

THE FINAL BLOW WILL SOON FALL

General Otis Preparing to Round Up the Filipinos.

A STAND AT MALABON

Aginaldo's Followers are Actively Preparing Defenses, but Keeping Under Cover—The Rebels' Fortune Staked on the Coming Battle—If Defeated They Will Take to the Jungle and Mountains—According to Filipino Accounts 1,000 Americans Have Been Killed.

Manila, March 24.—The enemy are extremely active in the vicinity of Malabon in preparing defenses, evidently anticipating an attack. They keep well under cover. A small body, however, emerged from the jungle on the extreme left yesterday and fired upon the Kansas troops in the trenches, fatally wounding Private Cohen, of Company R, and Private Musser, of Company E.

The Oregon volunteers and the Twenty-second regulars marched to the front today. The Third and Sixteenth regiments have disembarked from the Sherman. General Harrison Gray Otis' brigade struck their tents this morning, and an early move is probable.

Sixteen English refugees arrived here yesterday from Dagupan, the railroad terminus, on board the steamer Saturday. They reported that the natives are generally friendly and the officers invariably courteous. Mr. Higgins, manager of the railroad, and about a dozen unarmament men in charge of various business interests, declined to take advantage of the opportunity to leave.

Story of Prisoners. Nothing has been heard from the two American planters at Calumpit since their flight. According to Filipino accounts, a thousand Americans have been killed, the fatalities being especially heavy at Calape, where the United States troops "rushed like madmen against a storm of bullets."

Two Spanish prisoners, who have escaped from Pulo to the lines of the Kansas regiment report that the Filipinos have concentrated their forces at Malabon and Pulo. They add that only Aginaldo's bodyguard is at Malabon, and that the rebel leaders apparently intend to stake their fortunes on a fight at Malabon, where it was expected an engagement would take place yesterday. If defeated, it is further asserted, the rebels intend to disperse to the swamps and mountains. The rebels were putting their bolos in front, believing that the Bolon's charmas will avert the bullets. The bolos of the Filipinos greatly outnumber the rifles in their hands. The rebels are further said to have admitted that they could not stand the American shells and bayonet charges.

STOLEN CHILD RETURNS. Little Gerald Lapiner Recognizes His Friends. Chicago, March 24.—Little Gerald Lapiner, the abducted boy, accompanied by his mother, arrived in Chicago today from Painesville, O. Once in the city the Lapiner home the little fellow, who has been absent nearly ten months, ran about examining familiar places and playthings. The child looked pale and thin. He quickly recognized his brothers and sisters.

Me and Mrs. Lapiner will return to Painesville to appear Monday when proceedings against the abductors will be instituted. Mr. Lapiner says he will devote all his energies to the punishment of those responsible for the stealing of the boy. He is firmly of the opinion that Mrs. Ingersoll and the men Collins, with whom the child was found, were not alone in their work, and that the motive in kidnapping the boy was to hold him for ransom. Requisition papers have been sent to Painesville and are expected to result in the speedy appearance of Collins and Mrs. Ingersoll in Chicago to stand trial.

VICTORY OVER AGUINALDO Great Battle Fought, According to a World Despatch—Heavy Loss of Life. New York, March 24.—The World will tomorrow print the following Manila cable under date of March 24: "A sweeping victory over Aginaldo's forces has just been won by the United States troops.

"The total American loss is estimated at about one hundred, including both the killed and wounded. "The Filipino loss is between three hundred and four hundred."

FOUR MORE BODIES. Recovered from the Ruins of Windsor Hotel. New York, March 24.—Four more bodies were recovered from the ruins of the Windsor hotel today. The rescue as it now stands is twenty-three dead, 100 or more missing and a large collection of small bones. The injured in hospitals and other places are recovering. Anxiety on the part of friends of persons who have been reported missing has increased to a degree almost unbearable.

TROUBLE FROM BANDIT. Lieutenant Hanna Captures Five Robbers. Santiago de Cuba, March 24.—There has been considerable trouble from banditry during the last few days in the vicinity of San Luis. When it was first reported General Leonard Wood sent mounted troops, as well as the entire force of gendarmes, into the district with instructions to capture the bandits if possible.

SHOT A JUDGE. A Texas Lawyer's Objections to an Adverse Decision. Dallas, Tex., March 24.—At Sweetwater, P. P. Woodruff, a lawyer, attacked and shot Judge John H. Cochran in a critical condition. Woodruff is under \$2,000 bond.

DEATHS OF A DAY. Philadelphia, Pa., March 24.—Major Oliver M. Irvine, a civil engineer and engineer on the Pennsylvania Railroad, died here last night, aged 69 years. Deceased was a pioneer railroad man and served with Thomas A. Scott, on the old Portage railroad a half century ago.

Philadelphia, March 24.—Richard A. Linnaman, the inventor of the sand blast, died here today. He was 75 years old. He comes of an old Maryland family, several members of which distinguished themselves during the Revolution. A widow and five children survive him.

POSTAL SERVICE OF FREE CUBA

CHARLES EMORY SMITH WELL PLEASED WITH OUTLOOK. Observations Made During His Visit to Havana—Surprised to Learn of the Progress That Has Been Made Under American Supervision—A General Understanding Is Needed.

Havana, March 24.—United States Postmaster General Charles Emory Smith, who arrived here last Saturday to take a special look at the work of the department of posts under the management of Colonel H. H. Rathbone, formerly deputy postmaster at Washington, before sailing for the United States today said in an interview with a correspondent of the Associated Press, regarding the results of his trip:

"My direct and immediate purpose in coming here was to examine into the postal service of the island as it has been inherited and reorganized, and to see what its requirements are. But of course, my eyes and ears have been open, and I have been very much interested in the observations on the progress of a more general character, of an gratified and even surprised to find how much has already been done here by the American representatives.

"I did not see what Havana was under the former rule, but I have had an opportunity to see it now, and especially noting the contrast with present conditions, and I assure you, it is one of the most signal characters. I have seen houses ripped up and laid down as they were, and I have seen houses of the same kind next door, where renovation and reconstruction had been wrought. The difference is that between medievalism and high modern civilization. The change of sanitary conditions is enormous. No one can begin to appreciate without personal observation what has been accomplished here by American intervention in the saving of life and the improving of health conditions.

The Military Governor. "The military governor, General Brooke, and his associates, have taken up the work of administration with great capacity, and I have had considerable opportunity of seeing what General Brooke has inaugurated and accomplished. I believe that every American, if he could personally see and understand it, would be deeply gratified with the work. General Brooke has shown deliberate and well planned, and at the same time, he has been firm and decided. He has carefully gathered the best information from the most trustworthy sources and has applied it to present conditions with excellent judgment. He has called attention to the fact that the civil machinery in Cuba on just lines and is carefully providing for the equitable adjustment of personal and property rights as well as for public protection. He has just completed the organization of a supreme court which becomes the appellate tribunal and under which the law will be justly administered. All branches of the civil administration are being taken up in the same careful way.

An Understanding Needed. "The thing that is now needed is a general understanding that those conditions are to continue. The development of a new government, and the feeling of security are retarded by uncertainty as to the future. There is a lack of understanding in many quarters that the United States authorities will remain long enough to establish and insure a stable government. This generally generates distrust and hesitation in enterprise and general business rehabilitation. The impression needs to be diffused in Cuba that the United States, having expelled the old government, will accept the duty and responsibility of leading the way to the creation of a new government of such a character as will command universal confidence and support, because fully capable of assuring perfect peace and order and the full administration of law and justice, and that the United States will remain long enough, whatever time may be necessary, to see that this is effectively done.

TEST DRUG CASE. Based on Fatal Effect of Headache Powder. Pittsburgh, March 24.—Mrs. Mary E. West, entered suit for \$20,000 damages against Louis Emanuel, a prominent druggist of this city and president of the Pharmaceutical Association of Pennsylvania. The suit is based on the claim of Mrs. West that Emanuel sold to her daughter, Edna, a headache powder which the young lady took and from the effects of which she died shortly afterward.

James Cole Hanged. Bismarck, N. D., March 24.—James W. Cole, the negro who struck and killed his sweetheart, Sophronia Ford, exploded his crime on the scaffold today. The execution was the second legal hanging in the state. The condemned man was cool and collected to the last. Cole did not want any religious counselor and would not have the death warrant read.

FUNERAL OF KAILUANI. Hensere Drawn by 250 Hawaiians. U. S. Volunteers Participate.

Honolulu, March 24.—The steamer Doric arrived from the Orient via Honolulu today and brings news from Honolulu under date of March 13, telling of the funeral of the late Princess Kaiulani, who died on the 10th inst. from inflammatory rheumatism. The funeral of the princess was the largest ever held in Honolulu and was attended by members of the family and members of the different nations. The hearse was drawn by 250 Hawaiians, San Francisco, March 24.—The steamer Doric arrived from the Orient via Honolulu today and brings news from Honolulu under date of March 13, telling of the funeral of the late Princess Kaiulani, who died on the 10th inst. from inflammatory rheumatism. The funeral of the princess was the largest ever held in Honolulu and was attended by members of the family and members of the different nations. The hearse was drawn by 250 Hawaiians, U. S. Volunteers Participate.

NOTHING EMBALMED. The Soldiers at Manila Are Satisfied with Their Relations. Washington, March 24.—Mail reports have been received from Manila by the subsistence bureau of the war department saying that the supplies sent from the United States, including all kinds of vegetables, arrived in good condition. There is little or no complaint among the troops as to the quality of the supplies. A number of sample bills of fare were gathered from among the troops, one of which is given as a sample as follows: Breakfast—Bread, oatmeal, salmon, sugar, bread and tea.

BUSINESS UNCHANGED

Not Affected by Great Capitalizations of New Companies or Wild Fluctuations in Wall Street. New York, March 24.—H. G. Dun & Company's Weekly Review of Trade will say tomorrow:

"Business is not frightened either by the great capitalizations of new companies or by the wild fluctuations in Wall street. No matter how much the stock operations in New York may point, business elsewhere is large enough to warrant a wonderful expansion of industries, and that is the thing most important to observe. In no country has production diminished, but in practically all New York has increased during the past week. In iron and steel a little more price for Bessemer pig appears in Pittsburgh, but not higher. There is no market for bituminous coal in New York, but quotations range from \$25 at Pittsburgh to \$27 at Philadelphia. In finished products there is the same trouble. Rails can be bought at \$25 at Pittsburgh and \$24 at Philadelphia. At all, but small lots have been offered in New York. Chicago is taking many contracts for building in Boston, New York and Washington, amounting to four thousand tons, but makes elsewhere are over-covered with work. No market can deliver plates within 100 miles of New York. Pittsburgh works are 200 on July sheets, though instead of \$2.40 there, \$2.45 at Chicago and \$3.00 at Philadelphia is paid. Heavy demand at Chicago for bars with car-makers' contract for 5,000 tons, prices steadily rising stronger.

The demand for iron goods is still strong, but this week has not naturally advanced prices. Cotton is decidedly weaker, though many believe that short supplies will in time insure higher prices. The wheat market is quiet, but not very strong. Woolen receipts for the week are \$2,250,000. The exports, four included, have been for the week from Atlantic ports 2,929,167 bushels, and from Pacific ports \$24,183. Western crop estimates are large and such reports as appear of the condition of wheat are largely overshadowed by the wheat market. The market is 24 cents higher than last week, but wheat is 24 cents higher. Failures for the week have been 200 in the United States against 25 last year.

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GOVERNOR HAS BEEN MISQUOTED

NOT OPPOSED TO THE APPROPRIATION TO SCHOOLS. Objects to a Floating Debt of Four Millions—Is Simply Trying to Preserve the Credit of the State Which Has Been Threatened by Reckless Appropriation in the Past—An Effort to Make Accounts Balance.

Harrisburg, March 24.—Governor Stone today wrote the following letter to J. R. Gresham, of McKeesport, who asked him for his views on the proposed reduction of the public school appropriation: "I have been very much misquoted in the newspapers. I am not opposed to the appropriation to the public schools and regard it a very wise and judicious appropriation of the public revenue, and the amount heretofore appropriated is not in proportion to the amount of revenue received. We have approximately five and one-half millions annually, while our revenues are only even million dollars and generally less than that.

A Serious Condition. Now we have reached a condition that is not an easy one. We have the floating debt of nearly four millions. Past legislatures have been appropriating more than the revenue anticipated. I am simply trying to do one of two things and to cut the public schools and maintain the revenue. We have to support the state government; we have to maintain the National guard; we have to care for the insane and the inmates of penitentiaries, besides we have schools for feeble minded children, schools for soldiers' orphans, schools for blind and for deaf and dumb children, and these are state institutions and have to be maintained out of the revenues of the state.

The Rivals Discussed. London, March 24.—The Saturday Review this evening acrimoniously discusses the future relationship between the United States and Great Britain in a long article entitled "The Rivals." After pointing out that "nothing matters so much to the world as the passing wave of sentimental hypochondria," it proceeds to blame the American trusts for the failure of the British-American-Canadian commission, saying:

Those trusts may be expected to meet British trade supremacy with the same unscrupulous rivalry in the far east as is now shown in Canada and ultimately everywhere in the world. And as the trusts control American politics, such immediate advantages as England might gain from an alliance would be largely overshadowed by the dangers in which the trusts are likely to force America by insisting upon an indefinite policy of expansion.

Garment Makers Strike. Six Thousand Demand a Fair Price for Government Work. Philadelphia, March 24.—Six thousand garment makers in this city are preparing to go on strike tomorrow at noon. They demand higher wages, a fair price for government work and the abolition of sub-contractors.

An Aged Pauper's Suicide. Oswego, N. Y., March 24.—Nathan C. Kilbuck, past 80 years old, who was recently placed in the county almshouse after making a stubborn resistance to being taken to a third story window of that institution today and was instantly killed. Years ago he was a prosperous grain and lumber merchant and was worth in the neighborhood of \$100,000.

Big Tobacco Company. Trenton, N. J., March 24.—Articles of incorporation of the Egyptian Tobacco Company with a capital of \$1,000,000 were filed today. The company is authorized to manufacture and sell sugar and the various products of sugar beets, sugar cane and sorghum.

THE NEWS THIS MORNING

- Weather Indications Today: PARTLY CLOUDY; WARMER. 1 General-General Otis Getting Ready for the Round Up of the Filipinos. Governor Stone on the Proposed Reduction of School Appropriations. Postmaster General Smith Pleased with Outlook in Cuba. 2 General-Work of the State Legislature. Financial and Commercial. 3 Local-Religious News of the Week. 4 Editorial, News and Comment. 5 Local-Social and Personal. One Woman's Views. Round of Young Men's Forum. 6 Local-List of Measures Killed or Pigeon-Holed by the Present Councils. Charter Refused for a New Polish Church. 7 Local-Professor Winchester's Brilliant Lecture. Crooks Successfully Lansack a House on the Hill. 8 Local-West Scranton and Suburbs. 9 News Round About Scranton. 10 Story—"Validated." 11 Sunday School Lesson for Tomorrow. Nicknames of the Various States. 12 Local-Court Proceedings. Danmore Borough Happenings.

FIREBUGS IN THE LAFAYETTE HOTEL

A Determined Effort Made to Destroy the Handsome Structure. Philadelphia, March 24.—A determined effort to set fire to the Lafayette hotel, in the heart of the city, with the apparent purpose of causing a tragedy similar to the Windsor hotel fire in New York city, was made early yesterday morning before scarcely any of the many guests in the hotel were awake. It was discovered that the suspicious actions of an unknown well-dressed stranger, who was seen leaving the hotel shortly before 7 o'clock, had led a bell boy to go up stairs with a thought that something might have been stolen. From parlor B, on the second floor, he saw smoke coming, and entering, found fire had been kindled in three different places and were then going headway. In one corner a number of lace curtains were thrown together and were on fire. He quickly summoned assistance and the hotel employees succeeded in extinguishing the flames before they had reached the ceiling. The great danger that had threatened them was averted.

Policy Respecting THE PHILIPPINES. The Administration Will Not Decide Upon a Fixed Cause in Dealing with the Islands. Thomasville, Ga., March 24.—The administration will not decide upon its permanent policy regarding the Philippines until the Schurmann commission reports. It feels that its present knowledge of the islands is too incomplete as a basis for a fixed policy. Moreover, a more definite decision is felt to be needless since for the present the only problem is the restoration of law and order and the establishment of a stable, peaceful condition. This and the appointment of a diplomatic representative at Manila are two of the most important matters remaining open. The Madrid mission probably will be raised to an embassy soon after the payment of the twenty million dollars indemnity. General Woodford may not be the new envoy, owing to the fact that New York has made such an untrue proportion of the highest diplomatic appointments.

Western Base Ball League. Milwaukee, Wis., March 24.—Western base ball league managers met today and adopted the season's schedule which takes in Columbus, should the National League drop Cleveland. It is an easy matter to transfer the Columbus aggregation to the Forest City schedule, materially changing the schedule. The season opens on April 27, closes September 11 and calls for 128 games.

Voyage of the Relief. Washington, March 24.—Surgeon General Pennington has received the following from Surgeon Bradley in charge of the hospital ship Relief on her way to Manila: "Arrived in good condition. Will arrive Colombo about March 21."

The Fight a Draw. New York, March 24.—The 20-round fight at the Broadway Athletic club tonight between Kid McParland and Eddie Connelley ended in a draw. The bout was a close throughout and neither man showed any decided superiority over the other. The announcement of the referee declaring the fight a draw was loudly cheered.

Rough Riders' Reunion. Albany, N. Y., March 24.—Governor Roosevelt stated today that he would if possible attend the proposed reunion of the Rough Riders to be held in the west June 24. He has made no definite promise because he does not know but that business of state may prevent his attending.

Pennsylvania Pensions. Washington, March 24.—These Pennsylvania pensions have been issued: Original—Arnold Loom, Stratford, Wyo., \$5. Additional—Thomas Lawrence, Pottsville, Laekawana, \$5 to \$12. Increase—Gilbert B. Crandall, Sugar Run, Bradford, \$10 to \$17. Release—Special March 15, Isaac D. Geisel, Shickelany, Luzerne, \$5.

THE CUBAN WAR HATRED

Courts to Ignore Actions Against the Troops. OUTCOME OF CONDITIONS. Proceedings Against Spanish Guerrillas and Others to Be Stopped. Actions Committed in War Time by Soldiers Must Be Forgotten—A Decree to Be Issued by General Brooke—All Men Now in Custody on Such Charges to Be Released.

Havana, March 24.—That the Cuban and Spanish rancors and hatreds, the outgrowth of the war conditions, are still in effect in Cuba is evidenced by a communication recently sent to Governor-General Brooke by Senor Llanusa, head of the department of Justice and public instruction. He says it is a matter of daily occurrence that in different parts of the island proceedings are taken against those who belonged to guerrilla and other Spanish forces during the war for crimes imputed to have been committed at that time. Cuba's former Senor Llanusa adds, requires that this be stopped. Continuing he says:

"If we opened the door to such accusations we should soon have a series of actions against Cuban leaders and resident Spanish soldiers, which would constitute a continuation of the war, but with other arms. The Cuban army, under the necessity of war, burned property and seized food and clothing. The Spaniards did similar things. These men should not now be prosecuted in the courts for actions committed in wartime. Cuba must forget the past. Such prosecutions disturb the country's reconstruction. The matter should be handed at the root, by ordering them to cease all prosecutions."

Following the suggestion contained in Senor Llanusa's letter, Governor-General Brooke will issue a decree to the effect that the civil and military judges must not recognize and must dismiss all present and pending suits against troops in the field for or against Spanish soldiers during the war for actions committed during the war. Further, the governor-general will order the immediate release of all men now held in custody on such charges.

FLOODS IN CHINA. An Appeal Is Made to Charitable Americans to Aid Sufferers. Washington, March 24.—Citizens of the United States residing in Chi Foa, China, have made an earnest appeal through Consul Fowler at Chi Foa, to the charitable in America and elsewhere on behalf of the sufferers from the appalling Yellow river floods of this year. These floods have been described by the natives as "China's sorrow" and the petitioners state that never before was the distress so great and heartrending as now.

FIGHTING TRANSIT COMPANY. The Mayor of Syracuse Making Things Lively. Syracuse, N. Y., March 24.—Mayor McGuire today began a fight against the Rapid Transit company, which has refused to change its rates regarding the cars by the city. The mayor's orders to the latter. Cars are being run at a slow speed, which the mayor considers an attempt to make his movement unpopular with patrons of the road.

AMERICANS IN MEXICO. They Are Heartily Welcomed by the Citizens. Washington, March 24.—The Mexican ambassador, Senor Don Manuel Axteller, who succeeds the late Senor Romero, arrived in Washington today. The ambassador speaks in high terms of the Americans in Mexico and says the country invites them as citizens and investors. The American colony at Mexico City numbers about 200 and Americans are scattered all through the country, developing the railways and mines.

Reed Leaves Jekey Island. Brunswick, Me., March 24.—Speaker Reed left Jekey Island today for a trip to the Florida resorts. His Secretary titles who entertained the president while here, departed for New York.

McCoy Gets Decision. San Francisco, March 24.—McCoy gets decision over Chesney at end of twentieth round.

WEATHER FORECAST. ++++++ + WEATHER FORECAST ++++++ + Washington, March 24.—Forecast for Saturday: For eastern Pennsylvania, partly cloudy; warmer in the southern portion; wide but cloudy brief showers.