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ROOT STANDS AT THE HELM

His Vigorous Influence Being Felt. Heads of Departments Are Called Upon to Furnish Facts and Figures—Reconstruction Questions Come Up.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 13.—Secretary Root is beginning to get a firm grasp on the administration of the War portfolio. He has been at the head of affairs but ten days, yet this has been sufficient to show his methods and the influence which his vigorous personality exerts throughout the military establishment.

From Adjutant General Corbin he secured data showing at a glance a broad outline of the army in the field. From the quartermaster general he learned the number of transports, the capacity and readiness to carry troops and the exact status of stores, clothing and equipment, particularly as to General Otis' forces in front of the enemy.

The military information has been drawn out in accordance with medical and hospital supplies, engineering and signal equipment. Each bureau officer submitted a succinct tabular statement and this was supplemented by a personal talk with the secretary. Not only the military but the industrial, educational and financial information at hand here.

While getting in hand this administrative machinery, Mr. Root has at the same time made a careful inquiry into the military situation in the field. Probably the most important military inquiry he is pursuing is as to the exact status of the military in the Philippines since the day it began. For that purpose a military map is being prepared by the adjutant general's office for the private use of the secretary, showing the advance of our force from day to day throughout the campaign.

It will be a bird's-eye view of the theater of military operations throughout the insurrection. Data will be furnished to the secretary by the army as the campaign proceeded and as far as possible it will convey to the eye an idea of the scope of the military operations in the Philippines up to date. The preparation of this map has been put in charge of Major Simpson, chief of the bureau of military information, who has been giving his undivided attention to making it complete and comprehensive.

While going over the military papers of the work the secretary has conferred with the commanding general, General Miles, and with General Merritt, who is second in command, on the military problems presented, and beside the military results of these counsels it has established co-operation between the executive head of the War department and the ranking officers of the army.

Meantime the secretary has announced no far-reaching policies. He proceeds slowly while the facts on which policies rest are being assembled. If there has been some loose and rather careless slouching as to the military situation, it has been a surprise to him as to the public. So, too, the reports set afoot before he entered office, that he will confine his attention to Cuban affairs, leaving the Philippines to the military authorities.

He has been heard on the subject of the military exigencies in the Philippines have been the subject of his most earnest solicitude. Questions of Reconstruction. Concerning Cuba and Porto Rico, the detailed administration of its affairs, with its multitude of minor issues, is being left largely to his assistants and chiefs and he is concerning himself with the larger questions of the reconstruction and future of these islands and with the substitution of orderly civil government for the military regime now in force.

Mr. Root has little time for the crowd of callers with small requests. He is a laborious and methodical worker. When the war was in progress he was a man of few words, but he is now a man of many words.

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MONDAY, AUGUST 13, AT THE EXPOSITION

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ON THE MIDWAY.

The Cream of the Midway. --CYCLORAMA-- THE BATTLE OF MISSIONARY RIDGE & LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN. THE NEW DARKNESS AND DAWN; OR, Heaven and Hell. THE OLD PLANTATION. The Exposition Fun Factory. HOBSON Sinking the Merrimac. THE MOORISH PALACE AND GREAT PASSION PLAY. WARAGRAPH The Battle of Manila. PHILIPPINE VILLAGE. The greatest feature of the Exposition—Portraying the Life, Habits and Customs of our New Possessions. The Real Thing—Endorsed by the Clergy. An Educational and Entertaining Attraction.

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GERMANY BRINGS IN THE BOYS. Inmate Man Tires of Tormenting Lads and Conducts Them to the Police Station. H. A. Levine came hurrying into the police station Sunday night, bareheaded, and with a boy tightly grasped at the end of each arm. He was a very angry man and the boys were not feeling in the best of humor, nor were they at all easy as to state of mind. It seems that Levine has had a thorn in his flesh in the shape of sundry boys who persist in annoying him. Recently the police were sent to deliver him from a mob of about forty youths who had him cornered over near Gilmore and were threatening to bombard him with clods of earth. The police rescued the mob and escorted the man to his home at Tenth and Bancroft streets.

HAWAIIAN VILLAGE. COR. EAST MIDWAY AND GRAND PLAZA. BETTER THAN EVER. Hagenback's Trained Wild Animal Show. Mrs. Planka and troupe of performing lions—6 in number—the greatest animal act now before the public.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS. N. S. Harwood of Lincoln was in the city Sunday. R. J. Kilpatrick of Beatrice spent Sunday in the city. Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Miles of Sidney spent Sunday in the city. Miss Davis of Lincoln was among the Millard guests Sunday.

MONTE CHRIST IS DESTINED. CAPE HAYTIN, Aug. 13.—Monte Christ is now besieged by the insurgents and the town is without provisions. General Peppin, governor of Santoago province, has telegraphed General C. Christ, to assist in organizing for the Santiago de Los Caballeros as he is not able to oppose the revolution. The village of Juan Nunez, situated between Macoria and Moca, has risen in favor of Jimenez. Irritating coughs, bites, scratches, wounds and cuts caused and healed by DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve—a sure and safe application for tormented flesh. Beware of counterfeits.

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