

THE GREAT CATCH REBEL AGUINALDO

Report of Capture Officially Confirmed.

GENERAL FUNSTON A HERO

News Was Received in Washington With Great Satisfaction—Views of Some of the Department Officials on the Disposition of Aguinaldo.

WASHINGTON, March 28.—The press reports of the capture of Aguinaldo by General Funston were confirmed today by General MacArthur at Manila in the following cablegram to Adjutant General Corbin:

General Funston has just returned from an expedition to Palanan, province of Isabela, where he captured Aguinaldo, who is now in my possession at Malacanang. Particulars later.



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Malacanang is General MacArthur's headquarters and residence in Manila.

WASHINGTON, March 28.—The news of General Aguinaldo's capture by General Funston was received everywhere in official circles with intense gratification, to paraphrase somewhere did it create more satisfaction than in the White House. The first official news that reached the executive mansion was General MacArthur's dispatch announcing the capture which came about midnight last night. This morning the president also saw Admiral Remy's cablegram and the press dispatches.

The president naturally is very much gratified that the chief over in the insurgents has at last been taken. It has been the opinion of the military authorities for a long time that Aguinaldo was doing more than all the other agencies combined to keep the rebellion in the Philippines alive, and every energy was directed to compass his capture. It is rather a remarkable tribute to the daring and resourcefulness of General Funston that long before he made the capture he was selected as the officer who might accept it. It was the intention of General Funston some time ago to return to the United States, but by direction of the war department he was detained in the Philippines in the hope that just such a contingency as did arise should give him the opportunity to test his prowess. Both the president and war department were fully informed of the trap laid to capture the insurgent chief and the result of the expedition has been anxiously awaited for several days.

Several interesting and indeed vital questions are raised by Aguinaldo's capture. If the insurrection now collapses, as it is hoped it will, it may not be necessary to enlist the full strength of the army provided for in the army re-organization bill. There also is the question of the disposition to be made of the insurgent chief. Even if he is early yet for the authorities to decide these questions. There is also much speculation as to the reward which General Funston may receive for his work. It is considered not improbable that his reward will be a commission in the regular establishment.

GEN. AGUINALDO AT MANILA

Rebel Chief Taken Before MacArthur. Talked Freely.

MANILA, March 28.—Aguinaldo, who was captured by General Funston and brought to Manila on the United States steamer Vicksburg, was brought ashore at 3:10 p. m., today, and taken before General MacArthur at the Malacanang palace. He talked freely, but seemed nervous concerning recent events. He appeared to be in good health and was very cheerful. He lunched with the officers of General MacArthur's staff, and was then escorted to the Auda street jail. Aguinaldo's capture was attended with considerable difficulty, an insurgent major being killed at the time. Twenty rifles and a number of important papers were captured.

Died After the Operation.

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., April 1.—E. M. Borders, agent for the Louisville and Nashville railroad at North Birmingham, died last night from appendicitis. Ten days ago he stood an operation. He was recovering gradually, and at noon yesterday it was thought he would be able to be out in a day or two. He had convulsions and died within three hours. He leaves a wife and three children.

Increasing Capital Stock.

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., March 29.—A declaration has been filed in the probate judge's office increasing the capital stock of the Turweller Coal, Coke and Iron company from \$300,000 to \$1,000,000. It is believed that this increase foreshadows the making of some extensive improvements by the company.

Jones-Broughton Tabernacle.

WAYCROSS, Ga., March 30.—Plans have been adopted for the Sam Jones and Dr. Broughton tabernacle. It will have a seating capacity of over 5,000 people.

WORK WAS CLEVERLY DONE

Brown Paper Put in the Place of \$5,000 Package.

COLUMBIA, S. C., April 1.—Last Thursday the Bank of Columbia of this city forwarded to the Bank of Commerce of New York \$5,000 in paper money. When the package arrived at its destination Saturday it was discovered that the money had been removed and brown paper substituted in its place. The Columbia bank was accused to that effect and an investigation was at once ordered. The package was put up by a bank official in the presence of the president, Colonel W. G. Childs, another official carried the package to the express office.

The Columbia bank is absolved from all blame and the financial loss is upon the Southern Express company. Captain O. M. Sadler, general superintendent of the Southern Express company, is believed here to be the package arrived in New York city all right and that the substitution was made there. The work is represented to have been clever and the package bore no evidence of having been tampered with.

SUICIDED IN PRISON CELL

Carolina Farmer Cuts His Throat With His Pocketknife.

CHARLESTON, March 30.—C. B. Hemmingway, a farmer, 35 years of age, who claimed to be from Georgetown, applied for lodging at the police station at midnight last night for last.

When an officer went to the cell at 9 o'clock last night Hemmingway was found on the floor with his throat cut and lying with his face in a pool of blood. His throat was cut with an ordinary pocketknife.

When he applied for lodging Hemmingway told that the negroes in Georgetown had threatened his life and he was afraid to return. The officer on duty at the time believes he was deceived.

The fact that Hemmingway was locked up all day instead of having been released early yesterday morning has caused talk at headquarters, and an investigation will be ordered.

COTTON MILLS IN CAROLINA

Work of Building and Enlarging Continues Unabated.

COLUMBIA, S. C., March 30.—The work of building and enlarging cotton mills in South Carolina still continues. Yesterday many more thousands were directed into this channel.

The Cheswell cotton mill of Westminster, Oconee county, gave notice to the secretary of state of the increase of its capital from \$100,000 to \$200,000. The Davis cotton mill of Aiken county obtained a commission. This company is to have a capital stock of \$200,000, and the mill is to be located at some point in Aiken county. The incorporators are Charles Warren Davis, H. Conley Barr, Edward S. Johnson and Bryan Lawrence, all of Augusta, Ga.

WHITE FARMER MURDERED

Negro Laborer Crushes His Skull With a Rock.

NEWBERY, S. C., March 30.—Walter W. Abrams, white, was killed at his home in this county, 12 miles north of the city, yesterday by a negro named Pleas Gilliam.

The negro, who was in Abrams' employ, came late to his work and Abrams reproved him for it. He resented this, and from words they came to blows. The negro struck Abrams on the head with a large stone, crushing his skull and producing death in about an hour.

The murderer fled and at last accounts was still at large. Mr. Abrams was a good citizen, about 35 years old. He leaves a widow, but no children.

Second Verdict Was Double.

GREENVILLE, S. C., April 1.—In January, 1900, J. B. Davis, employe of the Southern railway, was killed by a freight train at Westminster. His widow brought suit and at the last term of the court got a verdict for \$10,000. The verdict was set aside by Judge Aldrich on technical grounds. This term a suit was brought for \$20,000 against the Southern railway and the case was concluded with a verdict in favor of Mrs. Davis for \$11,000. An effort will be made to set aside the verdict.

Senator McLaurin's Politics.

CHARLESTON, March 30.—Governor McSwain, when asked to say something about Senator McLaurin, and the recent reports that he had abandoned the Democratic party, said he did not understand exactly what McLaurin meant by withdrawing from the Democratic caucus when important party issues were being discussed, but he presumed the senator would enter the state Democratic primaries when the time for the selection of his successor arrived.

Sheriff Declined the Bond.

FLORENCE, S. C., March 30.—F. D. Dean, claiming to be the son of a prominent railroad man of Chicago, was arrested here on the charge of obtaining the signature of J. H. Miller of Spartanburg to a note by false pretenses. The note was for \$1,000. Dean's father denied \$1,000 bond, but the sheriff declined it. The young man was taken to Spartanburg last night.

Winston's Exposition.

COLUMBIA, S. C., March 30.—Citizens of Charleston must put up \$100,000 more for the exposition before the \$500,000 appropriated by the state is available. This appropriation was made with the proviso that it would be available when Charleston people had given \$300,000. It is expected that the amount needed will be made up within the next week.

Handsome Gift.

AIKEN, S. C., April 1.—Rev. Richard Carroll, who has been in Aiken for some days in the interest of his industrial school at Columbia for negro youths, was the recipient of a gift of \$1,000 cash from a wealthy northern visitor a few days ago.

BEAR'S ULTIMATUM TO THE BIG DRAGON

China Must Sign the Manchurian Agreement.

RUSSIAN PATIENCE ENDED

Termination of Diplomatic Inter-course is Threatened by the Czar's Government if the Celestial Authorities Persist in Present Course.

WASHINGTON, April 1.—Information has reached here to the effect that the Russian government, being seriously perturbed by the course of China in not signing the Manchurian agreement, largely because of protest made by the several powers, has conveyed a distinct and unmistakable indication to China that if this course is persisted in there may be an interruption of diplomatic relations between Russia and China and a termination of the present intercourse between them.

This is a little short of an ultimatum that China must sign or take the consequence of a termination of her friendly relations with Russia.

To what extent the United States will take cognizance of Russia's disposition to enforce the signing of the agreement has not yet been made apparent. It appears to be the policy of the Chicago authorities to consider this a subject which concerns the powers quite as much as it does China.

Complications.

The matter has become further complicated by reports reaching Washington that the Chinese authorities themselves are divided on the course to be pursued, some of the most influential, including Li Hung Chang, arguing that acquiescence be given to the Russian proposals, while others insist on rejecting the agreement. The attitude of Li Hung Chang is accounted for by his well known friendliness for Russian interests. In this case, however, there appears to be a strong influence of the southern viceroys, Chan Ohi Tung and Lia Kun Yi, who oppose the signing of the treaty.

Somewhat Peculiar.

The reports reaching here this morning showed that the agreement had not yet been signed. Its status is most peculiar. The time within which it was to be signed expired last Tuesday, but on that day Yang Yu, the Chinese minister at St. Petersburg, fell in the legation and hurt his head, so that he was unable to transact business. This misfortune has caused much amusement here and some irritation in certain quarters, as it has been recognized as a most timely means of avoiding a dire issue on the subject. It is not clear to what extent the Russian intimation has gone, but in any event it gives an urgency to China's course which has not been presented thus far.

IT WOULD BE A GOOD MOVE

To Rescue Chinese Emperor From Hands of Reactionaries.

LONDON, April 1.—The correspondent of The Globe at Shanghai, in a dispatch dated Saturday, March 30, says he understands that the Yang-Tze viceroys and Yuan Shi Kai, the military governor of Shan-Tung, are prepared to dispatch 100,000 troops to Man-Fu to rescue the emperor from the hands of the reactionaries and escort him to Peking, if a little pressure and promise of moral support is forthcoming from the powers interested in the open door.

The correspondent adds that the suggested expedition would prove popular in central and southern China, would result in the destruction of the anti-foreign elements and would lead to the establishment of a progressive government in Peking.

SOME FEDERAL FAVORITES

Naval Officers Rewarded For Distinguished Conduct.

WASHINGTON, April 1.—The president today made the following appointments: Treasury—Joseph B. Stewart, to be collector of customs for the district of Richmond, Va.

Navy—Joseph N. Hemphill, Abraham B. H. Lillis, Henry N. Manney and William T. Swinburn, to be captains; Edward M. Hughes and Samuel P. Conly, to be commanders; Robert O. Smith and Robert S. Griffin, to be lieutenant commanders; Emory Winslip, to be advanced first lieutenant; a number of lieutenants (junior grade) for eminent and conspicuous conduct in battle; Colonel Robert L. Meade, to be brigadier general by brevet in the marine corps, for distinguished conduct and public service in the presence of the enemy at the battle of Tsin Tsin, China; Lieutenant William C. Powell, to be captain by brevet in the marine corps, for distinguished conduct and public service in the presence of the enemy at Tsin Tsin, China; Thomas F. Hobby, to be a warrant machinist in the navy.

From Ranks to West Point.

WASHINGTON, April 1.—The president today appointed Calvin Titus to be a cadet at large at the United States military academy at West Point. Titus was the first man to scale the wall at Peking. Adjutant General Corbin today called General MacArthur at Manila to send young Titus home on the first available transport, in order that he may take the entrance examination to the academy.

Wanted No Theatrical Singer.

NORFOLK, Va., April 1.—William T. Elwangen of the cast of "The Way Down East" company was to have sung at the Cumberland street Methodist church Sunday. He did not do so, for the reason that the pastor, the Rev. Dr. Johnston, declined to have a theatrical singer in his choir. Walter Decker, a prominent member of the congregation, had invited the man to sing, but he was denied admission to the choir. Afterwards he was taken by his friend Decker to Epworth church, where he sang.

HE FAILED TO GET HIS GIRL

Widower Then Wanted to Sue For Money Spent on Her.

WINSTON, N. C., April 2.—William Hedrick of Wilkes county has been married three times, but he is determined to get another wife. He was engaged to a girl named Mary Vaughn, in Antioch township. The Hustler says they were in North Wilkesboro the other day, and he spent about \$25 for clothing, etc., for her. In the meantime her mother raised objections to the marriage.

Hedrick had papers issued for damage to the amount of \$10—\$25 for the money he had spent on her and \$15 for mental anguish. The officer went down there to get the girl, but the old woman blind the whole crowd and he had to return without a party. Hedrick, though a young man, has been married three times—two of his wives having died and the other divorced. He says he knows where there is a girl who will have him—that he does not love the Vaughn girl "nobody."

It is said the people of the girl's neighborhood are up in arms "agin" him, and that it will not be healthy for him to visit that section again, on account of some threats made by him.

IMPEACHMENT TRIAL ENDED

Failed to Convict Accused North Carolina Judges.

RALEIGH, March 29.—The senate has failed to impeach the accused judges. At the conclusion of the arguments a vote was taken on the first article of impeachment, which was the charge of unlawful issuance of mandamus against the auditor or treasurer. It was recognized that if this charge was not sustained the other four would fall. It required 34 votes to convict. The rollcall showed: Guilty, 27, all Democrats; not guilty, 28, eight Republicans, three Populists and 19 Democrats.

On articles 2, 3 and 4 the vote was: Guilty, 24; not guilty, 26. On article 5 the vote was: Guilty, 16; not guilty, 34.

Judgment acquittal was then entered on all articles and the court of impeachment was adjourned sine die.

CHARLESTON'S EXPOSITION

Refusal of Congress to Make Appropriation Cuts No Figure.

CHARLESTON, April 2.—Regarding the statement sent from Columbia that the city of Charleston would have to raise \$10,000 additional before the Charleston exposition could receive the state appropriation of \$80,000, the statement is officially authorized by the board of directors that this additional amount was secured several days ago.

On a second call more than the amount required was subscribed and other subscriptions from the city have been sent to the exposition company.

The exposition finances are in excellent shape and the project will in no wise be altered or out by the refusal of the government to make the \$250,000 appropriation.

NEGRO PREACHER IS KILLED

Was Talking to Friend Near Church When He Was Shot.

GREENVILLE, S. C., April 2.—Rev. James Walker, a negro preacher, was shot and almost instantly killed by Dan Smith, a negro rough, at Central, on the Southern railroad, Sunday night. Walker was standing near his church talking with a friend.

Smith and some companions came along and began using vile epithets to a woman related to Walker, standing near. Walker remonstrated, when Smith drew a pistol and shot Walker, the bullet entering above the left eye, killing him instantly. Smith escaped. Walker was highly respected by both white and black.

A Jury of the Theater.

RALEIGH, April 1.—The unusual sight of a jury at a theater was witnessed at the Academy of Music Saturday night. The jury in the Mangum murder case were worn out by the long session of court, and they asked the sheriff to take them to the theater, where the Una Clayton company was playing "Way Down East." Several of them had never been in a theater before, and they enjoyed the play hugely. Some of them wanted Judge Starbuck to adjourn the court in the afternoon so that they could attend the matinee.

Ribs Penetrated the Heart.

THOMAS, Ala., March 30.—Edward Norton, aged 26, employed by the American Steel company, while at work placing sheeting on the new blast furnace of the Republic Iron and Steel company, lost his life and fell 25 feet. He struck on the edge of a railroad car loaded with coal and two of his ribs were smashed and shoved into his heart, killing him instantly. He came here from Milwaukee three weeks ago.

Port Royal Not to Be Abandoned.

PORT ROYAL, S. C., April 1.—A Washington dispatch says that it is unlikely that the Port Royal naval station will be abandoned by the government, for it is the attention of Rear Admiral Crowl, chief of the bureau of navigation, to use the place as a winter station for the training squadron. Dredging operations, when completed, will make the station more convenient for large vessels to approach.

Hazing in Jail.

CHARLOTTE, N. C., April 1.—Charlotte's jailbirds are taking on West Point hazing ideas. The upper class prisoners have been initiating the new hogging them with a piece of twisted blanket. A plebe prisoner resisted the initiation ceremony and got his skull fractured for his uppishness. He may die.

New Furniture Factory.

CONCORD, N. C., April 1.—A large furniture factory, capital \$50,000, will soon be built here. The stock has been secured, the company organized with D. F. Cannon as president and N. F. York secretary and treasurer, and the work of erection will begin at once.

SOLONS OF FLORIDA ARE IN SESSION

Biennial Meeting of the State Legislature.

SOLID DEMOCRATIC BODY

Message of Governor Jennings Contains Important Recommendations For the Betterment of Conditions in the State in General.

TALLAHASSEE, April 2.—The Florida legislature met here today, in regular session, which will continue 60 days. Every member of each house is a Democrat. The following officers were elected: President of senate, Thomas Palmer of Tampa; secretary of senate, T. J. Appleyard of Sanford; speaker of house, J. W. Watson of Kissimmee; chief clerk of house, W. F. Bynum of White Springs.

The state judiciary is to be reorganized, the convict system reformed, the state re-districted to provide for extra congressmen gained by the recent census, and other important legislation considered.

Governor's Message.

The message of Governor Jennings was read in both houses. The governor furnished much valuable information in which the public is interested, and makes wise recommendations for needed legislation. Numerous minor matters are considered, and the interests of the whole state are ably set forth. The following are the most important recommendations:

Refunding maturing debt at lower rate of interest. Legislation for the relief of the supreme court. State board of equalization to determine the relative value of real estate for taxation. Improvement of state capitol buildings.

Leasing state convicts at their ascertained value, which is about five times what the state now gets. Retaining state control of quarantine stations and compulsory vaccination. Constitutional Amendments.

Governor Jennings recommends the enactment of important constitutional amendments, as follows: Authorizing the legislature to increase the judgeships of the supreme court or create an additional supreme court. Authorizing the legislature to create additional circuit court judgeships for the state at large, with power to act in either circuit, to meet growing demands. Creating a state's attorneyship for each senatorial district, in order that the laws may be more faithfully executed. Imprisonment For Debt.

Concerning this grave matter, the governor says: "Many complaints have reached the executive wherein it is shown that the operation of chapter 4032, laws of Florida, in many of the counties is being invoked for the collection of debts, in violation of the constitution, and there is little doubt in my mind from the information at hand that there are now many convicts serving under sentences imposed under this law for debt. I recommend that this law be repealed."

CONVICT SHOOTS OFFICERS

Desperate Negro Killed by Detectives and Policemen.

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., April 1.—Detective Ed Morris and Policeman John Bressingham yesterday attempted to arrest two negroes suspected of the murder of a marshal at Gulf Port, Miss. One negro, Davis, resisted and shot Morris and Bressingham probably fatally. He in turn was killed. The other negro escaped, but was afterward captured. William Davis and John Patrick, the negroes, were convicts escaped from Jenkins & Co.'s camp near Monroeville, Ala., and arrived here yesterday morning. Davis diverted the attention of the convict guard and seized his rifle. Then he overcame another guard and obtained his pistol. He and three other convicts then escaped.

He had the rifle in his hand when approached by the detective and two policemen, Bressingham and McGrath, but the pistol was concealed. He opened the door and there was a sharp interchange between him and Morris at arms' length. A bullet fired by Bressingham killed Davis. Bressingham was shot in the right lung and Morris in seven places, the most serious being in the face. The negro also was hit seven times.

MRS. DRASCHMAL RELEASED

She Was in Mobile Jail Convicted of Manslaughter.

MOBILE, April 2.—Mrs. John Draschmal, who was some weeks ago convicted of manslaughter and was sentenced to one year in the jail on a pardon issued by Governor Samford. Her son John, who was sentenced to the reformatory school at Birmingham, is still there.

The woman has no home and is staying at the jail through the kindness of the sheriff. She and her son were charged with the killing of a 16-year-old girl at Bayou la Batre about a year ago, the girl being shot by the boy for throwing stones at his mother.

New Bank For Montgomery.

MONTGOMERY, Ala., April 1.—As another evidence of the material progress of Montgomery, a big financial institution, backed by Montgomery capital and managed by Montgomery men, commenced business today. The Union Trust and Savings company is the name of the new enterprise, which will conduct a banking business and execute trusts of all kinds. The capital stock is \$100,000, and the promoters are leading men in the business and financial circles of Montgomery.

Winston's Tobacco Shipments.

WINSTON, N. C., April 1.—Winston shipped 869,507 1/2 pounds of manufactured tobacco last month. The revenue stamp sales ran as follows: On tobacco, \$104,346.97; cigars and cigarettes, \$98,201; spirits, \$9,534.18; war, \$688.91; total, \$114,571.24.

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