th; the Viva, Otto Dianna on November 25th; the Enterprise on December 5th; the Penelope on the 8th; the Olinak on the 10th; the Viva, Otto Dianna on the 13th; the Beatrice on the 17th; the Dora Shew, the Patricia, Porealis and Minnie on the 21st; the Hatze on the 23rd, and the City of San Diego early in February.

Two have returned to West Coast ports, the Borealis and City of San Diego. Their premature return was occasioned by the Indian hunters refusing to ship at less than \$4 a skin, a price which the owners were unable to pay with profit to themselves.

NOTES FROM OTTAWA

General Huttee's Recommendations Regarding the Militia--Sir Hibbert Tupper's Return to the Coast

Ottawa, March 29--In the House of Commons to-day, Mr. Bostock introduced a bill to incorporate the Northern Telegraph Company, which was read for the first time.

Mr. H. J. Logan introduced a bill to incorporate the Alaskan Yukon Railway.

The debate on the address was continued by Mr. Bourassa, Liberal, and secretary of the joint high commission.

The Speaker's attention was called to the death of Messrs. Wood and Jameson, and he said he would have warrants issued.

Editor Morrison of the Citizen was fined \$20 and costs for an assault on Mr. Wrightson, editor of the Tribune, and \$50 and costs for intimidation of Major Balthorne of the Tribune, in the police court to-day.

Mr. T. O. Davis, M.P., Saskatchewan, has returned from Brockville, where he was assisting at the Liberal convention to select a candidate for the House of Commons in the place of the late Hon. J. F. Wood. Mr. Davis says that Mr. Comstock, the choice of the convention, will be elected.

A number of members of parliament took advantage of the cheap trip to New York yesterday to go and spend the Easter holidays there. W. W. B. McInnes, M.P., was among them.

Ottawa, March 30--In respect to the recommendations made by General Huttee in his annual report it is understood that they are entirely the views of the general himself, and have not as yet been adopted by the minister or the department. There is nothing settled regarding them. Some of the suggestions made will no doubt be carried out, while others are not at all likely to materialize.

John Gilliland has been appointed clerk in Nelson, B.C., custom house in place of Martin, resigned.

Sir Hibbert Tupper intends speaking this afternoon on the address and will afterwards leave for the Pacific coast. His partner Mr. Fred Efters, has got business to attend to in Prince Edward Island, and Sir Hibbert comes home to look after the business of the firm during the absence of Mr. Efters.

Provincial Gazette

A Long List of Companies Incorporated--But Few Appointments Made

The Courts of Assize--A Glasgow Company Locates in Victoria

The following announcements will appear in the Official Gazette to-night: A provincial court of revision will be held for the Chilliwack division of Westminster district, at Chilliwack on May 1st at 10 a.m.

The foreshore surrounding Sandy or Seal Islands, Nanaimo district, is reserved and set apart for the use of the lords-commissioners of the admiralty.

His Honor the Lieut-Governor, has appointed Joseph Scott, of Chilliwack, to be a collector under the Revenue Tax Act; Geo. Paxton as a notary public for the county of Kootenay by adding thereto the county of Nanaimo; and has accepted the resignation of Jas. J. Murray, of Mission City, as a coroner for British Columbia.

Courts of Assize: Nisi Prius, Oyer and Term, and general assize delivery will be held at the court house at 11 a.m. at the places and on the dates following: Victoria, April 11th; New Westminster, April 12th; Vancouver, April 18th; Nanaimo, April 18th; Vernon, April 20th; Kelowna, April 25th; Nelson, May 30th.

Notice is given that His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor-in-Council has been pleased to approve of the order-in-council of March 18th, 1898, providing that the annual rental of all dredging leases existing at the said date, when next payable, be reduced to \$10 a mile and that an exception from the payment of royalty of five cents per acre be made so soon as the amount of royalty equals the amount of the personal property tax on the plant employed. The recession will take effect from the date of said order-in-council, and from that date the original terms and conditions contained in all dredging leases affected by such order, will be reverted to.

The following companies are incorporated: Greenwood Glass Co., of Vancouver, capital \$15,000; The Sallor Co. solidated Mining and Milling Company, of Camp McKinney, Limited, Non-Personal Liability, capital \$1,250,000; the Greenwood Glass Co., of Vancouver, capital \$15,000; British Columbia Anchor Fence Company, Limited, of Vancouver, capital \$10,000; the Burleigh Drill Contracting and Development Company, Limited, of Greenwood, capital \$50,000.

License is authorized to the following extra provincial companies to carry on business in British Columbia: The Vancouver Agency, Limited, head office in England, capital £20,000, local office Vancouver; J. G. H. Crawford, attorney; Cosmopolitan Gold Mining and Smelting Company, of Spokane, local office, Greenwood City, with A. S. Black, attorney, capital \$30,000; Scottish Copper Mines Syndicate, of British Columbia, Limited, head office, Scotland, capital £25,000, local office, Victoria; Henry Croft, attorney; Yale Dredging Company, Limited, of Glasgow, Scotland, capital £10,000, local office Vancouver; Chas. Wilson, attorney.

The following appointments are also gazetted: Ald. John Davis Moore to be a member of the license commissioners board and of the police commissioners board in the city of Kaslo, and Reginald E. Hanson of Victoria to be superintendent of the Juvenile Reformatory.

FAWCETT INNOCENT

Toronto, March 30--A despatch published in the Globe from Faith Benton, Commissioner Ogilvie's secretary says: "No word has been received from Ottawa yet regarding the four prisoners doomed to hang, reprieved till the 22nd March."

"After the plaintiffs in the Fawcett investigation withdrew on the grounds that they were not permitted to go back far enough in making their charges against the Canadian official, Commissioner Ogilvie pronounced Fawcett innocent, the charges against him not being proven."

"During the course of the Dominion Creek investigation damaging evidence was brought out, showing that Major Walsh was retained by the Young Conservative Club of Ottawa to secure information for their retaining alleged closeness of government officials in the Yukon."

Spring tides are due to an "unfavorable condition of the blood and is cured by Hood's Sarsaparilla, which enriches the blood."

Claims are Rich

Distraints Eases Market at Son

Lakes and Rivers Heavy This mer.

Dawson correspondent, who has the bench claims on El Dorado are not an uncommon Mr. Davies, "for a \$10 or \$10,000 in a day claims. This is, of money market of a time was tight, a term applied to claims) on Hunker gulch and Gold run very well, and this begins, big clean. The old claims on Hunker creeks it would not surprise 100,000 or more will ear. For a time the very well, but finally streak, and then it they had to do on rocker and in an ad dust and nuggets their obligations and they desired. There is a milk and tobacco tea in. But few idle wason, and even they are they so inclined. I was in Dawson, being from 20 to 45 but even at that I old nearly so keenly in the trip out March in fourteen days less out of Dawson I Hanzard and that they were in excellent have reached the also met Jack Carr, about six miles out of the drug, and about out of the travelling in it was simply that, it was dangerous at Five Fingers man, and maybe I iver my clothes, which on me in a very few monometer was lurking point. Since which will open this summer are get-ness. There will be as playing between Bennett, and at least Horse to Lake Ben- of these steamers at the Flyer, one built for H. Mait- long York. This steam- long and was extend- in from Bennett to connect with the n. Canadian, Victo- thers. By June the- should be extend- this will give through out and rail from Se- n not more than ten

pastor of the Eng- at Minersville, Pa. sherman's J. M. Be- applications of this great service to me, mation and relieved any sufferer profit by a trial it will please Angley & Henderson agents, Victoria and