

A FIGHT UNAVOIDABLE

The Filipinos Will Resist the Disembarkation of American Troops at Iloilo.

PEOPLE ARE EXCITED

Our Troops Have Not Yet Landed. Message to McKinley from Junta of Island.

London, Jan. 9.—The Filipino committee in Paris, Madrid and London, telegraphed Saturday to McKinley. The Paris dispatch read:

"We protest against the disembarkation of American troops at Iloilo."

The London telegram read:

"The treaty of peace is unratified. The American claim of sovereignty is premature. Pray reconsider the resolution regarding Iloilo. The Filipinos wish for friendship of America and abhor militarism and deceit."

A representative of the Associated Press learns the Filipino junta at Paris has received a telegram from the Filipino agent at Hong Kong, dated Saturday, saying:

"Fight with the Americans unavoidable. We are not the aggressors."

A telegram from an English house at Manila today says the situation is very strained and there is much anxiety there. The dispatch also contains news from Iloilo, the substance of which was American troops had not yet landed.

INSTRUCTIONS TO GEN. MILLER

He Is Told to Land and Get in Communication with the Insurgents.

Washington, Jan. 9.—A good deal of reticence is exhibited at the war department relative to the state of affairs at Iloilo. The government's instructions to General Miller at Iloilo were to land and get in communication with the insurgents. This is as far as his orders have gone, except when he has established communication with the insurgent officials and people he is to make public the purposes of the United States. Not a shot is to be fired by the forces of this country unless they are attacked or until further orders are given from here.

This programme was agreed upon between McKinley and Alger several days ago. Alger was at the White house some time this afternoon. He stated in most emphatic terms no alarming news has come from Otis and he did not believe a shot had been fired so far that one would be fired. He is confident Miller will be able to handle the situation successfully and obtain control of Iloilo without bloodshed. He is of the opinion the insurgents have been so long imposed upon they are naturally suspicious and fear the worst if they surrender strongholds into the hands of the United States. The policy to be adopted now is a gentle one. Persuasion will be used before powder. The president, it is said, also views the situation in a similar light.

Found the Streets Barred.

Manila, Jan. 8.—Colonel Potter, the special emissary of General Otis between Manila and Iloilo, arrived this afternoon with dispatches from the latter point. The situation when he left there was practically unchanged. The streets were barricaded and it was reported that the principal buildings had been "kerosened," the insurgents having threatened to destroy the whole business section by fire at the first shot of bombardment. The banks were shipping treasure to the United States by the transport Newport and other vessels.

The family of the American vice-consul had gone on board the Newport. Colonel Potter reports that President McKinley's proclamation had been type-written aboard ship, as the printers on shore declined to do the work, and when the text of the proclamation was read to them, the insurgents ridiculed the notion that conciliation was possible.

Privates Harry Silvey and Frank Kirkpatrick of the Sixth United States artillery, while guarding a water boat astern of the Newport, were attacked by the natives of the crew. Private Silvey's skull was fractured, fatally, and Private Kirkpatrick fell overboard, but escaped with a flesh wound.

The United States gunboat Petrel arrived at Iloilo on Friday and Colonel Potter reports that the United States troops will probably land on Guimaras island, about midway between the island of Panay and the island of Negros, where a camp will be established.

THE QUAY CONSPIRACY.

Effort to Transfer the Trial from Philadelphia.

Philadelphia, Jan. 7.—Argument was heard in the state supreme court today on the petition of United States Senator Quay, Richard E. Quay and former State Treasurer Haywood, on the petition for a writ of certiorari to remove to the higher court from the quarter sessions court of Philadelphia, the case pending against them charging conspiracy. The defendants are charged with conspiracy with John S. Hopkins, former cashier of the defunct People's bank (now deceased), in the alleged misfeasance of state funds on deposit in that bank.

In the petition the defendants claimed the bill that they could not obtain a fair and impartial trial in the Philadelphia county court, claiming

that the dismissal of their demurrers and other adverse decisions in the preliminary proceedings had demonstrated that there was prejudice against them on the part of the trial judge (Finner). They also charge the judge of the county bench (Gordon) with aiding in bringing the prosecution, and that the latter was influenced by political enmity and was unduly hastening the trial, with the object of poisoning the minds of the members of the legislature and thus defeating the re-election of United States Senator Quay.

Eloquent argument was made today in support of the petition by Attorney David T. Watson of Pittsburgh and Rufus Sharpley of Philadelphia, and in opposition to the motion by ex-District Attorney Graham. Over three hours were occupied in the delivery of the argument of these three eminent lawyers. The court then took the matter under advisement and adjourned.

PATRIOTIC TROUBADOURS.

How the Black Patti Company Entertained a Republican Meeting at Buffalo.

Last October the Black Patti Troubadours, who will be seen in Billings next Friday evening, sang in the Buffalo music hall. The vast audience room, with a seating capacity of 3,000 and standing room for an additional 2,000, was jammed at every performance. A sensational incident occurred on the second night. The troubadours, at the solicitation of the republican state committee, gave up their rights to the music hall in favor of Col. Theo. Roosevelt and Chauncey Depew, who had come to Buffalo to address their followers. Messrs. Voelkel & Nolan, managers of the company, not only met the request of the committee, but volunteered the services of the troubadours sextette in the musical programme arranged for the meeting. It was here where the unexpected happened. On the night of the meeting the hall was packed to suffocation by people who came to greet and be entertained by the eloquent Chauncey and the gallant rough rider. After the band had played several numbers the troubadours sextette came on the stage unannounced and somewhat to the surprise of the audience, which was disposed to give the singers respectful attention.

They sang songs of the camp and plantation, but when they began to voice the strains of the "Star Spangled Banner" the effect was electrifying. The 5,000 enthusiastic and patriotic citizens arose, and, to the waving of the Stars and Stripes, sang the chorus of the national anthem with a volume of tone almost indescribable. Even the staid and stolid committee seated on the stage were carried away by the enthusiasm. The troubadours attempted to retire from the stage after their first vocal offering, but were recalled by the committee to lead the house in singing "Hail Columbia," "The Red, White and Blue" and "A Hot Time in the Old Town Tonight."

The six regiments of the regular army ordered to Manila are to be hastened to their destination. Three are to leave from San Francisco within a week and the remaining three will embark from New York within a fortnight. Upon their arrival in the Philippines, an equal number of regiments of volunteers will be returned to the United States for muster out. It is probable that all the regiments of volunteers, upon reaching San Francisco, will be mustered out at that port and given travel pay to their homes. This will furnish the men nearly \$200 apiece and will be much more advantageous to them than if the regiments were sent to the point of muster in and there given sixty days pay.

The annual report of Commissioner Calderhead of the bureau of agriculture, labor and industry, which is now in the hands of the printer, is the most complete and valuable that has ever been issued from the office, and this year embraces many features that have not been included in previous reports, the whole making a report that will not alone be valuable as a statistical matter, but will be of inestimable value to the state in the advertising of its many great and natural resources.

Governor Leedy of Kansas has signed the bill reducing telegraph rates and placing telegraph companies under the supervision of the "court of visitation." The rate is 15 cents for the first ten words, day or night, and 1 cent for each additional word. Newspaper rates are reduced to one-third of a cent for each word during the day and one-sixth of a cent during the night.

Within a few hours after the proclamation issued by General Otis in behalf of President McKinley, agents of Aguinaldo bailed Manila with a manifesto which attracted considerable attention. The revolutionary president protested against General Otis signing himself as military governor of the Philippine islands.

The Army and Navy

Have covered themselves with glory during the war. The army and navy vest-pocket memorandum book published by the Northern Pacific is a compact digest of information relative to the navies and armies of Spain and the United States at the beginning of the war. It has a map of Cuba, illustrations of naval ships, glossary of navy and army terms, translation of Spanish words, etc. Send 10 cents to Chas. S. Fee, Gen. Pass. agent, N. P. R. R., St. Paul, Minn., for a copy. 59-12

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PUBLIC SCHOOL NOTES

Miss Hood's room is very appropriately decorated with several fine pictures of natural scenery. The pictures are neatly framed and will no doubt assist to develop a love of the beautiful in nature.

Miss Evans uses smaller pictures to supplement history, etc. She has the Perry pictures mounted on cardboard. They are used by the individual students when such use is desirable, and at times many of them are displayed upon the walls of the school room.

The colored bird pictures and the very fine list of animal pictures recently purchased for the grades create favorable comment on the part of all who have seen them. Next to actual nature a really good picture assists the development of the child's power of observation.

The regular half-year examinations were held last week. The school board has provided a permanent record book and hereafter the grading and classification of all pupils will be regularly entered in this book twice each year.

Regular rhetorical of the high school societies were abandoned during the preparation of the special joint programme to be given at the opera house Friday evening, Jan. 27. Regular programmes are now posted and the first one will be given Friday afternoon, Jan. 18, at the high school.

Those who give attention to the monthly report of attendance, etc., will notice that the average daily attendance for December was 412, one less than that of November. This is the first year that the attendance during any month has reached the 400 mark. The teachers are justly proud of the good showing in attendance.

Several of the rooms having too much tardiness and absence will have better reports for the month of January.

Miss Lillian Allen, a former pupil here, received honorable mention in the Youth's Companion amateur photography competition. Among several thousands of competitors only twenty-five received this high honor. Miss Allen's work in drawing this year has received much praise from her teachers.

Miss Maud Boyle, one of last year's graduates, is making a special study of music in her present school. She also continues her Latin studies and enough other branches to secure a well balanced course. Very few students at the present time will permit special studies to absorb all of their attention.

Miss Marion Goss is taking elocution as a special branch. Like Miss Boyle, she continues other studies of a regular course. All of last year's graduates who are attending higher schools this year have selected excellent institutions for continuing their studies.

The time will come when it will be a mark of honor to be called a graduate of the Billings high school. Every business man in town wishes the high school success. Some are planning to secure for it a better building. Others are anxious that its instruction and course of study be second to none. In many subjects as good work is already being done by Billings students as by pupils of any other school of like grade. If you do not know it, please visit the schools and see.

You are a "committee of one." What for? To assist in advancing the interests of this city. Every patriotic citizen will do any reasonable thing to promote the welfare of his own town. One thing everybody can do. Speak well of the schools if they deserve it. How can you know when the schools deserve favorable mention? Visit them. Is some friend of yours, living in the country or in some neighboring town, expecting to send his children abroad to school next year? Please call his attention to the work of our own high school. He can obtain as good instruction here as far as our course goes as he can get in any school of like grade. If not, why not? Stand up for your own town and its interests.

Monthly Report for December.

Name	Number Enrolled	Average Attendance	Average Absent	Per Cent of Attendance	Tardiness	Days Absence	Visitors
Miss Evans	35	33.2	1.8	94.9	3	30	2
Miss Phillips	24	22.8	1.2	95.0	2	23	2
Miss Hood	49	47.5	1.5	96.9	2	29	2
Miss Edwards	38	36.5	1.5	96.1	1	28	2
Miss Pletcher	56	54.8	1.2	97.8	4	49.5	4
Miss Hayden	40	39	1	97.5	2	38	0
Miss Carns	51	49	2	96.1	7	50	4
Miss Crawford	50	48.2	1.8	96.4	1	47	2
Miss Reynolds	47	45.5	1.5	96.8	1	44	1
Mrs. Foster	41	34.2	6.8	83.4	2	31.5	4
Total	452	412	40	91.4	37	315	20

Honor Roll, Room 4, South, Miss Ella E. Hood, Teacher.—Vera Friselle, Inez Elliott, Arthur Barth, Lillie Schmudlach, Lena Austin, Dora Rademaker, Catherine Williams, Maud Hart, Herbert Foster, Benie Awe, Amy Rademaker, Lizzie McWhirk, Josie Lavigne, Roy Matheson, Harold Wilson, Perlie Linton, Harold Stull, Warren Grunwell, Walter Murphy, Oscar Davis.

Honor Roll, Room 4, North, Miss Mae Edwards, Teacher.—Edna Allen, Joe Berry, Walter Chrysler, Goldie Elliott, Marie Hannah, Harvey Lane, Wm. Parker, Alice Badelle, Lillie Reed, Arthur Salisbury, Alice Shaw, May Steele, Edna Williams, Lucy Hawke, Mamie Clanton, Esther Bouton, John Kimmeler, Amy Bennighoff, Joe Hiesinger, Gertrude Crown, Irene Elliott, Claude Lane, Frank Robbins.

Mabel Ross, Hugh Rowley, Lowell Shaw, Mabel Stebbins, Roy Linton, Carl Walls, Robt. McCormick, Clara Spear.

Honor Roll, Room 2, North, Miss H. A. Crawford, Teacher.—Frank Allen, Genevieve Boardman, Vera Ballard, Henry Berkley, Nida Biesinger, Marguerite Bair, Willie Brown, Harold Brown, Julia Bennighoff, Tommy Bouton, Chas. Crowe, Robert Clewaut, Nat Curwile, Madge Fenske, Geo. Hubbard, Olive Hubbard, Valentine Lechner, Maud Lane, Harry Mann, Bertha McCormick, Notman Ryan, Hill Rinehart, Ina Snausome, Geo. Salisbury, Marguerite Smith, Willard Salisbury, Clarence Salbrede, Clair Todd, Ben Tompkins, Geo. Triebshman, Winnie Wheeler, Harold Williams.

Honor Roll, South Primary, Miss Lillian Reynolds, Teacher.—James Custalo, Louise O'Donnell, Esther Birely, Johnny Sawyer, Laura Sleeper, Norman Nelson, Jessie Jaynes, DeForest Hogue, Abbie Decker, Neil Graham, Carl Huckleberry, DeLoss McBride, Florence Schmudlach, Phillip Savarese, Olive Roush, Mabel Eastman, Johnny Trenholm, Edna Gilsdorf, Alice Sleeper, Claud Owens, Percy Lavigne, Jessie Ray, Katie Ray.

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS

Of the Board of County Commissioners of Yellowstone County.

Billings, Mont., Jan. 2, 1899.

The board met pursuant to adjournment at 10 o'clock a. m. There were present, O. N. Newman, chairman, J. B. Annin and Pat Lavelle.

This being a legal holiday, the board adjourned until January 3, 1899, at 10 o'clock a. m.

January 3, 1899.

The board met pursuant to adjournment at 10 o'clock a. m. There were present, O. N. Newman, chairman, and J. B. Annin.

The minutes of Dec. 12 were read and approved.

The bonds of the following township officers were approved:

James Kelly, justice of the peace, Billings township.

A. Fraser, justice of the peace, Billings township.

Geo. H. Simpson, justice of the peace, Stillwater township.

A. P. Wheat, constable, Stillwater township.

Wm. P. Adams, constable, Stillwater township.

Lewis Robbins, constable, Billings township.

Chas. L. Sawyer, constable, Billings township.

Wm. Gordon, constable, Musselshell township.

Sam Holmesland, constable, Park township.

The appointments of the following deputy county officers were approved:

Will H. Morse, deputy county clerk.

J. H. Johnston, deputy county attorney.

J. T. Sayles, under sheriff.

G. W. Harding, deputy sheriff and jailer.

It was upon motion ordered that the county treasurer is hereby requested to issue to the county a deed of all the property to which the county is entitled on account of unpaid delinquent taxes.

The board adjourned.

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Advertised Letters.

List of letters remaining uncalled for in the postoffice at Billings, Yellowstone county, Montana, for the week ending Jan. 9, 1899.

Baland, M. O.; Corson, Emma; Davis, Ned; Germond, W. U.; Guilford, Wm.; Hall, J. G.; Hopen, P. K.; Kingoode, A. A. (2); Magee, H. A.; Nelson, Mrs. Lara; Olson, Mary; Panton, S. P.; Perkins, W. S.; Smith, Jennie; Stoppe, Geo.; Veronda, D. T.; White, Thos.; Wood, Edgar.

Persons calling for the same will please say "advertised."

L. F. Babcock, Postmaster.

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE

Seventh Judicial District of the State of Montana.

In the matter of the terms of court in and for the Seventh Judicial District, state of Montana.—ORDER.

It is hereby ordered that the terms of the district court of the Seventh judicial district, state of Montana, for the year A. D. 1899, will be held at the county seats of the respective counties composing all the Seventh judicial district, to-wit: Dawson, Custer and Yellowstone, at 10 o'clock a. m. of the following days, to-wit:

Dawson County—February 15, May 1, September 1, November 13.

Custer County.—March 6, May 15, September 18, December 4.

Yellowstone County.—January 16, April 3, June 12, October 18.

Done in chambers at Miles City, this fourth day of January, A. D. 1899.

C. H. LOUD, Judge.

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