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PORTS OPENED TO TRADE.

Western Coast of Island of Panay Released from Restrictions by Gen. Otis.

OTHER SECTIONS WILL SOON BE OPEN.

Several Minor Engagements with Filipinos Are Also Reported--An American Officer Missing--Gen. Schwan Flanks the Rebels--Gen. Wheeler Starts for Home.

Washington, Jan. 25.--Gen. Otis reported to the war department Wednesday that the western coast of the island of Panay is now open for trade, and that the coast of Laguna de Bay and the neighboring sections of the country will also be opened to unrestricted traffic by the end of the week. He also reports several minor engagements with the Filipinos, in which the American arms meet with the usual success. The enemy lost heavily and a large amount of arms and ammunition was captured. Gen. Otis' dispatch is as follows:

"Manila, Jan. 24.--MacArthur, 20th to 23d, reports four minor engagements in which five insurgents were killed, several wounded and captured, also captured few rifles and other property, no casualties. Maj. Bishop, Thirty-sixth Infantry, in North Sambales with detachment 60 men, attacked two insurgent companies, killed nine, wounded and captured 14, secured 22 rifles, several thousand rounds of ammunition, two horses with equipments; casualties, three men wounded, one seriously. Gen. Young reports action of Stever, Third Cavalry, against Gen. Tino's force in north, inflicted heavy loss on insurgents in which 28 killed, that Dodd's troops attacked insurgents near Santa Lucia, killed six, no casualties. Reported from the south: Enemy evacuated Santa Cruz supposed to be eastern coast, that city in our possession last two days. Schwan believed to be in pursuit, no late report from him; coast Laguna de Bay and neighboring sections of country opened to unrestricted traffic 27th instant, western coast island Panay opened for trade."

An Officer Missing.

Gen. Otis also cabled the war department as follows:

"Manila, Jan. 24.--Lieut. Stockley, Twenty-first Infantry, has been missing since the 12th inst. He was on reconnoitering duty at Talisay, near San Tomas, Butangas, and was evidently captured. Search is still being prosecuted."

Driven from Entrenchments.

Paul Devereux Stockley is a second lieutenant in the Twenty-first Infantry, having been appointed August 22, 1899. He was born at Cleveland, O., July 14, 1875, and his residence when appointed was 120 Liberty street, New York.

Manila, Jan. 25.--A part of Gen. Schwan's column, consisting of six companies with some artillery, drove a force of 500 insurgents from their entrenchments at San Diego, near San Pablo, on Sunday. The enemy officially reported that they lost 67 killed and many wounded. Our casualties were one killed and 14 wounded, the injuries in most instances being slight.

Another battalion, while executing a flank movement, came upon 100 other 'rebels' in an entrenched position and routed them, killing 15. The Americans had two wounded.

Gen. Schwan moved against Majayjay, Laguna province, on Tuesday. He found its position almost impregnable, but, by lowering men down the steep river banks by ropes, flanked the enemy and drove them out. A part of his command proceeded to Santa Cruz, killing six insurgents.

Gen. Wheeler Leaves.

Gen. Wheeler and his daughter left on Wednesday on the transport Warren for San Francisco, via Hong-Kong and Guam.

New Emperor for China.

Shanghai, Jan. 25.--The North China Daily News publishes an edict signed by Emperor Kwangsu appointing as emperor in his place Putsching, the nine-year-old son of Prince Yuano. The new emperor will ascend the throne on January 31.

To Elect a Senator.

Sacramento, Cal., Jan. 24.--The legislature will meet in extra session on the 29th inst. to elect a United States senator to succeed Stephen M. White.

JOHN RUSKIN IS DEAD.

The Famous Author and Art Critic Succumbs in London to an Attack of Influenza.

London, Jan. 23.--John Ruskin died Saturday afternoon of influenza, aged 81 years.

John Ruskin, eminent English art critic and writer, was born at London, February 8, 1818. Entered Christ college, Oxford, in 1837, and graduated in 1842. Studied painting under Copley, Fielding and Harding, and published a work in 1845 on "Modern Painters" aiming to prove the superiority of modern landscape painters, and especially of Turner, over the old masters. He held different college professorships, and wrote a number of works of a socialistic tendency on political economy, and, in 1871, established the St. George's Guild, an industrial society based on his peculiar views in relation to capital and labor. He was the son of a wealthy wine merchant who died in 1854, leaving him an ample fortune. Since 1855 he has lived in retirement on his estate at Brantwood.



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LOSS BY FLOODS IN JAPAN.

Inundations Destroy Life and Much Property Through Northern Provinces--Many Vessels Lost.

Tacoma, Wash., Jan. 24.--Official reports just completed give details of inundations which destroyed property



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valued at over 6,000,000 yen in Hak-kaido province, northern Japan, in December. Thirty-five towns in the district of Shikari were devastated. Since September no less than 17,238 houses have been submerged or washed away in Hakkkaido alone, while the total damage is placed at 13,000,000 yen. Complete returns show 100 fishing schooners and other craft were destroyed or sunk during the severe storm which swept over the Japanese coast December 23 to 25. The total number of lives lost is placed at 159.

Striker Killed.

Chicago, Jan. 24.--Julius A. Menzel, a nonunion employe, killed Edward A. O'Connor, a striker, and secretary of the Metal Workers' union, during an assault upon Menzel as he was going home from work at Winslow Bros.' ornamental iron works. Brass knuckles were found clutched in the dead man's right hand.

Not Mrs. Luetgert.

Akron, O., Jan. 25.--The woman in Akron who was believed to be Mrs. Adolph Luetgert, the missing wife of the late Chicago butcher, was identified as Mrs. Matilda Cook, formerly of Lima, O. Mrs. Cook recently returned from Germany. She has been taken for Mrs. Luetgert several times, she said.

Havana Vital Statistics.

Havana, Jan. 25.--A complete report of the vital statistics of Havana for 1899 has just been issued. The deaths show an apparent excess over the births of about 4,000. Gen. Ludlow says, however, a great many births were not recorded.

Steamer Sunk.

Martha's Vineyard, Mass., Jan. 24.--The Glasgow steamer Ardanubh was sunk in a collision in Vineyard sound and James Henderson, engineer, and Fred Dowe, second mate, were drowned.

Receipts Increased.

Washington, Jan. 23.--Internal revenue receipts for the six months of the present fiscal year have been \$151,780,158, an increase of \$13,457,683 over the corresponding period last year.

Cost of Customs Collections.

Washington, Jan. 23.--Secretary Gage has sent to congress an estimate of \$7,872,000 as the cost of collecting the customs during the next fiscal year.

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