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Will Keep The Philippines

President McKinley Instructs the Commissioners to Extend U. S. Authority.

Soldiers are Busy Clearing the Country Around the Town of Manila.

New York, March 7.—A despatch to the Tribune from Washington says: "The interest in the situation in the Philippines is awakened by the establishment at Manila of the civilian members of the commission which has been designated by the President to recommend him in the archipelago. The commission regarding the duties of the commission and the authority it will have in the colonial government are set out by the publication of an order issued by the President to the Secretary of State. It will be noted that the military government of the islands under General Otis will be continued without interference until the congress makes other provisions, and that the commission's powers, while important, are largely advisory. The order says: 'In order to facilitate the most humane, specific and effective extension of authority throughout these islands and to secure with the least possible delay the benefits of a wise and generous protection of life and property to the inhabitants, I have named Jacob G. Schurman, Rear Admiral George Dewey, Major-General Elwell S. Otis, Charles Denoy and Dean C. Worcester to constitute a commission to aid in the accomplishment of these results.'"

Gunboats and Soldiers at Work.

Manila, 7, 11:25 a.m.—At daylight this morning the enemy was discovered trying to mount a gun across the river from San Pedro and the Sixth artillery promptly shelled the rebel battery, temporarily stopping the work. The enemy poured a fusillade of masonry across the river, but a gunboat moved up and cleared the banks of stream with rapid fire guns.

All was quiet during the night. Postoffices have been established at Negros, Zebu and Iloilo, and the clerks left yesterday for their respective positions in Manila, March 7, 1899. While the rebels had concentrated their forces with the evident purpose of attacking the water works, no direct attempt was made to capture the American installation.

THE LATE LORD HERSHELL.

Remains Placed on Board the British Cruiser Talbot.

New York, March 7.—The body of Lord Hershell reached Jersey City from Washington at 5:40 this morning, and was taken on board the British cruiser Talbot, which will convey it to England. The special train over the Pennsylvania railroad bearing the remains was met at the station by the British consular general Percy Sanderson, Commodore Philip commandant of the New York navy yard, Lieut-Commander Delly, United States navy, and detachments of the American and British marines. The marines escorted the casket from the train to the tug Narkeeta, on which it was transferred to the Talbot. Noon being set as the time for the sailing of the Talbot, but it was expected to be delayed on account of the storm.

KNIT GOODS MANUFACTURERS.

A Meeting Called for the Purpose of Forming a Trust.

Pisa, March 7.—Knit goods manufacturers here and in Michav valley have received an invitation to a meeting to be held at the Waldorf-Astoria hotel in New York on March 15 for the purpose of forming a knit goods trust. Fifty-eight companies are said to have signified the intention of sending representatives to the meeting. One of the largest manufacturers of knit goods in this section says he is very sorry to see this movement, as the trade is in excellent condition, and prices are good. He does not believe that the combination will be good for the manufacturers or the public. The proposed trust will be capitalized at \$50,000,000, if organized.

SWEPT BY A TORNAO.

Boats Wrecked and Many Lives Lost in Tennessee.

Albion, Tenn., March 6.—A tornado, about seventy-five yards wide, struck a portion of Madisonville on Saturday night, killing three persons, wounding two, and destroying fifteen houses and several barns. The storm came up with lightning and hail, and swept everything in its path. It was accompanied by a terrible roar. The inhabitants rushed for their cellars and places of safety. In the county the damage was done to orchards and crops by the wind and hail that followed. It is reported that further casualties were reported in the outlying rural districts. The particulars have been received.

THE MARIAS IMPROVING.

March 7.—Queen Mar's health is suffering from bronchitis, but she had a good night, and her condition this morning shows a marked improvement.

KIPLING STRONGER.

The Funeral of His Daughter Josephine Will Be a Private One.

New York, March 7.—Rudyard Kipling's condition continues to improve. F. N. Doubleday, who has been with the author almost constantly since he was prostrated, said early this morning that the night had been a restful one for Mr. Kipling. The patient, however, is as closely watched as ever, to guard against a possible relapse, which will be liable for a fortnight or more.

Elsie, Mr. Kipling's three-year-old daughter, is reported to be progressing favorably, having slept well last night. Mr. Doubleday in deference to the wishes of Mrs. Kipling, has refused to give any information regarding the arrangements for the funeral of Josephine Kipling. Her mother wishes that the funeral should be private. The child, Mrs. Kipling says, in no sense belonged to the public, and wishes to avoid the funeral take on the character of a spectacle.

The Kaiser's Message.

Berlin, March 7.—The Emperor William has received through Herr Von Holleben, the German ambassador at Washington, a message from Mrs. Rudyard Kipling, expressing her thanks for the despatches to her by His Majesty yesterday, in which he expressed his solicitude. His Majesty's message is much commented on here.

It is believed it was not only sent from motives of sympathy and courtesy, but to create a pleasant political impression.

Severe Storms and Floods

Another Blizzard Strikes New York Rendering Street Traffic Difficult.

New York, March 7.—New Yorkers awoke this morning to find a March blizzard blowing thick and strong. Three inches of snow lay upon the ground and fine damp particles, as dense as a winter fog, seemed to come freely from all directions. The streets were covered with ice and into pockets and coal cellars, and made pedestrianism extremely uncomfortable. Street traffic was rendered difficult, and river pilots had anything but an easy time.

On the bay the wind came mostly from the northeast, and the snowfall was so thick that nothing could be seen from shore but a swirling mass of white. It was known, however, that a large fleet of weather-bound sailing vessels had taken alarm at the suspicious look of the barometer yesterday afternoon, and that before night set in they had put back and anchored safely inside.

Snow Storm at Washington.

Washington, March 7.—After a balmy, springlike day, the people of Washington awoke this morning to find the city again clad in a mantle of snow. About 3 o'clock this morning a blizzard-like snowstorm started, and before 9 o'clock snow was three to four inches on the level, and in places was drifted to a foot or more in depth. The wind was blowing almost a gale and the snow in the early morning fell so rapidly as almost to blind pedestrians. The temperature took a severe drop from the mildness of the preceding day, but was not extremely low. The street car service is badly interrupted. The snowstorm is increasing in intensity and is traveling northward along the Atlantic coast.

Gloomy Situation in Virginia.

Charleston, W. Va., March 7.—The night was one of discomfort and actual suffering. The slow falling of the water added to the low temperature made the situation a gloomy one. Fifty business men were compelled to use boats to seek provisions and fuel. Even the governor was forced to use a boat to go from the executive mansion to his office in the state house. Much drunkenness and disorder prevailed. The loss to timbermen up the Elk river will be heavy. That river traverses the heaviest logging district of the state. Immense rafts are thrown in loose and go smashing into the Kanawha, sometimes doing heavy damage to coal docks, barges and tipples. The Winitfield coal docks are gone, with several barges, and an extensive tippie between the east bank and Belmont was swept away.

People Driven From Their Homes.

Chebanati, Ohio, March 7.—Newly starting the low temperature and high winds of last night the Ohio river continued steadily rising at the rate of two tenths of a foot per hour. At 8 a.m. it had reached 55 and 57 inches. Newport is the earliest sufferer from the high water, and already a considerable portion of her territory is flooded, and families have been compelled to leave their houses or go to the upper stories.

Railway Tracks Washed Away.

Lexington, Ky., March 7.—An almost unprecedented loss followed the breaking up of beams in the Kentucky rivers. It is estimated that fully one million dollars' worth of logs have been lost in this way at Jackson, Beattyville, Valleyview and other points. The Lexington and Eastern Railway has been a heavy loser. Above Clay City its trucks were submerged in some places to a depth of five feet, while in others they were washed away.

Deadman's Island.

The Protest Against Leasing the Land for a Sawmill Site.

Vancouver Delegation Present Their Case to the Ministers at Ottawa.

Ottawa, March 7.—The Vancouver delegation about Deadman's Island met the Hon. Messrs. Laurier, Cartwright, Borden, Tarte and Sifton in the Premier's office to-day. The interview lasted over two hours.

Mr. Skelker was the first speaker and gave a history of the affair. Premier Laurier said: "As I understand, your delegation rests its case on the ground that the island belonged to the province of British Columbia, and was given to the city for park purposes and could not be alienated from the park, and if it could be alienated you say that it ought not to be because it would destroy the views and the appearance of that residential part of the city."

Mr. Skelker replied that that was his position. Ald. McQueen followed on the same lines and read the correspondence between the city and the government. He said that the reason for applying for a lease to the government was to remove squatters, but when asked by Hon. Mr. Tarte to show that there was anything about squatters in the correspondence, could not do so. He also said there were squatters on the main shore. He admitted that the island was used for an isolation hospital and cemetery, and also that application had been made for it by a marine railway.

Mr. McQueen went into the marine railway scheme, and said that in 1891 the city agreed to give \$100,000 for a drydock on the island.

Hon. Mr. Tarte—Evidently the city did not think then, six years after using the park for park purposes, that it also had the island.

Mr. Busselle made a strong appeal on general grounds for the city getting the island along with the park, and made a good impression, but could not explain away the marine railway project or the drydock scheme.

Premier Laurier—I have had no information on the subject previously, but judging from what I have heard I am of the opinion that the city used the island for an experimental purpose for a cemetery and for other purposes, but not in any way as a part of the park.

In reply to Sir Richard Cartwright, Ald. McQueen said that the city had not expended any money on the island, except building a bridge to connect the island with the main shore.

Mr. Cowan said that the people thought the island was part of the park.

Hon. F. W. Borden explained the lease and said that it was part of the engagement with Mr. Ludgate that \$250,000 should be expended on the island, and that the mills would employ 1,000 people.

Premier Laurier asked the delegates to submit the case in writing.

CONSUL IS BLAMED.

Germany Disavows the Acts of Dr. Raffael and He Has Been Ordered to Return Home.

Chicago, March 8.—A special to the Tribune from Washington says: Herr Raffael, the newly appointed consul of Germany to Samoa, who will by virtue of his office be president of the municipality, has not yet started for his post, and in consequence the officials of the department of state are wondering when he will start.

The United States and Great Britain have through their diplomatic representatives, unanimously agreed that if the German government would recall Dr. Raffael immediately the contempt of court proceedings against him would not be pressed. This pledge was given by Germany and Dr. Raffael is expected to leave Aiaia on February 20.

The United States and Great Britain have reached an understanding that the actions of Dr. Raffael were responsible for the entire disturbance created by the Mataafa regime, but as Germany has practically disavowed the acts of her consul by recalling him, it is not believed there will be any further action taken by either of the governments interested in the protectorate over the islands.

SPANISH REPUBLICANS ACTIVE.

Madrid, March 7.—The republican deputies at a meeting just held decided upon a vigorous republican propaganda. The chief republican newspaper, has been seized.

Shocking Accident

Trying to Cross Westminster Electric Railway a Little Girl Is Killed.

Motorman Could Not Stop and the Car Ground Her to Death.

Vancouver, March 7.—A sad and shocking street car accident occurred in New Westminster, last evening. Two daughters of Mr. and Mrs. John Douglas, Durban street, were playing at the corner of Sixth and Princess streets, as the 6 o'clock city car, No. 16, came along on its trip to the limits. The girls were approaching the corner when the two children started to run across the track, the elder one leading. The motorman saw the first child and slowed down.

The younger one ran out however, and fell right in front of the car. The motorman immediately put on the brakes and did all in his power to stop the car, but without avail, and the body of the girl was run over by the car, who lay in the middle of the track, the tender being too high to be of any service. The heavy motor carried underneath the car struck the poor little one on the back of the head and crushed the body against the ties. The child died a moment afterwards in the arms of the conductor and motorman.

Her father was aged seven years. Her mother was aged thirty years. Her body will be made the subject of a forensic case, and is widely known on the mainland.

The council last night decided to raise Mayor Garden's salary from \$1,500 to \$2,000.

CANADA IN LONDON.

Domestic Position in Pacific Cable Endorsed—Trade Returns for February.

Toronto, Ont., March 7.—The following is a dispatch cable dated London, March 7: T. G. Shaughnessy, of the C.P.R.; Engineer Coate and N. A. Belcourt, M.P. for Ottawa, sail to-morrow. Mr. Belcourt, contrary to expectations, did not visit Home.

The Earl of Aberdeen was present at a meeting yesterday which passed resolutions expressing sympathy with the attitude assumed by the Dominion of Canada regarding the Pacific cable. The cases of Park and the C.P.R. and of the corporation of Notre Dame de Bonsecours are set for hearing before the judicial committee of the Privy Council to-day.

By returns published to-day it is gathered that the imports from Canada to the United Kingdom for February are as follows: Cattle, 1,902, value at \$80,264; sheep, 426, value \$674; wheat, cwt., 197,900, value \$58,892; wheat, meal and flour, cwt., 94,500, value \$48,156; peas, cwt., 18,900, value \$5,417; barley, cwt., 20,883, value \$39,103; hams, cwt., 8,048, value \$15,084; butter, cwt., 1,512, value \$8,219; cheese, cwt., 10,001, value \$22,876; eggs (great hundreds), 888, value \$1,388; horses 24, value \$900.

HAVING A HOT TIME.

Paris, March 8.—Despatches received here from Toulon to-day confirm the report received from there last night and cabled to the Associated Press that twelve dynamite cartridges were found behind the Toulon arsenal yesterday, and that an unidentified person fired a revolver at a sentry on duty at the arsenal. It appears that two shots were fired at the sentry before the Mentely magazine at 7 o'clock last night. The wards were turned out and patrols were sent to scout the neighborhood, but the culprits were not discovered. The sentry saw six men running away. The magazine contains quantities of gunpowder, melinite and dynamite.

"Open Door" Once More

Italy Now Takes an Important Part in the Oriental Question.

The United States Awaiting the Decision by the British Government.

Chicago, March 8.—A special to the Times-Herald from Washington says: The Italian request touching China was spoken of to-day in a new light. The action of King Humbert indicates that Italy is the first government to recognize officially the new status of the United States among the powers. While information in possession of the authorities shows that Great Britain is diplomatically opposed to the Italian demands, it is apparent that Great Britain must within a very few days either distinctly reiterate her intention to maintain the integrity of China and support the "open door" policy, or announce a reversal of that policy. It was stated to-day that no communication relative to the Chinese demands had passed between Secretary Hay and Sir Julian Pauncefote, but it would be surprising if there had not been a discussion in London between the American embassy and the British foreign office. The authorities are anxiously awaiting the announcement of Great Britain's policy, and it is felt that it is of great importance to the United States, in view of the commercial aspect of the Chinese question.

Cassini's Views.

New York, March 8.—A dispatch to the World from Washington says: The Russian ambassador, Count Cassini, speaking of the Chinese situation said: "There are so many ways of viewing the 'open door' proposal and so many interpretations placed upon it, that it is a delicate subject to discuss. I took issue with Lord Charles Bessborough and I think made my position plain. Now a new aspect is presented, and we are faced with the position which Italy's action in China has made possible. It would seem now that the United States will be forced by the necessities of the case to take part in the deliberations of the nations concerning China's commercial interests. If the United States, to protect her vast commercial interests, sees fit to speak in deciding this important issue, Russia will be the first to welcome her and co-operate in finding a just and satisfactory solution of the difficulty."

Count Cassini is probably the best authority in Washington on certain phases of the Eastern question. He was for many years the czar's representative at Peking, and it was he who obtained from China the first important concessions regarding the Siberian railroad.

A Critical Situation.

Peking, March 8.—The Italian minister here regards as an insult the manner in which the Tsung Li Yamen, or Chinese foreign office, has treated Italy's demands for a cooling station at San Mun Bay and a rupture of diplomatic relations between Italy and China is probable. It is believed Russia has reiterated her protest against the British railroad loan in order to make the continental ground for complaint against the Chinese and thus seek compensation, territorial or otherwise.

A HIT AT SEATTLE.

San Francisco Will Provide Accommodation for Government Vessels.

San Francisco, March 8.—The board of state and harbor commissioners took action yesterday which insures ample accommodation for all transports and similar vessels in the service of the government on the Pacific. A resolution was adopted instructing the chief engineer to prepare plans and specifications for transforming Fremont street wharf into a covered dock. This action is expected to offset the efforts of the business men of Seattle to make that city the headquarters of the government's supply depot for troops in Hawaii and the Philippines.

GENEROUS KNIGHTS.

They Vote \$50,000 to the Catholic University at Washington.

New Haven, Conn., March 8.—The National Council of the Knights of Columbus, who are holding their convention in this city, has voted an endowment of \$50,000 to the Catholic University at Washington. The endowment is to establish a chair for historical research, and was voted at the conclusion of an address by Rev. Dr. Carrigan, of the University.

A GIGANTIC "COMBINE."

Proposed Consolidation of Eastern Coal and Railway Companies With Numerous Companies.

New York, March 8.—The World to-day says: "J. Pierpont Morgan returned yesterday on the Kaiser Wilhelm der Grossen. He went aboard two months ago to secure the assent of the Reading Railroad's English stockholders to a plan that the Vandebilt, the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, Maxwell of New Jersey Central, and Treadwell, of the Delaware, Larkawanna

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and Western Companies, had formulated for the consolidation of all the great eastern coal interests under one management. Mr. Morgan when seen soon after his arrival was very reticent regarding his work in London. It is understood that his efforts have been successful. From men with whom he has talked, it is known that during his absence, a general explanation of the plan was learned. Hundreds of millions of dollars have been brought into one combination. A pro rata division of the coal output and of the profits has been outlined, though months will be required to adjust the details. It is estimated \$20,000,000 will be saved yearly in operating expenses. The companies said to be in the big deal are the Reading, Delaware, Lackawanna and Western, Pennsylvania, New York, Lake Erie and Western Coal and Iron Co., Pennsylvania Coal Co., New York, Ontario and Western Coal, Central Railroad of New Jersey, New York, Susquehanna and Western Railroad, Schuylkill and Susquehanna Railroad Co., with a combined capital of more than eight hundred and eighty-nine millions of dollars.

News From Ottawa.

The Dominion Government Will Build the Telegraph Line to Dawson.

American Publishers Looking For a Site For a Paper Mill.

Ottawa, March 8.—The government has decided to construct a telegraph line to the Klondike country. The plan is to build a line between Lake Bennett and Dawson City at once. At the same time surveys will be made to examine the country northward from Gesselle, B. C., which is the terminus of the present government system and see how to connect with the line to Dawson. The government will retain the line in its own possession, having decided that it is too valuable and too important from the standpoint of national safety to be allowed to get into any other hands.

It is understood that a number of American publishers will visit Ottawa next week with a view of securing a site for a paper mill to be located here in order to escape from the high prices in the United States caused by the paper trust.

After being in communication by telegraph all forenoon with city officials in regard to obtaining additional information about the \$100,000 by-law and marine railway matters, the Deadman's Island delegation presented their memorial to the government late this afternoon. It is a brief summary of the case as presented before the ministers yesterday.

CUBANS ARE STARVING.

Santiago de Cuba, March 8.—Colonel Hood cables from Holguin that intense excitement prevails there owing to the cessation of public works and that a mass meeting has been held at which the action of the United States military authorities at Havana was condemned as "false economy" and as the "result of centralization." Owing to the pressing necessity of the case Colonel Hood says he has issued rations to 700 heads of families suddenly thrown out of employment. He fears there will be a large increase in the criminal classes of his district. Practically the same news from all the other districts of Santiago province has reached here. Meanwhile money enough is lying idle in the banks to pay all that is due and to keep the men at work. Colonel Hood has requested the use of the former Spanish gunboat Baracoa, recently raised by the Americans, as a lighthouse tender.

SECEDES FROM CONSERVATIVES.

Lord Claud John Hamilton Says He Cannot Support Their Policy.

London, March 8.—Lord Claud John Hamilton, brother of the secretary of state for India, has seceded from the Conservative party. He asserts that "the foreign and colonial policy, home legislation and continual attacks upon property and capital are beneath contempt. Therefore," he says, "I can no longer support the administration."

As chairman of one of the principal railway companies, he says his secession was largely dictated by opposition to the automatic coupling bill, which involves what he considers a superfluous capital expenditure on railways.

Lord Claud John Hamilton is chairman of the Great Eastern Railway.

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