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FIERCE BATTLE IN PHILIPPINES

MacArthur Sends Details of the Three Day's Fighting at Catubig.

Loss of Life Heaviest of Any One Engagement.

Insurgents Set Fire to the Convent in Which Soldiers Were.

Troops Then Entrenched Themselves on River Bank.

THERE FOR TWO DAYS THEY FOUGHT, KILLING 200 OF THE REBELS, UNTIL FINALLY RESCUED—PARTIAL LIST OF THE DEAD AND WOUNDED.

Washington, May 16.—The officials of the war department, after waiting for nearly a week to hear something from General MacArthur at Manila confirming the press report of the bloody three days' engagement at Catubig, which resulted in the heaviest loss of life the American army has sustained in any one engagement in the Philippines, yesterday cabled General MacArthur a request for information. The answer was received today confirming the press reports and adding some interesting details.

General MacArthur transmitted a report from Henry T. Allen, a major of the Forty-third volunteers, who commanded the American forces on the island of Samar. It appears that this force was divided among several ports on Samar, and while details are still lacking it is believed that this particular force which was besieged at Catubig was commanded, not by a commissioned officer, but by a sergeant, either George or Hall, both of whom were killed. Catubig, where the engagement occurred, is a seaport town of nearly 10,000 inhabitants. General MacArthur's cablegram is as follows: Manila, May 16.—With reference to your telegram of the 14th, the rumored engagement in Samar, reported in cablegram of Otis May 4, has been confirmed by reports recently received from Henry T. Allen, Forty-third regiment, United States volunteer infantry, commanding Samar Island. That detachment of 31 men stationed at Catubig were attacked April 15 by 600 men with 200 rifles and one cannon. Our men were quartered in a convent which was fired next day by burning hemp thrown from an adjoining church. Detachment attempted to escape by river. Men getting into the boat were killed; remaining men entrenched themselves near river and held out two days longer until rescued by Lieutenant Sweeney and ten men. Over two hundred of the attacking party (many of them are reported having come from Luzon Island), are reported killed and many wounded. Lieutenant Sweeney reports that the streets are covered with dead insurgents.

Killed—Sergeants Duston L. George, William J. Hall, Corporals Herbert H. Edwards, John F. J. Hamilton, Cook Burton E. Ross, Musician Burton R. Wagner; Privates Treffie Pomslow, Otis B. Loese, Stephen Appert, Joseph Noel, John E. Kuhn, Ralph H. Zim, Edward Graman, Chester A. Conklin, Walter E. Collins, Joseph J. Keenins, Henry Dumais, Philip Salling and Geo. A. Slack, all Company H, Forty-third regiment, United States volunteer infantry.

Wounded—Privates Lester Buchworth, Harry C. Lee, Michael J. Faron, James Y. Clancy, Company H, Forty-third regiment United States volunteer infantry; Corporal White, Company F, Forty-third volunteer infantry. Copy of Henry T. Allen's report forwarded by mail yesterday. Hello (Panay) cable broken by earthquake. Difficult to procure definite information. "MACARTHUR."

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GEN. SCHWAN SPEAKS HOPEFULLY OF PHILIPPINES

Thinks Affairs Will Adjust Themselves in a Few Months.

San Francisco, Cal., May 16.—Brigadier General Theodore Schwan, who has been General Otis' chief of staff in the Philippines for nearly a year, has arrived here from Manila on the transport Thomas. He will remain in San Francisco for a short time awaiting orders from Washington assigning him to duty elsewhere. Concerning the situation in the Philippines, General Schwan is hopeful that it will not be many months before affairs will have naturally adjusted themselves to the American control and the robber gangs will have been stamped out. "The robber bands," said General Schwan, "are incited by native politicians, who impose upon the credulity of the common people. No people are so credulous as the lower class of the Filipinos. These leaders have been inciting the ex-soldiers to continue on the warpath. There are about 60,000 troops in the Philippines now. That number is ample for the situation. The islands are well covered with American troops, carefully distributed to all the strategic points, and each garrison responsible for its own sphere of action."

Many of the robber bands are armed principally with the keen edged bolos, the native weapon. They pillage small towns and frequently cut the throats of natives who have been friendly to Americans. By degrees, however, the confidence of the townspeople where they are stationed, and already have succeeded in some places in getting native help to guide them to the robbers.

After the wet season and after the national election in this country the pacification of the Philippines will naturally complete itself. The natives are quickly acquiring the English language and even the troublesome class send their children to school to learn English. We are in complete military possession of the islands. The only problem is the civil government of the islands, and that will come as a natural consequence of the others."

CARS RUN ON MANY LINES IN ST. LOUIS YESTERDAY

Non-Union Men Taking the Strikers' Places.

St. Louis, May 16.—Traffic along the lines of the St. Louis Transit company's system is gradually being resumed and assuming a semblance to the former conditions. None of the 335 striking street car employees has returned to work, but cars are being operated with the help of non-union men, many of whom have been secured from distant points.

For some time past the transit company has been importing men to take the places of strikers. Last night two crowds of nearly 500 each arrived from Indiana and Missouri towns and were put to work today. Additional men from other cities are expected. More cars are being run on the lines that have been in operation for the last few days and other branches have been reopened to traffic. Today cars were run on Tower Grove, Grand avenue, Delmar avenue, Page avenue, Spaulding avenue, Park avenue, Compton Heights, Bellefontaine, Oliver street, LaCade avenue, Carondelet, California avenue and Fourth street lines. Not enough cars on these lines were run to accommodate all the travel and vehicles are still in use.

The suburban road has entirely resumed traffic on all its lines. Members of the city detective force who have been held in reserve at the Four Courts during the strike, are patrolling the city tonight and in consequence there is very little wire cutting or destruction of street railway property.

BIC CYCLE WORKS BURNED.

Los of a Half a Million Dollars—\$500 Men Made Idle.

St. Catharines, Ont., May 16.—Fire started today in the Canada Cycle and Motor company's establishment and spread to the Well Vale and company's works and before the flames were subdued both plants were complete wrecks. The loss will amount to nearly half a million dollars, partially covered by insurance. Over 500 men are thrown out of employment.

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AMERICAN APPEAL FROM SOUTH AFRICA

Request That the Boer War be Kept Out of the Political Campaign in the United States.

Cape Town, May 16.—A number of Americans residing in South Africa are sending an open letter to the American national political conventions and the American people in which they say while differing upon the merits of the controversy culminating in the present war they entirely agree that the cause of humanity in Africa will be best served by their fellow citizens in America observing strict neutrality.

The letter goes on to say that the efforts now being made in the United States to drag the matter into politics are deeply regretted, and that such a course is liable to prolong the struggle by raising false hopes. The letter closes with an appeal to all parties to eliminate the matter from the coming campaign.

SHIP FROM RIO DE JANEIRO DETAINED OFF NEW ORLEANS

Bubonic Plague Annihilating Coffee Importation.

New Orleans, May 16.—The state board of health in close session this morning passed resolutions declaring that the coffee ship Corsica with cargo from Rio de Janeiro would not be allowed to land until after thirty days' fumigation and detention and in case no symptoms of bubonic plague developed at the end of that time. The Corsica sailed from Rio on the 15th of April, at which time there were several cases of the plague there.

The official report of the marine hospital service states that on the 20th of April there were six deaths from the plague in Rio. As a result of the action of the board this morning, S. V. Fornaris & Co., the local agents of the French line of vessels to which the Corsica belongs, cabled to Paris canceling all sailings of coffee steamers via Brazil to this port for the rest of the year. The result of this action is the total annihilation of the coffee business in so far as New Orleans is concerned.

CONSUL GENERAL GUDGER SENDS ALARMING DESPATCH

Insurgents Expected to Attack Panama—Warship May be Sent.

New York, May 16.—Orders will probably be issued by the navy department today, according to a Washington correspondent, directing either the Philadelphia or the reconstructed Ranger to proceed to Panama. This action will be taken as a result of a despatch from H. A. Gudger, consul general of the United States in Panama, reporting that great excitement prevails there in consequence of the approach of the insurgent army. Panama is apparently the objective of the insurgent commander, who, according to the consul general, is within four days' march of the Colombian port. The gunboat Machias, which is on the eastern coast of Colombia, will, after leaving Chiriqui lagoon, drop down to Colon.

YESTERDAY IN CONGRESS.

Montana Resolution Put Over—Cuban Postal Frauds.

Washington May 16.—At 1 o'clock today President Pro Tempore Frye laid before the senate the Montana resolution. Mr. Chandler asked that the resolution be postponed until a o'clock Saturday, in order to give the senate committee on privileges and elections an opportunity to consider whether any further action was necessary. This was agreed to.

The feature of today's proceedings in the senate was Mr. Bacon's speech in connection with the resolution calling for an investigation of moneys received and expended in Cuba by representatives of the United States since its occupation. He severely criticised the administration of affairs in the island by United States officials, referred to the irregularities in the postal affairs of the island, which he declared were enough to bring the "blush of shame" to every American. The resolution went over. The Alaskan code bill was the order of the day in the house. But little progress was made.

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POSTMASTER AT HAVANA IS NOW ARRESTED

Acknowledges That He Tampered With Postal Moneys.

Havana, May 16.—Postmaster E. P. Thompson, of the Havana local office, has signed a sworn statement in which he says that on September 16 last, being in need of money, he took from the money order fund \$435, giving his memorandum as a receipt for the same. When the inspections were held, Mr. Thompson ordered a clerk in charge of the money order department to place remittance received that day which would not have to be accounted for until the following day, sufficient to cover the amount of his receipt, which was then withdrawn until after the inspection. This was kept up until April 27 when the special agents unexpectedly discovered the receipt and Mr. Thompson then paid. He also admits that Charles F. Neely, late financial agent of posts at Havana, endorsed a bill for \$350 which Thompson had discounted by the North American Trust company. Thompson admits other irregularities in connection with his department.

Thompson, Moya, Mascaro and Reeves, implicated in the postoffice irregularities, were arrested tonight.

MISSOURI REPUBLICANS IN CONVENTION

Platform Endorses Administration and the Gold Standard.

Kansas City, Mo., May 16.—The republican state convention was called to order this morning. The report of the credentials committee was adopted without debate, as was also the report of the committee on organization recommending C. P. Walbridge, ex-mayor of St. Louis, for permanent chairman. Chairman Walbridge spoke briefly and introduced Nathan Frank, of St. Louis, chairman of the committee on resolutions, who then read the platform, which was unanimously adopted.

The resolutions rejoice in the fact that the platform of 1896 has been vindicated and in the "achievements in peace and glorious victories in war," and endorse "the progressive administration of William McKinley for the blessings that it has bestowed upon the American people in establishing the highest prosperity the country has ever known." The resolutions favor the maintenance of the gold standard, the extension of self-government to all the people that have lately come under the protection of this country as rapidly as they demonstrate their ability to exercise the right, demand such legislation, both national and state, as will effectually protect the public from the "trust" evils, and heartily endorse the movement "so fittingly commemorated by an international fair to be held at St. Louis in 1903, the centennial of the purchase of the Louisiana territory, of which this state formed a most important part."

GERMAN NAVY BILL COMPLETED

Berlin, May 16.—The budget committee of the reichstag concluded the debate of the navy bill today, after deciding that the measure is to come into force simultaneously with the amendments to the stamp law and the customs tariff providing the means for the increased naval expenditures. The committee also resolved that should the naval estimates exceed the 54,000,000 marks thus provided, the excess must not be covered by indirect taxation.

ANOTHER BRIDGE JUMPER.

New York, May 16.—An unknown man jumped from the Brooklyn bridge at 2:30 o'clock this afternoon. When he came to the surface he was picked up by a passing tug. He was not seriously hurt.

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A BRITISH REVERSE

Column Sent to the Relief of Mafeking Repulsed With Heavy Loss.

Such is Report From Pretoria to Laffan Bureau.

Hunter Hoists the British Flag in the Transvaal.

Buller Announces His Occupation of Glencoe.

RUMOR THAT BOER DELEGATES NOW IN THIS COUNTRY HAVE ADVISED THE TRANSVAAL TO SURRENDER DENIED BY THEM—WHITE FLAG USED TREACHEROUSLY.

(From the Laffan Bureau Correspondent.)

Pretoria, May 15.—Mafeking, according to advices received here today, is still surrounded by Boers. The British column marching to the relief of the town has been repulsed with great loss.

London, May 17.—Interest in the rate of Mafeking is so absorbing that the progress of events in the Orange Free State and Natal is almost ignored. The latest news bearing on the situation at the besieged town is contained in the Pretoria despatch to the Laffan bureau. Reports that Mafeking has been captured are circulating in Lorenzo Marques—and in some European centres. One rumor from Lorenzo Marques is to the effect that Mafeking has been relieved, and that Kruger's grandson and a number of other Boers have been captured.

The latest news concerning the British column sent to relieve Mafeking is also contained in the Laffan despatch. It is still unknown who commands the relief column.

The latest rumor has it that it is Kitchener, but this is improbable. Despatches from Fourteen Streams indicate that General Hunter is with the main body which has advanced along the north bank of the Vaal river as far as Christiansburg. The Boers have evacuated the place and the British occupied it without opposition, and for the first time since the outbreak of the war hoisted the British flag in the Transvaal.

As the flag was flung to the breeze the troops cheered for the queen and the band played the national anthem. It is reported that Hunter subsequently advanced in the direction of Kloofdrif, but this is not confirmed. Nothing new has been received from Kroomstadt.

WHITE FLAG TREACHERY.

London, May 16.—The war office this morning posted the following from Roberts, under date of Kroomstadt, May 15:

"Two officers and six men of the Prince Alexis guards, who were out foraging yesterday a few miles from Kroomstadt, visited a farm flying a white flag, the owner of which surrendered himself with arms and ammunition. They then approached another farm flying a white flag."

"When within forty yards of the enclosure they were fired upon by fifteen or sixteen Boers concealed behind the farm wall. Two of the men were killed, Lieutenant Walton was wounded, and Lieutenant Beverton and two non-commissioned officers were taken prisoners."

"The owner of the farm states that the Boers threatened to shoot him when he protested against making an

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