

TROOPS CAN REACH CHINA IN LESS THAN TWO WEEKS.

Government Officials Reduce Their Original Estimate of Time Needed to Move Soldiers.

Navy Department Officially Admits That Three Warships Are Off the Coast and That Watson Will Send Others—To Protect Missionaries or to Aid Great Britain?

Washington, March 18.—The Navy Department officially announced today the Republic's new estimate of the time needed to move the New Orleans and other troops from the coast of China, near Nansai, at a point practically east from the scene of the earthquake...

The Navy Department also recognized the fact that other vessels would be sent to the Baltic and were being ordered to be ready to sail.

Can Land Troops Quickly. The transportation experts of the Government have revised their figures of yesterday and now believe that instead of three weeks being required to put on the China shore American troops, the task can be accomplished within thirteen days.

General Oiler has approximately 2500 men, some of whom are within twenty miles of Manila. Transports are lying in the harbor and it is estimated that 1000 men could be embarked within eight days...

Ordinarily, the landing of a few hundred men to take possession of a coast city, such as Manila, is a simple matter...

Today, however, it was admitted by Government officials that this trouble was obviously not of an ordinary character and that the marines of the Oregon, the New Orleans, the Baltimore and the Castine would not present a sufficient formidable appearance to result in the pacification of the troubled territory.

Four Counts Against Hay. A brief glance at events of the past few days, in view of the present developments, is a significant and positively startling one.

First—Secretary Hay promised Great Britain free port facilities in Alaska, and defied the fact when the entire Northwest coasted.

Second—Secretary Hay negotiated a treaty with the construction of the Nicaraguan Canal, which was not intended to be a canal, but a waterway.

Third—When President Kruger appealed to the representatives of all the Powers at Pretoria for mediation, and when a concert of action was organized to force the British Secretary of State to accept the mediation...

Fourth—When the open door is threatened in China and Russia, and the nearest European nation to the scene of the described trouble would naturally be expected to protect foreign property and the lives of missionaries...

To Maintain the Open Door. The Republic correspondent has made diligent inquiry to-day and cannot find any official who, either for publication or privately, can explain the connection between the turbulence of the "Boxers" in the Tientsin district and the representations of the American Minister to China, Mr. Conger, relative to the Dowager Empress's hostility toward the "open door."



WILL THEY BE PUSHED INTO A FIGHT?

LEADING TOPICS IN TO-DAY'S REPUBLIC.

- For Missouri—Fair Monday and Tuesday; colder Tuesday; westerly winds. For Illinois—Fair Monday; Tuesday fair; colder; fresh; south to west winds. For Arkansas—Fair Monday; Tuesday fair; probably colder; south to west winds.

INSURGENT JUNTA GROWING ACTIVE.

Manila Regarded as the Troublesome Center in Philippine Situation.

ARMS SMUGGLED INTO LUZON.

Bands of Filipinos Reorganizing in Morong, Assisted by Spanish Residents—Brigands Very Busy.

- 1. Insurgent Junta Becoming Active. Troops Can Reach China in Less Than Two Weeks. 2. Sailed in Mobs (The President). Death of Dumont G. Jones. 3. Gotten to Testify for the State. One Negro in Mob's Hands; Another Escapes Killing. 4. Servants and Servants at the Churches. Kansas Prohibition Law. 5. Tobacco Team Strung at Rat. Gossip of the Turf. Today's Entries. 6. Editorial. The Stage. 7. Political News From Everywhere. Head of Benton. 8. St. Louis County Notes. 9. In Fatally Wounded. 10. Movement of Grain. 11. Live Stock Markets. 12. Thursday's Observance St. Patrick's Day. 13. Interrupted Strike to Be Made Tomorrow. 14. Schuller's Bad Night. 15. Weather Bulletin.

REGULATION OF SALOONS.

Manila, March 18.—General Oiler's current order, issued February 28, 1899, requiring the inhabitants of Manila to be in their homes by 7 o'clock in the evening, has been so far modified that the Filipinos are now permitted to go out at the moon until 10 p. m.

General Oiler has divided the city of Manila into two license districts. Saloons, if located in the first district, will be required to pay a tax of \$50 in Mexican dollars, if located in the same sort of territory, the license is reduced to \$100 in the first and \$50 in the second district.

It is said by army officers, who have just returned from Manila, that General Oiler's order prohibiting the further employment of Chinese by the troops under the treaty of Manila, which has been made by Filipinos. The latter are exceedingly jealous of the Chinese.

Manila, March 18, 5:30 p. m.—General Oiler regards Manila the most troublesome center in the situation today. The insurgent junta here, in conjunction with that in Hong-Kong, is growing active.

It is asserted upon good authority that three loads of arms and ammunition have recently been landed on the east coast of Luzon, Captain Taylor of the Thirty-ninth Regiment, recently captured twelve new Mausers near Calapan.

WHEELER'S SERVICES. Reports Not Yet Made to the War Department.

Manila, Tex., March 18.—M. B. Davis, an old Confederate soldier under General Wheeler, who is engaged in the Province of Morong, where the insurgent leaders are said to be assisted by prominent Spanish residents.

Germany's Share. Plan for the Acquisition of Shang Tung Province.

Victoria, B. C., March 18.—According to advices by the Adze Maru, the report that Germany is to acquire a province in the Province of Shang Tung is generally credited as being in line with the newly accepted plan of foreign encroachment in China.

Prize Fighter a Soldier. Jim Holloway an Adjutant With the Boers.

Cape Town, March 18, Sunday.—Jim Holloway, the prize fighter, is now an Adjutant in the Boer forces.

MAY MARRY A SPANISH DUKE. Reported Engagement of Hetty Green's Daughter.

London, March 18, 4:30 a. m.—The news that Hetty Green, an entire fortune of \$10,000,000, is to marry a Spanish Duke is not yet announced, but it is extremely possible that this is already accomplished.

ARMIES TO MEET NEXT IN NATAL.

Probable That the Earliest Big Fight Will Occur on Biggarsberg Range.

Relief of Mafeking Not Yet Announced, but London Believes It Has Been Accomplished—Roberts's Preparations.

London, March 18.—(Copyright, 1900, by the Associated Press.)—The relief of Mafeking and of Ladysmith is not yet announced, but London believes it has been accomplished.

London, March 18.—The War Office has received the following dispatch from Field Marshal Lord Roberts, dated Bloemfontein, Sunday, March 18:

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