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FIERCE FIGHTING IN PHILIPPINES

MacArthur Within One Mile of Calumpit Which Is Burning and the Filipinos Are Fleeing Northeastward.

Our Losses for the Day Six Killed and Twenty-eight Wounded.

Insurgent Trenches Shelled From an Armored Car—Troops Swim the River Under Cover of Sharpshooters Effective Work of Utah Artillery.

Manilla, Tuesday evening, April 26.—The movement against Calumpit began in earnest today and the town will doubtless be captured by the time this despatch is read. MacArthur at 9:00 o'clock this morning advanced along the railroad from Malolos. Wheaton, commanding the Twentieth Kansas and First Montana with three guns of the Utah artillery and two troops of cavalry, his line extending from the railroad to the west bank of Bagbag river, advanced at the same time; while Hale, with the First Nebraska, Fifty-first Iowa and First South Dakota continued along the east bank, his left flank joining Wheaton's right across the river.

ATTACK BY ARMORED CAR.
At 11:30 trenches were seen across the railroad track parallel with the American front. An armored car was moved forward and the trenches shelled for it for 25 minutes. The insurgents responded and for a short time there was lively shooting on the left of our line. When the armored car ceased firing, Hale's command advanced over the unprotected corn and rice fields all the time exposed to a galling fire from the enemy in trenches dug at the junction of the Bagbag river and the Rio Chico de la Pamanga.

The volunteers finally reached the banks of the river, where they fought the Filipinos, who were only thirty yards distant, for half an hour. The Iowans were deployed to the right to flank the trenches and the Nebraskans and South Dakotans swam the river, drove the enemy from their positions and pursued half a mile before recalled.

Before this was accomplished, however, Major Young, with the Utah artillery, dashed through the village that had been burned and protected the Nebraskans and South Dakotans as they swam the river. The artillery lost one killed and three wounded in this dash. The Utah guns poured a fire into the rebel lines, materially aiding the infantry when they got across the river in driving out the enemy.

A DARING DEED.
Little resistance was met with on the left as a large force of rebels went to the support of their comrades against Hale's advance. When Wheaton reached the river he halted without crossing, as the bridge had been partly destroyed. Colonel Funston, of the Twentieth Kansas, and four other men now performed a heroic feat. They swam the river under cover of the sharpshooters and made a reconnaissance of the railroad and trenches of the enemy. They found many Filipinos fleeing and learned that the main body of the insurgents had retreated northeastwards after setting fire to Calumpit.

A part of the American force is now encamped at the junction of Bagbag and Pampanga.

MacArthur is within one mile of Calumpit this evening and the Americans will shortly be in the town itself.

LOSSES OF THE DAY.
Some insurgents are still holding trenches around Calumpit. Our losses today were six killed and twenty-eight

wounded. The insurgents lost seventy-five killed and wounded. Lawton's communication with MacArthur was lost today and he has sent back eight miles to transmit messages. Lawton's progress has been retarded by inaccurate maps. He is now between San Jose and Narzagara.

MAY CALL VOLUNTEERS
Washington, April 25.—The official definition of the Philippine situation today indicates that, after all, steps might be taken toward organizing a volunteer army of 35,000 men. The president is reported to have told the cabinet that he would send all the regulars now in the United States to the Philippines and organize a sufficient volunteer force to take the place of the regulars. No decision was reached.

COGHLAN EXPLAINS
Didn't Mean to Reflect on Germany or Its Kaiser—May Be Punished.
Washington, April 26.—The president and cabinet today discussed the recent remarks of Captain Coghlan about the Germans at Manila. Secretary Long brought to the meeting a letter from Coghlan in answer to a query whether he had been correctly quoted. Coghlan's statement was regarded as an able defense and has unquestionably softened much of the official criticism. The matter was left in McKinley's hands, who said he wanted a day or two to think it over. Coghlan said in the letter he did not make the speech at the dinner but made remarks in answer to questions.

Furthermore, he said, the objectionable statements were made at a private gathering of gentlemen and not intended to have any public or official significance.

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canoe. Coghlan maintained he didn't mean to reflect on Germany or the Kaiser, and expressed regret at the attitude in which he had been placed by the newspapers, which it is understood, he said, had distorted his meaning. Coghlan expressed a wish to appear before Secretary Long to make a fuller explanation.
It is the impression that Coghlan will be given some punishment, either a public reprimand or in being detached from the Raleigh. But the chance of a court martial has been disposed of. The president may decide what to do before going to Philadelphia Friday, when he will visit the cruiser.
The German embassy gives the impression that the incident has been closed diplomatically.

NEGRO MURDERER LYNCHED BY NEGROES
They Waited Until Coroner's Jury Rendered Verdict.
Joplin, Mo., April 25.—Charles Williams, a negro murderer, was lynched by a negro mob at Galena, Kan., early this morning. Williams had strangled his mistress the night before, and his own race were quick to avenge the crime. As soon as the coroner's jury declared Williams guilty of murder a mob of masked negroes went to the city jail, tore off the locks with axes and battered down the door of Williams' cell. Williams attempted to fight for his life, when the mob told him to come out and be hanged, whereupon they shot him to death.
No arrests have been made or are likely to be made for no one seems to regret that the negro mob executed the negro murderer in a state that does not inflict the death penalty.

SENTENCE COMMUTED.
Stewart, the Ex-Confederate, Will Serve Life Sentence in Mexico.
Dallas, Tex., April 26.—General C. C. Bevens and A. A. Brinsmade have returned from Mexico, where they went in behalf of MacStewart, a confederate veteran, who, for more than a year, has been under sentence of death at Chihuahua for killing a policeman about four years ago. They procured a commutation of Stewart's sentence to life imprisonment.
The best trues made is the American Silver Truss. Something entirely new. See it at Grant's Pharmacy.
John's Asbestos Liquid Paints are the best paints for structural purposes ever produced. See color card at Grant's Pharmacy.

FOR SALE.
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Delicious
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On the Square

The Boston Shoe
Next door to Blue Ridge National Bank Asheville, North Carolina.

CITY SCHOOL MAINTENANCE
Superintendent Eggleston on the Proposed Change of the Tax Rate.

Editor of the Gazette:
The schools can not run nine months at the present tax rate of 20 cents on the \$100 valuation of property. They have to beg help every year from the board of aldermen, which sometimes helps and sometimes does not. It is proposed to change the tax rate from 20 cents on the \$100 of property to 30 cents and the school poll from 60 cents to 90 cents, and relieve the board of aldermen of the necessity of giving the schools money to help them run a full term.

A property holder announces that he will not vote for this amendment, because "one third of the school taxes paid by the white people goes to the negroes." The gentleman has been misinformed. The colored people of Asheville have one-fourth of the school buildings—one building; they get one-sixth of the school fund; the tax books show that they contribute to school taxes at least one half of this and that the white people are actually giving them between one-twelfth and one-fifteenth of the school fund. There is some difference between "one third" and one fifteenth.

Another objection raised is that the increase asked for really means 30 cents in addition to the 20 cents now received. Of course nobody believes this, but that does not prevent some people from saying so.

One tax payer says, "we ought to wait until there is a surplus in the city treasury before we talk about an increase." If we do we will wait till the crack of doom.

Another man says he will not vote for any school tax because he is not going to have his wife's property taxed for schools. But next session, when his child, who is attending the public schools, applies for admission in the next grade, this will be the condition of affairs: Eighty children asking for seats in that room. Thirty should be excluded, and if his child should happen to be in this latter number, here is what he will save by the transaction: Saved on \$15,000 valuation of property, \$30; paid out for nine months tuition for his child at a private school, \$29.25; net gain, 75 cents plus 29 other children excluded from that one grade and forced to go to a private school or no school at all. Or suppose we calculate the saving of a tax payer who has a boy in the seventh grade this session, and who thinks we can not "afford" to increase taxes for schools: There will be only 95 pupils applying for admission to the eighth grade next session. The grade should either be cut to fifty or cut off entirely. Taking the first alternative and supposing that his boy may in some way be one of those cut off, the proposition would stand thus: Saved on \$5,000 valuation of property, \$16; paid out to nine months tuition for his boy at a private school, \$45; net

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ANNOUNCEMENT.
We beg to inform our customers and the public that in addition to our artistic Merchant Tailoring Department where the greatest care and study are exercised to insure a perfect fit at the lowest possible prices. We have just opened a first-class Gents' Furnishing Department where you will find first-class goods and the latest styles. Your patronage kindly solicited.
H. GELMAN, Proprietor.
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We have a complete line of Trunks, Valises, Grips, Telescopes, that we defy competition in prices. If you are out looking for a nice Trunk, do not fail to give us a look, we will save you money

AMERICANS IN DANGER

Their Extremely Critical Situation at Blue Fields.

Stores Closed and Flags Hung Out for Protection.

Drunken Nicaraguan Soldiers Swearing Vengeance.

General Torres Overrules a Protest Against the Forcing of Americans to Pay Duties the Second Time.

New Orleans, April 26.—Passengers arriving today on the steamer Jarl, which left Blue Fields Wednesday, report the condition there extremely critical with a probability of a disturbance between Americans and British merchants on the one hand and Nicaraguans on the other. Business was entirely suspended and Americans were compelled to close stores and hang out American flags for protection against drunken Nicaraguan soldiers who were swearing vengeance.

This result was brought about by the departure, Monday, of American Consul Lorysby, of Greytown, and British Consul Belanger. Lorysby returned to Greytown to meet the American minister, Merry, and the cruiser Detroit. He had previously entered a protest to General Torres that the Americans should not pay duties a second time and as he left before Torres had replied the Nicaraguans understood the departure as flight and abandonment of the protest, and this encouraged them into assuming a threatening attitude. Torres declared the protest was overruled and said that American goods would be seized unless duties were paid. Thereupon the Americans displayed flags for protection, but were subjected to many insults. Minister Merry and the Detroit are expected Friday.

YESTERDAY'S BASEBALL GAMES
At Washington— R. H. E.
Washington 9 11 1
New York 8 10 4
Batteries: Dineen and McGuire; Coakely and Grady.
At Brooklyn— R. H. E.
Brooklyn 6 9 1
Baltimore 0 6 4
Batteries: Dunn and Smith; Kitson and Robison.
At Philadelphia— R. H. E.
Philadelphia 10 13 1
Boston 8 14 1
Batteries: Donohue and Douglass; Nichols and Yeager.
At St. Louis— R. H. E.
St. Louis 4 9 5
Chicago 2 8 2
Batteries: Powell and Criger; Griffith and Donohue.
At Louisville— R. H. E.
Louisville 2 8 3
Pittsburg 1 10 0
Batteries: Dowling and Powers; Tannehill and Towerman.
Cincinnati-Cleveland—Wet grounds.

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