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AMERICAN NEWSPAPER MEN IN MANILA MAKE A STARTLING DECLARATION.

The Press is Not Getting the Facts, But Cablegrams are Colored to Suit the Views of the Powers That be--A Signed Statement is Submitted.

Manila.—The constantly increasing strictness of censorship of press dispatches from Manila, which has prevented the cabling to the United States of anythnig that did not reflect official views of the imporant events and conditions resulted in an effort upon the part of the correspondents here to secure an abatement of the rigor of the censorship The initiative in this direction was taken a month ago and resulted in the framing of a statement which was presented on Sunday, July 9, to Maj. Gen. Otis, commanding the military forces of the United States in the Philippine islands, with a request for permission to telegraph it to the United States. The correspondents also asked that they be allowed to cable to their respective papers all facts and the different phases of events as they transpired here. The correspondents had two long interviews with Gen. Otis in the course of which they complained that the evident purpose of the censorship was not to keep information from the army, but to keep from the public a knowledge of the real conditions of affairs here. It was also asserted by the correspondents that newspapers printed in Manila, which reach the enemy quickly, are permitted to publish statements similar to those which correspondents are forbidden to cable. It was made clear to Gen. Otis that the objection was to the system and not to the censor.

Gen. Otis finally promised greater liberty, agreeing to pass all matter that he might consider not detrimental to the interest of the United States. Gen Otis appointed Capt. Green, of his staff, censor.

The statement of the correspondents is as follows:

"The undersigned, being all staff correspondents of American newspapers, stationed in Manila, unite in the following statement:

"We believe that, owing to official dispatches from Manila made public in Washington the people of the United States have not received a correct impression of the situation in the Philippines, but that these dispatches have presented an ultra optimistic view that is not shared by the general officers in the field.

"We believe that the dispatches incorrectly represent the existing conditions among the Philippines in respect to dissention and demoralization resulting from the American campaign and to the brigand character of their army.

"We think the tenacity of the Filipino purpose has been underestimated and that the statements are unfounded that volunteers are willing to engage in further service.

"The censorship has compelled us to participate in this misrepresentation by exercising or altering uncontroverted statements of facts on the plea, as Gen. Otis stated, that they would alarm the people at home, or have the people of the United States by the ears.

"Specifications: Prohibition of hospital reports; suppression of full reports of field operations in the event of failure; number of heat prostrations in the field; systematic minimization of naval operations and suppression of complete reports of the situation.

(Signed) "John T. McCutcheon, Harry Armstrong, Chicago Record; Oscar Davis, P. G. McDonnell, New York Sun; Robert M. Collins, John P. Dunning, L. Jones, the Associated Press; John F Bass, Will Deinwiddie, New York Herald; Ed. Seene, Scripps-McRae Association; Richard Little, Chicago Tribune."

Oil Steamer Destroyed by Fire.

Halifax, N. S.—The Standard Oil Company's tank steamer Mavarack was destroyed by fire Monday, together with 400,000 gallons of oil. Loss $280,000; no insurance

Gold From the Klondyke.

Seattle, Wash.—The steamer Laurada arrived Monday from St. Michaels with between 300 and 400 passengers. An average estimate of gold aboard is $250,000.

A PRISON TRAGEDY.

A Georgia Murderer Shot to Death in His Cell by a Mob of Determined Men.

Gainesville, Ga.—Si Smith, the Habershaw county farmer who killed William Bell, the commercial traveler from Atlanta, several months ago, was shot to death in the jail here Saturday morning. About midnight Sheriff Munday, who lives at the jail was awakened by a man at his door, who, when the sheriff answered the summons, stated that he was the sheriff of Gilmore county and that he had a prisoner he wanted to have locked up for the night. In the dark Sheriff Munday could see nothing but three or four men just outside the building, and hurriedly dressed himself and appeared at the main entrance of the building

Gathered about it were some eight or ten men, all of whom were armed with the exception of one or possibly two. The sheriff took them for sheriffs. The leader of the mob stepped forward and said: "Here, come here," using a name the sheriff does not now recall. The man stepped forward with his hands bound, and in every way played well the roll assigned to him. As he advanced those around him closed in and in a few seconds the entire crowd was inside the jail building. Then a gun was thrown in Sheriff Munday's face and the keys were demanded. The sheriff saw what was up and remarked:

"The keys are down stairs."

"Well, get them quick," replied the leader of the crowd.

Sheriff Munday hurried down the stairway, followed by the two men. Half way down the steps he was brought to a sudden stop by the rattle of firearms in the room he had just left. Wheeling around he bounded up the steps until he reached the cage in which Smith was confined. The smell of gunpowder almost suffocated him. Between the discharge of guns he heard groans of agony and appeals for mercy. All this lasted only a second and the mob rushed by him and had gone before he could recover from his surprise.

Upon examination he found that Smith had been shot six times and was dead.

Y. & M. V. R. R.--Tourist rates.

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Senator Morgan for President.

Washington. — Senator Scott, of West Virginia, who has returned from a trip to the west, speaks of Senator Morgan, of Alabama, as an eligible candidate for president on the democratic ticket. His long and earnest advocacy of the Nicaragua canal and his support of the expansion policy have recommended him. The democrats could not find a better candidate than Senator Morgan.

Fatal Train Wreck.

Muscogee, I. T.—At Wybark, on the Missouri, Kansas and Texas railroad, a freight train in charge of Engineer McCune, of Parsons, Kan., was wrecked Sunday night and McCune killed. The switch lock had been battered to pieces the switch turned and the light taken back up the track a short distance, signaling a clear track. It was doubtless the work of men who had intended to derail the passenger train, which preceded the freight.

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