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KIRKSVILLE CYCLONE
Two Hundred Families Are Homeless In the Missouri Town.
Kirkville, Mo., April 29.—As a result of the tornado that swept through the eastern portion of this city, demolishing half of the residences and other buildings, 200 families are homeless and more than 30 dead bodies and 70 injured persons were recovered from the ruins yesterday. More than a dozen of the injured will die. Although rescuers have been searching the ruins over since the storm spent its fury many are still missing, and it is thought that a considerable number of the unfortunates were consumed in the flames that broke out soon after the storm had ceased. The work of rescue continues, but it may be days before the total number of victims is known.

Death List at Newtown.
Chillicothe, Mo., May 1.—The death list at Newtown from Thursday evening's storm has reached 13, and probably will reach 16 in the next day or two. Mrs. Flagg died yesterday from her injuries, after terrible suffering. Her house was one of those blown away by the tornado. Three others of the injured are thought to be dying. Thousands of sightseers visited Newtown yesterday.

Two More Deaths at Kirkville.
Kirkville, Mo., May 1.—With the exception of two victims who died yesterday all those killed in the tornado of Thursday evening have been buried. Cal Little succumbed yesterday from his injuries, as did also Paul Boeman, a child. This makes the number dead 33. Yesterday 15,000 visitors came from hundreds of miles around to view the ruins.

MEXICO
Has a Remedy For Mob Law and Lynching That Works Well.

City of Mexico, May 1.—The treasury report of foreign commerce shows that in eight months of the fiscal year the exports have increased nearly \$9,000,000 and are now at the rate of nearly \$150,000,000 yearly; the imports have increased 13 per cent and are now at the rate of \$98,000,000 in silver annually. The governor of Sinaloa, in order to give greater security to life and property, has suspended the constitutional guarantees in case of kidnapping, patricide, premeditated murder and highway robbery. Sinaloa is on the Pacific coast and isolated from the railway system of the country. This means that offenders of these classes will be subjected to punishment by the constituted authorities without the formality of trial when their guilt shall be clearly evident. A similar measure regarding persons guilty of putting obstructions on railway tracks was taken a few years ago with eminently satisfactory results. That class of offenses died out. It is the Mexican remedy for mob law and lynching and works well in practice.

NAVAJO INDIANS

Kill Their Medicine Man Because of His Inability to Cure Smallpox.
Holbrook, Ariz., May 1.—The Navajo Indians near here held a large meeting Saturday and killed their medicine man. The reason for the action of the Indians was the inability of the medicine man to stamp out or cure the smallpox, with which large numbers of the tribe have died this winter. The medicine man was made to undergo excruciating pains and horrible mutilations of the body before he was killed. First he was scalped, then he had his ears cut off; next his arms and legs were severed from the body, and then he was shot 17 times through the body. Between each of these barbarous and bloody acts of cruelty the murderers would dance around the body, which was securely fastened to a tree, and sang their hideous songs. Officers are now out hunting for the perpetrators of the horrible deed.

MRS. GEORGE IS FREE

Acquitted of the Murder of George D. Saxton.
Canton, O., April 29.—The verdict of "Not guilty," delivered to the court yesterday, acquitted Mrs. Anna E. George of the murder of George D. Saxton. It set at liberty the woman who has occupied a cell in jail for seven months. In less than an hour after the verdict had been announced congratulatory telegrams were received by Mrs. George from sympathizers in many quarters of the country. More of them were addressed to her attorneys and were congratulations on a professional victory. During the afternoon and last evening Mrs. George was constantly engaged at receptions.

Increased Their Bail.

Philadelphia, April 29.—At the conclusion of the hearing yesterday of Former United States District Attorney Ingham and ex-Assistant District Attorney Newett, charged with bribery in connection with the Lancaster (Pa.) counterfeiting conspiracy, Commissioner Edmunds increased the bail of each from \$10,000 to \$20,000.

Second Increase in Wages.

Reading, Pa., May 2.—The second increase for the year took place yesterday in the wages of the Reading Iron company's 2,500 hands from 5 to 10 per cent. The company's new furnace was also successfully set in blast.

Twentieth Kansas.

Lawrence, Kan., May 2.—Congressman J. D. Bowersock received a letter from Adjutant General Corbin yesterday saying the Twentieth Kansas would probably start home from Manila about the middle of June.

Bellamy Storor.

Madrid, May 1.—Bellamy Storor, the newly appointed United States minister to Spain, will present his credentials to the queen regent next Thursday.

GEN. OTIS IS ACTIVE

PEACE OVERTURES DO NOT INTERFERE WITH HIS PLANS.

Preparations For Pushing the War Go Steadily On—Expect Envoys to Return With Revised Proposition. Unconditional Surrender Demanded.

Manila, May 1.—While it is the general expectation among Americans that the Filipino emissaries will return with revised proposals from General Antonio Luna, Major General Otis is not letting this prospect interfere with his preparations for pushing the war. He has ordered Major General Lawton to return to Angat, a few miles northwest of Norzagaray, and not to advance aggressively while the negotiations are pending. General MacArthur is apparently acting on the same policy, but he is repairing bridges and strengthening the lines of his force, which is stretched out with a 4-mile front and within a quarter of a mile of the enemy.

The possibilities of peace was gratifying to a great majority of the army, who have regarded the war as an unpleasant duty that must be performed according to American traditions.

Manila is cheerful over the prospects of a return to normal life, though there are sceptics who remark that a truce would enable the insurgents to rest until the rainy season upon which they have been depending as an important aid.

The prisoners report that there are 75,000 refugees north of San Fernando. This is not impossible, considering the thickly populated region which the Americans have cleared. It seems also that smallpox is spreading among them.

The so-called Filipino congress will meet at San Fernando today.

When Dean C. Worcester of the United States-Philippines commission, who accompanied the Filipino emissaries from Calumpit, said to Colonel Manuel Arguelles that the Americans were under no obligations to refrain from fighting, the Filipino officer replied:

"Would you fight while we are discussing terms of peace?" Mr. Worcester responded with the suggestion that an armistice would give the Filipino leaders time to escape.

"My God, where would we escape to?" the Filipino exclaimed, referring in this to the menacing hostile tribes behind the Filipino lines.

Colonel Arguelles told a correspondent that he was much disappointed in the results of his mission. He said also that Aguinaldo expected Calumpit to be the cemetery of the American army.

In the course of the conference Saturday Jacob C. Schurman, chairman of the United States Philippine commission, told Colonel Arguelles that if the insurgents would now lay down their arms he and his colleagues of the commission would consult them regarding the plan of government to be submitted to President McKinley. He said he could not promise that all their suggestions would be adopted, but he could assure them that there would be a presumption in favor of their suggestions, adding that the commissioners would be especially anxious of satisfying the legitimate aspirations of the Filipinos.

When Colonel Arguelles protested that unconditional surrender would be humiliation, Mr. Schurman replied: "There would be no more humiliation in General Otis treating our brother Filipinos as General Grant treated our brother Americans at Appomattox."

Saturday, before General Otis had issued the order directing General Lawton to return to Angat, the troops of his command encountered the rebels in a circle of hills outside San Rafael, about five miles northwest of Angat, dislodging them after an hour's fighting. The Americans had three wounded. A thousand armed Filipinos fell back as the Americans advanced.

The villagers meet General Lawton, offering him provisions. They dare not flee into the mountain country on the east because of the robber tribes there, and on the west are the troops of General MacArthur.

Messrs. Currier and Holmes (Americans), who had been running a sugar-mill at Calumpit and whose fate had caused some anxiety, have sent word to Manila that they are safe with Mr. Higgins, manager of the Manila-Dagupan railroad, at Beyonbang.

PUBLIC DISTURBED

Over Jamaican Government's Refusal to Disclose Terms of Warning.

Kingston, Jamaica, April 29.—Public anxiety over the government's refusal to disclose the terms of the warning from the Washington government has developed into an urgent popular desire for a statement from Washington, or through American newspapers, to impress the representatives with the necessity of making their stand for reciprocity when considering the tariff bill. In the public mind Mr. Chamberlain, the British secretary of state for the colonies, would not dare repeat his previous coercive tactics if the representatives should oppose differential duties against American products.

Greatest Gold Producing Country.

Pretoria, May 1.—In the course of his speech Saturday at the opening of the Volksraad, President Kruger announced that the Transvaal was now the largest gold producing country in the world. He said the output in 1898 was £16,240,638, being an increase of £4,586,905 over the output of the previous year.

Shot and Killed a Negro.

Columbia, Mo., April 29.—John Benton, a negro aged 40 years, was shot and killed yesterday by Peter and William Conklin, father and son, at Stephens station, six miles north of here. The Conklins state that the negro had wronged the daughter of Peter Conklin, who is said to be of weak mind.

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Modern Literature.
Bacon—The late war was a great educator.
Egbert—How so?
"Why, Corporal Cartridge couldn't write his name before he enlisted, and now he's writing magazine articles."—Yonkers Statesman.

The Age.
"What," inquired the pedantic man, "do you consider the greatest inventions of the age?"
And without hesitation Miss Cayenne answers, "Women's methods of concealing it."—Washington Star.

Rightly Expressed.
If a grown up man made a speech on mixing sand with sugar, it would be quite permissible to describe it as an adult-oration.—Pick Me Up.

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Jones (who is seen on the right in the act of relating an anecdote)—And I assure you, old chap, I looked a positive fright!—Judy.

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