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THE STORMING OF CALOOCAN

Americans Make a Combined Attack on Filipinos' Position, Driving Natives Back.

GEN. AGUINALDO AT MALABONAS

Filipinos Have Selected This as Their Base of Operations--Considerable Bodies of Them are Concentrating There and at Caloocan--Aguinaldo Will Now Rally His Forces for a Decisive Blow--Iloilo Not to be Taken Just Yet.

Washington, Feb. 10.—Up to the close of office hours to-day General Otis sent no news to the War Department indicating any further conflicts with the natives. He had a few casualties to report, these in answer to inqiries from anxious friends of indivdual soldiers, and he gave notice to the Department that he had been obliged to buy a large number of horses to supply the transportation needed to meet the large increased need owing to the lengthening of the American lines.

These horses, so-called, are really the little native Filipino ponies, which, it is said at the War Department, have been found to be the best animals for pack and draft purposes that can be secured. Some big American horses have been taken to the islands by the troops, but they have sickened and died, and altogether have proven to be wholly unfit for the climate. On the other hand General Miles reports that he has mounted several troops of cavalry on the little native ponies with good results.

The same state of affairs holds good with respect to the instruction of General Otis; again Secretary Alger said this afternoon that he had not sent any instructions since the beginning of hostilites and would send none. He fullly expects that General Otis will make no terms with Aguinaldo while the latter is armed, and that a condition precedent to dealing with him at all is the return of the insurgents and the surrender of their arms. Certainly General Otis is not expected to now take any action that will amount to a recognition of the insurgents as a foe to be treated with on the basis of an independent nation.

For reasons that they will not divulge, officials do not expect the attempt to be made to land the American troops at Iloilo immediately, though that was the understanding a day or two ago, based on General Otis' advices as to his intentions. It is possible that it has been concluded to be good policy to allow the natives in Panay to learn for themselves the disastrous fate that has overtaken Aguinaldo's forces in the neighborhood of Luzon, hoping that they may be induced to abate their resistance to General Miller's attempted landing. Then, too, as there are considerable foreign interests in this town, which is second only to Manila in the Philippines, it may be deemed necessary to give formal notice of the American purpose to attack the place in order to enable proper precautions to be taken. Even if the attack took place according to the original plan, news of the result would not reach here for two days, as Iloilo is distant from Manila about 350 miles, and the waters between are not easy of navigation.

A HAND TO HAND FIGHT.

Manila, Feb. 10.—7:40 P. M.—The American forces at 3:40 this afternoon, made a combined attack upon Caloocan and reduced it in short order.

At a signal from the tower of the De La Lome church, the United States double turreted monitor Monadnock opened fire from the bay with the big guns of her fore turret on the earthworks, with great effect.

Soon afterward the Utah battery bombarded the place from the land side.

The rebels reserved their fire until the bombardment ceased, when they fired volleys of musketry as the Montana regiment advanced on the jungle.

The Kansas regiment, on the extreme left, with the Third artillery deploying to the right, charged across the open and carried the earthworks, cheering under a heavy fire. Supported by the artillery at the church, the troops further advanced, driving the enemy, fighting every foot, right into the town line, and pentrated to the Presidencia, and lowered the Filipino flag at 5:30 p. m.

The enemy's sharpshooters, in the jungle, on the right, fired at long range on the Pennsylvania regiment, but the rebels were soon silenced by shrapnel shells and the Pennsylvania remained in the trenches.

As the Americans advanced they burned the native huts.

The rebels were mowed down like grass, but the American loss was slight.

FILIPINOS' SCOUTS SURPRISED.

Manila, Feb. 10.—3:40 P. M.—In anticipation of a native uprising in this city, unusual precaution were taken here last night by the American military authorities. Fortunately, the steps taken proved unnecessary. The Filipinos are evidently convinced that an uprising would prove suicidal to them.

The Visayan commissioners arrested on board the Uranus sailed for Iloilo yesterday with the Tennessee regiment on board the United States transport St. Paul.

No vessels have cleared from Manila for Philippine ports since Saturday, consequently no news has yet reached outside points. Even the guard of the Pennsylvania regiment stationed at the convalescent hospital on Corregidor Island knew nothing about the hostilities until the supply boat notified them yesterday.

The Uranus cleared for Iloilo on Saturday, but instead of sailing on Sunday she was detained by the American authorities.

Scouting parties of the Dakota regiment yesterday surprised some Filipino scouts at the bridge across the Paranaque river. The enemy retired hurriedly, swimming the stream in order to reach the main body of the rebels, entrenched opposite troop K, of the Fourth cavalry.

A few rebels have concentrated at Paranaque. While they are entrenched, they are fully exposed from the water front.

General King's headquarters are now at the village of Pasig, which surrendered yesterday without opposition. Many of the rebels are coming in, hoping to be allowed to enter Manila; but they have been refused the necessary permission, and are now afraid to return to the enemy's ranks.

AGUINALDO AT MALABONAS.

The Filipinos Select This as Their Base of Operations.

Manila, Feb. 10,—10:10 a. m.—The rebels at this hour seem to have selected Malabonas as the base of operations for their next encounter with the Americans, as they are concentrating a considerable force there and at Caloocan. Many small bodies of scattered rebel troops are straggling in from the right, and others are undobtedly arriving from the north and the interior provinces.

Aguinaldo is reported to have established his headquarters at Malabonas for the purpose of rallying his forces for a decisive blow.

In order to cover their movements, the rebels again opened fire on the outposts of the Kansas regiment. They kept up the fire from the jungle for about twenty minutes, but without effect. The Americans reserved their fire until a detachment of the enemy emerged from the bamboos, when a well directed volley made the rebels scuttle back to cover like rabbits.

Beyond this, there was quiet along the entire lines.

Some soldiers belonging to the Fourteenth infantry have unearthed several tons of Spanish shells, evidently stolen from the arsenal at Cavite and hidden by the rebels in the vicinity of Paranaque. Fifteen car-loards of shells have been brought in here. The troops also found a modern naval gun, and parts of its mount which had undoubtedly been stolen from one of the sunken Spanish warships.

OTIS' REPORT OF THE FIGHT.

Washington, Feb. 10.—The following despatch from General Otis was received to-night:

"Manila, Feb. 10, 1899.

"Adjutant General, Washington:

"Insurgents collected considerable force between Manila and Caloocan, where Aguinaldo reported to be and threatened attack and uprising in city. This afternoon swung left of McArthurs' division, which is north of Pasig River into Caloocan, driving enemy easy. Our left now at Caloocan. Our loss slight; that of insurgents considerable. Particulars in the morning. Attack preceded by one half hour's firing from two of Admiral Dewey's vessels.

(Signed). "OTIS."

WHAT NAVAL BILL CARRIES.

Washington, Feb. 10.—The House Naval Committee has struck a total on the Naval Appropriation Bill about to be reported, showing that it will carry something over $45,000,000, with about $11,000,000 which will be for the first year's appropriation on three new battleships, three armored cruisers and six small cruisers.

INTEREST IN THE BLUE WING.

Oxford, N. C., Feb. 10.—(Special.)—The interest of Northern capitalists in the Blue Wing Copper Mines increases, and continuous demands are made upon the owners of these lands who now realize that they are of great value.

NIPPING AT FORESTVILLE.

Forestville, N. C., Feb. 10.—(Special.)—The thermometer registered here at 8 a. m. four degrees above zero.

HIS DEFENCE OF GENERAL MILES

Mr. Lentz Says Eagan's Attack Had no Parallel.

AND YET HE IS REWARDED

THE PRESIDENT SIGNS THE TREATY OF PEACE.

THE EWART CASE STILL UNSETTLED

The Senate Makes no Progress on the Legislative, Executive and Judicial Appropriation Bill. Resolutions Offered by Mr. Allen.

Washington, Feb. 10...—General debate on the Sundry Civil Appropriation Bill was concluded to-day. The speakers during the day touched a variety of topics, but, as a rule, the debate lacked spirit and interest.

Mr. Dockery, (Dem., Mo.), congratulated the country upon the statement made by Mr. Cannon yesterday. Had it been made earlier, he said, the country might have been saved many millions of dollars. Mr. Dockery produced figures to show that there was already in sight a deficiency of $67,000,000 for the next fiscal year. But this was exclusive of the additional expenditure of $2,500,000 involved in the Naval Personnel Bill, the new ships to be authorized in the Naval Appropriation Bill, the Cuban claims, the $11,000,000 for public buildings, and the enormous expenditures involved in the Hanna-Payne Subsidy Bill and the bill for the construction of the Nicaragua Canal, should either of these latter bills be passed.

Mr. Dockery was not sure but that expenditures would have to be cut down at home in order that we may be able to support a great army and navy abroad.

Mr. DeArmond, (Dem., Mo.), argued that if the people were to be made to bear additional tax burdens an income tax should be imposed. The time had come, he declared, when the policy of the Government must be determined.

Mr. DeArmond, Mr. Gillett, of Massachusetts, and others discussed the policy of expansion, and Mr. Lentz, of Ohio severely criticized the Administration for exercising clemency in the case of General Eagan. The latter charged that there was an evident disposition to reward those who had attacked Gen. Miles because the latter had had the manhood to tell the truth about the alleged rotten food fed to our troops in Cuba and Porto Rico.

He declared that General Eagan's attack upon General Miles had no parallel in military history. He had called General Miles a liar for simply telling the truth to which 50,000 private soldiers could testify. The troops had been fed rotten beef, said Mr. Lentz, and yet General Eagan was to be suspended with pay for six years and then retired upon three fourths pay because he had denounced the truth as a lie. He was to be rewarded for attacking General Miles. With his pay during the suspension and calculating the length of his life according to recognized mortality tables, General Eagan would draw $78,000 from the Treasury after he had been convicted by court martial of a most heinous offense against military discipline.

Mr. Adamson, (Dem., Ga.), in a brief speech announced his opposition to the Nicaragua Canal and the annexation of the Philippines.

Mr. Underwood, (Dem., Ala.), reviewed the record of the present Congress to show that it had betrayed its pledges to the people.

During the course of the debate, Mr. Hepburn, chairman of the Inter-State and Foreign Commerce Committee, gave notice that he would offer the Nicaragua Canal Bill as an amendment to the Sundry Civil Bill.

At 5 o'clock the House took a recess until 8 p. m., the evening session being devoted to pension legislation.

PROCEEDINGS IN THE ENATE.

Washington, Feb. 10.—During the entire open session to-day the Senate had under consideration the Legislative, Executive and Judicial Appropriation Bill. Little progress was made, the time largely being occupied with debate on minor topics.

Mr. Allen (Neb.), offered a joint resolution, providing for the submission to the Legislatures of an amendment to the Constitution providing for the election of United tates Senators by direct voté of the people. The resolution was laid on the table.

Mr. Allen also offered a resolution declaring that the Senate re-affirmed the doctrines and principles of the Declaration of Independence. The resolution further declares that these principles are to be adhered to not only in the United States but are to be deemed universal and are to apply to all who have a distinct society and territory of their own.

Mr. Allen asked for immediate consideration of the resolution, but Mr. Chandler objected and it went over.

A House bill to establish a national military park to commemorate the campaign, siege and defense of Vicksburg, was called up by Mr. Money (Miss.), and passed. The bill appropriates $65,000 for the purposes stated.

Mr. McEnery (La.), asked that unanimous consent be given for a vote to be taken on his resolution declaring this country's policy in the Philippines, next Monday, immediately after the disposition of morning business.

Mr. Mallory (Fla.), objected.

Consideration of the Legislative, Executive and Judicial Appropriations Bill was then resumed. At 2:45 p. m. the bill was laid aside for the day.

The message from the President recommending a Pacific Cable was read and referred to the Committee on Appropriations. At 3:10 the Senate went into executive session and at 5:20 adjourned.

WORK ON THE ARMY BILL.

Sub-Committee on Military Affairs Completes its Work.

Washington, Feb. 10.—The sub-committee of the Senate Committee on Military Affairs having in hand the bill for the re-organization of the army, to-day placed their labors in the hands of the full committee.

A large number of comparatively unimportant amendments were made, the most significant being the following:

The House provision abolishing the canteen is stricken out and the following substituted for it:

"That in canteens established under regulations of the army no liquors shall be sold, except malt liquors and non-intoxicating beverages, and this shall apply to all encampments and forts and all premises used for military purposes by the United States."

Another amendment provides that in time of war retired officers of the army may, in the discretion of the Secretary of War be employed on active duty, other than in the command of troops, and that when so employed they shall receive the full pay and allowances of their grades.

The corps of cadets at West Point is increased to one from each Congressional district, one from each territory, one from the District of Columbia, two from each State at large and twenty from the United States at large.

The provision in the House bill making the artillery corps "subject to the command and control of superior authority" is stricken out. A provision is added requiring that the approval of the Secretary of War shall be required to orders of the general commanding assigning officers of the artillery corps to duty.

A provision added to the paragraph regarding the enlistment of infantrymen limits the age for original enlistments in the army between 18 and 35 years. A change in the regulation for the appointment of Second Lieutenants to fill vacancies provides for appointment by two methods only, one being from among graduates of the West Point Academy and the other "from enlisted men and from civil life as now provided by law."

The House provision for the appointment of graduates of private military schools is eliminated.

The organization of natives for service in Cuba and Porto Rico and the islands of the Pacific is placed entirely at the discretion of the President.

CONFERENCE AT THE HAGUE.

There Europe Will Discuss the Czar's Disarmament Proposal.

Washington, Feb. 10.—Mr. Pierce, United States charge at St. Petersburg, this afternoon cabled the State Department that the conference proposed by the Czar looking to a disarmament of the nations, will be held at the Hague.

Madrid, Feb. 10.—The Supreme Military court which has under consideration the loss of the Spanish squadron at Santiago de Cuba on July 3rd, last, has decided to prosecute in connection with the disaster, Admiral Cervera and Commander De Moreu, former captain of the destroyed cruiser Cristobal Colon.

SITUATION SERIOUS.

The Trusts Must be Checked Before They Control Everything.

(Patron & Gleaner.)

Representative Stevens of Union county has introduced a bill in the House for the suppression of trusts. His bill is modeled after the Mississippi law, which is said to be effective. It should become a law. The trusts are becoming more bold and oppressive every day, are rapidly multiplying and if not checked will soon control every avenue of trade. In North Carolina they have some of the best talent that money can command at work for them, the editorial rooms of some of our brightest newspapers not excepted. Many ministers of the gospel can be found who plead their cause. The situation demands serious attention.

IT WILL BE RECONSIDERED

Mr. Holman, of Iredell, Talks Sensibly About Appropriations.

MUST HAVE ECONOMY

ALL APPROPRIATIONS SHOULD BE CONSIDERED TOGETHER AND ACTED ON AT ONCE.

TOO MUCH FOR BLIND, DEAF AND DUMB

Mr. Holman Will this Morning Move a Reconsideration of the Appropriation Bills That Have Already Passed the House.

The House of Representatives on Thursday and yesterday passed bills increasing the appropriations for the deaf, dumb and blind institutions in Raleigh and Morganton more than $74,000.

I had a talk last night with Mr. John B. Holman, chairman of the Finance Committee, about appropriations and revenue, and he said:

"We have made a mistake in taking up any appropriation bills until all the committees were ready to make their reports, and this morning I will make a motion in the House to reconsider the vote by which the bill passed making appropriations for the Institution for the Deaf, Dumb and Blind, and move to refer it back to the Appropriations Committee to be held until all recommendations for appropriations from all State institutions are ready to be reported. I will then later on move that a day be set when all appropriations shall be considered.

"I will do this because I believe the only safe course is to pass no appropriation bill until we know what all the institutions will ask, and how much our revenue will be. Then we can act with more intelligence and wisdom than is possible with only partial recommendations before us.

"I believe we ought to be as liberal with our charitable and educational institutions as circumstances will admit. The helplessness of the blind and the lack of being able to talk and hear appeal very strongly to my heart, and I have always voted to give them such education and care as I thought the State could afford. I never did criticize the Fusionists for their appropriations to the State's unfortunates, but for their extravagance in the Legislature, and in other departments. I would like, if the people of the State were in a position to pay for it, to give all our institutions all the appropriations they ask for. I will go as far as I can to give every necessary comfort and best facilities, and I believe that the appropriations asked for by the Raleigh and Morganton institutions would be spent to a good purpose.

"This Legislature, however, is pledged to practice close economy along all lines. We will have to deny some appropriations we would like to make, and enforce the same rigid economy in State institutions that the farmers are forced to practice.

"These are the reasons why I will move to reconsider the appropriation for the Raleigh Deaf, Dumb and Blind Institution and I hope the Senate will hold up the appropriation for the Morganton institution until the other committees looking after all the other institutions are ready to report. Then we can consider all together and do the best we can for all."

AID FOR THE COUNTY HOME.

Reducing the Coffee Allowance Arouses the Charitably Disposed—County Commissioners Criticised—Gone to Take Part in Hoge Memorial Service.

Durham, N. C., Feb. 10.—(Special.)—The Board of County Commissioners have caught it on all sides for the past two or three days. The two daily newspapers, the Sun and Herald, have had a good deal to say of the board cutting the wages of the employes of the county, and of reducing the allowance of coffee given to the inmates of the county home. The people have sharply criticised the commissioners for these things, especially on the coffee question.

R. B. Boone, of the well known law firm of Boone & Bryant, agrees to furnish out of his own pocket a sum sufficient to buy the inmates all the coffee they may need. W. T. O'Brien has donated $25 in cash for the purpose of supplying the needs of the inmates in regard to coffee. J. G. Patterson has given them ten pounds of coffee, and O. J. W. Perry and A. P. Faucette carried out to the county home thirty-one pounds of coffee and fifty pounds of sugar. Others, we learn, have made or will make donations.

The chairman of the board of County Commissioners, in regard to cutting the coffee allowance, says: "As to the matter of cutting off the amount of coffee allowed the inmates of the county home, the superintendent was ordered to give the coffee once a day, except in special cases where he found it necessary to give it to them oftener. The county has placed cows in the hands of the superintendent for the purpose of providing the necessary milk for these unfortunates, and this, the boards think, healthier and cheaper than coffee."

We learn, though not from an official source, that the total expenditure for coffee for the inmates each month did not exceed $4.

NOTHING DONE IN EWART CASE.

Pritchard Tried to Fix a Time for a Vote But Failed.

Washington, Feb. 10.—(Special.)—There is no decision as yet in the Ewart case, and apparently no telling when there will be one. An effort made in the executive session this afternoon to fix a time for a vote was blocked by objections, and the end of the case does not seem to be in sight.

When the time came for the executive session, Senator Pettus was the first speaking in support of the report of the committee. He does ..6 ....6 .. 6..6 committee. He was fowwed by Senator Butler, who took up the case from the beginning, going very fully in details, and still had the floor when the hour for adjournment arrived. Senator Pritchard endeavored to secure an agreement for a vote at some fixed time, but Senator Hoar protested, and no time was fixed.

Senator Hawley will on Monday next be the guest of honor at a special meeting of the North Carolina Society.

A reception is to be given the Connecticut Senator and his wife by this society at Confederate Veterans' Hall where its meetings are usually held. The invitation sent him was signed by the following committees: Mrs. Senator Vance, Mrs. Senator Pritchard, Mrs. Walter C. Murphy, Mrs. David Anderson, Miss Jeannie Haywood, Mrs. Jas. E. Boyd, Mrs. Jno. H. Bell, Mrs. Hester and Miss Edna Bishop. Gen. W. R. Cox, Representatives Kitchin, Skinner, Linney and Fowler; Mr. D. R. Goodloe, Major W. B. Gulick, Dr. S. B. Weeks and Dr. Lewis J. Battle.

Senator Hawley was born in Richmond county, North Carolina. He visited the State in 1865 and his welcome was the canon's roar from the heavy guns at Fort Fisher. He was military commander at Wilmington in the last days of the war.

PRESIDENT SIGNS TREATY.

The Official Copy Will Now be Forwarded to Madrid.

Washington, Feb. 10.—The official copy of the treaty of peace with Spain, bearing the signatures of the Spanish and American Commissioners, which was ratified by the Senate last Monday, as certified by Vice-President Hobart, was signed by the President and Secretary Hay at 2:33 o'clock this afternoon in the library of the Executive Mansion. There was little formality observed, although a number of persons were present by invitation of the President. While signing the document, the President and the Secretary of State sat at the round table in the center of the library. The pen was an ordinary gold one, which the President frequently uses in his office work. The ceremony occupied only a few minutes, and at its conclusion Secretary Hay replaced the document in its crimson velvet case and took it to the State Department for transmission to Madrid.

THE ARMY BILL COMPLETE.

The House Committee Bring Down Appropriations to $79,000,000.

Washington, Feb. 10.—The Army Appropriation Bill was completed to-day by the House Committee on Military Affairs, and by dint of pretty severe cutting of enormous items it was brought down to $79,034,372. It is framed on the basis of an army of about 100,000 men, and contemplates the enactment of of the Hull bill for the increase of the army or the retention of volunteers and regulars up to that number.

THE POLAR WAVE WILL LINGER

Several Days Longer Will Jack Frost Tarry.

HE BREAKS THE RECORDS

WASHINGTON DROPS EIGHT BELOW ZERO.

HER LOWEST RECORDED TWO DAYS' MEAN

How it Knocks out the Previous Cold Weather Figures in the Ohio and Middle Mississippi Valleys. Snows and Bitter Cold in the Northwest.

Washington, Feb. 10.—The Weather Bureau to-night furnished the following statement:

The thirteenth consecutive day of abnormallly cold weather in the Central Valley, West and Northwest has been marked by some moderation in the Ohio and Upper Mississippi and Lower Missouri Valleys, although the temperatures in these districts still remain in the neighborhood of zero.

In the Middle Atlantic States the wave has continued with undiminished severity, particularly at Washington, where a minimum of 8 degrees below zero was recorded this morning.

The mean temperature for Friday was 2 degrees below zero, the lowest daily mean temperature ever recorded in the history of the Washington station. The mean temperature for the past two days was zero also the lowest two day mean ever recorded.

This morning the temperatures in the Ohio and Middle Mississippi Valleys, Western Upper Lake region, and Middle Atlantic States were from one degree to 18 degrees lower than any previous record for the first decade of February. At Parkersburg it was 26 degrees below zero, or 15 degrees lower than any previous record, and at Pittsburg 20 degrees below zero, or 8 degrees lower than any previous record. During the day, however, there was a marked rise, and to-night the temperatures in the Upper Ohio Valley are close to zero, which is also about the average New England temperature.

In the Northwest and Rocky Mountain region there has been another decided fall, accompanied by snow, the temperature having fallen from 10 degress to 40 degrees, and ranging from zero in Central Colorado to 30 degrees below zero in Northwestern North Dakota.

In the South there has been a tendency toward a slight rise, except along the West Gulf coast.

Snow is falling in Southern Illinois, Missouri, South Dakota and the Middle slope. There were also light local snows in lower Michigan and Western New York, and light local snows in the South Atlantic and Gulf States. In the Plateau and Pacific coast regions there were light snows and rains in the Northern portions, followed by generally fair weather without any temperature changes of consequence.

Snows and rains are indicated in the Southern States, and snow from the Ohio Valley westward and in the Southwest. Generally fair weather will prevail elsewhere.

The cold wave will continue generally except on the Gulf and extreme South Atlantic coasts, and there will be no marked abatement for at least several days. In the District of Columbia still lower temperatures may be expected Saturday morning, followed by a slight rise during the day.

Fresh to brisk Northerly winds may be expected in the Atlantic coast States.

Cold wave signals the displayed generally from South Dakota and Wyoming southward, except in extreme Southern States, and advisory messages have been sent to lower Michigan, Indiana and the Middle Mississippi Valley States that there will be no appreciable moderation of the severe cold weather for several days to come.

CABLE TO THE PHILIPPINES.

President Points Out to Congress the Necessity of One.

Washington, Feb. 10.—The President to-day sent a message to Congress pointing out the imperative necessity of a Pacific Cable connecting this country with the Philippine, Hawaiian and Guam Islands. Such communication, he says, should be established so as to be wholly under the control of the United States, whether in time of peace or war.

FITZSIMMONS AND JEFFRIES.

New York, Feb. 10.—Bob Fitzsimmons and Jim Jeffries signed articles to-day for a fight some time between April 24th and May 26th, before the club offering the largest purse. The fight is to be for 25 rounds, or for a finish, if that can be arranged. Marquis of Queensbury rules are to govern, with the exception that there is to be no hitting in the clinches or the breakaway.

Congressman-elect John H. Small, of Washington, N. C., who has been attending the Supreme court, left yesterday for home.

Most men would be thankful nowadays if they could lose their grip.