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## SHOOTS A MORO SULTAN

### American Sentry Prevents Prisoner's Escape.

### Ruler of Binidayan Makes Dash for Liberty.

### Bullet From a Soldier's Rifle Brings Him Down.

MANILA, Aug. 31.—The Sultan of Binidayan, who was held as a hostage by the American forces at Camp Vickers, island of Mindanao, attempted to escape from his guards on Thursday and was shot and killed by the sentry. The Sultan had been arrested after the recent murders of American soldiers in Mindanao and was being held pending the surrender of the murderers.

As a result of the war, rinderpest among the cattle and the epidemic of cholera, agriculture is at present seriously depressed throughout the Philippines. Governor Taft estimates the area under cultivation this year as half that of an ordinary year. Many districts are badly impoverished.

Cholera is increasing. Yesterday 249 cases were reported in the provinces. Up to date 27,526 cases and 15,640 deaths from the disease have been reported.

#### TAFT TALKS POLICY.

Governor Taft was given a banquet by the American Chamber of Commerce of Manila last night. In an address in reply to a toast the Governor discussed the future of the Philippines. He said the United States would retain the islands indefinitely, with the view of educating the Filipinos to a state of self-government and other conditions which would enable them to decide whether they preferred to become independent or to be made into a State, like Canada or Australia under Great Britain. Governor Taft said he believed the relationship between the two peoples would be continued, and that the Americans were here for the benefit of the Philippines. He said the Americans did not desire the islands for selfish purposes, and promised that American capital would get fair treatment here.

Continuing, the Governor expressed his belief that commercial interests must ultimately rely upon Filipino labor, although a temporary relaxation of the immigration restrictions was possible. He said the United States Civil Commission would again recommend Congress to give the Philippine Islands a gold standard of currency, as the present fluctuation of standards was a disadvantage to everybody.

#### FUTURE OF THE ISLANDS.

Luke Wright, who acted as civil Governor of the islands during the recent absence of Judge Taft, also spoke. He expressed the opinion that the true future of the islands depended upon the admission of their products to American markets. Commissioner Wright regretted that the Philippine question had been made a football in American politics.

#### COMPANY WILL BUILD A RAILROAD IN UTAH

PORTLAND, Or., Aug. 31.—Articles incorporating the Utah Western Railway Company were filed in the office of the County Clerk yesterday by John K. Kollock, John E. Atchison and George H. Hill. The capital stock is placed at \$1,000,000 and the objects are stated to be the construction, acquisition and equipment of railroad, telegraph and telephone lines, spurs and branch lines within the State of Utah. The eastern terminus of the main line will be at Salt Lake City and the western terminus at a point on the western boundary line of the State of Utah. Connecting lines also may be built and bonds issued.

When asked about the proposed railroad to-night John K. Kollock, one of the incorporators, said the line would connect with the Great Central Railway, which is now projected from Coos Bay eastward. It was the first intention of the new company to file the articles in Utah, but subsequently it was decided to make it an Oregon corporation, then to place it on record in Utah as a foreign company.

#### Yellowstone Tourists Escape Death.

LIVINGSTON, Mont., Aug. 31.—It was learned to-day that no one was killed in the stage accident near Gardiner yesterday. Miss May Leonard of Chicago sustained a dislocated collarbone and severe bruises about the body. Joseph Baird and family of St. Louis also were bruised and scratched. One of the lead horses was instantly killed, and it is marvelous, considering the nature of the accident, that the passengers escaped without loss of life.

#### Mine Sustains Big Loss by Fire.

BUTTE, Mont. Aug. 31.—The entire hoisting plant, pumping station and shaft house of the Alice Consolidated Gold and Silver Mining Company were destroyed by fire to-day. The plant was one of the most modern in the State. The loss is estimated at \$100,000. Part of the fire crept down the shaft, but being Sunday no lives were lost.

#### Match Reveals Robber's Identity.

REDDING, Aug. 31.—David Peesenty was robbed near Trinity Center, Trinity County, Friday evening of \$225. While he was at the barn after dark he was knocked down, choked and beaten. His assailant lit a match to look for something and Peesenty saw and recognized the robber as James Ryan. The Sheriff later arrested Ryan on a warrant sworn to by Peesenty.

## POISON CHEATS A MOB

### Dying Wife Murderer Escapes Avenging Neighbors.

### Death in Prison Cell Follows Wild Race.

### Awful Tragedy Closes Illinois Doctor's Debauch.

SPECIAL DISPATCH TO THE CALL.

ALTON, Ill., Aug. 31.—Crazed by drink, Dr. O. A. Miller of Rockbridge terminated a week's debauch this morning by shooting his wife to death and then ending his own life shortly thereafter by drinking tincture of opium.

While Mrs. Miller was seated at a piano Miller entered the room and without warning drew a revolver and shot her in the back. Mrs. Miller fell from the piano stool to the floor dead.

Miller then walked into his study, picked up a pint bottle of tincture of opium and drank nearly half of its contents. Neighbors, including Marshal Woolbridge, heard the shooting, and upon entering the house found the doctor standing in the middle of his study with the bottle of opium still in his hand. At their approach Miller placed the bottle to his lips and attempted to drink the remaining contents.

A mob having formed C. W. Hickman, with the assistance of Constable Clark, took the prisoner out of a rear door and placed him in a carriage.

Then ensued a race of fourteen miles against death and a mob to the Green County jail in Carrollton. Mile after mile the horse was urged to greater effort. Meanwhile Miller became more drowsy, despite the herculean efforts of Constable Clark to keep him awake. Less than two miles behind could be seen a two-horse rig containing members of the mob, with the horses in a gallop.

When five miles had been covered the battle with opium had been lost, and Dr. Miller was in the sleep of death. Officers and prisoner reached the county jail one hour and fifteen minutes after the race of fourteen miles had begun.

Sheriff Isaac Conley, fearing the mob, at once put Miller in the steel cage of the jail and telephoned to Dr. E. S. Gough, who appeared on the scene five minutes later and worked over the now unconscious man with all his medical skill. Within twenty minutes after he had been placed in jail Miller was dead.

Dr. Miller was the son of John Miller, a capitalist of Chanute, Kans. Mrs. Miller was the only child of Mr. and Mrs. William Allen of Rockbridge. The parents of both are wealthy. Before her marriage Mrs. Miller was a social favorite and prominent in musical circles. Dr. Miller was a graduate of the Morton-Sims Medical College of St. Louis. Three children survive the couple.

#### KING AND KAISER SAY THEIR ADIEUS

Victor Emmanuel of Italy Ends His Visit in the Fatherland.

POTS DAM, Prussia, Aug. 31.—King Victor Emmanuel of Italy, who has been visiting Emperor William, started for home to-day. The King and the Emperor drove together to the Wild Park station. Here the leavetaking of the monarchs was most cordial, they embracing one another repeatedly.

Crown Prince Frederick William and Prince William Elitel Frederick and Count von Bulow, the imperial chancellor, were on the station platform to bid farewell to the King of Italy, and a large crowd cheered the departing guests. The King stood at a window of the carriage waving his hand to the Emperor as long as the train was in sight.

FRANKFURT-ON-THIE-MAIN, Prussia, Aug. 31.—King Victor Emanuel arrived here this evening. He inspected the Thirteenth Prussian Hussars, of which organization he is honorary colonel, and later dined with the Hussar officers. The King resumed his journey to Italy at 9 o'clock. It is said that as a result of King Victor Emanuel's visit to Emperor William Italy has obtained certain concessions it desired for a commercial treaty with Germany.

#### PRESIDENT DETERMINES ON CANAL COMMISSION

### He Will Appoint a Purely Military Body to Take Charge of the Work.

HOTEL CHAMPLAIN, N. Y., Aug. 31.—The President has determined to make the Panama Canal Commission a purely military body. Army officers will superintend the building of the canal. The man for the head of the commission must be a man in whom the President has unlimited faith. There are many men in the army who have the President's confidence, but none of whose honor and integrity he leans more heavily than on General Leonard Wood, his boon companion and comrade in arms. He would like to make General Wood chairman of the commission, at least that has been the conviction of those with whom he has taken counsel.

#### Dismissed From the Army.

BERLIN, Aug. 31.—The Berlin Tageblatt publishes a dispatch from Gumbinnen, East Prussia, saying that Lieutenant Hildebrand, the pardoned duelist, has been dismissed from the army on account of the ovation given him some time ago at Gumbinnen upon the occasion of his pardon, and for participation in which Captain von Frankenberg and First Lieutenant Neumbauer have been dismissed already from the service.

## HURLING SHOWERS OF ASHES

### Mont Pelee Bursts Into Violent Eruption.

### Dust Clouds Envelop the Surrounding Islands.

### Series of Loud Detonations Alarms Basse Terre.

BASSE TERRE, St. Kitts, B. W. I., Aug. 31.—A series of loud detonations were heard here last night, from 7 until 9 o'clock.

ST. JOHN, Antigua, B. W. I., Aug. 31.—Many very loud detonations were heard here from 9 o'clock last night to midnight.

POINTE-A-PITRE, Island of Gaudeloupe, Aug. 31.—This entire port has been covered by a cloud of fine dust since 5 o'clock this morning and the populace is panic-stricken. Fine ashes are falling continually in a slight drizzle. Semi-darkness is over the sea and the ships in the harbor seem to be enveloped in a cloud of smoke.

Advices from Basse Terre (Island of Gaudeloupe) assert that since daybreak to-day the entire island has been covered by a cloud of dust coming from the southeast, the direction of the island of Martinique. The population of Basse Terre is greatly alarmed.

#### MIST ENVELOPS ROSEAU.

ROSEAU, Dominica, B. W. I., Aug. 31.—The thick mist which enveloped Roseau yesterday was taken, as it approached, for a rain storm. The dust is still falling, although lightly, but during the night of the 30th the quantity of dust that fell here was greater than on any previous occasion since the first eruption of Mont Pelee. At nightfall of the 30th a dark cone-shaped cloud, emitting electric flashes, arose in the south, but it gradually was obscured by the mist caused by the falling ashes. Rumbling noises and a few detonations were heard during the night of the 30th. The people here are quiet. No news has yet reached here from Martinique.

A severe eruption of Mont Pelee, Martinique, was reported to have occurred at noon on August 21. This report was brought to Castries, island of St. Lucia, by officers of the French steamship Dahome. This eruption was followed by total darkness five miles away from the volcano.

A dispatch received from St. Thomas, D. W. I., on August 23 said that between 10 o'clock in the morning and 2 in the afternoon of August 23 clouds of dust were seen in the direction of Mont Pelee from the island of Dominica. Detonations were heard and there were light showers of volcanic dust on the island.

#### IN VIOLENT ERUPTION.

The following message was received from Dominica on Tuesday, the 26th: "Since 2 p. m. to-day (Tuesday) prolonged rumbling noises in quick succession have been heard from the southward. There is every indication that Mont Pelee is in violent eruption."

A dispatch from Paris dated August 28 said the latest dispatches received at the Ministry of the Colonies from Fort de France, island of Martinique, were dated Monday, August 25. They made no mention of the reported eruptions of Mont Pelee. The Paris dispatches also said that the cables to Martinique, both north and south, continued to be interrupted.

Efforts made to communicate by cable direct with the island of Martinique have proved unsuccessful.

#### WHOLESALE SHOOTING BY DRINK-CRAZED MAN

### Winds Up a Debauch by Killing One Man and Wounding Three Others.

ROCK SPRINGS, Wyo., Aug. 31.—Louis Sarka, a Hungarian miner, while crazed from the effects of drink, ran amuck here to-day. Before he was overtaken by a mob and beaten so unmercifully that he will probably die, he had shot and killed Joseph Splack and probably fatally wounded Stephen Splack Sr., Stephen Splack Jr. and Stephen Motta. The trouble resulting in the murder occurred in a saloon. After shooting the four men Sarka bolted for the door and started down the street in an attempt to escape, shooting right and left. A mob of infuriated citizens, friends of the dead and wounded men, started in pursuit. The police also gave chase, but the mob caught the Hungarian first and beat him almost to death before the officers caught up with them and rescued the unconscious man.

#### JUSTICE SHIRAS SENDS IN HIS RESIGNATION

### Place on the Supreme Court Bench Will Be Offered to Attorney General Knox.

HOTEL CHAMPLAIN, N. Y., Aug. 31.—Justice Shiras of the Supreme Court has sent his resignation to the President. This is not an authorized statement, but it comes from one who speaks with authority. If Philander C. Knox desires to wear the robes of Supreme Court Justice he will have the opportunity offered to him, if he has not already. Mr. Knox is not expected to decline the offer.

#### Decide to Issue Mortgage Bonds.

DENVER, Aug. 31.—At a special meeting the stockholders of the Denver, Northwestern and Pacific Railroad decided to issue \$2,500,000 of fifty-year 4 percent first mortgage gold bonds and ratified the contract with the Colorado-Utah Construction Company to build the road. The contract provides that work is to begin September 1.

## HIGGINSON DELAYS THE WAR GAME WHILE HE ENTERTAINS A DUCHESS

### Mistress of House of Marlborough the Cause of Strife Between Admiral and Captains of His Fleet.



BEAUTIFUL MISTRESS OF THE HOUSE OF MARLBOROUGH (FORMERLY MISS CONSUELO VANDERBILT OF NEW YORK) AND THE AMERICAN ADMIRAL WHO ABRUPTLY SUSPENDED IMPORTANT NAVAL MANEUVERS IN ORDER TO ENTERTAIN HER ABOARD HIS FLAGSHIP.

ON BOARD THE CALL-HERALD DISPATCH BOAT AVENEL OFF MENEMSHA BIGHT (via Woodshole, Mass.), Aug. 31.—There is war in the feet of Rear Admiral Higginson—war more real than the make-believe in which hitherto united services are to begin at midnight—and woman, lovely, harmless woman, is the cause of it all.

Captain French E. Chadwick, president of the Naval War College, was a visitor to the flagship Kearsarge yesterday afternoon. Shortly after his appearance on board the general signal was made by the flagship, "Commanding officers report on board flagship."

There was an immediate calling away of steam cutters, and one after another the captains of the fleet of warships were trotting up the gangway of the flagship. When all the captains had reported and were assembled in the flag officer's quarters on the Kearsarge the admiral arose and announced that the fleet would remain inactive, arrangements having been made to receive the Duchess of Marlborough, and that to this reception, the admiral added, all of the commanding officers of the fleet were cordially invited.

There was a moment of embarrassing silence, and then one captain, who has a reputation for straightforward speech, made vehement and open protest. There was, he explained, no objection to the reception to the Duchess—there could be none—but the time, he urged, was inopportune.

Here was the fleet, he impetuously pointed out, ready to move at an instant's notice—kept in constant, wearing readiness for this very time—and, just at the very moment when it should strike, everything must give way to a social function, which could take place at any time.

All of the other captains took the same view; all believed and all said that this was no time for social matters; that if the navy was going to play at war, let it play at it seriously and have no nonsense about it. Their view was that the maneuvers, regarded by them as of incalculable value when earnestly worked out by both sides, would be of no consequence whatever if played out as a summer diversion for society folk—that it would make a farce of the whole proceeding and benefit neither service.

#### HIGGINSON IS OBDURATE.

The admiral abruptly announced his intention to adhere to his plan of entertaining, and the council was soon dissolved, the captains returning to their ships and giving orders looking to the relief of the strain on the engineer forces, which had been keeping the vessels under stress so heavily banked that it was equivalent to actual steaming under service conditions.

Sunday came, and with it the Duchess and her party, who arrived on the Astor yacht Nourmahal, which was in turn escorted by the torpedo-boat Morris. It was shortly after the noon hour when the Nourmahal came to anchor near the flagship and a flag lieutenant went in a steam cutter to bear greetings of welcome.

Luncheon was served on board the Nourmahal, and about 2 o'clock the Duchess of Marlborough's party boarded the waiting launches and set out for the flagship. The party included the Duchess, Mr. and Mrs. Cornelius Vanderbilt, Mr. and Mrs. John Jacob Astor, Miss Alice Blight, Mr. Sanger, Assistant Secretary of War, and Harry Lehr.

#### CAPTAINS REMAIN AWAY.

The quartermasters of the flagship were on an eager lookout for other visitors—the commanding officers who had been invited. But none of them appeared.

There was unlimited comment on the fleet to-day over this visit of the Assis-

#### Social Function Suspends the Naval Maneuvers.

#### Commanders of the Warships Refuse to Attend.

ant Secretary. Theoretically the army and navy now are at war. The admiral will declare none of his secrets to his commanding officers or to any one else, and yet it was pointed out that he receives this high emissary of the "enemy."

#### COGHLAN TO ATTACK NEWPORT.

Up to the hour of the Avenel's departure to-night with dispatches the plans of Rear Admiral Coghlan to attack Newport are as follows: The fleet to leave its present anchorage to-night, steam to an appointed rendezvous, there divide into two squadrons, one under Rear Admiral Coghlan to attack Newport and the other under Rear Admiral Higginson to attack other defenses.

Rear Admiral Coghlan flies his flag from the Brooklyn. There have been included in his division the protected cruiser Olympia, the monitor Puritan, the cruiser Montgomery and the converted yachts Mayflower, Gloucester, Alleen and Peoria.

Rear Admiral Higginson has reserved for his squadron the battleship Kearsarge (flagship), the battleships Massachusetts, Indiana and Alabama and the Panther, Supply, Scorpion, Nina and Leyden.

The Indiana, Montgomery and Supply joined the fleet to-day. Later in the afternoon the Gloucester came in, laden with ammunition, and at sunset every vessel had its red powder flag flying, indicating to all concerned that ammunition was being taken on board. The fleet was still thus engaged when the dispatch boat left it in Menemsha Bight.

#### FLEET PUTS TO SEA.

#### Higginson Makes No Move Until Late in the Night.

NEWPORT, R. I., Aug. 31.—Under cover of fog and the blackness of night the North Atlantic fleet, commanded by Rear Admiral Higginson, slipped its cable in Menemsha Bight shortly before 10 o'clock to-night and put to sea, making the first move afloat of the war game between army and navy in the imaginary war along the southern New England coast. On land from Fort Rodman, at New Bedford, to Fort Wright, at Fishers Island, every fortification is manned by artillerymen and every headland is patrolled by the signal men just as carefully as though a really hostile fleet were about to descend upon this part of the seaboard. The actual period of war began at the expiration of forty-eight hours of preparation and while the fleet appeared to take things easily during that interval, the land forces under command of Major General MacArthur were drilled at the guns and at signal stations with all the vigor that forecasts real conflict.

Never in the history of this country has such a grim aspect been given to the defenses that guard New Bedford, the cities on Narragansett Bay, the Connecticut shore, and, more important even, the city of New York, from attack under cover of Marthas Vineyard and adjacent islands and through the great waterways along Long Island Sound.

To-night when "taps" sounded at all the forts nearly 5000 artillerymen went to sleep beside their guns, ready to spring up for action when the alarm should sound. On the walls of the fortification paced guards and along the beaches sharp-eyed signal men swept the sea with their night glasses, anxious lest the light of a hostile

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