

THE REBELS RECEIVE A DEATH BLOW

Aguinaldo's Army Seems to Be Rapidly Melting From Him.

Americans Believe the End of the Struggle is Near—Spaniards Look Upon the Situation With Pessimistic Eyes—Latest Reports.

MANILA, March 4.—There is reason for believing that the reign of Aguinaldo is over, and that the task of the American army of subduing the Filipinos is about to be completed with the evacuation of his capital by the rebel leader and the steady, death-dealing advance of the Americans day after day. Hope and spirit have fled from the rebels, and their chieftains are falling away from him on every hand and in alarming numbers. Thousands of warriors are deserting the ranks and either returning to their homes or entering the American lines. Gen. Otis and the other commanders consider that the backbone of the rebellion is broken, and that an early collapse is impending; and, indeed, the conditions seem to warrant the assumption.

The Spaniards, reasoning from their experience with the natives, refuse to believe that the rebellion is anywhere near being put down. They declare that the Filipinos will not take their defeat at Malolos, with the loss of the city and the removal of their so-called government, seriously to heart. On the contrary, the Spaniards predict that the insurgents will gather near the American lines, bothering them as much as possible, and when attacked in some dissolve, only to reappear at other points. This sort of tactics, the Spaniards say, will be followed until the wet season compels the Americans to be housed in barracks, and then the Filipinos will return and re-occupy such towns as the United States troops do not garrison. With the next dry season a repetition of the present operations will begin. Time alone will show how much there is in this theory; but as against it, it must be borne in mind that the Spaniards, in all their domination of the Philippines, never gave the inhabitants a demonstration of power comparable in effectiveness to that given them by the United States.

A priest and two members of the so-called Filipino congress, who hid themselves in the woods during the fighting which preceded the capture of Malolos, returned there this morning and declared that 2000 Filipino soldiers were anxious to give up fighting and would do so for their officers, who keep them under arms.

The whole country between Malolos and Marikina is now full of friends, women, children and old people, who are returning to their homes, carrying white flags. The Americans are trying to gain the confidence of the inhabitants by proving to them that if they return and attend to their ordinary work peacefully, no harm will befall them.

NEW YORK, April 3.—Associated Press Dispatch.—A dispatch to the Herald from Manila reports that the efforts to locate the insurgent army headquarters have been unsuccessful, and the forces are therefore still resting in the former Filipino capital.

The attack on the forces under Gen. Hall at Malolos suggests that the enemy is concentrating in that direction. Col. Denby's arrival makes the early issue of a proclamation of the Philippine commission possible. The commission look for a speedy negotiation of peace.

OUTSIDE NEWS IN BRIEF.

Generals Otis and Merritt have arrived in the United States from the Philippines. Admiral C. C. Carpen, U. S. N., committed suicide while insane at Boston on April 1st. The bodies of 686 American soldiers, who died in Cuba during the Spanish war, arrived in New York on March 30. The Root, of Chicago, and Dan Creedon have been matched for a twenty-round go at Memorial April 17. A rich strike is reported from Alder creek, a tributary of the Porcupine, in Alaska. There has been a big rush of prospectors. The German steamer Pontos collided with the British steamer Star of New Zealand, off Dover, April 1st, and sank. The crew were rescued. An armed collision between Turkish and Bulgarian guards in the Balkans has resulted in the precipitation of a state of war in the Macedonia. Russian intrigue is evident. Jesus Mampels, an El Paso, Texas, Mexican, was charged that he had killed Seth Burr, a cowboy. Dunham, a nephew of the dead man, was shot, and an American duel followed, in which the Mexican was killed. The British government is about to send an engineering corps of 1,400 men to fortify Port Stanley and other points on the Falkland islands. The gunboat Beagle, which is now there, will return to England, and be replaced by the Penguin. The Stella, a British boat carrying 210 passengers, struck on the Casquet rocks, in the English channel, and foundered in ten minutes. The passengers and crew were picked up, but the boat was thought to number 120. President McKinley has appointed a commission to visit the Isthmus of Panama and report on the merits of the several proposed routes for a government canal. He will report in turn to the next congress and ask for an appropriation with which to commence work at once. Magellan James J. Corbett and his wife have been having a bit of trouble, and in New York March 30 the latter broke from her husband's arms and throwing her arms about a policeman for his protection. She was partially freed, and the twain finally drove away together in a cab. Oriental advices throw light on news from China. J. Chou, Shanghai province, China, according to a letter received at Shanghai from the Chinese government to grant to German firms the big commercial concessions. The United States Supreme court, on April 1st, handed down by Justice Peckham a decision on the validity of the war revenue law imposing taxes on transactions of boards of directors and similar institutions. In another case

a similar opinion was rendered with regard to taxes upon transactions at stock yards. The chamber of indictments, which has been investigating the cases of the Italian anarchists arrested in Alexandria, Egypt, on the charge of plotting against Emperor William during his recent visit to the Holy Land, finds that there was no conspiracy, but that the bombs were scattered to create a belief that a plot had been arranged.

The Seattle Times reports the discovery of rich quartz ledges in the Ketchikan district, and predicts a stampede there. However, the article may be viewed with some suspicion, for it reports one Sawyer, the discoverer, as taking \$30,000 out of a little hole in the rock and sprinkling the ground thick for a block in every direction with the yellow stuff.

In the Ottawa (Ont.) house of commons on March 30 Sir Hibbert Tupper, conservator, made a bitter attack on the government for the manner in which it had conducted things at Washington before the high commission. He said that the Canadian commissioners were not acquainted with the subjects under discussion, and thus they allowed the United States commissioners to take advantage of them.

President McKinley recently issued an order that the reception of a lot of soldier dead from the scenes of battle be accompanied by the highest marks of military respect, that the remains be interred at the Arlington cemetery with the usual honors, and that on the day of burial all government departments at Washington be closed, and the stars and stripes be flying at half-mast from all buildings, camps, forts and vessels of the United States.

Dover, Del., March 27.—Mark L. Davis, Union Republican representative in the general assembly, was arrested today, charged with having offered a bribe to Representative Francis H. Tatton, regular Republican representative, to secure the latter's vote for J. Edward Addicks for United States senator.

New York, March 27.—William A. Brady, manager of the National Sporting club, before the Grand Jury and Col. Barry, of Philadelphia, beat Charles Ryder, of London, in the third round of a six round contest. The prize for the successful competitor were distributed by Gen. Barry, Winstley, commander-in-chief of the British army, who eulogized the manly art of self-defense, as illustrated in the exhibition.

A Quick Knockout.

A very exciting but short boxing contest took place at the Dewey hotel at Grand Forks Monday evening between Kid Burns and "Eldorado" Munson, champion of that creek. Jack Kegan acted as referee and Frank Welshman was time keeper. The contest was a warm one from the moment time was called and although Burns was outclassed in weight he put up a good going. Following is the fight by rounds: 1. The men sparred for a moment and Munson landed light on Burns' face, swung a right which was cleverly ducked by the Kid but in his endeavor to duck a second swing received an upper cut on the jaw knocking him down. He arose at the call of eight seconds. The Kid clinched but was shook off and again knocked down but arose at the call of nine seconds and the call of time saved him from a knockout. 2. Both men started in lively from the first and the Kid rushed the windlass puncher across the ring and against the ropes which promptly gave way and both men were landed in the laps of the spectators. After a moment's delay, they went at it again and Burns ducked into a right swing on the jaw and was knocked out and as he fell his head struck the floor quite heavily.

Billy Cooper immediately challenged the winner to a contest for points, the winner to take the total gate receipts. The match will probably come off May 24.

To the Old Klondike Hotel.

I came here from Dominion to get a little rest. At the Forks I heard the fire had swept away the best. What will I do if the hotels have all burned down and I've no place to go? When I got right into Dawson my feelings I can't tell. For I saw there still was standing the old Klondike Hotel; I got a room that evening; 'twas on the second floor. I found I had a good room when I opened wide the door. They have carpets on the floor there, and kept so neat and clean. Why the room was fit for anyone barring not even the queen. A wash stand in the corner, a looking glass on the shelf. Fresh water and clean towels there, where a man can wash himself. A bed so soft and springy with sheets as white as snow. I almost made my mind up to the creeks I near would go. A table for to write on, neat chairs on which to rest. In fact this place afforded me things of the very best. You push an electric button, they'll come up at your call. Its just like on the outside, neat rooms, clean beds and all. On the creeks I would get crummy, but here I was struck dumb. For all the time I've been here I've never seen a crumb. They have men on watch all night here, as watchful as can be. So we are safe from fire and sleep on peacefully. A restaurant in connection, obliging girls to wait. They set good food before you and always fill your plate. The saloon that's in connection is the best one in the land. For here they have good whiskey and of wines the finest brands. So I wish to tell you fellows of the creeks, you will do well. If when you come to Dawson, you stop at this hotel. J. WIEDEMANN, Dominion Post.

Dissolution of Partnership.

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