

REFUSED GERMAN Y'S OFFER.

A London Paper Says the Filipinos Were Loyal to Americans.

THEY REJECTED EUROPEAN AID

Prince Henry Offered Recognition for a Coaling Station—France Also Had a Proposal—Was It? Have a Commission Investigate.

LONDON, Dec. 30.—A correspondent of the London Globe, writing from Hong Kong, November 28 says, "It will be a great misfortune if, through hasty action or ignorance of the actual state of affairs, the Filipino natives rise against the Americans. Hitherto, although the Americans have often given great provocation, the Filipinos have shown great forbearance and a strong dislike to come to blows. They do not want to fight, and if the Americans only meet them half way all will go well. There is much to be gained by a just, statesmanlike settlement with the natives, while there will undoubtedly be great losses through a continuance of arbitrary treatment. The just aspirations of the people ought to be taken into consideration, and I believe they would be if only the proper men are sent out by the President to settle the question of the future government of the islands upon the spot, after proper deliberation and a very careful investigation. Such a commission would discover that the Filipino leaders have been loyal to the Americans."

"I am informed that they refused to consider the overtures of Germany and France. When Prince Henry visited Hong Kong he caused the Filipino leaders there to visit him and informed them that he was empowered to promise the natives full recognition of their national government if they would cede to Germany a small coaling station. France, more recently, made similar advances and in each case the reply was 'We cannot settle anything with you. The Americans promised us independence and we want to wait and see what the Americans will do for us.'"

MANILA, Dec. 30.—Admiral Dewey considers it absolutely necessary that a first-class statesman be sent to Manila to thoroughly investigate the situation here and ascertain the aspirations of the Filipino republicans. He further states that the United States must accept their responsibilities in the Philippines, which have been acquired by conquest. If they should shirk this duty they would put themselves back 500 years in the world's history.

The first republican government has resigned over the question of American intervention in the government of the Philippines. Owners of property desire American co-operation. The present temporary cabinet, which will exercise power pending the elections, is very anti-American. It allows of no American co-operation whatever and wants to declare a free republic and to consider Americans as allies.

It is willing to grant liberal commercial treaties, with a monopoly of the mines and railways and to repay the expenses of the American occupation of Manila.

MERRITT SUSPECTS DONS.

Rios Should Have Awaited Americans, According to the General.

CHICAGO, Dec. 30.—Major General Wesley Merritt, who is spending the holidays here, was surprised to hear of the surrender of Iloilo by General Rios to the insurgents. General Merritt believes the surrender may have been an intentional move on the part of the Spaniards to make it difficult for the United States to gain control of the Philippine islands.

"It is, of course, impossible," continued General Merritt, "to predict what bearing this move will have on the ultimate disposition of the islands. General Rios had no right to surrender to the insurgents, unless, indeed, his command was on the verge of starvation or in some equally tight place. When Manila fell all the islands in the archipelago went with it, and though the surrender then made on paper might not have amounted to much, and might have been terminated should the Spanish have felt themselves sufficiently strong, yet the signing of the protocol some six days later prevented any further movements, either upon the part of the Americans to gain further control of the islands, or on the part of the Spanish to attempt to wrest any of the surrendered territory from their victors. Consequently, Rios' only move should have been to turn over Iloilo to the United States troops."

"The idea the insurgents have is that the more territory they can assert that they hold, the better their claim to the right of independence when the time comes for them to treat with the United States regarding modern government."

THE DRIVER AND MONEY GONE.

Wells-Fargo's San Antonio Express Office Loses \$60,000.
SAN ANTONIO, Texas, Dec. 30.—Charles Beeler, a messenger of the Wells-Fargo Express company, has been missing since yesterday at noon. He started out in a wagon to deliver packages of money and valuables. About 1 o'clock this morning the horse and wagon were found wandering around without a driver and the money and valuables were missing. The loss to the express company is estimated at \$60,000.

UNCLE SAM HAS MORE TO PAY.

No End to the Expenditures Growing Out of the War.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 30.—Immediately upon the ratification of the peace treaty by the Senate, the President will recommend to Congress the enactment of legislation looking to the settlement of the claims of American citizens for damages sustained in Cuba, Porto Rico and other Spanish possessions which formed the seat of war. Those claims, to the amount of \$20,000,000 on this score, have already been lodged with the state department. It is true that an unknown proportion of these are claims based upon depreciations which it is questionable whether the Spanish government could be held responsible. On the other hand, it is believed that there are many claims for large amounts that have not been presented, owing to the inability of the claimants to secure the necessary corroborative evidence during the Spanish occupation of the evacuated territories or because of the belief that it would be fruitless to present any claim so long as Spanish sovereignty was maintained.

Now, however, by an article in the treaty of Paris, the United States has assumed liability for all claims preferred by its citizens on account of depreciations, or, in fact, on any proper score. In turn, the Spanish assumed liability for any claim that might have been made on account of Spanish citizens or the Spanish government itself against the United States.

What such claims would have amounted to cannot be estimated. None were filed with the United States government prior to the declaration of war. But it is recalled that there was much criticism on the part of high Spanish officials of the alleged failure of the United States to observe the requirements of the neutrality laws, and more than one statement was made to the effect that the Spanish government intended to present a claim for a round number of millions on that score.

AS SAM SMALL SEES IT.

Says Chaplains in the Army Are "A Sort of Sop to Church Sentiment."

SAVANNAH, Ga., Dec. 30.—Rev. Mr. Sam Small, the evangelist, is now chaplain of the Third engineers, United States army. He arrived here yesterday and one of the first things he did was to give out an interview.

"The chaplains are a sort of sop to the church sentiment without much substance to them. They just take a minister and put a uniform on him, with a silver cross on the shoulder, pay him \$200 a month and turn him loose on 1,200 men without any of the implements of the spiritual warfare to fight with. I've been disappointed."

"When I get out I am going to suggest that they do away with the chaplains. I suppose there will be a howl, but it is better to raise the issue and have the whole system revised. When we get down to Cuba, I'll wager most of the men would rather go to a cock fight or a bull fight than attend services. To tell the truth, I am beginning to think there is a heap of balderdash about what the chaplains do accomplish outside of meeting the sentiment that calls for their presence with every body of troops."

WRECK ON THE SANTA FE.

East Bound California Limited Derailed in Colorado and Four Cars Burned.

TRINIDAD, Col., Dec. 30.—The east bound California limited train, No. 4, on the Atchafalaya, Topoka & Santa Fe railroad, was wrecked eleven miles east of this city at 7 a. m. yesterday. The accident happened on a curve, and it is supposed to have been caused by the spreading of rails. The engine, one Pullman and the dining car passed over all right. The observation car, two drawing room sleepers and composite car left the track. The wreck immediately caught fire from an explosion of gas in the composite car, and the entire four cars were burned.

Those in the composite car are reported badly injured. No one was killed, but several were seriously injured.

Naval Governor for Guam.
WASHINGTON, Dec. 30.—The island of Guam will probably be different from the other colonial possessions or dependencies of the United States in having a naval instead of a military governor. The reason is that the sole reason for the selection and acquisition of the island was to obtain a conveniently located naval station for our warships, and, that being the case) the navy should have exclusive control. The command will be of importance, for the island has a population of more than 8,000 people, and, so far from these being barbarians, about 1,400 of them are of European extraction.

The Buffalo at Port Said.
WASHINGTON, Dec. 30.—The cruiser Buffalo arrived today at Port Said, en route to Manila, just sixteen and a half days out from New York. Thus she has broken all naval records up to this point in her voyage. She is expected to arrive at Manila, as she carries 700 sailors to relieve men in Dewey's fleet whose time has long expired.

Bonapartists Meet.
LONDON, Dec. 30.—Special dispatches from Brussels report that an important conference of Bonapartists has just been held there, under the presidency of Prince Victor Napoleon. Baron Legoux was re-elected president of the party. In thanking his supporters, he said: "The time of watching is ended, and the hour for combat is sounding."

St. Louis, Mo., Dec. 30.—Charles F. Orthwein, the millionaire grain merchant and steel car magnate, died at his home last night of cancer of the liver.

NEWS SUMMARY.

Saturday, December 30.

Weight of England knocked out Mike Breen of Boston in the Britannia round at Birmingham, Eng.

Yesterday's statement of the condition of the treasury shows available cash balance, \$791,722,850; gold reserve, \$744,947,000.

Lieutenant Colonel Hoy resorts to General Wood that several bands of banditti are operating in the neighborhood of Umanamano.

The identity of the man who killed himself at Los Angeles, Cal., has been fully established as Alexander Nott of Philadelphia. He was a prominent Knight Templar.

The minority of the house committee on military affairs today filed with the clerk its report in opposition to the bill for the increase of the regular army to 100,000 men.

A new counterfeit silver \$1 certificate is discovered. It is of the series of 1894. Bruce register, Roberts treasurer, and apparently printed from photo-etched plates on heavy bond paper.

Governor Bradley refused to extend clemency in the case of Blank of Mayfield, sentenced to be hanged on February 23 next, thus closing a rather sensational chapter of Kentucky history.

The steamer St. Louis, with the American peace commission aboard, arrived in New York. The commission goes to Washington to deliver the treaty as a Christmas present to the president.

Colonel Marshall, chief quartermaster, department of California, received authority from the secretary of war to expend \$113,339.50 on the new pavilion hospital to be erected at the Presidio, San Francisco.

An evidence of thrift in the navy department is a general order sent out to all of the nine naval stations that the strictest economy is to be exercised in all expenditures of public money by the department's officers until further orders.

Adjutant General Corbin has gone to New York to spend Christmas with his daughter. He expects to return Tuesday, and, in his absence, it is improbable that any action will be taken toward selecting the volunteer regiments which are to be mustered out of the service.

The surgeon general's office will send six female trained nurses to Cuba from New York. They are destined for the division hospital at Puerto Principe. Forty other female nurses were started for Cuba December 15, and it is the intention to place 100 altogether with the division hospitals of the Seventh corps.

Monday, December 30.

General Green, U. S. v., will resign from the army.

The first battalion, First United States infantry, departed for Cuba, via Port Tampa.

The condition of Prime Minister Sagasta, who is suffering from bronchial pneumonia, is announced to be more serious.

A bad wreck occurred at Emison on the Evansville & Terre Haute railroad, in which three trainmen were seriously hurt, and a score or more passengers bruised and scratched.

Linda Cody, a wealthy real estate dealer, who is an enthusiastic supporter of President Stimson, of the Christian alliance, will depart for Cuba January 9 for the purpose of starting a mission work.

The Paris correspondence of the Daily Chronicle says: "It is asserted that the French police have seized several bundles of letters, whose contents prove that a military plot is in thorough working order."

During the coming year President McKinley will have an opportunity to make three new brigadier generals by award of retirements under the law, in addition to the appointments he will have at his disposal under the bill.

Christmas day was ushered in in Havana by the cracking of revolvers and rattling volleys from Mauser rifles in an affray which occurred near the center of the city between the Spanish troops garrisoning the city and the Cuban residents.

First United States infantry has been ordered to move to Havana. The first battalion leaves tomorrow for Port Tampa, and the second battalion will leave for Charleston Tuesday. The third battalion will go to Port Tampa on January 4. The second battalion, Second engineers, has been ordered to Havana.

Captain Frederic Marcy Linde, U. S. A., retired, died suddenly in Washington, Dec. 30. He was a native of Michigan. He served during the civil war, entering originally as sergeant of the Fourth Vermont infantry from August, 1861, to January, 1862, when he was commissioned a second lieutenant. He was mustered out six months later and then served two years as a private and sergeant in the Wisconsin heavy artillery.

Tuesday, December 31.
The Twelfth New York is loading today and expects to leave tonight for Charleston, where a transport will be taken for Matanzas.

Admiral W. T. Sampson, who recently arrived at New York from Havana, reached Washington for consultation with the officials there.

Major David J. Hemphill of South Carolina, quartermaster of the old Second division, First corps, died at the Knoxville, Tenn., division hospital of stomach trouble.

General Miles returned to Washington from Cincinnati. He declines to discuss any further subjects covered in his recent evidence before the investigating commission or the course of Commissary Fagan in reference to this evidence.

A seven days' race against time will be started on January 1 between the Chicago & Northwestern and the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy railroads. The prize is the \$750,000 contract for carrying overland mails between Chicago and Omaha.

The peace treaty will be presented to the senate January 4 and referred to a committee.

The navy department is going to be prepared for any emergency that may hereafter arise in the Atlantic and Pacific oceans by carrying on hand the enormous stock of nearly 500,000 tons of best steaming coal for war-ships that can be procured.

Wednesday, December 31.

The cabinet at its meeting listened to the reading of the peace treaty and then gave its attention to affairs in Cuba.

Andrew Allen Bonner, the eldest son of Robert Bonner, proprietor of the New York Ledger, died of pneumonia in New York city yesterday.

Miss Mercedes Garcia, daughter of the late Calisto Garcia, the Cuban leader, died at the Mearny hotel in Thomaston, Ga., of consumption.

Hon. Justin S. Morrill, senior United States senator from Vermont, died in Washington yesterday morning in the 89th year of his age after an illness of less than a week.

It is said at the New York navy yard that Commodore Philip will succeed Rear Admiral Bunce, retired, as commandant of the Brooklyn navy yard on January 15.

Admiral W. T. Sampson, who arrived in Washington from New York, is confined to his room with a light attack of grip. His physicians think he will recover in a few days.

Colonel William Jennings Bryan will be present in Cincinnati at the Jackson day banquet of the Duxworth club. The date of the banquet has been changed to Friday, January 6, to meet his convenience.

Cable advices were received from General Otis that Aguinaldo's government had gone to pieces. His cabinet has refused longer to stand by him in opposition to the purposes of the United States, and he has not been able to form a new cabinet.

Ambassador Romero of Mexico is seriously ill with appendicitis at his residence in Washington. A consultation of physicians was held tonight, but it was decided to await the developments of the next twelve hours before determining whether an operation is necessary.

Admiral Dewey is now the senior officer of the American navy, having reached that position without congressional action, through the retirement Sunday last of Admiral Bunce. He will continue to hold that distinction until December 26, next year, when he will go upon the retired list.

The statement of the visible supply of grain in store and afloat for the week ending Saturday, December 24, as compiled by the New York produce exchange, is as follows: Wheat, 28,783,600, decrease, 1,776,000; corn, 18,700,000, increase, 547,000; oats, 5,947,000, decrease, 62,000; rye, 1,311,000, increase, 185,000; barley, 4,144,000, decrease, 25,000.

Thursday, December 30.

The Fourth army corps will be moved from Huntsville to Anliston, Ala.

The engagement of Miss Virginia Fair and William K. Vanderbilt, Jr. has been formally announced.

Senator Sagasta, who has been suffering from pneumonia, is much better and is now considered out of danger.

Judge Nathan Goff of West Virginia states that he is not, and does not intend to be a candidate before the coming legislature for United States senator.

The chief beneficiaries under the will of the late Baron Ferdinand de Rothschild are his brother, Baron Albert de Rothschild, and his sister, Miss Alice.

Rev. Sam Small, now chaplain of the Third engineers, United States army, declines the position and says chaplains are useless appendages to an army.

Admiral Sampson is still confined to his room at his hotel in Washington, by an attack of grip, probably caused by the sudden climatic changes from Cuba to the north.

Lieutenant Colonel Charles Porter, Twenty-second United States infantry, has been found incapacitated for further service by a retching board and placed on the retired list.

Consul General Goodnow has informed the State department from Shanghai that the Chinese government has forbidden dynamite and like explosives to be landed in China.

Advices from Manila today convey the information that the insurgent forces have taken Iloilo, which they have been besieging for months, and have raised Aguinaldo's flag over the town.

General Henry reports from San Juan that there were no deaths on the 24th or 25th. On the 25th Louis C. Hammond, saddler, company G, Fifth United States cavalry, died of insular heart attack.

The secretary of war has received a recommendation from Surgeon General's army sanitarium at Nagasaki, at Sternberg for the establishment of Japan, for the use of the United States troops at Manila.

Ambassador Romero of Mexico, was operated upon for appendicitis. Dr. Taber Johnson, who supervised the operation, says the patient is doing as well as can be expected. He is still, however, in a very critical condition.

Friday, December 30.
Baron Curzon, new viceroy to India, and his wife have reached Bombay.

The Canadian plant of the American screw company has been sold, being the last foreign plant of the concern.

Purses aggregating \$39,000 have been voted for the early closing races of the grand circuit meeting next season.

The New York Central and the Lake Shore roads will put on a second fast mail between New York and Chicago, January 1.

The comptroller of the currency has received information of the failure of the Colebrook National bank of Colebrook, N. H.

A statement compiled by Houston, Tex., shows 120,000 head of cattle being fed for the Cuban market on the line of the Gulf road.

Major General Henry W. Lawton issued a general order relinquishing command of the Fourth army corps. General Lawton will go to Manila, reporting to General Otis.

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