TO PROTECT AMERICANS

Soldiers and Sailors Proceed to the Island of Panaya.

DEWEY AND OTIS ARE UNITED.

Other Baltimore Sails—Sensational Report from Madrid Regarding Insurgent Attack on Iloilo Unconfirmed.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 26.—The administration has taken steps to safeguard American interests in the city of Iloilo, on the island of Panaya, one of the Philippine archipelago, and it is now an city there from Manila.

Dispatches were received here today from Gen. Otis, commanding the military forces in the Philippines, and Admiral Dewey, commanding the naval force there, showing that they are acting in concert in the matter.

Gen. Otis reported that he had dispatched two regiments and a battery of artillery to Iloilo on army transports, and Admiral Dewey cabled that the cruiser Baltimore had sailed from Manila for the same place. It is expected that these officers are acting upon their own discretion in the matter, and that no official advice have been received here to indicate that there is any unusual excitement in Iloilo.

Several days ago it was reported by way of Madrid that the Spanish forces in Iloilo had been attacked by the insurgent and had driven them back with heavy losses, but this report lacks official confirmation. The United States authorities in Iloilo in the secure of a peaceable, but will take active measures to the suppression of lawlessness to use the condition of affairs requires.

Admiral Dewey is anxious for the arrival of the Buffalo, which is now near Iloilo, on route to Manila, in order that he may send home a number of men whose terms of enlistment have expired.

INSURGENT CONGRESS ADJOURNED.

Aguinaldo's Cabinet Has Resigned, as They Are at Loggerheads.

Manila, Dec. 26.—The so-called Congress of the revolutionary government of the Philippines which has been in session for some time at Malolos has been unexpectedly adjourned, owing to the difficulty of forming a ministry.

President Aguinaldo, Aguinaldo, convened at Cavite on July 15th, last, and called on the Bacoor proclamation issued on that date, has resigned.

Gen. Aguinaldo, who left Manila at Cavite, came from there to Santa Ana, a suburb of Manila. He then visited Pandan, and from, it is reported, he has gone to Cavite Viejo, the old town of Cavite. Reliable advices say that such he was at Paterno he was unable either in his efforts to overcome the policy of the military force, which is hostile to the Americans. It is probable that his influence will avail to last month.

The Filipino cabinet, proclaimed at Bacoor on July 15th, in conformity with a decree issued by the revolutionary congress on June 18th, was made up of the following personnel: President of the council of ministers, with the ad interim portfolios of foreign affairs, justice and commerce, Gen. Emilio Aguinaldo y Famy; secretary of war and of public works, Senor Don Baldomero Aguinaldo, nephew of Gen. Aguinaldo; secretary of the interior, Senor Don Leandro Duyra; secretary of agriculture, Senor Don Mariano Trias.

LEAVES FOR WASHINGTON.

Agoncillo, Representative of Aguinaldo, Proceeds on His Mission.

New York, Dec. 26.—Felipe Agoncillo, the special representative of Aguinaldo, leader of the Philippine patriots, left this city tonight for Washington. In Washington Agoncillo will be accompanied by Senor Don Leandro Rivera, who is an aide of the Spanish commissioners. The latter is to be Senor Rivera's first visit to the city of Washington.

Prior to his departure from Paris, on Saturday evening, Agoncillo has been in close consultation and in conference with the Filipinos. Agoncillo said today that there was no change in the situation, and he probably would be some week after the arrival of his three fellow commissioners.

CUBANS AFTER MONTERO.

Secretary of the Treasury in the Automobile Cabinet Threatened by a Mob.

Havana, Dec. 26.—Twenty-a Cubans who threatened to lynch the ex-Secretary of Marquis de Montelo, secretary of the treasury in the Automobile cabinet, and a member of the Spanish commission, were in the city of Havana yesterday. The leaders in the Havana street, in a mob of twenty-five armed men, on the occasion of the visit of the United States commissioners to Havana, and guard was sent to guard the residence until further orders.

The disturbance in the Plaza occurred in Zanja street, and a Spanish officer Santa Ana carried to the Cabana, the United States commissioners were passing in the street, and a company of troops to the scene of disorder. The Eighth and Tenth regular infantry regiments are encamped near the Santa Theresa, the headquarters of the Americans at El Vedado.

The Spanish troops are evacuating the city as rapidly and it is almost impossible for the Americans to provide quarters for the preservation of peace. The proclamation of the United States commissioners appeared in extra edition of the Spanish newspapers this evening.

Mai. Gen. Butler's mission to Matanzas and Cienfuegos is in the interest of sanitation and order to show cities after January 1st. He will connect with the Cuban leaders with a view to providing them to exercise prudence toward the Spanish troops, who after January 1st will be the guests of the Americans.

The United States transport Michigan, which left Havana on December 21st, arrived here today with the second battalion of the First Texas regiment. Maj. Gen. Chaffee, aboard the Michigan, on the steamer Whitney, from Port Tampa.

The French steamer Centurion sailed for Vera Cruz with 1,313 Spanish troops and the French steamer Lafayette sailed for Santander with 1,487 Spanish troops. The Centurion will call at Havana for Cuba with 2,970 officers and men.

Christian Alliance in Cuba.

Cleveland, O., Dec. 26.—Leader Cody, a wealthy real estate dealer, who is an enthusiastic supporter of President Simpson of the Christian Alliance, will depart for Cuba January 5th for the purpose of establishing a work on the island in behalf of the millions. Mr. Cody talked the matter over with President Simpson last summer and seems his interest. He expressed a liberal sum as the nucleus of the necessary fund, which has since increased to several thousand dollars.

Rev. Samuel A. Birnie of New York will accompany Mr. Cody, also a worker in the alliance, who can speak Spanish. One of the large tents erected at the Christian Alliance camp meetings will be set up at Santiago and the work commenced there, the design being to cheapen tenets of the island. As soon as the work is well under way, Mr. Cody will return to America.

BRUTAL CRIME.

Drunken Husband in Cleveland Attempts to Cremate His Wife.

Cleveland, O., Dec. 26.—Mrs. Winnie Hearney, aged 28 years, was found badly burned last evening at her home in the tenement building at 10 Dorcas street. Her bed was partly burned, she was taken to St. John's hospital in the point of death. The cause of the fire was given by the woman and her husband, Joseph Hearney, a laborer, as the explosion of a lamp.

At an early hour this morning, however, the police obtained from the daughter of the couple the statement that Hearney came home intoxicated and became his wife would not get out of bed and took him to bed he ordered some rags to roll up, lighted and threw them on her bed. The police placed Hearney under arrest.

CZAR'S PEACE CONGRESS.

Archbishop Ireland Will Represent the United States.

New York, Dec. 26.—A dispatch to the Journal from Washington says: Archbishop Ireland will represent the United States at the czar's peace congress. The President has had the subject under advisement for several days, and decided to do so. The authority, it may be said that a decision was recently reached, the archbishop having agreed to accept the appointment. Ever since his influence has office the President has been anxious to notify his appointment, which took the form of many interviews and speeches during the campaign of 1896, and of his recent gifts self learning.

The czar's call for an international peace congress, at which his proposed universal disarmament is to be discussed, has presented an exceptional opportunity to have American ideas heard in an illustrious manner. As the representative of the United States in such an assembly, the position would comport with the dignity of his exclusive office, while not interfering with his duties, owing to the temporary character of the political appointment.

Aside from the pleasant effect that such a delegation would have upon a large proportion of the population of this country, it is assumed that the United States would gain prestige among the Catholic nations represented at the congress, as well as advantage to the President a reputation for good taste in selecting for a peaceful mission a professional messenger of peace and good will.

It is not yet known whether the archbishop will be the sole representative of the United States, or whether there will head a delegation of three or five representatives from the country.

STANDING ARMY.

Gen. Merritt Talks as to the Needs of Philippines.

Chicago, Dec. 26.—Maj. Gen. Merritt, retiring military governor of the Philippines, accompanied by his bride, formerly Miss Laura Williams, and his aide, Maj. Stedman, has arrived in this city from New York. Gen. and Mrs. Merritt will remain at the residence of Norman Williams, Mrs. Merritt's father, until after the holidays, when they will return to New York city, where the general will again assume his position as commander of the department of the East, which he left to go to Manila.

In regard to the inhabitants of the Philippine Islands, Gen. Merritt said: "The best we can do is to give them a good military government, give them what civilians are necessary to administer the civil functions of government, and when they are ready to form a government of their own, give them our blessing and let them do so." Regarding the question of the proposed increase in the standing army to 100,000 men, the general desired to had always believed such an increase was necessary.

"We need a standing army of at least 100,000 men now in the United States," he said. "We need that we have acquired these new territories we shall need a few more. But, as my bill, 25,000 men are ample and sufficient for all possible emergencies in Cuba, Porto Rico and the Philippines together. The rest are scattered in the United States for garrison duty.

"The insurgent army in the Philippines it can easily be had from among the natives, by offering the native soldiers with Americans some effective army for duty in the islands can be formed. In time, perhaps, it would come to resemble the British army in India, where the native troops of the men are natives. The Filipinos are anxious to enlist in such service, and they would be made the effective soldiers."

Gen. Merritt was careful not to vouchsafe any opinion as to what Congress might do or as to how he had learned of the action during his short stay in Washington. He declared he would assume his former post as commander of the department of the East immediately after January 1st.

RIOTING IN MONTSERRAT.

Spanish Troops Called Out to Quell Disturbances near Havana.

Chicago, Dec. 26.—A cablegram special cable to the Tribune from Havana says: Rioting began at Montserrat last night. A battalion of Spanish troops hurried from the barracks on the Prado to Galiano street, the dividing line between Cuban and Spanish territory. Order was restored, but the feeling which occurred before troops arrived an 8-year-old Cuban child was killed by a stray bullet.

Montserrat, another in the new world is now limited to a narrow strip of land between Havana harbor and Galiano street. The flags of Cuba, blue and white, and the Spanish red and yellow, hung side by side at the Prado, a great boulevard which runs through the center of Havana.

Montserrat having been evacuated, the place was alive to day with Cubans and people from the United States. The street cars ran as usual, and Vedado last week and at Jesus del Monte yesterday was reported at Montserrat. There was even a greater demonstration for Gen. Lacret, the Cuban chief in the city. Some of the flags looped across the dividing line and waved on the Spanish side.

The celebration began on Christmas night, today reached its height. Crowds of men and women waving Cuban and American flags and carrying branches of trees, paraded the streets, shouting and singing. Many Americans went over to see the demonstration. They did not remain long. Owing to the intense enthusiasm, the populace insisted on kissing the "Brave Americans," whether they wanted to be kissed or not.

Several affrays took place between the Spanish soldiers and the Cubans. A lively keeper on Cuban street attempted to prevent a Cuban from entering and was beaten almost to death with sticks. An evening raise in the demonstration became noisier than ever, so many of the Cubans had drunk of the "drink and society stuffed. The Americans came fearful of another clash with the Spanish troops like that which selected the Christmas day.

Francisco Lobiniss, a Spanish volunteer patrolling the street near the Prado, was fired at from a window and killed. A Cuban was killed in a similar part of the city. Half a dozen Cubans and Spaniards were shot or stabbed in offices about the city. There was a fight between Cubans and Spaniards in front of the United States club at midnight. Several of the participants were badly cut with machetes.

Many American soldiers who were in town believed so heavily that Gen. Lacret says he is certain that they were emitted to cross into Havana, and in future none will be permitted except on strictly military business.

MYSTERIOUS ROBBERY.

Office Safe is Relieved of $19,162 in an Unmentionable Manner.

Lima, O., Dec. 26.—There was a mysterious robbery at the American National bank, the amount stolen being $19,162. The janitor discovered the door of the vault open this morning. The inner door was opened by Cashier Mead and Teller Fogle, and when it was found that all gold and paper money in the bank had been carried away, although the sacks of silver were untouched. There are no marks of violence, and the safe is a mystery. The street cars can be laid only after leaving the vault.

The contents of the bank had a month, up to noon, in which an assessment was made to meet the deficiency, and the books of the city officer assessment.

The manner of entrance to the bank by the robbers is a mystery, as all windows and doors are secured with heavy iron screens. The front door was found locked this morning as usual. There was not the slightest clue for detectives to work on. The robbery is the work of professionals, certain.

FATAL WAGON TRADE.

Two Men Killed and One Injured in Shooting Scrape.

Texarkana, Tex., Dec. 26.—Two persons were killed and another seriously injured today in a shooting affray near Foshe, Ark., a town eighteen miles from here on the Texarkana & Fort Smith railroad. Two men named McKnight and Fowler quarreled and fought over a wagon trade. McKnight drew a revolver and fired at Fowler, but missed, and Fowler fired two shots at McKnight, a young man who stood near by. Early and within a few minutes, but while he lasted he drew a revolver and shot into McKnight's house, killing an 18-year-old daughter of McKnight, and seriously injuring a younger daughter. McKnight is under arrest.

Miss Sampson to be Married.

Glen Ridge, N. J., Dec. 26.—The arrangements for the wedding of Miss Mary Walker Sampson, daughter of Rear Admiral W. T. Sampson, and Henry Harrison Scott of San Francisco, Cal., which will take place on January 4th, at the Glen Ridge Congregational church, have been completed.

The ceremony is to take place in the evening at 8 o'clock. The bride will be attended by Miss Hannah Walker Sampson, a sister, as maid of honor, and Misses Edge Grinwold Perkins and Annie Dunbar Davis as bridesmaids. All will wear gowns of yellow. The ushers will be Lieut. Roy Campbell Smith, of Boston; Lieut. Richard Harrison Jackson, Annapolis, Md.; Ensign Wm. Tyler Chevrolier, Frederick Adelbert Cornwall, Harry T. Parker and Winslow Homer Howdell of Glen Ridge.

Held for Murder.

Bloomington, Neb., Dec. 26.—Jesse Tennon, arrested for the murder of Peter Kriechbaum, wealthy farmer residing near Franklin, had his preliminary examination here today and was held to the district court. Kriechbaum disappeared Dec. 2nd, and nine days later his body was found buried in a hog pen on his farm. Suspicion pointed to three Fowlers and W. S. Cole, who had separated at the Kriechbaum place and sold off most of the property. Claiming that they had bought out Kriechbaum, who, they said, had gone to Omaha for medical treatment. Bills of sale were exhibited with Kriechbaum's forged signature. Cole will have an examination tomorrow.

Capitalists Found Dead in Bed.

St. Joseph, Mo., Dec. 26.—Louis Hox, banker, lumber manufacturer, cattle buyer and promoter of many financial schemes, and Herman Gerlich, druggist, banker, and a figure in state Democratic politics, have been found dead in bed at their respective homes. It is not known how long either had been dead when found. Both men were apparently in robust health. The remarkable coincidence in their mysterious sudden death causes much speculation.

Sagasta is Seriously Ill.

Madrid, Dec. 26.—The condition of Prime Minister Sagasta, who is suffering from bronchial pneumonia, is now pronounced to be most serious.

Although the latest bulletin regarding Sagasta, which was issued this evening says he has passed a quiet day, it is feared by some members of the cabinet that he will not recover. A rumor to the circulation tonight that his condition is much more difficult.

Syndicate Writer Critically Ill.

New York, Dec. 26.—Mrs. Isabel Malton, the writer, is critically ill from pneumonia at her home in this city. Her physician late tonight said he feared she would not survive until morning. She wrote the letters headed "Hub's Bubble." These were soon widely copied and little she began to receive calls from to various newspapers. In a short time they gave her national reputation. She wrote them every week, up to after year, until a short time ago, and they were always bright, entertaining and clever.

Zola Safe in England.

London, Dec. 27.—The Paris correspondent of the Times gives an interesting account this morning of the way in which Emil Zola escaped to London after the sentence imposed upon him last July in the trial on the charge of libel brought against him and M. Perrenx, the publisher of the Aurore, by the officers of the Esterhazy court martial. According to M. De Blowitz, M. Zola has lived at various places in England ever since, and he has spent his time in Paris friends had the great difficulty to persuade him to seek refuge in England, but that course they considered best for his future revision.

Death Roll at Manila.

Washington, Dec. 26.—The following cable message was received at the adjutant general's office today from Gen. Otis, dated today, at Manila, showing following deaths since last report:

December 15th, Frank N. Kenner, private, company C, First Nebraska, drowned in Pasig river; accident.

December 18th, Marvin W. Carlisle, sergeant, company F, Thirteenth Minnesota, gunshot wound; accident.

December 19th, Fred Taylor, private, company L, First Nebraska, typhoid fever.

December 20th, Frank C. Hayden, private, company D, Fourteenth infantry, ulcer of stomach.

Joe H. Wilson, private, company I, First Colorado, smallpox.

November 29th, Otto G. Hagberg, sergeant, company D, First Idaho, exhaustion following typhoid fever; not previously reported.

Seventeenth Infantry Make Preparations.

Columbus, O., Dec. 26.—Preparations for the departure of the Seventeenth United States infantry for the Philippines are being rushed forward at Columbus post. An estimate sent to the chief quartermaster shows that the regiment will carry 300,000 pounds of baggage. Lieut. Clay has been assigned to the regiment as chaplain. Lieut. French of the Twenty-fifth regiment, Fort Logan, will join the Seventeenth here, and other vacancies in the roster of officers are to be filled by Lieut. Hartnough of the Fourteenth and Lieut. Moore of the Twenty-third regiments, both of whom are at Manila.

Questions of Customs Duty.

St. Paul, Minn., Dec. 26.—Something over one hundred packages of mail from Manila, supposed to contain souvenirs of the Philippines from the Thirteenth Minnesota volunteers, sent probably as Christmas presents for friends and relatives in this city, are being held at the local postoffice for a ruling by the treasury department, whether duty should be levied. The packages have just arrived, and were held at the request of Collector of Customs Peterson.

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