

MANY PORTS OPENED

General Otis Raises Blockade of Philippine Harbors.

AGUINALDO'S ASSASSINATION DENIED

Ships Which Have Been Tied Up For Months Will Resume Business at Once—Lively Scenes at the Custom House.

MANILA, June 28.—Major General Otis has ordered the opening up to trade of many important ports that have been closed since the outbreak. These include San Fernando, on the west coast of Luzon; Aparri, on the north coast; Curimao and all ports in the islands of Samar and Leyte.

Many ships used in the interisland commerce have been tied up in the harbor here for months, and the shippers and merchants have been urging the government to raise the blockade. When the decision was made known yesterday, the scene in the custom house was as animated as the floor of an American stock exchange. It was a busy day. Shippers rushed to get their clearance papers.

There will be a great boom in the hemp business, which has been at a standstill. The ships will race to bring the first cargoes before the demand weakens. As there is a heavy export duty on hemp this will greatly increase the revenues. The interests of the natives as well as the merchants and traders generally led General Otis to take this action. Delegations from the southern islands told him that the cessation of business was bringing much suffering to peaceful inhabitants.

Gunboats will protect the shipping in some ports, but elsewhere shippers must risk confiscation by the insurgents, who exact heavy tribute of all ships they permit to sail.

The rumor that Aguinaldo had been assassinated was in circulation here for several days. It was not believed, but its currency gave it a definite form. According to the story General Pio del Pilar called upon Aguinaldo on June 19 and accused him of causing General Luna to be killed. Aguinaldo denied responsibility and added that he deeply regretted Luna's death. General Pio del Pilar, as the story goes, called him a liar and scoundrel, shot him twice in the head with his revolver and walked away unmolested.

The report finds no credence in Manila. A Filipino general, mounted on a big horse, with a numerous staff, has since been seen haranguing the Filipino troops around San Fernando, in Pampanga province, and this officer is supposed to be Aguinaldo.

OTIS EXPLAINS SITUATION.

Nothing Alarming—Insurgents Only Hope is United States Aid.

WASHINGTON, June 27.—The war department has made public the following dispatch from General Otis, dated June 26, in reply to an inquiry by the department as to the situation in the Philippines:

"Rainy season. Little inland campaigning possible in Luzon. We occupy large portion Tagalog country, lines stretching from Imus south to San Fernando north, nearly 60 miles, and eastward into Laguna province. Insurgent armies have suffered great losses and are scattered; only large forces held together about 4,000 in Tarlac province and northern Pampanga. Their scattered forces in bands of 50 to 500 in other portions Luzon; in Cavite and Batangas provinces could assemble possibly 2,000, though demoralized from recent defeat; mass of people, terrorized by insurgent soldiers, desire peace and American protection; no longer see on approach of our troops unless forced by insurgents, but gladly welcome them; no recent burning of towns; population within our lines becoming dense, taking up land cultivation extensively; kept out Manila much as possible, as city population becoming too great to be cared for.

"Natives southeast Luzon combining to drive out insurgents; only hope insurgent leaders is United States aid. They proclaim near overthrow present administration, to be followed by their independence and recognition by the United States. This is the influence which enables them to hold out. Much contention prevails among them, and no civil government remains.

"Trade with ports not in our possession—former source insurgent revenue—now interdicted; not certain of wisdom of this policy, as people in those ports are without supply of food and merchants suffering losses; mediate restoring trade privileges, although insurgents reap benefits. Courts here in successful operation under direction of able Filipinos. Affairs in other islands comparatively quiet, awaiting results in Luzon. All anxious for trade and repeated calls for American troops received. Am giving attention to Jolo archipelago and Palawan islands.

"Our troops have worked to the limit of endurance. Volunteer organizations have been called in; replaced by regulars, who now occupy salient positions. Nebraska, Pennsylvania and Utah now taking transports, and Sixth infantry sent to Negros to relieve California. These troops in good physical condition. Sickness among troops has increased lately, due mostly to arduous service and climatic influences. Nothing alarming.

"Of the 12 per cent of the command reported sick nearly 6 in general hospital, of whom 3 per cent have typhoid and 17 malarial fevers. Twenty-five per cent have intestinal trouble; remaining 55 per cent have various ailments, 14 of which due to wound injuries. Many officers and men will recover in Cuba break under recurrence of Cuban fever, and regular reinforcements lately received are inadequately officered."

Spanish Riots Continue.

SARAGOSSA, June 28.—The anti-budget riots, which began here Monday, were continued yesterday, and all the shops were closed in consequence. The troops fired on the mob in the Plaza de la Constitucion, killing one person and seriously wounding two others.

Price of Iron Still Advancing.

PITTSBURGH, June 28.—Bessemer pig iron is quoted at \$20 a ton in the Mahoning valley, and in Pittsburgh the price is \$20.75. This is an advance of 100 per cent in six months and \$2 a ton higher than last week.

Comptroller Dawes Returns.

WASHINGTON, June 27.—Mr. Dawes, the comptroller of the currency, has returned to the city after a month's trip to the northwest.

CARS RUNNING IN CLEVELAND.

The Union Men Make It Unpleasant For the Nonunionists.

CLEVELAND, June 26.—Only one outbreak of violence attended the resumption of traffic on all the lines of the Big Consolidated street railway yesterday. There was objection in some parts of the city to the retention of the nonunion men who were kept by the company. A party of 25 men assembled near the Brooklyn bridge, just south of the city, and whenever a car came along with a nonunion crew the passengers were asked to disembark and wait for a car manned by a union crew. In most cases the passengers did as requested. Finally a nonunion conductor undertook to argue with the crowd, and he was promptly struck over the head with a club and he and the motorman driven away. The mob refused to permit the car to move until a union crew came along and pushed it to the barns.

COLUMBIA IN COMMISSION.

Mr. Iselin Takes Possession of the New-Cup Defender.

BRISTOL, R. I., June 27.—The Columbia, the new cup defender, was formally turned over to C. O. Iselin, her managing owner, yesterday afternoon. Mr. Iselin went ashore from the tender St. Michaels after lunch and saw John B. Herreshoff, the president of the boat building firm, in the firm's office, where he made his last payment to the Herreshoffs on the sloop. Mr. Herreshoff turned over to him the usual papers, and then Mr. Iselin put out to the Columbia, and there, in the presence of his friends, Herbert C. Leeds and Captain Woodbury Kane, Captain Barr and the crew, Mr. Iselin's private colors, the red and black swallowtail, were hoisted to the topmast head, and the Columbia was then in commission. It was a ceremony simple but impressive. Speaking of her future movements, Mr. Iselin said:

"The Columbia left at 5 o'clock for Newport, probably being towed part of the way down by the St. Michaels, and today will go out for her first trial in deep water. On Friday the Columbia will be taken to New Rochelle, N. Y., after which her movements are subject to the wishes of the New York Yacht club. She will enter the race against the Defender which will be sailed off Sandy Hook July 3 instead of July 1.

Colored Girl Leads at Middlebury.

MIDDLEBURY, Vt., June 27.—At the class day exercises of Middlebury college, held on the campus, the ode was recited by Miss Annette Anderson of Shoreham, Vt. Miss Anderson, who is colored, is the first young woman of her race ever graduated from Middlebury college. She leads her class in her studies and will be the valedictorian at the commencement exercises next Wednesday.

Millions From Russia.

NEW YORK, June 27.—The New York Commercial in its issue today announces that \$20,000,000 more of Russian capital is about to be spent in this country. This time, the paper continues, it is the makers of ordnance who are to be favored. While the final papers have not been signed all the preliminaries of the contract have been arranged.

Lively at Lowell.

LOWELL, Mass., June 27.—The big Lowell cotton mills never knew such a prosperous season. They are hardly able to keep up with orders. No man with two hands need be idle in Lowell. The demand for labor exceeds the supply. The Boott, Massachusetts and Merrimac run practically two forces of hands in their spinning departments.

Dreyfus' Second Trial.

RENNES, France, June 27.—The second trial of Captain Alfred Dreyfus by court martial on the charge of communicating documents connected with the national defense to agents of a foreign power will take place in the army service building here. M. Mathieu Dreyfus, brother of the famous prisoner, has arrived here.

French Consulate Burned in China.

LONDON, June 27.—The Hongkong correspondent of The Daily Mail telegraphs as follows: "Anti-foreign disturbances have just occurred in Meng-Tan, province of Yunnan, where the residences of the customs staff and the French consulate have been burned by an armed mob. The foreigners effected their escape."

President's Trip Abandoned.

WASHINGTON, June 28.—President McKinley has been compelled to abandon his western tour because of the ill health of Mrs. McKinley. His return to Washington yesterday was due to her condition. It is probable that the president will stay in Washington all summer in consequence.

Earthquake at Middletown, Conn.

MIDDLETOWN, Conn., June 27.—A slight earthquake shock occurred here at 7:15 o'clock last evening. It was felt especially on College hill. Several bricks from the chimney of the Alpha Delta Phi house were shaken down. This is the second shock that has been felt here this spring.

Mrs. Barrow Gets Long Term.

NEW YORK, June 27.—Mrs. Addie Barrow, the wife of George Beauregard Barrow, was arraigned yesterday in the criminal branch of the supreme court before Justice Werner on the charge of kidnapping baby Marion Clark. The woman pleaded guilty and was sentenced to 12 years and 10 months in Auburn prison.

23 Divorce Cases in 230 Minutes.

NEW YORK, June 22.—A big inroad was made by Justice Nash of the supreme court into the undefended divorce calendar. He tried 23 cases with an average time of ten minutes for each case. One case occupied only four minutes.

McDuffie Makes a Fast Mile.

NEW BEDFORD, Mass., June 22.—While in practice behind a motor cycle yesterday Eddie McDuffie rode a mile in 1:27, the fastest mile yet made on a bicycle.

Spain's Army.

MADRID, June 26.—The Official Gazette announces that the effective active army for the next financial year has been fixed at 108,000 men.

PENNSYLVANIA WINS

Intercollegiate Boat Race an Exciting Event.

WISCONSIN WAS A CLOSE SECOND.

In the Lead Until Near the Finish Line and Lost Through Bad Steering—Cornell and Columbia Far Behind.

POUGHKEEPSIE, N. Y., June 28.—Twenty thousand people saw one of the most exciting four mile boat races ever witnessed in the history of college rowing. Five thousand people on the observation train yelled themselves hoarse in frantic appeals to their various college crews to do their best, and with the oar 15,000 they saw the red and blue carmine shell sweep the mile after mile of the course until the last half was reached with a clear lead upon all the crews as putting it mildly. When the people on the bank were unable to place the stranger crew, they looked toward the observation train inquiringly and were told that it was Wisconsin ahead. They were almost dumb with amazement, and when those on the train saw the gallant struggle mile after mile, they dropped their appeals for their own crews and yelled in friendly manner for the boys from the west. The alleged ragged stroke, the badly keeled boat, the too long reach, all were forgotten as the fastly moving craft kept its sharp nose to the fore, and then saw them turn out toward the shore at the finish and lose the race to the men from Pennsylvania by a short half length.

And Pennsylvania, well did they obey the injunction of Ellis Ward to not lose their heads. From the first eighth of a mile they rowed a stern, hard chase, at one time being astern of both Cornell and Wisconsin, but their pluck and endurance sent them over the line a winner in good time and by such a small margin that the glory is greater. For Cornell, the winner of many battles, it proved to be a race only in two miles. For those first two miles she did gallant work, but she was struggling against evidently better crews, and it was only with exertions of a phenomenal nature that she managed to keep the nose of her boat ahead of Pennsylvania for a brief time in the second mile. Of Columbia it may be said that she was outclassed from the start, and, barring an accident, there was never any time that she stood a chance of winning the race. She went to the rear in the first quarter of a mile, although she made a good start, and staid there all through the race.

CORNELL A WINNER.

Her Freshmen Lead in the Eight Oared Race.

POUGHKEEPSIE, N. Y., June 27.—The four oared race over the two mile course yesterday was won by Pennsylvania in 11m. 12s. Cornell was second time, 11m. 14s. Time of first mile—Pennsylvania, 5m. 29 3-5s.; Cornell, 5m. 33s.

The freshmen eight oared race between Pennsylvania, Columbia and Cornell over the two mile course was won by Cornell in 9m. 55s. Columbia was second, one and one-quarter boat lengths behind Cornell, time 10m.; Pennsylvania third, three and one-quarter boat lengths behind Columbia, time 10m 10s.

Awaiting the Stax.

BREST, France, June 28.—The delay in the arrival here of the French cruiser Stax, which left the waters of French Guiana June 10 with Captain Alfred Dreyfus on board, increases the interest in the landing of the famous prisoner. All sorts of reports and suppositions are current. For the moment attention is concentrated on the putting to sea yesterday afternoon of a light-house relief steamer. Such vessels usually start in the morning and return in the evening. Consequently the departure of the steamer has given rise to the conjecture that she has gone to meet the Stax and that Dreyfus will be transferred on board of her.

Banks For Manila.

CHICAGO, June 28.—The National Bank of Manila and the First National Bank of Manila are the names of two banks for which Chicago men have asked the federal government to grant charters. The applicants for a charter for the National Bank of Manila are J. L. Fulton, E. R. Bliss, J. H. Strong, J. L. Ray and A. L. Dewar, all substantial business men. "Mr. Fulton originated the plan," said Mr. Dewar. "We expect our charter soon. The capital of the bank is to be \$200,000, perhaps more."

Drafting Committee Only at Work.

THE HAGUE, June 28.—For the next few days the members of the special drafting committee, who are preparing a record of the work already accomplished, will be the only peace conference delegates occupied. The question of a permanent arbitration board and Germany's relation thereto, the German delegates, it is said, having received instructions to accept the principle of a permanent tribunal of arbitration as outlined in the Anglo-American plans, will be discussed Monday.

A Kentucky Lynching.

FULTON, Ky., June 28.—Henry Stewart, the negro who robbed and seriously shot Gail Hamilton, a negro, and robbed H. Choate, a section foreman, Sunday morning, was taken out at midnight and lynched by a supposed negro and white mob. The excitement is high among the negroes.

Another Daughter For the Czar.

ST. PETERSBURG, June 27.—The czarina gave birth to another daughter at noon yesterday, much to the disappointment of the czar, who hoped that a son and heir would be born to him.

CONDENSED DISPATCHES.

Notable Events of the Week Briefly and tersely told.

A case of yellow fever was reported at Lancaster, Pa. Professor George Harris of Andover has been elected president of Amherst college.

Benjamin Lang, 84 years old, was arrested at Boston, charged with murdering his wife. President McKinley and party reached Washington. Mrs. McKinley was better on her arrival.

Twenty-five California miners were reported to have perished in Siberia from cold and starvation. The New York assay office sent to the Philadelphia mint 30 tons of gold, valued at \$15,000,000, to be coined.

Mr. C. P. Huntington has purchased 1,350 acres of land in Virginia, on which will be built a reformatory for negro children of that state.

The Clyde liner Pawnee was burned to the water's edge east of Cape Charles and her crew rescued by the George W. Clyde of the same line.

Tuesday, June 27.

The Paterson (N. J.) Turn hall was burned; loss, \$25,000. Professor Samuel Harris of Yale Theological seminary died at Litchfield, Conn.

The Mark Lane Express said that crop prospects in England and France had improved. Saturday's and Sunday's attempts to float the American liner Paris were unsuccessful.

It was reported that Admiral Dewey would make Halifax his first American stopping place. A company has been formed which has given orders in this country for 100 automobiles, that are to be shipped to France.

The steamer Nippon Maru has arrived at Honolulu with the body of a man who died of the plague while en route from Japan.

Judge William H. Clark, who for years had been a judge of the superior court of Los Angeles, Cal., died of consumption. He was a native of Massachusetts.

All the tin plate plants in the country will shut down Friday night as the result of the failure of the workers' committee to agree with the manufacturers on the wage scale.

Monday, June 26.

The United States cruiser Newark has arrived at Valparaiso with all well on board. Two wives claim Colonel John Gaynor, treasurer of the New York state Democratic committee.

Three men were mortally wounded in a drunken brawl in Long Island City following a saloon dance. Governor Roosevelt was given a most enthusiastic reception at Las Vegas, N. M., by the Rough Riders.

Jewelry and clothing valued at \$50,000, brought by Mrs. Dodge from Europe, were seized at the New York custom house.

The St. Louis Baseball club has purchased Centerfield Hemphill of the Grand Rapids club. The price paid was \$1,000.

Fire in Oswego, N. Y., destroyed the Oswego Crate factory and slightly damaged the Ontario Bicycle works and Findlay's Machine works. The loss is estimated at \$10,000.

Saturday, June 24.

Abram Gould, a brother of Jay Gould, died at Salem, N. Y. Emperor William has made Minister of Foreign Affairs von Bulow a count.

The Rough Riders' reunion at Las Vegas, N. M., will begin this afternoon. Major Nair of New Zealand has been appointed acting British consul at Samoa.

Henry B. Plant, president of the Plant Steamship company, died in New York city. The conference on southern education at Capon Springs, W. Va., closed last night.

The acting secretary of war said the department had decided to retain the canteen system. The Chicago health department has taken steps to provide sterilized milk for the children of the poor.

The prize of £16,000 in the Derby lottery of India has been won by the daughter of a Bombay railway guard. Jewelry and clothing valued at \$50,000, brought by Mrs. Dodge from Europe, were seized at the New York custom house.

Friday, June 23.

The pope held a public consistory to present the hats to the new cardinals. Two French fishing smacks were capsized off Brest and 12 persons drowned.

The cruiser Olympia, with Admiral Dewey on board, arrived at Colombo, Ceylon. The cup challenger Shamrock will be launched Monday and arrive at Southampton Wednesday.

Bartlett Tripp, United States commissioner at Samoa, reported that peace had been restored in the islands. It was announced at Cairo that the khalfia had been defeated by a force of natives friendly to the British.

An explosion of gas in the Maxwell shaft of the Lehigh and Wilkesbarre coal company at Ashley, Pa., set fire to the mine and caused a fall of coal which for a time imprisoned about 100 miners.

Thursday, June 22.

Three young sons of Henry Robash were drowned in Rangeley lakes. A \$125,000 cotton mill to be operated by electricity was begun in Charlotte, N. C.

The annual report of the park department shows 6,918 acres of parks in Greater New York. Advances from Dawson state that the season's Klondike output will amount to at least \$18,000,000.

Oxford conferred the honorary degree of doctor of civil laws on General Kitchener and Cecil Rhodes. The lively stable of F. M. Foote in Middletown, Conn., was destroyed by fire, causing \$5,000 damage.

The British government has proposed a bill authorizing a loan of \$4,000,000 for military works at home and abroad. The Midland Railway company of England has ordered four sleeping cars of the Pullman Palace Car company of Chicago.

The treasury deficit for the fiscal year ending June 30 was estimated at \$100,000,000. All the war expenses will be included in \$230,000,000. At Calhoun, Neb., a severe storm blew down barns, windmills and small buildings. A man named Johnson was struck by a falling tree and died shortly afterward.

The Maid and the Miracle advertisement featuring a testimonial from Miss Lucy Tucker and Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People.

ALEXANDER BROTHERS & CO. advertisement for cigars, tobacco, candies, fruits and nuts, listing agents and products.

W. H. BROWER'S advertisement for carpet, matting, or oil cloth, located at 2nd door above Court House.

Large advertisement for Egan and Shew Must Hang, featuring a testimonial about a man who cured his back pain with Grain-O.

CASTORIA advertisement with signature of Chas. H. Pletcher.