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### DAY OF DECORATION.

Thousands of Soldiers' Graves Strewed With Flowers in the States.

### A SNUB AT COLUMBUS

The Grand Army of the Republic Floral Committee Refuses to Accept a Floral Offering from Some Confederates.

Columbus, O., May 30.—There was an incident here today which was a direct slight to Confederate veterans, which created a sensation in local Grand Army of the Republic circles. The snub consisted of the refusal of a magnificent floral tribute, tendered by southerners, to be placed on the graves of the union dead at Greenlawn cemetery. The tribute, in view of the events of the past year, was particularly appropriate representing the north and south grasping the union flag. The tender was made by ex-Confederates who appreciated the efforts which have been made to cement the north and south, but when the matter was laid before the general floral committee, representing the Grand Army of the Republic posts, and they declined to accept. Before the matter could be brought before the general membership of the different posts and unions, the design was accepted by the ex-Soldiers and Sailors' association, who used it in their exercises.

The marshal of the parade had invited the ex-Confederates to participate in the exercises of the Grand Army of the Republic and quite a number of them appeared before they learned of the snub. They then withdrew immediately, but joined the ex-soldiers and sailors.

There is great indignation among the various members of the Grand Army of the Republic posts and southerners have been assured the action of the committee represented only an individual opinion and not the spirit of the various posts. It is highly probable action will be taken in regular form to disavow the work.

At Washington.

Washington, May 30.—The national capital devoted itself to the observance of Decoration day. The departments were closed and public and private business suspended, streets filled with marching veterans, national guardsmen, military and civic organizations, all moving toward Arlington cemetery. At the Soldier's Home, Congressional and other cemeteries there where appropriate services held and the graves of the silent army of the dead were strewn with flowers. There was added significance in the ceremonies for the memories of the civil war were also added to those of the Spanish conflict, which swelled the list of the soldier and sailor dead.

The ceremony at Arlington was notable by the presence of the president and members of his cabinet and many leading officers of the army and navy as well as officials prominent in public life.

At Chickamauga.

Chattanooga, May 30.—With appropriate and elaborate exercises the graves of 18,000 union soldiers buried in the National cemetery here were decorated. Resting beside the dead of the civil war in this cemetery are several hundred volunteers of the Spanish war who died at Chickamauga. Decoration day was a joint affair participated in by veterans on both sides of the civil war. An imposing procession, made up of veterans and local military men, marched from the city to the cemetery, where an immense throng waited the salute fired by a detachment of artillery, and thousands of graves were strewn with flowers.

In Georgia and South Carolina.

Atlanta, May 30.—Memorial day was fittingly observed in Georgia and South Carolina. The department of Georgia Grand Army of the Republic, embracing the states of Georgia and South Carolina, contain four cemeteries, at all of which appropriate services were held. At Marietta, Ga., there are 10,200 graves; at Andersonville, Ga., 13,710; at Beauford, S. C., 3359 and at Florence, S. C., 3100. A special train left at 1 o'clock this morning for Marietta, carrying members of Atlanta, Ga., Grand Army of the Republic posts and friends under the command of Alex Mattison.

At Louisville.

Louisville, May 30.—Although the day was gloomy, the graves of union soldiers who sleep in the cemeteries of Louisville and New Albany, Ind., were lovingly decked with flowers. The exercises were simple and impressive. Henry Watterson delivered the address.

At New York.

New York, May 30.—With holiday making, parades, the flying of flags, sports of all kinds, usual decoration of graves and speechmaking, Decoration day was well celebrated in the city of New York and vicinity.

### WAR TO THE FINISH.

The Only Way to Conquer the Natives in the Philippines.

### MORE MEN NEEDED.

Officials Admit His Force Is Insufficient. A Call May Be Issued for a Provisional Army of Twenty Thousand.

Washington, May 30.—The situation in the Philippine islands as described in recent dispatches is such as to make it almost necessary to raise at least a part of the provisional army authorized by the last congress if the United States expects to secure complete control of the archipelago. The administration has been brought to realize that it is no longer war and diplomacy in dealing with the insurgents, but plain war. Diplomacy and the peace commission must take back seats until the enemy has been completely whipped and forced to surrender.

General Otis has not a sufficient number of men to establish this end. It is believed that he has so informed the war department but the officials will not admit it. They admit, however, that the outlook for an early peace is very gloomy and that more troops are badly needed in the Philippines.

Just how to meet this situation is a question which confronts them and requires prompt decision. Although Gen. Otis states that he will continue an aggressive campaign during the rainy season, it is appreciated that he will be able to little more than garrison some of the points which the forces under General MacArthur and Lawton have taken, and hold them until the rainy season is over.

It is also plain that there will be more or less illness during this period of bad weather and that when the campaign is resumed the force capable of active warfare will be materially reduced. Including the 7000 troops now on their way or under orders for service in the Philippines, General Otis will have only 25,000 regular troops under his command. With 20,000 regular troops in Cuba and Porto Rico, there will be only 17,000 regulars left in the United States. The question therefore hinges on whether it will be prudent to further draw on the regular forces in the United States in order to augment General Otis' forces in the Philippines.

Those opposed to organizing a provisional army favor sending more regulars to the Philippines and also enlisting some of the peaceful Filipinos. But another element in the department is opposed to half way measures in dealing with the situation. They are urging the president to issue a call for at least 20,000 provisional army, so that it may be organized, trained and sent to the Philippines in time to begin an aggressive campaign in the early autumn.

Secretary Alger has been advised by General Otis, that he has appointed as a board to pass upon all claims against the United States, Lieutenant Colonel E. H. Crowder, judge advocate; Major C. U. Gantenbein, Second Oregon volunteers, and Captain H. A. Greene, Twentieth infantry. This board is to also meet a commission representing the Spanish government to expedite the settlement of the claims of Spain in the Philippines. It is expected that the joint commission will consider the question for the compensation for the armament around Manila, that should be allowed to Spain under the terms of treaty of peace.

### DEWEY IMPROVING.

Date of Departure Not Fixed, Neither Has He Mapped Out His Route.

Hong Kong, May 30.—Since his arrival here on May 23, on board his flagship Olympia, Admiral Dewey has improved in health but still refuses all invitations of a social nature. The admiral has also relinquished all official duty on board the Olympia. The date of his departure for home is still uncertain, his intention being to remain here until he has thoroughly recuperated. The air on high ground here is much cooler than can be found at any place between Hong Kong and the Mediterranean sea.

The programme for the Olympia's voyage to the United States has not been definitely decided upon yet. It has been determined, however, to make a stop at Pireus, from which port Admiral Dewey will go to Athens to pay his respects to King George of Greece. The Olympia is being painted white instead of dark slate color, which was applied at the breaking out of the late war.

Ready to Sail.

New York, May 30.—A dispatch to The World from Hong Kong says Admiral Dewey's flagship, the cruiser Olympia, came out of dry dock Monday, the needed repairs being finished and war paint removed. She is now ready for her leisurely trip to New York. The admiral is regaining his health rapidly, but he is still at his hotel and remains

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Fatal Railway Collision.

Seattle, Wash., May 30.—A local passenger train on the Northern Pacific and a Grant street electric street car, collided near the Washington iron works here, precipitating about 25 persons into the bay. One passenger, E. Broad, died on the way to the hospital. Another passenger named Hoffedtz was seriously injured. Some of the other passengers were seriously hurt.

Philadelphia, May 30.—Memorial day was more elaborately observed in this city than for a number of years.

Cloudburst Causes a Drowning.

Guthrie, O. T., May 30.—Samuel Caple, aged 20, was drowned in Beaver county. He was at work on the side of the Paladine creek, when it suddenly began to rise from a cloudburst. His house being on the other side, he attempted to swim across, but was carried down in the flood.

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