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## LEADS ALL NORTH CAROLINA DAILIES IN NEWS AND CIRCULATION.

TELEGRAPHIC BRIEFS.

### CAPTURE OF SAN ISIDRO BY SUMNER

#### He is in Command of Lawton's Advance Guard.

### THE PLAN OF CAMPAIGN

#### LAWTON COVERS BULACAN PROVINCE WITH HIS TROOPS.

### HE BATTLES WITH THE FOE CONSTANTLY

#### They are Given no Time to Reconcentrate Their Scattered Forces. Kob's Expedition Proceeds up the Rio Grande From Calumpit.

Manila, May 17.—11:40 a. m.—General Lawton's advance guard under Col. Sumner, of the Oregon troops, took San Isidro, the insurgent capital, at 8:30 o'clock this morning. The expedition under Major Cobb, of the Third artillery, consisting of the Seventeenth infantry, a battalion of the Ninth, and one battery of the First artillery, left Calumpit at daybreak to-day marching up the Rio Grande to join General Lawton's division at Arayat. A flotilla of caesoes loaded with supplies, also proceeded up the river. Both forces were conveyed by the gunboats under command of Captain Grant.

Aguinaldo's Secretary Escamillero, who was arrested here on February 23rd is now employed as official interpreter by the authorities.

### FULLER STORY OF CAPTURE.

Manila, May 17.—6:15 P. M.—Colonel Sumner's command, consisting of the Twenty-second infantry on the left, the Minnesota regiment in the center and the Oregon and North Dakota regiments on the right, proceeded by scouts and accompanied by Scott's Battery of artillery, advanced from Baluarte at daylight. The troops first encountered the enemy two miles from San Isidro, the rebels retiring when our artillery opened fire. Just outside the town a rebel force estimated to number two thousand men was entrenched. It made a slight resistance but evacuated its position when our troops turned its right flank.

The enemy's loss was fifteen men killed and twenty wounded. Our troops also captured three prisoners and many rifles. On the American side, one soldier of the Oregon regiment and one of the Minnesota regiment were slightly wounded.

After capturing the town, Colonel Sumner's troops continued their advance, pursuing the retreating rebels for several miles.

### ENEMY BREAK AND FLY.

Manila, May 17.—6:10 P. M.—Although the rebels still threaten San Fernando in considerable force, large numbers of natives, a majority of them being families with their household goods, are returning daily to the towns inside the American lines, at Apalit especially.

Many of the richer Filipinos are coming to Manila and laborers are resuming work in the rice fields. The latter show their respect for American sovereignty by removing their hats to the passing trains.

Owing to the bad condition of the wagon roads, the work of repairing the railroad is being actively pushed. All the broken bridges have been trestled and only a few excavations remain to be filled up. Trains will undoubtedly be running through to San Fernando in a few days. The only natives there are some Filipinos from Macabebe, who are trading with our soldiers.

At daylight today Lieutenant Hill, who, with twenty-five men of the Fourth infantry, was concealed in the trenches near Pasig, was attacked by a force of rebels, who evidently imagined they could capture one of our outposts, but only a few shots had been fired by the American force when the enemy broke and fled, losing five men killed and a number wounded.

The army gunboat Napidan has returned here from the Lake, having been disabled by a cannon shot from a rebel position, near Santa Cruz, which broke her rudder post.

### CONFIRMED BY GEN. OTIS.

Washington, May 17.—The following dispatch has been received at the War Department:

"Manila, May 17th. Adjutant General, Washington: 'Situation as follows: 'Lawton, with tact and ability has covered Bulacan Province with his column and driven insurgents northward into San Isidro, second insurgent capital which he captured this morning; is now driving enemy northward into mountains. He has constant fighting, inflicting heavy losses and suffering few casualties; appearance of his troops on flanks of enemy behind entrenchments thrown up at every strategic point and town very demoralizing to insurgents, and has given them no opportunity to reconcentrate scattered troops. Cobb's column with gunboats proceeding up Rio Grande. (Signed.) 'OTIS.'"

Portions of the dispatch which have not been made public to future movements of the troops.

### FORCED BACK FIFTY-FIVE MILES.

Washington, May 17.—That the insurgents are disintegrated and demoralized is perfectly manifest from the press dispatches and the cable received from General Otis today.

General Lawton, who was pushing the line of the rebel retreat along the Rio Grande, has flung his advance, which, at last advices, was resting at San Miguel, northward about 12 miles, has taken San Isidro, the second insurgent capital, and when Otis' dispatch was sent was still pressing the enemy northward. The fact that he is sustaining few losses in his forward movement, although in almost continual contact with the enemy, is another proof of their utter demoralization. According to General Otis' cable they continue to throw up entrenchments, but General Lawton's strategy outflanks each position in turn, keeping them in full retreat and giving them no opportunity to reconstruct their scattered forces. It will be the mountains or the sea for the insurgents. As our troops could be transported by sea to the mouth of the Agno and a new base of operations established there, it would be folly for them to take that course. Scattered, demoralized and disheartened, it is almost certain that the rebels in desperation will retreat into the fastness of the mountains, where they would be safe from pursuit, and where they could keep up a guerrilla warfare indefinitely, or until their leaders came to their senses.

Although all the past efforts of our troops to get into the rear of the insurgents have failed up to this time by sheer force of the battering ram, the enemy has been driven back step by step into the pocket where nothing will be left for them but surrender or the mountains. Over 55 miles, as the crow flies, the rebels have been forced back.

### INSURGENTS DEMORALIZED.

Washington, May 17.—The situation of the insurgents is desperate. MacArthur's division drove them back along the line of the railroad to Dagupan on the Bay of Lingayen, as far as Calumpit. All efforts to impede his progress by the destruction of bridges were frustrated. The insurgents were forced out of their strongest positions. Simultaneously General Lawton moved to the right in a wide detour toward Norzagaray, the eastern limit of open country, with the intention of turning the enemy's position and crushing him between the two columns. Although unsuccessful in this, the enemy to make good his escape was compelled to abandon his line of retreat along the railroad, and retire up the Rio Grande. The insurgents by this move displayed considerable adroitness in the art of war, as it made it incumbent upon the Americans to get their supplies to the front along the new line.

This had been comparatively easy a long line of the railroad which had been repaired as the troops advanced. The change in the line of retreat of the rebels stopped Lawton's advance for several days, it is presumed, as no movement until today had been reported since Friday.

Meantime, it is presumed supplies were sent forward up the Rio Grande in caesoes (native barges) under the escort of the gunboats commanded by Major Cobb. The latter was reported to have 1,500 men with him, designed for the reinforcement of Lawton. These supplies probably having arrived at a point opposite Lawton, whose column had advanced along a line five miles east and parallel with the river, were delivered to him, and today he pushed on into San Isidro. This cleared the Province of Bulacan, although the words in General Otis' dispatch must not be taken literally as meaning that Lawton has "covered" all of Bulacan Province, but only the open country of that Province, or all west of Norzagaray. East of Norzagaray is a wall of mountains extending to the sea. These mountains run directly north on the left flank of the rebel retreat along the valley of the Rio Grande, to about ten miles north of San Isidro, where they trend westward and form the source of that river. It is into the foothills of these mountains that Lawton is now driving the scattered and demoralized forces of the insurgents.

Lawton has with him the Third and Twenty-second infantry, one battalion of the Seventeenth, the Second Oregon, First North Dakota, Thirteenth Minnesota and a squadron of the Fourth cavalry. No information has yet been received as to the Twelfth infantry and light battery E, of the First artillery, which have arrived at Manila. The Ninth infantry which arrived with those two commands, has been sent to join Lawton.

### TROOPS IN THE COEUR D'ALENE.

They are Considered Necessary to Prevent Further Disorder.

Washington, May 17.—Secretary Alger has received the following telegram from General Merriam, in explanation of the situation in the Coeur d'Alene: "Wardner, Idaho, May 16. 'Adjutant General, Washington. 'The Governor of Idaho has carefully reviewed the situation here and deems it necessary to place troops at Burke and Mullan to avoid further disorder. I request two troops of cavalry. Referring to the press criticisms, I have made no order. My action is limited strictly to the support of the State authorities. There are 395 prisoners still in custody under investigation. (Signed.) 'MERRIAM.' 'Brigadier General.'"

### BRIEF IN THE CARTER CASE.

Washington, May 17.—Colonel Barr, who prepared the brief in the case of Captain Carter, has notified the Attorney General that he would make no oral argument in the case. He will leave to-morrow for his station.

### ARRAIGNED FOR HIGH TREASON

#### The Prisoners are Remanded for a Fortnight.

### THEIR PLANS IN DETAIL

#### ARMED MEN WERE TO SEIZE JOHANNESBURG FORT.

### AND DELIVER IT TO THE BRITISH TROOPS

#### The Transvaal Government Regards the Plot as Merely a Local Issue. The British Think it a Trumped up Affair of the Boer Police.

Pretoria, Transvaal, May 17.—The seven alleged revolutionists who presented the appearance of ordinary loafers, were arraigned in court today charged with the capital offence of high treason. They were remanded for a fortnight.

Sworn affidavits allege that two thousand men have been enrolled for military service and that it was intended to arm them in Natal, to return them to the Rand and, at a given signal to seize and hold the Fort of Johannesburg for twenty-four hours, pending the arrival of British troops.

The Press says the Government regards the matter as "an unfortunate local incident which will not affect the general political situation."

The Government also confirms the report that the arrangements between President Kruger and the Governor of Cape Colony and High Commissioner of South Africa, Sir Alfred Milner, for a meeting at Bloemfontein, capital of the Orange Free State, are nearly completed. The President's proposed reforms will be presented to the Volksraad prior to the meeting.

### WOULD DISCREDIT ENGLAND.

London, May 17.—The Consul of the Transvaal here has received the following telegram from his Government, dated Pretoria, May 16th:

"Richard Nicholls, describing himself as a Colonel; George Patterson, a Captain; Edward J. Tromlett, Charles Ellis and John A. Mitchell, Lieutenants, and Fries and Hooper, were arrested yesterday morning on the sworn declaration of three Englishmen, on the charge of high treason in connection with the alleged object of the enrollment of troops to create a revolution, seize Johannesburg Fort and hold possession of the town until the British troops from Natal could come to their assistance.

"One of the prisoners alleges that he was acting under instructions from the British War Department."

A representative of the Associated Press today saw a number of prominent South Africans connected with the leading concerns of Johannesburg. They all declared they had not received a word from their own agents in Cape Colony, the absence of advices indicating that the affair was "trumped up by the Chief of the Boer police," and that in any case the men arrested were irresponsible nobodies with fictitious military titles affixed by the Boers with the object of discrediting the British in the eyes of the Continental powers. It is now believed that Tromlett (not Tromlett) was formerly a captain of volunteers in Cape Colony and that he is now a mining agent; Patterson is described as a butcher and labor agitator; Mitchell is said to be a stockkeeper; Cooper is classed as a carpenter; Ellis is alleged to be a private detective, and the occupations of Fries and Nicholls are unknown.

### CHINA BRACES HERSELF

#### DETERMINED TO RESIST FURTHER AGGRESSION BY THE POWERS.

### First Clash Expected With Germany. Provincia Governors Ordered to Mass Troops and Prepare for War.

Victoria, B. C., May 17.—According to news received by the Empress of India, China will resist further aggression by the powers. That China intends to oppose the advance of Germany in the North is shown by the fact that recently orders were sent to the Mandarins and Taotais of all districts and provinces, ordering them to concentrate what fighting men they could and prepare for war. The arsenals have been ordered to push forward the manufacture of arms and ammunition with all haste. A late edict places Viceroy Liu in charge of the people. The Chinese navy also, according to late reports is getting ready for an emergency.

Trouble has occurred recently in Shan Tung and German missionaries have been ill-treated. Germany is sending expeditions to punish the natives, burning villages and gradually pushing her way inward until very shortly she will have possession of the whole province.

The Kobe Herald says that the German plan is to establish a German kingdom with Prince Henry as ruler, as previously stated in Peking dispatches.

### NEGROES WANT HIM HANGED.

Jim Rimblerly, Colored, Convicted of Murder, Respite.

Camilla, Ga., May 17.—At the April term of the Superior court for Mitchell county, Jim Rimblerly, colored, was convicted of the murder of his aunt and sentenced to hang on May 16th. Yesterday shortly before the hour fixed for the execution the sheriff received notification from the Governor that Rimblerly had been respited for thirty days upon petition of leading white citizens of the county. The petitioners alleged grave doubts of the moral responsibility of the condemned man, and asked for an inquiry into his mental condition. Two members of the jury who convicted the man signed the petition. To-day leaders of the colored population drew up and circulated a petition to the Governor, praying that the law be permitted to take its course in the case of Rimblerly and deploring that he was not promptly hanged on the date named by the trial court. The colored petitioners direct attention to the allegation recently advanced by the Governor himself and frequently made by others, that the delays of the law are largely responsible for lynchings, and call upon the Governor to see to it, in the interest of law and order, that justice is speedily meted out to this murderer.

### THE LEGISLATURE ADJOURNS.

Session Called to Repeal Call for Constitutional Convention.

Montgomery, Ala., May 17.—After being in session fourteen days, the Legislature adjourned this evening. The body was convened in extra session by the Governor to repeal the call for a constitutional convention and to propose amendments to the constitution to be voted on at the next general election and to pass primary election laws. Their only act passed during the fourteen days was to repeal the call for the convention and appropriate money to pay their salaries and mileage. A number of amendments was offered but none of them could command enough votes to make them effective.

### ALASKAN BOUNDARY QUESTION.

May be Submitted to Arbitration When High Commission Re-assembles.

Washington, May 17.—As a result of a conference held at the Foreign Office in London between Lord Salisbury, Sir Julian Pauncefote and Ambassador Choate, the latter acting under direct instructions from Secretary Hay, it can now be predicted that the Joint High Commission to adjust issues between the United States and Canada will be re-assembled during the coming summer or early fall.

The negotiations have taken a new turn by the suggestion that the Alaskan boundary question be submitted to arbitration, independent of the other issues involved, thus leaving the commission free to resume its work on the many other pending questions. The boundary question is said to be the main obstacle to an agreement, so much so that the commission took its last adjournment because of manifest inability to come together on this point. Since then the two Governments have tried to settle the question, and some progress has been made. A final agreement does not yet appear to be in sight and a temporary adjustment by a modus vivendi is still open.

### THE A. P. ELECTS DIRECTORS.

Chicago, May 17.—At the annual meeting of the Associated Press today the following were elected directors: Wm. S. McLeate, Philadelphia Bulletin, vice Clayton McMichael, resigned; A. J. Barr, Pittsburg Post; L. Markbreit, Cincinnati Volksblatt; Clark Howell, Atlanta Constitution.

The following advisory boards were chosen: Eastern Division—St. Clair McKelway, Brooklyn Eagle, chairman; Charles H. Taylor, Boston Globe; Clarke Davis, Philadelphia Ledger; A. P. Langtry, Springfield Union; Ambrose Butler, Buffalo News.

Central Division—George Thompson, St. Paul Dispatch, chairman; D. M. Houser, St. Louis Globe-Democrat; S. H. Wilder, Cincinnati Commercial-Tribune; H. S. New, Indianapolis Journal; E. Rosewater, Omaha Bee; Joan Hicks, Oshkosh Northwestern.

Western Division—H. W. Scott, Portland Oregonian; E. B. Piper, Seattle Post-Intelligencer; H. H. Lannan, Salt Lake Tribune; Hugh Hume, San Francisco Post; K. G. Cooper, Denver Republican.

Southern Division—H. H. Cabaniss, Atlanta Journal, chairman; Page M. Baker, New Orleans Times-Democrat; C. P. J. Moore, Memphis Commercial-Appeal; George W. Ochs, Chattanooga Times; G. H. Baskett, Nashville Banner.

### BRYAN SPEAKS TO NORWEGIANS

Chicago, Ill., May 17.—Norwegians of Chicago today celebrated the 85th anniversary of the Norwegian declaration of independence. A banquet was held at the auditorium tonight representatives of all the Norwegian Societies of the city sharing in the programme.

Among the speakers was Colonel William Jennings Bryan, who took for his subject "Our Adopted Citizens in Peace and War."

### MICHIGAN BOYS ARE OUT.

Savannah, Ga., May 17.—The Thirty-first Michigan regiment was mustered out of the service here to-day. The muster out was orderly in every way and devoid of unpleasantness. The feeling among officers and men has been of the most cordial, and nothing occurred to mar the pleasure of the last day in the service.

### NEW RECTOR OF ST. MARY'S SCHOOL

#### The Trustees Elect Rev. T. D. Bratton, of Spartanburg.

### WELL EQUIPPED SCHOLAR

#### AND PRE-EMINENTLY FITTED FOR THE HIGH POSITION.

### EPISCOPAL CONVENTION IN SESSION

#### Dr. M. M. Marshall Elected President. Noted Raleigh Orators to Speak. Brotherhood of St. Andrew Will Convene Saturday.

Tarboro, N. C., May 17.—(Special.)—The trustees of St. Mary's School to-day unanimously elected to the rectorship of that school the Rev. T. D. Bratton, of Spartanburg, S. C.

Mr. Bratton is rector of the Episcopal church at Spartanburg, and holds the chair of history in Converse College for women.

He is the son of the late Gen. John Bratton, and both by birth and culture, as well as personal character, is thought to be pre-eminently fitted for this exalted position.

### THE CONVENTION OPENS.

Tarboro, N. C., May 17.—(Special.)—The Episcopal convention for the Western diocese convened here to-day in Calvary Church. The trains to-day brought in large crowds.

The convention organized by electing Dr. M. M. Marshall, of Raleigh, President, and Rev. J. E. Engle, secretary. Tarboro has extended a hearty welcome to the visitors. Services were held tonight. By to-morrow all the delegates are expected to be present.

The convention will adjourn on Friday, and the annual session of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew will then be held. The Brotherhood of all three of the North Carolina dioceses and the South Carolina diocese will meet together. On Sunday afternoon addresses will be made by Judge Hoke and Mr. Silas McBee, and on Sunday night by Hon. Chas. M. Busbee, of Raleigh. Hon. John P. Faure, ex-commissioner of Charities, and Mr. John W. Wood, General Secretary of the Brotherhood, will deliver addresses. These are among the most eloquent men in the State, and the Brotherhood in the country and the people of Tarboro look forward with pleasure to hearing these eloquent addresses.

### PRESBYTERIAN ASSEMBLY.

It Will Begin its Annual Session at Minneapolis Today.

Minneapolis, Minn., May 17.—At 11 o'clock tomorrow morning the 11th annual assembly of the Presbytery church in the United States will begin its session in Westminster church in this city. About 650 commissioners will be in attendance from the twenty-two synods and the assembly will bring to the city some fifty foreign missionaries besides many persons interested in the eight auxiliary boards and other church organizations, including the seven women's foreign mission boards.

The opening sermon will be preached by the retiring moderator, Rev. Wallace Radcliffe, D. D., of Washington, D. C. In the afternoon the assembly will be organized and a new moderator elected.

### MOTHER SLAYS HER CHILD

#### INSANITY WAS THE CAUSE OF THE DEED.

#### The Woman then Cut her Own Throat With a Razor but Failed to Inflict a Mortal Wound.

Statesville, N. C., May 17.—(Special.)—At eight o'clock this morning, in a fit of insanity Mrs. Mary Foster, wife of John E. Foster, a farmer of Cool Springs township, this county, cut the throat of her sixteen months' old baby boy with a razor and killed him instantly. The mother then cut her own throat with the razor, but not fatally.

She had been insane for a month, but had improved and was not violent. Her husband is a poor but respected man. She will be arrested as soon as she can be moved, and it is hoped that she can be admitted to the hospital at Morganton.

### KILLED HER WITH A HOE.

Pelham, Ga., May 17.—John Harrison, a well-to-do farmer living near here, was arrested last night for the murder of his wife. It appears that on last Monday he was in his field chopping cotton. For some trivial cause Harrison became vexed with his wife and struck her on the head with his hoe. With the assistance of two negroes he carried her to the house where she died. Harrison is now in jail and will be tried at Bainbridge at once.

The British warships Intrepid and Pearl have left Nassau for Port Tampa, to participate in the Queen Victoria birthday celebration.

Formosa advices give details of a terrible massacre in the vicinity of Tai-kow, a town in the central district. Thirty unarmed villagers were ambushed by about sixty savages, who killed twenty-nine of them. Only one escaped.

The Electric Automobile and Manufacturing Company with an authorized capital of \$500,000 was incorporated at Trenton, N. J., yesterday. The company is empowered to manufacture and operate vehicles propelled by electricity or other power.

Queen Victoria laid the foundation stone of the Victoria and Albert Museum. The ceremonies resembled a miniature jubilee. American flags were conspicuous among the decorations.

The President has sent through Otis a telegram of congratulation to Lawton and his gallant men for their successful operations during the past month.

The President has not, it is stated, given any consideration to the subject of an extra session of Congress.

The firemen on all the lake boats, numbering 1,390 men, will quit work today if the trouble with the grain shovellers is not settled.

The Third engineers, Colonel David Gaillard, commanding, was mustered out of the service at Fort McPherson yesterday.

A certificate was filed with the Secretary of State at Trenton, N. J., yesterday by the American Tobacco Company stating that of the \$35,000,000 additional capital stock authorized in March last to be issued, \$32,000,000 has been paid, making the total issue of capital stock of the company \$68,000,000.

The National Conference of Charities and Corrections has begun in Cincinnati with a large attendance.

The date of the Bob Fitzsimmons-Jim Jeffries fight before the Coney Island A. C., has been fixed at June 9th.

Havana fire-eaters have quieted down, and everything is moving on now as smoothly as a newly greased wheel.

Major General Henry, United States Volunteers, until recently Military Governor of Porto Rico, arrived in New York on the transport McPherson from San Juan yesterday.

The National Dewey Home Committee will send letters to all leading newspapers, national banks and postmasters, asking them to receive contributions from the public and forward the same to the treasurer at Washington.

A notable feature of Admiral Dewey's arrival in Washington will be the presentation to him by the President of the superb jeweled sword made by authority of Congress as a testimonial from the Government.

The death of Wm. H. Young, chief of scouts of General Lawton's division, is considered a serious loss. Young was one of the scouts with General O. O. Howard in the Nez Percés campaign through Idaho and Montana some years ago.

Sir Thomas Lipton, the Associated Press is informed, has limited to fifteen the number of guests to be present at the launching of the America's cup challenger Shamrock. The date of the launch will not be made public.

General Joseph Wheeler will deliver a memorial address before Edward W. Kingsley Post No. 113, G. A. R., on Memorial Day in Boston theatre.

WADE HAMPTON DECLINES. Values the People's Commendation More Than Gifts.

Columbia, S. C., May 17.—General Wade Hampton has written a card to the people of the State in which he feelingly and gratefully declines to accept the home it was proposed to build for him, replacing the home recently destroyed by fire. He says the reward of a citizen who has done work for the State is "Well done, good and faithful servant." He prizes the people's commendation more than any gift.

### BIGGEST MILL IN THE SOUTH.

Columbia Will Lead With One Capitalized at a Million and a Half.

Columbia, S. C., May 17.—Application has been filed for a charter for the Olympia Cotton Mills of Columbia, S. C. Its capital will be \$1,500,000. The power will be electricity furnished by the power plant on the Columbia Canal. It will be the largest mill in the South, having 104,000 spindles and 2,600 looms. The corporators are Columbian, mill and bank presidents and leading business men.

### ALL SERENE IN CUBA.

Washington, May 17.—The following dispatch has been received at the War Department:

"Havana, May 17th. 'Adjutant General, Washington. 'General Woods reports as result of his recent trip through department everything quiet and peaceful. Reports of brigandage absolutely without foundation. People working everywhere. Similar conditions in other departments. (Signed.) 'BROOKE.' 'Commanding.'"