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FILIPINOS SEEK TERMS OF PEACE

Aguinaldo And His Cabinet Are at One.

SUFFERINGS OF THE FOE

SHORT OF FOOD, THE PREY OF DISEASE AND FEAR.

BREAKING UP INTO BANDS OF PILLAGERS

The Filipinos Now Realizing the Power of the Union, See that Continued Resistance Means for them Extermination.

Aguinaldo Discouraged.

Washington, May 18.—General Otis cables the War Department that the representatives of Aguinaldo are seeking terms of peace and that the forces of the insurgents are scattering in the mountains.

Following is General Otis' cablegram:

Manila, May 18.

"Adjutant General, Washington.

"Representatives insurgent Cabinet and Aguinaldo in mountains twelve miles north San Isidro, which abandoned 15th instant, will send in commission tomorrow to seek terms of peace. Majority of force confronting MacArthur at San Fernando has retired to Tarlac, tearing up two miles railway; this force has decreased to about twenty five hundred. Scouting parties and detachments moving today in various directions. Kobb with column at Candava on Rio Grande. Great majority inhabitants of provinces over which troops have moved anxious for peace, supported by members insurgent Cabinet. Aspect of affairs at present favorable. (Signed) "OTIS."

The dispatch of General Otis was immediately sent to the President at Hot Springs. Secretary Alger said that the situation was most encouraging and that it was apparent that the Filipinos realized the strength of the United States and saw that resistance would mean extermination for them if they persisted in defying authority.

Speaking of the part taken by the volunteers in the Philippine campaign the Secretary says that instead of wishing to be home they would not have missed it, as it was an event in their lives, especially as the hard fighting has been crowned with success. The Secretary believes that the commission which Aguinaldo is sending to General Otis will accept any terms proposed by the United States.

It is not likely that General Otis will permit himself to be deceived by the overtures of the insurgents, or that he will give consideration to any propositions which the present commission may submit that are not sincere and final beyond question. It is not clear to the officials here what concessions Aguinaldo expects to receive, inasmuch as General Otis, with the full approval of the President and his Cabinet, has repeatedly declared that he will consider nothing but the unconditional surrender of the insurgents as a necessary preliminary to any negotiations for a cessation of hostilities. It is possible that he may make terms for the special benefit of himself and his Cabinet, and it is even possible that he has an idea that the United States may be willing to reimburse him liberally for the surrender of his army. It is suggested that Aguinaldo is merely looking out for his own interests in this matter, now that the Filipino cause is lost, and will demand safe conduct out of the Philippine Islands for himself and a few of his chosen friends, together with sufficient money to enable them to live in ease for a reasonable period.

COMMENT AT WASHINGTON.

Washington, May 18.—War Department officials are convinced that the end of the insurrection in the Philippines is at hand, and that the representatives of the insurgent Cabinet of Aguinaldo, who are to meet General Otis tomorrow, will succumb to the inevitable and surrender. Their forces are evidently so utterly demoralized by the persistent advance of the Americans that they are ready to accept peace on the best terms they can obtain.

Driven northward to the foothills of the mountains as they have been, their fleeing and scattered forces, disintegrated and disheartened, can no longer be made to face our victorious advance. Less than a week ago General Luna was reported just north of San Fernando where General MacArthur's troops are concentrated and in the neighborhood of Bacolor with about 9,000 rebels.

To-day General Otis reports that the remainder of this force moved east and joined the main body of the insurgents which abandoned San Isidro yesterday and fled northward to the mountains from which Aguinaldo is now sending his commissioners to sue for peace.

If this is a truce to gain time, which none of the officials at the War Department believe, it will avail them nothing as the Americans will utilize the period during the negotiations in reconnoitering the country ahead of them preparatory

to the resumption of operations the minute the negotiations fail.

The dispatch of two battalions of the Twenty-third infantry yesterday to take Jolo, the principal town in the Sulu archipelago, is the fourth military expedition detached from the main body of our troops at Manila. The Sulu archipelago is a group of 150 small islands the Aleutian Islands, south of the Philippines, extending in the form of a crescent, like pines. There are no insurgents, as far as known in the Sulu group. The population of the island consists of 500 aborigines, 612 Chinese traders and 16,000 negroes.

BREAKING UP OF THE ARMY.

Manila, May 18.—4:50 p. m.—Two Spanish prisoners who have just arrived here from Neuva Ecika, say Aguinaldo has lost prestige with the rebel army, which is described as being completely demoralized, short of food, suffering from diseases, afraid of the Americans and rapidly dissolving into armed bands of pillagers.

The prisoners add that Generals Pilar and Luna are the only influential Filipinos who are continuing resistance to the Americans.

Aguinaldo's personal retinue was recently relieved of its baggage and money while on the way from San Isidro to Cebanalon, by marauders.

The Chinese are being victimized everywhere by both rebels and looters.

Buenacmino, a prominent Filipino leader (who was friendly to Spain and joined in the compromise arrangement whereby the Spaniards hoped to conciliate the rebel leaders without sacrificing too much) is reported as saying Aguinaldo sits indoors crying, blames himself for the miserable condition of the country and is afraid to surrender.

TO CONFER ABOUT PEACE.

Manila, May 18.—10 a. m.—Philippine commissioners to confer with the American Commission regarding surrender, arrived last night at San Isidro, and are coming to Manila to-day. The people of Manila are confident that the insurrection is ending.

A RAPE FIEND HANGED.

Joe Jackson Swung Off at Charlotte Protesting His Innocence.

Charlotte, N. C., May 18.—Joe Jackson, colored, was hanged here to-day at 11:14 o'clock, for rape committed on a young white girl, last September.

He made a five minute speech protesting again his innocence and sang a hymn in a strong, clear voice.

TO HOLD A STATE PRIMARY.

Richmond, Va., May 18.—Chairman Ellyson has consented to call the State Democratic committee together on a date to be fixed hereafter, to take action on the resolutions passed by the conference here in this city on the 10th of this month, asking the committee to provide at once for holding a State primary or a State convention for the nomination of a Democratic candidate for the United States Senate to be voted for by the next General Assembly.

THE SOUTHERN ASSEMBLY

SUPREME COUNCIL OF THE PRESBYTERIANS CONVENED IN RICHMOND.

Rev. John F. Cannon, of Missouri, is Elected Moderator. The Regular Business of Assembly Begins To-day.

Richmond, Va., May 18.—The General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church of the South met in the First church in this city this morning, but the session did little beyond effecting organization. The opening sermon was preached by the retiring Moderator, Rev. E. M. Green, of Danville, Ky., from the text "Think not that I am come to send peace on earth; I came not to send peace, but a sword."

—Matthew x. 34.

Rev. Dr. John F. Cannon, of Missouri, was elected moderator. Rev. Alexander Sprunt, of Rock Hill, S. C., temporary clerk, and Rev. T. H. Law, of Spartanburg, S. C., reading clerk.

On the first ballot for moderator there were ten or twelve names voted for. Dr. Cannon received 55 votes and Dr. J. M. McNeilly, of Nashville, Tenn., twenty-five, while Dr. George Sumly, of Nashville, received twenty-two. The others ranged from twenty downward. At the close of the first ballot Dr. McNeilly requested that his name be not voted for. On the second ballot Dr. Cannon received 109 votes and Dr. McNeilly fifteen, while Dr. Sumly got thirty-two.

A resolution was adopted inviting the diocesan council of the Protestant Episcopal Church of Virginia, now in session here, to meet with the Assembly.

A resolution of condolence with the family of the late Dr. Murkland, of Baltimore, was also adopted.

There are about 200 commissioners in attendance and the regular business will commence tomorrow. To-night the Assembly went on an excursion down James river on the steamer Pochontas, as the guests of the Ladies' Auxiliary of the First church.

The Assembly will be in session about ten days.

STEEL RAILS FOR AUSTRALIA.

New York, May 18.—The Maryland Steel Company shipped to-day on the steamer Falls of Dee 250 tons of steel rails for the Australian Government. The same concern is shipping another consignment to that Government.

SECOND DAY OF THE CONVENTION

The Episcopal Council in Session at Tarboro.

DR. MARSHALL IN CHAIR

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY.

THE ADDRESS BY BISHOP CHESHIRE

The Program of the Fourth Annual Convention of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew, Which Convenes there After Council Adjourns.

Tarboro, N. C., May 18.—(Special.)—The convention was called to order this morning at 9:30, Dr. Marshall presiding. There was a full delegation present. There was considerable routine business to be transacted. Dr. Murdock rendered the report of the trustees of the University of the South. It was accepted. The Ladies' Auxiliary held their morning session in the chapel. They were addressed by Bishop Cheshire. At 10:30 o'clock the Bishop delivered his address.

The Bishop in speaking of his work said: "During the year ending April 30th I have officiated within the Diocese at 130 services, preached 91 sermons, made 28 addresses, administered the Holy Communion 46 times, confirmed 281 persons and baptized 10 persons. During the year I also administered the missionary jurisdiction of Asheville to the time of Bishop Horner's consecration on Holy Innocent's day last past, and in that part of the State I held 63 services, preached 48 sermons, made 12 addresses, administered the Holy Communion 30 times confirmed 136 persons and baptized 11.

"We have lost the following from our clergy list during the year: Rev. J. M. Horner, Priest, consecrated Bishop Asheville, December 28, 1898; Rev. Bennett Smedes, D. D., Priest, died February 22, 1899; Rev. Thomas E. Wincoff, Priest, to West Virginia; Rev. J. H. Griffith, Jr., Priest, to East Carolina; Rev. Bog. S. McKenzie, Priest, to Western Texas.

"We have gained: Rev. H. C. Parkman, Priest, from Indiana, December 6, 1898; Rev. W. H. Meade, D. D., Priest, Southern Virginia, November 1, 1898; Rev. M. B. Perry, Deacon, Southern Virginia, January 9, 1899; Rev. T. L. Scott, Deacon, ordained February 26, 1899.

"The total number of the clergy of the diocese is 52, 1 bishop, 44 priests and 7 deacons."

The convention met this afternoon at 3:30 o'clock, and after the transaction of much business enlivened by debate, adjourned until to-morrow.

The following is the provisional program of the Fourth Annual Convention of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew in the Carolinas, which convenes here Friday:

FRIDAY, MAY 19.

8:30 p. m.—Calvary Church—Public Service.

Subject: The Brotherhood of St. Andrew. Chairman, Right Rev. Jos. B. Cheshire, D. D., Bishop of North Carolina.

Addresses: 1. What is Prayer? Rev. T. M. N. George, Christ Church, Newbern.

2. What is Service? John W. Wood, New York.

SATURDAY, MAY 20.

10 a. m.—Organization and Business.

10:15 a. m.—General Conference.

Subject: What the Brotherhood is doing in the Carolinas.

12 m.—Conference.

Subject: The Working Chapter.

1. The Duty of the Officers, S. C. Bragaz, St. Peter's, Washington.

2. The Duty of the Members—J. C. Palamontain, St. Peter's, Charlotte.

General Discussion.

1:30 p. m.—Recess.

3:30 p. m.—General Conference.

Subject: Personal Chapter Work.

1. In the Army, Capt. T. W. Patton, Trinity, Asheville.

2. At the Church Service, W. H. McDonald, Advent, Enfield.

3. In the Hotels, Frank Hart, Calvary, Tarboro.

4. In Missions, Rev. Francis Ayer, Zion, Beaufort County and W. A. Erwin, Durham.

5. In the Bible Class, Francis M. Osborne, The Cross, Chapel Hill.

6. In the Junior Chapter.

5 p. m.—Business Session.

8:15 p. m.—Conference of Brotherhood Men and other Churchmen.

Subject: Everyday Religion for Men. Leader: Rev. McNeely DuBose, Trinity, Asheville.

WHIT-SUNDAY, MAY 21.

7 a. m.—Calvary Church—Corporate Communion; Celebrant, Rev. Edward W. Gamble.

11 a. m.—Calvary Church—Anniversary Sermon. Rev. J. B. Perry, Washington, D. C.

4 p. m.—Opera House—Public Meeting. Chairman, Hon. Richard H. Battle, Good Shepherd, Raleigh.

Addresses: Citizenship in Christ's Kingdom. Hon. W. A. Hoke, St. Luke's, Lincolnton.

The Meaning of Brotherhood—Rev.

Chas. L. Hoffman, St. Peter's, Charlotte.

Why We Use the Prayer Book—Silas McBee, New York.

8 p. m.—Calvary Church—Final Service.

Subject: The Churchman's Duty.

1. To Himself, C. M. Busbee, Christ Church, Raleigh.

2. To Society.

3. To the Church, John W. Wood, New York.

BONDING OF OFFICERS.

Bonding Companies Grow Fast—Mazet Committee Thinks it Suspicious.

New York, May 18.—The Mazet investigating committee spent the greater part of the day in an attempt to show the respective bonding interests of city employees held by the so-called Freedman and the so-called Platt Surety Company, Counsel Moss, for the committee, after an elaborate examination into this matter, said that the significant feature of what has been shown was the growth of the Freedman Company, the youngest of all the bonding companies, during the past year or two, in the bonding of city officials.

Police Commissioners Hess and Abell were on the stand for a short time today. Commissioner Hess agreed with Counsel Moss in an expression of an opinion that facts of a suspicious nature had been presented before the committee. Commissioner Abell stated that he had accepted the position of commissioner with a view to first performing his duty and, second, to protecting the Republican members of the police force.

He, too, agreed that there was considerable crime in the city of New York, but he failed to furnish any significant details to aid the committee.

Sheriff Dunn was on the stand for a brief period, but his counsel was permitted to take his place and to explain the bonding of the officers in the sheriff's department by the Freedman Company.

The committee will meet tomorrow morning, and at the close of the session will adjourn until May 31st.

HER CARGO WAS ON FIRE.

The Barbarossa Afterwards Sank Two Barges.

New York, May 18.—The North German Lloyd steamer Barbarossa, which sailed for Southampton and Bremen at 11 o'clock this morning, was discovered on fire while she was passing Sandy Hook two hours later, and put back to port. The fire was in the cargo in the forward hold. The Barbarossa fought the fire with steam and water, and with the aid of wrecking tugs and fire boats drowned it out two hours later while lying at quarantine.

The vessel while on her way up the river, after the fire in her hold had been put out, hit the French Lier La Pretagne, lying at her pier in North river, showing the La Pretagne's bow through two ice barges, the Richard Foster and the Leroy, sinking them. No one was injured.

MEN OF KEY AND WIRE

TELEGRAPH SUPERINTENDENTS LEAVE WILMINGTON GREATLY PLEASED.

Election of Officers L. B. Foley President, W. F. Williams Vice President.

Edison's Stay Pleasant.

Wilmington, N. C., May 18.—The Association of Railway Telegraph Superintendents, about 85 members strong, who have been holding their 18th annual convention in this city the past two days, left on a special train via the Seaboard Air Line for Norfolk at 7:30 o'clock tonight.

The association decided today to hold their next annual session in Detroit, Mich., on the third Wednesday in June, 1900.

The following officers have been elected for the ensuing year:

President—L. B. Foley, Superintendent of Telegraph for the Delaware and Lackawanna and Western Railway.

Vice President—W. F. Williams, Superintendent of Telegraph for the Seaboard Air Line.

Secretary and Treasurer—P. W. Drew, Superintendent of Telegraph for the Wisconsin Central lines.

The results of the convention have been very satisfactory to the members of the Association who were in attendance from every part of the United States.

A feature of the convention of most general interest was a successful demonstration of Marconi's wireless telegraph made by Mr. William Mavor, of New York, author of "American Telegraphy."

Thomas A. Edison, the "Wizard of Menlo Park," attended the convention, the guest of the association.

The visitors have been given a splendid round of entertainment by the city. There was a grand reception and musicale last night at the Orton.

Today the visitors were given an excursion to Wilmington's famous seaside resort, Wrightsville beach. Bathing suits were provided and a dip in the surf was a feature of the trip.

Thomas A. Edison, the famous inventor, has been especially well entertained with a constant round of luncheons, teas, etc. He was the guest of the Cape Fear Club last night. The concluding session of the convention will be held in Norfolk tomorrow.

Paris, May 19.—5 a. m.—The post-men's strike has ended, the first brigade resuming work at 4 o'clock this morning.

CONFERENCE AT THE HAGUE BEGINS

A Telegram of Congratulations to the Czar.

ADDRESS OF MR. DE STAAL

THANKS TO WILHELMINA FOR HER HOSPITALITY.

M. DE BEAUFORT PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

Sessions of the Conference will be Secret. Next Session Will be Held Saturday, When a Program Will be Arranged and Committees Appointed.

The Hague, May 18.—The peace conference called by the Czar of Russia was opened at two o'clock this afternoon in the hall of the Huis Ten Bosch or the "House in the Woods," two miles from The Hague.

M. DeBeaufort, President of the Council and Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Government of the Netherlands, delivered the inaugural address and welcomed the delegates.

The delegates decided to send the following telegram to the Czar:

"The peace conference lays at the feet of Your Majesty its respectful congratulations upon the occasion of your birthday and expresses its sincere desire to co-operate in the great and noble work in which Your Majesty has taken a generous initiative and for which it begs you to accept its humble and profound gratitude."

M. DeStaal, the Russian Ambassador to Great Britain and head of the Russian delegation, in formally assuming the presidency of the conference said his first duty was to express to M. DeBeaufort his sincere gratitude for the noble terms in which he referred to his august master, adding that His Majesty would be deeply touched as well by the spontaneity by which the high assembly had associated itself therewith.

After making his address, M. DeStaal, in behalf of the conference, telegraphed to the Queen of the Netherlands as follows:

"The members of this conference assembled for the first time in this beautiful Huis Ten Bosch, hasten to lay at the feet of Your Majesty their best wishes, praying you to accept their homage and gratitude for the hospitality you have so graciously deigned to offer them."

The reading of the message was warmly applauded.

M. DeBeaufort was appointed honorary President and the leading Dutch delegate A. P. C. VanKarnobeek, former Minister of Foreign Affairs and Deputy was appointed Vice-President.

After the appointment of nine secretaries M. DeStaal's proposal that the sessions be secret was adopted.

The next session will take place on Saturday, when the delegates will arrange a programme and appoint committees.

The conference then adjourned.

PRESBYTERIAN ASSEMBLY.

Opening of the Session at Minneapolis.

Minneapolis, Minn., May 18.—At noon today the opening services of the 11th annual Assembly of the Presbyterian church of the United States were celebrated in Westminster church, this city. Nearly 700 commissioners were present and the galleries were crowded with spectators.

After impressive musical and responsive services, the Rev. Dr. Wallace Redcliffe, of Washington, D. C., retiring moderator, delivered the opening-sermon.

After the sermon a recess was taken until 2:30 when the organization of the Assembly was taken up.

During the morning there was much canvassing in the interests of the several candidates for the moderatorship. The election of the moderator was the first business taken up after roll call in the afternoon.

The vote stood: Sample, 338; Haines, 127; Coyle, 133. Necessary to choice, 300.

ELECT A NEW PRESIDENT.

Lexington, Va., May 18.—The trustees of Washington and Lee University have elected Mr. William L. Clark, Jr., of New York, Professor of Common and Statute Law, to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Professor Graves. He is a son of Wm. L. Clark, of Winchester, and has made a reputation as a writer of law books.

CITIZENSHIP IN TRANSVAAL.

Pretoria, May 18.—President Kruger's reform proposals have been presented to the Raad. They suggest that the franchise be conferred on aliens five years after eligibility to the second Raad, instead of ten years after such eligibility, as is now the case, thus making a nine years' residence in the Transvaal qualify for the full franchise.

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

TO ELIMINATE POVERTY.

Mayor Jones on a System That Gives Work to All.

Cincinnati, O., May 18.—At today's session of the twenty-sixth national conference of Charities and Correction Dr. George F. Keene, of Howard, read a paper on the prevention and treatment of contagious diseases by municipalities and it was followed by a general discussion in which Dr. Fyfe laid stress on the necessity of prevention from contagion in cases of tuberculosis.

Mayor Jones, of Toledo, read a lengthy paper entitled "Charity or Justice—Which?" in which he said: "Able-bodied men ever walk the streets, alleys and highways of our country pleading for work, yet there is no lack of useful and beautiful work that ought to be done. Inasmuch as private interests and private greed have failed to find a plan that will let all who are willing to work have the right to live, the time seems ripe for collective effort to solve the problem; inasmuch as labor produces all wealth, let us have more wealth. Ruskin says that the wealth of a nation may be estimated by the number of happy people employed in making useful things. Let us set the example of a State made wealthy according to this lofty conception; in short, let us apply ourselves to the task of inaugurating and perfecting a just social system, conceived and carried out upon scientific lines and poverty, crime, vice and human misery will be things of the past and the prayer of our Lord will have been realized, the kingdom of Heaven will be set up here and His will done on earth as in Heaven."

MCKINLEY TO THE CZAR.

Congratulations on the Opening of the Peace Conference.

Washington, May 18.—The following cablegram has been addressed by the President to the Emperor of Russia on the occasion of the opening of the disarmament conference:

Washington, May 18.

"His Majesty Nicholas II, Emperor of all the Russias, St. Petersburg.

"On this day of good omen I send my heartfelt congratulations on the opening of the conference at The Hague which had its origin in the enlightened and generous initiative of your Majesty.

(Signed) "WILLIAM MCKINLEY."

ROOM PAUL TO MEET MILNER.

London, May 18.—The Secretary of State for the Colonies, Mr. Joseph Chamberlain, announced in the House of Commons today that a meeting between Sir Alfred Milner, Governor of Cape Colony, and High Commissioner of South Africa, and President Kruger had been arranged to take place on May 20th at Bloemfontein, capital of the Orange Free State, at the invitation of the President of the Orange Free State, M. T. Steyn.

THE MASONIC TEMPLE

THE CORNER STONE LAID WITH IMPRESSIVE CEREMONIES.

Col Julian Carr Delivers an Appropriate Oration. Masons of Wilmington Banquet Members of the Grand Lodge.

Wilmington, N. C., May 18.—The corner stone for the first Masonic Temple ever erected in North Carolina was laid in this city this afternoon at 5 o'clock by the Grand Lodge. The ceremonies were very elaborate and were witnessed by several thousand people.

Colonel Julian S. Carr, of Durham, N. C., was the orator of the day and delivered a beautiful and appropriate oration.

The Temple now in course of construction, is to be a splendid \$50,000 structure and is to be completed by October 1st. It is being erected by the five Masonic Lodges of Wilmington.

The Grand Lodge held a session in St. John's Masonic Hall tonight, followed by the serving of a sumptuous collation in their honor by the Masons of Wilmington, by whom the visiting members of the Grand Lodge are being entertained.

LAYING OF THE CORNER-STONE.

For the Masonic Temple at Wilmington With Impressive Ceremonies.

Wilmington, May 18.—(Special.)—The following members of the Masonic Grand Lodge were present:

Grand Master—Dr. R. J. Noble, of Selma.

Senior Grand Warden—Dr. H. I. Clark, of Hamilton.