

MERRITT TELLS OF MANILA'S FALL.

How Our Forces Captured the Metropolis of the Philippines.

PRaise FOR THE SOLDIERS.

Gallantry and Excellent Judgment Shown in the Fighting Before the City.

\$900,000 TAKEN WITH THE TOWN.

Babcock, Hughes, McClure, Whipple and Mott Commended for Their Valuable Services.

Washington, Sept. 30.—The report of Major-General Wesley Merritt of his operations about Manila was made public at the War Department today. It is dated on board the transport China, August 31. He begins by giving briefly the story of his embarkation and arrival at Manila, and praises the officers and men for their cheerful endurance of the necessary hardships of the encampment. Continuing, General Merritt says: "The Philippines were at the time of my arrival in considerable force, variously estimated and never accurately ascertained, but probably not far from 12,000 men. These troops, well supplied with small arms, with plenty of ammunition and several field guns, had obtained positions of investment opposite to the Spanish lines of entrenched works throughout their entire extent."

Demand for Surrender.

"Under date of August 6," continues General Merritt, "Admiral Dewey agreed to my suggestion that we should send a joint letter to the Captain-General, notifying him that he should remove from the city all non-combatants within forty-eight hours, and that operations against the defenses of Manila might begin at any time after the expiration of that period."

"This letter was sent August 6, and a reply was received the same date to the effect that the Spanish were without places of refuge for the increased numbers of wounded, sick women, and children now lodged within the walls. On the 9th a formal joint demand for the surrender of the city was sent in. The Captain-General's reply, of same date, stated that the demand could not be granted; but the Captain-General offered to evacuate the Government if we would allow him the time strictly necessary for the communications by way of Hong Kong."

Greene's Determined Advance.

"The works of the second line soon gave way to the determined advance of Greene's troops, and that officer pushed his brigade rapidly through Malate and over the bridges to occupy Binondo and San Miguel, as contemplated in his instructions. In the meantime the brigade of General MacArthur, advancing simultaneously on the Pasay road, encountered a very sharp fire, coming from the block houses, trenches and woods in his front, positions which it was very difficult to carry, owing to the swampy condition of the ground on both sides of the roads and the heavy undergrowth concealing the enemy. With much gallantry and excellent judgment on the part of the brigade commander and the troops engaged these difficulties were overcome with a minimum loss, and MacArthur advanced and held the bridges and the town of Misate, as was contemplated in his instructions."

Hoisted Old Glory.

"Immediately after the surrender the Spanish colors on the sea front were hauled down and the American flag displayed and secured by the guns of the navy. The town was filled with the drums of the enemy, driven in from the trenches, regiments formed and standing in line in the streets, but the work of disarming proceeded quietly and nothing unpleasant occurred."

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MEN OF WAR FACE ABILITY OF BEAUTY IN THE CASINO.

General Joe Wheeler Leads the Attack Successfully.

SWEEPS ALL BEFORE HIM.

"Not the Men Behind the Guns, but the Power Behind Them—Woman."

THAT SHOT GOES STRAIGHT HOME.

Colonel Roosevelt Likewise Braves Blushes and Smiles, and General Woodford Doesn't Hang Back.

At the Casino, entertainment yesterday afternoon the June was war—the heroes that die for it, the women that suffer from it, the men wounded in it, the soldiers made by it, the officers that lived to come out of it.

A dozen or more of them sat on the platform, invited there to join in the benefit.

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BRAINS ON TAP FOR CORNELL.

Belief That Professor Wilder's Post Mortem Idea Will Be Successful.

The extraordinary request of Dr. Bert G. Wilder, professor of physiology in Cornell University, made in circular form, to numerous great men of this city and elsewhere, that after death they shall permit their brains to be sent to Cornell for scientific uses, is said to have met with a number of favorable replies, but to avoid publicity that would be unpleasant to those replying and to their relatives and friends, names and details are not divulged. Upon the death of the maker of such a request the documents in the case are to be sent to the relatives of the deceased, and no objection being raised, the desired organ will be claimed and removed. It is calculated that the benefits to science resulting from this enterprise will be very great. At present science, in its study of the human brain, has been compelled to put up with a class of such organs as are not representative of human brains in general. Usually they are the brains of executed murderers, suicides, of paupers and insane persons—dissected brains, in fact. The desirability of procuring healthy brains, and especially the brains of men whose possession of that organ was not a matter of doubt, for scientific uses is apparent. Dr. Wilder believes that his plan will succeed and that it will be adopted by other colleges.

SICK SOLDIERS TO BE SENT NORTH.

President Orders That They All Be Brought from Porto Rico and Treated in Home Hospitals.

Washington, Sept. 30.—The War Department has issued the following: "The President has given instructions that all sick at Porto Rico be sent North as soon as they are able to travel with safety, his purpose being to relieve General Brooke of the further care of the sick, and at the same time enable the men to receive the treatment obtainable in the better appointed home hospitals. These men will be furnished, as in cases of those returning from Santiago. About seven hundred will leave to-day on the Relief and Missouri."

SICARD RETIRES UNDER AGE LAW.

The Admiral Will Be Retained at the Head of the Promotions Board.

Washington, Sept. 30.—Rear Admiral Montgomery Sicard, president of the Board charged with the promotion of officers distinguished for gallantry during the late war, was retired to-day by the operation of law, having reached the age of sixty-two years. Secretary Long has, however, by special order, directed that the officer retain his place at the head of the Promotion Board.

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AN IRON PAIL POISONED HIM.

A galvanised iron pail came near causing the death of George Cooper, of Dunellen, N. J., last night, owing to his drinking water which had become contaminated with the poisonous substance used in galvanizing the pail. Wesley Blaine Cooper's mother, who had been drinking out of the pail, which had just been bought, and contained blue not to do so. Cooper told us attending and drank the water. Later on he commenced to feel sick. He soon lost consciousness and his body became rigid. Dr. Baker administered a hypodermic injection of strychnine. Though very weak from the effects of the poison, Cooper is now considered out of danger.



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THAT ONE—ONE THE LEFT—WHO'S HE?

"That portly, middle-aged, gray-whiskered man? Why, you don't wear—Good gracious—who'd have supposed—"

"Oh, who is that admirable creature in the yellow uniform? An aid? Only an aid! Well, if you had said he was Phillip or Hobson, or—"

"And that little man on the right? That small, insignificant-looking man, the great Joe Wheeler?"

But after General Wheeler's opening utterance the women's whispers were hushed, and the General continued:

"In other countries there are empresses, queens, princesses. In ours—nobility of character—fidelity of heart—raise the women as far above the ordinary sense of nobility as heaven is above the earth."

"He is great and no mistake," came from behind waving fans that beat a tattoo of honest applause.

Then General Wager Swayne, in his role of master of ceremonies, announced that there would have to be a good many alterations of the programme as printed. For instance, General Shafter, who had been scheduled to appear between two musical numbers furnished by Miss Louie Wood and Miss Lucille Nelson, telegraphed that some illness kept him away.

While General Swayne was speaking there was a commotion at the back of the stage and Colonel Theodore Roosevelt appeared.

HE SAID HE HADN'T KNOWN UNTIL TEN MINUTES BEFORE THAT HE COULD BE PRESENT.

He came, he said, because he wanted to be with the heroes of the past and present war. He spoke of the sufferings of battle and the glories of it. "We must try to lighten the former," he said. "And in doing so I want to bear testimony to the generosity of man. Mrs. August Belmont, Sterling Mortimer, Richard Mortimer, and twenty others who have given large sums of money to feed the soldiers."

"I couldn't get the men to take the money," he said. "It was explained that it was given in memorial." He referred to the death of Lieutenant Tiffany, "who did his trick in camp, who day after day did his duty, asked no favors and earned his promotion. The money provided now for the soldiers is given in memory of young Tiffany and in memory of heroes who proved truth by their example."

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BOND BIDDERS APPEAL TO COURT.

Two Mandamus Suits Brought Against Secretary Gage by Would-Be Purchasers.

Washington, Sept. 30.—Two mandamus suits were filed today in the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia against Secretary Gage, growing out of the issue of bonds to carry on the war. In the first case William H. Wharton, of Jersey City, sets up that he was a subscriber for \$520 of the bonds. He empowered the Produce Exchange Trust Company, of New York, to make the necessary advances on the bonds, holding them as collateral. Secretary Gage refused to make this allotment of bonds on the ground that it is understood that the subscription was not bona fide, but was made in the interest of a third party.

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WALTER S. ROCKEY.

8th Ave. and 30th St., New York. Mr. Rockey was prevailed upon by the Republicans to take another nomination against the old opponent. The campaign which followed is historic in this part of the world. When the ballots were counted Mr. Baker was elected and Colonel Morrison never again became a candidate for an elective office.

RUSTIC BEAU SUES PURAL BELLES.

A Livery Bill Brings Society Persons of Rutherford, N. J., into Court.

TALE OF A STOLEN RIG.

Two Fashionable Young Women Played a Trick on a Member of Their "Set."

NOW THEY WONT PAY FOR IT.

Livery Stable Keeper is Inexorable, but the Victim of the "Joke" Refers Him to Those Who Enjoyed It.

Over in Rutherford, N. J., where society, having more elbow room, has fewer restrictions than are imposed on the inhabitants of Fifth avenue, and where the practical joke still flourishes as an aristocratic form of diversion, some of the leading exponents of what the French call "good time" will appear in court this evening to dispute the responsibility for a livery bill of \$23.75. Whereof the tale had best be told from the beginning.

Two practical jokes are involved in the narrative. In the first place, some rural will forced several invitations in the name of a Miss Benson, of Paterson, requesting the presence of her acquaintances at a party a few Saturday nights ago. Among other Harsaic young men dressed in this way were De Muid Van Dien, who is a bank cashier in this city, and his friend, Frank Van Buskirk. Learning that the Misses Cadmus, of Dundee Lake, were also invited, they hired a carriage from John H. Kehoe to accommodate the whole party. Van Dien made himself responsible for the rig.

On reaching Miss Benson's home they learned that they had been misled, but Miss Benson, who seemed to enjoy the joke, pressed them to spend the evening with her, and they did.

Now for practical joke No. 2, which is really the cause of all the trouble. Staying with Miss Benson were Clara Lord and Lydia Ogden, who enjoy a commanding social position in that part of the State. The new arrivals being unaware of their presence in the house, it occurred to them that it would be an exquisitely clever sequel to joke No. 1 if they were to go out for a drive in Van Dien's carriage and lose it somewhere. They acted on this idea, and when Van Dien and his party prepared to depart they found that the rig was gone. After waiting in the hope that it would reappear, the stylish young people proceeded another conveyance and returned to Passaic.

Van Dien reported the loss to the livery stable keeper, who said that of course young men would have to pay for the stolen carriage and team.

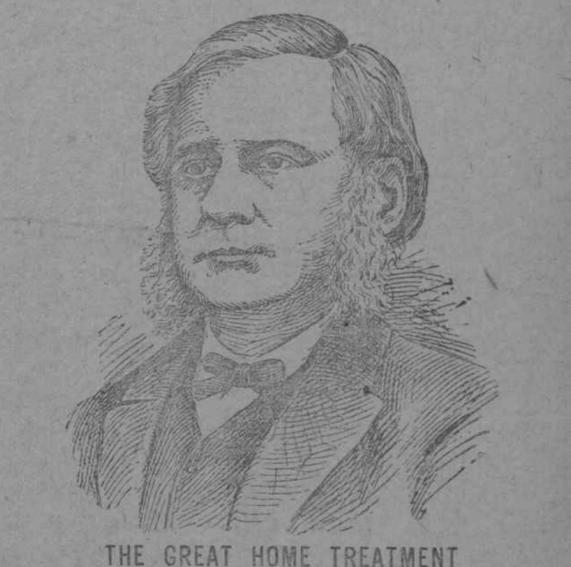
Three days later, however, the rig was returned to its owner by the Paterson party, who found it a desecrated at 2 o'clock in the morning. After the exercise of some arithmetic Kehoe made a bill for three days' carriage hire, the total of which was \$23.75, and presented it to Van Dien, which was no joke at all.

By this time Van Dien knew who the culprits were, and he sent the bill to Miss Lord, with the request that she should pay for her practical joke. She said she was an ungainly creature, and she wouldn't pay one cent. He consulted a lawyer, and the result is that the case will come up before Justice Morgan in Rutherford, this evening. All the pillars of society in that part of New Jersey will be present.

Twice Threw Himself in Front of Train.

George Sherman, of Lark Falls, N. J., who gave up hotel keeping at Singap after a quarrel with his wife, and who resumed his trade as a barber, threw himself in front of the Greenwood Lake Express, at Singap, Thursday night, but in some way escaped injury, landing in a ditch on the other side. In a letter later he was found with his neck on the rail awaiting the passage of another train. He was taken to the hospital, but he is believed to be in no danger.

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