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## SOME IMPORTANT NEWS

### Mabini, Founder of Filipino Government, a Prisoner.

Bodyguard Practically Destroyed and Its Commander Killed—Releases Many Spanish Prisoners—Aguinaldo in Disguise and Hiding—Captain McCalla's Bold Stroke in Capturing Cagayan.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13.—General Otis had some stirring news to report today from Manila, his advices going to show that the insurgents are, at the end of their resources from a military point of view and are melting away before the rapid advance of the American troops at all points. His cablegrams were as follows:

"MANILA, Dec. 13.—Fifty men of the navy and fifty men of the army, transported by the navy, took Laogang on the 10th inst. General Young, with staff, followed next day. He reports Howe with Pennsylvania battalion of the Thirty-fourth, followed by a portion of the Thirty-third infantry, passed north to Pidding, east of Luog, Marsh's battalion of the Thirty-fourth was at Cayan, province of Lepanto, on 7th inst. The Third cavalry was along the coast and in the mountains pursuing the enemy. Young states his extreme northern force passed over mountains, driving the insurgents under General Tino, who was badly wounded, killing fifty and wounding many. He made large captures of rifles and property with all insurgent transportation and released all the Spanish prisoners in that section, to the number of about 2,000. Our casualties were two wounded. Our troops are still pursuing the remnant of Tino's command.

"March's battalion of the Thirty-third reports from Cayan, Lepanto province, on the 7th inst. that he has destroyed Aguinaldo's bodyguard, killed General Gregorio Pilar, received the surrender of General Concepcion and killed and wounded fifty-two insurgents, released 575 Spanish prisoners, including 150 friars, and captured considerable property. His loss was two killed and nine wounded.

Aguinaldo in Disguise.

"My information is that Aguinaldo has disguised his individuality, abandoned his troops and is hiding in the province of Banguet."

General Otis' second dispatch follows:

"MANILA, Dec. 13.—Admiral Watson informs me that the province of Cagayan surrendered unconditionally to captain McCalla of the Newark on the 11th inst., all arms being surrendered. Major Batchelor is ninety miles south of Aparri; command in good condition.

"Navy will take supplies to Batchelor in launch at once; this surrender doubtless includes the province of Isabella.

"General Bates, at Zamboanga, reports affairs there satisfactory. Nearly all rifles surrendered; MacArthur, at Bayambang, reports that he holds as prisoner of war Mabini, the ablest of insurgents and founder of the late government."

The secretary of war regards the information conveyed in General Otis' dispatches today as the most important that has come to hand for months past. The character of Mabini, reported by MacArthur from Bayambang, is very gratifying. It is believed that the Filipino leader was trying to make his way across the country from Banguet, where he had been obliged to part company with Aguinaldo a fortnight ago, to the east coast of Luzon. The members of the Philippine commission now in Washington declare without reserve that Mabini was the head and front of the insurrection. Aguinaldo was only a figure-head. Mabini was the brains and directing power behind him. He is a paralytic, an old man, but of extraordinary ability and his counsels are conclusive with the Filipinos. He was concerned in the first uprising against the Spaniards. For a short time he wavered after Aguinaldo's breach with the Americans, but finally cast his fortunes with the insurrection, and was president of the council. He was also the financial strength of the movement, as without his backing Aguinaldo would have had no credit.

McCalla's Bold Stroke.

Next in importance to the capture of Mabini in the development of the campaign was the bold stroke of Captain McCalla of the Newark in capturing the whole province of Cagayan. With MacArthur holding the province of Isabella, adjoining Young's holdings on the opposite or western shore of the upper peninsula, the American forces are now in technical occupation of the whole northern end of Luzon from a point just north of the Gulf of Lingayan.

McCalla's position at the Port of Aparri, the only good port on the northern end of the island, commands the greater part of the whole length of the Rio Grande, affording an entrance of boats to a whole third of the interior of island. It is up this river that Captain McCalla is sending steam launches, carrying supplies to Major Batchelor. The latter officer, with a few negro soldiers of the Twenty-fourth infantry, has just completed one of the most daring marches of the campaign. Detaching his little force from MacArthur a week ago, he drove

straight through the center of the island northward, cutting loose from his communications and bound to reach Aparri or be captured or killed in the attempt. Captain McCalla's advices indicate that he has succeeded, being now within touch of the navy on the north shore.

Bates' report from the southern archipelago has allayed the apprehension excited for the security of things there growing out of the agitation by the misleading publications of important insurgent victories. Altogether, the advices contained in today's dispatches have given great satisfaction to the officials of the war department.

### BROOKE VERY INDIGNANT.

Denies Having Protested Against the Order Relieving Him.

HAVANA, Dec. 14.—Governor General Brooke is indignant at the reports cabled from Washington which represent him as having protested against the order of the president relieving him of the military governorship of Cuba. He says:

"I am a soldier and obey orders. I would direct the arrest of an officer who protested against my order and would always render to a superior authority the respect which I would exact from a subordinate."

His friends, however, express the opinion that he has not been treated with due consideration. They think that some intimation should have been given of the contemplated change, whereas, as a matter of fact, the first knowledge he had that he was to be relieved by General Wood was derived from newspapers:

The Patria says:

"The administration of General Wood at Santiago has been thought well of by Cubans of all grades. It must also be admitted that he governed the most sensitive and independent section of the island without once offending the dignity of the inhabitants. He understood the exigencies of the situation and recognized the rights of the people."

The Lucha says:

"Judging from past experience of General Wood he will make an excellent governor general. Cuba has cause for self-congratulation in Santiago his policy was one of harmony. He was the first to promulgate habenas corpus. In a country where the embers of international hate are still smoldering a man of his clear intelligence may be expected to solve prudently many complicated political problems."

The Nuevo Pais says:

"Those who know General Wood best assert that he is a brave soldier and a thorough statesman as well."

The members of General Brooke's advisory cabinet today tendered their resignation, but were asked to remain in office until the arrival of General Wood.

SANTIAGO DE CUBA, Dec. 14.—The news of the appointment of Major General Wood as governor of Cuba was received here with enthusiasm. Even the most bitter Cuban nationalists agree in praising him as a soldier and an administrator.

### WASHINGTON'S MEMORIAL.

Four Separate Events Planned for Celebration at National Capital.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13.—Elaborate preparations have been made for the celebration tomorrow of the death of George Washington. Many visitors have arrived in the city to participate in the ceremonies. Four separate and distinct events have been planned for this locality. The Masons and the Red Men will conduct solemn exercises separately at Mount Vernon.

The main Masonic services at Mount Vernon will be held at noon at the mansion, where President McKinley is expected to deliver an address. Two wreaths are to be placed on the tomb, one of oak coming from the earl of Lonsborough, past grand senior warden of the Masons in England, and the other of evergreen from the vicinity of the home of John Washington, in England.

The Red Men's exercises will take place in the afternoon. At night the latter organization will have a large meeting at Convention hall, where a number of addresses are to be made and an oration will be delivered by Senator Depew.

The local patriotic societies will combine in a religious service in the Church of the Epiphany at 4 o'clock in the afternoon, where the oration will be delivered by David Hill, assistant secretary of state.

An appropriate celebration will be held in Lafayette Square Opera house at night, under the auspices of the George Washington Memorial association.

Tonight the grand lodge of Masons of Virginia held a celebration and banquet at Alexandria, Va., which was largely attended.

There is a Class of People Who are injured by the use of coffee. Recently there has been paged in all the grocery stores a new preparation called Grain-O, made of pure grains, that takes the place of coffee. The most delicate stomach receives it without distress, and but few can tell it from coffee. It does not cost over one-fourth as much. Children may drink it with great benefit. 15c and 25c per package. Try it. Ask for Grain-O.

A. W. Atwood sells the best paint on earth.

## CAPTURE A STRONGHOLD

### Takes Place Where Spain Paid for Its Last Peace.

People of Aparri Valley Banquet the Colored Soldiers of the Twenty-Fourth Infantry—Would Haul Down the Flag—Lieutenant Batson May Lose His Foot.

MANILA, Dec. 14.—11:30 a. m.—A detachment of Colonel Hayes' cavalry under Lieutenant Arnold has captured Biacnabato, the mountain stronghold where the last insurrection was ended with a peace treaty. A large quantity of munitions of war was secured.

Major Batchelor's battalion of the Twenty-fourth infantry is making slow progress in the Aparri valley. The villagers are giving the colored troops banquets and balls everywhere.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 14.—General Otis cables:

"MANILA, Dec. 14.—General Lawton reports Balucan province free of insurgents. Yesterday two troops of the Fourth cavalry captured the strong mountain position of Biacnabato, with food supplies, clothing, cartridge factory and barracks. MacArthur's troops occupied Iband, a town on the south-western coast of Luzon. There was slight opposition and but few light casualties. December 8 Bates reported from Zamboanga that he had garrisoned Basilan and is sending troops to Cotobato and Davao, that the condition of affairs is satisfactory.

"Eighteen hundred Spanish prisoners have been received in Manila, over 2,000 more are en route and 1,300 were shipped to Spain. These prisoners are in much better physical condition than the Spanish troops which surrendered when Manila capitulated."

Would Haul Down the Flag.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 14.—Two joint resolutions were introduced in the house today by Representative Williams of Mississippi which are the result of consultation among a number of democratic leaders in the house and are understood to be expressive of their general position on the Philippines. The first resolution declares the intention and purpose to recognize the independence of the Philippines and withdraw our land and sea forces provided the independent government agrees to refund the \$20,000,000 paid by the United States to Spain, to give us a suitable naval and coaling station and grant in perpetuity free access to their ports.

Another section pledges our friendly assistance and also pledges against foreign interference or aggression for ten years, during which time the foreign affairs of the islands are to be under American control.

The other resolution asks for information relative to the conclusion of a treaty with the sultan of Sulu and provides for an inquiry by the judiciary committee as to whether the constitutional provisions against slavery and the statutory provisions against polygamy apply to the Sulu people.

Lieutenant Batson May Lose His Foot.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 14.—General Otis has cabled the war department that Lieutenant Batson, who organized and commanded the Maccabebe scouts, has been seriously wounded in the foot. Amputation is probable.

General Otis' dispatch follows:

"MANILA, Dec. 14.—Lieutenant Batson, Fourth cavalry, organized four large companies Maccabebe scouts; had advance of Lawton's troops and attended young cavalry northwestern Luzon, Batson leading with conspicuous gallantry in several hard fought engagements. On November 19 seriously wounded in foot; amputation probably necessary. Can he not receive majority in some staff corps as reward for efficient service?"

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Lake Superior and the Rainfall.

Lake Superior appears to exercise a greater effect upon the annual amount of precipitation of rain and snow than any other of the great lakes. The average precipitation in a year is about eight inches greater on the southern than on the northern side of Lake Superior. Lakes Erie and Ontario also show more precipitation on their southern than on their northern shores, but the difference is only three inches annually. In the case of Lakes Huron and Michigan, it is the eastern shores as compared with the western which get the largest precipitation, but the difference is not great.

The Appetite of a Goat Is envied by all poor dyspeptics whose stomach and liver are out of order. All such should know that Dr. King's New Life Pills, the wonderful stomach and liver remedy, gives a splendid appetite, sound digestion and a regular bodily habit that insures perfect health and good energy. Only 25c, at F. G. Fricke & Co's drug store.

## QUEEN GREATLY WORRIED

### Almost Overcome By Reports of Disaster and Losses in Africa.

NEW YORK, Dec. 14.—A dispatch to the Herald from London says: It is stated by a person in a position to know that the queen's mental anxiety gives the gravest alarm to the royal household. The queen insists on receiving the minutest information from the war office as to the state of affairs, yet she is completely overcome when the particulars of each engagement are related.

No matter where one went last night—to the theater, the club or to the hotel—there was but one topic of discussion—Methuen's defeat and his probable losses. Later in the evening, when it became known that General Wauchope and the marquis of Winchester were among the killed, the tension was increased as the thought flashed through all minds that the list of killed and wounded will carry grief to many stately as well as to many lowly homes. It is not an exaggeration to say that almost every handsome mansion in the fashionable West End contains anxious and sleepless men and women this morning.

An undertone of condemnation of the inactivity of the war office before hostilities began, which resulted in the British forces being inferior in numbers to the Boers, has found its way to the surface. This feeling was expressed in strong terms at the war office, where crowds of anxious men and women congregated before the doors or walked through the lobby, reading the bulletins all through the day and evening. When it was announced after midnight that no more news would be given out until morning they slowly dispersed. Many women were unable to control their emotions.

The queen has sent a message of deep sympathy to the widow of General Wauchope.

Seizure of Oleomargarine.

DETROIT, Dec. 14.—Collector of Internal Revenue Charles Wright has seized 600 casks of oleomargarine, valued at about \$10,000, which were en route from Chicago to Liverpool. The reason for the seizure is said to be that the manufacturer had avoided the special oleomargarine tax and in so doing violated the revenue laws. The name of the manufacturer, who is claimed to be a prominent Chicago producer, is withheld by the officers. Collector Wright has received a letter from the officials in Washington, complimenting him on the seizure.

Banquet to Judge and Successor.

NEBRASKA CITY, Dec. 14.—Last evening the petit jury gave a banquet to Judge Ramsey the retiring district judge, and Attorney Paul Jensen, who will be his successor at the opening of the new year. The banquet was held at the Atlantic house, and over one hundred guests were present. Mr. Jensen was toastmaster, and among those who responded were Judge Ramsey, John C. Watson, F. P. Ireland, John V. Morgan, W. W. Wilson, Hon. D. H. Harris and many others.

What Do the Children Drink? Don't give them tea or coffee. Have you tried the new food drink called Grain-O? It is delicious and nourishing and takes the place of coffee. The more Grain-O you give the children the more health you distribute through their systems. Grain-O is made of pure grains, and when properly prepared tastes like the choice grades of coffee but costs about one-fourth as much. All grocers sell it. 15c and 25c.

The Oldest Steam-Engine.

The oldest steam engine in the world has recently gone off duty after working more than 120 years. It was built in 1777. It is a beam engine, the beam being of wood; the cylinder 32 inches in diameter, with an 8-ft. stroke. This veteran engine has been in the service of the Birmingham Canal Navigation company.

Blindness from Sugar.

Several members of the crew of a sugar-laden ship were afflicted with blindness in the moonlight and starlight when in the tropics, though they could see quite clearly as soon as the sun rose. They attributed it to the fumes from the sugar.

Make yourself a Christmas present of a couple of tickets for Professor E. H. Barbour's lecture next Tuesday evening, December 19.

France's Electric Railroads.

Germany heads the list of European countries in the mileage of its electrical street railways. France ranks second and is making rapid strides toward first honors. In 1897 it added 117 kilometers (about eighty-three miles) to its equipment; the addition in twelve months almost equals the entire extent of electrical railroads in England. The French electrical lines are operated by 193 companies. Of these 172 used overhead trolley wires, eight have adopted underground conductors and thirteen prefer accumulators.

Send the NEWS to your friends.

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## ALLEN FOR SENATOR

### Is Named By Governor Poynter to Fill Vacancy.

The New Senator Given His Commission and Will Leave For Washington Today—Has Not Resigned His Position as District Judge—Bryan Gives His Opinion of the Appointment.

LINCOLN, Dec. 13.—Ex-Senator W. V. Allen has been appointed senator from Nebraska to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Senator Hayward.

Senator Allen arrived this morning in response to a telegram from Governor Poynter requesting his presence in the city. He went direct to the state house, arriving there about 11:30. He was seen walking down the corridor of the state house by a clerk in the auditor's office and the news of his arrival was soon carried to the other offices in the building. He was taken at once into the private office of Governor Poynter and notified that he would be appointed to fill the vacancy. The appointment was announced at 12 o'clock.

Senator Allen said this afternoon that he did not care to talk of the course he would pursue in the senate.

"Of course I shall continue my affiliation with the party as heretofore. I go to Washington under different circumstances than existed before things were in a chaotic state then. I shall be on hand before the currency bill is passed. I hope to arrange matters at my home so that I can leave for Washington Friday, but may possibly have to delay leaving a day or so later."

Senator Allen left for Columbus this evening at 6 o'clock and will go from there to his home in Madison. He has not resigned his position as district judge.

Bryan Gives His Opinion.

AUSTIN, Tex., Dec. 13.—When asked by an Associated Press correspondent as to what he thought of Allen's appointment as senator from Nebraska, Mr. Bryan replied:

"I think the appointment of Mr. Allen ought to give universal satisfaction. He made a good record in the senate and last year had the unanimous support of the fusion members of the legislature. I think that in making this appointment the governor acted wisely. There are several democrats in the state who would have filled the office acceptably, but the fact that Allen was last year the choice of all three parties makes him the logical man for the place. I have no doubt that a democrat will be chosen next year to succeed Senator Thurston and that will give our state a populist and a democrat in the senate."

New Zealand Railways.

The earnings of the New Zealand government railways, which during the year 1888 amounted to 2 3-10 per cent on the sum equivalent to the total cost of the lines, amounted in 1897 to 8 1-7 per cent.

One Line Certain.

"Your son has opened up a general merchandise store?" "Yes, he has gone into business in a modest way." "May I ask what lines he is handling besides bicycles?"—Chicago Dispatch.

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