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REPORT OF GEN. MERRITT

On the Battle of Manila and Preceding Events. Notice

TO REMOVE NON-COMBATANTS

Repeatedly Given. Loss to American Army About 50. Insurgents Kept Out. No Disorder or Pillages.

Washington, August 18.—The following was received at the war department today: "Manila August 13.—On the seventh instant, Admiral Dewey joined me in the forty-eighth notification to the Spanish commander to remove non-combatants from the city.

"On the same date a reply was received expressing thanks for our humane sentiments and stating that the Spanish were without places of refuge for non-combatants outside the city.

"On the ninth instant we sent a joint note inviting the attention of the Spanish commander to the suffering in store for the sick and non-combatants in case it became our duty to reduce the defenses, also setting forth the hopeless condition of the Spanish forces, surrounded on all sides and with the fleet in front, with no prospects of reinforcements, and demanded surrender as due in consideration of humanity.

"On the same date we received a reply, admitting the situation but stating that the council for defense declares that a request for surrender cannot be obtained but offered to consult the home government in the time granted.

"A joint note was sent in reply declining.

"On the thirteenth instant the army joined with the navy in an attack with the following results: After about half an hour of actual shelling the enemy's lines, McArthur's brigade on the right and Greene's on the left under Anderson made vigorous attacks, carrying the Spanish works. The loss is not accurately known, but about fifty total.

"The behavior of the troops was excellent.

"The co-operation of the navy was most valuable.

"The troops advanced on the walled city, upon which the white flag was shown and the town capitulated.

"Troops occupy Melate, Binondo and the walled city San Miguel. All the important centres are protected and the insurgents are kept out. There is no disorder or pillages.

(signed) Merritt."

NAMES OF PEACE COMMISSIONERS

Asked for by the Spanish Government. Blanco Presides in Cuba, Macias in Porto Rico.

Madrid, August 18.—The council has cabled Washington asking the United States government for the names of its peace commissioners.

The council also cabled Gens. Blanco and Macias asking them for the names of the best men for appointment as local peace commissioners. Gen. Blanco will preside over the Cuban commissioners; Gen. Macias over the Porto Rican commissioners.

TAR AND FEATHERS

Applied to Six Girls and Three Men. House Blown Up By Dynamite.

Smithfield, W. Va., August 18.—Tar and feathers were applied to six girls and three men by vigilantes early this morning at an objectionable resort here. The resort was afterwards blown up by dynamite.

Husband—How do you like the view? Wife (with ecstasy)—Oh, I am speechless.

Husband—Well, if that be so, I think we had better stay here for a while.—Leslie's Weekly.

COST OF THE WAR.

A Summary Based Upon the Most Accurate Information at Hand.

The New York Journal estimates that the cost of the war with Spain to date is as follows.

Month	War.	Navy.
April	\$ 6,223,814	\$12,556,932
May	17,093,595	9,093,577
June	19,723,804	9,506,021
July	34,774,153	8,514,279
Aug. to date	3,665,000	1,080,000
Totals	\$81,480,366	\$40,750,809

Total, army and navy, \$123,231,176. The tabular statement above does not comprehend all expenses for July. These will be included largely in the August expenditures.

It is suggested that from this amount should be deducted the amount necessary to operate the army and navy in time of peace, which, for the same period last year, was \$33,766,000.

In the matter of casualties the United States fared comparatively well. The losses thus far reported are:

	Killed.	Wounded.
Army	1,080	2,300
Navy	7	48

It is impossible to give the exact figures of dead and wounded with Shafter's army. No complete list of wounded has been turned in.

Going to Quit Being a Chattel.

Charlotte Observer. Time was when the Populist leaders could enumerate their voters and offer them in bulk to the Republicans in exchange for a certain number of offices, but that time has passed. The Populist voter has tried of being a chattel and getting nothing out of the trading, to which he is an unconsulted party, except higher taxes and worse government. He is therefore going to do some voting this year on his own account instead of under instructions, and those who don't believe this now would do well, at all events, to make the prediction.

State vs. Pettijohn.

M. C. Pilot. Four warrants were issued here last week indicting Mess. W. and L. Pettijohn, the managers of the Atlantic hotel, for selling malt and spirituous liquors without State license, and made returnable before his honor, Mayor Chas. L. Wallace, on the 13th inst. The Mess. Pettijohn appeared on date named and requested a postponement of the trial for ten days, which his honor allowed, naming Tuesday, 23d inst., for a re-opening of the case. Seventeen witnesses have been summoned, and the trial will probably be an interesting one.

Two Bears Caught.

M. C. Pilot. Mr. T. H. Mallison, of Piney Grove, Craven county, has had a bear trap on his farm for a number of years in which he has caught 42 bears. He caught one on Saturday last which weighed 250 pounds and another one on Tuesday which pulled down the scales at 275. The bears were killed and divided among his neighbors; the hides were shipped and sold for about \$10 each.

Colored School Committee Took the Census.

Chatham Record. The Record is reliably informed that a colored school committeeman took the last census of the public school children in one of the townships of this county. This is the first time that a colored man has officially visited the homes and houses of the white people of this county, and this is one of the "reforms" given us by Populist fusion with Republicans!

Won't Do It Again.

Wilson Advance. The same tale is coming from every section of the State. Saturday one of the most prominent farmers in the city, speaking of the political situation, remarked that at the last election he had voted the Populist ticket. When asked if he were not ashamed of it he replied, "No," then added, "But I shall not do it again."

Mustering Out Troops.

Washington, D. C., August 16.—The work of mustering out troops now begins. The president issued an order today to muster out 40,000 troops. It is said that the third North Carolina regiment (Jim Young's) will be included among the number.

Life Insured for \$250,000.

M. C. Pilot. Mr. Isaac N. Vaughn, a prominent business man of Richmond, Va., who died suddenly of apoplexy on the 8th inst., carried \$250,000 life insurance.

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PLAN TO GOVERN MANILA

Merritt Prepares a Proclamation To The Natives.

CHIEF POINTS OF THE PLAN.

Rigid Protection to All. Local Institutions To Punish Crime to Remain Till Further Notice. Open Trade for Neutral Nations. Merritt Occupies Palace.

Manila, August 14th, via Hong Kong, August 18.—Gen. Merritt has prepared a proclamation to the natives which provides a scheme of government for Manila and the surrounding territory, and other islands in our possession.

The chief points are: Rigid protection to all, in personal relations, municipal laws and tribunals; local institutions for the punishment of crime to remain until further notice, except where incompatible with military rule, subject to the supervision of the American general.

A provost marshal and sub-provosts will be appointed with power to make arrests of civil as well as military offenders.

Open trade for neutral nations.

Public property will be vigorously protected.

There will be no interference with the people as long as they preserve peace.

Gen. Merritt occupies the governor's palace and has his headquarters there.

A Restaurant Stopped in Porto Rico.

Ponce, August 18.—A crowd of native toughs stoned a Spanish cafe last night. The attack was provoked by publication in a local paper of the report of the massacre of women and children by the Spanish at Ciales Saturday.

The crowd was put to flight by the American officers in the cafe at the time. No damage was done.

Ambassadors Changed.

London, August 18.—The Russian ambassador here will be shortly succeeded by Count Cassini, Russian ambassador to the United States.

GRAND REVIEW

To Be Made of Santiago Troops Before Mustering Out.

Washington, August 17.—The president today told Gen. Wheeler that he would review the troops which participated in the campaign against Santiago, that resulted so gloriously for the American arms.

The grand review will take place as soon as the soldiers are in condition to parade. It will precede the mustering out of volunteer forces which are now at Montauk Point.

The review, it is now thought, will probably take place in New York city. The date has not yet been fixed. It will depend upon the rapidity with which the men recover from their wounds and the fever contracted in the Cuban climate.

"Isn't that new neighbor of yours rather eccentric?" inquired the commercial traveler.

"No," answered one of the village's prominent citizens. "He ain't rich enough to be called 'eccentric.' He's just a plain crank."—Washington Star.

To Examine the Eye.

If anything gets into your eye, don't rub it. Good advice, but a little difficult to follow, for one instinctively rubs the eye under these circumstances. Nevertheless, don't do so. Get some one to turn the upper eyelid gently over a thin penholder, so that he may see the ball of the eye thoroughly. If lime gets into the eye and if you see the substance at once, wash out the eye with vinegar to two parts of water. If, however, you don't see the particle immediately, simply put sweet oil or olive oil into the eye and send for the doctor.—New York Ledger.

If we moved our legs proportionately as fast as an ant, it is calculated we would travel nearly 800 miles an hour.

"OLD NORTH STATE" NEWS.

Interesting North Carolina Items in Condensed Form.

Senator Butler left Tuesday for a three weeks' tour, his wife accompanying him. They go to Yellowstone Park, Colorado Springs, Salt Lake City, and Pike's Peak. The senator says they first go to Texas. He will aid Cannon in the latter's fight in Utah. He will also aid Dubois.

The sovereign grand lodge of Odd Fellows will be held in Boston in September. The grand representatives from North Carolina are Messrs. Bruton, of Wilson; Williams, of Elizabeth City; Sawyer, of Asheville. Past Grand C. M. Busbee and Past Grand Lumsden, of Raleigh, will attend.

Leaksville Gazette: A white boy named Baughn, while depreddating in a watermelon patch last week, was shot and killed at Mayodon by the owner of the melons, a colored man. The boy had been previously warned what would befall him if caught in the patch. The negro who did the shooting escaped arrest.

Chatham Record: Some days ago as Mr. Franklin Jones, of Hadly township, was going along the road he found a hawk and snake in a deadly fight. The hawk had caught the snake in its bill and then the snake had wrapped itself around the hawk, and neither could get away from the other. Mr. Jones killed them both.

SLAUGHTERED BY SPANISH SOLDIERS.

Ninety People at Ciales Inhumanly Mached Because They Raised Our Flag.

Ponce, Porto Rico, August 15.—The first report of outrages by the Spaniards within their lines was brought to the headquarters of Gen. Wilson today by a priest who headed a deputation from Ciales, twenty miles northeast of Utuado. The inhabitants of the place raised an American flag after the Spanish troops had left. The troops returned, tore down the flag and mached ninety of the inhabitants. This occurred on Saturday. The priest appealed to the Americans for protection; but the latter are powerless to interfere in the present circumstances, even though a reign of terror be inaugurated.

The Cerruti Claims Settled.

Rome, Aug. 16.—Admiral Candiani, the commander of Italian squadron, now off the Colombian coast, received on August 14, a definite reply from the government of Colombia, agreeing to all these points included in his ultimatum as to the payment of the Cerruti claim. The dispute is thus settled to Italy's satisfaction.

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BATTLESHIPS RETURN

From Santiago Next Saturday to Be Made the Occasion Of

A BIG HOLIDAY IN NEW YORK.

Mayor Van Wyck Issues a Proclamation. Will Have a Naval Parade and Affair Promises to Be of National Interest.

New York, August 18.—Mayor Van Wyck proclaims holiday Saturday in honor of the return of the battleships from Santiago. All details have been arranged for a naval parade, which promises to be of national interest.

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