

A FILIPINO ROMANCIER.

Admiral Dewey Declares Alejandro's Statement False.

NEVER HELD THE VIEWS QUOTED.

He Declares That the Idea of Filipino Independence Was an Afterthought of the Leaders After the Smashing of the Spanish Fleet.

Washington, July 23.—The letter received by Senator Pettigrew from one of Aguinaldo's generals, J. Alejandro, containing an alleged account of an interview between himself and Admiral Dewey on board the Olympia in the Bay of Hong Kong in April, 1898, in which it is stated that Admiral Dewey promised independence to the Filipinos, was shown to the admiral yesterday by a reporter. The admiral characterized it as a "tissue of falsehoods." He declared it absurd on its face. "I not only had no power to promise independence to the Filipinos," said he, "but the whole tenor of the words put in my mouth stamps them as false. I am made to say things which I never have uttered. You will notice that I am addressed in the alleged interview as admiral, when at the time I was a commodore."

The admiral said he had never heard of Alejandro. Several Filipinos, after much importuning, did come aboard the Olympia at Hong Kong. They were anxious to be taken to Manila. "I considered their representations of little importance," said the admiral, "and I did not take them to Manila. Later I gave permission to Aguinaldo and about a dozen others to go to Manila. All that they were anxious about at that time was an end of the tyranny of Spain, against which they had been fighting. After the destruction of Montejó's fleet the city virtually surrendered, and I am satisfied that if we had had 5,000 troops there at that time we could have gone ashore and been received by the Filipinos as deliverers. They had absolutely no thought then of independence. That was an afterthought of their leaders during the interim between the smashing of the Spanish fleet and the arrival of the United States troops."

Speaking of the report that Cuba was to be evacuated by the American troops after the holding of the constitutional convention, Admiral Dewey said he did not see how the United States could turn over the island to the Cubans until a stable government had been established. "We are responsible to the world for the orderly conduct of affairs in Cuba," said he, "and until such a government is established I cannot see how we can withdraw. We are confronted with a similar situation in the Philippines. The world looks to us, and no matter which political party wins in November the United States cannot relinquish the islands until a responsible and stable government is set up there."

Veteran's Fight Against Removal.

Elmira, N. Y., July 24.—The board of managers of the Elmira Reformatory have preferred charges against Hugh Brockway, transfer office of the institution and a brother of Superintendent Z. R. Brockway. Hugh Brockway refused to resign when requested to do so, urging that he was a veteran soldier and could not be summarily removed. The charges allege incompetency and unfitness to perform the duties of his position because of age and infirmities. Superintendent Brockway, it is now generally understood, will, on the day of his brother's hearing, tender his resignation.

Insurance Swindler Pleads Guilty.

Chicago, July 24.—Mrs. Margaret Sheehan, former financial secretary of Illinois Council 420, Knights and Ladies of Security, a fraternal insurance order, pleaded guilty in court yesterday to a charge of conspiracy to defraud that organization of \$6,650. It is said that, hoping for leniency, two more of the persons indicted will plead guilty. Pauper cadavers were used as a basis for the collection of money alleged to be due on policies.

Captain Evans on Chinese Situation.

St. Louis, July 24.—Capt. Robley D. Evans, U. S. N., who has been at Hot Springs, Ark., for two months, passed through this city yesterday en route to Washington. Regarding the Chinese situation he said: "In my estimation the great powers of the earth are facing the most critical situation that has arisen in modern history. The partition of the Chinese empire can only be prevented by the United States."

Another Alabama Lynching.

Huntsville, Ala., July 24.—Elijah Clark, the negro who on Saturday assaulted Susan Priest, a 13-year-old girl, was taken from the jail in this city last evening and lynched near the spot where his crime was committed. His body was riddled with bullets. Sheriff Fulham defended his prisoner to the last, but was overpowered.

Two Killed by Gasoline Explosion.

Chicago, July 24.—Two girls are dead and two men were badly burned as the result of a gasoline explosion at 331 North Franklin street. The dead: Margaret Poch, aged 11 years; Anna Poch, aged 17. Gustave Keppler and John Moore were badly scorched on the face and hands in trying to rescue the girls.

Defeat For Colombian Rebels.

Caracas, Venezuela, July 24.—In consequence of the last defeats sustained by the rebels the Colombian revolution is now considered lost. The government forces have again occupied Bucaramanga and Cucuta after a bloody battle, in which many prisoners were captured.

Mr. Bryan's Eastern Trip.

New York, July 24.—The announcement was made at Democratic state headquarters last night that Mr. Bryan will visit New York state after Oct. 1. He will make speeches in New York city, Brooklyn, Syracuse, Buffalo, Rochester and Utica.

KEYSTONE HAPPENINGS.

News Items of Interest From All Parts of the State.

BIG GLASS FACTORIES TO MOVE.

They Will Bring Three Thousand Workmen From Indiana to the Pittsburg District—Driver Charged With Killing a Cyclist.

Pittsburg, July 23.—Henry C. Fry, president of the National Glass company, announces that one of the results following the annual convention of the officials and salesmen of that company at Chautauqua will be the removal of five of the company's plants from Indiana to the Pittsburg district. The removal will be effected as soon as proper sites can be secured. Negotiations now pending indicate that they will be located in the Ohio valley near this city. The plants to be removed are now at Summitville, Greentown, Dunkirk, Marion and Albany, Ind. They will bring to this section over 3,000 workmen. The reasons given state that the supply of natural gas in Indiana is diminishing and cannot be depended upon, Pittsburg gas is better, and should it fall other fuel is of easy access, and the Ohio river provides unusual facilities for reaching the southern markets.

Driver Charged With Cyclist's Death.

Bloomsburg, Pa., July 24.—John Cole, aged 27 years, of Coleten, this county, was knocked from his bicycle by a team of horses Sunday night and then crushed to death by the heavy wagon drawn by the team. Cole's companions declare that he met his death through the deliberate and willful act of Ritter Goss, the driver of the team. Goss, who, it is alleged, was intoxicated, was arrested yesterday and committed to jail. Cole endeavored to ride past the wagon, whereupon, it is charged, Goss drove his team at Cole.

To Protect Reckless Bathers.

Wilkesbarre, Pa., July 23.—The hot spell has been the means of filling the Susquehanna river with all kinds of bathers. There have been a number of drownings the past two weeks and many close calls have been reported. Abraham Wilson, aged 8, while bathing yesterday afternoon got beyond his depth and was drowned. The authorities will now take some action. Bathing will only be allowed at certain hours, and guards will be stationed at convenient points to render assistance when called upon.

Two More Counterfeiters Caged.

Philadelphia, July 24.—Secret Service Operative Burns yesterday arrested Edward Bryant, of Camden, who is said to be the companion of C. J. Hoffman, arrested Saturday night for coining counterfeit half dollars. Both Hoffman and Bryant were arraigned before United States Commissioner Craig yesterday and committed in default of \$2,500 bail on the charge of counterfeiting. Bryant is accused of "floating" the coins made by Hoffman.

Probably Murdered For His Money.

New Castle, Pa., July 24.—Schiasta Alberta, an Italian, was found dead near Chewton, Pa., yesterday with two bullets in his head and his money, amounting to \$250, missing. Alberta quarreled with his partner, Tiana, on Saturday and dissolved partnership. After drawing their money from the bank the two went out for a walk. That was the last time he was seen alive. Tiana, it is said, has gone to New York.

Mother and Daughter Died by Poison.

Philadelphia, July 24.—Mrs. Mary Marchand, aged 30 years, and her 2-year-old daughter, Hazel, died last night in a hospital from the effects of carbolic acid. Mrs. Marchand is said to have been drinking. She sent her daughter to purchase the poison, and after forcing the little girl to swallow a quantity of the acid she also took a large dose. Both mother and daughter lingered in agony for several hours.

Boy Parried Out on Bail.

Honesdale, Pa., July 24.—Alton Scisco, aged 12 years, who has been in jail since July 13 charged with shooting his father, was released yesterday in \$500 bail. On July 10 Oscar Scisco was shot and instantly killed by the lad in defense of his mother, whom the man was beating at the time.

Drowned While Bathing.

Chester, Pa., July 24.—Thomas Bradbury, the electrician at the Tidewater Steel company's works, was drowned yesterday while bathing at the company's pier in the Delaware river. His home is in Kingston, Pa. He was 28 years of age and unmarried. The body was recovered.

PENNSYLVANIA NEWS CONDENSED.

Reading's tax rate has been fixed at eight mills. Special prayers for rain were offered in churches of Royersford and Spring City Sunday.

John Kiglesie was arrested at Wilkesbarre, charged with the murder of Michael Danbroski.

John H. Campbell, a Lancaster cabman, was sunstruck and fell from his seat to the ground.

Haunted by the foreboding of misfortune, young Mrs. Thomas Wandow took poison and died at Scranton.

During a thunderstorm near Bloomsburg John Iseler was struck by lightning while seated in his house.

Jumping from a moving train at Sellersville, 15-year-old Sallie Cressman broke both arms. It was her first railroad ride.

John Zolaski, 28 years old, was killed and three others fatally injured by explosion in the ill-fated Twin shaft at Pittston.

By the spreading of the rails several cars were wrecked and brakeman Charles Ammerman and John Singal were badly injured, near Clearfield.

At Camp Hill station, near Fort Washington, a train struck an omnibus containing seven picnickers, killing the horses and injuring two men.

A broken wheel caused a freight wreck on the Wilkesbarre and Eastern railroad at Bartonsville Sunday and four loaded cars were smashed to pieces.

It has been discovered that some of the Berks county patients in the Harrisburg insane asylum are mentally well enough to be cared for at home by their friends.

Three masked highwaymen attacked Michael Kalenda, a brewery collector, at Shamokin, while he was counting his collections, but were frightened off. Kalenda may die.

PUBLIC OPINION.

Opinions From Various Sources on Questions of Public Interest.

If William McKinley would resign the presidency at once and accept that college professorship, which it is said is awaiting him, it would probably be well for the country.—Atlanta Journal.

Senator Beveridge is a young man of so many accomplishments that the Republicans can use one of his speeches for campaign purposes while the Democrats circulate the other.—Chicago Record.

"Our flag," says President McKinley in an address last August, "does not mean one thing here and another thing in Cuba or Porto Rico." Have we changed our flag since then?—Louisville Courier-Journal.

The law says, "Thou shalt not steal a horse," and the punishment is confinement in the penitentiary. The law says, "Thou shalt not form a trust," and the punishment is confinement in the penitentiary. But if a man steals a horse they hound him with bloodhounds; if he organizes a trust, they give him a banquet.—W. J. Bryan.

A liberally attended entertainment in West Virginia the other day was a fight between a wildcat and a bulldog. The animals were confined in a wire cage 15 feet square. At the end of 30 minutes the dog was dead, but the cat was uninjured. It is pleasant to know that cock fighting has been stopped in the Philippines in the interests of civilization.—Boston Transcript.

When American free traders sought a peaceful alliance with England through the channels of civilizing trade, nothing was more obnoxious to the tribe of McKinley than the British flag; but now that an alliance for wars of conquest is on the diplomatic stocks the British flag has become with the tribe of McKinley almost as dear a fetish as "Old Glory."—The Public.

Why do we redeem our pledge to extend equal rights to Hawaii and not to Porto Rico? Why do we open our arms to the islands of the Pacific and turn our backs on the islands of the Atlantic? Why do the Republicans in congress thus stultify the nation? A bare handful of lobbyists, representing the sugar and tobacco interests, and these interests alone, have demanded this sacrifice of the nation's welfare and the Republican party's future.—Inter-Ocean, Chicago.

A young man out of work has written the superintendent of Bellevue hospital, New York, saying he has been reduced to want by enforced idleness and having pawned all he has, even to his wife's wedding ring, he would sell his blood to some patient in need of it. The superintendent wrote that there were no patients with empty veins that would patronize him. There are, evidently, some spots where the overflow of our supposed prosperity has not reached.—People's Advocate.

The drug people want the revenue stamp duty taken off their products. The bankers are moving to have it taken off of checks, the lawyers think it ought to be taken off legal documents and the insurance people off of policies. The only classes who don't seem to care a continental about it are the telegraph and express companies, and they hustled around and bought up the federal courts and saddled their share of the war tax on their patrons, so they can afford to be indifferent about it.—Bradford Argus.

In regard to drunkenness in the Philippines, it is unfortunate for Bishop Potter, of New York, that just as we get his assurance that he saw no drunken men in Manila in his brief visit there the court martial sentences on a major and two lieutenants to dismissal from the army for appearing drunk in the streets of Manila should have been made public. If officers are drunk in public, what can be expected of the men, especially when the bars are let down, and there are 450 saloons in Manila now to 30 when the Spaniards held sway?—Norristown Register.

From the time when George Dewey shot the Spanish tubs in Manila bay full of holes up to the day when millions of people cheered his passage up the streets of New York he could have had anything in America for the asking. He didn't want a thing, not even the presidency. He refused everything except a house and the Widow Hazen. Having acquired her, he has decided to accept the presidency. You may bet Mrs. McKinley has informed her sweet William that that woman is just a scheming, tricky old thing, and that it's a pity about George. And so it is.—Venango Spectator.

Now, man to man, what are we plain people to think of such a man, who does not seem to know his own mind for two consecutive hours, and who asks Mr. Sperry to vote in opposition to his message to congress? In the last quarter of a century there has not been an occupant of the presidential chair, from Rutherford B. Hayes, who vetoed a free silver bill passed by a Republican congress, to Grover Cleveland, who forced the repeal of the Sherman purchasing clause, who ever displayed such uncertainty in leadership, such absolute subserviency to the will of others.—New Haven Register.

Those arguments that are made, that the inferior race are to be treated with as much allowance as they are capable of enjoying; that as much is to be done for them as their condition will allow—what are these arguments? They are the arguments that kings have made for the enslaving of the people in all ages of the world. You will find that all the arguments of kingcraft were always of this class; they always bestrode the necks of the people—not that they wanted to do it, but because the people were better off for being ridden. * * * Turn it every way you will—whether it come from the mouth of a king as an excuse for enslaving the people of his country, or from the mouth of men of one race—it is all the same old serpent.—Abraham Lincoln at Chicago, July 10, 1858.

CURRENT COMMENT.

Notes Political and Otherwise on Matters of Public Interest.

By Andrew J. Palm.

We are holding Cuba merely long enough to teach her how to do the government act herself. The enormous steals that have already occurred in the postoffice department will be a fine object lesson for the Cubans, but it will take them a long time to put up as big a steal as was done by their American teachers. The most essential things necessary to good government, honesty to prompt right doing and the courage to perform "plain duty," are so sadly lacking in the McKinley administration that the president is regarded as a Pharisee when he sets up as an example for others to follow.

The directors of the Commercial Travelers and Hotel Men's Anti-Trust League held a meeting recently in New York and adopted a resolution pledging the League to support the nominees of a meeting of several thousand drummers at Kansas City on the Fourth of July. In '96 a great majority of the commercial travelers supported McKinley, but McKinley prospered as a result of the thousands of them out of business, and this year they will do their full share toward driving McKinley out of the presidential chair that he has disgraced.

The armor plate contractors will put up handsomely for the Republican campaign fund as a reward to the party for killing the proposition to establish a government plant. The armor plate manufacturers, like many others, sell their goods cheaper abroad than at home, and the men who uphold such business transactions must be receiving a reward for their perfidy to home interests.

When Senator Pettigrew declared in the senate that the ship building firm of Cramp & Co. had been compelled to put up \$400,000 to the Republican campaign fund in '96 the pure and undefiled Mark Hanna became white with rage, and denounced Pettigrew as insane. Mr. Pettigrew however, didn't seem disturbed by Mr. Hanna's charge, but kept right on prodding him with unpalatable truths. Senator Pettigrew says that he received his information from the senior member of the firm of Cramp & Co., and as that member has not denied it, Mr. Hanna's rage was evidently the more sincere because of the truth of the charge.

Gen. Fred Funston, who thinks he is a greater man than Washington, put two Filipino prisoners to death "to make an example of them." This and many other similar transactions will set us before the world as an example to be shunned, not imitated. We call ourselves a Christian nation, yet do things that would shame an ordinary devil.

Congress adjourned after one of the shortest regular sessions on record. It failed to do its "plain duty" as laid down by McKinley in regard to Porto Rico, and passed a financial measure that no other congress has dared to do, showing that the money power is constantly growing more brazen in its demands and all the time getting Congress more completely under its control. The anti-trust bill passed the house with a hurrah, just for effect, because it was well understood that the senate would quietly put it to sleep. The ship subsidy steel and the Nicaragua canal steel were not passed, owing to the effect they might have on the coming election; but they are not dead, merely postponed, and if McKinley should again be elected and Congress be Republican they will pass. Under Bryan, however, they will have no show, and as he is certain to be our next president these steals will not receive governmental sanction.

The attempt of Mayor Ashbridge and Director English, of Philadelphia, to bulldoze Hon. John Wanamaker proved a sad failure. Like the man who played with the hind feet of a mule, these two gentlemen are not nearly so happy looking as they were before, but they know more, having learned something new in the fool's school of experience. They know now to a certainty that the better people of Philadelphia will not tolerate an unwarranted attack on a respected citizen. The impudence of these men is equaled only by their stupidity. They thought to blackmail Mr. Wanamaker, a gentleman who has never shown any lack of courage, by telling him that spies had been on his track when in Europe, and that something would be exposed unless he would cause The North American to stop its attacks on Ashbridge and English for their questionable acts as city officials. Mr. Wanamaker promptly exposed the scheme, and public feeling rose to such a pitch in the Quaker City that a mass meeting was held and his indignation against Ashbridge and his tool, English, was expressed in strong terms. If they do not resign and give up the positions they have disgraced it will not be because the best people of Philadelphia do not desire it. Mr. Wanamaker's public life is an open book containing no record of wrong doing, while his private life has been one worthy of imitation, at which no character traducer has dared to point the finger of suspicion. He has a strong hold on the people of the state for what he has done and is doing for better government. When postmaster general he advocated the government ownership of the telegraph and a wider use of the mails in the interest of the common people. To him belongs the credit of first recommending rural mail delivery. He has done more to overthrow Quayism in this state than any other man, and is to be admired for the enemies he has made.

A big standing army is a confessed menace to a republic. Its cost is a tremendous tax upon the people. American voters are not so helpless as the people of Europe, crushed almost to earth by the burden of militarism. It will be the fault of these voters if they consent to assume such a burden. The European policy of militarism and taxation for its maintenance has no excuse for existence in this country.—St. Louis Republic.

DON'T DO IT. DON'T dispute with a woman when she says our groceries are the only ones to buy, because she knows what she is talking about. DON'T argue with her when she says our prices are money savers. She talks like a sensible woman who knows what's what. DON'T try to excuse yourself for going to some other store instead of ours. You know you can offer no reason that can be sufficient for passing the store where the best and cheapest go together. DON'T expect your wife to meet you pleasantly if you've gone to some other store than ours when she expressly told you to go nowhere else. Don't do these things if you expect to have a bountiful table supplied with wholesome food, and a smiling wife to welcome you to your happy home. DON'T forget this, but always get your family groceries at Bellefonte, Pa. SECHLER & CO'S.

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