

FILIPINO SPIRIT BROKEN BY DEFEAT

Their Forces Scattered and
Their Villages in Ruins.

WHITE FLAGS EVERYWHERE

Natives Surprised at Fighting Qualities of Americans—Otis Refuses a Conference with Aguinaldo. War Department Expects Another Fight.

Manila, Feb. 8.—Noon.—Your correspondent asserts emphatically that the relations between Dewey and Otis are most cordial and they have joined hands heartily in the prosecution of the campaign.

After the Kansas troops had driven the Filipinos into Calococan last evening, they reluctantly obeyed Colonel Funston's orders to return to their original position. As they withdrew, they counted thirty dead Filipinos and a large number of wounded. In addition to Lieutenant Alford and a private who were killed, the rebels wounded Sergeant Sheldon and Privates Hewitt, Pritz and Gillilan.

Polly a dozen villages about the city are now in ruins and thousands of natives are homeless. Many women from the villages have come into the city and are being cared for.

Everything tends to show that Aguinaldo had been for a long time engaged in a plot to attack the Americans. His conspiracy contemplated an attack on Americans in the city by a body of secret militia. The existence of this force is proved by the finding of certificates of enrollment on natives arrested in the streets for carrying concealed weapons.

Reports from commanders in the field today agree that the spirit of the rebels has been crushed and that they will make no further serious opposition.

MESSAGE FROM OTIS.

Filipino Army Disintegrated and the Situation Improving.

Washington, Feb. 8.—General Otis, in a dispatch to the War Department received shortly before 2 o'clock this morning, describes the engagement at Calococan, six miles north of the city. The cable message says:

Manila, Feb. 8, 1899.

Adjutant General, Washington:
The situation is rapidly improving. Reconnaissance was made yesterday to the south, several miles east to Lagunado Bay, to the northeast eight miles, driving straggling insurgent troops in various directions, encountering no decided opposition. The Filipino army is disintegrated and natives are returning to the villages displaying the white flag. Near Calococan, six miles north, the enemy made a stand behind the trenches. They were charged by Kansas troops led by Colonel Funston, a close encounter resulting in routing the enemy with very heavy loss. The loss to the Kansas troops was: Lieutenant Alford killed; six men wounded.

On the night of the 4th Aguinaldo issued a proclamation charging Americans with the initiative, and declared war. Sunday he issued another proclamation calling upon all to resist foreign invasion. His influence throughout this section is destroyed. He now applies for cessation of hostilities and a conference, but I have declined to answer. Insurgent expectation of rising in the city on the night of the 4th was not realized. The provost marshal general, with admirable disposition of troops, defeated every attempt. The city is quiet and business resumed. Natives are respectful and cheerful. The fighting qualities of American troops was a revelation to all inhabitants.

ANOTHER BATTLE EXPECTED

War Department Looking for Important News from Holo.

Washington, Feb. 8.—War Department officials are looking forward to news of another engagement with Filipinos. They expect it to occur at Calococan, the last stronghold of the natives, where the insurgents are supposed to have concentrated.

Casualties reported by General Otis to date are: Killed, 57; wounded, 193. The free hand given Otis has not been curtailed by any instructions sent him today. It was said at the department today that something had been sent to Otis regarding his refusal to confer with Aguinaldo, but later it was learned that no instructions were sent him today. A high official said today that if Otis should ask for instructions he would be told to follow his own judgment. The government approves his course in refusing a conference and expects him to continue the campaign until the rebel chief surrenders unconditionally.

Important news is expected from Holo, and while the character of ad-

vices from General Otis warranting this expectation has not been disclosed, it is regarded as certain that surrender of the place is to be demanded, and if refused the town will be attacked. No instructions on the subject have been sent to Otis, but he has informed the department of a significant movement, and his course of action has been approved.

REPORT FROM RIOS

He is Anxious for Safety of Spaniards in Hands of Insurgents.

Madrid, Feb. 8.—The government has received the following official dispatch from General Rios at Manila:

"Americans have repulsed the Filipinos after firing twenty hours, and now occupy our former advanced positions. The Americans, with their artillery and guns of the squadron, destroyed several villages in the vicinity of the city and treated the inhabitants with great severity. Numerous arrests are being made in Manila. The streets are occupied by troops, who prevent the natives from going about. Hostilities have ceased.

"I am anxious for the consequences which recent events may have for Spanish prisoners, and will do the best I can for our cause under the present circumstances."

AGONCILLO'S STORY.

Believes American Provoked Hostilities to Affect the Vote on Ratification.

London, Feb. 8.—It is said here that the Filipino Junta in Europe has received a message from Agoncillo, representative of Aguinaldo, now in Montreal, in which he deplores the hostilities at Manila as having hastened ratification of the peace treaty by the United States Senate. He expresses his belief that the outbreak was the result of a plan on the part of the Americans to precipitate ratification of the treaty. The Filipinos, he says, were not the aggressors, but on the contrary were taken completely by surprise. The foreign office says the United States have made no protest against Agoncillo's staying in Montreal.

FOR NORTH CAROLINA WATERS.

Appropriations That Will Be Urged by Butler and Pritchard.

Washington, Feb. 8.—Special.—Senators Butler and Pritchard will tomorrow urge these appropriations before the Senate committee: To improve inland waterway between Beaufort harbor and New River, completing improvement \$8,600; improving Neuse river, \$10,000; improving Black river, \$20,000; improving Neuse river at and below Newbern to make the channel 200 feet wide below and 200 feet wide at Newbern, and eight feet at dead low water \$5,000; improving Town Creek, Brunswick county, \$3,000; to increase appropriation for Cape Fear river at and below Wilmington to \$200,000; to increase appropriation for Fishing Creek, \$10,750; to increase appropriation for Pamlico and Tar rivers to \$20,000; to increase appropriation for Contentment Creek to \$6,000; to increase appropriation for Trent river to \$20,500; to increase appropriation for Cape Fear river above Wilmington, for continuing improvement \$10,000, and for maintenance to \$2,500.

FRESHET IN THE CAPE FEAR.

Bridges at Fayetteville in Danger—Negro Convicted of Manslaughter.

Fayetteville, N. C., Feb. 8.—Special.—In the criminal court today, Judge Battle presiding, a negro named Tacy submitted to a verdict of manslaughter. He was indicted for killing another negro, Alston, in a quarrel resulting from a dispute over a game of cards.

There is an unusually high freshet in the Cape Fear River. Feas are entertained for the safety of the county bridge, a huge wooden structure, enclosed and roofed. Should it be swept away it would probably carry with it the iron bridge of the Cape Fear and Yadkin Valley Railroad just below it. Measures were taken today to burn the bridge if its destruction should become inevitable.

ONLY ONE PASSED.

Favorable Action on Public Building Bills in Committee of the Whole.

Washington, Feb. 8.—The net result of two days' consideration of public building bills was the passage of one today providing for a building at Newport News, Va. In committee of the whole, bills were acted on favorably for buildings at Bristol Tenn., \$50,000; Anniston, Ala., \$50,000; Mazon, Ga., \$38,000; Winston N. C., \$50,000. Bills for buildings at Columbus, Ga., and Durham, N. C., reported by committee, failed to receive consideration.

The Senate today passed the Indian Appropriation bill and spent the rest of the session in consideration of the Legislative, Executive and Judicial Appropriation bill.

Yellow Fever in Camp.

Havana, Feb. 8.—Five cases of yellow fever have already developed in the camp of the Two Hundred and Second New York at Guanajay. Orders have been issued for removal and disinfecting of the camp.

HOAR OPENS ON THE EWART CASE

Takes High Ground Against Confirmation.

FOUR REASONS FOR OPPOSING

Spooner Does Not Believe Ewart Fit to Be Judge—Butler to Be Heard. Pritchard Will Then Plead for Favorable Action—Ewart's Cause Weakened by the Speeches of Hoar and Spooner.

Washington, Feb. 8.—Special.—The Senate in executive session this evening considered the nomination of H. G. Ewart for Judge of the Federal court for the Western district of North Carolina for two hours, and at 6 o'clock adjourned without reaching any conclusion. The result of the two hours' session was the creation of an impression adverse to Ewart.

At 3 o'clock arrived, the time fixed for going into secret session behind closed doors on the Ewart case, both Senators Pritchard and Butler displayed unusual nervousness. Senator Cullum was on the floor engineering a great legislative appropriation bill. A debate arose over the copyright section of the bill, and it seemed as if Pritchard would not get the floor at all. He moved down to Cullom and whispered some talismanic words to him. He yielded the floor, and Pritchard, addressing the Vice-President, moved an executive session.

Mr. Butler at this moment was sitting in a wicker rocking-chair in the Republican cloak room with the doors open and having full view of what was going on in the Senate chamber. He was rocking back and forth and sending up dense volumes of smoke that almost enveloped him. The crisis in his fight against Ewart was at hand, but Pritchard did not get his motion put through.

First one Senator, then another asked Pritchard to yield to introduce bills, make some report and for personal explanation. In the latter, Fairbanks and Pettigrew became involved in a personal controversy. Pritchard, by adroit waiting tactics and without offending anyone, finally cleared the Senatorial decks, brushed aside the debris, and his motion was carried. Butler all the while viewing the scene from his comfortable rocking-chair.

Amid the clashing and banging of doors, Butler moved to his seat. His desk was piled high with documents, books and papers, so high and so full that the tall form of Butler was half hidden from view. Within twenty feet sat Pritchard.

Senator Hoar, chairman of the Judiciary Committee, took the floor as soon as all the doors were closely locked, and spoke for an hour against Ewart's confirmation. He said he would not consider the political or personal features of the case, but based his opposition upon high ground. He found, he said, as a result of his year and half investigation of the case in all its phases, these facts proved:

First, That Ewart, while a member of Congress, sold public documents for money and put it to his own use.

Second, That Ewart, while on the bench during the trial of the Deaver case, acted in an unbefitting manner.

Third, That Ewart borrowed money from Mrs. Jones after he had, as a member of Congress, secured a pension for her.

Fourth, That Ewart's connection with the Davis note transaction in Asheville was questionable.

Senator Hoar took up each specification separately and quoted at length from the mass of evidence to sustain each charge.

Senator Spooner followed. He did not go into such minute details as Hoar, but emphasized the importance of having a pure and spotless judiciary, against which not even a suspicion rested. He could not bring himself, after careful sifting of the evidence, to believe that Ewart was fit for the place. The people would be distrustful of him in view of what was clearly proved by the record; and no one need go behind that, although much irrelevant matter had been introduced in committee. Senator Spooner proceeded in this strain for nearly an hour, and had not concluded when the Senate at 6 o'clock adjourned.

It will be taken up again in executive session tomorrow when Mr. Spooner will conclude. Butler will then take the floor, and after he concludes, unless some other Senators desire to speak, Pritchard will close on behalf of Ewart.

During Hoar's and Spooner's speeches there were many interruptions made. The Democrats who have a most kindly feeling for Ewart because he broke away from his party on the force bill, paid close attention to Hoar and Spooner. From several Senators who

were present it is learned that their speeches seemed to be very effective against Ewart.

SOME OF THE CHARGES.

Allegations Damaging to the Personal and Professional Standing of Ewart.

Washington, Feb. 8.—The nomination of Hamilton G. Ewart to be district Judge of the Western district of North Carolina was discussed in secret session of the Senate for almost two hours this afternoon. It is before the Senate on an adverse report from the committee of the judiciary, of which Senator Hoar is chairman.

Judge Ewart, formerly a member of Congress, is a personal friend of Senator Pritchard and is being bitterly antagonized by Mr. Butler, the Populist Senator from North Carolina. Ewart's appointment was sent to the Senate in the summer session, but failed of confirmation owing to the opposition of Butler. He was re-appointed after adjournment of Congress and has since been on the bench. A great many cases have been tried and settled before him.

The charges against Ewart involve the integrity of the nominee. In one case it was stated that Ewart as a member of Congress, secured the correction of the military record of an old soldier and a pension for his widow, and then borrowed a considerable portion of the pension money from the widow, and has thus far failed to pay it back. It was also stated that certain firms in New York, Philadelphia and Baltimore, had placed collections in Ewart's hands as attorney for collection, and that although collections were made, remittances were never made to Ewart's clients.

A copy of the report submitted by Senator Manderson, of Nebraska, January 13th, 1892, was laid before the Senate to show that Ewart, as a member of Congress from North Carolina, had sold certain public documents, among them being copies of a valuable publication known as "Diseases of the Horse," which had become rare and was greatly prized by members of Congress for circulation among their constituents.

All these and other charges were laid before the Senate in a speech more than an hour long by Mr. Hoar, who opposed confirmation. Mr. Spooner also opposed favorable action on the general ground that the nominee was incompetent.

The impression prevails that Democrats see in this nomination an opportunity to stir up a rumormongering in North Carolina by confirming Ewart as Judge on the bench in a section of country where they have reason to believe he is not at all popular, and where his continuation in that office will be repugnant to the wishes of the best people of the State.

SCHEME TO CIRCUMVENT REED.

Nicaragua Canal to Be Attached to the River and Harbor Bill.

Washington, Feb. 8.—The alleged opposition of Speaker Reed to the consideration by the House of any bill for constructing the Nicaragua Canal has led to the organization of a plan to attach one of the measures, probably that known as the Heburn Compro-mise, to the River and Harbor Bill. It is thought that friends of the canal are of sufficient strength to vote the amendment into the River and Harbor bill if it is not sanctioned by the Commerce Committee. Being germane to the scope of the bill, it would not go out in the House on a point of order.

As the River and Harbor bill contains so many appropriations of vital interest to different Congressional districts, it is thought that the Nicaragua Canal amendment, despite the antagonism of the speaker, will be accepted by the House rather than allow the bill to fail.

LUMBER COMBINATION.

Organization to Be Effected to Control the Trade in Three States.

Norfolk, Va., Feb. 8.—A meeting of the Southern Pine Lumber Association will be held here Tuesday next. It is believed that at this meeting an organization or combination will be completed which will control the output of the majority—not all the mills in Maryland North Carolina and Virginia. Lumber producers shy at the word "trust," but are not indisposed to admit that a combination which will steady the market, adjust prices fairly and make economy of production possible, has been considered and might be mutually advantageous if properly managed.

Commission's Work Ended.

Washington, Feb. 8.—The War Investigation Commission concluded its work this evening with the final reading of its report, which will be presented to the President tomorrow. All statements as to the contents are declared by the commission to be pure guess work.

Otis Makes Acknowledgement.

Washington, Feb. 8.—Secretary Alger has received this message from General Otis, dated Manila, February 7th: "Sincere thanks for congratulations. All credit due to the hearty response of troops to orders of officers."

SUDDEN CLOSE OF A BUSY LIFE

Death of W. S. Holman a
Surprise to Durham.

RETIREMENT OF COL. CARR

Well Known Tobacco Manufacturer
Out of the Business—Real Estate Bought for a Purchaser Supposed to Represent the Norfolk and Western Railroad.

Durham, Feb. 8.—Special.—Mr. W. S. Holman, a well-known business man, died this morning about 11:30 o'clock, after an illness of five days. He was taken sick last Friday with a chill and pneumonia set in, resulting in his death. He began to grow worse early this morning and sank very rapidly until the end came. His death was a great surprise to his numerous friends, very few of whom knew that he was sick. Mr. Holman was superintendent of the Commonwealth Cotton Mills and had been in business here for a number of years. He leaves a wife and four children, besides many other relatives here and elsewhere. He was a brother of W. C. Holman, of Raleigh, and a brother-in-law of Q. E. Rawls, of this city. He was a member of the Knights of Pythias and will be buried with Pythian honors tomorrow afternoon at 3 o'clock. The funeral service will be conducted by Rev. J. N. Cole and Dr. Turnbull.

The infant child of Sue White, colored, who lives on the outskirts of Durham, was burned to death about 1 o'clock this afternoon. The child was about three or four years old. Its clothing caught from a fire that had been kindled in the yard to boil clothes over. No one was present when the child's clothing ignited, but its screams brought its mother from the house. She was too late to render much assistance. The child was burned horribly.

Col. Julian S. Carr retires from the Blackwell Durham Tobacco Company branch of the Union Tobacco Company, and in the future will have nothing to do with the business of the Bull tobacco concern in any way. At first when the announcement was made that Mr. Reed had been elected resident manager of the company it was not known that Colonel Carr was to retire entirely, but such is the case, and he is no longer connected with the factory, the product of which has been made known the world over by his untiring efforts and business sagacity. Colonel Carr has fitted up an office in the First National Bank building, and will devote his time to his numerous other business interests in Durham and elsewhere.

Albert Saunders, a white boy, escaped from the workhouse last night. Early in the night he feigned sickness and was sent to the hospital, from which he escaped during the night. This morning his suit of convict stripes was found in the road not far from the workhouse. Saunders was sent up at the last term of court for eight months upon the charge of larceny. He is a professional hobo and is said to have a sister living in Raleigh.

Today two suits of convict stripes were found in the road near Durham. It is supposed that escaped convicts from the penitentiary changed clothes there last night, as no prisoners have escaped from the workhouse in this county other than the boy mentioned.

Durham dirt is selling high these days. Messrs. Gaithe & Gaithe of this city, have purchased the home place of Mrs. Frances Green, the Globe warehouse property and two small lots, for which they paid \$32,000. They bought the property for John P. Petyjohn, of Lynchburg. It is said that the property is being for the Norfolk and Western Railroad and that the company contemplates erecting a depot on the ground in the near future.

Chance for the Hull Bill.

Washington, Feb. 8.—Leading members of the Senate on both sides of the chamber now believe there is a very good chance for the passage of the Hull army reorganization bill. Last week at this time no man would have admitted such a possibility. The change of opinion is due to the new situation in the Philippines and the vote by which the treaty was ratified. It is assumed by Democrats in opposition to the bill that those Democrats who stood by the administration in ratifying the treaty will also stand by it in the proposition to enlarge the army.

Steamer Had a Rough Passage.

London, Feb. 8.—The Wilson line steamship Martollo, from New York, January 23d, for Hull, arrived at that port today. She reports having experienced terrific weather throughout the voyage. Her mate and boatswain were killed by heavy seas, which came aboard, and three seamen were washed overboard and drowned. Captain Rip-pith and another of the ship's officers were injured.

WILSON SUPERIOR COURT.

Judge, Solicitor, Lawyers, Court Officers and Other Matters.

Wilson, N. C., Feb. 8.—Special.—Wilson Superior court is now in session. The newly elected Judge, the Hon. Fred Moore, is presiding, and Mr. Larry Moore, the new solicitor, is representing the State. Judge Moore has made a fine impression. Learned in the law, dignified in bearing, courteous in his dealings and most delightfully affable, he makes a model jurist and is an honor to the bench. Solicitor Moore makes a capital, most admirable prosecuting officer. Alert, vigorous, zealous, well posted in criminal law, and thoroughly honest and incorruptible, he represents the State with that seal and ability and fidelity which command universal respect and admiration.

There are several very important cases to be tried this week. Tomorrow S. G. Ward will be put on trial for the killing of the negro Turner Battle, a full account of which appeared in the Post at the time of the homicide. Ward is represented by that great and successful criminal lawyer, John E. Woodward, whose fine tact and conquering powers will throw around the defendant the impenetrable shield of an invulnerable defense.

And the new Democratic sheriff, Will Sharp, is making a most excellent official, for he is affable, polite and very efficient, and everything about the court room now moves as smoothly as the current of a peaceful stream. And no county in the State has a better Superior court clerk than the model J. D. Bardin, a true blue Democrat and a perfect gentleman.

BAD MANAGEMENT.

Loose Methods of Mecklenburg Commission—Important Enterprises.

Charlotte, N. C., Feb. 8.—Special.—Something of a sensation was created by the report of the special committee composed of J. H. McClintock, J. T. Clark and J. G. Harris, who have been making an examination into the books of the Road and Convict Commission. This commission was established by the fusion legislature two years ago and was composed of one Republican and one Democrat. It has had charge of the roads for two years. The committee finds that there was no system of bookkeeping by the commission to show what amount was paid out, when and what for; but a discrepancy of \$50 in one item and a number of smaller amounts have been found. A man who has examined into its accounts says its books are in a very bad shape, to say the least of it. Its affairs have been badly managed, and the reports show that supplies for the convicts, etc., were purchased at a price above the market rate. It is not known yet whether any action will be taken in the matter. The commission was abolished by the Democratic Legislature, and the county commissioners now have charge of the roads.

The new company that has applied for a charter to build an electric and suburban railway line is one of the strongest ever formed in the State, and besides numerous local capitalists includes Mr. George W. Watts, the Durham millionaire. It is the intention of the promoters to develop property near Elizabeth College, the suburb known as Highland Park, as well as to furnish power and light and run a trolley line around the city. It is a big enterprise, and with the men behind whose names are included in the charter, it will undoubtedly be pushed to early success.

Miss Ella M. Burwell, formerly of Raleigh, and Mr. C. C. McAllister, of Asheboro, were married at Statesville yesterday evening and were here last night en route to New Orleans where they will spend their honeymoon.

Special Master Clement Manly has deposited in Charlotte banks \$356,000 of the purchase money paid for the Cape Fear and Yadkin Valley Railroad.

A large mass meeting was held here this afternoon and an organization to push the fight for the dispensary was formed, committees being appointed.

LIKE BROTHERS.

Butler and Pritchard Working to Secure Appropriations for Rivers and Harbors.

Washington, Feb. 8.—Special.—Senators Butler and Pritchard were, as two brothers today in the Senate, being in constant conference, comparing notes and exchanging written papers. Their business was, however, entirely apart from the Ewart case where, in the same chamber two hours after, they were pitted against each other. The Senators were preparing presentation of claims of the State to the River and Harbor Appropriation Committee, before whom both will appear tomorrow and present data to back up their demands for increased appropriations for North Carolina.

Dewey Responds to Congratulations.

Washington, Feb. 8.—Secretary Long received the following cable message today from Admiral Dewey in response to the congratulatory dispatch transmitted to him yesterday: "The commander-in-chief, officers and men thank the President and Secretary of the Navy for their congratulations."