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News of the Week

The news from the Philippines this week has been the most astonishing received since the war first broke out over there. One cablegram begins: "The week has been the bloodiest of the war." In one fight, it is reported that 278 Filipinos were killed and 12 officers and 244 men captured.

Besides the killed and wounded reported in this cablegram Gen. Otis sends another exceedingly long list—longer than has been received for some weeks. There seems to be fighting everywhere all over the island of Luzon as well as in some of the other islands.

Gen. Schwan, chief of staff to General Otis has become so disgusted with the whole business, that one day he packed up his things, walked out and sent a cablegram to McKinley asking to be allowed to come home.

Many letters have been printed, written by privates in the army in the Philippines, during the last few days that throw a flood of light on the situation over there.

Every man of common sense, whether he ever saw a work on strategy or tactics or not, can sit down and make a pretty fair calculation of what it is going to cost to march an army to hold in subjection 10,000,000 people seven thousand miles from home, every one of whom is hostile.

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During the week the British press have jumped onto the Generals in South Africa rough shod. Buller, Methuen, Warren, Gatacre and the whole crowd are pronounced by Lord Roberts and the London editors to be incompetent.

On To Sioux Falls. The First Convention to Nominate the Next President Will be Attended by Enormous Crowds. Sioux Falls, with characteristic western confidence, undismayed by the magnitude of the job, is rushing forward the preparations for the populist national convention.

The state supreme court of Michigan, in a suit against the Wabash railway by State Railroad Commissioner Ashborne, has decided that carrying baggage, express and mail is legally a part of the earning power of passenger trains and that on the company's reports of earnings, made to the commissioner for the year 1898, it must reduce its passenger fares from 3 cents to 2 1/2 cents per mile in Michigan.

Put Them to Thinking. Those who a few months ago denounced the allegations against McKinley as partisan misrepresentation and refused to look or reason or listen to-day wondering how they could have been so blind that they did not

accommodations. For a shelter for the convention a mammoth "hall-shed tent" has been ordered. It will be set on Summit street, between 9th and 10th streets, in the very heart of the residence district.

Prominent democrats from different sections of the country have already booked rooms, among them Willis J. Abbot of the national democratic press bureau. The Nebraska, Minnesota and Colorado delegations have booked headquarters at the Cataract house, where Secretary Edgerton has reserved four rooms for headquarters and ordered them artistically decorated.

At the head of the local committee managing the convention arrangements is Mayor B. H. Lien. Associated with him in the arrangements are Mark Budge, John T. Cogan, Porter P. Peck, T. W. Sexton, George Schlosser and M. L. Fox.

Jordan on Politics. Dr. David Starr Jordan, president of Leland Stanford University, California, was at the Barnett hotel Friday night after his lecture. He was for two hours the center of a group of eager listeners and discussed current politics.

"Politics," he said "is the business of the people and it is the duty of us all to know what our government is doing and to talk about it. War is always deplorable as it destroys not our interior men, but our best men. We, and not the Filipinos, are the responsible parties of this war. If we had given to those people a definite statement of our intention toward them and had our intention been honorable, the war would have died out. Our attitude has held the Filipinos together. They have an assurance that they will never have self government again if they lose it now."

"Have you any sympathy for the idea of territorial expansion?" asked a prominent city superintendent. "Indeed, I am really an expansionist in principle, but that has nothing to do with this question. I am not an imperialist. I would not hold lands as provinces or subjected territories, and that speaks for a great majority of the Americans."

"Do you think Bryan would or could proceed differently if he were president?" "Yes. He would have declared our intention at the very beginning to give them self government and representation in congress as an order is restored. And every man who would not give them representation in our government is an imperialist and not an expansionist. Bryan I think is a man of fair but not great intellect, of very strong convictions and is too honest and too brave to be corrupted or frightened from them. He is a good, safe, all around man. I did not vote for him in 1896 but I will now."

"What do you think of Beveridge's speech?" "The weakness of Beveridge's speech is that he tries to make the point that congress has control of our possessions. Ships, ports, arms, stores, crops are possessions, but we dare not consider men as property and foist upon them a government they despise."

"Is it Bryan or McKinley's views that are gaining among the people?" "After all this talk do you ask what I think? Let me quote you Roosevelt on that. He said to me last week, 'Jordan, I wish to God we were out of the Philippines and had them off our hands, and many republicans are thinking the same. I am free to quote Roosevelt because I consider him in many respects one of the greatest men in the republican party.'"

"How do you size up McKinley?" "Let me quote you Roosevelt again. He said: 'McKinley has about as much backbone as a toy chocolate man that you see on the confectioner's stand; he is dreadful disappointment.'"

"What do you think of President Schurman's report on the Philippines?" "Schurman is a good man, but he is essentially an aristocrat and an aristocrat can not make a government for the masses."

The Iowa populists last week selected a delegation, headed by Gen. James B. Weaver, to the Sioux Falls convention, and instructed it for Bryan for president. The Omaha and St. Louis platforms were reaffirmed and the recent issues covered in a statesmanlike way.

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