

GEN. OTIS PLAN TO GOVERN LARGE CITIES

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CITY COUNCIL THE MAIN BODY

Charged With Administration of Municipal Affairs and Will be the Ruling Power in All Cities--Cruiser Brooklyn Will Leave Hampton Roads for Manila Today.

CHICAGO, Oct. 9.—A special to the Times-Herald from Washington says: Major General Otis has informed the war department of his adoption of a comprehensive scheme of local government for all cities and towns in Luzon occupied by American forces. He has issued instructions directing that the system be put in force and placing seniority officers of the occupying troops in charge of the formation of such government.

In each town there will be a municipal council composed of a president and as many representatives or head men as there may be wards in the town which shall be charged with the maintenance of public order and the regulation of municipal affairs. It will, by majority vote, through the adoption of ordinances or decrees, administer the municipal government, but no ordinance or decree shall be enforced until approved by the commanding officer of the troops.

The president shall be elected by a viva voce vote of the residents of the town, approved by the commanding officer, and together with the head men shall hold office for one year. He shall be of native birth and parentage and a resident and property owner of the town. The head men shall be elected by a viva voce vote of residents of their wards.

The president shall be the executive of the municipal council to execute its decrees and the senior head man or one designated by the council shall be vice president of the same, assistant to the president and ex-officio lieutenant of police.

The council shall have no jurisdiction in civil cases but on application of the parties in interest and their agreement in writing to accept the award of the council it shall hear and decide cases involving property not exceeding \$500 in value.

In criminal matters the president, representing the council shall make the preliminary examinations and according to the result discharge the prisoner or transfer him immediately to custody of the military authorities for trial by provost court.

The cruiser Brooklyn will sail from Hampton Roads on Tuesday for Manila via the Suez canal. The Nashville will leave San Juan this week for Manila by the same route. The New Orleans will require six days in which to make slight alterations and she will then proceed to join Rear Admiral Watson. Reports received from the auxiliary cruiser Badger show that she is in need of considerable repairs and it may be decided to transfer her officers and crew to the Ranger, just completed, and dispatch that vessel to join the Asiatic squadron.

Orders have been telegraphed to the Boston navy yard to exploit the work on the gunboat Baneroff and she will be placed in commission without the loss of any time and sent to the far East.

The gunboat Annapolis is now at the Norfolk navy yard and her repairs will be pushed.

The protected cruiser Albany will be completed by January 1, and orders will soon be issued for her detail of officers and crew and they will be sent to England to take charge of the vessel, proceeding at once to Manila.

The gunboat Machias may be sent to Manila without making the survey of the mouth of the Orinoco, recently ordered.

It is confidently believed that a strict blockade of Luzon will be maintained by Rear Admiral Watson, that the Filipinos will not be able to renew their supplies of munitions of war and food. The last mail reports from Manila announce the capture of three vessels by the Princeton off the coast of Batangas, Luzon.

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OUTBREAK NOT EXPECTED

Importation of Arms Forbidden by Berlin Treaty--All Three Nations Represented by War Vessels

NEW YORK, Oct. 9.—A special to the Herald from Washington says: Some apprehension is felt in official circles over the condition of affairs prevailing in Samoa.

The state department is without complete advices from Consul General Osborn regarding the situation, but sufficient is known to make the authorities understand that the natives are again plotting. It is not believed, however, that there will be a return of the fighting which occurred last April unless there has been a heavy importation of arms, which is expressly forbidden by the provisions of the Berlin treaty.

It will be recalled that when the badger returned from Samoa, she brought in her hold 1500 rifles belonging to the natives. These rifles are now in the armory at Mare Island, Cal., awaiting the disposition of Great Britain, Germany and the United States.

All three nations are represented by men of war in Samoa waters. The United States has the auxiliary cruiser Albatross, under the command of Commander Tilley. The Albatross was sent to Apia particularly to facilitate the establishment of a coaling station at Pango-Pango, but it is presumed that Commander Tilley has made arrangements to communicate with Consul General Osborn, and that in case of trouble she will take station at Apia and provide protection for American interests.

The charge is renewed that Germans in the island are spreading dissatisfaction among the natives and it would not be surprising if certain of these men are plotting with Mataafa, who has remained in Samoa.

The three governments have not formally adopted the recommendation of the high joint commission which investigated the Samoa question, nor are negotiations looking to this end likely to be set on foot until the return of Secretary Hay.

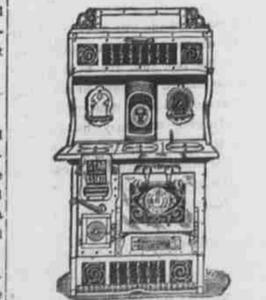
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