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THEIR MASK DROPPED.

Filipino Envoys Admit They Came From Aguinaldo.

KNOWS DEFEAT IS CERTAIN.

The Filipino Dictator Knows Ultimate Defeat is Certain, But Will Continue The Fight If Not Given What Arguelles Calls Peace With Dignity. Assaulting San Tomas.

Manila, May 3.—The Filipino envoys, Maj. Manuel Arguelles and Lieut. Jose Bernel, have abandoned the pretense under which they came to Gen. Otis—that they represented Gen. Antonio Luna, and today they announced that they came as representatives of Aguinaldo himself.

The two emissaries used all their wiles to secure a reply from Gen. Otis to the letter from Senor Mabini, Aguinaldo's prime minister and minister of foreign affairs in the dictator's cabinet, which they presented to Gen. Otis yesterday; but Gen. Otis refused to make any reply on the ground that to do so would be equivalent to a recognition of the so-called government of the Filipinos.

Maj. Arguelles said that Aguinaldo knew he would be overpowered, in time, but that he would be able to continue the fight for months, and that he would do so unless he were given what Arguelles termed peace with dignity.

Mr. Schurman, president of the United States Philippine commission, expresses the opinion that the interviews accorded by Gen. Otis to the Filipino envoys will have a good moral effect, as tending to convince Aguinaldo's representatives that the American authorities mean to give Filipinos a good government, and not one of the Spanish sort. Certainly it has had a civilizing influence in inducing them to observe the amenities of war and consent to the Americans furnishing food for American prisoners.

By filling in the roads where it was required, putting canoes on the rivers and plowing fields south of Malolos, the American army is in fine position for the expected decisive blow.

Gen. McArthur has moved his headquarters to San Vicente across the Rio Grande. Gen. Wheaton's brigade has advanced beyond Apalit. Gen. Hale has returned to co-operate with Lawton.

A Spanish prisoner who escaped into the American lines, reports that after Gen. Hale's advance on Quingan, 200 Filipinos were buried, 35 in one trench, and 27 in another. This is the largest number of rebels that have been killed in any engagement for several months.

Assaulting San Tomas.

Manila, May 4.—Noon.—Gen. McArthur is now assaulting the town of San Tomas, about five miles northwest of Calumpit.

The Americans are fighting for the bridge, and the rebels are burning the town.

The Supreme Court to Adjourn Saturday.

Raleigh, May 3.—There was much disappointment yesterday when the supreme court failed to hand down decisions in any of the office contest cases. The court will meet in consultation again Friday. One of the justices tells me that either on Friday or Saturday morning all the opinions to be delivered this term will be handed down. The court expects to adjourn Saturday.

Eagan's Membership Declared Forfeited.

Washington, May 3.—The District of Columbia commandery of the Loyal Legion tonight declared forfeited the membership of Gen. Charles P. Eagan, commissary general of subsistence, who was court-martialed, but whose sentence of dismissal was commuted to suspension.

MARRIAGES IN LAGRANGE.

Two Beautiful Marriages. Murchison-Dillon, Davis-Isler.

THE FREE PRESS BUREAU, LAGRANGE, N. C., May 4, 1899. MURCHISON DILLON.

Perhaps at no future time in the history of our little town will two more beautiful marriages be celebrated than those on Wednesday of this week.

Ere the appointed hour, 10:15 a. m., arrived, the Presbyterian church was filled with people assembled to witness the marriage of Miss Celess Dillon to Mr. John Malcolm Murchison. Artistic hands for several days had been arranging and blending beautiful flowers and evergreens until it seemed that no touch was lacking to make the scene one of more perfect loveliness.

Miss Almata Kennedy, whose touch to the keys brought Mendelssohn's march out in beautiful strains, was the signal, and in came Van and Reginald, little brothers of the bride, then the bride and Miss Blanche Murchison, the bride carrying Marechal Neil roses; at the same time the groom, on the arm of Mr. Geo. Stanton, entered by the chancel door and met the bride at the altar, where stood Rev. James Thomas, of Wilson, who at once proceeded in a soft sweet voice to make them one.

The ceremony over the bridal party bade loved ones good bye and took the morning train for Washington, D. C.

Of the groom it is a pleasure to say that he is one of our best young men; energetic, polite, possessed with splendid business qualities, he has a bright future. The bride is a beautiful blonde, modest, refined, a graduate of Peace Institute, and of good disposition. She was beautifully attired. At the train showers of rice were thrown upon her.

DAVIS-ISLER.

From the Presbyterian church some of the flowers were taken to the Baptist church to complete the already elaborate and beautiful decorations, and at 4:30 p. m., the church was packed to witness the marriage of Miss Hattie Isler to Mr. Herbert W. Davis.

At 5 o'clock Mrs. Hunter, accompanied by Rev. Mr. Davis, came in and Mrs. Hunter began at once the rendition of Mendelssohn's wedding march, and the bridal party came in in the following order: Mr. Ed. Darden and Miss Mabel Wooten, Mr. Sim. Wooten and Miss Ora Bizzell, Mr. Fred Isler and Miss Effie Davis, Mr. Sim. Isler and Miss Carr. The groom, escorted by his brother, Mr. John Davis, came up the right aisle; while the bride, accompanied by her sister, Miss Katie, entered by the left aisle. When all had reached the altar, a circle was formed encircling the preacher, Rev. Mr. Davis, who in a pleasant and impressive manner united the destinies of the contracting parties. The scene was beautiful and made one regret that the ceremony was not longer that the vision might last on its loveliness.

The bridal party, accompanied by the Fin de Siecle literary club (of which Miss Hattie was a member), repaired to the elegant new home of the groom in Trent township, where a host of friends and relatives welcomed them. Supper was served about 9 o'clock and the substantial and delicate viands were enjoyed in a manner that reflected credit on the culinary art. Until a late hour music, parlor games, side glances and little looks and expressions were indulged in, while Mr. and Mrs. Davis looked on contentedly, seeming to wish God-speed to those of the company who still had to battle with love's caprices.

Mr. Davis is noble, generous, courageous and kind, and of good judgment, as exemplified by the selection of Miss Hattie, who is a combination of beauty, accomplishments and practicality. She is a graduate of Salem, that old and established educational institution. She was married in a beautiful gray costume.

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NORTH CAROLINA NEWS.

Interesting North Carolina Items in Condensed Form.

CLIPPINGS FROM EXCHANGES

Of Items That Will Interest North Carolinians. Some News, Some Politics—All of Some Interest to True "Tar Heels."

Newbern elected nine white Democrats and three negro Republican aldermen.

Mrs. Pattie D. B. Arrington sues W. H. Arrington, once her husband, for \$7,836 alimony.

The Roanoke News is 33 years old. But few papers live to that age. And the Roanoke News is a good weekly paper—one of the best in the State.

Raleigh is now engaged in the pleasant (?) task of enforcing compulsory vaccination. Two new cases of smallpox were reported there Wednesday morning.

At Lexington, Monday, the dispensary failed for lack of a majority of qualified voters. There was no interest taken in the vote, only 24 voting for it and 2 against.

The Davidson Dispatch has begun a new volume, being 17 years old, an old age for a newspaper. We congratulate Brother Varner on his successful management.

Newbern Journal: No little damage was done to peas, corn and other growing crops by the recent severe hail storm. Near Perfection the hail was especially heavy and damaging.

The Greene County Standard has begun volume fourth, being three years old. Editor Jordan publishes a good country weekly, and the wonder is that he can give as good a paper as he does with the amount of patronage given it.

Raleigh Cor. Messenger: Rev. John E. White, secretary of the Baptist State mission board, today received a telegram announcing that the debt of the Southern Baptist mission board had been entirely cancelled. This news is gratifying to all Baptists.

The trustees of the Baptist Female University met at Raleigh Wednesday night and selected the following additional members of the faculty: Psychology and Pedagogy—President Blassingame; English—Mrs. H. E. Stone, of Kentucky; Modern Languages—Miss S. E. Young, of Tennessee; Mathematics—L. D. Watson, University; Greek—Miss Evalina K. Patten, of Nova Scotia; Musical Director (not yet chosen); Assistant in Music—Miss Julia Brewer, of Wake Forest; Principal University Academy—Miss Lillian Eckloff, of Roanoke, Va. The selection of remaining officers and teachers is left to the president and executive committee.

SEVEN SPRINGS ITEMS.

May 4, 1899.

Mr. J. P. McCallen, of Goldsboro, spent this week here.

Several of our people attended church at Holy Innocence Sunday.

Miss Livia Cox returned Friday from a pleasant visit to relatives in Pitt county.

Mr. Oscar Sutton spent Monday night at Mr. O. W. Sutton's, in Duplin.

Miss Essie Ezzell's school at Pink Hill closed last week and she is at home again.

Rev. J. W. Rose will begin a series of meetings in the Baptist church Monday night.

At the home of the bride's father Mr. J. R. Murvin and Miss Ida Dail were quietly married Sunday afternoon.

Miss Alice Ivey's commencement will be May 26th. Dr. Swindall, of Goldsboro, will deliver the address.

HOOKERTON ITEMS.

May 4, 1899.

Several from here went to Snow Hill Monday.

Mr. J. J. Edwards went to Kinston Wednesday.

Mrs. F. A. Simpson, of Baltimore, spent Wednesday night here.

Mr. O. H. Taylor went to LaGrange Tuesday and returned Wednesday.

Dr. H. D. Harper will fill his regular appointment in the Christian church here Sunday.

Miss Alice Moseley, of Lenoir county, returned home Sunday, after spending several days with friends here.

Mr. and Mrs. Nannie Frizzelle, of Ormondville, came Sunday to visit friends and relatives here for several days.

Miss Ola Patrick, of Institute, returned home Friday, after sending several days here with her sister, Mrs. D. H. Dixon.

Meedames Fannie Benton and Julia Braxton, of near Graingers, came Friday to visit friends and relatives here and returned Sunday.

Mrs. D. V. Dixon and children, of Kinston, came Friday to visit friends and relatives in and around here. They returned Monday.

Official Call for State Convention.

Again the beautiful month of June draws near, and with it the associations of W. C. T. U. convention work.

This year, by the invitation of the good people of Greensboro, the seventeenth convention is called to meet in that city June 2-5 for a resume of the year's work, for new inspiration and to plan for better and more extended service.

The basis of representation to this convention is as follows: The general officers of the State Woman's Christian Temperance Union, State Y. secretary and L. T. L. secretary, State superintendents of departments, editor of North Carolina White Ribbon, presidents of districts and presidents of local unions are ex-officio members of the convention. In addition to this there may be one delegate at large from each local union, one delegate for each 20 paid up members and one delegate for each L. T. L. that has paid \$2.00 into the State treasury. Each union is requested to urge the attendance of at least one honorary member as a fraternal delegate. We need the strong arm of our brothers in this battle for the freedom of the home. Other christian organizations are invited to send fraternal delegates to encourage us by their presence and to help us by their counsel.

Reduced railroad rates will be secured. Signed on behalf of the State W. C. T. U.

MARY E. CARTLAND, Pres.
MARY E. M. DAVIS, Rec. Sec.

Raleigh at Wilmington.

Newbern Journal, May 5th.

Editor Stevens telegraphs from Wilmington that the cruiser Raleigh arrived and anchored in the harbor there at 6:50 p. m. yesterday afternoon. The splendid war vessel and her gallant officers were met off the bar near Southport by the steamers Hornet, Wilmington, Marion and Compton which were crowded with invited guests and passengers. These steamers with other innumerable craft escorted the Raleigh up the Cape Fear river to the city. The people of Wilmington are treating the distinguished visitors royally, which means that the reception accorded the cruiser named in honor of our capital city, will reflect credit upon the whole State as well as Wilmington, whose cultured citizens are already famous for generous hospitality.

National League Games.

WEDNESDAY.

Philadelphia 7, New York 3.
Baltimore 3, Boston 4.
Washington 1, Brooklyn 2.
Pittsburg 6, Louisville 0.
Cleveland 4, Chicago 7.
Cincinnati 1, St. Louis 9.

GENERAL NEWS ITEMS.

Matters of Interest Condensed into Brief Paragraphs.

A LITTLE ABOUT MANY THINGS

The Pith of the World's News That Might Interest Our Readers. Some of It is Fresh. Some May Be "Salty," But Not Spoilt.

Advices from Apia state that Mataafa has agreed to an armistice pending the arrival of the commission now on its way to Samoa.

A dispatch, May 3, from Paris says slowly but steadily the net is closing around the French general staff in the Dreyfus revision inquiry. The evidence is conclusive of Dreyfus' innocence.

The Philadelphia Ledger makes an authoritative denial of the widely published statement that a marriage was contemplated between Mrs. George W. Childs and Gen. Joseph Wheeler. The denial of the truth of the report is made by Mrs. Childs to Maj. J. M. Carson, the Washington correspondent of The Ledger.

Riotous miners are leaving Wallace, Idaho, on every train. That locality has been placed under military control. A dispatch from there, May 3d, says: Constables are making arrests under protection of troops. Many miners have fled to the hills. The town is wild with excitement. So far 60 arrests have been made.

The San Francisco postoffice officials Wednesday seized some of the pamphlets sent out by Edward Atkinson, vice president of the Anti-Imperialistic League of Boston, Mass. The pamphlets are addressed to Admiral Dewey, Gen. H. G. Otis, Gen. Miller and Prof. Schurman and Worcester, the latter two gentlemen being members of the Philippine commission.

At New York Wednesday Jas. M. Plumb killed Alexander Masterson, a retired broker. Plumb accused the dead man of separating him from his children and inducing his daughter to sue him for an accounting of her mother's estate, which resulted in endless litigation and conspiring in other ways to ruin him. Masterson was a prominent Republican, and once a close friend of President Arthur.

The A. & M. College.

Raleigh, May 3.—The legislative committee to reorganize the Agricultural and Mechanical colleges had a long session today. W. S. Primrose presiding; R. L. Smith secretary. A. Q. Hoidday, president of the college, having advised the committee that he would not be a candidate for re-election at the June meeting of the trustees, the committee recommended that he be elected professor emeritus of political economy with one year's leave of absence, as he proposes to visit Europe. If the recommendations of the committee are adopted, the following positions will be opened to be filled at the June meeting of the board: President and director (one office); instructor of textile science and arts, salary \$1,200; assistant professor of biology, salary \$1,200 to \$1,500; instructor in experimental field crops, salary \$1,000; clerk of experiment station department, salary \$900; stenographer and clerk at the experiment station department, salary \$720; instructor in mathematics and English, salary \$720. Textile work will be connected with the department of mechanical engineering, of which Prof. C. W. Scribner is now in charge. The committee will be called together by the chairman if there is any need for such a meeting before the full board meets, on June 7th, which is the date of the college commencement.