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## BATTLE OF MANILA

The Combat as Seen by Ensign Frank Chadwick.

## TWO BREEZY LETTERS

The Writer a Nephew of Eugene N. Laird, of Little Falls.

Following are extracts from letters written by Ensign Chadwick, of the cruiser Raleigh, nephew of Eugene Laird of Little Falls, to his mother and sister. Ensign Chadwick was in charge of a five inch gun on the cruiser during the battle of Manila, and his account of the combat is therefore accurate as well as interesting.

The Raleigh.

### MY DEAR MOTHER:

Long before this reaches you—yes, long before it starts for San Francisco—you will know that we made a call on the Spaniards down here in Manila Bay Sunday morning, and have revised their navy list to a very considerable extent. Now that the thing is over, I don't know that I can write you any sort of a description—just wait until I get home next fall, and will have a detailed account.

At 12:15 a. m., May 1, there was a sudden flash on El Fraile and we heard the shriek of a shell as it passed between this ship and the Petrel. We let go a five-inch shell to show them we were awake, thus firing the first shot from our fleet. Our object was to keep from being seen or heard, so we did not stop there, but steamed on up into the bay.

At 4:45 the flagship signalled "prepare for general action" and turned down towards the batteries and Spanish fleet off Kavite, seven miles to southwest of Manila, while the batteries of the town itself opened on us. Their shots fell short, so we paid no attention to them. At 5 Kavite and the Spanish fleet opened on us, and the flagship started the action with her eight guns. Our ships were Olympia (flag), Baltimore, Raleigh, Petrel, Concord and Boston. Our auxiliary squadron, the McCulloch and the two transports lay off Manila out of reach of the firing. Besides the heavy batteries along Kavite shore, the Spanish had Reina Christina (flag), Castilla, Don Juan de Austria, Don Antonio de Aloua, Isla de Cuba, Isla de Leyon, General Lezo, Elicano, Argos, Vetasco, three troop ships and one transport.

We made six runs along their line between 5:30 and 7:30, and from appearances they were pretty well knocked out. Our ships sustained only slight damage. The Raleigh was hit but once, a shell knocking the rail from a whale boat, going across the deck and striking a glancing blow on a six-pounder gun. Fortunately no one was hit. Not a single casualty occurred on board of us. In fact the only casualties of the U. S. fleet were on the Baltimore, where a six-inch shell went through her side and exploded some of her own ammunition. Six men were slightly injured and they are nearly all well now.

The first thing the Spaniards did was to send a small torpedo boat close in shore to blow up our transports. Three of our ships saw this at the same time—and the small boat aforesaid was something like a sieve in two minutes. They ran her on the beach and fled.

About 6:30 the Raleigh ran down towards the Castilla, and let drive a regular hail of shell from our port battery. The range was only 1800 to 2000 yards, and we literally smashed her in little bits. I fired one of my five inch guns all the time and had the satisfaction of seeing flame shoot from her side after four of my shots. She was on fire everywhere, and, as we learned afterward, lost nearly 200 men, killed and wounded.

Then the Isla de Cuba and the Isla de Leyon came out behind the point and had a try at us. They "left for parts unknown and sudden" soon after—both being on fire. The Reina Christina hung out best of all; but when a shell struck her bridge and killed their admiral, executive officer, signal officer and a priest, and injured her captain—and another went into her boiler and caused a big explosion, she started for safety. We did not know the destruction our guns had done until later in the day. The batteries at Kavite were all destroyed, and but a single ship remained—our transport—from which we are now coaling. The Petrel captured her. The Spanish loss is about 1100 killed,

wounded and missing on their ships and on the batteries on the point.

Yesterday the Raleigh and Concord went down to the islands and made the batteries there surrender. I wrote, out the terms of capitulation—the first, I suppose, the United States has made for thirty years. The captain granted them parole—and we disabled all their guns, and totally destroyed their munitions of war.

The Raleigh.

### MY DEAR SISTER:

It is a very quiet Sunday afternoon—different indeed from that one week ago. It seems that a lull in the storm has come to us. I don't know that I have a single thing to tell you at home, but I learned this morning that H. M. S. "Lianet" will sail tomorrow for Hong Kong, and as they have kindly offered to take mail for us, I sit me down to tell you that we still occupy the Bay of Manila and to all appearances things are quieting down a very great deal. One would hardly think that a whole week has slipped by since that remarkable engagement we had with the Spanish fleet and batteries, but we have been so busy that time has simply flown.

Our fleet has established a complete blockade of Manila. Not a ship can enter nor leave it without permission of our commodore. To carry out this, we must, of course, be very careful in watching the channels—and that has made time go quickly. I suppose we will have a long siege of this. There is nothing else we can do in the East.

I had the pleasure of going to the navy yard that we shelled and captured, and from my observations there, I would advise any families of the American people to promptly leave any place about to be bombarded. Such a wreck I never saw before in my life. I don't believe that the estimate of 200 killed and 800 to 900 injured is too great. If there were any Spaniards around the arsenal they must have been pretty well cleaned out. It is estimated that in the few hours we were at work that morning, we destroyed or captured property of the value of \$10,000,000. It is easier to tear down than to build, you see. We got an immense quantity of stores from the Spanish store houses in the navy yard. Our ship alone got 800 tons of coal and more rope and ship fitting stuff than is allowed by our navy department for a three years' cruise. Then we took three guns and a large quantity of ammunition and powder, also we "scopped" a good sized tug for us while here. All of the ships have done the same thing, so, you see, we have made a pretty fair exchange for the ammunition we were obliged to expend on these buggars last Sunday.

Went on an expedition on Friday to the sunken ships Don Antonio de Ulloa and the Reina Christina, the flagship. We took a great gilded figurehead from the former—a gorgeous thing with the royal Spanish arms and a whole lot of ginger bread work on it. From the Christina, we took her wheel, two guns and mounds and some of our own ammunition that had helped to sink her. All these are to go to the naval academy with silver plates on them telling of the action and giving the names of the officers of the Raleigh. We think they will be highly appreciated.

I picked up one or two little things myself that may be of interest to you all at home. The commodore yesterday called the attention of all the captains to that article of war that directs the captain to prepare a list of officers and crew for the division of prize money. There will be at least \$200,000 to divide among us—and possibly as much as \$600,000. All of us will therefore get a little something "on the side." It is divided, of course, according to rank, so we poor ensigns don't get a heap lot. I rather expect about \$200—no more. Still that's not bad for four hours' work, or rather five, in one morning watch.

There was a family reunion at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Gross Saturday. All the family were present, including John N. Gross, of Richmond; Michael Gross, of Cold Spring; Fred and Will Gross and Mrs. Kleber, of St. Cloud. The reunion was a pleasant event.

## A GRAND CELEBRATION

The Citizens Resolve to do the Proper Thing on

## THE GLORIOUS

The Celebration Will be the Best that Ever Happened Here.

In response to the mayor's call the citizens met at the city hall Monday evening to devise plans for celebrating the Fourth of July. Mayor Vasaly was elected chairman and F. E. Hall secretary of the meeting.

E. S. Smith, N. Richardson, B. Burton, C. H. Brown, W. M. Fuller, F. E. Cawley, S. Trebby, I. L. Warren, and others made remarks. It was universally agreed that the celebration this year should be worthy of the city and better than ever.

On motion of C. H. Brown the chairman was authorized to appoint a committee of thirteen to take full charge of the celebration.

The committee is as follows: B. G. Turner, chairman; C. H. Brown, P. W. Hayes, I. L. Warren, J. T. Morrison, Geo. Emdor, F. E. Hall, J. C. Burrall, I. E. Staples, Thos. Martin, E. G. Anderson, Chas. Gravel, S. P. Brick.

The general committee met at the office of the city clerk Tuesday evening.

F. E. Hall was selected as secretary and C. H. Brown as treasurer of the committee.

The following committees were appointed: Purchasing—I. E. Staples, Geo. Emdor.

Soliciting—I. E. Staples, Chas. E. Vasaly, Peter Medved.

Printing—Chas. E. Vasaly, W. M. Fuller, C. D. Auyer.

Sports—J. T. Morrison, Wm. H. Pall, W. A. Butler, E. N. Laird, W. B. Jones, W. H. Dinney, Wm. Ford.

Music—C. H. Brown, B. G. Turner, Walter Folsom.

Parade—I. L. Warren, marshal of the day; aides, J. C. Burrall, H. A. Rider, P. W. Hayes.

Decoration—J. T. Morrison, B. G. Turner, Fred Joesting, E. G. Anderson, Geo. Emdor.

Grand stand—P. W. Hayes.

Speakers—I. L. Warren, J. C. Burrall, P. W. Hayes.

Various plans for the celebration were considered, and the general committee adjourned to meet Thursday evening, June 23rd.

The secretary was directed to have Messrs. Jones, Laird, Dinney, and Forde meet with the general committee Thursday evening.

Father Michael, C. P., closed on Sunday evening what was probably the most successful mission ever held at the French Catholic church here. Large audiences heard the eloquent preacher, and much good resulted. It is to be hoped that Father Michael will again visit Little Falls. He left Monday night for Collis, Traverse county, to open a mission there.

H. L. Gordon, a former well known resident of this state, is said to be lying at the point of death at his residence in Los Angeles, Cal. He is well known to old timers here.

Ice cream and strawberry festival at residence of J. H. Rhodes, tonight.

## Bishop Trobec at Flensburg.

June 20.—For the first time in the history of the Catholic church at Flensburg the Catholics of the congregation had the pleasure of welcome to their bishop in their midst. The Rt. Rev. Bishop J. Trobec administered at the end of the pontifical high mass the holy sacrament of confirmation and 86 members had prepared themselves for the receiving thereof. During the high mass at which he was assisted by Rev. Twohy, of Little Falls, as deacon and Rev. S. Urbanke, the pastor of the congregation, as sub-deacon, the bishop gave first holy communion to 28 children. The pastor, Rev. Urbanke, preached the Polish sermon. After the high mass Rev. Urbanke again delivered before confirmation a sermon in Polish on the significance of the sacrament and after confirmation Rev. Suczynski, of Swan River, preached a second sermon in Polish. The Bishop next addressed in English, German and Polish the great crowd which had convened from different congregations, complimenting the people of the parish on their noble efforts in behalf of their religion.

The parish has now completed a palatial residence for its pastor, Rev. S. Urbanke, and the unity of its members has wrought wonders.

The church was also dedicated on that day to the sacred heart of Jesus.

Rev. Urbanke has been again given charge of Elm Dale as a mission and Rev. Lager will attend the mission at Randall, until now in charge of Rev. Urbanke.

## A Letter From Ed. Mahan.

Brainerd Dispatch: J. C. Congdon has received the following letter from Ed. Mahan, which will be read with interest by many of our readers:

Andersonville, Ga., May 29, 1898.

DEAR JOHN: As you will see by the date of this letter I am at old Andersonville prison, having come down here from Fitzgerald with a crew of ten men with tackle to raise a flag pole for the relief corps on the old stockade. The pole is a beauty, 125 feet high, and I have the honor of unfurling old glory on the old prison grounds tomorrow, May 30, at 11 o'clock, and between 40,000 and 50,000 people are expected to be present. I wish you could be here to see what Uncle Sam has done in the national cemetery. In it are 1,359 graves and the government has put a marble tombstone at each one and built a six-foot brick wall around the grounds, besides making other improvements which beautify the place. The relief corps have bought the old stockade and are beautifying it.

I thought I would take a piece of the old stockade (it is getting mighty scarce) and make a gavel of it and send it to Pap Thomas Post or you and you could give it to them if they still meet. You may tell Skip Dean that when we were digging the hole for the flag pole we dug up an old soldier, just some of the bones, some buttons and some of his old blue clothes. They think he was killed and buried by the raiders. I will send Dean one of the buttons later.

I think I will come north in August and if I do I certainly will visit Brainerd, as I expect to go to the Omaha exposition in the interest of the emigration bureau. Give my regards to all enquiring friends.

## From the South.

Fort McPherson, Ga., June 15, 1898.

EDITOR HERALD:

We have found things interesting here, especially the heat. I was appointed temporary sergeant in charge of a squad of recruits when I left St. Paul. The squad contained 15 recruits and got through safe and well. Eugene Carley was also in charge of a squad which got through all right. Some of the sergeants, however, turned up with men missing—either deserted or got left. From here we go to Mobile, Ala. We have already seen Spaniards, for there are ten of them here, prisoners of war.

CHAS. WHITING,

3d U. S. Infantry.

## From Montana.

Extract from a letter from I. H. Gray, now at Fort Benton:

This is a beautiful place, and the scenery is very fine. The town lies down in a valley, about a mile from the depot. The Missouri river runs by the town, amid lovely hills and vales. This is a wonderful country for sheep raising—and, in short, I am smitten with Montana.

## FOR CAPT. VAN SANT

Republicans Select a Delegation for St. Paul Instructed

## TO VOTE AS A UNIT

The Winona Man Has a Majority of the Delegation.

The republican county convention to select delegates to the state convention met at the court house yesterday at noon. About half the delegates numbered in the call were present. Chairman Blanchard called the convention to order and read the call. F. A. Lindbergh was elected temporary chairman and I. W. Bouck temporary secretary without opposition.

A committee on credentials was dispensed with, there being no contests, and the delegates present were declared entitled to their seats.

Credentials for the following were handed in:

Cushing—A. Lund.  
Bellevue—Geo. Nichols, C. G. Monk, J. M. Clark, C. A. Geer, I. W. Bouck, W. J. Hedges, J. W. Lisle, A. A. Morrill.  
Pike Creek—M. M. Williams, O. Duolos, Dayton Manbeck.  
Buh—J. A. Bergquist.  
1st ward Little Falls—N. Richardson, Wm. Beatty, W. W. Hartmon, E. N. Laird, Earl Rogers.  
First precinct 2d ward—E. M. Hoover, A. P. Blanchard, E. P. Adams, T. J. Mathieson, Geo. Lafond, I. L. Warren, F. A. Lindbergh.

Second precinct 2d ward—Ernest Boyce, N. H. Elvig, H. Jacobson, G. C. Raymond.

Third ward—J. T. Morrison, J. Mrozek, C. E. Carlson, O. S. Thompson, P. M. Page, L. T. Phillips.  
Ripley—T. Lemieux, J. A. Adams.  
Elm Dale—Wm. Boyle, Wm. Kiley, Thos. Davies, Hans Larson, Carl Wiltke, Jr., Jacob Soltis, Chas. Mockross, John Sobieck.

Buckman—G. E. Estey, John Hodoroff, Peter Koenig, A. T. Lamb.

Swan River—Max Corbin, Fred Hempfler, Homer Hilborn.

Belle Prairie—T. M. Wilcox, A. Coo. Agram—H. Vierk.

Rail Prairie—John Knudson.

Scandia Valley—Wm. Sjogren, R. Bergstrom.

Randall—Martin Mueller, Wm. Jones, Victor Erickson.

Two Rivers—N. Simons.

Pierz—N. Hennen.

The temporary organization was made permanent. On motion of A. P. Blanchard the chairman was empowered to appoint a committee of three to select delegates to the state convention. A. P. Blanchard, I. L. Warren and A. A. Morrill were appointed as such committee.

The committee, after a short time, reported the following names for delegates. M. M. Williams, L. J. Pickett, I. W. Bouck, N. Simons, N. Barbeau, Ed. Estey, A. P. McRae, E. M. Hoover, M. C. Davis, Geo. Lafond, H. A. Rider, Frank Turner, P. H. Neuman.

The committee's report was adopted and the convention adjourned, after instructing the delegation to vote as a unit. A majority of the delegation is for Van Sant, and he will get 13 votes from Morrison county.

Charles Johnson, an exemplary young man who lives over W. B. Jones' plumbing shop, reported to the police that his room was invaded Tuesday evening and a razor and \$1.50 stolen. The money was part of a fund which Mr. Johnson intended to use on a trip to China. The machinery of justice will be put in motion to catch the culprit.

There was a large attendance at the different services at the German Catholic church Sunday. A large class of children received first communion and Bishop Trobec confirmed a large class.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Flynn came up from Minneapolis Monday for a week's stop.

Peter Lafond will move his family to rooms over the Red Front building, where he will soon open a saloon.

Father Michael will deliver the oration at the Fourth of July celebration at Minden, Benton county.

St. John's Day will be celebrated by the Masonic lodge next Sunday. Rev. F. A. Sumner will preach the sermon Sunday evening.

Miss Lottie Tanner was bridesmaid at the wedding of her friend, Miss Una Robbins, at Sauk Centre this week. Miss Addie Tanner was also present.

Dr. Gibson, of Chaska, a brother of the Drs. Gibson, of this city, and also a dentist, was married at Minneapolis June 20th to Miss Setterberg, of Carver.

Felix Nelles, of Pierz, was ordained a priest by Bishop Trobec at St. Cloud Monday morning. Father Nelles will sing his first mass at Pierz July 3d. He is a member of the Order of St. Benedict.

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## RASSIER AGAIN.

Royalton Man Still Fighting The Village.

The contest between saloonkeeper Nick Rassier, of Royalton, and the village authorities, has developed some more features. Rassier was arrested for the second time Saturday on charge of selling liquor without a license. The trial came off before Justice Drago and a jury and Rassier was again found guilty, and as it was the second time he was alleged to have given offense, he was this time fined \$75 and costs or twenty days in jail. While Rassier was preparing to get bonds in Little Falls, not being able to get them in Royalton, he was arrested on charge of selling liquor to a minor. The case came up Monday, S. Trebby appearing for the defendant, and County Attorney Lyon prosecuting.

The Royalton authorities, and Rassier finally made an agreement by which Rassier pleaded guilty to selling liquor to a minor and was taxed only the costs. He furnished a bond with Victor Schallera and T. F. Bohan as sureties for his appearance on the charge of selling liquor without a license.

Thomas Gannon has been appointed patrolman, vice Martin Smeek, resigned.

Mrs. Kaestner, who is living with her son-in-law, Chas. Sprandel, at the brick yard, received a paralytic stroke Tuesday. She is resting well and recovering.

The New Shoe Store of Viktor Bros. is doing an excellent business. Among their leading brands is the well known J. Miller & Co.'s shoes. Try a pair and you will have just what you have been looking for. Every pair just as represented, at prices to suit all.

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