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GUN BOAT IN A TRAP.

LOOTED, SCUTTLED AND BURNED BY INSURGENTS.

General Bates Places Garrisons at Two Points in Tawi Tawi Group—Natives Want to Make Terms Before Giving Their Adhesion to American Authority.

MANILA, Sept. 25.—A boat's crew of the gunboat Petrel proceeded down the Pasig River this morning. They found the gunboat Urdaneta burned and riddled by insurgents. The wreck was lying opposite Orant. The boat had not been heard from for ten days. A Colt automatic, a Nordenfeldt and a one pounder had been taken off. The crew of one officer and nine men were missing.

The Urdaneta had been patrolling the shore on the north side of Manila bay. Her long continued absence had caused great anxiety, as it was thought that her coal had been exhausted. A search for her was then decided upon. Natives who were interrogated by Lieutenant Franklin in command of the gunboat Laguna de Bay, told that officer that the Urdaneta had bombarded the town of Orani Sunday and the crew had been landed to take possession, when they were seized by a large body of insurgents who had laid a trap for them. According to the natives, the prisoners were then removed to Porace, and the gunboat was at once looted and scuttled.

Dispatches From General Otis.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 25.—The following dispatches from General Otis were received at the War Department yesterday and today:—

Manila, Sept. 24.

Adjutant General, Washington: General Bates returned from Jolo the 21st instant, having placed garrisons at Siassi and Bungam. Tawi Tawi group; one company at each place. Affairs in the archipelago are satisfactory. Bates said that the chief insurgents at Zamboanga were still anxious to have a United States garrison on condition of withdrawal should Aguinaldo succeed in Luzon. The proposition was not entertained. Zamboanga is having trouble with more Dats in the vicinity who have raised the United States flag. A Dato from Cagayan, Sulu Islands, visited Jolo, gave his adhesion and desired to raise the American flag on the island. The American flag will be raised there.

I am ready to give 6 months' notice in order to establish the archipelago customs regulations under the protocol with Spain, Germany and Great Britain of 1885. Bates will report by mail.

OTIS.

Manila, Sept. 25.

Adjutant General, Washington: General Hughes, at Iloilo, reports that Lopez and sixty-four armed men surrendered at Byrne at Castellano, Negros. An election will be held in that island October 2nd. The chief insurgents at Panay wished to know what promise could be given them in case of formal submission. They were told that no arrangement was possible until they surrendered and their force disbanded.

OTIS.

The Navy Department has received no official confirmation of the press report that the U. S. gunboat Urdaneta has been captured by the Filipino insurgents.

With many men religion never gets above the knees.

HOBART TO QUIT POLITICS.

Vice-President's Health Requires Retirement.

NEW YORK, September 26.—The Press says:—

"It is possible that Vice-President Hobart may be unable to be president of the next session of the United States Senate.

"More than that is now recognized as a serious probability that he will not be in a physical condition to accept the nomination as the running mate of President McKinley in the next campaign.

"The disease from which Hobart suffers is a kidney trouble, not acute, but of a form requiring absolute rest for a long time. The fact has been known to his friends, but this is the first announcement that his illness is so serious as to threaten an actual withdrawal from the duties of his public position. The illness began with an attack of the grip in Georgia last spring. He returned thence to Washington, where he suffered a relapse, being confined to his house for several weeks. Then he went to Long Branch and recovered sufficiently to join his friends and the President during a part of his outing at Lake Champlain.

"Since his return last Tuesday to his home in Patterson, Carroll Hall, the vice president has not visited his office in the Savings Bank building. It is said that he can make no effort without exhaustion. His private secretary says:—

"The trouble with Mr. Hobart is that as soon as he feels strong enough to work he pitches in so hard that he makes himself ill again."

"It is now nearly six months since the vice president, despite the long period of rests has been able to devote time continuously to business."

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Examinations.

On Thursday the 12th of October 1899 will be the regular time for the examination of applicants to teach in the Public Schools of Person County. Thursday will be for the white, Friday for the colored. Civil Government has been added to the branches to be taught in the Public Schools. Roxboro, Sept. 27 '99.

G. F. HOLLOWAY,
Co. Supt. Schools.

Died.

Near Big Sandy, Tennessee Sept. 13, 1899. Mrs. Femia J. Har, wife of Judson Hargis, formerly of Person County, N. C. She leaves a husband and several children and grandchildren, in Tennessee, and several relatives in N. C. She was a daughter of Rev. Ingram Chandler.

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TWO NOTES TO MILNER.

ENGLAND'S REPLY TO PROPOSALS OF THE TRANSVAAL.

Great Britain Will Not Countenance the Contention That the Transvaal is An Independent State—England Feels Compelled to Formulate Her Own Proposals For Settlement of the Matters at Issue.

LONDON, Sept. 25.—The text of two dispatches sent to British High Commissioner Milner in South Africa early after adjournment of the cabinet Friday have been published.

The first expresses regret at the refusal of the Transvaal to accept the moderate and conciliatory offer of England, and says that England has not asserted any rights of interference in the internal affairs of the Transvaal other than those derived from the conventions between the conventions between the two countries, but has been compelled by the action of the Transvaal, in asserting right to be a sovereign international State, to absolutely repudiate this claim. The note goes on to say that the object England had in view in the recent negotiations was to secure the rights which the Transvaal had promised to accord Uitlanders, and which England secured for them when she granted the privilege of self government to the Transvaal. It declares that the refusal of the Transvaal to accept England's offer makes it useless to further pursue the discussion, and England is compelled to consider the situation afresh and formulate her own proposals for the settlement of the issues, which will be communicated later.

The second note repudiates the charge of bad faith, insinuated in the letter from the secretary of the state of the Transvaal against Milner. It refers to proposals made by the secretary of the state of Transvaal in regard to a joint inquiry and the alternative proposals of England, and says that the British government is unable to see any grounds for misapprehension as to its answer in regard to non interference, and suzerainty. With regard to the use of the English language in the Transvaal Volksraad, the note says that it seems to the English government as reasonable a proposition as to allow Dutch members to use their own language. It expresses astonishment that the Transvaal should characterize the use of the English language by Uitlander members as unnecessary.

Robbed the Grave.

A startling incident of which Mr. John Oliver of Philadelphia, was the subject, is narrated by him as follows: "I was in a most dreadful condition. My skin was almost yellow, eyes sunken—gradually growing weaker day by day. Three physicians had given me up. Fortunately, a friend advised trying 'Electric Bitters,' and to my great joy and surprise, the first bottle made a decided improvement. I continued their use for three weeks, and am now a well man. I know they saved my life, and robbed the grave of another victim." No one should fail to try them. Only 50 cents per bottle at J. De Morris' Drug Store. 5

Can he forget the dewy eve,
In purple twilight soft and still,
The old man made him take his leave,
And kicked him half way down the hill.

Scandal is the worst form of rascality of the tongue.

YAQUIS BADLY DEFEATED.

Mexican Troops Have Two Battles With Indians.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., September 24.—Official reports of two battles between Mexiaans and Yaquis have just been received here. General Luis Torres had declared the campaign suspended until October, but the Yaquis were not consulted on that point. Lorenzo Torres also appears to have made different arrangements.

On September 14 Lorenzo Torres crossed the river to Vicam, a town supposed to have been captured by Luis Torres in August, and found the Indians. They attacked his rear guard and a running fight ensued. The report says the Indians were dispersed and nine killed. The Mexicans loss were five killed and nine wounded, among the latter Lieutenant Colonel Nararro, of the Eleventh battalion, one of the best officers on the Mexican side.

The report of a battle on the 18th comes from another source, also official, and its statements of the number killed may be accredited. According to this report the forces under Colonel Hernandez, number not stated, encountered 1,000 Indians near Lake Zauueca, a small lagoon between Torin and Potam. The Indians retired from the open field and sought cover in the thick woods, where the combat raged for more than two hours, beginning at 6 o'clock in the morning. The report says the Indians were defeated and dispersed, leaving on the field 87 dead.

The Mexican losses are stated as fourteen soldiers killed and thirty-six wounded. Julian Espinosa, captain to the Yaquis and Tetebiates a lieutenant in the ten years war, was killed.

Advertising Talk.

A newspaper reflects the character of the age in which it flourishes. It may be termed a mirror in which mankind see themselves. People read it because it is an essential feature of their daily existence, and they become more interested in it. The local news, editorial and general news pages are a constant source of instruction and entertainment. At the same time the readers of a popular newspaper take an especial interest in the advertising columns as conducted in these days of push and enterprise. These business announcements are perused eagerly not only because they furnish information to intending buyers but also for the reason that they are indicative of the growth of domestic trade.

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