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PASIG AND TAQUIG FALL BEFORE AMERICAN VALOR.

Ballant Conduct of Washington Volunteers-Hundreds Killed or Captured-Gen. Otis Pleased.

Manila, March 15 .- Pasig and Taquig were again taken this morning after a desperate encounter with the rebels.' In the fight several hundred were either killed or captured, and the Filipino forces at these points completely routed.

Pateros was taken and occupied before dawn by the Washington Volunteers. They formed for a night attack, crossed the river, and without a break suddenly fell upon the insurgents, who had returned after being shelled out of the place yesterday by the gunboats.

The Washington Volunteers had one man killed and one wounded, while in Pateros twelve of the enemy were killed and eleven captured.

#### Fierce Fighting this Morning.

The fighting around Taquig this morning was terribly fierce. Wheaton's brigade attacked the insurgents who had concentrated there and completely routed them, after the most severe fighting.

After the battle Wheaton's forces pushed forward and occupied Pasig and Taquig.

The American losses are not yet fully reported.

General Otis is highly pleased at the result obtained, and pronounces this the greatest victory won since the 15th of February.

The later reports from the scene of Wheaton's battles indicate that the Filipinos force numbered four thous-

# Dead Bodies Float Down the River.

Manila, March 15.-It is now known that the Filipinos had, a force of over two thousand in the engagement just closed at Pasig. Three hundred and fifty insurgents were captured, while many of the bodies of the rebels killed are floating down the river.

To-day's fighting is like that of last week. The insurgents occasionally make a stand, but eventually they flee. Their losses now are supposed to be small, as the Americans are unable to see the enemy because of the thickets.

The progress of the Americans is slow this morning, as they were fighting from Taquig.

# "HOLD UP YOUR HANDS!"

Waverly, N. Y., March 13.—At 2 o'clock this morning eleven masked men entered the power house of the Waverly Sayre-Athens Traction Co., and ordered three employees there to hold up their hands. Having tied them, they placed them in empty cars, where they were secured by ropes tied around their necks and to handle bars.

Leaving one man on guard, they blew open the safes, three in number, and secured one hundred and seventy-five dollars in cash. At 4 o'clock one man freed his hands and released the rest.

#### A ROAD ACROSS THE STATE.

The Real Object of the North and South Carolina Railroad.

Richmond, March 11.—A Danville special to the Dispatch says it develops there from reliable sources, that the North & South Carolina Railroad, recently chartered by the former State, and which, it was given out, was to be a local road, to develop copper mining and milling interests, is really intended to connect the Atlantic & Danville road with with the Plant System. The idea is to form a line across North Carolina that will give a system in competing the Southern road, the Seaboard Air Line and the Atlantic Coast Line. The new road, is said to be heavily backed by English capital.

#### " Am Not Hobson."

Brenham, Tex., March 10.-Hon, Wm. J. Bryan passed through here to-day en route to Houston, where he spoke tonight. The crowd surged about him and shook hands with

Miss Ruby Gardner, a young lady of this city, wanted to vary the form of saluting the distinguished Nebras-

"Mr. Bryan," Miss Gardner blushidgly said, as she edged up to him in the throng, "will you give me a kiss?"

. Mr. Bryan was surprised for a moment, but, recovering himself, he replied: "You will have to excuse me, my dear young woman, I am not Hobson."

The girl withdrew, her face crimson.—Baltimore Sun.

# China is Coy.

Pekin, China, March 13.—Tsung Li Yamen, in reply to the Italian minister's communication demanding a lease of San Mun Bay, sent a note yesterday to Italy's representative asking him to return China's original despatch in regard to Italy's demands. No indication was given of China's willingness to agree to the other points mentioned in Italy's ultimatum.

[The Italians demand a lease of San Mun Bay before will re-open friendly negotiations as to details. Four days time has been given for a reply.—EDS.]

# Spain Will Appeal to Powers.

Madrid, March 14.—The Spanish Government is preparing an appeal to the powers against Gen. Otis' order forbidding negotiations to ransom Spanish prisoners held by the Filipinos. Premier Silva and Minister of War Polavieja held another conference this morning concerning the order and decided that in addition to their appeal to the powers, They Were Bound By Their Necks to Handle | Spain would also send a protest to Washington.

# Spanish Cabinet Advice.

Madrid, March 14.-The Spanish paper, Correspondencia, says that the cabinet has advised the Queen Regent to ratify the peace treaty with the United States without waiting for the re-assembling of the

TRULY ASTONISHING.-Miss Annette N. Moen, Fountain, Minn., says: "Ayer's Cherry Pectoral has had a wonderful effect in curing my brother's children of a severe and dangerous cold. It was truly astonishing how speedily they found relief after taking this preparation."

ENGLISHMEN IN THE WEST INDIES DISGUST-ED WITH THEIR COUNTRY.

# BRITISH SUBJECTS CALL FOR AMERICAN RULE

Propose That England Trade West Indies For Philippines-Transfer For Good of All.

Washington, March 15-News has reached here that the English subjects in the West Indies are signing a memorial asking the mother country to transfer the English possessions in the West Indies to the United States and accept in exchange the Philippine Islands.

The people of these islands are fast becoming disgusted with the apathy and utter indifference of their welfare manifested by the British Government, and though Englishmen, they believe that they would be better off if the American flag floated over the islands.

### TERRIBLE SUFFERING.

#### Train Snowbound-Passengers Walk to Rescue Train.

Cheyenne, Wyo., March 15 .-Three passengers from the snowbound train near Iron Mountain, on the Chevenne & Northern railroad, arrived here to-day, having walked to the relief train, a distance of ten miles. One had his foot frozen, while all suffered from scurvy as a result of bad cooking. They are in a weakened condition, and also are victims of dysentery.

There are three women on the train-Misses Morrison and Callahan, of Cheyenne, and Miss Mary Robinson, of Galeton, Pa. It is impossible to rescue the imprisoned train for some days.

# WHEATON CAPTURES FOUR HUNDRED.

#### The Fighting Before Pasig and Parteros-The Enemy Driven Back.

Washington, March 15.—General Otis cables that three thousand rebels moved down the river during the night to the towns of Pasig and Pateros, confronting Wheaton's troops on the Pasig river line. By heavy fighting Wheaton dislodged the rebels and drove them back, taking over four hundred prisoners, and inflicting a heavy loss in killed and wounded.

He reports American losses as very moderate, and now occupies Pasig and Parteros with sufficient force to hold them.

# COMING HOME TO REST.

#### Fallen Heroes "From Santiago de Cuba on the Transport McClellan.

New York, March 14.—The transport McClellan is just in port this morning from San Juan and Ponce. On board are forty-six soldiers on furlough and the bodies of sixteen soldiers which were brought -trom Santiago. Among these is the body of the gallant Shipp of North Caroli-

# Wants Help From France.

Madrid, March 15.-Premier Silvela, in an interview, speaks with favor of the intervention of France for the purpose of obtaining the permission of the United States for Spain to resume direct negotiations with Aguinaldo for the release of the Spanish prisoners held by the rebels.

### TORNADO AT EIRMINGHAM.

Churches Wrecked and Lives, it is Feared,

Birmingham, Ala, March 15.-There was a terrible tornado that swept through a section of country near here today causing much damage to property, though at present there has been no news of loss of life, it is feared that several persons have been killed. The wires are in a bad shape on account of the storm's fury and very little news can be gained. A dozen or more dwellings and three churches were destroyed. Several tactories were unroofed at Avondale and Woodlawn, suburbs of Birmingham. Rescuing parties are being made up and will go in search of those who may have suffered from the works of the storm.

### BRYAN QUESTIONS BELMONT.

#### Wants to Know If He Has Been Converted to Silver.

New York, March 15 .- Perry Belmont, President Democratic Club, has received the following dispatch in. response to his invitation to W. J. Bryan to attend the banquet given by the club on April 13 in honor of Thomas Jefferson:

"Invitation received. Remembering that you openly repudiated the Democratic platform in the last campaign, I desire to know, before answering invitation, whether you have since the election publicly announced your conversion to the principles set torth in that platform."

This is how Mr. Belmont replied: "Invitation extended is on behalf the Democratic Club. Individual opinions have not been considered in issuing invitations to celebrate the birthday of Thomas Jefferson."

# Spoiling for a Scrap.

Pekin, March 14.—The Chinese government stremnously resists the demand of Italy for a lease of San Mun Bay. The British minister in Pekin has advised China to concur in the demand, but without avail Italy's next move is watched for with growing interest.

# Made His Own Gallows.

Atlanta, Ga., March 14.—Robert Lewis, who has four living wives, was hanged here today for the murder of R. H. Haynes last December. Lewis crected his own gallows some months ago and today mounted his own scaffold to be hung, with every manifestation of indiference.

# GOVERNOR MORA NOT TO RESIGN.

#### People of Havana Enraged Over Police Interference to Meetings in the Park.

Havana, March 15-The report that Civil Governor Mora, the Spaniard recently appointed by the United States, is to resign, is unfounded. The Cubans were very much incensed over the appointment and the nervous tension is growing. In the evenings the restleness is especially noticable when the people gather in the vtcinity of Central Park, where men congregate to talk politics. The police are under orders not to allow groups, dispersing them, which causes uncomplimentary comments and sometimes slight disturbances. They say the police are interferring with their rights and freedom.

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THEY WOKE TO FIGHT THEIR COUNTRY'S BATTLES.

# GUNBOATS ARE SHELLING FILIPINO JUNGLES.

Steady March For the Insurgent Capital-Face Volley After Volley-Dash of the Flying Column.

Manila, March 14.—This morning the march toward Panros, the second objective point of Gen. Wheaton's flying column, has begun. General Wheaton will not hold his hand till he has closed in on Malolos, the Insurgent capital.

Early this morning the forward movement toward Palma was begun, after a driving fight on the left of the church in Pasig, and the men were ready, for they had slept on their. arms ready for instant service.

Scott's battery shelled the woods on the left of Pasig church for an hour, when the twenty-second regulars were ordered to advance. Despite their twenty-four hours constant fightlng over the roughest kind of country, they swung into line with much alacrity and pushed forward rapidly. The rebels met them with repeated volleys, but these were answered in short order and the Filipinos were driven before the steady onslaught. That time might be saved the troops left the brushes and marched by the native roadways, the jungle being shelled by the gunboats as the Americans advanced.

# Trains Blockaded by Snow.

Cheyenne, Wyo., March 14.-The Cheyenne and Northern passenger train has been snow bound for three weeks, near Iron Mountain. There has been very little progress in releasing it; in fact it is no nearer now than ten days ago. The rescuing train is still over ten miles away.

In many places the snow is twelve feet deep and hard frozen.

For the past twenty-four hours thirty-five men, with picks and shovels, did not make over 150 yards. It will require several days to reach the train. The passengers are suffering no longer, as supplies have at last reached them.

# The Bones of Vallamil.

Santiago, March 13.—The bones of a Spanish officer were found among the rocks near where the wrecked Pluton lies a few days ago. Today they were identified as those of Admiral Vallamil, the commander of Spain's torpedo boat destroyers. The bones, covered with a tattered uniform, were found tied in a chair. The flesh had been eater. if by buz-

Vaillamil was wounded at the time of the destruction of Cervera's fleet. taken ashore in arm chair, and there

# NOT ENOUGH MONEY.

### Spain Says She is too Short on Cash .- Unable to Pay the Ransom.

Madrid, March 13.-It is announced here that the question of the arrangements for the release of the Spanish prisoners in the Philippines must remain in abeyance, as the ransom demanded by Aguinaldo is so enormous that the government can't come to a decision.