

QUIET REIGNS IN SAMOA.

AWAITING ARRIVAL OF COMMISSIONERS AT APIA.

AMERICAN MACHINE GUN RECOVERED—HARDSHIPS OF A PRISONER—DR. SOLF ARRIVES.

Apr. 4, via Auckland, N. Z. May 9—Everything is quiet on the island. Operations have been suspended pending the arrival of the Commissioners from San Francisco.

After the cessation of hostilities a detachment of British soldiers visited the battlefield of Vallima, where they recovered an American machine gun that had been captured by the rebels. The rebel forces at Lottopa and Vallima covered two miles, and were of great strength, being reinforced by trenches and rifle-pits.

After the armistice had been agreed upon, the rebels laid the forts singing war songs. The country is being secured by British and American soldiers searching for lead from which the natives might make bullets.

A British planter, who had been a prisoner in the hands of the rebels for six weeks, has arrived at Apia. His experiences during his captivity were frightful, and many times he was threatened with being beheaded.

Captain Sturdee, the ranking British naval officer here, in company with a missionary, went through the rebel lines unmolested. They found everything quiet pending the arrival of the Commissioners, who are to arrange terms of peace.

The British third-class cruiser Royalist has sailed for England by way of Sydney. Dr. Solf, the new president of the Municipal Council, has arrived here. He will remain inactive until the Commissioners reach Apia with instructions.

Five officers of the United States cruiser Philadelphia have arrived here on board the steamer Mariposa. The United States armed collier Brutus will remain at Apia all this month.

An American sailor, while drunk, was shot with a revolver by a marine who was arresting him. The wound is not serious.

PRESIDENT ZELAYA'S PLANS.

COAST RETURNS TO BE SENT TO THE INTERIOR—PUNISHMENT FOR FOREIGNERS.

New-Orleans, May 9 (Special).—Affairs in Nicaragua have entered a new phase and promise interesting news for some time to come. A reliable correspondent has secured inside information as to the intentions of the Zelaya Government. The letter, dated May 3, from Bluefields, says in substance that the Nicaraguan Minister, Sanson, and other officials are on the point of leaving for the interior, carrying with them the detailed report of the court of inquiry.

The evidence is all ex parte, and, according to the information, has already been acted upon in its general lines. President Zelaya has decided that the coast district shall repay the \$900,000 which the Reyes revolution cost the Government, and in order to accomplish this the first move will be to abrogate the special rights which the Mosquito Coast possessed by the treaty of 1854.

According to that measure the surplus duties collected at Bluefields, Greytown and Cape Gracias would have to be expended on the coast, or held as a reserve. As a matter of fact, much of this money was diverted to Managua, but without legal authority. Now that action will receive authority, and the President will have the power to drain all the resources of the coast into the interior districts.

The investigation report deals fully with the foreign merchants, and all those who are shown to be friendly to the revolutionary movement will be reported as "dangerous foreigners," menacing the welfare of the republic, and will be heavily fined and expelled from the country.

THE DETROIT RETURNING TO BLUEFIELDS.

Washington, May 9.—The Detroit sailed today from Colon, where she has been taking on coal for Bluefields. It was not intended that she should return to that port, but it is expected that the body of General Daniel McAuley will be taken aboard there for shipment to the United States.

ARMY AND NAVY ORDERS.

Washington, May 9.—The following Army and Navy orders have been issued:

Major HENRY WYOMANT and First Lieutenant ISAAC C. JENKS, 34th Infantry, are assigned as member and secretary of the Examining Board to meet at Vancouver, B. C., May 10, to examine the reports of the Major and Captain of the 1st Cavalry, and report to the commanding general, Department of the Pacific, and to the commanding general, Department of the East.

Acting Assistant Surgeon LEONARD K. GRAVES will proceed to Camp Meade and report to the commanding general, Department of the East, for duty to accompany that regiment to Manila.

Major GEORGE M. DUNN will proceed to Santiago, Cuba, to relieve Major HARVEY C. HARRIS, 1st Cavalry, and report to the commanding general, Department of the Pacific, and to the commanding general, Department of the East.

First Lieutenant ALSTON HAMILTON, 1st Artillery, is transferred from Battery C to Light Battery E of that regiment.

Captain GEORGE W. GOODE, 1st Cavalry, is relieved from duty as assistant muster officer for the State of Missouri, and assigned to Jefferson Barracks, Missouri, and assume the duties of chief muster officer for the State of Missouri.

The following appointments to regiments of officers are ordered: Colonel CHARLES C. HOOD to the 14th Infantry, to date from May 1, vice Bailey, retired; Captain WILLIAM F. SEBURN to the 16th Infantry, to date from May 4, vice Bailey, retired; Captain WILLIAM H. BOYLE to the 16th Infantry, to date from May 5, vice Hood, promoted.

Captain ROBERT H. PATTERSON, 1st Artillery, is re-assigned from duty as chief muster officer for the State of Texas, to take effect May 15, and will join his regiment.

First Lieutenant KENNETH MORTON, Ordnance Department, will make six visits during the months of May and June to Camp Meade, on official business pertaining to the arrangement and shipment of ordnance stores turned in by organizations in the volunteer army under orders of the service.

Major GEORGE T. HOLLOWAY, additional paymaster, will receive from the chief paymaster, Department of California, funds for the payment of the troops in the Department of the Pacific, and will proceed from San Francisco to Manila, on arrival at Manila Major Holloway will turn over the funds to the chief paymaster, Department of the Pacific, and report to the commanding general, Department of California, will furnish a suitable escort for the funds.

Major JOHN C. HARRIS, 1st Cavalry, will report to Major Holloway for duty to accompany him from San Francisco to Manila, and on arrival there will report to the commanding general, Department of the Pacific, for duty.

NAVY Rear-Admiral J. C. WATSON is detached from duty as commanding officer of the Mare Island Navy Yard May 15 and ordered to the Asiatic Station by steamer sailing May 16.

Pay Director A. S. KENNY is detached from the New York Navy Yard and ordered to Washington as paymaster of the 1st Cavalry, to take effect May 15.

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MEAT INSPECTION IN GERMANY.

NO MEASURE HOSTILE TO AMERICAN INTERESTS LIKELY TO BE PASSED.

Washington, May 9.—In the highest German quarters it is said that there is no doubt whatever that the German Government will be able to command the requisite majority to pass the Government measure relating to the inspection of meat, foreign and domestic, now before the Reichstag, and for this reason there is said to be no ground for the apprehension expressed in this country that the adverse action on the bill in committee would prejudice the negotiations between the United States and Germany. The bill now pending in the Reichstag is to a considerable extent the result of negotiations between Berlin and Washington, and is acceptable to both parties.

The German Government has never doubted its ability to pass the measure in the Reichstag, and it is said that the adverse action of a committee in no sense changes the Government's plans or serves to show that the bill will fall when it reaches the chamber. On the contrary, the Government expects to carry the measure by a large vote, the only adverse element, it is asserted, being made up of the Socialists, extreme Agrarians and those known as the "wild" members. The aggregate of this opposition is said to be insufficient to defeat the Government's plans.

For the present, however, the Government's bill will not be pushed through to allow this new outbreak of Agrarian sentiment to pass over and also to confer with the various leaders. In the best informed official German quarters it is felt that even the temporary reverse in committee would not have occurred had it not been for the fact that the Government is anxious to obtain the acquiescence of the American Government in the meat inquiry which has been investigating the meat furnished to the American Army.

TINKERING WITH NAVAL UNIFORMS.

A PROPOSITION TO ABOLISH THE BLOUSE AROUSES GREAT OPPOSITION FROM OFFICERS.

Washington, May 9 (Special).—Naval officers in Washington are excited and those aboard ship or at other stations will be alarmed over an official order which has been prepared for Secretary Long's signature making a marked change in the uniforms of the Navy. The order is to abolish the blouse and to substitute a double-breasted sack coat similar to that worn by car conductors or other employees of large corporations, which is a distinctly military affair.

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NO SETTLEMENT AS YET.

EFFECT OF THE KERN BURNER UPON THE GAS WAR.

INCORPORATION OF THE COMPANY, WITH A CAPITALIZATION OF \$12,000,000—HOW RUSSELL SAGE MISSED HIS CHANCE.

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