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STATE TERMS OF PEACE

American Commissioners Offer Conditions to Filipinos.

OUTLINES PLAN OF GOVERNMENT.

atives Will Have a Part in Administration of the Islands—General Otis Denies Request Made by Aginaldo's Commissioners For an Armistice—Military and Civil Elements Differ.

MANILA, May 23.—1:30 p. m.—The conference between the civilian members of the United States Philippine commission and the representatives of the Filipinos continues. The military and civil elements of the American commission differ regarding the wisdom of continuing the conference, the former adhering to their original demand for the unconditional surrender of the insurgents.

MANILA, May 23.—Prof. Schurman, head of the United States Philippine commission, has submitted the following written propositions to the Filipinos:

"While the final decision as to the form of government is in the hands of the congress, the president, under his military powers, pending the action of congress, stands ready to offer the following form of government: A governor general, to be appointed by the president; a cabinet, to be appointed by the governor general; all the judges to be appointed by the president; the heads of departments and judges to be either Americans or Filipinos, or both; and also a general advisory council, its members to be chosen by the people by a form of suffrage to be hereafter carefully determined upon. The president earnestly desires that the bloodshed cease and that the people of the Philippines at an early date enjoy the largest measure of self government compatible with peace and order."

The United States commission prepared the scheme and the president cabled his approval of the form of the document. The Filipinos have made no definite proposition except for a cessation of hostilities until they can present the question of peace to the people.

OTIS OUTLINES THE SITUATION. WASHINGTON, May 23.—The war department has received the following cablegram from General Otis:

MANILA, May 23.—Conditions as follows: In Baluan province troops maintained at Quinga, Baliuag, San Miguel; Lawton proceeding down Rio Grande river from San Isidro; has driven enemy westward from San Antonio, Cariao and Arayat, where he was joined yesterday by Kobbe's column; will reach Santa Ana and Candab today. MacArthur still at San Fernando and will occupy cities south and westward; insurgent forces disintegrating daily. Luna's force at Taltac much diminished; has destroyed several miles of railway in his front; a number of officers of rank have deserted Luna and a few have entered Manila for protection. In Pampanga and Baluan the inhabitants are returning to their homes; only fear insurgent troops. South of Manila the insurgent disintegration is progressing, though a large force is still maintained. Conditions are improving daily. I send a battalion of troops and a gunboat to Negros today to allay excitement in the southern portion of the island and west coast of Cebu. Have denied request of Aginaldo's commissioners for an armistice.

Cuban Arms Question Settled. HAVANA, May 23.—The Cuban arms question is apparently nearing a complete and rapid settlement. The payment and dispersal of half of the armed bands that have been voluntarily or involuntarily quartered on the country will begin, according to the present program, Saturday next in this city. Yesterday Governor General Brooke and General Maximo Gomez had what both considered a final interview on the question of surrendering the arms. At the end of two hours and a half, devoted to the examination of the payment order, General Gomez said he was entirely satisfied. The arms and equipments of the Cuban soldiers will be turned over to the civil governors of the municipalities.

Homeward Movement of Volunteers. WASHINGTON, May 23.—The war department is proceeding on the theory that by the end of July not a volunteer soldier will be left in Manila, and General Otis' report that the transport Warren has arrived, advances the time when the homeward movement of the volunteer troops will begin. Already notice has been issued that mail for the First California and Second Oregon volunteer regiments should not be sent to Manila, but to San Francisco.

Cuban Shrine Robbed of Jewels. SANTIAGO, May 23.—The startling discovery was made yesterday that the famous shrine of Nuestra Señora Carida at El Cobre had been robbed of jewels valued at \$25,000 and that the head of the statue had been broken off and removed. The report caused great excitement in the town, where the shrine has long been the principal attraction. It is supposed to have miraculous healing powers and is visited annually by thousands of pilgrims.

CHARITIES AND CORRECTIONS.

Questions Arising Out of Insanity Refuse Attention and Provoke Discussion.

CINCINNATI, May 23.—The 26th national conference of charities and corrections, which began here last Wednesday, will close tonight. Dr. H. C. Rutter, superintendent of the Ohio asylum for epileptics at Gallipolis, opened the general session yesterday with an address on "Expert Testimony in Insanity Trials." Hon. I. F. Mack, editor of the Sandusky Register and trustee of Ohio institutions, delivered an address on "What Shall We Do with the Insane?" A general discussion on insanity followed.

In the section on organization of charity the discussion on loan agencies, chattel mortgages, pawnshops, installment buying, etc., was opened by Miss Mary L. Birtwell of Cambridge, Mass., Prof. W. R. Patterson of Iowa City and Alfred O. Crozier of Grand Rapids.

Mayor Jones' Plan Adopted. TOLEDO, O., May 23.—Mayor Jones' plan for conducting the Toledo gas plant was adopted by the city council last night. It is practically the same as that under which the Springfield, Ill., electric lighting system is conducted. The city clerk is authorized to advertise for bids for running the plant, the profits to be turned into the city treasury. It is understood that a syndicate has made an offer to the city to conduct the plant for 40 years without cost to the city and to turn over the profits to the treasury of Toledo. The gas plant in Toledo is valued at \$1,500,000 and has never been a paying venture.

Automobile vs. Horseless Carriage. CLEVELAND, May 23.—An automobile started from Cleveland for New York yesterday in an attempt to break the horseless carriage time record between the two cities. The run is made under the auspices of the Plaindealer. The machine carried Mr. Alexander Winton, the horseless carriage manufacturer, and a Plaindealer representative. The latter takes with him a message from Mayor Farley of Cleveland to Mayor Van Wyck of New York. The route selected is about 800 miles in length.

Abbott's Claim Allowed. LINCOLN, May 23.—Judge Holmes of the Lancaster district court yesterday handed down his decision in the claim of Dr. Abbott for \$1,000 alleged to be due him as back salary, for services as superintendent of the Lincoln insane asylum. Judge Holmes decided that the claim is valid and that it must be paid by the state.

Foul Play Is Feared. TOLEDO, May 23.—Harry Robinson, a collector for Armour & Co. has been missing from the city for the past six weeks. He was last seen at Defiance and was known to have a large sum of money on his person. It is believed that he has met with foul play, as his books and accounts are straight. His father lives in Denver.

Nebraskans Return on Sheridan. SAN FRANCISCO, May 23.—The United States transport Sheridan arrived here last evening, 28 days from Manila, via Japan. It brought among the cabin passengers Captain Claude Hough, Captain Robert P. Jensen, surgeon of the First Nebraska, and Mrs. Stotsenburg.

Cadet's Annual Encampment. ASHLAND, Neb., May 23.—The annual encampment of the State University cadets will be held in Day Street park, near Ashland, May 26 to 30 inclusive. The cadets number about 400 and they will give a fine program each day.

Wealthy Cattle Buyer Commits Suicide. ST. LOUIS, May 23.—The dead body of J. J. Travis, a wealthy cattle buyer of St. James, Mo., was found last night in a room at the Hotel Pine. The room was full of gas from an open jet and the windows were tightly closed.

Falls Dead in Ring. LEADVILLE, May 23.—During a sparring contest before a local club between Joseph Jackson, white, and Mircellius Morgan, colored, Jackson fell dead. Physicians pronounced heart failure from excitement the cause.

Murder Trial Opens. MASON CITY, May 23.—The trial of W. H. Bone for the murder of James Allison opens here today before Judge Sherwin. Allison was stabbed in the back by Bone and died three hours after the injury.

TELEGRAMS TERSELY TOLD. Mme. Carlotta Grisi, the once celebrated Italian dancer, is dead. William Evans, wife and little child were killed at Center, Ala., Monday, in a runaway. The harness races, billed to take place at Ingal's Park, Jelliet, August 15 to 18, have been called off. A party of scientists has left Washington, en route to Alaska, to investigate its agricultural resources.

The United Presbyterian board of home missions spent Monday in considering church applications for aid. Secretary Gage has issued orders for admission of 450 Chinese at San Francisco for the Philadelphia exposition. The Texas senate adopted the conference report upon the antitrust bill and it will be sent to the governor for his approval. The steamer Danube, the finest steamer of the fleet in the Alaskan trade, is ashore on Cape Mudge, on the north-eastern coast of Vancouver island.

STAYS CLOSE TO PEOPLE

Presbyterian Assembly Refuses to Become Exclusive.

PRESENT MEMBERSHIP RETAINED.

Discountenances a Reduction of Representations, Putting Power in Hands of a Few Members—Plans to Reduce the Roll by One-Half Receive a Spirited Negative Vote.

MINNEAPOLIS, May 23.—Democracy asserted itself in the Presbyterian general assembly yesterday. With a shout the assembly voted down two carefully considered and prepared plans to reduce the membership, one by a third and the other by more than a half. The committee on reduction appointed a year ago was scarcely given courteous treatment, so pronounced was the following against getting farther away from the people. Two members of the committee presented the two proposed plans, one making the basis of representation 6,000 communicants and the other making the basis 36 ministers in the presbyteries instead of 24, as at present. Colonel F. L. Hitchcock of the committee argued for representations by synods according to membership and declared that there was doubt that 672, the present membership of the assembly was far too large. It was plain, from the interruptions that Colonel Hitchcock was on the unpopular side and when he sat down expressions of the democratic spirit came out strongly and profusely. "They call this a mob," said Dr. Page of Popoka. "If it is a mob, God grant that there may be more such. God pity the Presbyterian church, with the bulk of the wealth of the United States in its coffers, if it cannot afford a large assembly." "The time has not come to reduce the assembly and I hope it never will come," cried Dr. George P. Brych of New York. "We ought to keep as near the people as we can. The backwoods presbyteries now hold the balance of power; I don't know what we would do without them, they hold the balance so true."

Dr. John W. Dinsmore of San Jose offered a substitute motion thanking and discharging the committee and indefinitely deferring the question of reduced representation. When the vote came there was a mighty yes and a feeble no. The decision against another part of the senate committee's report was closer. By a vote of 184 to 168 the assembly decided not to increase from five to ten the number of ministers necessary to constitute a presbytery.

Chicago and Alton Reorganization. CHICAGO, May 23.—The Tribune says: The Chicago and Alton railroad is to be reorganized and a new issue of stock will be put out. The plan of reorganization has been agreed upon and it was the intention to put it into effect at once. It is now said, however, that the reorganization may be deferred for two or three months. The Chicago and Alton is figuring on securing the St. Louis, Peoria and Northern. The company will probably make a transfer with the Chicago Terminal Transfer company, under which it will use the Grand Central station and will then sell its present lines into the city.

"Bishop" Ginner Sentenced. ST. PAUL, May 23.—Dr. Samuel George Ginner, "bishop" of the American church which was established by himself, yesterday pleaded guilty in the district court to an indictment for grand larceny and was sentenced to the penitentiary for three years. Ginner was formerly the supreme president and supreme treasurer of the order of Minnehaha and the larceny is alleged to have been committed June, 1895, when he was connected with the order. The exact amount alleged in the indictment before the court is \$3,395.79.

Hope for Universal Peace. THE HAGUE, May 23.—Andrew D. White, the United States ambassador at Berlin and head of the American delegation, in an interview here with a representative of the Associated Press, said he regarded the situation as promising and that the first work of organization will be well done. He added: "I am hopeful that it will be possible to reach practical conclusions. The skepticism of the first few days must yield to serious hopes without at the same time indulging in exaggerated expectations."

Unitarians in Conference. CHICAGO, May 23.—Ministers representing Unitarian churches of the central west gathered at Hull Memorial chapel, Chicago university, last evening, for the opening of their annual conference, which is to close on May 25. The evening was taken up by the Rev. Newton M. Mann of Omaha, who discussed the question "Was Jesus Infallible in the Domain of Ethics?" The speaker criticized many of the religious theories advanced by theologians of the present day.

Davenport Stake Race Declared Off. DAVENPORT, May 20.—The Davenport Mile Track association yesterday declared off the July stake race, the opening of the Great Western circuit, because the race had not filled. The association will replace with purse races.

Disease Among Cattle.

SIOUX CITY, May 19.—An epidemic of cerebro-spinal meningitis has appeared in cattle herds in this vicinity. Veterinarians think it is due to the animals drinking water from the stagnant and putrid pools left by the floods. Fifty per cent of the cattle affected already have died.

Young Cowdie Shot.

DES MOINES, May 18.—John Cowdie of the state board of control was called to his home in South Amama by a message that his son, Greeley, had been shot. The message stated that the boy had been waylaid in going from Marengo to South Amama and badly shot in the head.

Big Combine at Sioux City.

SIOUX CITY, May 19.—Negotiations are pending for the purchase and consolidation under a single management by a syndicate of Chicago and Sioux City capitalists of the combination railroad and wagon bridge across the Missouri river, the stockyards, Live Stock National bank and several thousand acres of farm land near here. Rumor places the capitalization of the syndicate at \$10,000.

One Thousand For Plaintiff.

DES MOINES, May 20.—In the sensational case of A. B. Ball against R. W. Marquis, the jury returned a verdict finding for the plaintiff in the sum of \$1,000. This is an action wherein the plaintiff, Ball, sought to recover \$20,000 damages from R. W. Marquis, a prominent real estate dealer of the east side of the river, for alleged alienation of the affections of the former's wife.

Iowa Medical Society.

CEDAR RAPIDS, Ia., May 19.—At yesterday's session of the Iowa State Medical society officers were chosen for the ensuing year as follows: President, Dr. C. J. Maxwell, Keokuk; first vice president, Dr. H. B. Criley, Dallas Center; second vice president, Dr. G. E. Crawford, Cedar Rapids; secretary, Dr. J. W. Cokenower, Des Moines; treasurer, Dr. George R. Skinner, Cedar Rapids; trustees, Dr. J. M. Emmert and Dr. J. A. Sherman. The next meeting will be held at Des Moines.

Victory for Iowa College.

ATLANTIC, Ia., May 20.—At the session of the Iowa Congregational association yesterday the fight that has been brewing against Professor Herron, the professor of applied Christianity at Iowa college, came on in earnest and resulted in a victory for the friends of the college, who were here to see that no action be taken upon the Herron controversy. It was not accomplished, however, until the fact that there was a strong sentiment against the professor and his teachings had been brought out.

Warm Welcome For Iowa Soldiers.

CEDAR RAPIDS, May 20.—Thousands of people cheered company C boys last night when they participated in a parade. With them marched the veterans of the rebellion and ex-members of the company. A public reception followed at the opera house, at which addresses were made by Mayor Redmond, Colonel Dows, Rev. Frank L. Loveland, Judge N. M. Hubbard, Judge William G. Thompson, Congressman Cousins and others. The opera house was packed to the doors.

Iowa State Federation of Labor.

OTTUMWA, Ia., May 18.—The Iowa State Federation of Labor closed its annual session here last night with a banquet tendered by the local trades assembly. Officers were elected as follows: President, O. P. Beebe, Sioux City; vice president, James Baxter, Hitoman; secretary-treasurer, John S. Nagle, Dubuque. A number of resolutions were adopted, the most important of which were to patronize home industries, supporting a referendum principle, favoring compulsory education, against the trading stamp system, against establishing military posts in Iowa, supporting municipal ownership, favoring the repeal of the poll tax and asking for the abolition of contract labor.

QUICK WORK IN MATRIMONY.

Thirty Minutes Occupied In Securing a Divorce and Getting Married.

DES MOINES, May 19.—Quick action in getting a divorce and a marriage license was yesterday demonstrated at the court house. About 4 o'clock Daniel Cheewood and Jennie Jackson appeared. They have been in love for some time. There was a barrier to their getting married, for some four years ago Jennie tied herself up to one Ambrose Jackson. Ambrose lived with Jennie for some time, but became tired of her company and sought a new field. He left the country. When Dan and Jennie went to the court house, Jennie argued the matter with Judge Prouty and he decided that she had a good case and after her attorney had concluded signed the decree which gave her the right to walk the path of single blessedness again. She filed her decree of divorce and Dan took out a dollar application to get married. With a paper in her hand freeing her from Ambrose and a paper in his hand permitting him to wed Jennie, the two hid themselves into the justice court of Squire Halloran, where they were made man and wife. The entire proceedings consumed 30 minutes.

George W. Smalley, the New York correspondent of the London Times, continues to denounce the methods of the custom house inspectors at the port of New York.

DOCK STRIKE IS ENDED.

Settlement of Labor Troubles at Buffalo.

RETURN TO WORK WEDNESDAY.

Parties Interested Finally Get Together. Agreement Signed by Subcommittee and Contractor Connors Is Approved by the Grain Shovelers' Union and the Strike Is Declared Off.

BUFFALO, May 23.—The Grain Shovelers' strike has been settled. The agreement signed late last night by a sub-committee representing the strikers of which President Keefe of the Longshoremen's association was a member, and Contractor Connors, has been approved by the full committee of the Grain Shovelers' union. The strike is to be declared off and the men will return to work Wednesday morning.

During the day little had been accomplished by either the strikers or employers to bring about an adjustment of their differences and it looked as if the strike would be prolonged till the end of the week. All day long conferences had been held in different parts of the city but at none of them was any definite plan adopted. Last night a turbulent crowd of 1,500 Polish freight handlers attended a meeting at Fillmore hall but there was a very noticeable absence of the leaders.

Cannot Agree on a Verdict.

BEATRICE, Neb., May 23.—The jury in the case of the state against Fender, which retired Saturday afternoon to consider a verdict, was called into court and discharged, the foreman reporting that they were unable to agree upon a verdict. The jury stood 7 to 5 in favor of acquittal. It was generally hoped that the jury would reach a decision. There were about 15 witnesses from South Omaha and the case is an expensive one for the county. The defense put up a strong alibi. The records of the packing company for whom Fender worked were introduced, showing that he was there as late as 11 o'clock on the day the crime was committed. Witnesses also testified to having seen him there that day. On the other hand, the young girl testified in a most positive manner that the defendant was her assailant.

Austin Charged With Murder.

BELLEFONTAINE, O., May 23.—Ernest Austin, the man who is suspected of killing his mother and brother at Middleburg and who is believed to have tried to kill himself, may recover. He is still at the house of a neighbor, where the inquest was held yesterday. Austin told the coroner that a neighbor shot his mother and brother and himself, but no credence is given the statement. Austin was charged with the murder and is now under guard. There is great indignation among the people of that part of the country and threats to lynch Austin, if he recovers, are freely made.

Three Men Blown to Atoms.

CHICAGO, May 23.—Three Chicago men, employes of the Aetna Powder company at Aetna, Ind., were blown to atoms in the explosion of a tank of nitro-glycerine. The dead: Frank Ehler, aged 18; Sam Erick, aged 24; Charles Morris, aged 27. A pipe leading from the engine burst, igniting some sawdust and leaves near a flue leading into the room containing the nitro-glycerine tank. Not a vestige of the building remains and up to sundown the bodies nor any portion of them had been recovered.

No Word From the Detroit.

WASHINGTON, May 23.—The navy department has had no report from the captain of the Detroit of any difficulty with the Nicaraguan officials or of any collision with the Nicaraguan gunboat San Jacinto. The Detroit arrived at Bluefields May 11 and since that date no report has come from it. It was to take aboard there the body of the late General Macaulay for transportation to the United States.

Fitzsimmons-Jeffries Fight.

NEW YORK, May 23.—The Fitzsimmons-Jeffries fight is to take place at night, instead of on afternoon, of June 9. The directors of the Coney Island Sporting club held a meeting yesterday and decided on this change. Mr. Brady said that 53 boxes had been sold, the total sum paid for them being \$7,950. Frank Dwyer has received \$5,000 to bet for westerners on Fitzsimmons at odds of 8 to 5.

Hotel Men Gathering in Chicago.

CHICAGO, May 23.—Hotel proprietors and managers from all over the country are crowding the hotels of Chicago as guests of their local colleagues, in readiness for the 20th annual convention of the Hotel Men's Mutual Benefit Association of the United States and Canada. Nearly 1,000 hotel men lined up in the Wellington hotel last night where they registered.

Sugar War Still Exists.

NEW YORK, May 23.—Concerning reports that the sugar trade war would be soon amicably settled, a member of the firm of B. H. Howell & Son said: "There is no truth whatever in the reported settlement of the differences between the various refineries."

MISSOURI LEGISLATURE ADJOURNS.

Last Act Was the Defeat of the Revised Revenue Bill.

JEFFERSON CITY, May 23.—The Missouri legislature adjourned sine die yesterday afternoon after a session of 138 days. The last act was the defeat of the revised revenue bill containing the franchise taxation feature. The house first passed a bill applying to franchises of public or quasi-public corporations. The senate amended it by including gas companies and corporations of that character. The house amended the amendment by including the words "railroad, express and telegraph companies." It was claimed the bill originally applied to railroads. The senate refused to adopt the house amendments, but agreed to recede from its own amendment. The house then by a vote of 63 to 47 refused to agree to allow the senate to recede from its amendment. As it takes 71 votes to adopt a conference report on a bill, the action of the house defeated the bill. It is claimed the defeat of the bill was due to the activity of the lobby. The defeat of the bill destroyed several good amendments to the revenue laws.

Ottumwa Votes Tax to Build Railroad.

OTTUMWA, Ia., May 23.—A special election was held here yesterday to vote 1 1/2 per cent tax for the construction of the Ottumwa and Northern railroad between this city and Wright. The proposition was carried by a majority of 418. A number of women voted. The new road will be 23 miles in length. It will bring the Iowa Central and possibly the Northwestern to Ottumwa.

Paris Is Badly Damaged.

FALMOUTH, Eng., May 23.—The crew of the Paris during the day were engaged in jettisoning the coal from her bunkers. Divers who were recently employed to inspect the wreck of the Mobergan have been examining the inside of the Paris for the purpose of ascertaining the extent of the damage done. They discovered four or five large holes.

Mrs. Brunot Bound Over.

TAYLORVILLE, Ills., May 23.—Mrs. Emma Brunot was last night held to the grand jury on the charge of having been an accomplice of her son, Henry Brunot, and Fred Sibley, the self-confessed murderers of Mrs. Brunot's sister-in-law, Miss Jane Brunot. Mrs. Brunot was unable to give bail and was remanded to jail.

New York Legislature Convenes.

ALBANY, May 23.—The New York legislature, called in special session by Governor Roosevelt to amend the Ford franchise tax bill, met last night, listened to the reading of the governor's message and adjourned until morning.

Iowa Episcopallians in Session.

DAVENPORT, May 23.—The diocesan convention of the Episcopal church of Iowa opened in the cathedral here today, Bishop Morrison presiding. The state meeting of the ladies' auxiliary of the church is also in session.

Monday's Baseball Games.

NATIONAL LEAGUE
Pittsburg, 9; Baltimore, 4.
Louisville, 2; Brooklyn, 5.
Chicago, 5; Philadelphia, 4.
Cincinnati, 5; New York, 4.
St. Louis, 8; Boston, 13.
Cleveland, 3; Washington, 14.
WESTERN LEAGUE
Minneapolis, 5; Buffalo, 3.
Kansas City, 2; Detroit, 1.
Milwaukee, 8; Indianapolis, 1.
St. Paul, 8; Columbus, 5.

Slavs in Convention at Chicago.

CHICAGO, May 23.—The convention of the National Slavonic Benevolent association was begun here yesterday. Three hundred and forty lodges were represented by delegates. The day was taken up with preliminary work. In the evening the delegates were shown around the city and entertained by residents. Twenty women delegates, representing 62 societies of 1,500 members, are also in session.

Takes Up Subject of Missions.

DENVER, May 23.—The sessions of the Cumberland Presbyterian general assembly yesterday were devoted to the general subject of missions. The most active mission workers in the church delivered addresses. Rev. E. E. Morris of Marshall, Mo., who is known as the "tithing minister," discoursed in an interesting manner on "How I Take My Collections."

Stockman Run Down by a Train.

OAKLAND, Neb., May 23.—Walter Heggland, a prominent citizen of Oakland, was killed last night by a stock engine while walking on the track. Heggland was shipping some stock from his farm and was on his way to the caboose.

Drank Concentrated Lye.

WAKEFIELD, Neb., May 23.—Morgan Rice of this place committed suicide yesterday by drinking concentrated lye. He had been in ill health some time and was dependent. Deceased was aged about 35 years and unmarried.

The United States supreme court adjourned Monday for the term. During the session the court disposed of 519 cases, leaving 302 cases on the docket.

J. B. Garrison of Washington has been appointed auditor for the island of Porto Rico under the war department and will sail for San Juan Wednesday. The office of general manager of the Kansas City, Pittsburg and Gulf railroad, made vacant by the death, last week, of Robert Gilham, has been abolished.