

LAWTON IS IN PURSUIT

Country for a Long Distance Swept by Our Army.

FIGHTING ATTENDS THE MOVEMENT

Five Members of North Dakota Regiment Killed and Two Wounded—Four Companies at Mouth of River—Two Companies of Fourteenth Guard Lumber and Sent Go Forward.

MANILA, April 15.—(New York World Cablegram.)—I have just received tonight from Pate on the eastern side of Laguna Bay where I left Major General Lawton. The general was detained there trying to float the launches captured from the rebels. His expedition has been advancing northward, driving the rebels before it. The troops marching on land are supported by the gunboats on the lake. Every town on the line of march since my last previous dispatch was sent by mail captured and strikers. The Chinese men who fed on the approach of the American troops, leaving the towns deserted except for the residents who remained. The Chinese men will be deported to Manila for fear they would be massacred when the natives return.

FREDERICK PALMER, General Lawton is marching north along the road between the hills and the lake, with the gunboats Rapidan and Laguna de Bay abreast of his vanguard. The enemy is retreating northward.

On Wednesday the troops crossed the Paganian and concentrated at Lambun, at the mouth of the river. After leaving two companies of the Fourteenth regiment to guard the entrance of the river, the troops marched to Longas and found it deserted. Furnitures which had been dropped in the flight of the natives was scattered along the trails leading into the hills.

Major Weisenberger's sharpshooters were sent toward Paganon. In the afternoon they ran upon a nest of rebels in some of the bushes which afforded a splendid cover. Five men of the North Dakota regiment were killed and two were wounded. Two of the latter were being taken to Longas, where Father McKinnon administered the sacrament to them.

The main body of the Americans while at distant Longas, heard the firing and advanced to the support of the sharpshooters. A scout from a hill saw the light and many white coats running in the direction of Laguna de Bay, at the beginning of the fight, shelled the hills, making them too hot for the enemy.

The Americans entered San Antonio at sunset. They met with no resistance. Twenty unarmed prisoners, bearing copies of the proclamation of the United States Philippine commission, which they had been ordered to distribute. The Americans were marching in the direction of the road to Paganian a party of sixty sharpshooters under Lieutenant Southern of the Washington regiment came upon a trench across the road about a mile out of San Antonio. Lieutenant Southern was wounded.

The Americans then advanced with the mounted guns and the Fourteenth infantry battalion. The latter's battalion of the First Idaho on the right and Fraine's battalion of the First North Dakota on the left, both flanking the trench. The trench was carried without loss to the Americans.

Four monuments on the border of the village celebrate the proclamation of Philippine independence, issued last and glorifying Aguinaldo, the liberator. The troops on entering the abandoned houses found them in perfect order. A few guerrillas were seen in the distance and one member of the Fourteenth regiment was shot in the leg by his comrades who were aiming at a Cariboo. One Filipino was killed and two were wounded in the encounter beyond Longas. This was an ambush. Eight members of the North Dakota regiment, moving in single file through the woods, received a volley from a group of bushes fifty feet away. But one got off unhurt. He dragged a comrade with four bullets in his body to the spot of the attack. The Filipinos were easily scattered.

Additional Filipino dead found north of Santa Cruz were numbered and recorded. Killed on Monday to 150, including Paolo Aguirre, one of the leaders, and twelve officers.

Agirre is taken from Cuba. WASHINGTON, April 15.—Secretary of War Taft has received a dispatch from his trip to Cuba and Porto Rico. In an interview tonight he said:

"I had no adequate idea of the wonderful possibilities of this island. I have returned to Washington with renewed faith. The duty we have taken upon ourselves of holding Cuba in trust for civilization is a noble one. The problems are meeting satisfactory solution and I see no reason to fear the future. None of the serious questions which have been raised will arise as insurmountable. Havana is beginning to feel the benefits of American control and the advance and development of the island is being more and more apparent. I am greatly surprised to find so little distrust on the islands. The amount of property for distribution among the people is rapidly decreasing and as fast as the people find employment they will cease to be dependent upon us for food."

San Francisco, April 15.—Hon. Edwin D. Drake, secretary of the ex-Queen Dower Kaplioni is seriously ill. She had another stroke of apoplexy about a week since, and in place of becoming better she failed from day to day. Not even her most intimate friends are allowed to see her. Prince Cupid Kalaniano returned from Kona on the steamer Mauna Loa on April 4, having been summoned to hasten to the bedside of his aunt. The physicians are hopeful, but the case is a desperate one.

Nebraska in Washington. WASHINGTON, April 15.—John Thurston, accompanied by Senator Hyde, statistician of the agriculture department, had an interview with Director of Census Merriman today in relation to matters connected with taking the census of 1900.

Congressman Mercer, accompanied by Mrs. Mercer, sails for Europe on June 14 on the steamship Paris, and will probably take a trip on the Mediterranean before returning.

The lady is a well known lady of the land.

THAT COMMISSION.

The Samoan Tribunal, Daily Instructions, Progress to Start.

LAWTON IS PUSHING ON

Advances His Forces Eight Miles from Lumban.

FORDS RIVERS; TOWARDS JUNGLES

Drives the Enemy Before Him as He Goes Marching Along—North Dakota Cavalry a Cross Fire—Volleys Fired from Concealed Trench at a Distance of Fifty Yards—Five Men Killed and Two Wounded.

MANILA, April 14.—(New York World Cablegram.)—General Lawton's expedition yesterday advanced to a point eight miles north from Lumban and occupied Pate, the military center of the Laguna de Bay district. They forded two rivers and marched through tangles of underbrush, driving a small number of the enemy before them. "Prains" battery of North Dakotas marched from Paganon in the afternoon the North Dakotas were in the center and the sharpshooters flanked. When the column suddenly encountered a cross fire of the rebels. Sharpshooters were moved out quickly and a squad of five of the North Dakota men was surprised by a volley at fifteen yards from a concealed trench. Two were killed and two wounded. One mortally. The Dakotas' sharpshooters rushed down the steep decline and took the trenches by flank. The total losses of our forces were five killed and two wounded.

The expedition is practically living on the country. All the natives have fled. Our forces are sufficient for ransacking and driving the enemy, but it cannot garrison what it takes. General Lawton has carte blanche in the movement. He will use his own judgment. The lake insurgents' loss yesterday was small.

Three outposts last night were slashed by Bolu men. Two dying Dakotas were killed. The launches captured on Tuesday are worth \$60,000. The army's armored launches were of great assistance in shelling the trenches from the lake.

MANILA, April 13.—4:05 p. m.—At about 4 o'clock this morning a small body of rebels attacked the camp of the Third artillery from the swamp near Pacomban, a mile and a half west of Malolos. Two privates were killed and a lieutenant and two others were wounded.

With the coming of daylight the American forces scoured the district, driving the rebels northward and killing several of them. A private soldier of the Montana regiment was wounded. Francisco Reyes, the man who recently purchased the Spanish gunboats at Zamboanga, island of Mindanao, has received advice to the effect that a few days later with the vessels stripped of their guns and ammunition. The purchaser's agents and native crews are to be sent to Manila. The steamer Butuan were conveyed to Zamboanga by the United States cruiser Boston, and were instructed to await the arrival there of the United States gunboat Petrel. Instead of doing so, after the Boston sailed from Zamboanga, the Spaniards transferred the gunboats to the agents of Senor Reyes and the fleet left Zamboanga escorted. They soon returned and reported having been boarded by rebels, who removed the gunboat's armaments. If the instructions of the American naval commander had been obeyed their capture would have been impossible.

Zamboanga is fortified and still garrisoned by Spaniards, and the affair is regarded as suspicious. Brooks Gets the Army Rolls. HAVANA, April 14.—The original rolls of the Cuban army were delivered to Governor General Brooke this evening. Senor Domingo Mendez Campote, vice president of the recently disbanded military assembly and long prominent in Cuban affairs, volunteered to attempt to obtain them from the special executive committee that curried the assembly. The rolls were delivered to him on his request.

Twelve generals and many officers of the First and Second military corps of the Cuban forces met at Bayamo yesterday and decided to name General Maximo Gomez as the representative of the Cuban army to the Americans with full power to treat for peace. There were 130 votes in favor of Gomez and twelve against him.

Leibet Returns Thanks. WASHINGTON, April 14.—The state department today made the following message from President Lobet of France in reply to that sent yesterday by President McKinley:

PARIS, April 14.—To His Excellency, William McKinley, President of the United States, Washington: I am deeply touched by the sentiments which your excellency was pleased to express toward me on the occasion of the signing of the ratification of the treaty of peace between the United States and Spain, and I heartily thank you therefor. I especially desire to assure you of the sincerity of the desire of the government of the republic and its president constantly to draw closer the bonds of traditional friendship which have so long united the two great republics. EMILE LOUBET.

No Call for Troops. WASHINGTON, April 14.—It is stated at the war department that General Otis has no call for additional troops and insists that his present force, reinforced by the six regiments under orders to proceed to Manila, will be ample. No action has yet been taken by the war department looking to the mustering out of the volunteers and nothing will be done until the arrival of the regulars. General Otis will then be expected to enlist such details of the volunteers for six months as may desire to serve for that length of time.

The Sumas Situation Explained. ATLANTA, Ga., April 14.—Mrs. M. C. Alexander of this city has received a letter from her brother, Hon. W. H. Chambers, chief justice of Samoa. The letter left April March 14, the day after the installation of Malietoa. Mr. Chambers tells of the attack on the native villages on March 21 and gives details of the damage done, mentioning the capture at this time of eleven boats owned by the natives. He says the work will be kept up until all the towns of the leading chiefs have been visited, unless the rebels surrender.

BRITAIN YIELDS A LITTLE

Consents to Equality in Findings of the Commission.

THE NEWS BRIEFLY TOLD.

Justice Bradley at Washington decides money sent in mails by postoffice inspectors to detect a thief cannot be used as a basis for an indictment.

The military authorities at Havana have been informed that they will receive today the Cuban arm and munitions, now held by the so-called executive committee appointed by the late military assembly appointed before its dissolution.

Perry S. Heath, first assistant postmaster general, has arrived at San Juan, Porto Rico.

The Albatross, a new type of torpedo boat destroyer, built in London, made thirty-three knots on her trial trip yesterday.

The interstate commerce commission will, April 23, be at Knoxville, Tenn., to hear complaints against the Southern railway.

A Sheffield engineering firm has given an American firm a large order for heavy machinery. British contractors being unable to make fast time.

Berlin reports state that Emperor William is planning the formation of a separate province for Berlin, establishing a separate government and substituting royal officials, because of the growth of socialism.

The principal subject of discussion at today's cabinet meeting was an elaborate plan of credit extensions in Cuba which has been presented by General Brooke and his cabinet council, but reached no conclusion.

Advices received at Buenos Ayres confirm the report that the Bolivian revolutionists have won a signal success. General Pando, the leader of the revolutionists, has entered Oruro, President Almona's former headquarters. The president has fled.

The Illinois house passed a bill providing for the erection at Springfield of a new Lincoln monument at a cost of \$1,000,000. The bill appropriates \$200,000, and provides that \$800,000 be raised by popular subscription. Congress will be asked to appropriate the balance.

The Rev. Jay C. Goodrich of Madison, Wis., has been appointed the first agent of the American Bible society for the Philippine islands. He is a graduate of Mount Union college, in Ohio, and has had charge in the east Ohio conference, and in the upper Iowa conference.

General Brooke at Havana decrees that cemeteries owned by municipalities shall be managed by them, those owned by churches and municipalities and conjointly shall be managed by the latter, receipts being shared; those owned by churches to be managed by churches, but subject to municipal police and hydrant rules.

The hospital ship, Missouri, has arrived at Fort Monroe from Havana, bringing 212 sick soldiers.

Gen. Fred D. Grant has been ordered from Porto Rico to the Philippines, to take command of the Philippine forces. The Spanish government has directed General Kioe, Spain's principal commander in the Philippines, to cooperate with Major General Otis in the evacuation of Zamboanga and Zoulan.

The War department has decided to make four departments of the island of Cuba. The seven different provinces have been departments. General Brooke is now arranging for the consolidation.

The supreme court of Nevada overruled the demurrer of the plaintiff in the gubernatorial election case of McMillan against Hadley, the decision being with Governor Sadler on every point, and practically winning the case for him.

King George of Greece has summoned M. Theotokis to form a new cabinet in succession to the ministry which resigned on April 7 owing to the election of M. Zaimis, the premier, having been declared invalid on account of bribery and intimidation.

The Missouri lower house passed the bill, which has a reduced rate of 15 cents per package less than ten pounds; from ten to fifty pounds, 45 cents; from fifty to seventy-five pounds, 60 cents; and over 100 at the rate of 75 cents per 100.

General Wheaton has telegraphed to Major Otis, saying: "They would not wait to be killed." General Lawton is scouring the vicinity of Santa Cruz. He finds the rebels have decamped. He has secured a gunboat, two launches and two cascos, comprising the Filipino fleet. These vessels were stuck in the mud in the river.

A miner has reached Dyea, Alaska. He claims to be the only survivor of a party of three, two of whom were murdered by Chilkat Indians near the village of Klukwan. According to his story, they were defaming a "Totem pole" by cutting their names on it and were surprised by a large party of Indians who shot at them, killing his two companions.

Under a decision at Milwaukee preferred stockholders of the Northern Pacific will not have a first lien on land not covered by mortgage or trust deed foreclosure.

Rudyard Kipling was out arriving yesterday for the first time since his return from the drive through Central Park. He was accompanied by Mr. Donibuddy and a nurse. Mr. Kipling has engaged a suite of rooms in a hotel at Lakewood, N. J., and will go there with his family on Monday.

Lieutenant Collis G. Calkins has been appointed to fill the office left vacant by Lieutenant M. G. Hooper, who was transferred from the local branch of the United States hydrographic office to the Philadelphia now at Samoa, to take the place of Lieutenant Lansdale, who was killed in the battle with the Matafans near Apia on April 1.

The postoffice department, in furtherance of its plans in extending the service to Alaska, has arranged for communication between Unalaska and the mouth of the Nuhugak river, where salmon canneries are located. Three vessels will be made by steamer during the summer. The distance is about 450 miles.

The local subscription fund of \$5,000 for the Louisiana Purchase centennial will be celebrated by a world's fair at St. Louis in 1903, is from all appearances a certainty. Of this amount \$1,500,000 has been subscribed or guaranteed by the members of the committee of 200 and a small part of the organized business interests of the city.

The president gave Charles Ayre Whipple of New York an order for a full length portrait of himself. The portrait is being painted in the private apartments of the White House. Mr. Whipple painted the portraits of ex-president Harrison, General Miles and Secretaries Sherman, Herbert, Tracy and Elkins.

NEBRASKA NEWS.

The religious revival is still in progress in Seward with encouraging results.

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