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VERA CRUZ FEVER. The Epidemic Seems to Be Spreading Rapidly. **TEXAS IS KEEPING GUARD.** No Danger of the Disease Gaining Access to the State. **BRITAIN WANTS A PACIFIC PORT.** Trying to Work Uncle Sam on the Alaska Question. **A PETTY REVENGE ON COLONEL MAUS** War Department Gets Even for His Connection with the Beef Scandal Exposure. Washington, May 20.—The reports which reach Dr. Wyman from the marine hospital representatives in Vera Cruz, Mexico, regarding the prevalence of yellow fever there, are of a most alarming character. It is stated by the resident physician of the department that there have thus far been twenty-two deaths and fifty four cases officially reported. It is the belief of the marine hospital representatives that the number of cases is very much larger than the official report states, as the percentage of mortality is too high for so small a number of sick. A great many afflicted with the disease, in his opinion, are no doubt being treated at home and no report made to the health authorities. An almost impenetrable cordon of inspectors is being maintained by the marine hospital service in connection with the Texas State authorities, along the border line of Mexico, and, in the opinion of Dr. Wyman, it will be impossible for infected persons or those exposed to the disease to find their way into the United States without detection by the officials now on guard.



THE COMING GREAT BATTLE. —New York Herald.

While pressing the United States to agree to arbitration of the Alaskan boundary controversy, the British government has entered objection to the dispatch of additional American troops to the territory. The controversy between the two governments has assumed a more serious aspect than is generally supposed. While the president is bound to the principle of arbitration, and while, on its face, the case the United States could present would, it is believed, result in a triumph for this government, there seems possibly that the arbitration might decide that the British government is entitled to a port on the Pacific coast, perhaps Sitka, of which Great Britain desires to obtain possession. In view of the great commercial interests of the Pacific coast of the United States the administration does not feel justified in accepting arbitration and the British government has been given to understand this is the president's way of looking at its proposition.

Upon his failure to call attention to charges concerning the beef at Chickamauga, in which he stated his belief that the beef was chemically treated. "The silence of Colonel Maus," says the court, "so important a matter as the chemically treated beef reported by Major Daly and personally known to himself, is most remarkable." The enormity of Colonel Maus's offense is best calculated by remembering that it was also decided that Dr. Daly did not inspect the right beef, and hence had discovered nothing, and also that the beef was good. But the peculiar pettiness of the revenge is found in the assignment of Colonel Maus to duty under General Shafter. His mention by name in the court report was the first indignity, when several hundred officers were censured by wholesale without naming. Colonel Maus had filed up a residence here, and the transfer was malignantly designed. What shows the farcical nature of General Miles' authority is that this very order transferring Colonel Maus bears the signature of the major general commanding, though he never saw many orders. Though Maus is censured for not reporting Dr. Daly's inspection he did report on General Shafter's mismanagement of the Santiago campaign. While this is the first action proper on the Wade report, it will be remembered that Secretary Alger recently ordered Inspector General Breckinridge to report to him in regard to the attempt to break up General Miles' personal staff, and the officers are sent to General Shafter, who will make things pleasant for them.

The postoffice at Myrtle, Clay county, Texas, will be discontinued after May 31. Mail will then go to Shannon, Fourth-class Texas postmasters: Vance, Edwards county; Lee, V. Wallace; Whitson, Correll county; Allen, K. S. Yowell; Hunt county; James F. Yowell.

CUBAN TOBACCO TRUST. Monopoly of Havana Smokers Seems to Have Been Secured. New York, May 20.—The Herald says: Plans have been practically completed for the establishment of a monopoly of the finer grades of Cuban tobacco by the consolidation of the Henry Clay and Brock & Co. corporations with the newly organized Havana Commercial company, of which H. B. Hollins is president. One notable feature of the combination is that it will involve the absorption of an English syndicate by an American company. The Clay-Brock company is largely owned in England and its stock is listed on the London exchange. It has a capital of \$2,500,000. By the purchase of the Havana cigar and other companies recently consolidated the company gains control of about half the business of the five grades of tobacco from Cuba. All except about 5 per cent of the remaining business has been acquired by the Commercial company, which was incorporated in New Jersey a short time ago with a capital of \$20,000,000. As the land capable of producing the best Cuban tobacco is limited in area and as the two companies own or control most of it, they expect to be able to "corner" the supply of this tobacco and control its distribution.

UNQUALIFIED ANSWER TO A TELEGRAM FROM ALGER. Detroit, Mich., May 20.—Senator James McMillan received last night the following dispatch from Washington: "Are the reports in the press to the effect that you are a candidate for the United States senate true? Answer at once please." "Russell Alger."

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NOT SO MANY JAPS Will Be Allowed Hereafter to Be Imported into the Hawaiian Islands. San Francisco, May 20.—The steamer Gaelic brings the following advice from Honolulu, dated May 18: After the July quarter only one-half of the laborers imported into the Hawaiian islands may be Japanese. The others must be Americans or Europeans. This is a move in line with compelling the plantation interests of the country to adapt themselves to the American labor system. The new rule will go into effect on the 1st of October.

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TRANSMISSIPPI CONGRESS. Apportionment of Representatives from Different States. Wichita, Kan., May 20.—J. Hudson McKnight, secretary of the Transmissippi commercial congress, reports the following number of delegates appointed from the various States to the tenth Transmissippi commercial congress: Arizona 14, Arkansas 56, California 74, Colorado 26, Indian Territory 3, Iowa 75, Idaho 17, Kansas 27, Louisiana 33, Minnesota 31, Missouri 14, Montana 20, Oklahoma 24, Nebraska 27, New Mexico 21, Nevada 10, North Dakota 21, Oregon 18, South Dakota 29, Texas 112, Utah 15, Wyoming 18, Washington 19. He stated that he expects fully 300 to 400 additional. These dele-

gates have been appointed by the governors, mayors of the cities of the first class and commercial bodies. The delegates are composed of the leading and active commercial men of the several localities.

ADVOCATES FUSION AND SUPPORT OF SILVER POLICY. Omaha, Neb., May 20.—The Cooper Populist club of this city, an organization of only a few months standing, gave its initial banquet at Creighton hall this evening. The occasion served to bring in the Nebraska followers of the populist doctrine. Mr. Bryan was one of the chief guests of the evening and responded to a toast, the last on the list, during which time the lights went out and the gathering broke up in confusion. The speakers were Governor Poynter, ex-Governor Holcomb, General Weaver and W. J. Bryan.

Mr. Bryan reiterated his well known views on the money question and gloried in the fact that he was given the cold shoulders by factions of the populist and democratic parties. His subject was "Our Nation," and the tenor of his remarks was that the 16 to 1 populists were the ones chosen to save it. The course of the administration in the Philippines was criticized and several things that the populists had done for their country were enumerated. He advocated fusion and a loyal support of the silver policy.

MILLIAN A CANDIDATE. Unequivocal Answer to a Telegram from Alger. Detroit, Mich., May 20.—Senator James McMillan received last night the following dispatch from Washington: "Are the reports in the press to the effect that you are a candidate for the United States senate true? Answer at once please." "Russell Alger."

Today the senator answered it as follows: "To R. A. Alger, Washington: "I should have preferred a personal conference with you, but your dispatch appears to demand an immediate answer. I am a candidate for the United States senate." James McMillan.

Secretary Alger's dispatch is looked upon by Senator McMillan's friends here as an indication that the secretary is contemplating a withdrawal from the senatorial race.

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WAR TO CONTINUE. Filipino Commissioners Had No Real Powers. **ONLY WANTED TO GAIN TIME** But This Game Was Blocked by General Otis. **LUNA HAS TAKEN A HAND IN IT.** Arrested the Envoys Who Were First Appointed to Ask Peace. **NOTHING IS LIKELY TO BE ACCOMPLISHED** Otis Will Not Be Handicapped by Instructions, but Will Use His Own Discretion. Manila, May 20, 10 a. m.—General Gregorio del Pilar, commander of the insurgent forces in front of General Lawton's division; Lieutenant Colonel Alberto Barretto, Judge Advocate Major Zalcitza of Aguinaldo's staff and Senator Graciano Sagor, a former member of the Filipino cabinet, the commissioners appointed to co-operate with Senors Floriano Torres, Pablo Cambo and Theodore Yanco of Manila for the purpose of negotiating terms of peace with the American commissioners, reached Manila by special train from Misolao at 8:15 o'clock this morning. The party was met by Lieutenant Colonel Barry, adjutant general, and conducted from the train to the launch Captain and taken to the palace at Galacanan and after breakfast were driven through the city to the Ayuntamiento. The party was closeted with General Otis for more than an hour, but the interview was decidedly unsatisfactory, the commission having nothing definite to propose and being unempowered to negotiate terms. The commissioners brought a communication direct from Aguinaldo asking for an armistice pending the decision of the Filipino congress as to what policy should be adopted. As before, General Otis refused to entertain the proposition. The commissioners, after leaving the city hall, accepted an invitation to visit the Oregon and the other vessels of the American fleet in the bay, and they were also granted permission to see their families before returning.

Washington, May 20.—The following dispatch has been received at the war department: Adjutant General, Washington. Manila, May 20.—Commissioners of Aguinaldo arrived this morning. They wish to consult the United States commission, which they will do on the 22d instant. Their power is limited and apparently an armistice is a condition precedent to negotiation. Aguinaldo asks a cessation of hostilities to ascertain the desire of the Filipino people.

Washington, May 20.—The cable from General Otis today indicates to the war department that the commission, which is now in Manila, will accomplish nothing, because it has no authority to negotiate for actual peace. The importance of the visit of the commission is in the event the Filipino desire to end hostilities. There is an impression that Aguinaldo is playing for time in his request. No instructions or suggestions will be sent to General Otis by the department. The officials are confident that he has the matter well in hand and is the better able to judge what is best to do. From the manner in which General Otis has handled past negotiations with the Filipinos there is little doubt that he will refuse the request for the armistice asked. The position of the American troops in the Philippines is such as to render it possible to inflict great damage to the Filipinos without serious loss to our forces. General Otis being aware of the feeling of the people, as shown by the press dispatches, no doubt believes the Filipino rebellion is crumbling and the object of Aguinaldo and other leaders to reorganizing the forces, or to impress the Filipino people with the evidence of an importance which they do not possess.

New York, May 20.—A dispatch to the Herald from Manila says: "General Luna has dissolved the peace commission appointed by Aguinaldo. Two of its members—Bunessamino and Tarlac where Luna have been arrested at Tarlac where Luna's government was established. Four other commissioners were appointed who came into General Lawton's lines at San Isidro. Their authority is limited to asking a cessation of hostilities. The new commission is headed by General Gregorio del Pilar, Colonel French, with the Twenty-second infantry, was sent down the river three miles from San Isidro by General Lawton. He met the enemy, driving them out with a loss of four Americans. Major Kobbe, with the Seventeenth and Nine-

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