

SAN ROGUE RUMORED BY THE FILIPINOS

The Natives Quickly Obey Admiral Dewey's Orders to Leave the City.

ALL IS NOW QUIET AT MANILA

Report of Casualties Forwarded by General Otis—No Important Developments Are Expected from the Scene of Action for the Next Four or Five Days—American Troops Will Be Sent to Take Possession of Iloilo at Once. Filipinos at Washington Are Very Quiet.

Manila, Feb. 9.—5:50 p. m.—The natives fearing the Americans were about to make an attack on or bombard the town of San Roque, set fire to it today. It is still burning as this dispatch is sent, and as it is composed in the main of bamboo huts it will probably be totally destroyed.

Telegraph operators are now worth their weight in gold and the members of the signal corps are working night and day. All is quiet here. The Filipinos are lying low, except on the extreme left and right. They are evidently concentrating between Calocan and Malabon. Judging from appearances the Filipinos are being reinforced by better drilled men from the north-south provinces. In front of Calocan they are as thick as a swarm of bees.

The American troops feel the heat at midday in the open but they are anxious to proceed. The soldiers are impatient while in sight of the enemy. The Filipinos are still entrancing themselves on their left at Calocan. Sergeant Major Smith of the Tennessee, has been ordered to proceed to the United States by the next transport as an escort of the remains of Colonel William C. Smith, of the First Tennessee, volunteers who died of apoplexy during the recent battle with the Filipinos.

DEWEY'S REPORT. Washington, Feb. 9.—A dispatch to the navy department from Admiral Dewey confirms the news of the burning of San Roque. It is dated today and says: "After continued interference and intimidation of our workmen I ordered armed insurgents to leave San Roque by 9 this morning. They left during the night, a few remaining who burned the village this morning. It is now occupied by our troops. All is quiet. San Roque is a village on the neck of land connecting Cavite and the mainland of Luzon.

All that General Otis had to report to the war department today related to the casualties that have occurred so far among the American troops as the result of the actions since Saturday night.

The additional casualties are: "Thirty-two Minnesota—Wounded; Company M, Private Alexander F. Burns. "First Montana—Wounded; Company C, Private Ploresio. "First Nebraska—Killed; Company B, Andrew Gustafson. "Company A, William Philpot; Company M, George L. Livingston. "Wounded; Company A, Charles Keeley; Company B, George L. Livingston. "Robert E. Smith, of the First Tennessee, volunteers who died of apoplexy during the recent battle with the Filipinos.

Matters in Luzon are now in a state of comparative quiet apparently and one of the officials, who knows as well as any one what is going on, said this afternoon that he did not expect to hear of important developments in the Philippines for the next four or five days. Secretary Alger received his statement made yesterday, to the effect that he had sent no instructions to General Otis and in answer to an inquiry as to the proposed movement towards a landing at Iloilo, added that if General Miller had been ordered to make a landing the order must have been given by General Otis. For it had not come from the war department. The proposition is already under way and it would not be surprising to hear within the next two days that it had been executed.

WILL PROCEED TO ILOILO. The best indication of that determination was the dispatch this morning from Manila of the First regiment of Tennessee volunteer infantry to Iloilo. So long as the masses of insurgents around Manila appeared to consider a serious threat against its safety, General Otis felt bound not to weaken his forces by sending any additional troops to Iloilo, but now that he has the insurgents demoralized, he can proceed to carry out his plan for the occupation of the principal city in the Philippine group next to Manila. This movement might have been made some time ago but for the necessity of the commanding general was under of withdrawing the First Iowa regiment from before Iloilo. These troops had been on their transport on long that they were really unfit for active ser-

CORNISH ON THE STAND.

Given Testimony Before the Jury Selected by Coroner Hart. New York, Feb. 9.—The inquiry into the death of Mrs. Kate J. Adams, who died after taking bromo seltzer containing cyanide of mercury, which had been sent through the mails to Harry Cornish, physical director of the Knickerbocker Athletic club, was begun by Coroner Hart today.

Little difficulty was experienced in securing a jury and then Harry Cornish was put on the stand. The taking of testimony occupied the entire day, and he will go on the stand again tomorrow. According to District Attorney Gardner, who was himself present at the inquiry for a brief period and who was represented by Assistant District Attorney Osborne, the testimony given by Cornish was not entirely satisfactory, nor, the district attorney asserted, was it as complete as had been expected.

ANOTHER ARMY BEEF INQUIRY

General Miles' Charges to Be Substantiated or Overthrown—Officers of the Regular and Volunteer Service Constitute the Board of Inquiry. Washington, Feb. 9.—The president has appointed a court of inquiry to examine into the charges touching the meat furnished the American army during the war with Spain, and other matters involved in the charges made by General Miles against the administration of Major General Wade, Colonel George L. Davis, Ninth infantry, and Colonel Gillette, corps of engineers, now stationed in New York.

THE COMMISSION IS DISSOLVED

Report of the War Investigating Committee Is Now in the Hands of the President. Washington, Feb. 9.—The report of the war investigating commission is in the hands of the president and the commission is dissolved. All of the members of the commission, including the secretary, Mr. Wrightman, and the recorder, Colonel Davis, met by appointment at the white house at 1:30 this afternoon and were shown into the cabinet room where they were received by the president. General Dodge, the chairman of the commission, presented the report and in receiving it the president congratulated the commissioners on the completion of their task. Seated around the cabinet table the members went over their work in a general way and at the request of the president read portions of their report, which covered certain points in which he had expressed an interest. The conference lasted about an hour and a half and the commissioners were about to leave, the president stated that he was satisfied with the report and that he would give them every assistance possible, and said that they would bear witness that he had not sought to influence them in any manner or in the slightest degree.

MILITARY CONVENTION.

Organized at Tampa—The Officers Elected. Tampa, Fla., Feb. 9.—The national military convention was organized today by the election of the following officers: President, General Daniel Butterfield, of New York; vice presidents, General A. H. Cady, Michigan; Colonel J. Anthony Dyer, Rhode Island, and General John C. Underwood, Kentucky; secretary, James V. Wilson, Florida.

TROUBLE AT MUSCAT.

British Admiral Will Interview Sultan of Oman. Bombay, Feb. 9.—Rear Admiral Archibald Lucius Douglas, in command of the British East Indian station, sails for Muscat tomorrow to support the protest lodged by Great Britain against the action of the sultan of Oman, of which Muscat is the capital, in leasing to France a coaling station on the coast of Oman.

TROUBLE IN BOLIVIA.

Indians Capture the Corocoro Mining Works. Yaparazo, Feb. 9.—A dispatch received today from Bolivia says that a thousand Indians recently surrounded the Corocoro mining works which is the property of Chileans and sacked all the houses.

EASTBURN DROPS OUT.

No Change in the Senatorial Situation at Harrisburg. Harrisburg, Feb. 9.—There is still no change in the senatorial situation. Senator Quay was again 13 votes short today of the number necessary to elect. Hugh B. Eastburn, the Doylestown lawyer, dropped out of the race today. In the absence of Senator Sprout, of Philadelphia, Senator Eastburn lost his customary vote. The ballot follows in detail:

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WEATHER FORECAST. + + + + + Washington, Feb. 9.—Forecast for today: Breeze from eastward; + + + + + for Friday: Fair, eastern Pennsylvania; + + + + + sun, fair, not quite so cold in + + + + + southern portions; brisk west + + + + + breeze for Saturday.