

WAR REVENUE BILL

Has Just Passed Both Houses of Congress.

COMING ISSUE OF BONDS.

The Treasury Authority to Borrow \$400,000,000—\$100,000,000 of at Least \$1,500,000—\$100,000,000 of \$100,000—Oil, Sugar and Tea Taxed.

Washington, June 11.—The war revenue bill which has just passed both houses provides that the act shall take effect on the date of its passage, and otherwise specially provided.

Following is an abstract of the provisions of the bill:

Excise on all beer, lager beer, stout and other similar fermented beverages manufactured and stored in warehouse or for consumption or sale, for parcels containing not more than three gallons, and at a like rate for any quantity or fractional parts of a gallon, with a discount of 7 1/2 per cent sales by collectors to brewers of quantities provided for the payment of tax.

Additional proviso was added, as by the conference: "That the national tax imposed in this section on fermented liquors stored in warehouse to which a stamp had been affixed shall be assessed and collected in the manner now provided by law for the collection of taxes not valid by reason of special taxes, to be effective July 1, were agreed upon by the conference."

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Hong Kong, June 7.—The British gunboat Swift, which has just arrived from Manila, reports that the insurgents have cut the railways outside the town and advanced to within four miles of the city. A Spanish regiment mutilated and shot its officers. Fighting between the insurgents and the Spanish troops is frequent. The Americans, it is reported at Manila, assist the insurgents with boats and machine guns. The Swift reports a rumor that the insurgents had captured and tortured a number of priests. The British residents, at the time the Swift left, still remained in Manila, but the foreigners were taking refuge on the foreign shipping.

The Spanish outposts have been driven in all along the line simultaneously and with great slaughter. It is said that over a thousand have been killed. There has been fierce hand to hand fighting for 70 hours, despite the typhoon which is raging. The violent winds and torrents of rain render the rifles of the Spanish troops unavailing. The natives easily win at every step with their slashing knives.

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At Manila the work of constructing defenses goes on, and there are sand bag breastworks in all directions. The Americans are always using their searchlights, but they never interfere with the work on the defenses. The Spaniards believe that the Americans are short of ammunition.

Meanwhile the insurgents are steadily advancing along the coast, supported by the United States gunboat Petrel, and are driving the Spaniards into Manila. They have captured five important positions nine miles from the city.

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To the southward there has been fierce fighting on the Zapote river, between Bacoor and Las Pinas. The biggest battle of the present campaign was fought last Tuesday—May 31. The insurgents attacked on the left branch of the Zapote, waded across amid a typhoon, stormed the banks for several miles along and carried the Spanish trenches with knives. On Wednesday they tried the right branch of the Zapote, but failed. The Spaniards employed artillery all day, but no casualties are reported.

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Alaska! Why not?

There you have it, Clear as Mud.

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