

CHASING THE INSURGENTS

Rebels Attack the Washington Volunteers at Taguig.

AMERICANS LOSE TWO

General Wheaton's Men Follow the Enemy Eleven Miles, but Do Not Get Nearer Than 1,200 Yards. Many Prisoners Represent that the Filipinos Are Weakening.

Manila, March 19.—6.35 p. m.—Some of the rebels recently expelled from Cavite and the small towns in the vicinity of Pasig combined forces and last night as already cabled—attacked a company of the Washington volunteers, a detached post at Taguig, about a mile and a half southeast of Pasig.

General Wheaton immediately reinforced the Americans with two companies each of the Washington and the Oregon regiments. The post had held the enemy in check and the fire of the reinforcing companies repulsed them, driving them across to an island forming the estuary. They were thus in front of the Twenty-second regulars.

On discovering that they were entrapped the rebels fought desperately, aided materially by the jungle and the darkness, but they were completely routed, with heavy loss, after two hours' fighting. The Americans lost two killed and twenty wounded, among the latter Lieutenant Frank Jones.

General Wheaton determined to punish the natives and at daybreak today his brigade started in the following order: The Sixth artillery, holding the extreme right; the Oregon volunteers, holding the center; the Washington regiment, keeping to the left of the lake; and the Twenty-second regulars occupying the right of the line, which swept the whole country along the lake in a southeasterly direction, toward General Owenshine's position. The line thus extending over two miles of country, rough and covered with thick jungle, advanced eleven miles. The enemy fled, the last of them being seen at half-past three this afternoon. At scarcely any time did the Americans get within 1,200 yards of them.

The troops are returning to Pasig tonight, exhausted by the hard work under a hot sun. The Oregon regiment had one man killed and four wounded, and the Twenty-second regulars, according to the official reports, no fewer than 200 Filipinos were killed.

General Otis says the American army and gunboats command the lake. He estimates that property of the insurgents valued at \$500,000 has been destroyed, with quantities of rice and sugar, and 400 tons of coal, which is very valuable here have been captured.

FILIPINOS WEAKEN.

Many of the prisoners represent that the Filipino soldiers are weakening. The generous treatment that the Americans administer to the native prisoners, and wounded seems to influence the insurgent army powerfully. In the opinion of the Americans, however, the Filipino leaders will continue to provoke fighting just as long as they can retain their hold upon their followers, because they have everything to gain and nothing to lose.

The enemy have twice as many men on their firing lines as they have arms; and the fact that so few arms are captured by the Americans is because the guns of the wounded Filipinos and many of those who surrender are spirited away.

The armed tugs Laguna de Bay and Oeste have returned to San Pedro Macati and reported the result of their tour of the lake. On Friday morning last they shelled the town of Morong, the rebels fleeing without making any response to the fire. The Americans landed a party which destroyed a quantity of stores and all the stone buildings, except the church.

The expedition then proceeded to Macajay, where a sugar mill and saw mill were destroyed.

On arriving at Santa Cruz, a town of 1,200 inhabitants, it was found that the enemy was strongly entrenched and prepared to defend the position, assisted by two gun boats and several launchers. The mouth of the river was blocked with rocks and bamboo.

A few shells caused an exodus of the citizens but not of the enemy's troops. The Americans did not attempt to land.

Captain Grant, who is in charge of the expedition, asks for reinforcements and will probably take Santa Cruz tomorrow.

3.55 p. m.—The United States distilling ship Iris, which left Honolulu for Manila with the United States battleship Oregon, on Feb. 29, arrived today. This morning also arrived the San Joaquin, the last of the overdue English steamers, sailing under American registers, that were detained by the insurgents on the northwest coast of Luzon.

Dispatch from Otis. Washington, March 19.—The war department today received the following dispatch from Major General Otis regarding operations against the insurgents: Adjutant General, Washington.

IN THE WINDSOR FIRE.

A. P. Demorest Loses a Safe Containing \$10,000 Worth of Jewels.

New York, March 19.—A. P. Demorest called at the East Fifty-first street police station today and reported that he had a small safe filled with jewels valued at \$10,000 in the ruins of the fire. He, his wife and daughter and son occupied rooms on the third floor near Fifth avenue and Forty-seventh street. They were in their rooms when the fire occurred. His daughter, when the fire was discovered, went to the small safe containing the jewels and tried to open it but forgot the combination in her excitement. Mr. Demorest stated that when he opened the room door he saw three men running about in the smoke and going into rooms. They were not firemen and he was certain they were not employees. He thinks they were robbers. He and his family then went out on the fire escape and were rescued by firemen. Mr. Demorest was a comprehensive about the safety of the safe and its valuables.

Thomas Cleary, of 911 Third avenue, called on Inspector Harley and stated that he assisted a woman from the hotel whom he afterward ascertained was Mrs. Abner McKinley. He took her to the street and put her in a cab. Mrs. McKinley told him that she had dropped a bag containing some jewelry. He ran back and got the bag and gave it to Mrs. McKinley and she drove off. Inspector Harley held Cleary in order to verify the story. Of three trunks taken from the debris at Forty-seventh street and Fifth avenue Saturday afternoon two were claimed by Abner McKinley.

AMERICANS IN HAVANA.

Many Prominent Men Visit Cuba's Capital—Charles Emory Smith to Inspect the Postal System—Plans for Mustering Out Volunteers.

Havana, March 19.—Postmaster general Charles Emory Smith, who arrived here yesterday afternoon by steamer from Tampa, is the first member of President McKinley's cabinet to come to Cuba to inspect in person the results so far achieved by the American occupation. Mr. Smith's stay will be a brief one, but he will have many opportunities to gauge the difficulties, political and social, which will have to be surmounted in any effort to set up a stable and responsible insular government.

General Emory Smith, who is accompanied by the postmaster general, will take a special look at the work of the department of posts, which, under the vigorous management of Colonel Rathbun, formerly deputy commissioner at Washington, is also supplying the island with a mail service far in advance of any known under the Spanish rule. In reaching the many remote points of the interior wholly inaccessible to the military, the postal service has exerted a powerful educational influence, and its rapid extension and betterment will be pushed as one of the most effective means of bringing the people of the island into closer touch with the new administration. Mr. Smith is accompanied on his tour of inspection by the fourth assistant postmaster general, Joseph H. Bristol.

Numerous other Americans prominent in public life have appeared in Havana in the last two days. Representatives Warner and Smith, of Illinois, and Facker, of Pennsylvania, arrived at Bonaventa, and the Third service far in advance of any known under the Spanish rule. In reaching the many remote points of the interior wholly inaccessible to the military, the postal service has exerted a powerful educational influence, and its rapid extension and betterment will be pushed as one of the most effective means of bringing the people of the island into closer touch with the new administration. Mr. Smith is accompanied on his tour of inspection by the fourth assistant postmaster general, Joseph H. Bristol.

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The injured are improving. The hospital reports are to the injured are improving. Some of them were able to leave the hospitals today and others will be discharged tomorrow. Following is a statement of the condition of the injured:

ROACH, KATHIE, servant, ankle broken; recovering; Henry.

SHANNON, MRS. MARTHA M., French, Md.; burned; recovering; Bellevue.

THOMAS, MRS. NELLIE, assistant housekeeper of hotel; shock; improving; Bellevue.

PRICE, MRS. ALICE M., Mason, Gd.; leg fractured; gravely improved; Bellevue.

MISCH, MRS. KATHARINE, wife of correspondent of San Francisco; hurt; injuries slight; improving; Presbyterian hospital.

SHACKLETON, EDWARD, burns and dislocated shoulder; recovering; Presbyterian.

SEARCHING FOR WINDSOR VICTIMS

TWO HUNDRED MEN AT WORK ABOUT SMOULDERING RUINS.

Two Chimneys Are Blown Down with Dynamite—The Workmen Are Unable to Make Much Progress on Account of the Excessive Heat. Narrow Escape from Falling Walls. Several Missing Guests Turn Up.

New York, March 19.—In a drizzling rain more than 200 men continued today to work among the debris and smoldering ruins of the Windsor hotel searching for the bodies of those who perished in the flames and to recover any valuables that might have escaped the ravages of the fire. The efforts of the searchers were futile, however, as the ruins were too hot to permit much progress, and the smoke arising from the burning material was rendered more dense by the dampness of the atmosphere. At intervals during the night flames burst forth from the burning embers and drove back the workmen.

Work was begun this morning to demolish the fragmentary portions of the walls on the east and north sides of the burned building, and later the number of workers was reinforced and the work of removing the rubbish pushed as vigorously as was practicable.

The chimney, 85 feet high, standing on the 48th street side of the ruins near Fifth avenue, was blown up at noon today. Thirty pounds of dynamite were placed under the base of this chimney, and electricity was used to explode it.

Smoke and steam still rise from the debris and now and then tongues of flames shoot up, even at this late hour after the fire. The workmen have been able to do only a little superficial work. When they dig down a little way the debris is so hot that they are obliged to move to another locality.

During the day workmen were engaged in picking up pieces of the six-story wall standing on the 47th street side of the hotel, in order to make a search in the ruins safer.

The second 55-foot chimney was dynamited shortly after 3 o'clock this afternoon. The explosion wrecked a number of plate glass windows and doors in nearby residences.

Personal Property Found.

A large force of men were at work during the afternoon on what was the main entrance to the hotel. It was expected that bodies would first be found there.

A large amount of small articles, principally the personal property of guests, was found.

Daniel Sweeney, the emergency wrecker of the city building department, and three men had a narrow escape from injury and possibly death about 5 o'clock. The four men were on top of the six-story wall, which was still standing on the Forty-seventh street rear corner of the hotel tearing it down.

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FUNERAL OF LELANDS.

Remains Will Be Interred at Chicago Tuesday.

New York, March 19.—Funeral services over Mrs. Warren F. Leland and Miss Helen M. Leland, wife and daughter of the proprietor of the Windsor hotel, and who died from injuries received at the fire, were held this morning at the Church of the Heavenly Rest, Rev. Dr. Parker Morgan officiating. Mr. and Mrs. Abner McKinley, Mr. S. Hawk, G. Wetmore and a few other friends of the family were present. At 1 o'clock the bodies were taken to the Grand Central station and sent to Chicago.

There were two large baskets of Easter lilies near the caskets, the gift of President and Mrs. McKinley. Mr. Leland and his son, Charles W. Leland, accompanied the remains to Chicago. The interment will take place there Tuesday.

Russian Story Denounced.

Paris, March 19.—The Times today published an interview with Baron von Muehlenberg, a Russian diplomat, who had returned to France who now resides at Pau, in which he denounces as a "clumsy invention" the story that he is the real culprit who sold both Russian and French military secrets to the German government and that it has been only to avoid a public scandal greater than the Dreyfus affair that he had been imprisoned.

John Sherman Improving.

Kingson, Jamaica, March 19.—The American line steamer Purdy, with the party of Americans touring in West Indian waters, arrived here today. John Sherman is steadily improving though he is a very sick man and cannot with safety be transferred on board to the United States cruiser Chicago.

THAT BEEF HAD BEEN PAINTED

TESTIMONY OF SERGEANT MASON, OF THE CAVALRY.

The Most Direct Since the Court Left Chicago—Armour's Agent Said the Meat Had Been Treated to a Coat of Preservative—The Fresh Beef Refused—Canned Roast Beef Thrown Away.

Lawrence, Kas., March 19.—The army beef court of inquiry concluded the taking of testimony at Fort Leavenworth at noon today and at 4.15 departed for Chicago, where the sessions will be resumed Monday. The sole witness examined today was Sergeant Edward Mason, Troop A, First United States Cavalry, located at Fort Robinson, Neb., who served as regimental commissary sergeant at Lakeland, Fla., and during the Cuban campaign.

Sergeant Mason's testimony was probably the most direct that has been adduced since the court left Chicago, witness declaring that meat received at Lakeland, Fla., in his regiment, "was undoubtedly chemically treated."

The agent of Armour & Co. the salt, told him at the time that this meat had been treated with what was called preservative. It was as if it had been painted over with something like paraffine wax.

There was a light coating on the outside of the meat, I objected to the color of the meat and refused to accept it. There was probably 3,000 pounds in the car."

Witness had refused to accept the meat. Sergeant Mason was interrogated individually by each member of the court and could not be shaken in his testimony. He told of the meat furnished on the voyage from Tampa to Cuba. No complaints were made of the canned roast beef, but the meat was tasteless and unsatisfactory generally and had to be thrown overboard.

The canned beef thrown away. In Cuba the men of his regiment would not eat the canned roast beef, and as a rule it was thrown away. The refrigerated beef, issued after the surrender, was good but as a rule it spoiled before it could be used.

The witness' responses to questions from Major Lee regarding the beef rejected at Lakeland said: "The meat we received was in appearance fine, but it was undoubtedly chemically treated. One morning, the 28th or 29th of May, I went down to the refrigerator car to draw meat and I objected to the appearance of it. An agent of Armour & Co. was there. He told me at the time that this meat had been treated with what was called preservative. It was as if it had been painted over with something like paraffine wax.

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MISS HOFFMAN'S FATE.

It Is Believed That Her Body Is in the Ruins of Windsor.

Baltimore, March 19.—The relatives and friends of Miss Dora Hoffman, of this city, who was registered at the Windsor hotel on the day of the fire, and who has since been missing, have abandoned all hope and given her up for lost. Her niece, the Misses McKelvey, who were also guests at the hotel but who were at luncheon in another part of the city when the building was burned, returned to Baltimore tonight. With them came R. Curzon Hoffman, former president of the Seaboard Air Line Railway company, and brother-in-law of Miss Hoffman, who went to New York expecting to find that one of the women who died at Miss Helen Gould's home was his sister. He learned that such was not the case, however, and now believes that Miss Hoffman's body is in the ruins. He asserts that a Mrs. Auze, who formerly lived somewhere in the south, was seen with Miss Hoffman on the notice of the hotel a few minutes before the fire broke out, and he believes both were struck although it has been reported that Mrs. Auze was among those saved. The women were warm friends and Mr. Hoffman thinks his sister lost her life in trying to save that of her companion, who was considerably her senior.

Miss Hoffman was about 60 years old. She was a daughter of the late Samuel Hoffman. Miss Hoffman was an intellectual and charming woman, and she had hosts of friends in this city. She was generous and charitable, and had a great deal in an unassuming way for the poor.

AN ATROCIOUS MURDER.

Two Women Are Beaten to a Jelly By a Feroocious Negro.

Upper Marlboro, Md., March 19.—Mary A. Clarke, aged 52, was beaten to death and her sister, Annie Clark, aged 45, was fatally hurt last night at Upper Marlboro, Md. The bodies were found by John Berry, a 15-year-old negro boy, who is in jail for the crime. The deed was a ferocious one, the aged and defenseless women being surprised by a boy and literally beaten to a jelly with a club. Miss Annie Clark saved herself from instant death by promising to give the boy \$100 and pledging herself not to betray him if he spared her life. Intense indignation prevails and a lynching is not improbable.

The murder was lodged in the Marlboro jail, but later, for fear that he would be lynched, was taken to Washington and tonight was taken to Baltimore on the 10 o'clock train for safe keeping.

KRUGER'S SPEECH.

He Wishes to Retain the Dynamite Monopoly.

Pretoria, March 19.—President Kruger, in an important speech at Heidelberg on Friday, emphasized the necessity of the state retaining the dynamite monopoly because, as he argued, the South African republic being an inland state, in the event of trouble with any of the powers its supplies of explosives might otherwise be suddenly cut off. "Where should we be then?" he exclaimed.

He announced his intention to modify the mining laws and to reduce the period entitling an applicant to full burghership from fourteen to nine years' residence.

Kipling Reads the Papers.

New York, March 19.—Rudyard Kipling tonight read the papers, dictated some letters and saw a few friends. He spoke of getting out soon and his physician, Dr. Dunham, encouraged him with the promise that he will be permitted to leave his room in a few days.

THE NEWS THIS MORNING

Weather Indications Today: FAIR, HIGH WINDS.

1 General—Filipinos Getting a Taste of War. The West Experiences a Destructive Cyclone. Hotel Windsor Fire. The Beef Inquiry.

2 General—Trade Balance Favors Uncle Sam. Financial and Commercial.

3 Local—Meeting of the Welsh C. M. Presbytery.

4 Editorial. A Few Samples of Genuine Poetry.

5 Local—Contemplated Changes on the D. L. & W. Tramps Were His Companions. Gossip About Men of the Hour.

6 Local—West Scranton and Suburban.

7 News Round About Scranton.

8 Local—Arrested on a Charge of Murder. Industrial Gleanings.

PRESIDENT AT CHURCH.

The Service an Event of the Day in Thomasville—Will Visit Jekyll Island Today.

Thomasville, Ga., March 19.—President McKinley went to church today at the Methodist church of Thomasville. The service was the event of the day to the village and country folks, and the large weather-stained church was filled to the doors. The president's carriage drove up in front of the church just before service began and Mr. McKinley, Vice-President Hobart and Mrs. Hobart, who were the only ones to attend, were shown to a pew well to the front of the body of the church. They were seated before many of the congregation knew of their presence, but thereafter were observed as closely as decency at the service would permit.

Mrs. McKinley did not attend, the weather having turned raw and cold, making it prudent to remain indoors. Presiding Elder K. O. Branch conducted services. He is well along in years. In his prayer he implored God to bless the president of the United States, give wisdom for the conduct of his office and that increasing prosperity may be our inheritance under his administration. He chose for his text the seventh verse of the seventh chapter of Matthew: "Every good tree bringeth forth good fruit, but a corrupt tree bringeth forth evil fruit."

The theme of his sermon was that every individual continuously has an influence for good or evil on all persons.

The president listened attentively throughout the long sermon and joined in the congregational singing. He looked fairly well, but was decidedly pale. The vice-president showed that he had not fully recovered from the grip.

The party enjoyed a drive in the afternoon and then, owing to the cool northwest wind, spent the time indoors chatting. Dinner was served at 4 o'clock.

Preparations have been made to leave here in a special car at 10 o'clock tomorrow morning for Jekyll Island. There the party will remain till Wednesday, free from scrutiny, save by the club members and their guests.

Preparations for the coming of his office, have nothing to do with the trip, and no political conferences, it is explicitly asserted, will be held there. The probability that Speaker Reed and the president will meet is of course admitted, but the possibility is that a result of it may be better relations between them, though neither will be a party to any attempt to bring them together.

TWO MEN KILLED.

Tragedy on the Pennsylvania Line at Johnstown.

Johnstown, Pa., March 19.—Two men were killed by fast trains on the Pennsylvania railroad within the limits of Cambria county, at Gallitzin, Saturday night, approaching the climax in tragedy. Burgess J. J. McGeary, who is also the justice of the peace-elect on the Democratic ticket, was struck and killed by the Chicago limited westward at a spot about one and a half miles west of Gallitzin. He was a veterinary physician of long practice and a much respected citizen.

Joseph Dougherty, the other victim, was struck by a fast freight about half a mile from the spot where McGeary was killed. His head was completely severed from his body.

At 3 o'clock yesterday morning D. Kilmeester, an employee of the Cambria Steel company, had bought a ticket on a Pennsylvania railroad train near the Conaugh yards, and died afterward at the Memorial hospital in this city.

VILLAMIL'S REMAINS.

Santiago de Cuba, March 19.—After careful investigation Major General Wood, the military governor, is convinced that the skeleton found in the ruins of the shore, about four miles west of El Morro, is the remains of the Spanish Admiral Villamil, who commanded the torpedo boat destroyers Purser and Platon in the battle which resulted in the destruction of Corvetta's squadron.

WAGES INCREASED TEN PER CENT.

Yonkers, N. Y., March 19.—Nurses have been raised by the Ohio Steel company, now controlled by the National Steel company, that taking effect March 20, the wages of all men engaged in construction and track work would be increased 10 per cent. The company has 100 men constructing two mammoth furnaces.

Volunteers Returning.

Havana, March 19.—The United States transport Thomas, formerly the Minnesota, sailed this morning for the United States, having completed its tour of duty in Havana, specially chartered for this purpose, will sail tomorrow with the Second Louisiana volunteers.

Pope Attends Mass.

Rome, March 19.—The pope attended mass today in his private chapel, and later received several persons in audience. He occupies his leisure time in writing Latin verses.

Steamship Arrivals.

New York, March 19.—Arrived: La Touraine, from Havre. Havre-Arrived: La Champagne, from New York.

DISASTROUS CYCLONE IN THE WEST

Arkansas, Mississippi and Alabama Are Swept by Storms.

Reports from Points in the States Above Mentioned Indicate That in Addition to Deaths and Injuries the Property Losses Will Run Into the Hundreds of Thousands—Many Cattle Killed and Dozens of Grain Mills Destroyed—Heavy Rains Follow the Wind, Sweeping Away Bridges and Covering the Streets with Water in Some of the Towns.

Memphis, Tenn., March 19.—Reports from different points in Arkansas, Mississippi and Alabama indicate that in the storms which swept over these states yesterday fourteen persons were killed outright and twenty-one injured as follows: Alabama, 16 killed, 4 injured; Arkansas, 1 killed, 7 injured; Mississippi, 1 killed, 10 injured. The property loss will run into the hundreds of thousands.

FOURTEEN ARE KILLED

Chicago, March 19.—The Times-Herald, Birmingham, Ala., says: A cyclone struck the belt of country lying between Heflin and Edwardsville, Cleburne county, yesterday afternoon and wrought terrific damage, seven persons were killed, five of them in one house. It took railroad trains until 10 o'clock last night to get through on account of the trees and telegraph poles that had fallen across the track. Cattle were drowned and dozens of grain mills were destroyed.

The house of the Coffey family was absolutely torn to pieces. There were eleven inmates of the house, seven of whom were killed outright and three badly injured. The storm swept a path of twenty miles long and leveled everything in its way. Altogether twenty-five persons were injured. The havoc wrought was terrific and the scenes of suffering terrible in the extreme.

Bridges Swept Away.

Huntsville, Ala., March 19.—A tornado passed through Hazel Green, a small town in the northern part of Madison county at 6 o'clock last night and destroyed many houses. It is not known whether there was loss of life. Heavy rains all day swelled the creeks and small rivers of Madison county to unusual proportions and many bridges were swept away. People in the lowlands of the southern part of the county will lose much property. The water covered portions of several streets in Huntsville. Trains at the Southern railway depot plowed through water fifteen inches deep. Small houses on Spring branch, Pink Hook creek, had to be abandoned.

Little Rock, Ark., March 19.—A destructive wind storm passed through the southern part of Pass and a portion of Pike county yesterday. At Okonema several houses were blown down, three buildings being demolished. Two men were caught in the rains and sustained serious injuries. The storm was followed by a very heavy rain, which extended all over the southwestern portion of the state.

Atlanta, Ga., March 19.—A special to the Constitution from Waynesboro, Ga., says a cyclone passed over Burke county at 3 o'clock this morning. In the vicinity of Waynesboro four people were killed. Several houses were demolished and much damage done.

Shawater Won. New York, March 19.—Shawater and Janowski today agreed to extend the series of five games originally agreed upon to six, each having won two games. Today they contested the fifth game, a queen's gambit, offered by Janowski and after 11 moves Shawater won the game, having played five chess throughout. Today they contested the fifth game, a queen's gambit, offered by Janowski and after 11 moves Shawater won the game, having played five chess throughout.

Methodist Appointments. Harrisburg, March 19.—The Central Pennsylvania Methodist conference will go into executive session tomorrow to arrange for public appointments for the ensuing year. There were no official sessions today of the conference, the clerical delegates occupying the pulpits of the churches of Harrisburg and surrounding towns.

The Talbot Arrives at Portsmouth. Portsmouth, Eng., March 19.—The British cruiser Talbot, with the body of Lord Haveresh on board, which sailed from New York on March 8, arrived here today.

WEATHER FORECAST. Washington, March 19.—Forecast for Monday: For eastern Pennsylvania, fair; high northwesterly; cloudy.

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