

HAS AGUINALDO BEEN MURDERED?

Rumor Comes to Us by Way of London.

DISCREDITED IN WASHINGTON

Preparations Going on to Rush 4,500 Troops to Manila—Insurgents Have Not Recovered from Effects of Defeat at Las Pinas.

London, June 16.—A rumor is published here that followers of General Luna, the Filipino leader who was killed by Aguinaldo's guard a few days ago, have assassinated Aguinaldo.

Washington, June 16.—That General Otis may be able to renew as soon as possible active operations against the insurgents, the War Department has issued special orders directing the immediate preparation of transports to carry to the Philippines nearly 4,500 more troops. The first step in this direction was taken yesterday, when the Quartermaster's Department re-chartered the Zealandia and Valencia for service between San Francisco and Manila.

In order that there shall be no delay in the fitting up of the transports now at San Francisco a special order has been telegraphed Major Long, superintendent of army transport service at San Francisco, saying: "Make special effort to have the Zealandia refitted as quickly as possible for return to Manila. It is very important that the Sheridan, Pennsylvania and Zealandia be ready for service at the earliest date practicable."

It is regarded as necessary for a successful carrying out of General Otis' plans that his army in the Philippines be reinforced just as quickly as possible. The vessels named in the dispatch to Major Long will be able to get away from San Francisco by July 1 at the latest. With the troops assigned to them they should reach Manila before the end of the first week in August.

The Nineteenth Infantry will probably be the next regiment to leave San Francisco after the departure of the remainder of the Fourth Cavalry, Fourteenth Infantry and the eight companies each of the Twenty-fourth and Twenty-fifth Infantry. The Nineteenth Infantry has been assigned to go to Manila on the Hancock, which has not yet left the Philippines for San Francisco.

It is apparent from General Otis' reports that the Filipino insurgents have not yet recovered from their defeat at Las Pinas. They not only suffered severe loss through killed and wounded, but in their retreat were compelled to abandon considerable ammunition and several cannon. Just where they will make their next stand is uncertain. They have already retreated a considerable distance from Manila, and officers of the War Department believe that they will not again organize for an attack on the city.

There is some anxiety to know just where Aguinaldo has re-established his headquarters. Just before the return of General Lawton's forces from the campaign north of San Isidro, Aguinaldo was reported to be at Tarlac. The renewal of attacks upon the American forces in the vicinity of Calumpit and San Fernando does not alarm the department, however, as General MacArthur is in that part of the country with nearly a complete division, comprising nearly 7,000 troops. If the insurgents have been able to perfect an organization in the Calumpit country it is more than probable that General MacArthur will advance upon them, and that the next battle to be fought will be in that vicinity.

The War Department is without official information regarding the reported assassination of Aguinaldo. The report is not believed to be true.

MAY BE INFANTICIDE.

New Born Child Disappears Mysteriously—New Building to Be Erected for Conservatory of Music.

Durham, N. C., June 16.—Special—From the present outlook it seems that a case of infanticide may come from West Durham. Those implicated in the affair are white people and come from a well known family in Alamance county. The facts in the case show: Irene, daughter of T. D. Jones, who lives in the settlement around West Durham, became a mother yesterday morning, and since then the child has disappeared. The young woman has about reached her majority and is not married. For this reason it is thought that the child was concealed its birth. Mrs. Jones, however, says that the child was born dead and was carried off by a negro woman and buried. She does not know where. This admission was made after numerous denials, in which she stated very positively that no child had been born. The Jones woman was arrested this afternoon and the young mother will be arrested later.

The Southern Conservatory of Music is to have a new home. The new building will be a model of architectural beauty, and is to be erected by Mr. B. N. Duke. It will be 100x115 feet in size, containing eighteen practice rooms, fifteen sleeping rooms for boarding students, living apartments for Prof. Bryant and family, together with necessary dining rooms, kitchens, etc.

The auditorium will have a seating capacity of 400 with a stage large enough for concert purposes. It will be fitted up with the latest modern conveniences for teaching music and will be supplied with the best instruments to be had. The plans for the new Conservatory were made by Messrs. Hook & Sawyer, of Charlotte, and the contract will be let at an early date. The building will be located on West Main street, near Main Street Methodist church.

Captain J. B. Hunter, one of the editors of the Durham Recorder, left this morning for Kittrell to join Mrs. Hunter, who is on a visit there, and to celebrate the forty-third year of his marriage. From Kittrell Captain Hunter will go on a trip through South Carolina in the interest of his paper.

Mrs. Dr. J. T. McCracken received a telegram from Caldwell Institute this morning stating that her father, Mr. T. J. Hall was quite ill and not expected to recover. Both Dr. and Mrs. McCracken have left for the bedside of Mr. Hall.

Dr. W. C. Tyree, pastor of the First Baptist church, is in Oxford attending the bedside of Mrs. Tyree, who is quite ill. During his absence his pulpit will be filled by Rev. C. L. Dowell, of Society Hill, S. C.

PRICES HIGH IN VIEW OF SCARCITY

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Bids for County Bridge Bonds Still Coming in—Numerous Enquiries from Outlets About the New Township and City Bond Issues.

"I tell you the investors are hot after our bonds." So said County Treasurer Bailey P. Williamson yesterday afternoon as he passed into the courthouse with his evening mail, which contained additional bids for the county bridge construction bonds, which were awarded to Grimes & Vass at noon Thursday, at 122.85.

The Post saw a bid just received by the treasurer (that giving here too late) which came all the way from Detroit, Mich., the bidder (Richard Babby) offering par and 874.

That sum wouldn't have fetched 'em by several points, and so the bidder really lost nothing by the delay in getting in his bid.

SPAIN'S GREAT MISTAKE.

Blanco Will Never Cease to Regret That Peace Was Concluded So Soon.

Madrid, June 16.—Replying to a violent attack by Count Almenas on the Generals who took part in the recent war, General Blanco, formerly Captain General of Cuba, made a speech in the Senate today in which he blamed the Liberal government for concluding peace before the war really began. He said that he himself might have led 150,000 men to the field, and continued the war on his own account. He did not do so because he respected discipline, but it was a mistake which he should regret all his life.

RECIPROcity TREATY SIGNED.

Washington, June 16.—The first of the reciprocity treaties negotiated under the Dingley bill was signed in the diplomatic room of the State Department today. It provided for reciprocal trade exchanges between the British colony of Barbadoes and the United States. A reciprocity agreement in the form of a treaty was made some time ago under the authority conveyed in the Dingley bill with France.

STRIKERS ATTACK STREET CARS.

Cleveland, O., June 16.—Riding of a violent character continued today. The mobs of strikers and their sympathizers repeatedly attacked cars at various points in the city, throwing all sorts of missiles, including eggs. Even shop girls joined in the attacks on non-union men and several of the latter deserted the cars. A number of cars were more or less wrecked. Several arrests were made.

JOHN BERRY HANGED FOR MURDER.

Mariboro, Md., June 16.—John Berry, a colored boy, was hanged in the jail here shortly after 10 o'clock this morning for the murder of Miss Clark, of Howie. The crime was committed March 18, when Berry also attempted to kill his victim's sister.

CAR BUILDERS ADJOURN.

Newport News, June 16.—The National Association of Master Carbuilders, which has been in session at Old Point for the past three days, adjourned today, after election of officers. A. Schroyer was chosen president.

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Lexington, Ky., June 16.—There is no truth in the reported shooting of Jim Howard, leader of the Howard faction of the Baker-Howard feud. He is alive and well and was seen today in Manchester.

STORER RECEIVED BY THE QUEEN.

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THE PRESIDENT OFF FOR TWO WEEKS.

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