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NEWS OF THE WEEK.

The citizens of Nebraska were regaled Wednesday morning, by great scare heads in the daily papers which were after this kind: "Race About Run," "American Army Fast Degrading Rebel Hosts," "Sharp Fight at San Fabian," "Troops Encounter Equal Number of Insurgents," "Battle Brief but Bloody," "Major John A. Logan Falls in Thick of Fight," "Six Privates Killed and Thirteen Wounded—Filipino Trenches Filled With Dead—Aguinaldo Escapes."

A calm review of the situation in Luzon shows that the campaign of the American forces against Aguinaldo's army has failed again. Nearly a year ago it was reported by the American officials that President Aguinaldo and his cabinet would be surrounded and captured in the capital city Malolos. A vigorous campaign was begun for that purpose. McArthur's division, three brigades, was started north along the railroad track under orders to press forward to Malolos as rapidly as possible and there surround and capture the Filipino leader and his army. Every inch of the advance was stoutly contested by the natives. After heavy loss the American army captured Malolos only to find it deserted of its inhabitants and the capital moved further into the interior. The American campaign had failed in its purpose.

It was left with more than thirty miles of railroad track to patrol and guard requiring the entire attention of two or three regiments of infantry. It became necessary to strongly garrison every town and village along this thirty miles to resist the nightly attacks of detachments of the native army. Once in possession of any part of the railroad track it was easy for them to destroy it and shut off the transportation of supplies to the American troops at the front.

It has been the policy of the native army from the beginning to avoid any decisive engagement. They have prepared to annoy, impede and harass the American troops. The wisdom of their policy is apparent. At the present time a large force of American soldiers is required to garrison the city of Manila. Every day the inhabitants of that city can hear the sound of the battle almost within their gates. There is not a week passes without a skirmish around the pumping station and reservoir within three or four miles of the city. From this place the army is scattered along the railroad for fifty miles holding and guarding a strip of land about four miles wide on each side of the track.

With the additional soldiers that have recently been sent to Manila the American commanders have been able to force General Aguinaldo a few miles further into the interior. More troops will be required to guard the roads and supply trains in the rear. In a short time further advance will be impossible. American soldiers worn out with fatigue and sickened with fever will die by hundreds. More troops will be needed. Another increase in the army must soon be made in order to push imperialism a few miles further into the island of Luzon. What do we gain? Where will it end?

It will be well to take a hasty glance at the territory that has been captured after nearly a year of hard fighting. We have a strip about eight miles wide, and including the present advance, perhaps 100 miles long. The great island of Luzon with its millions of inhabitants is still loyally supporting Aguinaldo and his government. It is useless to try to

deceive ourselves. That is the truth about the situation. Neither Aguinaldo nor any great portion of his army has been captured.

Among the losses on our side in this last advance was Major John A. Logan. Every one will extend to his mother, the widow of General John A. Logan of the civil war, the most heartfelt sympathy. All her heart and life was centered in this boy of hers. She has often said he was all she had to live for.

The British do not seem to be succeeding any better in their war of conquest than we are in ours. No news of any importance has been received for several days. The Boers have General White surrounded and have been bombarding the town he is in for nearly a week. The British censor adopts exactly the same policy that McKinley has enforced in the Philippines, and nothing is published that is not in the interest of the British government as long as it is possible to conceal it.

The latest news from Nebraska City is to the effect that Senator Hayward is very sick and doctors in attendance have stated that there is no prospect that he will live more than four or five days. It will be remembered that he had a stroke of apoplexy some time since and he seems never to have recovered from its effects.

HARDY'S COLUMN

A Sharp Trade—Tax Payers Know Who to Trust—Freight and Providence—Ohio all Right—Wheat Dropping—Doliver—Literary—Y. M. C. A. Republican Speech.

The Journal Company sold their evening paper at just the right time. Two or three more Bryan victories, and the thing would be worthless.

The taxpaying voters know very well that it will not do to make county treasurers of republicans. It is better not to elect them than to put them into the penitentiary or under the ice after they have been elected. Only one or two counties in the state elected republican treasurers. In one county the fusion candidate was beaten because he swiped the county out of thirty thousand when he was a republican treasurer.

With increase of business goes freight. Not that it costs more to haul but business will bear it. Take coal, as a sample, if they paid more for labor mining, no one would complain. It should be as it is in other countries—the government should make the rates on freight. Let farmers commence burning corn back would go your freight. So far providence, not the kind that is shooting Christianity into the Filipinos, has come to our relief by keeping the weather warm. Mercury goes up with freight on coal this time.

It is fortunate for the reform forces that Ohio went republican for if that state had gone the other way Dewey or Tom Reed would be the next republican candidate for president. Bryan can whip McKinley easily while there are some doubts about Dewey. What is the reason that the same divine providence can't run Bryan's politics as well as McKinley's war? Providence knew that Bryan would succeed against McKinley. It is much easier to believe in political providence than in an unnecessary war providence. McKinley and his providence have gone out of the humanity business into that of subjugation.

Wheat is dropping, dropping while all trust goods are going up. The farmer can't raise the price of his products by merely writing up the market quotations. If the farmers of Kansas, Nebraska, Iowa, Illinois and Minnesota could go into a trust and put the price of their wheat delivered in Chicago at one dollar and their corn at fifty cents, they would get it. But there is the trouble, a million of men cannot be made to stick as easily as fifty. Trust and corporation men know it.

Election day did not close the political stamping. The Y. M. C. A. literary lecture course gave us a very adroit republican speech Saturday evening after

election. The speaker was Congressman Doliver from Iowa. We would not care if the young men would now give us congressman Towne from Minnesota or some other man to level up things. The first part of Mr. Doliver's speech gave the lie to the last part or else the last part gave the lie to the first part. The declaration of independence and McKinley's Philippine policy are on opposite sides of the fence. If Washington and our grandfathers were right Aguinaldo and the Filipinos are right. If a government of the people is good in America it is good in the Philippines. If the Spanish people were not capable of teaching the Filipinos what is best what is the use of our trying. See how the Mexicans have forged ahead since throwing off the Spanish yoke. Mexico will have to tumble to McKinleyism next. It will be just as much of a helping under providence to shoot Mexico into heaven.

The speaker denied that the country was tending to plutocracy. The fact that a majority of our senators are millionaires proves it is. Then the fact that the senate has killed several bills for amending the constitution allowing the people to elect senators, proves it again. Senators know they could not buy or fool the people half as easily as they can state legislatures, hence the present system suits them best.

The speaker boasted that our government was a poor man's government. No poor man ever made a million under just laws by honest toil or trade.

The speaker opposed the Spanish war but since found out he was wrong, and now upholds the Philippine war. What consistency! He thought we were nearly out of our trouble, however.

General Wheeler was the speaker's latter day hero and patriot. Touch the color line in America and we would find there the hero stands. We were told that great nations were servants of men. It looks as though we were serving the Filipinos rather meanly. Not one step has been taken, we were told, with the Filipinos that could have been honorably avoided. Honor of whipping a weak people is what we are after, then? Had we treated them as we have the Cubans all bloodshed would have been avoided, honorably, too. We read between the lines that Cuba will never have a government of her own under McKinley.

Then look at the inhabitants of Porto Rico. They are cut off from all their former privileges of trade with Spain, and the tariff cuts them off from trading with the United States. Why not make them full citizens as we did the people of Texas and California? They certainly should have all the rights of a territory at once. But that would not be in style with Europe. They must be ground down as colonies, as England ground down the American colonies before the revolution.

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Ragged Rebels, afterwards known as Patriots.

Missionaries engaged in the work of expansion.

The Marquis de Lafayette, a friend of Washington and an anti-expansionist. The Declaration of Independence, a serious document.

CHARACTERS OF THE EXTRAVAGANZA. TIME: ABOUT 120 YEARS LATER.

His Imperial Highness, McKinley I, Ruler of the Isles, Sultan of Holo, Captain-General of Cuba and Porto Rico, Commander-in-Chief of the Imperial Army and Navy, Defender of the Constitution and Business Agent of the Republican Syndicate.

What's the Matter With Mark Hanna, Manager-in-Chief of the Syndicate, Comptroller of the Barrel, Procureur of Votes to his Imperial Highness.

Russ Alger, a scapgoat.

General Eagan, a retired embalmer with a handsome income.

George Dewey, Admiral of the Navy and Presidential Candidate of Patriotic Republicans.

Civil Service Reform, the butt of the Imperial Court.

General Otis, a cheerful obliterator of facts discreditably to his Imperial Highness.

General McArthur, who do their duty whether they like it or not.

Truth, a character rarely permitted to appear on the stage, and then only in an obscure light.

Aguinaldo, a poor cuss.

Other Niggers, inhabitants of the Philippine Islands, incapable of suffering and possessing no desire for liberty and happiness. Next to seeing their homes burned and wives and children maltreated, their principal joy consists in being shot down by Expansionist missionaries.

T. C. Platt, Sub-Managers of the Republican M. S. Quay Trust.

Teddy, the Rough Rider, a young man who meant well, but went wrong.

The Declaration of Independence, a humorous document, read only by old ladies and children.

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FIRE ON BOARD SHIP

It Breaks Out on the Steamer Patria Near Dover.

ASSISTANCE COMES IN NICK OF TIME

Russian Boat Takes Off All the Passengers, Most of Whom Were Americans—Passengers and Crew Cool and Panic is Averted.

The Hamburg-American steamer Patria, from New York, November 8, which passed the Lizard Wednesday, is on fire near Dover. All the passengers were rescued and have arrived at Dover.

The Russian steamer Ceres sighted the Patria, showing signals of distress and demanding immediate help about twelve miles from North Hinder light-ship. Putting on full steam the Ceres soon reached the Patria, and sending a boat learned that Captain Frohlich was in urgent need of assistance. The boats were got out, and with great difficulty all the Patria's passengers, numbering 150, were transferred to the Ceres, which proceeded for Dover, reaching there just before midnight. Among the saved are many ladies and children, as well as six babies in arms.

The hurry of the rescue was indicated by the fact that most of them were enveloped in blankets only. They were rapidly distributed among the hotels or sent to the sailors' home, and everything possible is being done for their comfort.

According to interviews with some of the passengers which elicited the fact that most of them are American citizens who have come for a vacation in Europe, all were ordered on deck at 6 o'clock Wednesday morning, when they were informed that a disastrous fire had broken out among the general cargo and the crew were unable to master it.

The boats were promptly got over the side, the crew working as if they were at drilling. The safety of the ladies and children was the first consideration. As the fire had by this time consumed the greater part of the passengers' belongings they had to get into the boats as they had come up from their bunks, and some in very light raiment.

Captain Frohlich hopes to put the steamer ashore at some point on the coast where there will be a possibility of saving her.

LITTLE HOPE FOR HAYWARD

Senator no Better, and End May Not be Far Distant.

Thursday morning advices from Nebraska City say that there was little change in Senator Hayward's condition last night. The hope for his recovery is slight, although he is resting much easier than earlier in the day. There is a paralysis of the right arm and his speech is somewhat affected. He is perfectly rational and converses with those at his bedside. It is feared that unless there is a favorable change soon the end is not far distant.

Dewey Not in the Race.

Senator Proctor of Vermont, Thursday in an interview said:

"It is not true that I am trying to start a Dewey boom for the presidency. It was generally understood that before Dewey left Manila he was averse to being drawn into the play, and I am in a position to know that since his arrival in this country his antagonism has been confirmed."

"Then you think there is no possibility of the nomination of Admiral Dewey next year?"

"There is absolutely none," was the reply. "He is out of it, and I am not trying to run him as a candidate."

Names His New Secretary.

Congressman Henderson, of Iowa, next speaker of the house, announces the appointment of Jules C. Richards of Waterloo, Ia., as private secretary to succeed Amos L. Allen, who was Speaker Reed's secretary and who has just been elected to congress. Also, that Asher C. Hinds will continue as clerk of the speaker's table, and that Leroy Neeley, for some years Congressman Henderson's private secretary, will be the speaker's clerk.

Gives Himself Up.

Anthony Joseph Dittmeyer, a sergeant in the marine corps, who served on the cruiser Brooklyn when Cervera's fleet was destroyed at Santiago, gave himself up at St. Louis for murder committed there in 1894. Dittmeyer killed his boss with a blow of his fist, in self-defense, he says. Fearing arrest, Dittmeyer enlisted in the navy under the name of Dittmeyer and served with distinction until a few days ago, when he was discharged.

Mrs. Logan Prostrated.

A dispatch from Youngstown, O., says only the greatest care will enable Mrs. Major John A. Logan to survive her bereavement. The family have been notified that the Sikh will leave Manila tomorrow for San Francisco with the major's body.

Hopp's Murderous Work.

Eugene Hopp, a Chicago laborer, had trouble with his brother-in-law, Frank Anderson, and started in to exterminate the family. He killed Anderson and seriously wounded his sister, Mrs. Anderson. He went home, barricaded the door, and was captured only after a desperate fight.

Funston Going Back.

General Fred K. Funston and wife left Kansas for San Francisco. The general will sail on the transport for Manila and Mrs. Funston will remain at her parents' home in Oakland.

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