

IMPORTANT COMMISSION

Will Go to the Philippines at the President's Request.

Commission Consists of Five Prominent Americans, Among Them Are Admiral Dewey and General Otis—Will Study the Habits and Manners of the Filipinos and the Resources of the Country.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 16.—President Schurman of Cornell university was at the White House today and had a talk with the president. On leaving he said that he had accepted a position on a commission of five which had been appointed to study the commercial and social problems of the Philippines. It is now understood that the other members of the commission will be Admiral Dewey, General Otis, Colonel Charles Denby and Prof. Worcester of Ann Arbor university.

The work of the commission, it is understood, will be of a purely economic and not of a political nature. It will study the habits and manners of the Filipinos, the material resources of the country and its commercial possibilities, but it will not attempt to deal with the problem of government for the island.

The president has been anxious for some time past to have a commission of this sort upon whose information he could rely. The personnel of the commission is considered excellent from the standpoint of expert knowledge. Admiral Dewey and General Otis have, of course, become familiar with many of the practical sides of the Philippine problem. Colonel Denby was for many years minister to China and is thoroughly familiar with the people and many of the problems of the Orient. Prof. Worcester has lived for years in the Philippines, hunted with the wildest of the Moro's and Sulus, attended their tribal rites and studied the political economy of the islands at close range. He has written a book on the Philippines, which is considered a standard reference work and recently contributed an interesting series of articles on the Philippines to the Century Magazine. President Schurman said the commission expected to sail for Manila about February 1.

So far as can be gathered the president has not completed the list of the commissioners. Supposing that he includes General Otis and Admiral Dewey he would add the names of President Schurman of Cornell university and Prof. Worcester of Ann Arbor. He has under consideration the names of Charles Denby as the last member, but as Mr. Denby is engaged with the War Investigation commission at present, with an indefinite program before him, he has not positively decided to appoint him.

Put Off Jesse James' Trial. KANSAS CITY, Jan. 16.—The trial of young Jesse James, son of the noted border outlaw, under indictment for complicity in the robbery of a Missouri Pacific train at Leeds, Mo., in September last, was today postponed at the request of the prosecution till February 16 next. The defendant was ready and anxious for trial.

Andy Ryan, a brother of Bill Ryan, indicted on a similar charge, was arraigned, pleaded not guilty, and his case was continued till the April term. It is said the prosecution expects to secure damaging evidence through the gang now in the Springfield, Mo., jail, charged with robbing a Memphis train at Macomb, Mo., last week. They include Bill Ryan, a brother of Andy Ryan, and a member of the old-time James gang, and John Kennedy, both of whom have been connected by suspicion with the Leeds robbery.

Fort Crook is Crowded. Harry Adair, a member of the Red Cross hospital corps at Fort Crook, was in the city last night and returned to his duties on the early train this morning. Harry left Plattsmouth last June with Company B, and after a short stay in Omaha, went with the Third regiment to Jacksonville, Fla. He came home on a furlough, and when he applied for return transportation he was placed in his present position. Fort Crook, he says, is rather crowded just at present, owing to the fact that each of the twelve companies stationed there has a superfluous number of men, but this will probably be remedied when the Twenty-second battalion leaves for Fort Russell. A number of cases of measles have broken out among the men, but as yet none of a serious character.

Smallpox. Information has been received by the Board of Health that smallpox exists in the country, and that a number of people have been exposed to the disease. Notice is hereby given that anyone who has been exposed to smallpox or varioloid, if found on the streets of Plattsmouth or in the outskirts of the city, will be arrested and promptly quarantined at the pest house until they are in a fit condition to be released.

F. M. RICHNEY, Chairman. E. D. CUMMINS, M. D., Sec'y.

Clerical Permits 1899. Clergymen and others entitled to clerical permits are respectfully requested to call at the Burlington ticket office and arrange about their 1899 permits.

INTERESTING LETTER FROM CUBA

Sergeant Woodruff Writes of Things He Has Seen in Cuba.

CAMP COLUMBIA, HAVANA, CUBA, Jan. 6.—Editor NEWS: Your NEWS containing my last letter came to me on Cuban soil.

Cuba has been a word much used by our papers and Havana is its centre. Tonight I write only eight miles from that city. Last Friday I marched through its streets.

The first battalion of the Third received orders Thursday night, December 29, to have all camp equipment packed by 7 o'clock next morning to move. Friday morning government wagons carried our baggage to the boat. We waited till 1 1/2 p. m. when we formed and moved through Savannah to the wharf. Crowds of people lined the streets to see us off and cheer us on. It has been long since we were given such honor as we received at this time. When the boys came in sight of the ship they broke into a loud cheer. We boarded soon after and at 3:40 p. m. the boat slowly swung into the river and we were leaving our native land for foreign shores.

The "Obdam" is an old Holland-American liner, 420 feet long, built in 1880. She was chartered to carry 73 first-class passengers, 70 second-class passengers and 45 steerage. She was considered one of the best freight-passenger liners. She is now fitted as a transport. Rows of posts are fixed from which to hang hammocks—two from each post, one above the other.

On this trip she carried our battalion of 270 men, about 100 men returning to their regiments already in Cuba and fifty female nurses for the hospitals in Havana.

For breakfasts and suppers we were issued canned beef (or in the language of the boys embalmed mule),hardtack, coffee, and either tomatoes or beans, at noon we were given soup and fresh (?) meat from the ship's kitchen.

On Sunday (New Years) night at about 7:30 we sighted the lights of Morro castle. We had had a most pleasant trip, but now the wind began blowing and the ship rolled considerably. At 8:30 we arrived off the harbor and the captain signalled for a pilot. We cruised off the harbor for an hour when a light was seen dancing about the waves. It was in a small boat carrying the pilot to us. Here we heard our first Spanish. The ship was headed for the entrance to the harbor and at 9:30 we passed the fortifications of Morro. The ship has not been made which could pass that channel when her guns were in action. We anchored in the harbor just below the "Maline." Next morning we had a fine view of the ruins which still remain above the water. The Cincinnati, Brooklyn and Texas were in the harbor, but more able pens than mine have already described them. We were towed to dock No. 4 about 9 o'clock Monday morning and began to unload. At 2 p. m. we left the ship and began our march through the city to our camp, eight miles beyond. I will leave the city for this time. It is the most picturesque "Midway" imaginable.

As regards to filth, the slums of an American city have nothing to compare with the capital of Cuba. It had rained in the forenoon and the slime and filth was from two to three inches deep in the streets. Cow stables are on the main streets. Crowds of vultures may be seen flying over the city and harbor. A terrible foul smell arose on all sides. We were glad to breathe the fresh air of our camp when we arrived on this higher land. Occasionally children were seen entirely naked in the streets. One mother stood on the sidewalk with no apparent embarrassment holding her child, about a year old, dressed with a single shoe. I could write all night of curious sights but must turn.

Camp Columbia is on high ground about eight miles from the city and three from the ocean. We are enjoying good health. Of course most of the boys have colds. Yesterday it was 98° in the sun. Tonight different ones remarked that it was too warm to go to bed.

Truly, Cuba is one of the most favored lands of the world. Writing is slow and now I have shaded my candle and written an hour after taps.

Yours Truly, E. G. WOODRUFF.

List of Letters. Remaining uncalled for at the post-office at Plattsmouth, Jan. 14, 1898: Baker, C. A. Pierson, Miss Jennie Chase, Jas G. Suverkrubb, Miss Anna Gray, Chas E. Heyman Harry Swody, Guy Albert M. J. Shultz Thomas, Miss Cora Lee, Geo. Morse, Miss Beesley. When calling for any of the above letters please say "advertised." C. H. SMITH, Postmaster.

The Red and Yellow Sea. The ocean is not always "true blue" in color. The red tracts, which are probably caused by animals related to the "Clio borealis" and "Limacina arctica" (the food of the whales), are found in the Southern Atlantic, where the influence is felt of cold currents from Cape Horn. It is remarkable that no reference is made in any log to the appearance of red tracts in the neighborhood of Cape Horn. The yellow tracts are generally ascribed by captains to pollen or flowering waterwing plants.

Carrying the Lorgnette. Until now women who carry lorgnettes, those "magnificent things," as Sentimental Tommy calls them, have been content to attach them to a long or short chain, according to fancy. But to be in the swim one must not carry them that way any longer. One must now attach the long chain to a bangle, carry the lorgnette from the wrist. It is not comfortable and is very much in the way, as a rule, but fashion decreases it and women must obey.

The Cost of Firing Modern Guns. The development of the science of ordnance has greatly increased the expense of firing guns. Millions of dollars' worth of shells and powder were expended in the late war. It has been calculated that any nation which kept all its guns in action for twenty-four hours would thereby be reduced to bankruptcy. This is not only on account of the expense of individual shots, but because of the great rapidity with which successive shots can be discharged.

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A Dwarf Tree. A curious instance of dwarfism in plants is recorded by Mr. C. E. Bessey, of the University of Nebraska. On Green Mountain, near Boulder, Colo., he found a crevice in the rock at the summit a pine tree (Pinus albicaulis Engelm.) only thirteen centimeters (under three inches) high and five millimeters (one-fifth inch) in diameter. It had no branches and bore a single tuft of needles at the top. Nevertheless it showed twenty-five distinct annual rings, and was, therefore, twenty-five years of age.

The Oldest Family in the World.

About a dozen of the 400 barons in the British house of lords date back to 1100, the earliest being 1264. The oldest family in the British Isles is the Mar family of Scotland, 1093. The Campbells of Argyll, to whom belongs the present duke of Argyll, began in 1190. Talleyrand dates from 1199, Bismarck from 1270, the Grosvenor family, the dukes of Westminster, 1665; the Austrian house of Hapsburg goes back to 952, and the house of Bourbon to 864. The descendants of Mahomed, born 570, are all registered carefully and authentically in a book kept in Mecca by the chief of the family. Little or no doubt exists of the absolute authenticity of the long line of Mahomed's descendants. In China there are many old families, also among the Jews. When it comes to pedigrees there is one gentleman to whom the world must take off its hat as a great and only none-such. This is the Mikado of Japan. His place has been filled by members of his family for more than 2,500 years. The present Mikado is the one hundred and twenty-second of the line. The first one was contemporary with Nebuchadnezzar, 556 years before Christ.

In Ancient Greece. The Disciple—And you teach that we should bear pain and trouble without complaint? I don't think I could do that. The Stoic Philosopher—No body ever tried to do it. That is merely our platform.—Puck.

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Notice. The meeting will be held for the election of nine (9) directors, to serve during the ensuing year, and for the transaction of such other business as may lawfully come before it. T. S. HOWLAND, Secretary.

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