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OTIS' ARMY TO MOVE

Preparations for General Advance on the Filipino Intrenchments.

REBELS SHELLED AT CALOOCAN

Desultory Firing Takes Place at San Pedro Macati.

TUGS FOR MANILA

MANILA, March 11, 3:15 p.m.—Extensive preparations are being made for a general advance of the American forces. The movement will probably take place soon. All is quiet here, however, at present.

PLANS OF GEN. OTIS

Awaiting Reinforcements Before Taking the Field.

Gen. Lawton's Participation.

The War Department, according to its officials, is awaiting with quite as much interest as the public some definite news of the participation of Gen. Lawton in the campaign against the natives.

NEW SECOND LIEUTENANTS

The List of Appointments Not to Be Known Until Monday.

PREFERRED SPRINGFIELDS

Why Volunteers Are Not Armed With the Krag-Jorgensen Rifle.

GOING TO THE PHILIPPINES

Railway Transportation Wanted for Four Regiments Ordered to Manila.

Death of Rev. J. H. Caldwell

DOVER, Del., March 11.—Rev. J. H. Caldwell, D.D., a member of the Wilmington Methodist Episcopal conference, died at his residence here today, aged seventy-eight years.

ICE STOPPED DREDGING

Col. Allen Reports on the Improvement of the Potomac.

Cold Weather During February

Blocked Operations for Greater Part of the Month.

Work Remaining to Be Done.

The work required to complete the approved project is as follows: The dredging of the Virginia channel and the raising of the remainder of the reclaimed area to the required heights; the dredging of the tidal reservoir; the completion of the sea wall in the reservoir and raising a portion of the wall along the Washington channel; the construction of the reservoir gates and the completion of the training dam on the right of the Virginia channel above the Long bridge.

Gen. Wheeler to Leave the Service.

General Wheeler was with the President today. He said that while the question of his remaining in the army had not been definitely decided, it was probable that he would not remain in the service.

Presidential Appointments.

President McKinley today made the following appointments, to hold until the next session of the Senate:

Big Fire in a Missouri Town.

Eight Brick Business Buildings Destroyed—Loss is \$100,000.

Baron von Holleben's Visit.

German Ambassador Will Be Entertained at Cambridge, Mass.

WILL BE RETIRED.

Fourteen Naval Officers to Leave the Active List.

TEN AMERICANS HONORED.

Monument to Their Memory Erected in Venezuela.

Mr. McKeljohn's Private Secretary.

Mr. McKeljohn's private secretary, Mr. Robert E. Parker, who has been chief of the division of customs and insular affairs, War Department, has been assigned to duty as private secretary of Assistant Secretary McKeljohn, to fill the vacancy caused by the promotion of Mr. John S. Seefeld to the office of chief clerk of the War Department.

AT THE WHITE HOUSE

Pressure for the Army Appointments Still Continues.

PRESIDENT'S POSITION ON THE SUBJECT

Many Will Not Be Controlled by Political Influence.

SOME OF TODAY'S CALLERS

Army appointments again took the majority of callers to the White House today. Senators Cullom, Lindsey, Teller, Wolcott, Chandler, Davis, McComas, Thurston, Eilers and Scott were among those who called on the President.

Polities Will Not Control.

In the selection of many of these lieutenancies the President has taken an interesting stand. He has told some of his callers in the most emphatic manner that politics cannot dictate the appointments in many of the cases, and that he proposes to reward merit, patriotism and valor.

MONEY TO PAY CUBAN TROOPS.

Half of the \$3,000,000 Allotted Placed Aboard a Transport.

SWEEP BY PRAIRIE FIRES.

Much Damage to Property in the Indian Territory.

TELEPHONE WAR IN OHIO.

New Company Organized to Fight Bell and Central Union.

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THE NEXT SPEAKERSHIP

Mr. Sherman Not Likely to Make the Fight Against Reed.

Western Republicans Being Considered—Reed May Retire From the Contest

It is understood that Mr. Sherman will probably not consent to remain in Congress and be a candidate against Mr. Reed for Speaker. The position of general appraiser is regarded as practically a life place at a salary larger than that of a representative in Congress, and he prefers this to a career in Congress.

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Director Merriam Says That Fitness Will Be the Test.

ABOUT 45,000 PLACES

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An Unprecedented Condition Owing to Blizzards.

Counting the Population.

In counting the population every individual will be represented by a separate card, and there will have to be manufactured and printed not less than 100,000,000 of these cards.

GALE AT OKLAHOMA CITY.

Nearly 100 Houses Blown Down—Loss Estimated at \$50,000.

English's Home Secretary Cancels Her Permit to Open Vault.

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MOVEMENTS OF WARSHIPS.

The Navy Department is informed that the training ship Essex left San Juan yesterday for La Guayra. The monitor Amphitrite sailed yesterday from Norfolk for Fort Royal. The tug Massasoit is already at that place.

Mr. Crider Again at His Desk.

Mr. Thomas W. Crider, third assistant secretary of state, who has been ill for several weeks with a bad attack of the grip, has recovered sufficiently, although still unable to resume his official duties at the department.

PUT OFF 30 DAYS

No Census Office Appointments to Be Made at Present.

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ARMY TRANSPORT SERVICE

The War Department Watching Its Operations With Interest.

Praise of the English Officers Who Inspected the Vessels—The Time Made to Manila.

The report of the Grant's safe arrival at Manila with the 4th Infantry and a portion of the 17th Infantry, and of considerable congratulation to the War Department, which is now looking forward to the speedy arrival of the Sherman at the same port. The Grant left New York January 19 and the Sherman did not leave until February 2, but allowing for the time that the Sherman picked up on the Grant on the run from New York to Gibraltar, it is thought that she will probably beat the Grant's time by about four days in the full run. This would bring her to Manila about March 18.

FOREIGN NEWS AND GOSSIP

(Copyright, 1899, by the Associated Press.) LONDON, March 11.—Mr. and Mrs. Choate have been inundated with invitations to social events which are about to take place. All the ambassadors have left their cars.

Queen's Absence From Drawing Room Criticised by Society.

The absence of the queen and the Prince of Wales, respectively, from the opening drawing room and levee of the season has given rise to much criticism and a great deal of grumbling among society people.

Marquis of Salisbury Quite Ill

The Marquis of Salisbury caught a bad cold while returning from Windsor on the occasion of the formal presentation of the United States ambassador, Mr. Joseph H. Choate, to the queen, and he has been confined to his house ever since.

Lady Sackville to Visit the Gonds.

Lady Sackville will lose one of its most popular beauties in the trip of Lady Mary Sackville to visit Mr. and Mrs. George J. Gould next month.

Memorial to King Alfred.

The lord mayor of London, Sir John Voce Moore, presided at a meeting held at the Mansion House this week to further the proposed national commemoration in 1901 of the one thousandth anniversary of the death of King Alfred.

BRITISH DEFENSES AT ESQUIMAULT.

ST. JOHN'S, N. F., March 11.—The arrival of six royal engineers from England for Esquimault excited some people who did not know that the British authorities have been strengthening fortifications in Juan de Fuca Straits for years past.

COLLISION ON THE GRAND TRUNK.

Several Persons Injured in the Wreck at Granger, Ind.

GRANDER, Ind., March 11.—Two Grand Trunk engines collided here last night, as a result of which the following persons were injured:

James Elliott, Erie, Pa., thought to be fatally hurt.
John W. Emley, Toronto, Ont., injuries probably fatal.
Henderson, laborer, stealing ride, fatally hurt.
Lynch, fireman, serious.
The collision occurred near the Big Foot tracks.