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## END OF WAR NOW IN SIGHT.

### Wearied With Hopeless Fighting, the Insurgents are Asking for Peace.

## PHILIPINO EMISSARIES WITH WHITE FLAGS

### Approach American Lines and Negotiate for Terms of Peace. Final Surrender Seems Not Far Off. A Suspension of Hostilities Asked for—Particulars in Detail.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Special.—Friday was marked by developments of the greatest importance and interest in connection with the campaign in the Philippines.

A cablegram from Gen. Otis announcing that negotiations for the surrender were in progress, looking toward the acceptance of terms of peace, was the absorbing topic of interest at the War Department.

Secretary Alger said, as the Department closed, that while it could not be said that peace was assured, he regarded the prospects as of the brightest, and felt confident that the end of the war would be in sight. In his mind would be a repetition of the negotiations which were had before Santiago.

The Secretary left Washington Friday night, for a ten days' trip in the West, and it gave him great satisfaction to leave affairs in such a promising shape.

MANILA, By Cable.—The Filipinos will seek peace. Col. Manuel Argueles and Lieut. Jose Bernal, chief of Gen. Luna's staff, entered Gen. MacArthur's line, bearing a flag of truce. They are en route for Manila by train, to confer with Gen. Otis, regarding



GENERAL EMILIO AGUINALDO.

the terms of surrender. The Filipino advances for peace have been fruitless. Col. Manuel Argueles and Lieut. Jose Bernal, who came into Gen. MacArthur's lines under a flag of truce, told Gen. Otis that they were representatives of Gen. Luna, who had been requested by Aguinaldo to ask Gen. Otis for a cessation of hostilities in order to allow time for a unanimous vote of the Philippine Congress, which body would decide whether the people wanted peace. Gen. Otis replied that he did not recognize the existence of a Filipino government. There will be another conference.

The Filipinos came down the railroad track to the Kansas regiment's camp.

The report will be signed.

WASHINGTON, Special.—The War Department of inquiry spent Friday in making the final revision of its report upon the allegations of General Miles concerning the beef supplied to the army during the Spanish war. Col. Davis announced at the close of the session that the report would certainly be signed and handed to the Secretary of War Saturday.

Wages Advanced.

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., Special.—The Tennessee Coal, Iron & Railroad Company Friday issued notices to the effect that on May 1, the salaries of all employees exclusive of the coal miners, will be advanced on a basis of 10 per cent, some getting more than the advance.

Decided Against the Negro.

ATLANTA, Ga., Special.—At Friday's session of the international Sunday school convention, the executive committee, to which was referred the matter of giving the negroes representation on committees where white men were chosen, reported against the negroes.

Comments of the London Papers.

LONDON, By Cable.—All the morning papers contain editorial congratulations to the United States upon the prospect of peace in the Philippines, and complimenting the bravery and endurance of the American troops, which have produced the much desired result. All insist that the United States cannot treat with the rebel government. All approve the demand of General Otis for an unconditional surrender, and urge that he should be given full powers and not be hampered by instructions from Washington.

Insanity the Pica.

ANTON, O., Special.—The State Court today heard the testimony against Mr. George Monday afternoon. There was a strong intimation that the lines of defense will be temporary emotional insanity. This came when the bench announced that testimony bearing on the relations between the accused and his sister dating back as far as the 80's would be admitted if insanity is to be the defense. It was further admitted, he said, on the grounds of premeditation and also because the State has shown some of these relations.

outpost at 9 o'clock Friday morning. The Kansas captain in charge there escorted them to General Wheaton's headquarters, where they were provided with horses and sent to the headquarters of General MacArthur. The latter invited the Filipinos to sit down at lunch with him, and conversed with them for some time. He refused, however, to speak authoritatively on the subject of their errand, referring all inquiries to General Otis. The Filipinos were then escorted by General Maloney, of General MacArthur's staff, to Manila, reaching this place at 8 o'clock p. m. Gen. Otis' aide, Lieutenant Sladen, was awaiting their arrival at the depot with a carriage, in which they were driven to the palace entrance. The Filipino officers attracted much attention. They were dressed in uniforms of checked blue and white cloth, and wore straw hats. They carried no side arms. They were escorted directly to the office of General Otis, Jacob J. Schurman, president of the Philippine commission, and Hon. Chas. Deuby, a member of the commission, who joined the party there. The news of the arrival of Filipino officers under a flag of truce spread through the city rapidly and many officers gravitated to the corridors of the palace, while a crowd of natives gathered in the square opposite. At 5 o'clock two of the Filipino officers escorted by Lieutenant Sladen and Major Maloney, left the palace. They did not look at all elated as a result of their talk with General Otis and the members of the Philippine commission.

Aguinaldo is evidently selecting the army as a cloak for his Congress, hoping by subterfuge to overcome General Otis' consistent policy of ignoring the Filipino government. The Filipino's argument is that it is impossible to arrange an armistice without the sanction of the Congress. General Otis countered this assumption by remarking that Aguinaldo could make a deal without Congress he could stop it without reference to that body.

While the insurgents are undoubtedly tired of war the leaders are torn with dissensions. There is a suspicion that it was hoped by means of a conference to ascertain what terms they could expect. If they saw that anything is to be gained by continuing the war, an armistice would afford them an opportunity for recuperating their demoralized forces. It is an interesting commentary upon Aguinaldo's scheme that only 60 of the 300 members of the Philippine Congress have taken the oath of allegiance which their examination requires.

It is believed in Berlin that an understanding has been reached between the governments of the United States and Germany, and that negotiations in Samoa, but in regard to other portions of the world as well.

Only a Scheme.

Gen. Wood, military governor of San Diego Department, wires the governor general that the planters in the neighborhood of Holguin have been conniving at the operations of the bandits in order that American troops might be stationed on their plantations. Gen. Wood says that the reports of outrage are exaggerated.

General Gomez and the consulting committee, or junta, of Cuban generals, are pushing their inquiries in the work of verifying the Cuban army rolls, and it is believed that the final list will now include more than 25,000 names. The list will probably be ready before the arrival of Major Francis S. Dodge, of the pay department, who will disburse the \$3,000,000.

Tom Robinson, colored, was hanged Friday at Hillsboro, Texas, for assault. He claimed to be innocent. The condemned man invited Mary Adams, his victim, and her mother to be present at the execution. Mrs. Adams attended and wanted to "pull the rope."

Secretary Hay has been notified by the French ambassador that Spain would accept through him the \$20,000,000 to be paid under the treaty of peace for the Philippines. The payment will be made to the same order as soon as the President returns.

Advices from Honolulu dated April 20, contain the announcement of the death of Private W. A. Ray, Sixth Artillery, from dysentery. Private Ray's one was at Charlotte, N. O.

King Leopold Coming.

LONDON, Eng., By Cable.—According to the Brussels correspondent of The Daily Mail, the Belgian royal yacht is preparing for a three month's cruise, in the course of which King Leopold will visit the United States.

The New Spanish Minister Coming.

MADRID, By Cable.—The Duke of Ossa, the newly-appointed Spanish minister to the United States, will leave for Washington this week.

## THE GOVERNOR'S SPEECH.

Largely Attended and Enthusiastic Meeting At Southern Pines.

The convention of Northern Settlers held at Southern Pines last week was an occasion of more than ordinary interest. It was attended by prominent people from all sections of the country who are interested in the development of Southern resources and the investment of capital in Southern enterprises.

A number of interesting addresses were made; the first was by Mr. C. J. Brown, banker, of Southern Pines, who spoke of land values, saying among other things that the sand hills were valued too low. Agents in Boston were selling lands in California probably no better, at \$50 to \$100 per acre, and found customers, who thought that land at \$5 to \$10 per acre, the prevailing price for sand hills, was worthless. At the conclusion of Mr. Brown's remarks, the chairman introduced His Excellency, Daniel L. Russell, Governor of North Carolina, who complimented the inhabitants of Southern Pines for evidence of successful work on land that a few years ago was almost given away.

He mentioned the rich lands further east on the sounds and tide-water section, regretting the prevalence of malaria in some parts, and jokingly suggested that those who had succeeded so well with sand hills might eventually benefit from the lands that were fertile sections of one State. The Governor then briefly referred to some of the great resources of the State, and urged the building of more factories and shops, especially cotton factories, thereby increasing the money returned to our people, from the rate of four or five cents per pound for the cotton in the bale to twenty or thirty cents per pound for the manufactured article. He looked forward to the time when the South would spin every bale of cotton she raised, when all our great water-powers should be harnessed, and again to the time when the ships of this great Republic would sail over all the seas laden with merchandise from every State in the Union, and North Carolina leading the procession. The above are a few of the interesting points of the Governor's address.

The next speaker was Dr. Robinson, who is charge of the Experiment Farm of the North Carolina State Horticultural Society, who are aided in their work by the North Carolina Agricultural Experiment Station at Raleigh, and the German Kell Works. The doctor explained that the object of this triple association was to find the best plant food for fruits and vegetables. He gave an interesting account of the work, and invited all to visit the station at Raleigh, or the farm of Delta, Pa., came South looking for health. He said he had found it in a large measure, and he especially appreciated the kind and courteous reception that he has everywhere received.

D. E. Morrow, president of the Bank of Rutherford, spoke of the benefits to be derived from this meeting, by exchange of ideas and information. He said that since coming here he had heard many things about North Carolina that were new to him. He told the audience of resources and non-uses, found principally in his country, and ended a very interesting fifteen minutes' talk by saying that North Carolina was the Switzerland of America and Rutherford county was the Switzerland of North Carolina.

Dr. Morrow then spoke of the building of cotton mills, stating among other things that Augusta spins 100,000 bales and ships the product all over the world.

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General Freight Agent Emerson, of the Atlantic Coast Line, says that though the strawberry crop of southern North Carolina is three weeks late, it will be equal to last year's. This means that a great deal of money will be put in circulation in that section.

Frederick and Caricatures.

The German Emperor is much more sensitive to caricature than his success. The great Frederick, upon whom it is understood that he models himself. That famous King, despite though he was, would never have prohibited Veber's pictures, which have so tormented Kaiser William. On the contrary, we fancy Frederick would have invited him to sit at the palace, and then have scoffed and giped at him. It is Macaulay who describes how, on one occasion, he saw a crowd staring at something on the walls. He rode up and found that the object of their gaze was a scurrilous placard against him. "Put it lower," said Frederick. "My people and I have come to an agreement which satisfies us both. They say what they please. I do what I please." On another occasion a bookseller sent to the palace a copy of one of the most stinging lampoons that ever were written, the "Memoirs of Voltaire." The bookseller asked if he might be permitted to sell it. "Do not advertise it in an offensive way," said Frederick, "but sell it by all means. I hope it will pay you well."—London News.

## NORTH CAROLINA'S FINANCES.

Treasurer Worth Issues an Interesting Statement.

THE STATE DEBT AT PRESENT

And Its Investments.—The Former \$6,331,770 and Latter \$5,951,320—Real and Personal Property Assessment for Year, Etc.

Treasurer Worth has just prepared and sent to the public printers, in response to a number of enquiries on the subject, the following statement of the condition of the State's finances at the present time. The statement will be printed and sent out by the treasurer to those interested:

THE STATE DEBT.

Four per cent. consolidated bonds, issued in 1900, \$1,370,850

Six per cent. North Carolina Railroad construction bonds, due in 1919, 2,720,000

Non-interest bearing outstanding old bonds convertible into 4 per cent. consolidated bonds, 240,920

Total debt, \$4,331,770

THE STATE'S INVESTMENTS.

30,000 shares stock North Carolina R. R. Co., now worth, \$4,650,310

12,696 shares stock Atlantic and North Carolina R. R. Co., now worth, 253,320

\$136,750 of 4 per cent. State of North Carolina consolidated bonds, now worth 147,690

Present value of State's investments, \$5,051,320

This estimate is based on the Carolina Railroad bonds at 155 and Atlantic and North Carolina Railroad Company bonds at 220 per share, and North Carolina 4 per cent. bonds at 108.

The interest on the 4 per cent. consolidated bonds is fully provided for out of the taxes levied for the purpose. The interest on the 6 per cent. construction bonds is paid out of the dividends on the State's stock in the North Carolina Railroad, which by the terms of the lease to the Southern Railway Company, is \$195,013, and is to be \$210,014 per year after 1901 for ninety-four years.

The real and personal property of the State in 1898 was assessed at \$265,867,193, which is not more than two-thirds of its real value. The State collects one-fourth of 1 per cent. tax on this assessed valuation.

This ad valorem tax, together with the special privilege, license and other incomes brought into the State Treasury in 1898 a total of \$1,337,552.09 for all expenses, showing receipts in excess of disbursements of \$22,350.31 for the year. From the above statement it will be seen that the entire State debt is about \$1,250,000.

As there will be paid 2 per cent. interest on July 1st, on the issue of \$110,000, to be awarded May 22d, and the exemption from all taxation will collect a sum of \$22,350.31 for the year. From the above statement it will be seen that the entire State debt is about \$1,250,000.

Very respectfully,  
W. H. WORTH,  
State Treasurer.

The \$110,000 bond issue alluded to has reference to the New State Prison bonds.

Sixteenth Annual Session of the North Carolina Teachers' Assembly will be held at Morehead City June 13th to 18th. Every phase of school work and school administration will be represented in the work of the Assembly, and full and free discussion will be a distinctive feature this year.

Tar Haul Notes.

An effort is to be made to obtain railroad work for the state convicts. Convict labor is wanted on two roads, it is said; the one from Selma north-eastward, and the one from Lumberton southward.

Twenty-one miles of the Cape Fear & Northern Railroad are ready for use. Five hundred men are at work, including those sawing ties. The road runs to Winslow, four miles into Harnett county.

It has been many years since the waters of Eastern North Carolina have been so full of herrings. The first part of the season the catch was 1,400 tons, and has been immense.

The North Carolina corporation committee will under the new law have the appointment of two or three state bank examiners. Just how many has not yet been decided, nor when they will be appointed. It has been customary to have two examiners and they generally make one examination a year of all banks and such special examinations as may be found necessary.

Two moonshine stills were cut up in Johnston county last week, but none of the shiners were captured. One of the stills was of 90 gallons capacity and the other of 70 gallons. Both were doing a big business and about 1,400 gallons of beer were destroyed. They were located near New Hope church, south of Four Oaks.

Much work is in progress at the University. A new system of water supply is being put in, taking water from Bulling's creek. The \$25,000 alumni building is well under way, and so is the \$15,000 Julian B. Carr dormitory building. A statue of Thomas H. Benton, life size, was received last week as a gift from Charles L. Van Noppen, a graduate.

The State charters the Selma Oil and Fertilizer Works, in Johnston county, capital \$25,000. Moses C. Winston and others stockholders.

Virginia's State Militia Disbanded.

RICHMOND, Va., Special.—Adjutant General Nalle Saturday, by order of the Governor, issued general orders disbanding all military organizations in this State except the First Battalion of Artillery, Company H, Fourth Regiment of Infantry, at Smithfield, and Troop B, Cavalry, of Surry county. General orders for the reorganization of the State militia will follow very soon.

Thursday Island, in the Torres Straits, exports annually mother of pearl worth \$500,000.

## CYCLONE SWIFT.

Deadly Work of the Winds in Northwestern Towns.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Special.—The Journal has received a bulletin reporting the killing of 35 persons in a tornado at Newton, Sullivan county, New York, 40 miles northwest of Kirksville, Mo. A cyclone swept that area, and 30 dead bodies have been taken from the ruins there. A special to The St. Louis Republic from Kirksville, Mo., says that the eastern part of that city was leveled by the cyclone and the estimate of dead is now placed at forty. The number of injured is not known. The wires are down and communication is practically cut off. Intense darkness prevailed after the cyclone and the rescuers were at a disadvantage for a short time until fire broke out in a dozen places in the ruins and shed light over the scene. No attempts were made to extinguish the flames, partly because the rescuers had no time, and partly because of the need of light. On both sides of the street, the debris was piled high and burned fiercely. It is probable a number of bodies have been incinerated. The storm first struck the eastern portion of the city near that part occupied by the boarding houses of the American School of Osteopathy, State Normal School and McWard's Seminary. The storm had been threatening all afternoon, and broke upon Kirksville at 6:20 o'clock in all the fury of a cyclone. A path quarter of a mile wide and as clear as the prairie was swept through the eastern portion of the city and 400 buildings, houses and mercantile, were leveled to the ground in scattered ruins. In the heavy rain that followed, the people who had escaped turned out to rescue the injured. For two hours not much was accomplished as all was confusion. At 8 o'clock 27 dead bodies had been taken from the ruins. It is confidently expected that the list of dead will reach between 50 and 60, if it does not exceed that. Almost 1,000 people were more or less injured. Daylight will be necessary before an adequate estimate of loss of life and property can be had.

Fifteen Dead.

KANSAS CITY, Special.—A bulletin to the Journal from Chillicothe, Mo., reports 15 dead in the cyclone at Newton, Mo. Though the reports are not wholly verified, it is believed that the storm has wrought terrible destruction at both Kirksville and Newton.

A Tornado in Iowa.

OSAWA, Iowa, Special.—A tornado swept the farming country 20 miles east of here, last night. Only meagre details have been received. Three persons are reported to have been killed and great damage done to property.

Negroes Want Control of Negro Schools.

ATLANTA, Special.—A petition has been filed with the city clerk here, containing the names of nearly 500 of the best negroes in Atlanta, which has for its immediate object the placing of the negro public schools in the city under the control of a negro board of education.

Soldiers Killed by a Gas Explosion.

BERLIN, Special.—A dispatch from Odessa says three non-commissioned officers and an officer and four privates have been killed by a gas explosion which occurred in one of the barracks there. In addition, six men were injured.

The Government Will Take No Hand in the Matter.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Special.—Attorney General Griggs, in speaking of the negro lynching near Newnan, Ga., Monday said that the case had no Federal aspect, and therefore the government would take no action whatever in regard to it.

Aguinaldo Appealing for Intervention.

LONDON, By Cable.—According to a special dispatch from Shanghai, it is reported there that Aguinaldo's agents in Japan have issued a strong appeal for Japanese aid and sympathy and are urging Japan to a friendly intervention with the United States.

The Commission Sails.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Special.—The United States dispatch boat Badger, with the Samoan commission on board, sailed Wednesday for Apia. The steamer will probably stop at Honolulu for coal.

Dynamite Used by Strikers.

WARDNER, Idaho, Special.—Wardner Saturday was the scene of the worst riots since the deadly labor war of 1892. One man is dead, another is thought to be mortally wounded, and property valued at \$250,000 has been destroyed by a mob of 800 to 1,000 men, all of them armed, and many of them masked, seized a train at Burke, the head of Canyon Creek. The visitors brought with them 3,000 pounds of giant powder. After a party of two hours, 140 masked men, armed with Winchester rifles, started with yells for the Banker Hill and Sullivan Mill and other buildings, a third of a mile from the depot. About a thousand shots were exchanged between the rioters and the pickets. One picket was shot dead. Powder was placed under the office building of the mill and set off. A terrific explosion followed and damage to the extent of \$200,000 was done to the mill. A number of people were injured. Two mines will be closed on account of the blow up.

Earthquake in Indiana.

TERRE HAUTE, Ind., Special.—This city was visited by an earthquake Saturday night about 9 o'clock. Six distinct shocks were felt, the first and the last being the heaviest. So far as can be learned the earthquake was felt as far east as Green Castle, Ind., and as south as Henderson, Ky. Reports from towns north and west of the city say no disturbances were felt. The shocks were light and did no damage.

Shocks Felt in Kentucky.

CINCINNATI, O., Special.—The Enquirer has special from the following cities, reporting an earthquake shock of five seconds duration: Evansville, New Albany, Princeton, Bloomfield, Shelbyville and Madison, Indiana and Carrollton, Ky. In all these places the shock was severe enough to rattle dishes, stop clocks, shake chimneys, crack masonry walls and cause minor or less alarm.

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## TERMS NOT YET SETTLED.

Peace Negotiations Still Hanging Fire.

DYNAMITE USED BY STRIKERS.

General Miles Criticized by the Court of Inquiry—Earthquake Shocks in Various Places—General Young Ordered to the Philippines.

MANILA, By Cable.—The conference between General Otis and Colonel Manuel Argueles and Lieutenant Jose Bernal, who came from General Luna under a flag of truce Friday, to ask for a cessation of hostilities, was fruitless. It is understood that the Filipino commissioners were given the terms upon which the Americans will consent to negotiate. The Filipinos admit that they have been defeated, and it is expected that they will return with fresh proposals from General Luna.

The envoys from General Luna were very hospitably treated by a General Otis, who provided them with a house and with a guard, and permitted them to visit friends here. The envoys saw an illustration of the American resources. A long train of wagons and pack mules was just starting with provisions for General Lawton, who has reached Marauco. The conference at the palace lasted three hours. Mr. Jacob C. Schurman, of the United States Philippine commission, attended the conference, and was referred to the palace, the envoys saw an illustration of the American resources. A long train of wagons and pack mules was just starting with provisions for General Lawton, who has reached Marauco. The conference at the palace lasted three hours. Mr. Jacob C. Schurman, of the United States Philippine commission, attended the conference, and was referred to the palace, the envoys saw an illustration of the American resources. 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