

NATIVES APPLY THE TORCH

Description of the Attempt to Burn Manila February 22.

DETAILED ACCOUNT OF THE AFFAIR Troops Compelled to Use Their Guns to Drive the Filipino Army—Considerable Property is Destroyed.

MANILA, March 5.—(Via steamer Nippon Maru to San Francisco, April 2.)—After false alarms and frustrated attempts the officially reported threats of the rebels to burn Manila and massacre every European and American within its walls culminated in a disastrous conflagration and an attempted uprising which was probably checked on the night of Washington's birthday. That preconcerted arrangements had been made to fire the city in half a dozen places simultaneously there can be no doubt, but, fortunately, the plans miscarried for various reasons and the natives themselves, or at least their sympathizers, lost as much, if not more, than those upon whom they sought to wreak their vengeance. A quiet day than that of February 22 it would be difficult to imagine, for the streets and leading merchandise houses were closed and except for the fact that the saloons were open it seemed more like Sunday than a holiday, the excessive heat and the condition of affairs outside having kept most people indoors.

As the long string of carriages which daily pass and repeat each other on the Luneta were forming for the procession homeward a dense black column of smoke rolled up above the intervening roofs and almost immediately afterward an ominous red glare was reflected from the sky. Murmurs of horror were followed by sharp orders to couchmen and there was a wild scramble for the city. Even when this was reached it was ascertained that the fire was in Santa Cruz district, some distance from the residence section, the alarm was not abated, for no one doubted that incendiaries were at work and none knew where the next blaze might be started.

Wild Confusion Reigns. On the streets in the vicinity of the fire, which was within two blocks of the Escalita, the wildest confusion reigned for some time, people surfeiting here, there and everywhere.

The blaze had started in a row of two-story modern buildings with brick foundations on the Calle la Caste in the center of the Chinese section, and as several of these had been fired within a few minutes of either the noon or the evening hour, the local fire brigade turned out with commendable promptness, but with more zeal than discretion proceeded to pour three tiny streams of water from as many lines of hose upon the red-hot brick walls of the fire building, which was already doomed. Instead of attempting to prevent those adjacent from lighting, the consequence was that by the time General Hughes and his men arrived on the scene and commenced to clear the streets of fire blocks this was the danger zone, the fire and a stiff breeze was fanning it forward. During the excitement the hose was cut five times and other impediments placed in the way of the firemen. Upon learning of this General Hughes issued orders to his men to clear the first man who interfered with the checking of the flames or attempted to start others. Several natives who picked up burning wands and darted off with them were either shot or bayoneted by the regular troops. The roundabout of all natives on the streets in the vicinity was ordered. As thousands of people were vacating their houses and carrying off their effects and the sidewalks and roadways were littered with fire blocks this was a work of some difficulty, but by degrees the soldiers corralled hundreds of protesting natives and hustled them into yards and vacant lots, where they were guarded until the excitement subsided.

Fire a Magnificent Sight. About 9 o'clock the volunteer fire brigade arrived on the scene with a modern engine, and after three hours' work the fire was controlled. Meantime the whole of the block in which the blaze originated, a block of the other side of the street and a block and a half west of it had been completely gutted. From a spectacular standpoint the fire was a magnificent sight, the flames leaping from the wooden structures fifty feet into the air, while millions of sparks glistered among the rolling clouds of smoke and fell in golden showers upon adjacent roofs. Scores of fires were started by these sparks to windward, but as every one was alive on this dangerous scene, they were promptly quenched in their incipient stages. Shortly after midnight, just as the weary workers and watchers were repairing to their quarters, congratulating themselves that the fire, had though it was, had been no worse, another stroke was reflected from the smoke-bedecked sky in the direction of Tondo.

This being the most densely populated native district in the city, which had always been identified with the rebel cause, preparations were at once made for trouble, and it was not long in coming. No sooner had the fire brigade coupled its hose and commenced to play upon the flames which again started in a block of buildings occupied by Chinese than shouts were fired at the men from the windows of adjacent houses. Companies E and F of the Second Oregon volunteers and M and P of the Thirtieth Minnesota volunteers, under Major Willis, were hastily reinforced by Major Goodale's battalion of the Twenty-third infantry, and an attempt was made to clean out the neighborhood. Suddenly, however, shots were fired down half a dozen streets at once, and when this fusillade was followed by volleys from Mausers in the

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Preparations for the annual spring election are about completed. City Clerk Carpenter has the ballot boxes, the tally books, and other records all ready for the use of the voting precincts. Today Street Commissioner Ross will erect the railings and booths so as to have everything in readiness for voting Tuesday morning. The polls will be opened at 9 o'clock Tuesday morning and will remain open until 7 o'clock in the evening. On account of the short ticket it is hoped that the complete returns will be available by midnight or soon afterward. Voting booths have been located at the following places:

First ward—First precinct, Transit house, M street and G street, corner of Twenty-seventh. Second precinct, Akofor building, Twenty-fourth and K streets; Third precinct, G. J. Collins, music store, Twenty-fourth street between K and L streets.

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The boundary lines of the different wards and precincts are printed on the official proclamation. No change has been made in the boundaries since the last election.

From surface indications more interest is taken in the election of members of the Board of Education than in the selection of four councilmen. The republican candidates for members of the board are Jay Lavery, John Trotter and Dr. Seward Webb and the democrats have been working hard for the last week and have made many friends, who declare that they will surely be elected. If all three of the republican candidates are elected the republicans will again have control of the school board.

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The pastor and members of the First Baptist church, Methodist Episcopal church our high appreciation of Dr. McQuoid's ministry, trusting that in this hour of trial they may be richly guided and that this bereavement may draw the members nearer to each other and to their Lord and Master.

Dr. Morgan, in submitting the resolutions said that Dr. McQuoid had been accused of not being a good Methodist because he was a broad man, and invited men of other denominations to occupy his pulpit. This was a penalty, said Dr. Morgan, that such men as Dr. McQuoid will always have to pay.

Dr. McQuoid was also accused of not being a good man and in regard to this Dr. Morgan said that it was true that Dr. McQuoid was not sociable in the popular sense of the term. Very little he mixed up with his fellow ministers, but Dr. McQuoid was a genius and genius never goes to school. He was a man of great ability, eccentric, irregular, and must be allowed to do things in his own way. Dr. Morgan said that though a Baptist he could shake hands with Dr. McQuoid as a fellow-worker for the Lord, and his death was a loss not only to his own church and denomination, but to all churches and denominations. Dr. Morgan cared not what Dr. McQuoid's views were, for probably they were liberal, like his own, but he looked upon Dr. McQuoid as a man of God and a preacher for his age.

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George H. Wilcox, W. S. Dudley, Meriden, Conn.; Otto Focht, Chicago; L. B. Turner, New York; Ed F. Howell, Des Moines; N. R. Denny, Chicago.

...AMUSEMENTS... This week's vaudeville bill at the Orpheum is a performance which will be especially pleasing to lovers of music. A variety of vocal numbers ranging from coon songs to selections from grand opera is introduced and there were not any of them but what seemed to please the big audiences that attended both Sunday's performances. The absence of interesting and tiresome acts is a noticeable feature of this week's bill and one that will certainly be appreciated by patrons of this theater.

The real bill of the bill is made by Al Leech and the Misses Vincent, Muller and Fuller, who call themselves the Three Rosebuds. This quartette appears in a sketch which on the program is billed as an operatic farce comedy, but which might be more properly termed a comic opera. The three young women are possessors of splendid voices and are heard to advantage in several selections. Their opening number, "How D'ye Do," is sung to an air from the opera "Girolo-Girolo," and besides being pretty in attitude. Another number in which Miss Vincent's superb soprano voice, Moller's strong contralto, and Miss Fuller's mezzo-soprano blend in beautiful harmony, is called "Dora Lane From Bangor, Maine." They also do a very fetching dance. Al Leech, who furnishes the greater part of the comedy for the act, remains one of the eccentric comic opera comedians, Richard Golden, and is just as funny. His singing is good and his dancing superior to anything of the kind that has been seen here in some time.

Lizzie B. Raymond, the singing comedienne, who is an old favorite here, sang several character songs in her own inimitable way. Her coon songs were especially well received and in this line she outranks May Irwin. She puts just the proper amount of feeling into her songs, while with her careless, unstudied manner she wins her audience's appreciation at once.

The audience are magicians who present an act which includes some new and novel feats of legerdemain. Mr. Houdini is exceptionally clever in his manipulation of cards, while his cabinet or chest trick is one that baffles everybody.

Ollie Young does a club swinging act, the equal of which is yet to be seen in this city. The Jackkies do an acrobatic act in which some novel as well as difficult and dangerous feats are accomplished and Joe Flynn does a monologue and parody singing that is full of wit and humor and keeps the audience in an uproar for a quarter of an hour.

Yale's spectacular divergence, "The Devil's Auction," drew two large houses at Boyd's Sunday. The piece has been rearranged and is a wealth of new scenery added since it was

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