

FORCE FIGHTING

Shelling by American Warships Drive Rebels From Bacoor.

THE TOWN FULL OF WHITE FLAGS

Women and Children Entering American Lines for Safety—One Hundred Philipinos Killed and Three Hundred Wounded—American Volunteers Start for Home—The Oregon Leaves a Number of Dead and Wounded—Heavy American Loss Caused by Artillery Presented to Aguinaldo by Admiral Dewey.

Manila, June 14.—At 4:40 p. m.—The Philippines retreated several miles southward, after yesterday's engagement to the strongly fortified town of Imus.

The shelling of the American warships drove the rebels from Bacoor, so that the Americans control several miles of coast. General Lawton, with his staff and a troop of the Fourth cavalry, started to ascertain the nature of the insurgent position. He rode five miles along the coast to Bacoor without discovering the enemy. He found the town full of white flags, but there were no soldiers there. The women and children, who had fled to the woods during the bombardment, were camping in the ruins of their homes.

The shells had almost knocked the town to pieces. The big church was wrecked and many buildings were ruined. Even the trees and shrubbery were torn by a hail storm.

Several hundred women and children came into the American lines for refuge and the road from Bacoor was covered all day long with processions of them, on foot and in carts, driving animals and carrying goods on their heads.

The appearance of the battlefields testified to the successes of yesterday's fighting. Trees along the river, between the lines, were almost torn down by bullets. The officers estimate that one hundred Philipinos were killed and three hundred wounded during the engagement. The next battle will probably be fought at Imus. The American troops will control the coast to Cavite.

SWAMP THE ZAMPOTE. Before dark last night the Fourteenth infantry swam the Zampoite river, charged and carried the trenches, a heavy fusillade of artillery preparatory to the way and covering the crossing. The insurgents broke for the woods before the Fourteenth reached them. Almost at the same time the Fifth and Sixth crossed a bar of the sea and came upon their left flank, at a point where the body of marines with Maxim guns under protection of the ship's batteries, fired upon the enemy's left rear with a demoralizing effect. The Twenty-first crossed the river by a bridge as soon as it could be made. Sixty pieces of artillery were found in the trenches, most of them shot through the head. Several five-inch smoothbore guns were captured with ammunition marked United States navy yard.

TROOPS WITHDRAWN AFTER CROSSING RIVER. After crossing the river, the troops were withdrawn, with the exception of the Ninth and Twenty-first, these regiments being left with four guns to guard the bridges. As they were being formed into companies the insurgents commenced to fire volleys from the bamboo jungle three hundred yards away. The regulars returned to their camp rapidly and quietly, though under fire and cheering, rushed to the woods, driving the enemy a mile away, the Philipinos disputing every foot. The Twenty-first, however, was in the men caring for many of the Philipinos' wounded. Eight prisoners were taken.

THE PEACE CONFERENCE. Will Not Adjourn Before the Middle of July. The Hague, June 14.—It is now expected that the peace conference will adjourn before the middle of July, and it is thought the labors of the delegates will not be finished before that time, and there is the additional question of the acceptance by the powers of the decisions adopted by the delegates who desire to see some tangible result accomplished by the conference recognize that if the members are contented with the status quo, the delegates of their respective governments, the work of the conference will be unproductive. The delegates of the United States and Great Britain are expected to leave for their respective capitals on the 15th inst. The delegates of the United States and Great Britain are expected to leave for their respective capitals on the 15th inst.

Yellow Fever at Mobile. Mobile, Ala., June 14.—The British steamer Cambard, Captain R. R. Bellamy, from Vera Cruz, arrived in the lower bay this morning and upon investigation by Dr. Henry Goldwater, quarantine physician, he pronounced a sailor on board sick with yellow fever and ordered the vessel to be quarantined at Ship Island. Captain Ralston wired Dr. T. S. Scates, health and executive officer of the quarantine board of Mobile bay protesting against the diagnosis of Dr. Goldwater, and asking Dr. Scates to come down and confirm the diagnosis. This Dr. Scates refused to do, and wired the captain that orders of the quarantine physician must be obeyed. Later, at the regular monthly meeting of Dr. Scates was endorsed.

DeWitt's Little Early Risers act as a faithful pill should, cleansing and purifying the system instead of weakening it. They are mild and sure, and pleasant to take, and entirely free from objectionable drugs. They assist rather than combat, R. R. Bellamy.

Alaska Difficulties Smoothed Over. London, June 14.—The United States ambassador here, Joseph H. Choate, has just received from the foreign office a communication on Alaska, which it is understood is a satisfactory temporary arrangement of the difficulties at the foreign office, while unwilling to discuss the details, assure the Associated Press that the Alaska difficulties are practically smoothed over until the meeting of the high commission in August.

Representative Blaine's Condition. Lebanon, Mo., June 14.—Representative Blaine's condition is such tonight as to excite comment of a grave nature. He has been sleeping since 8 o'clock last night, and as his respiration is low and labored his friends are much alarmed. His pulse is weak and it is feared that his prolonged sleep is the beginning of the end.

PROBABLY LYNCHED

The Supposed Negro Murderer at Bogue Taken from Jail and Not Since Heard From.

(Special to The Messenger.) Beaufort, N. C., June 14.—At Bogue, twenty-five miles from here, on the night of the 8th instant, the store of Elijah B. Weeks was burglarized. Weeks was brutally murdered. Detectives traced and arrested Lewis Patrick as he was about to take the steamer at Newbern for Elizabeth City, and found in his possession a razor, shoes, clothes and other personal property belonging to Weeks. He was brought here and jailed Saturday night. About 11 o'clock last night an armed body of masked men came here in boats with pistols and pick axes, forced the jailer to deliver Patrick to them and disappeared with him. The sheriff with a posse have been pursuing the mob since 12 o'clock, but returned tonight without finding any trace of them. The opinion prevails that he will be lynched tonight, if he has not already been disposed of.

C. L. ABERNATHY.

PENNSYLVANIA DEMOCRATS. Meet at Harrisburg for the Purpose of Electing a Candidate for Superior and Supreme Court Judges and State Treasurer—No Nominations Made.

Harrisburg, Pa., June 14.—Four hundred and thirty-five representatives of the democracy of Pennsylvania met here today for the purpose of nominating candidates for supreme court judge, superior court judge, and state treasurer. Shortly after midnight the convention adjourned until tomorrow morning without having accomplished the first and most important piece of work laid out for them, namely, the selection of a candidate for supreme court judge. Six hours were consumed in the preliminary work of the convention, and between six o'clock and midnight, with an hour's intermission for supper, the delegates cast eleven ballots for superior court judge, and more candidates for that high office, the deadlock at midnight being apparently as firm as it was at six o'clock.

When adjournment was made, there were eleven candidates in the field with votes ranging from thirteen to seventy-two the highest being a long way off from the 210 necessary to choose.

ROANOKE COLLEGE.

Commencement Exercises Held Yesterday—Prize for Oratory Won by a Student.

Salem, Va., June 15.—The exercises of commencement day at Roanoke college were held today at 10 o'clock a. m. in the town hall. The platform was occupied by the faculty, trustees and guests, and distinguished guests. The speakers appointed from the classes were presented by President Dreher.

The medal in oratory was presented to Julian G. Busby, of Salisbury, N. C. President Dreher announced the receipt of the Austin bequest of \$300, from which, after paying inheritance taxes, the college realized \$240. The trustees had established twenty scholarships of \$50 each.

In the evening Dr. S. C. Wells celebrated the fiftieth year of his graduation from colleges and the fiftieth anniversary of his birth. The celebration was held at a hospital and morgue. The town property is totally destroyed. There was but one tornado insurance policy in the town, and that insured the property of the balance is a total loss. The storm came on very suddenly, giving most people time to reach their cellars. A large number of the students and faculty were present, while of those reported one half are looked upon as having received fatal injuries.

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WORK OF THE WEEK

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MILITIA KEEP STRICT GUARD

Thirty-Two Funerals at New Richmond, Wis.—Many Bodies Still Unidentified—All Five Have Been Examined—Only Five Buildings Left Standing at Herman, Neb.—Another Village Struck by the Tornado and Several Persons Killed and Injured.

New Richmond, Wis., June 14.—Thirty-two new graves were made today in two little cemeteries at opposite sides of the town, a constant succession of funerals treading a passage through the littered streets all day. Services for twenty-two were held in the Catholic church and from the Congregational church ten. There is still a large number of unburied dead, but for the fact that coffins fail to arrive today it is feared the number of funerals would have been close to fifty.

Ten bodies still remain unidentified. All of these have been counted in the list of dead sent yesterday. Four bodies were found today, those of Mrs. Kate Hawkins, Willie Hughes, John Prior and Larsen. The Hawkins family, consisting of Mr. and Mrs. Hawkins and three children, is wiped out with the exception of Mr. Hawkins, who is seriously injured, and his recovery is very doubtful.

The relief committee of the town was undertaken in a systematic manner this morning and decided progress was made. The numerous dead horses that were lying around were all buried early in the day. All the fires which had been smouldering for thirty-six hours, were extinguished and a number of buildings which had been destroyed by the fire, were being repaired.

Supplies have been coming in all day from all directions and there is no scarcity of anything to eat. The relief committee has received tenders of money from various sources amounting to about \$5,000. Enough additional money is in sight, it is said, to supply all the needs of the town for cash. A building and loan association plan has been talked of for rebuilding the town.

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VERDICT IN FIVE MINUTES

He Told All About the Counterfeiting of Silver Coins and How He Got Into the Crime—He Was Sentenced to Hard Labor in the Penitentiary for a Term of Six Years and to Pay a Fine of Five Hundred Dollars and the Costs.

Pursuant to adjournment for recess on Tuesday afternoon, the United States District court met yesterday at 8:30 a. m. and resumed the trial of Nicholas Politz, charged with counterfeiting and passing counterfeit money. Again the court room was packed with citizens to hear the case.

POLITZ RESUMES HIS CONFESSION. Nicholas Politz, the defendant who was on the stand making his confession when the court took recess Tuesday afternoon, took the stand again and resumed his testimony. He was examined by District Attorney Claude Bernard and the testimony was as follows:

Q.—Mr. Politz, yesterday you had asked me to make a statement to the jury that you had been something about renting a room in the VonKampen building, where this operation (counterfeiting) was carried on.

A.—Yes, sir. Mr. Marshall came down that day and told me to let the man (Cotoboselo) the New York (week) man who was in the VonKampen building have the room, and he (the Greek) went up stairs and staid there two or three days. One evening I sent my clerk up there. That boy went up stairs and remained there two hours and a half and he came down and told me that he was in the room with Mr. Marshall and then Mr. Marshall came down with that man, Nicholas Cotoboselo. He came down into the store, but did not say anything at all.

Next day Mr. Marshall came to the store and said that was a smart man that he knew how to make coin. So in couple of days Mr. Marshall came and went back up in the room. Afterward I went myself. I saw the man who was in the VonKampen building, and he said the man could make it any good; he did not have any metal to make it with. Mr. Marshall told me that he would order some goods for him; he did not order any goods. Mr. Marshall is the man that ordered the goods. I went to Baltimore and left Mr. Marshall to see how the man who was in the VonKampen building got along. He (the Greek) had claimed that he was in trouble about hitting a man. He (the Greek) told me that he was in trouble about hitting a man. He (the Greek) told me that he was in trouble about hitting a man.

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