

STRUCK A SNAG

Philippines Commission Encounters Opposition at Iloilo

BUT HAS ITS OWN WAY

A Native General Made Governor—Aguinaldo Prepares a Manifesto Advising His Followers to Submit

Iloilo, April 11.—5:15 p. m.—In its work of pacification and establishing civil governments the Philippines Commission has met with opposition here. The commissioners held a lively session lasting two days, although the matter under discussion was purely of routine nature. Ex-Supreme Court Judge Melian, during the proceedings, made a most bitter attack on the American tax system and caused quite a stir for a time.

The commission, however, finally succeeded in suppressing opposition and organized a provincial government with present salaried officials in the archipelago. The appointment of governor was conferred upon ex-General Delgado, who is to receive a salary of \$3,000 a year. Lieutenant Thompson of the 28th infantry was appointed treasurer, and is to receive a salary equal to that of the governor.

The commission has a long itinerary ahead for its work of establishing civil governments in other parts of the archipelago.

Aguinaldo Still a Prisoner

Manila, April 11.—Col. Velliar, Aguinaldo's chief of staff, and Dr. Barcelona, ex-treasurer of the Philippine government, who were captured at the same time General Funston made a prisoner of their chief, were liberated today.

Aguinaldo will probably be removed in a few days to a private home in the vicinity of Malacanang where he is provisionally held as a prisoner under guard.

It is said that Aguinaldo fears the vengeance of the friends of General Luna, who was assassinated by order of Aguinaldo, and that the authorities are afraid to let him out of their hands. The authorities refuse to say a word on the subject and their actions are not explained.

It is said that Aguinaldo has prepared a brief manifesto to the Filipinos in which he advises them to submit and giving the reasons therefor. He acknowledges the incapacity of the Filipinos to govern themselves and advises the leaders, for their best interest, to give in. This manifesto is being translated into Tagalog, Spanish and English, but it is not known whether it has as yet been signed by Aguinaldo.

The strike of the native employees of the Manila-Dagupan Railroad for an increase of fifty per cent in their wages has been settled.

Senor Buenavista, one of the leaders of the federal party, announces that he intends to renounce politics. He refused to call and see Aguinaldo. Senor Paterno, head of the new autonomy party, promises to organize a new party after the conclusion of peace. The object of this party will be to secure territorial form of government.

Two Provinces Cleared

Washington, April 11.—Adjutant General Corbin received the following cablegram from General MacArthur at Manila:

"Colonel Arees surrendered at Castillejos yesterday, 233 soldiers, 12 officers and arms. This and surrender Colonel Alva at Orongapo April 8, with 13 officers, 304 men and 92 rifles, frees both Butuan and Zamboanga provinces."

Jumped Their Bonds

Washington, April 11.—Patrick Walsh and William Lynch, charged with embezzlement, when called in the police court today failed to appear and forfeited bonds of \$500 each. Walsh and Lynch were employed as waiters at the Gordon Hotel. It is alleged that they presented fraudulent checks to guests. For instance to a patron who used \$10 worth of food or drink, the waiters would present a check for \$15. Then they would turn \$10 into the house and keep the \$5.

TAYLOR SURPRISED

His Recollection of His Conversation with Ripley

Indianapolis, Ind., April 11.—W. S. Taylor, formerly governor of Kentucky, was greatly surprised today when he learned of the testimony given by former Governor Bradley and Judge Yost in the trial of Captain Ripley at Frank-

fort regarding his statements. He said: "Of course I know nothing about what Captain Ripley said to Governor Bradley, but I do know what was said by me to Mr. Ripley. On Monday, January 29, 1900, Ripley came to my office and, I think, said he was looking for General Collier. He then told me he had made up a company of State militia composed of good men. I responded that I was glad of it because public excitement was running so high in Frankfort that a riot was liable to be precipitated at any time, and in the event such a thing should occur his company was near and could reach Frankfort quickly and thus aid in preserving peace. This is substantially what was said.

"Governor Bradley never said anything to me about his and Ripley's conversation."

ACCOUNTS IN A BAD WAY

Postal Affairs in the Philippines to Be Overhauled

Washington, April 11.—Secretary Root notified the Post Office Department that the accounts of the postal service in the Philippines were in a most unsatisfactory condition. Mr. Root stated further in his letter to Postmaster General Smith that a number of clerks had been assigned to the work of going over the accounts, and it possible to adjust them. The announcement comes in the nature of a surprise, since government officials have all along asserted that postal affairs in the Philippines were in an excellent condition.

Mr. Root received his information from A. L. Lawshe, the special auditor who investigated the Cuban postal affairs and who was later sent to the Philippines to inspect the postal service there. In a report from Mr. Lawshe the statement is made that the accounts of the services have been found to be in an unsatisfactory shape. Mr. Lawshe has been instructed to begin at once a thorough investigation, and he will be furnished as many clerks as he desires in order to facilitate the work. It is understood that in his report Mr. Lawshe gives no intimation of the discovery of frauds, but confines himself to the simple announcement of "the unsatisfactory" condition of the accounts.

The last inspection made of the Philippine postal service, according to a statement received at the War Department, covered the period from May 1, 1898 to June 30, 1900. This inspection was made by Major S. C. Mills, of the inspector general's department, and his report was to the effect that the service was in excellent condition.

MADE IT MUTUAL

President Loubet and Duke of Genoa Ticked Each Other

Toulon, April 11.—In behalf of the King of Italy, the Duke of Genoa today distributed a number of decorations to the French ministers and military, naval and civil officers.

President Loubet spent the early part of the day in making a tour of the hospitals, and afterward received at the town hall delegations from the Toulon societies. He also distributed medals to workmen who had been thirty years in the same employ.

At noon President Loubet boarded the Lepanto, the Italian flagship, and lunched with the Duke of Genoa. The latter, in toasting the chief executive of France, said:

"Permit me, Mr. President, to express to you my acknowledgment of the very cordial and sympathetic welcome accorded by France to myself and to the squadron under my command. I shall retain an unalterably happy recollection of this magnificent reception. I drink to France and to her armies on land and sea, and I also desire to express my high regard for yourself personally."

Before he resumed his seat the Duke touched glasses with President Loubet and the two warmly clasped hands.

President Loubet replied: "Monsieur, I am profoundly moved by the friendship you have just expressed for the French republic and its president and by the sympathy which you show for its army and navy. It is unnecessary to repeat to you what are the feelings of the French nation toward Italy. You already know them, and I have described them to you. But I wish once more to assure you that we are profoundly touched by the evidence of friendship which His Majesty the King of Italy has given to France by sending your grand squadron here.

"I drink to the health of King Victor Emmanuel, to the royal family, to their prosperity and to the Italian fleet. I drink also to your personal health, monsieur. Just now I noticed in your cabin the pictures of those dear to you. Permit me to associate them with yourself in the good wishes I am now expressing, and to drink to the health of your entire family."

Will Be Contested

New Orleans, April 11.—W. H. Henderson, of this city, a nephew of Mrs. Josephine Newcomb, who died in New York Easter Sunday, will contest her will in a case which is to be filed here soon. Mrs. Newcomb left \$2,000,000 to Newcomb College which is a part of Tulane University. Henderson's brother and sister reside in Louisville.

Union Miners Walk Out

Wilkesbarre, April 11.—Because the superintendent at the Harry E. colliery would not allow the union men to drive the non-union men out of the mine, the entire force of 800 went on strike this morning, and the driver boys were told by the executive committee not to furnish them with cars. They do not and the superintendent discharged the boys, whereupon the whole 800 quit. They say they will not return until the non-union men are discharged.

THE CAUSE OF IT DEWET DEMENTED

Minister Loomis on Trouble with Venezuela.

MONEY AT THE BOTTOM HIS MEN DISCOURAGED

Claims Collected in Favor of American Citizens, and the Government Resentful in Consequence.

San Juan, April 11.—Considerable interest was created here yesterday by the arrival of the gunboat Scorpion from Venezuela with Mr. Loomis, United States minister to that country, on board. Mr. Loomis, who is accompanied by his wife, will sail for New York today on the steamship Caracas.

Minister Loomis, in a statement, said today that the trouble between Venezuela and the United States originated over a demand for the payment of claims of Americans amounting to \$100,000. He followed the instructions he received from the State Department at Washington, pressed the claims and finally collected the money. The ill feeling that now exists was a result of this action, and brought about the revocation of the Orinoco concessions.

Mr. Loomis denies that he has been recalled from his post, and says that he is merely on a vacation. He went so far as to say that although President Castro is anti-American, it is only fair to state that he controls the situation in Venezuela at present. He said that Americans suffer many injustices in the Venezuela courts.

There are now many warships in the harbor of La Guayana, probably in anticipation of trouble, although affairs were comparatively quiet when Mr. Loomis left the country.

Fell from the Dome

Buffalo, April 11.—Michael Hohenstein, a sub-contractor engaged in putting flag-staffs on the Pan-American Exposition buildings, was killed this morning by a fall from the dome of the government building. He is the second man killed, and his death occurred at almost the same spot where William Highlander was killed two months ago. Hohenstein fell 160 feet. He was thirty-five years old.

Strike Threatened

Youngstown, O., April 11.—Unless the engineers, firemen and water tenders employed at the plants of the Republic Iron and Steel Company here are granted increases in wages ranging from 15 to 25 cents a day they threaten to strike next Monday. A strike would throw about 3,000 men out of employment.

King Oscar as Arbitrator

Washington, April 11.—King Oscar of Norway and Sweden has accepted the post of arbitrator on the Samoan claims of the United States, Great Britain and Germany, although it has been made known that his illness for some time back has thus far prevented his giving active consideration to the subject. The German case has been made up and is now at Stockholm.

Two Ohio Men Fixed

Washington, April 11.—The President today made the following appointments: State—Robert P. Skinner of Ohio to be consul general of the United States at Marseilles, France; Oliver J. D. Hughes, of Connecticut to be consul general of the United States at Coburg, Germany; Francis G. Gessner of Ohio, to be consul of the United States at Zittau, Germany.

Union Men Fired

Milwaukee, April 11.—All the steamship engineers employed by the company of which William Fitzgerald is president, which operates a large fleet from this port, have been discharged because they struck by their union, and Fitzgerald is trying to fill their places with non-union men.

A Million for Education

Chicago, April 11.—Armour institute has been enriched by a gift of \$1,000,000 in cash and securities by Mrs. P. D. Armour and J. Ogden Armour. Added to property amounting to between \$3,500,000 and \$4,000,000 given by P. D. Armour during his life time, the gift makes the total resources of the institute almost \$5,000,000.

First Claim Filed

Washington, April 11.—The first claim presented to the Spanish war claims committee was filed today. The claimant is Maria S. E. Martinez, and the amount is \$216,000, the stated value of personal and other property connected with a sugar plantation in Cuba which was destroyed during the late insurrection in the island.

Early Reports Confirmed by Later Dispatches

CONDITION OF THE BURGER TROOPS DESCRIBED AS PITIABLE—CLAMORS FOR PEACE HEARD IN THE RANKS

Berlin, April 11.—The report concerning the insanity of General DeWet and the desperate condition of the Boer forces left in the field is confirmed by the Cape Town correspondent of the Frankfurter Zeitung. The correspondent endorses everything that has been printed in the English newspapers concerning the matter and admits that General DeWet is actually mad and that the burgher troops are in a pitiable condition.

Dispatches from Cape Town say that the rank and file of DeWet's men and the soldiers under the other burgher leaders are greatly depressed. General DeWet, the correspondent states, is so distracted by the misfortunes of his cause that he can really be described as a mad man and it is feared that unless the war soon comes to an end he may become violent.

He notes also in fear of his life even among his own troops, according to the reports, and is surrounded by a chosen body of his most trusted adherents both day and night. It is said that DeWet never permits this body guard to leave him, as he fears that there may be traitors in his ranks who have been hired by the British to put him out of the way as the most speedy method of ending hostilities.

Even from DeWet's own ranks, the correspondent says, there is frequently heard bitter complaints and loud clamors for peace, and this serves to greatly irritate the Boer commander, who, though being hunted by the British and suffering from the exposures of the field, has lost his self command and is no longer the intrepid leader who planned so many brilliant movements against his English adversaries.

A dispatch from Pretoria says that the convoy which left that place March 27, with supplies and an enormous accumulation of mail, reached Rustenburg safely. The convoy was sniped all along the route to its destination, but because of its strong escort was not openly attacked by the Boers.

A Boer force numbering about nine hundred men was seen hurrying toward the north during the journey. A reconnaissance was made in their direction and a long-occupied camp which had just been evacuated was discovered by the British escort.

The convoy reached Pretoria yesterday on the return trip, bringing with it a large number of Boer refugees. These refugees were accompanied by their families and most of them brought all their possessions.

CHICAGO WANTS SKOOG

He Is a Bad Man, and an Expert Counterfeiter

Chicago, April 11.—Upon receiving news of the capture in New York of John Albert Skoog, who is pronounced by officials of the United States Secret Service as one of the most expert counterfeiters, Captain Porter, of the United States Secret Service, located in this city, at once made arrangements to have him returned to Chicago for trial.

Judge Kohnsaat issued a bench warrant for the prisoner, and a copy of the indictment, which was found several years ago, was mailed to the authorities in the east.

The arrest was considered of so much importance that a cablegram was sent to the authorities in Sweden who have been wanting to take possession of Skoog as soon as the United States government got through with him.

MURDER OR ACCIDENT

German Officer Mysteriously Killed in Peking

Berlin, April 11.—According to dispatches from Peking, Captain Bartsch, of the Second regiment of infantry, was either murdered or killed by accident yesterday in the Chinese capital. The first dispatch said that the captain was assassinated while riding his horse near the summer palace, and it was inferred that hostile Chinese were guilty of the crime. His body was recovered.

Another account of the affair was received later which stated that an inquiry had been opened to discover the cause of the officer's mysterious death and that the evidence thus far tends to show that it was the result of an accident, although none of the particulars are given in the dispatches. Enquiries have been made from here

regarding the recent reports that a rebellion of Chinese troops under command of General Tung Fu Hsiang had broken out and was assuming threatening proportions and causing a great deal of alarm in Peking. According to the Peking correspondent of the Lokal Anzeiger, the foreign authorities at the capital emphatically deny the report.

A dispatch from Peking says that the British fourth infantry brigade is being broken up and that the Bikanir and Al War imperial service regiments will soon start for India. The other regiments composing the brigade will, it is said, be attached to Lord Campbell's command.

CHURCH AND SCHOOL

Catholics Attack American Educational Legislation

Chicago, April 11.—Educational legislation in the United States was attacked today in the discussion at the Roman Catholic educational conference as being unfair, partial and prejudicial to the private rights of individuals and to religious institutions in the tendency of the laws to absolute state control of schools.

The educators urged combined and earnest action to extend and perfect the Roman Catholic educational system and protect the institutions championing it, in order to win out in the competition between the secular and church institutions. It was claimed by the speakers that the present time is the most critical one to determine the supremacy or weakening of the church educational system.

Detailed accounts of the laws enacted in different States relative to education and those now being proposed were considered, and their tendencies prejudicial to the church institutions, it was asserted, were pointed out. The free text books, the bureau of education, the national educational association, the State control of private schools and colleges were discussed in connection with the subject.

Prof. E. J. Ryan of Mount St. Mary's College, Emmitsburg, Md., read a paper on "Teaching of English in College," in which he pleaded for the purity and thoroughness of the language.

Cool Commencement Togs

Madison, Wis., April 11.—Considerable feeling has been aroused in the University by the senior law class today adopting linen dusters and straw hats as the official garb at commencement instead of cap and gown.

DETERMINED TO DIE

A Well Dressed Stranger Who Would Not Be Thwarted

Kansas City, April 11.—An unknown, well-dressed stranger who killed himself here today was a most determined and resourceful suicide. The only clue to his identity is a gilt-edged initial "H" in his hat. His clothing was made by Fred Benjamins & Co. of New York. This morning he called at the home of Mrs. Lilly Scott, who lives opposite the Union cemetery in the southern part of this city. "Lend me a revolver, please," he said, when a quiet rapping had brought Mrs. Scott to her back door.

"I have none," said Mrs. Scott. "Well, a butcher-knife will do," said the caller. "I want to kill myself."

"You go right away!" cried Mrs. Scott. "Oh, well," he said, "this will do," and he turned and stole fifteen or twenty feet of her clothes line. Then he went to a vacant lot two hundred feet away. There was a scrubby oak tree there, ten or fifteen feet high. Under this the man stood. He tied one end of the rope to a crotch, where a branch stuck out just about the height of his head. Mrs. Scott shrieked and brought two other women from their homes. They shrieked too. The man paid no heed. He threw the loose end of the rope about his neck, drew wit taut and then coolly bent his knees and dangled there while the horrified women looked on helplessly.

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Wedded in Greensboro

Greensboro, N. C., April 11.—Special-Assistant Postmaster John D. Pannill and Miss Mary Withers of Reidsville, were married at Hotel Guilford this evening. Rev. W. C. Newton performed the ceremony in the presence of a few friends. Mr. and Mrs. Pannill left tonight on a bridal trip to Washington.

Cornered and Confessed

Washington, April 11.—A sequel to the finding of a large amount of mail matter at Ocean Grove, N. J. about a week ago is furnished in the following dispatch received today by Chief Post Office Inspector Cochran from Acting Inspector King at New York: "Inspectors Kyle, Jacobs and myself have just caused the arrest of Thomas Marshall, mail messenger at branch post office Station G, New York City, who stole letters from Station G, March 31, which he rifled and threw overboard and were subsequently found on the beach at Ocean Grove, N. J. Depredations large. Makes a full confession."

OLD AND WEAK

Transport Jerome Is Four Days Overdue.

MANY TROOPS ABOARD

War Department Officials Are Concerned for the Safety of the Ship and Her Passengers, Coming from Manila

Washington, April 11.—Officials of the War Department are greatly concerned over the whereabouts of the government transport Jerome, which is now four days overdue and has not been sighted since she left Honolulu. The vessel left Manila March 9 and carried eleven companies of the Twenty-sixth Infantry, about nine hundred men, not including officers, who had served their time in the Philippines and were to be mustered out in San Francisco. The regiment is commanded by Lieutenant-Colonel Dickman and was enlisted at Plattsburg, N. Y. Nearly all of those composing the eleven companies are from New England, the majority being from Boston, Lowell, Lawrence and other Massachusetts cities.

General Bird, chief of the army transport service, stated today that he did not understand why the vessel should be so long overdue. He admitted that the transport was not a first-class vessel, and that her machinery was old and weak.

In the event of the Jerome having encountered a severe storm in mid-ocean the officials fear that she may have met with a mishap which would seriously disable her.

Old Thing Went Off

Philadelphia, April 11.—F. A. Ballinger, a wealthy retired business man and politician, accidentally shot and killed himself this morning. He was cleaning an old gun and "did not know it was loaded."

Used a Clothes Line

Monmouth, Ill., April 11.—Mrs. Altha C. Lyons, wife of the president Monmouth College, committed suicide last evening by hanging herself with a clothes line. She was about 50 years old. Her rash act is ascribed to failing health and her anxiety over her husband's prospects for re-appointment.

Not Disposed to Talk

London, April 11.—Mr. J. P. Morgan arrived here at 4:30 o'clock this afternoon. He was accompanied by his son, his daughter-in-law and two grandchildren. They were met by three carriages and one detective to watch over Mr. Morgan during his stay here. Their luggage filled three vans. Mr. Morgan refused to be interviewed.

Cooped Up Garrison Relieved

Cape Town, April 11.—The British garrison at Hoopstad in the northwestern part of Orange River Colony, which has practically been isolated for some months, has been relieved by a column under Lord Erroll and withdrawn. The fortifications at the place were destroyed and nearly all of the inhabitants quit the town. Lord Erroll's column surprised the Boers at Kareepan, killing seven of them.

Gen. Sir Frederick Forestier-Walker, the base commander here, will sail for England next week on a flying visit.

A BOY GIVES THE CLUE

Evidence Found That Will Convict a Murderer

Wilkesbarre, April 11.—Today when Detective Jones had almost given up hope of finding the connecting link between Michael Crook and the crime of which he is suspected, the murder of Adam Rhodes, a five year old boy placed him on the right track. He now believes that he will be able to convict Crook. He has found the knife with which the murder was done and it belongs to the suspect. He had searched Crook's house for it in vain, and as he was leaving exclaimed to the family: "I want Crook's knife; where is it?" The older folks looked wise and said nothing, but a five year old lad (Crook's nephew) cried out "My mother has it." Detective Jones found the brother at work in a mine. He is 15 years old. He readily gave up the knife and told the story of how he got it. He said that on Tuesday about 12 hours after the murder he saw his uncle robbing the knife on a stone to clean it of something, and that he evidently could not do so as he finally threw it away in the bushes. He got it and had shown his prize to no one but his little brother. Dr. Mengel, who made the post-mortem, says the knife which made the wound struck the collar bone a heavy blow and turned off. On the blade and about the casing were some dark stains and in the hinge was congealed blood, which Dr. C. F. Minor is now analyzing.

Jones and the district attorney feel sure that Crook is the guilty man and Matt Cooper who was the sole witness to the murder and has been under suspicion is much relieved.