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PORAC IS CAPTURED

Insurgents Fled With the Advance of American Forces.

AMERICAN LOSS WAS SLIGHT

Americans March Over the Rebel Trenches and Take Possession of the Place.

MANILA, Sept. 28.—3:30 p. m.—General MacArthur entered Porac after half an hour's fighting. The American loss was slight; the insurgent loss is not known. The enemy fled northward and when the Americans entered the town they found it practically deserted.

The attacking party moved on Porac in two columns. The Ninth infantry with two guns from Santa Rita was commanded by General Wheeler, and the Thirty-sixth infantry under Colonel Bell, with one gun accompanied General MacArthur from San Antonio. Both columns struck town at 9 o'clock and opened a brisk fire, which was replied to by the enemy for half an hour. Then the insurgents fled, and the Americans marched over their trenches and took possession of the place.

Just before the fight Smith's command at Angeles made a demonstration by firing artillery up the railroad track. Liscomb reported one casualty, and Bell reported four men of his regiment wounded. The artillery did not lose a man, killed or injured.

WAS A STRATEGICAL SUCCESS.

Movement Resulted in the Clearing of Several Miles of Country.

MANILA, Sept. 28.—Today's movement was a strategical success, and resulted in the possession of Porac, and the clearing of several miles of country thereabout.

The two columns, one from Santa Rita and the other from San Antonio, united before Porac, according to the programme, one stretching around the place for some miles. The insurgents are estimated to have numbered 600 men. Ten dead Filipinos were found and the captain and commissary of General MacArthur's command were taken prisoners.

The American loss was five, but there were many prostrations from the heat. Englishmen from the insurgent lines report that the rebels at Banban have 7,000 new Japanese rifles.

MOVEMENT WAS EXPECTED.

The General Plans of the Campaign Known to Officials at Washington.

NEW YORK, Sept. 28.—A special to the Herald from Washington, says: The movement of Generals McArthur, Wheaton and Wheeler on Porac as reported by cable from Manila, is what the war department has been anticipating for the last fortnight.

The general plans of this movement are known to the officials, but they have refused to give out dispatches on this subject for fear the enemy will profit by them. The rainy weather has delayed the movement. It is known to the war department that a considerable force of the enemy is in the vicinity of Porac and the general idea it is believed, is to break the defense which the insurgents have prepared during the rainy season.

Porac is situated 14 miles from Bacolor and has a population of 8,500.

SPANISH CABINET TO RESIGN.

MADRID, Sept. 28.—The Spanish cabinet will resign tomorrow as the result of irreconcilable differences among the ministers regarding proposals for a national defense.

REGULATIONS FOR THE RACE.

Revenue Cutters and Torpedo Boats Will Keep Course Clear.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 28.—Assistant Secretary Spaulding has approved the rules and regulations of the government of the course during the coming yacht races. A clear space of half a mile about the starting line will be maintained until the race has started. After crossing the line the torpedo flotilla will form a column and stand on the course parallel with the yachts, and the revenue cutters will form a line astern of and to windward of the competing yachts.

A violation of these rules will incur the same penalty as a violation of the navigation laws of the United States. The offending vessels will be brought to with shot and sent back to New York in charge of a revenue officer.

PORTLAND EXPOSITION OPENS.

The Opening Was Attended by a Large Assembly.

PORTLAND, Sept. 28.—The Oregon Industrial exposition was opened tonight in the presence of a large assembly. President Broedren, of the exposition, Mayor Story and Governor Geer made brief addresses.

The natural and manufactured products, as well as the fruit and grain products of the Northwest, are displayed in an elaborate manner.

Bennett's band furnished the music and the amusement features of the exposition attracted a large share of attention. The feature of the exposition is the realistic production of Multnomah falls.

THE OMAHA CONFERENCE.

Run Between San Francisco and Chicago to Occupy 72 hours.

SALT LAKE, Sept. 28.—High officials of the Southern Pacific, Union Pacific and Chicago and Northwestern railroads, held important conferences at Salt Lake and Ogden today. It was decided that in addition to the present passenger train service, both east and west bound between Chicago and San Francisco, that a fast train in both directions will be placed in service October 15. These trains will make the run between Chicago and San Francisco in 72 hours.

KNIGHTS TEMPLAR ELECTION.

ASHLAND, Sept. 28.—The grand commandery of the Oregon Knights Templar, in session here today, elected and installed the following officers for the ensuing year: Curt B. Winn, Albany, R. E. grand commander; Frank A. Moore, Salem, E. deputy grand commander; W. T. Wright, LaGrande, grand generalissimo; Frank E. Allen, Albany, grand captain general; L. N. Roney, Eugene, grand senior warden; George H. Hill, Portland, grand junior warden; D. C. Alger, Ashland, grand prelate; B. G. Whitehouse, Portland, grand treasurer; Jas. F. Robinson, Eugene, grand recorder; Finley C. Perrine, Salem, grand standard bearer; E. V. Carter, Ashland, grand sword bearer; Frank J. Miller, Albany, grand warden; Gustaf Wilson, Portland, grand sentinel.

WILL ESTABLISH CAR SHOPS.

SPOKANE, Sept. 28.—The O. R. & N. has bought 23 acres of land at Winona Junction, in Whitman county, on which it will establish car shops and division and dispatcher's headquarters. The shops now at Tekoa and Starbuck will be removed there before January 1 next.

THE DISPLAY IS BEAUTIFUL

New York City and Bay Most Georgously Decorated.

HISTORIC SCENE ON OLYMPIA

Admiral Baird Presents Admiral Dewey With First Admiral's Flag of the Navy.

NEW YORK, Sept. 28.—New York was decked brilliantly today in honor of the gallant sailor who is waiting at her gate. Had an ocean of color swept the city, its ebbing tide could not have stained the streets more brilliantly.

Hundreds of miles of red, white and blue bunting cover the noble facades of Broadway and Fifth avenue and a million flags flutter over the town. Not even the churches have escaped the universal decorations. The doors and gothic windows of old Trinity, on lower Broadway, are gracefully draped with the national colors and in the ancient Trinity graveyard the tomb of that gallant sailor, who, dying, issued the command not to give up the ship, lies shrouded in silken folds of the flag for which he died.

A million visitors are here to participate in the glorious celebration. Gaily apparelled soldiers of many states, who are to take part in the land parade Saturday, began trooping in today and there was no hour when uniformed men were not moving in some quarter of the city to the sound of the fife and drum. Arrangements for the two days' celebration are completed. The great arch at Madison square, modeled after the triumphal arch of Titus and upon which the most famous sculptors of America have lavished their genius, is practically finished and stands a superb tribute to the nation's hero. It is more beautiful than the arch in Rome.

Today the flotilla lay quietly at anchor off Tompkinsville, a towering spectacle of naval might and power to the tens of thousands who sailed down in tugs, in yachts and steamers to see the ships. The crush to get aboard the Olympia never abated for a minute, and as great indulgence was shown by Admiral Dewey, a goodly portion of those who besieged the gangways got aboard. These crowds and official visits the admiral received scarcely gave him and his officers time to breathe. The jacksies today got medals which congress voted them, and proudly displayed them to the visitors until Jeffreys, the pugilist, came aboard. Jack loves a fighter, and while the big slugger was aboard the tars were oblivious to all else.

The municipal authorities are somewhat piqued because Governor Roosevelt extended a formal welcome of the state to the admiral today before the mayor had an opportunity to offer his official greeting on behalf of the city. This ceremony will occur tomorrow.

The marine parade, unless it is marred by bad weather, which the local forecaster unfortunately predicts, is expected to eclipse all previous water pageants on this side of the world. It is expected the line will be nine miles long, and that half a million people will be aloft.

Tonight there was a preliminary illumination of rare beauty. All the buildings on the water front were lighted up. On the Brooklyn bridge, in letters of living fire, 30 feet high, flashed the words, "Welcome Dewey," while simultaneously from the shores of the East and North rivers, Staten and Governors islands, a red fire glowed and sputtered, sending up fantastic clouds of smoke, turning the color of the water into a sea of lurid flame and transforming the craft in the harbor into red spectres.

AN IMPRESSIVE SCENE.

Dewey is Presented With the First Admiral's Flag of the Navy.

NEW YORK, Sept. 28.—On board the cruiser Olympia today Admiral George W. Dewey, who sailed with Farragut and Dewey in the Gulf in 1861, unrolled a package which he had carefully guard-

ed, and, displaying a faded blue admiral's ensign upon which were stitched four white stars, he said to Admiral Dewey:

"Admiral, I wish to present to you the first admiral's flag ever 'broken out' in the navy of this country. The admiral whose name and memory we all revere first hoisted this ensign upon the good ship Hartford before New Orleans and afterwards upon the Franklin, and since it came down from that masthead it has never been whipped by wind or torn by the elements. You, worthy successor of that great admiral, whose tactics you so successfully followed a short while ago, I deem a proper person for Farragut's mantle to fall upon."

This flag was made by Quartermaster Knowles out of a blue "number" flag when Farragut was first made rear admiral. Two white stars were sewed on it. When Farragut was made an admiral two more white stars were sewed on it.

Admiral Dewey was deeply affected and tears were in his eyes as he gazed at the souvenir. It was several moments before he recovered his voice. Finally, he said:

"I'll fly it. I'll fly it at the masthead. I'll fly it in the parade. I'll fly it always. And — and when I strike my admiral's flag, this shall be the flag I shall strike."

This was the most impressive scene that has occurred on the Olympia since her arrival in this port, and for some time no one spoke. The silence was not broken before he called his Chinese steward and ordered a case of champagne.

THE LAND PARADE.

Over One Thousand Union Veterans Will Be in Line.

NEW YORK, Sept. 28.—A lion cub given Dewey was named by the Admiral this afternoon. The admiral said: "I have decided to call him Chichester, in memory of my English friend Captain Chichester, of the British cruiser Junotville."

The committee of 100 citizens has subscribed sufficient money to defray the expenses of a band to head the civil war veterans in the land parade. This organization will be headed by General Howard and its ranks will be open to any credited veteran. General Howard announces that over 1,000 men will be in line.

General Howard said today that Commander in Chief Kay had exceeded his authority when he issued an order saying that the G. A. R. men should not march as individuals in the Dewey land parade. General Howard said: "Kay is not over me, but if he were, I would consider that his order that the G. A. R. men should not march as individuals in the parade counted for little, as he entirely exceeded his authority in issuing it."

The convicts in the city prison have published a special Dewey edition of the Prison Forum, which will be presented to the admiral with their compliments. They will rest from prison labor tomorrow and Saturday.

COGHLAN VISITS DEWEY.

The Admiral Chides Him For Singing the "Hoch Der Kaiser" Song.

NEW YORK, Sept. 28.—One of the personal friendships that Admiral Dewey renewed aboard the Olympia today was that with Captain Jos. B. Coghlan, who commanded the Raleigh at Manila and is now commandant of the Port Orchard, Washington, naval station.

When Captain Coghlan went on board Admiral Dewey rushed over to him, and grasping him by the hand, exclaimed: "Why, Joe, how well you are looking," and then he went on with twinkling eyes:

"What's this I have heard about your learning to sing?" Then seizing Captain Coghlan by the shoulders, he shook him as if chiding him, and both laughed heartily at the admiral's reference to Coghlan's "Hoch Der Kaiser" song.

DEWEY FEARS HIS RECEPTION.

Parade Today and Tomorrow Will Tax Him to the Utmost.

NEW YORK, Sept. 28.—Admiral Dewey has already expressed some doubt that he will be able to get through the duties attendant on his reception without suffering extraordinary fatigue. The parade will occupy at least 12 hours Friday and 16 hours Saturday.

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THE BRITISH AT DEAR

Infantry Detachment Selects a Base of Operations.

DECISION OF VOLKSRAAD

Orange Free State Will Join With Transvaal in the Event of Hostilities.

LONDON, Sept. 28.—A British infantry detachment, with some engineers, has arrived at Deaar, southwest of the Orange Free State and an important railroad junction. Extensive fortifications will be made the base of operations from that side against the Orange Free State or the Transvaal. More troops will shortly arrive at Deaar.

BROTHERHOOD OF ARMS

Orange Free State Will Join With the Transvaal.

LONDON, Sept. 28.—The decision of the volksraad of the Orange Free State to join with the Transvaal in the event of hostilities, although fully expected, is the leading news today and will naturally stiffen the Boers' independent attitude. The raad's resolution has made the brotherhood of arms between the Transvaal and the Orange Free State, of which hitherto there was only a strong probability, an absolute certainty, and the British will have to face the situation.

PEACE AGAIN TALKED OF.

It is Believed Transvaal Government Will Yield the Five-year Franchise.

LONDON, Sept. 28.—The Daily Chronicle's Cape Town correspondent, says: I have received information of the highest importance as to the possibility of a peaceful solution of the difficulty. Complete estrangement exists between Sir Alfred Milner and Mr. Hofmeyr and the Afrikaner leaders.

Persons enjoying the confidence of the Transvaal government, however, are convinced that if the imperial government empowers Mr. Hofmeyr to assure the Transvaal that a five year franchise will secure peace the other questions being dealt with by the reformed republic gradually or by arbitration, all existing differences will disappear.

FATAL TRAIN ACCIDENT.

Trains Collide on the Great Northern at Paisley and Five are Killed.

BUTTE, Mont., Sept. 28.—A special from Glasgow, Mont., to the Miner, says: The most disastrous wreck that has been reported in this section of Montana occurred two miles west of Paisley, on the Great Northern, Tuesday morning. The wreck was caused by head end collision between the second section of No. 8 coming east a light engine backing up the west bound, and as a result four employees of the railroad are dead.

The dead are: Harry Masbengale, engineer on No. 8.

Al. Nelzke, his fireman. Chas. Strahan, head brakeman. E. Felon, fireman on the light engine. Jas. Kennehan, engineer on the light engine.

Jack Keeley, conductor. Second brakeman on No. 8, name unknown.

A coroner's jury found that the accident was due to the carelessness of Engineer Kennehan.

HIGH CHURCHMEN DEFEATED.

NEW YORK, Sept. 28.—The contest in the Protestant Episcopal diocese over the election of a standing committee, resulted in the defeat of the high church party, the old committee being re-elected.

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