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## TELEGRAPHIC!

### Troubles in Manila.

New York, Sept. 3.—A Herald special from Manila says that a party of tagalos on Tuesday night, under the command of an insurgent lieutenant, entered a flouring mill in the San Miguel district, scared away or kidnapped two employees, and tied the engineer and his wife to the rafters. An alarm was sounded, and the First California regiment turned out. Four outlaws were captured. One of them, claiming to be the president of the district, said the outrage was committed in defiance of the authority of Gen. Alaric, the insurgent leader controlling the district, under whose orders it is policed.

Pilar has set up a faction apparently opposed to Gen. Aguinaldo, whose following is gradually splitting into independent factions, each leader desiring to establish his supremacy and laying the outrages at the door of the others while professing friendship for the Americans, whose troops have shown their perfect ability to preserve order in the city.

The transport St. Paul arrived today. Gen. Merritt's last order before he sailed commends the gallantry of the troops in action and mentions the California soldiers.

### Government Will Let 'Em Go.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 3.—Having arranged for the release and return to Spain of the Spanish sailors captured in the action of Cervera's fleet, the Spanish government is now seeking to secure the release of the Spanish soldiers who are still held captives in this country. There are a few of these confined at Fort McPherson and our government is entirely satisfied to be rid of them. Our government having finally consented to release the sailors upon condition that the Spanish government would transport them home. M. Thiebaut acting in the interest of the Spanish government has just made application to the state department for similar treatment in the case of Spanish soldiers. The request is now under consideration and will doubtless be granted.

### No Prosecutions.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 3.—It was announced at the treasury department today that there would be no prosecutions as to the recent investigation of the manner in which several thousand bonds were subscribed for in New York City. Secretary Gage had conferences today with some of those involved in the scheme for securing subscriptions at wholesale. As a result, in all cases where bonds were subscribed in an improper way, the bonds will not be issued.

### Will Soon be Home.

New York, Sept. 3.—The pay roll of Rough Riders is being prepared and they will be mustered out on Tuesday or Wednesday next and sent home, with the exception who are still sick and unable to move. A big demonstration awaits them when they come over and a patriotic farewell will follow the brave westerners on their homeward journey. Colonel Roosevelt is personally directing the transportation of them, and their cars will go through to the destination of every company. The boys are anxious to go back as they were to go to the front, since the war over.

### England and Germany.

LONDON, Sept. 3.—A report is current here that the treaty of alliance between Great Britain and Germany on the lines of the speech of Mr. Chamberlain, Secretary of the State for the Colonies, was actually completed yesterday. It is said that Quid Pro Quo for Germany's support in Egypt. Great Britain will recognize Germany's claims to utilize Syria as an outlet for her surplus population.

### One Third Mustered Out.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 3.—The statement prepared at the war department shows that 83 of the organizations in the volunteer army have received orders looking to their being mustered out of the service. This probably represents one

third of the approximated 250,000 men called for by the president in the two proclamations issued by him.

### Russia Peace Program.

BERLIN, Sept. 3.—It is the intention of Russia, according to reliable information obtained by a correspondent here of the Associated Press to convene a peace conference after the adjournment of the Spanish American conference.

### Express Cos. Subside.

CHICAGO, Sept. 3.—Adams, American and United States express companies have all agreed to bear the war tax themselves hereafter.

### AN ERA OF PEACE.

For several hundred years the close of each century has been signalized by bloodshed, disturbance and revolution, in one or more of the great nations of the Old World. A few months ago it looked very much as if the nineteenth century was to furnish another instance. The United States was at war with Spain; and the great powers of Europe were confronting each other in Asia, like angry tigers, and preparing to spring at each others' throats. All at once an apparent change has come over the aspect of events, and it now appears as if the year 1900 might mark the beginning of a new and world-wide era of peace among the nations of the earth. The manifesto issued by the Czar of Russia was doubtless, to some extent, inspired by a realization of the growing power of the United States—a power with which the European nations had not yet begun to reckon. Should the suggestion of the Russian emperor be accepted by the other European powers, we may expect to see arbitration take the place of war to a great extent. The United States and Great Britain might set a good example in this direction by leading the way with the arbitration treaty which recently failed to secure the approval of congress, or with a modification of that treaty. Such action would probably soon be followed by other nations, and before many years we might hope that the force of enlightened public opinion, backed by the possibility of armed intervention, would be sufficiently strong to make physical arguments among nations as unpopular and unusual as they are now among individuals who pretend to civilization and culture.

The above is an excerpt from the Los Angeles Times, and is a consummation devoutly to be wished, but will scarcely be realized, for even at the time the czar was writing his manifesto the ugly fur on the back of the Russian Bear had turned wrong end to and the British Lion had begun to wag his tail and emit ominous rumblings over conditions in the Orient; while here at home, although peace appears to be an assured fact, and the disbanding of a great part of our volunteer army has been ordered, yet they are still under arms and subject to military orders, and but yesterday orders were issued from the war department at Washington for all volunteers, absent from their commands, to report by letter at once to their company or regimental officers, giving the reasons for their absence. Orders were also issued to battalion commanders forbidding the issuance of furloughs to more than five per cent of their commands. Why would all these things be if the millennium was so close at hand? Still, it would be a glorious day when the drums shall have ceased to beat the log roll, and Peace spread her white wings from pole to pole. When the Occident and the Orient shall embrace, and love and peace crown the whole human race.

In the United States we are slow to recognize the need of mining laws which are intended to do away with some of the evils effecting mining, or at least reduce the number as much as possible. In fact, we are slow to recognize the evils. It is different in most European countries, and in the Australian colonies they are just awakening to them. Prominent, or rather first among them is the fact that poor mining endangers the lives and health of those engaged in it. Bad work, bad timbering and neglect of having proper means of exit in case of fire not only endanger lives, but each year send scores of men to their graves, and makes scores of cripples of others. Poor ventilation ruins the health of other scores. It goes without saying that all these things can be largely, if not altogether, prevented, by having better workmen and better superintendence. The way adopted to regulate the evil is to provide for skillful and adequate inspection, as well as licensing, after examination, all mine superintendents and foremen, and allowing none but such to act in those capacities. It is time that our Yankee land caught up with the procession, and demand needed protection for miners.—Mining Reporter.

FREE coinage of both gold and silver at a ratio of 16 to one, without awaiting the consent of any other nation, has been endorsed this year by every democratic convention, state or county, in the south, west and central states. Silver is a more pronounced issue than it was two years ago. Then the republicans worked the international bimetallic racket everywhere except in New England and New York. Now that the administration opposed Wolcott's conference and assured the defeat of bimetalism, the g. o. p. stands squarely for the single gold standard. Taking advantage of the war they hope, with the liberal use of money, to be able to carry a number of silver states. The three silver parties are yet divided while the gold standard crowd presents a solid front. Silver men must stand together or defeat is inevitable.

JOHN SHERMAN has not changed his views about the management of the war, so far as the war department goes. "If the man at the head of that department," says he, "is not competent to manage his department so as to see to it that men under him perform their duties properly, he is not fit for the position." "The story is going the rounds," said the interviewer, "that an officer of the war department upon whose official act depended the promptness of forwarding the supplies, has been so intoxicated at times as to have been incapable of attending to his duties." Sherman said: "If that is true, if one soldier has died because a responsible officer was drunk, that officer should be cashiered—no, he should be—." Sherman filled the blank sentence with a gesture toward his throat.

THE Tucson Star with its usual felicity comes out this morning in a long edition supporting R. A. F. Penrose as republican candidate for delegate to congress. In the first few lines it states that a telegram has been received from Col. Penrose that if nominated for congress he will make the race. This means business. Penrose will be nominated. That is certain." How the demopopular editor of the Star knows this we are unable to see. In the first place Col. Penrose is not a citizen of the territory of Arizona and therefore is not eligible to be a candidate. In the second place Penrose could not be nominated in the republican convention. He cannot even carry his own county, which is Cochise.

THE demonetization of silver has done more to cause hard times in this country in general, and in Arizona in particular, than any other move ever gotten up by enemies of the people, in the history of the world. While some people of the far east are in doubt as to what their trouble is and who struck the blow, the men of Arizona look at their closed silver mines and their depleted purses, and know that they are hit and know who struck the blow. They also know that the republican party is pledged to those who struck that blow, in defending them and is backed up by their ill gotten wealth.

DURING the past few days, it is said the president has experienced a change of heart. He wanted only a coaling station in the Philippines. Now, when the great American people have been heard from, the president feels like asking for Luzon, possibly the entire group of the islands. Davis and Fry are in sympathy with the American demand, while the other three members of the commission will be subservient to the will of the president, having no convictions of their own. All five republicans, Justice White being of the bill bynum variety.

MEXICO is apparently entering on a period of "militarism" more extreme than anything yet suggested in this country. At present most of the Mexican soldiers are convicts—a novel way of disposing of the criminal element—but under a recent amendment to the constitution every citizen between the ages of eighteen and forty-five years is liable to military service. Decrees regulating conscriptions have just been promulgated, but it is not yet known how nearly universal the service will be required to be.

AN official of the department of state has disposed of the fool talk about this or that foreign government being engaged in negotiating with Spain for the purchase of a naval or coaling station in the Philippines, by saying: "By the terms of the protocol, entirely aside from the surrender of Manila, Spain parted from her sovereignty over the Philippine islands, and the sovereignty will lie in abeyance until the work of the peace commission, which meets at Paris, Oct. 1, is concluded."

AN exchange inquires how Aguinaldo can hope to maintain a provisional government without provisions.

SILVER is the issue and the principles advocated by Bryan will be as lasting as the nation. He is the champion of the rights of the masses.

THE defeat of J. W. Payne's candidacy for the council in Graham county is now assured. He has the support of "Pinhead" Hughes of the Tucson Star.

WHERE are all the candidates for office? Is fall? Come, gentlemen, get a move on you or there will be some disappointment in your ranks. In other words, declare your intentions.

IT is said that Mr. Platt started the governorship boom for Teddy Roosevelt just to frighten Governor Black. He might as well try to stop a third shell now as to break that boom.

OUR navy well deserves the censure given it by Secretary Long, that it went through the war without an error. It is doubtful if such a thing ever happened before.

IF every voter in the United States would perform his political duty as honestly and patriotically as he does his private duty, we would have peace, plenty and prosperity.

NOW that the democracy of Ohio have endorsed the Chicago platform, reiterated the free silver clause and declared Bryan to be the logical candidate for 1900, do the bill bynum republicans of Arizona still believe is a dead issue?

AN apologist for the camp at Montauk Point says "the hospitals are somewhat disorderly as yet, but they are well ventilated." The war department has also been very disorderly, but it will be well ventilated before the American public is satisfied.

INCLUSIVE, Miss Arnold forced Lieut. Hobson to set the pace, and gallant old Admiral Schley had to trot it for two heats, at Washington the other day, when the ladies rushed at him for a kiss. The admiral's salutes were heard the full length of the war department corridors.

THE public schools of Santiago will reopen September 15, by order of Gen. Wood. The schools have virtually been closed for more than three years, and the reopening is only one of the good results that will follow American occupation if politics is kept out of the game for a while.

NO one would object to the peace commissioners receiving \$24,000 a year each if Spain foots the bill. But it does seem that if the best men of the nation can afford to fight the war to a successful finish for from \$13 to \$250 a month, the peace commissioners should be satisfied with about \$24,750 each as a stipend.

THE ORB suggests to Manager Shattuck that he invite Rev. T. Dewitt Talma to Bisbee to speak in the new opera house. That great speaker and lecturer will be in Los Angeles about the 9th inst. and no doubt Bisbee could secure his presence by an effort. If he were to come here the new opera house would not hold half his audience.

THE Bisbee correspondent of the Tombstone Prospector intimates that the Bisbee republicans would support R. A. F. Penrose for delegate to congress. In this he is away off his base. Leading republicans in conversation with an ORB reporter yesterday stated that Penrose is the last man that would receive their support.

GEN. FITZGERALD LEE seems to be the only army officer able to manage a big army camp. There are thousands of men in his corps at Jacksonville, but there is very little sickness, because he strictest attention to the sanitary condition of the camps and the manner in which the hospitals are conducted and the sick cared for.

ACCORDING to reports a fanatical war has been begun in China against all foreigners, and the leaders claim that the Chinese gods have authorized the driving out of all foreigners, and the black flag has accordingly been raised in that country and there seems to be a war of extermination. The result of it will be that in the end the Chinese empire will be divided up among the other nations.

TURNOUROT all sections of Arizona rain has fallen during the past weeks, and the deserts are covered with grass and flowers. This insures excellent pasturage for the winter. It has also done much to assist miners and prospectors. Several mills in the territory had for some time stood idle for lack of water, while throughout much of the mountain region the tanks were dry. All this is now changed, and Arizona today presents a smiling appearance. Much of this due no doubt to the passage and operation of the Hingley law.

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