

PROVINCIAL PEEFACE

LAMBOANGA, ON ISLAND OF MINDANAO, ACCEPTS UNITED STATES AUTHORITY

A VICTORY FOR THE NAVY

THE SURRENDER MADE TO CAPT. VERRY, OF THE GUNBOAT CASTINE

WILL GIVE UP THEIR GUNS

Action of the Native Chiefs Said to Be the Beginning of the End of the Insurrection in the Second Largest Island of the Group—President Expects It to Influence Luzon Natives.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 26.—Secretary of the Navy Long today received a cablegram from Admiral Watson, informing him that the entire province of Zamboanga, Island of Mindanao, had surrendered unconditionally to Commander Verry, of the Castine. The surrender was made on Nov. 18. Admiral Watson's dispatch follows:

Cavite, Nov. 20.—Secretary Navy, Washington: Nov. 18 entire province of Zamboanga surrendered to Verry unconditionally. Delivery of all guns promised. Numerous local chiefs declare loyalty.

The information contained in Admiral Watson's dispatch was received by the president and his advisers with unqualified satisfaction. The surrender of the province of Zamboanga is regarded as the beginning of the end of the revolution in the Island of Mindanao, and, it is believed, will be a hard blow to those who are still endeavoring to maintain the insurrection in the Island of Luzon.

On Nov. 21 Admiral Watson cabled the navy department that Commander Verry had captured the city of Zamboanga on Nov. 18. He was aided by friendly natives and Moros and was holding the town pending the arrival of reinforcements from Jolo. On the same day Gen. Otis informed the war department that he had ordered two companies of infantry to be sent to Zamboanga from Jolo.

Zamboanga is the principal city of the Island of Mindanao, which is the second largest island of the Philippine group. Advises from Admiral Watson indicate that the entire southern half of the island, which comprises the province of Zamboanga, has yielded to the American forces and accepted the authority of the United States.

NO NEWS FROM OTIS.—The war department has not been advised of the surrender of the province, as reported in Admiral Watson's dispatch. Secretary Root saying tonight he had no news today from Gen. Otis. Both Secretaries Root and Long are elated over the information sent by the admiral and express the belief that the end of the insurrection in the Philippine Islands is now near at hand.

FILIPINOS STILL ACTIVE.

Waging a Vigorous Guerrilla War Upon the Americans.

MANILA, Nov. 26.—The last Filipino council of war was held by the retreating leaders at Bayamban on Nov. 13, in the house now occupied by Gen. MacArthur. It was attended by Aguinaldo, Pio del Pilar, Garcia, Alejandro and some members of the cabinet. Information has reached Gen. MacArthur from several sources to the effect that the council recognized the futility of attempting further resistance to the Americans with their forces as follows: Gen. Concepcion with 340 men in New Ecija province; Gen. Macabulos with 325 men, at the town of Binaca, province of "Zaragoza"; Pio del Pilar, with 800 men, northeast of Malolos; Gen. Aquino with 150 men, at Alayta; Gen. Miguel with 150 men in Zambo province; Gen. Mascardo with 1,000 men in the mountains west of Angeles, the largest force, probably under Gen. Trias, in Cavite province.

Reports of ambushes and skirmishes followed from every section of the island along the railway. The districts seem to be filled with small bands. Yesterday four men of Company D, Ninth Infantry, were foraging in the mountains, when twenty Filipinos took them in ambush, killing one and capturing the other three. The Americans resisted for half an hour. The firing being heavy, the Americans, Frizer with a squad followed the retreating Filipinos for some miles. The Americans found the body of the dead soldier. They turned the hamlet where the fight occurred.

TRINITY RIVER RISING.

Several Families Hemmed in With No Hope of Early Rescue.—FORT WORTH, Tex., Nov. 26.—The rapid rise in Trinity river has assumed proportions. Much damage to property and cattle has been reported and tonight word comes from the country immediately north that several families are hemmed in by the high waters, with little hope for immediate rescue. The river stands thirty feet and is steadily rising. The police have notified families living along the river bottoms of the danger from inundation and preparations are being made for a hurried scramble for safety.

SMALLPOX FEARED.

General Epidemic is Possible in the Indian Territory.—SOUTH MALESTER, I. T., Nov. 26.—On account of the prevalence of smallpox in the Indian territory, the postmaster general has ordered the mail fumigated at the following offices: South McAlester, Kretz, Alderson, Wilburton, Harshbourn, Calvin and Muskogee. It is feared the cold weather will bring on a general epidemic of smallpox now existing throughout the Indian territory.

Weston Wiped Out.

BOWLING GREEN, O., Nov. 26.—Nearly half of the business portion of Bowling Green, a town of 1,200 inhabitants, was burned today. Twelve buildings, occupied by about twenty business firms, were destroyed. Loss estimated at from \$40,000 to \$60,000. Insurance about half.

SPHERES IN CHINA

WASHINGTON INTERESTED IN THE REPORTED TREATY AMONG THE POWERS

FORMAL PACT IS UNLIKELY

NOTHING MORE THAN A MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING IS EXPECTED BY DIPLOMATS

AMERICA NOT PARTY TO IT

This Government Not in a Position to Enter Into Any Treaty Agreement, but Will Have No Objection So Long as Existing Trade Rights Are Preserved—Protest Offered on Behalf of China.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 26.—In official and diplomatic quarters much interest was manifested today in the plan put forward in the London cables of a treaty among the great powers defining spheres of influence in China. That anything in the shape of a formal treaty is to be made between the powers interested in the future of China as the outcome of the negotiations now in progress is not believed, though an understanding of a less formal nature is possible.

These negotiations followed the frank request of Secretary Hay upon some of the government officials which had already given him verbal and informal assurances of the continuation of all our trade rights in Chinese territory, to have these agreements reduced to form. It was not regarded as necessary to go beyond that point, and, although it frequently happens as the result of initiating negotiations that the scope of them is broadened far beyond anything originally in contemplation, it is believed that such will not be the case now, and that there will be no necessity for a general and formal treaty.

TARIFF PROTESTS.

Thousands of Cases Are Awaiting Rulings by the Courts.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 26.—The board of United States general appraisers has submitted to the secretary of the treasury its report for the year ended Sept. 30, 1899. Particular attention is called to the fact that during the last year the board has received 21,570 protests arising under the provisions of the tariff act of July 24, 1897, that the number of protests now suspended to await the decision of the courts on analogous issues is 41,514, of which nearly half arise under the tariff act of 1897. In 20,000 of these suspended protests, it is said, only about a dozen issues are involved, and probably not 100 issues are involved in the whole number. The number of protests filed by importers for the year ending Oct. 31, 1899, under the act of March, 1897, regulating the importation of tea, was 27 per cent less than during the preceding year.

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APPEAL TO ARBITRATION.

Employes of the Detroit Street Railway Company Will Not Strike.

DETROIT, Mich., Nov. 26.—Existing differences between Detroit street railway employes and employers will be settled by arbitration. The employes have not struck and do not intend to do so. A meeting was held at which more than 900 of them were present. The session was productive and heated. The company has selected Samuel Lee, chairman of Detroit national executive board of the Templars' association, as its arbitrator; the employes chose President Hill, of their local union. These will arbitrate a third. The company declares no objection to employing Detroit union men upon suburban cars while in the city.

NEW LIFE FOR TREATY.

The Cherokee Agreement Again Taken Up by the Indians.

TAHLEQUAH, I. T., Nov. 26.—After killing the Cherokee council took it up again on Saturday, and passed the bill extending the time for ratification by congress and asking the United States government to accept the Samson agreement without territorial compensation, denies that the United States has asked compensation and declares there has been nothing to the contrary. The Cherokee council has failed. It is stated on apparently good authority that Chief Buffalo and his council have agreed that they will change any part of the treaty. The section providing for the settlement of the \$400,000 case is the cause of most contention. A number of representatives of the Cherokee nation, including ex-Gov. Troutman, of Topeka, Kan.

UNITED STATES ACCEPTS.

Does Not Demand a Change in the Samoa Agreement.

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Fan Makers Organize.

NEW YORK, Nov. 26.—A series of meetings of the electric fan manufacturers of the country have been held at the Hotel Hamilton in New York city. It has been decided to establish a permanent organization under the title of the American Association of Electrical Fan Manufacturers.

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Weather Forecast for St. Paul: Fair; Southerly Winds.

1—Battle Near Belmont. Surrender of Filippinos. Death of Capt. Holcombe. Spheres in China.

2—Moulton Bible Lecture. New Church Dedicated. Woman Victim of Robbers. City Mission Cause.

3—Minneapolis Matters. Northwest News. New Currency Bill.

4—Editorial. Move Expected by Goebel.

5—Household and Farm.

6—Week's Markets Reviewed. Clev's Stock Letter.

7—Poplar Wants.

8—In the Field of Labor. Outlaw Track Racing.

OCEAN LINERS.

NEW YORK—Arrived: Steamer La Normandie, Havre.

MOBILE—Arrived: Steamer Umebra, Glasgow.

SOUTHAMPTON—Arrived: Southwark, New York for Antwerp.

TODAY IN ST. PAUL.

METROPOLITAN—"A Trip to China," 8:15 p. m.

GRAND—"We Uns of Tennessee," 8:15 p. m.

Palm Garden—Vaudeville, 2 and 8 p. m.

Olympic Theatre—Vaudeville, 2 and 8 p. m.

Recital by David Bispham, People's City Pastors' union meets, Y. M. C. A. rooms, 10:30 a. m.

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Democratic city and county organization meets, New York Life building, 8 p. m.

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