

TREASON IN THE AIR

Rabel Plots at Many Points in the Philippine Islands.

MANILA IS A TROUBLESOME CENTER

Some of the Insurgent Leaders Confering at the Capital Arrested.

FILIBUSTERS LAND ARMS FROM CHINA

Prominent Spanish Residents in One Province Said to Aid Rebels.

PRESIDENTS OF TOWNS ARE TRAITORS

Appointed by American Commanders They Later Renounce Allegiance—'Capture of Aguinaldo Would End the Rebellion.

MANILA, March 18.—10 p. m.—General Otis considers Manila the most troublesome center in the situation today. The insurgent junta here, in conjunction with that in Hong Kong, is growing active.

The military authorities have been forced to put a stop to Mahlin's intercourse with the public. The local and foreign press considers his recent utterances calculated to incite the Filipinos to a continued revolt and prejudicial to American control.

A number of representative insurgent leaders from different parts of Luzon have recently been in conference in Manila. Some have been placed under arrest, but others thus far have not been interfered with.

Louis Spitzel, head of the firm of Louis Spitzel & Co., contractors to the Chinese government, and himself a suspected filibuster, came from Hong Kong to Manila to act as a temporary military governor.

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The Nueva Ecija insurgents are heavily taxing farmers and local traders, with the result that business is paralyzed and there is a general scarcity of food.

In the province of Albay the insurgents have ceased harassing the Americans, owing, it is reported, to a lack of ammunition, but they continue ravaging the country by burning and looting.

Major Allen of the Forty-third regiment has been appointed military governor of the island of Samar, where Lukban, the former leader of the rebels in that locality, is still in the mountains.

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SEARCH FOR A LOST LETTER

American Woman at Monte Carlo Misses Wallet Containing Valuable Letter of Credit.

(Copyright, 1900, by Press Publishing Co.) NICE, March 18.—(New York World Telegram—Special Telegram.)—A. J. and Mrs. Drexel of Philadelphia were lunching Tuesday at Ciro's restaurant at Monte Carlo with Mrs. Katherine Moore, when the latter suddenly missed her wallet containing, among other things, a letter of credit for \$5,000.

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TRYING TO RELIEVE MAFERING

British Column from Kimberley Meeting with Strong Resistance.

LORD METHUEN IS NOW IN COMMAND

Garrison is Living on Quarter Rations—Dispatch from Pretoria Officially Denies that the Siege is Raised.

CAPE TOWN, March 18.—The Mafeking relief column, Colonel Drummond and Peadman commanding, had a sharp engagement at Fourteen Streams. The British succeeded in driving the Boers off. They had only a few casualties.

As the British force neared Windfontein the Boers evacuated the town, blowing up the bridge. The column has arrived at Warrenton. Methuen now commands.

It is reported that the rebels who refused to accompany the Transvaalers when the latter evacuated Taung and Vryburg are preparing to trek into Damastad on the approach of the British, but that the Hotentot chiefs are getting ready to bar their escape.

LOBATSI, Saturday, March 10.—It is reported that Commandant Elff, with a command, has left Zwartkops for Mafeking. Commandant Schwartz, with 150 men, is threatening the railway near Auvengelkop, north of Lobatzi.

A British patrol, which reconnoitered within fourteen miles of Mafeking, finds the railway unharmed and the telegraph wire untouched.

LORENZO MARQUEZ, dated Saturday, March 19, says: "The garrison is holding its own. We have heard numerous rumors that the siege will be raised, but so far that is not the case. We are getting along patiently on quarter rations, supplemented by the occasional capture of cattle."

"Our home-made gun erratically bombards the Boer trenches. Horrible stories are current that the Boers are inflicting nameless tortures on captured native runners. These may not be true, but they are tending to inflame native passions to such an extent that it may soon be impossible to hold the natives in check."

"Owing to the Boers having deliberately bombed the native staff, which is full of women and children, Colonel Baden-Powell has armed the natives, but he has only allowed them to act on the defensive, although they have clamored to be allowed to go out and attack at the point of the assault. The Boers are not at all possible from inflicting reprisals on the Boers."

PRETORIA, Friday, March 16.—It is officially denied that the siege of Mafeking has been raised or the town relieved. The British officers here have been removed from the Mafeking district to the quarters in the outskirts of the town.

LAYING DOWN THEIR ARMS Lord Roberts Reports that Several Hundred Surrender to Pole-Carew—Deserters Coming In.

(Copyright, 1900, by Press Publishing Co.) BLOEMFONTEIN, March 16.—(New York World Telegram—Special Telegram.)—Five hundred Free States have laid down their arms here and 2,500 throughout the country. The whole southern half of the Free State shows a determination to end the struggle, and it is certain that if a British official can reach the northern lagers with Roberts' proclamation the whole Boer population will declare for peace.

Each man on hand in his arms, must sign under oath a declaration of friendship to Great Britain. (Copyright, 1900, by Press Publishing Co.) LONDON, March 18.—(New York World Telegram—Special Telegram.)—Advice from Pretoria, March 17, 4:30 p. m., are as follows: Gatacre, with the head of his column, arrived at Springfontein this morning, marching from Bethulle. The guards returned to Bloemfontein last night.

Railway communication is established with Clements at Norvalspont. Free State Boers are reported coming in from Kabauch and Kroonstadt. A few local Free States have come in and surrendered their arms and have been permitted to return to their farms in accordance with Roberts' proclamation.

LONDON, March 18.—The War office has received the following dispatch from Field Marshal Roberts, dated Bloemfontein, Sunday, March 18: "The guards' brigade returned yesterday from Norvalspont. Several hundred burghers laid down their arms to General Pole-Carew at Edenburg and elsewhere."

"The official commanding at Belmont reports that some deserters have come in with a Maxim, a nine-pounder and another gun. Another nine-pounder has been brought into Bloemfontein. The cavalry brigade has gone to Thaba Nchu in order to reassure the inhabitants of that district and to distribute copies of the proclamation to the people of the Free State. These proclamations are being eagerly sought after."

"The English mail was dispatched from here by the cable to the American coast, and a railway service with Capetown will be reopened."

"Mafeking reports that all was well on March 6."

BETTING ON THE WAR'S END Londoners So Confident that Some of Them Wager Hostilities Will Cease in May.

LONDON, March 19.—4:30 a. m.—Predictions and bets are being made that the war will be ended by the middle of May.

The news from South Africa today is entirely satisfactory to the British public. The relief of Mafeking is not yet announced, but this may have been already accomplished by Colonel Plumer's advance. Lady Charles Bentinck, at Capetown, has received a telegram from her husband in Mafeking, dated March 12, saying that he expected to join her shortly.

The actual relief movements have not been publicly developed in detail, but it seems that Lord Methuen only started very recently and is rather engaged in dispersing the Boers of the district than aiming at an actual relief.

Colonel Peckham has dispersed 500 Boers at Fourteen Streams. The Boers are now being developed in detail, but it seems that Lord Methuen only started very recently and is rather engaged in dispersing the Boers of the district than aiming at an actual relief.

Lord Roberts probably ascertained from Mr. Fraser, the new mayor of Bloemfontein, before dispatching General Pole-Carew southward, that in all likelihood the railway was clear. The next move will be to collect at Bloemfontein by railway sufficient stores for the immense army Lord Roberts will have when the Orange river forces have joined him. This will probably occupy from two to three weeks. Therefore, the next important operations may be expected in Natal.

The cavalry brigade, which Lord Roberts has sent to Thaba Nchu, thirty-five miles east of Bloemfontein, is desired to cut off

RALLY OF FUSION DELEGATES

Participants in State Convention Already Assemble at the Capital.

DEMOCRATS ARE SO FAR IN THE MAJORITY

Populists Are Expected to Arrive in Larger Number, However, During the Day—Candidates for Delegates-at-Large.

LINCOLN, March 18.—(Special.)—Delegates to the state fusion convention, which will be held in this city tomorrow night, will arrive in the city today and a number of very important conferences were held by democratic and populist leaders tonight. So far the democrats appear to be in the majority, but it is expected that tomorrow's arrival will place the populists in the lead so far as numbers are concerned. A few local silver republicans were noticed at the hotels tonight, but as their national convention is to be a mass affair it is not probable that they will hold a meeting tomorrow. A call was issued for a silver republican convention, but at that time it was not known whether the state would be expected to send regularly elected delegates or simply a body of representatives.

The democratic and populist conventions both held in the evening, the former at Bohannon's hall on South Tenth street, and the latter in the new auditorium. Under the national call Nebraska will have a representation of sixteen delegates in the democratic national convention. Each congressional district will be allowed to name or nominate two delegates and in addition there will be four delegates-at-large. The populists will have a representation of forty-four delegates, eight of whom will probably be chosen at large and the rest according to congressional districts, each district being allowed five delegates.

The democratic convention will be called to order by James C. Dahman, chairman of the state central committee, and in pursuance to the action taken by the state committee at its last meeting T. J. Nolan of Omaha will act as temporary chairman. The populists of Plattsmouth has been slated for permanent chairman of this convention. Other names are being mentioned for this position, however, and it is possible that there may be a fight over the selection.

Candidates for Chairman. No one has been selected for temporary chairman of the populist convention, but it is generally believed that whoever is chosen will be the permanent presiding officer. J. H. Edmiston of the populist state central committee will call the populist convention to order until his successor is elected. A strong effort is being made by Gage county populists to place Judge E. O. Kretschmer of Beatrice in this place and to elect him as permanent chairman. There is a fair prospect for a bitter fight in the populist convention and already considerable talk of a split is heard around the hotel corridors.

The men spoken of for populist delegates at large are Senator Allen, J. H. Edmiston, A. H. Weir, T. H. Tibbles and possibly Governor Poynter. Judge Holcomb's name has been suggested as a possible candidate, but his friends asserted tonight that he would not accept the honor under any consideration.

For democratic delegates at large the most probable candidates are R. L. Metcalf of Omaha, W. D. Oldham of Kearney, W. H. Thompson of Grand Island and Judge A. S. Tibbets of this city.

Squabble of Populists. The populists have a squabble of their own to settle over the delegation from Omaha. Two sets of delegates are coming to town tomorrow. One is the "middle-of-the-road" faction, led by Dr. Clem Deaver and the other, the "fusionists," headed by E. G. Poynter. "We won't try the case until we hear it," said Governor Poynter today. Governor Poynter declared that there is no doubt but that the populist convention would send a delegation to Sioux Falls in structure of Mr. Bryan.

Chief interest is manifested regarding the platform to be adopted by the democratic convention. It will be drawn up under the supervision of Mr. Bryan, and is understood to be his declaration of the platform which he will present to the national convention at his home in Lincoln.

Chicago Typos Thrown Out Union's Delegates Unseated by the Federation of Labor—To Appeal to National Body.

(Copyright, 1900, by Press Publishing Co.) CHICAGO, March 18.—Typographical union No. 18, composed of the printers of Chicago, was thrown out of the Federation of Labor today. By a large majority the motion picture holding political office. The printers had free silver republicans to hold a convention tomorrow, although it may be so determined later. The probability is, however, that simply a meeting will be held and the Chicago Typographical union will be reorganized.

By their action the leaders in the big organization saved themselves from being charged with violating the constitution by holding political office. The printers had come prepared to make the charge, but were unseated before occasion could be found to debate the question. Notice was immediately served upon the federation that an appeal will be taken to the national body.

A plan is being formulated in the populist camp to prevent the middle-of-the-roaders from taking their seats in the populist convention, and if it results successfully a third convention will be held. The populist camp is determined to get control of the convention by appointing a committee that will be instructed not to approve the credentials of the middle-of-the-roaders.

A strong effort is being made tonight to line up the populist forces for Secretary of State after the election of the populist convention. Delegations are here from the following counties: Douglas, Platte, Webster, Hayes, Holt, Antelope, Franklin, Fillmore, Box Butte, Sarpy and Saunders.

J. A. Parker of Kentucky arrived in the city tonight and Senator Allen is expected on an early train tomorrow morning.

It is not anticipated that there will be much trouble in the democratic convention over the selection of district delegates, as these men will be named in caucuses tomorrow afternoon. The plan generally agreed upon is for each district to present the names of two candidates, and if it is carried out the recommendations would probably be adopted by the convention.

The Douglas county democracy democrats will meet tomorrow morning to name one delegate and to consider the endorsement of John Creighton, who has been put up by the Jacksonian men. The democracy candidates are Walter Moise, Louis J. Platt, George P. Cronk and Hugh Murphy.

If Creighton is endorsed the democracy will demand the endorsement of its candidate in return. A big fight is predicted over the selection of a democratic state central committee. An effort will be made to oust Jim Dahman from his present position as state chairman and to name "Doc" Robinson as his successor. The original plan was to make C. J. Kane of David City secretary, but the deal now is to make him treasurer of the committee and Thomas Allen of this city secretary. Congressman Robinson of the Third district was brought tonight as a candidate for delegate-at-large, in place of Judge Tibbets of this city.

J. A. Parker of Kentucky tonight gave out

CONDITION OF THE WEATHER

Forecast for Nebraska—Variable Winds; Lowering Temperature.

Temperature at Omaha yesterday: Hour, Deg. Hour, Deg. 5 a. m. .... 30 1 p. m. .... 45 7 a. m. .... 30 3 p. m. .... 51 8 a. m. .... 25 4 p. m. .... 54 10 a. m. .... 25 6 p. m. .... 51 11 a. m. .... 37 7 p. m. .... 49 12 m. .... 42 8 p. m. .... 46 9 p. m. .... 40

An interview reviewing the populist situation in the United States. He is enthusiastic over the prospects of the national convention to be held at Cincinnati on May 9 and declares it is generally recognized by populists everywhere as an equal opportunity of the party. He reports that Texas will send a delegation to Sioux Falls and says that the populist convention is practically unanimous in its favor of the Cincinnati convention.

Mr. Bryan is preparing a platform to be submitted to the democratic convention tomorrow. It will endorse the Chicago platform of 1896 and in addition will contain planks touching upon trusts and monopolies.

TO WASHINGTON FOR TAYLOR Two Federal Officials Leave to Ask for Recognition from National Administration.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., March 18.—The two governors of Kentucky were entertained in this city today. Messrs. Taylor and Beckham both insisted that they had come to Louisville on purely personal business and that their visit had no political significance. They spent the day quietly, though both received numerous calls from their political and personal friends.

Governor Taylor and his associates among the republican party leaders are very close-mouthed as to the nature of the convention which they are attending. The latter do not conceal their purpose to hold on to their positions until the United States supreme court has passed upon the question of their right to hold them.

They do not intend to surrender the state buildings and records after a decision by the state court of appeals, if that court should decide against them. There has been some talk that the democratic officers may try to exercise their functions in connection with the case, but they are upheld by a majority of the court and it is believed the republicans wish to know the feeling of the national leaders of their party toward their policy.

The gubernatorial case is still in the circuit court of this county. Judge Field is expected to dispose of it this week, when it will be taken to the court of appeals. A week or two more will be consumed by the case before it reaches the supreme court.

Governors Taylor and Beckham will return to Frankfort tomorrow.

DUPED ON A GOLD MINE DEAL Two Englishmen, One a Baronet, Deceived into Coming to the United States.

CHICAGO, March 18.—The assay of six supposed gold bars had been placed in a trust company vault pending the completion of the sale of a mine from which the gold was supposed to have come was completed today and showed that the bars were composed of copper, zinc and other metals, with a trace of gold. The bars were left with the trust company by two men giving their names as R. G. Miller and William Schroeder, who published an advertisement in a London paper offering to sell a gold mine for \$50,000 and induced Sir Frederick Vigor and T. G. Grayson, who were connected with the United States to close the deal.

The Englishmen say they had borings taken from the mine and an analysis showed the borings contained 76 per cent gold. One of the Englishmen went to California to see the mine, but says the "owner" disappeared suddenly one day, the other supposed owner also disappearing from Chicago. This turn in affairs was precipitated by the demand of the Englishmen that their traveling expenses be paid. The Englishmen, who were trust company appointed receiver for the six bars of supposed gold and the analysis which they ordered made will be sent to them in England. They sailed from New York Sunday.

HAVANA IS AT ITS GAYEST Carnival Over, but Social Diversions to Be in Full Force Until Good Friday.

HAVANA, March 18.—Today was the last day of the carnival so far as wearing masks and throwing flowers and confetti are concerned, but social diversions will continue in full force until the day of Good Friday. Havana society leaders say they do not call a season so lively as this. There have been balls, picnics, reviews, dinners, teas, receptions and the like every day and night since Lent began. Many people who have been here for the first time are being converted to Havana life.

Some of the American women say they are completely worn out with the continuous round of gaiety. Even Sunday, instead of bringing rest, usually means larger entertainments than those of any other day.

St. Patrick's day was celebrated by a great variety of entertainments and particularly by a dinner given to fifty-four persons by General O'Brien, the guests being the principal members of a American and Cuban society.

Largest Woman in Indiana Dies. KOKOMO, Ind., March 18.—Mrs. Lida Greyaker, the largest woman in Indiana, in this state. The promoters of the organization scheme have purchased 200,000 acres of rich valley land and a few of the colonists have already arrived. The remainder of the families will reach here in time to put in this season's crop.

Missouri Farmers Go to Mexico. CHICAGO, Ill., March 18.—A colony of 60 Missouri farmers is to be established in the valley of the Concho river, in this state. The promoters of the organization scheme have purchased 200,000 acres of rich valley land and a few of the colonists have already arrived. The remainder of the families will reach here in time to put in this season's crop.

Missouri Democratic Convention. HARTSVILLE, Mo., March 18.—(Special Telegram.)—The democratic convention of Missouri is to be held at Hartsville, Mo., on Friday, March 24. The following candidates for city offices last night were named: Mayor, J. H. McKinzie; Council, G. B. McKinzie.

TO LAY TOOLS DOWN

One Hundred Thousand Machinists to Be Ordered to Strike.

WALKOUT IS TO BE INTERNATIONAL

To Include Railroad Shops in All Parts of the Country.

STRIKE FIRST IN THE BIG CITIES

Conference Between Machinists and Metal Trades' Associations Fails.

CHICAGO LABOR TROUBLES RESPONSIBLE Refusal of Machinists' Executive Council to Call Off Strike There and in Two Other Towns Causes Disagreement.

CHICAGO, March 18.—After the conference between the representatives of the International Association of Machinists and the administrative council of the National Metal Trades' association ended at 1:30 o'clock this morning, President O'Connell of the union declared that strikes would be called immediately in all parts of the United States and Canada.

Such strikes would involve 100,000 men, and a cause to be shut down for an indefinite period, plants having an aggregate capacity of millions of dollars daily. Chicago labor troubles are responsible for the disagreement which is expected to precipitate the general machinists' strike.

Were it not for the fact the leaders of the Machinists' union refused to call off the strikes that now exist in Chicago, Columbus, O., and Paterson, N. J., the manufacturers and the leaders, it is believed, would have come to an amicable agreement and arrangements would have been made to call off the strike.

The executive board of the Machinists' union, however, refused to call off the Chicago strike, as the members declared that if the international association called off the strike from the international association, the international association would end the strike was presented to the manufacturers they issued an ultimatum to the labor leaders and on their refusal to agree to the provisions all negotiations were broken off.

Before leaving the rooms in which the joint conference was held President James O'Connell of the international union declared that the union would begin immediately to call strikes in all parts of the country. The first of these strikes will be called in Cleveland. After all the large cities have been tied up strikes will be called in the machine shops of all the railroads in the country.

The conference which commenced at 9 o'clock Saturday afternoon and did not end until 1:30 o'clock Sunday morning, was held at the Grand Pacific hotel. There were present, representing the Machinists' union: President James O'Connell, Washington; Organizer Stuart Reed, Toledo; W. H. Chicago; A. W. Holmes, Buffalo; P. J. Conlin, Sioux City; J. J. Connolly, Boston. Manufacturers present were: George D. Selden, Erie iron works, Erie, Pa.; F. H. Stillman, Watson-Strauss tool company, Indianapolis, Ind.; Walter