

SPANIARDS CUT THEM OFF.

A Detachment of Miles' Men in a Tight Place.

IS PICKETED UPON THE TRAIL.

General Roy Stone, With a Company of Wisconsin Volunteers, Separated From the Main Command by Spaniards in a Superior Position.

WITH MILES' ARMY, Aug. 2.—General Roy Stone, while reconnoitering northwards along the road leading to Arriba, upon the north coast, with a company of the Second Wisconsin regiment, encountered opposition at Utuado, where a small force of Spanish regulars and volunteers had been instructed by Captain General Macias to resist.

The Spaniards refused to surrender and General Stone telephoned back to Adjuntas that he would push on, aided by a force of natives armed with machetes. Before the messengers left Adjuntas, where twelve men had been left, a Spanish force was reported to be between General Stone and Adjuntas, picketed upon the trail between Adjuntas and Utuado, in the heart of the mountains.

As the troops have to move in single file, ten Spaniards could stop a regiment of the advancing Americans.

General Stone's messenger rode all night. In his advance here General Stone met with an enthusiastic welcome from the natives in the villages and towns through which he passed. Women and children strewed the streets with flowers and as he passed houses and town halls flew home made American flags. The enemy, then numbering about 400, preceded him, and was in full retreat for hours.

San Martin, the Spanish commander at Ponce, who evacuated the city without orders, is a prisoner at San Juan de Porto Rico. He will be tried for cowardice and probably will be executed.

WITH MILES' ARMY, Aug. 3, via Kingston.—The Spaniards are reported to be advancing, though it is not generally believed. In addition to the regular fortifications at Alibonito, upon the road to San Juan, it is reported that the enemy mined the cliffs preparatory to blocking the road if obliged to retire.

The plan of campaign is not fully determined upon, but the natural strength of the Spanish position at Alibonito and the character of the defense works erected there necessitates a flank movement. The turning movement was inaugurated to-day (Tuesday), when General Brooke landed 3,000 men at Arroyo, sixty miles east of here. From there he can strike the military road leading to San Juan at Cayey, beyond Alibonito. This will compel the Spanish commander, General Ortega, who has a great reputation, to abandon his stronghold or be caught between two fires.

It is possible that a second column may move on his left flank also, in which case the present advance on his front will be shown to be only a feint.

QUIT IN FACE OF THE ENEMY.

Trouble in a Massachusetts Regiment Causes Six Officers' Resignation.

BOSTON, Aug. 5.—A cablegram from Ponce, Porto Rico, says: There is a sensation in the Sixth Massachusetts regiment, which is in General Garretson's brigade. The friction between the line officers and the officers of the brigade, which has been growing ever since the command left Cuba, reached its climax Monday when Colonel Woodward, Lieutenant Colonel Chaffin, Major Taylor, Chaplain Dousseault and Captain Goodell of Company K resigned their commissions. The exact reason which prompted them to take this action is not at present known.

The resignations leave Major Charles K. Darling in command of the regiment. The matter has been fully reported to General Miles, and a rigid investigation has been ordered. By military law to resign in the face of the enemy means a court-martial.

A RUSH FROM KLONDIKE.

Disappointed Gold Seekers Are Coming Out to St. Michaels.

VICTORIA, B. C., Aug. 5.—The steamer Manuzes has arrived from St. Michaels, Alaska, with 200 passengers and between \$150,000 and \$200,000 in gold dust. Of the list of passengers only thirty-four were miners who had spent one winter in the mines, the remainder being those who had gone there this spring and concluded not to remain. The passengers all agree that hundreds of men are arriving in St. Michaels daily from Dawson and vicinity seeking passage to the states and that there are upwards of 1,000 men in that part of the country who have lately come from coast ports and are trying to get up the river. Many are turning back after learning the conditions at Dawson and up-river points.

Mass for Dead Spaniards.

ANNAPOLIS, Md., Aug. 5.—A special mass was celebrated yesterday morning for the Spanish soldiers and sailors who lost their lives in the present war. The mass was said in Spanish and the prisoners attended church in a body.

An Official Study of Theodore Durrant.

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 5.—It has been learned that the United States bureau of education is making an exhaustive inquiry into the life of Theodore Durrant, under the direction of specialists in criminology.

THE SKIPPERS TO BLAME.

Why the Wounded Soldiers Suffered on the Transports.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 5.—Concerning the unfortunate occurrences on the ships Concho and Seneca that brought home sick and wounded from Santiago, the secretary of war gives out the following statement, after a careful investigation:

"At the time they left Santiago, the general desire of conveniences to come home doubtless overcrowded both ships. From the commencing of the Santiago campaign until within a few days, the terrible conditions on that coast, where our ships had no shelter and always with a high surf, made the landing of troops, supplies, ammunition, artillery and medical stores very difficult, and there is no doubt much inconvenience and suffering were thereby caused that were unavoidable. The lighters that went with General Shafter's fleet were lost on the way. Two tons of lighters were subsequently sent, which were also lost, and it was impossible to get supplies ashore except with the boats from the ships and those supplied by the navy. Later on a lighter was furnished by the navy, which was the only one there for many days.

"On account of the great number of sick and wounded, which was in excess of what had been anticipated, there was no doubt much suffering, especially among the sick at Santiago.

"The captains of the Seneca and Concho did not report to General Shafter nor to Quartermaster Humphrey that they needed water. Had they done so, of course it would have been provided. Then also a large number of civilians rushed aboard to get away, and they occupied many staterooms that should have been given over to the soldiers.

"No recurrence of such conditions will be possible hereafter, and no one regrets more than the secretary of war that any thing of the kind should have happened. The general commanding that army, the surgeon general and the quartermasters and commissary departments have done the best they could, but unforeseen circumstances, named above, prevented the conveniences being provided that otherwise would have been furnished."

SWALLOWED A HATPIN.

Baby Has a Pin Six and a Half Inches Long in Its Stomach and Liver.

CHICAGO, Aug. 5.—Little Frances Nelson, 1 1/2 years old, daughter of O. Nelson, a merchant of Schlessinger-ville, Wis., while playing with a hat pin six and a half inches long, a few days ago, in some manner managed to swallow it. The child was brought to this city, where prominent physicians gave it as their opinion that it was an impossibility for such a small child to swallow a hatpin and live. But in order to satisfy the parents they suggested that the X ray be utilized. The child was taken to a Roentgen laboratory, where a photograph of its stomach was taken. There, plainly enough, was to be seen the missing article. The glass head was downward and the action of the stomach in its work or digesting had kept it up to the top of that organ. The point extended up about four inches in the esophagus. The little one was conveyed to a hospital, where the obstruction was removed by a simple operation.

SHE DID NOT UNLOAD SUPPLIES.

Food Sent to Santiago in the Breakwater Bundering Brought Back.

NEW YORK, Aug. 5.—When the transport Breakwater returned to this city from Santiago, the army officers of the department of the East were surprised to find that thousands of pounds of food which had been sent South had never been unloaded from the vessel and was still in the hold.

A board of survey was appointed by Colonel Gillespie, commanding the Department of the East, to determine for whom the stores were intended and why they were not unloaded. This board has reported that the stores were not unloaded because there was immediate need of the vessel to transport the sick and wounded. The board declares that it is unable to fix the responsibility for the failure to unload the supplies.

Colombia to Pay the Claim.

BERLIN, Aug. 5.—The congress of the republic of Colombia, it is announced in a dispatch from Bogota, the capital, has unanimously resolved to deposit a sum equal to \$500,000 (\$300,000) as security for the amount due the heirs of Signor Cerruti.

Escaped Convicts Caught.

WICHITA, Kan., Aug. 5.—Sam Smith and Tom Wynn, escaped from the penitentiary at Leavenworth, were captured at Nowata, Ok., and identified as Frisco train robbers. The same fellows robbed the Crystal Springs and Danville postoffices.

Carlists Have an Uprising.

LONDON, Aug. 5.—A special dispatch from Barcelona says a formidable rising of Carlists has taken place near Lorida, Catalonia.

Effects of an Explosion.

GALENA, Kan., Aug. 5.—Another disastrous explosion occurred last night in the George McCullough mine, from which James Nichols lost his life and Tom Norville, ground boss of the mines, was seriously if not fatally injured.

Mayor as a Life Saver.

NEW YORK, Aug. 5.—Mayor Van Wyck, who has been summing at Freeport, L. I., yesterday distinguished himself as a life saver of no mean ability by rescuing three young women from drowning.

THEY WANT TO COME HOME.

Secretary Alger Asked to Send Shafter's Men North.

NOT 10 PER CENT FIT FOR DUTY.

Colonel Roosevelt Says Malaria Has Placed the Soldiers in a Condition Where Yellow Fever Will Kill Them Like "Rotten Sheep."

WITH SHAFTER'S ARMY, Aug. 4.—Summoned by Major General Shafter, a meeting was held here this morning at headquarters and in the presence of every commanding and needed officer of the Fifth army corps. General Shafter received a cable message from Secretary Alger ordering him at the recommendation of Surgeon General Sternberg to move the army into the interior, to San Luis, where it is healthier. As a result of the conference, General Shafter will insist upon the withdrawal of the army north within two weeks.

As an explanation of the situation, the following letter from Colonel Theodore Roosevelt, commanding the First volunteer cavalry, to General Shafter was given out for publication:

"Major General Shafter: Sir—In a meeting of the general and medical officers, called by you at this place this morning, we were all, as you know, unanimous in view of what should be done with the army. To keep us here, in the opinion of every officer commanding a division or a brigade, will simply involve the destruction of thousands. There is no possible reason for not shipping practically the entire command north at once.

"Yellow fever cases are very few in the cavalry division, where I command one of the two brigades, and not one true case of yellow fever has occurred in this division, except among the men sent to the hospital at Siboney, where they have, I believe, contracted it. In this division there have been 1,500 cases of malarial fever. Not a man has died from it, but the whole command is so weakened and shattered as to be ripe for dying like rotten sheep when a real yellow fever epidemic, instead of a fake epidemic like the present, strikes us, as it is bound to if we stay here at the height of the sickness season, August and the beginning of September. Quarantine against malarial fever is much like quarantining against the toothache.

"All of us are certain, as soon as the authorities at Washington fully appreciate the condition of the army, to be sent home. If we are kept here it will, in all human possibility, mean an appalling disaster, for the surgeons here estimate that over half the army, if kept here during the sickly season, will die. This is not only terrible from the standpoint of the individual lives lost, but it means ruin from the standpoint of the military efficiency of the flower of the American army, for the great bulk of the regulars are here with you.

NOT 10 PER CENT FIT FOR DUTY.

"The sick list, large though it is, exceeding 4,000, affords but a faint index of the debilitation of the army. Not 10 per cent are fit for active work. Six weeks upon the North Maine coast, for instance, or elsewhere, where the yellow fever cannot possibly propagate, would make us all as fit as fighting cocks—able, as we are eager, to take a leading part in the great campaign against Havana in the fall, even if we are not allowed to try Porto Rico.

"We can be moved north, if moved at once, with absolute safety to the country, although, of course, it would have been infinitely better if we had been moved north or to Porto Rico two weeks ago. If there was any object in keeping us here we would face yellow fever with as much indifference as we face bullets, but there is no object in it. The four immune regiments ordered here are sufficient to garrison the city and surrounding towns, and there is absolutely nothing for us to do here, and there has not been since the city surrendered.

"I write only because I cannot see our men, who have fought so bravely and have endured extreme hardships and danger so uncomplainingly, go to destruction without striving, so far as lies in me, to avert a doom as fearful as it is unnecessary and undesired. Yours respectfully, THEODORE ROOSEVELT, Colonel Commanding First Brigade."

After Colonel Roosevelt had taken the initiative, all the American general officers united in a similar address to General Shafter.

Major M. W. Wood, the chief surgeon of the First division, said: "The army must be moved North," adding with emphasis, "or it will be unable to move itself."

General Ames has sent the following cable message to Washington: "The Hon. Charles H. Allen, assistant secretary of the navy: This army is incapable, because of sickness, of marching anywhere except to the transports. If it is ever to return to the United States it must do so at once. A full list of the sick would mean a copy of the roster of every company here."

The Minneapolis Creamery Burned.

MINNEAPOLIS, Kan., Aug. 5.—The creamery at this place, owned by the Minneapolis Butter and Cheese company, was wholly destroyed by fire yesterday; loss about \$5,000; insured for \$1,500.

Abandoning Camp Merritt.

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 5.—The order to move to the Presidio came yesterday and to-day the Twentieth Kansas will leave Camp Merritt. Overcoats and mattress bags were issued to the Kansas regiment yesterday.

VOLUNTEERS PANIC-STRICKEN.

Secretary First New York Nearly Killed a Volunteer—Strenuous Staff's Report.

HAWAII, Aug. 5.—General Shafter has authorized the publication of the official report made to him by General Kent of the battle of July 1, 2 and 3. It is dated July 7.

In speaking of the crossing of the San Juan river, the report says: "The enemy's fire, steadily increasing in intensity, now came from all directions, not only from the front and the dense tropical thickets on our flanks, but from sharpshooters thickly posted in trees in our rear, and from sharpshooters apparently aimed at the balloon. Lieutenant Colonel Derby of Shafter's staff met me about this time and informed me that a trail, or narrow way, had been discovered from the balloon a short distance back leading to the left of a ford lower down the stream. I listened to the forks made by this road and soon after the Seventy-first regiment of Hawkins' brigade came up. I turned them into the by-path indicated by Lieutenant Colonel Derby, leading to the lower ford, sending word to General Hawkins of this movement.

This would have speedily delivered them in their proper place on the left of their brigade, but, under the galling fire of the enemy, the leading battalion of this regiment was thrown into confusion and recoiled in disorder on the troops in rear.

At this critical moment, the officers of my staff practically formed a cordon behind the panic-stricken men and urged them to again go forward. I finally ordered them to lie down in the thicket and to clear the way for others of their own regiment, who were coming up behind. This many of them did, and the Second and Third battalions came forward in battle order and moved along the road toward the ford.

One of my staff officers ran back, waving his hat to hurry forward the Third brigade, who, upon approaching the forks, found the way blocked by men of the Seventy-first New York. There were other men of this regiment crouching in the bushes, many of whom were encouraged by the advance of the approaching column to arise and go forward.

I again sent a staff officer at a gallop to urge forward the troops in the rear. The head of Wikoff's brigade reached the forks at 12:30 p. m., and hurried on the left, stepping over the prostrate forms of men of the Seventy-first.

MYSTERIOUS BANK ROBBERY.

The Bank of Commerce at Sedalia, Mo., Touched for Unknown Amount.

SEDALIA, Mo., Aug. 5.—Expert bank thieves made a rich haul at the Bank of Commerce here between 11:30 a. m. and 1:30 p. m. Monday, but the fact was not made public until yesterday. How much was stolen the bank officials refuse to divulge, but the general belief is that several thousand dollars were taken.

Just how the robbery occurred is not known, but the supposition is that while Cashier Ittel or President Yeater was engaged at the window, a thief entered the building by the door, made his way through the directors' room to the vault and entered the vault for banking purposes, entered the vault and abstracted from a small cash safe the money in packages, which he placed in a sack and carried away.

It is believed that a confederate engaged the official on duty at the cashier's window, engrossing his attention, while the other man robbed the safe. The fact of the robbery was not discovered until the thieves had had ample time to escape.

Manager Hurst, of the Thiel Detective agency, Kansas City, was summoned and at his instigation Chief of Police Prentice arrested John A. Maines, an alleged advertising solicitor, from Terre Haute, Ind.

NO THIRD TICKET.

Kansas Anti-Fusion Democrats to Join the Republicans.

TOPEKA, Kan., Aug. 5.—Thirty of the anti-fusion Democrats of the state, including Colonel Thomas Moonlight and Ed Carroll, of Leavenworth; James Fike, of Colby; Thomas B. Bowling, of Kansas City; Eugene Hagen and Colonel W. P. Tomlinson, of Topeka, and fifteen Democratic editors held a meeting here yesterday to discuss the future policy of the party in the Kansas political field. After a thorough discussion and interchange of ideas, it was deemed inadvisable to put up a straight Democratic ticket this year, but a resolution was adopted declaring that it was the duty of all Democrats to do everything in their power to defeat fusion and Populism.

Jessie Schley Out of Cash.

MILWAUKEE, Wis., Aug. 5.—Miss Jessie Schley of this city, who left Paris about two weeks ago for Madrid on a peace mission, yesterday called her father, Charles Schley, from Lisbon Portugal, for funds to enable her to return to Paris.

Kansas Soldier Stricken Blind.

CAMP THOMAS, Ga., Aug. 5.—Private Zelts, Company C, Twenty-first Kansas, was severely shocked by a lightning stroke during a storm yesterday afternoon, and since that time has lost the sight of his eyes.

Spanish Prisoners Well Treated.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 5.—The state department has been advised by United States Consul Wildman, at Hong Kong, that all prisoners taken by Aguinaldo, the insurgent chief, including monks, are "treated with perfect humanity," and that all reports to the contrary are absolutely false.

Italy's Navy to Be Increased.

ROME, Aug. 5.—It is reported that the Italian government intends to propose the construction of six armored cruisers.

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