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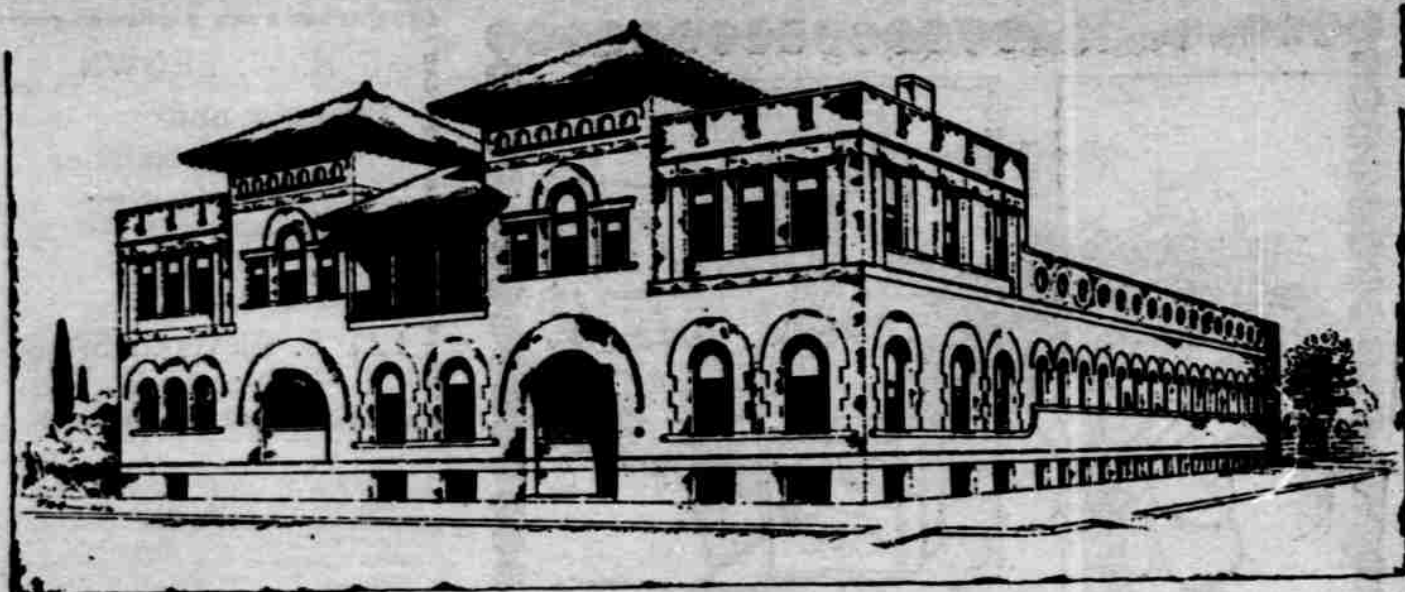
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about ready to drill now, so I must cut my letter short.

The insurgents attack the Spaniards every night and fight nearly all night long. Night before last the insurgents were driven back and the California boys were called out to repel the Spaniards. The reason they were used was because they were the only ones here at the time. We are expecting to be called out either tonight or tomorrow night. Although they may not use us until Dewey storms the city, which will be in a day or two. You need not get frightened when you read this because the chances are very good for us. The Spanish soldiers are nearly all young boys from sixteen to eighteen years of age, and are in sore need of food. We are guarded very closely, and unless we get into a heavy charge there is practically no danger whatever of getting killed. The insurgents are very strict in military affairs. They caught five traitors last night and are going to shoot them tonight at sunset. Cavite, which is about six miles northwest of here, is entirely in charge of our men, and Manila will be in a short time. Nearly all of our officers think that the Spaniards will surrender to us, but will fight the insurgents to the end. The natives, none of them, fear death. They make charges on the Spaniards, and run up and grab their guns from them and bind them, and carry them off to Cavite for safe keeping.

It rains here nearly every day or night and sometimes both. It is very cool at night, and in the middle of the day it is terribly warm. Our water has to be boiled before we can use it, and I can say it is not very pleasant to drink.

We enjoy our rations very much now. They taste pretty good after our long ride on the Senator on hardtack and swine bacon.

How are you getting along? I have received no word from you since we left Honolulu. I hope I will in a few days, as the third expedition is due here in five or six days. I will have some pretty

good pictures when I get home. Our boys are in pretty good spirits. With love to all, I remain your loving son,
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