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PEACE TREATY RATIFIED.

The Senate in executive session Monday ratified the treaty of peace. The vote stood 57 to 27.

There may be peace with Spain, but not so with the Filipinos. A state of war exists at Manila, and the end is not yet.

The proposed textile school is to be made a part of the Agricultural and Mechanical College, this plan being deemed better than a separate institution.

The Orange (Va.) Observer speaks the golden truth when it says: "Good public roads are as necessary to the prosperity of a town as a free circulation of the blood is to the health and vigor of the human body."

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Fighting Filipinos.

MANILA AGAIN THE SCENE OF WAR.

A Clash at Arms Between Aguinaldo's Forces and the American Troops—The Insurgents Suffer Terrible Punishment and Defeat—War Ships Shell the Enemy Inflicting Great Loss of Life.

MANILA, February 5, 8:15 p. m.—The long-expected rupture between the Americans and the Filipinos has come at last.

The clash came at 8:10 yesterday evening, when three daring Filipinos dashed past the Nebraska regiment's picket line.

Almost immediately afterwards the Filipinos' line, from Caloocan to Santa Mesa, commenced a fusillade which was ineffectual.

At about 1 o'clock the Filipinos opened hot fire from all three positions simultaneously.

The United States cruiser Charleston and the gunboat Concord, stationed off Malabon, opened fire on their secondary batteries on the Filipinos' position at Caloocan.

At 2:15 there was another fusillade along the entire line, and the United States sea-going double-turreted monitor Monadnock opened fire on the enemy from off Malabon.

With daylight, the Americans advanced. The California and Washington regiments made a splendid charge and drove the Filipinos from the village of Paco and Santa Mesa.

The Nebraska regiment also distinguished itself, capturing several prisoners and one howitzer and a very strong position at the reservoir.

Several attempts were made in this city yesterday evening to assassinate American officers.

MANILA, Feb. 6.—Careful estimates place the Filipino losses up to date at 2,000 dead, 3,500 wounded and 5,000 taken prisoners.

LONDON, Feb. 6.—The Morning Post publishes the following details of the fighting at Manila.

Saturday's and Sunday's engagements have proved a slaughter for the Filipinos, their ill-fated army reported as amounting to thousands.

The American forces could scarcely have been better disposed. It is now known that the attack was fully expected, and that every precaution had been taken to meet the contingency.

OTIS ESTIMATES LOSSES. WASHINGTON, Feb. 7.—The War Department to-day received the following dispatch from General Otis:

MANILA, Feb. 7.—The insurgent army concentrated around Manila from Luzon provinces, numbering over 20,000, possessing several quick-firing and Krupp field guns.

Two Krupp guns and a great many rifles captured. Insurgents fired great quantities of ammunition.

Insurgents constructed strong intrenchments near our lines, mostly in bamboo thickets. These our men have been killing or capturing many of the enemy.

Our casualties probably aggregate 250. Full reports soon. Casualties of insurgents very heavy. Have buried some 500 of their dead and 2,000 prisoners. Their loss, killed, wounded and prisoners, probably 4,000.

Troops in excellent spirit. Quiet prevails. Otis.

Press reports from Manila have indicated that Otis has captured 2,000 prisoners. The estimate of 500 given in his cablegram may be due to an error in transmission.

PHILIPINO ARMY SHATTERED. MANILA, Feb. 7.—The Americans, as this dispatch is sent, are in complete control of the situation within a radius of nine miles of Manila.

Their lines extend to Malabon on the north, and to Paranaque, on the south, and are fully twenty-five miles long.

While a few detached sections of the Filipinos still offer opposition the main body of them is in full retreat and utterly routed after fighting bravely.

Of the hordes of troops originally drawn up in battle array against the Americans fully one-third are already incapacitated and the others are scattered in every direction.

An Honest Medicine for La Grippe. George W. Wait, of South Gardner, Me., says: "I have had the worst cough, cold, croup and grip, and have taken lots of trash of no account but profit to the vendor."

Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is the only thing that has done any good whatever. I have used one 50-cent bottle and the chills, cold and grip have all left me.

The rush continues at the Globe Photograph Company's.

FROM THE NATIONAL CAPITAL.

Things Seen and Reported by Our Washington Correspondent.

(From Our Special Correspondent.) WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 7.

Not since the exciting days before the capture of Santiago and Washington has been so excited as it has since last Sunday when the news of the fighting in the Philippines reached here.

It will be gratifying news to many North Carolinians to know that the House committee has reported favorably on the bill for the purchase of the building for Elizabeth City, Durham and Winston.

The bill stands the prospect of immediate passage but it seems to have been aimed particularly at North Carolina, which State is now dealing with the question of restricting the suffrage.

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Sale of Valuable Real Estate

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