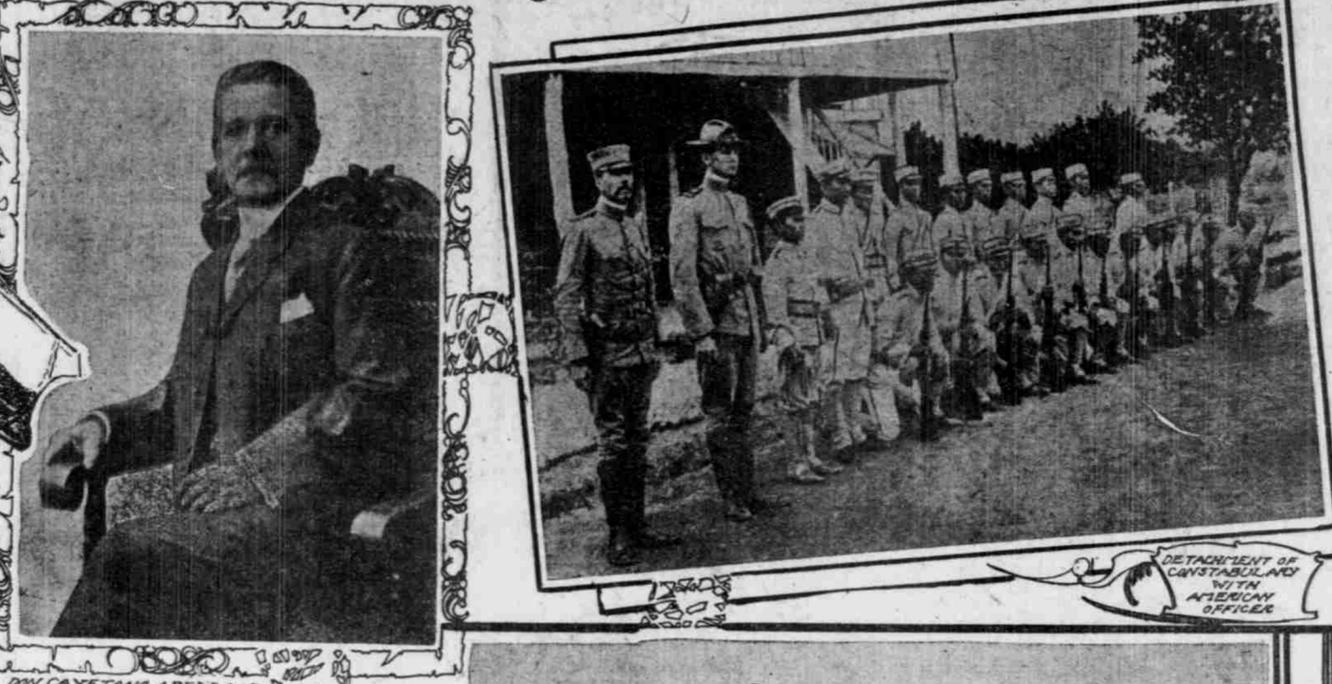


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A HOUSE IN SAMAR

MANILA, Aug. 20.—(Special Correspondence of The Sunday Oregonian.)—The constabulary, the judiciary and the finance are the three big departments of the Philippine civil government. These branches, incorporating as they do the elementary principles of government, will fully test the efficiency of the American administration. The three divisions are so closely related as to be practically inseparable. One could hardly endure without the support of the other. Of course, the first consideration is the maintenance of order, yet it follows that without justice there can be no permanent peace; also that it is impossible to maintain government without a sound system of finance.

The constabulary, aside from being the most expensive department under the civil government, has been the rock upon which both the governing and the governed have split into factions. There has been debate over its organization, and there has been continuous debate concerning its operation. While American public sentiment was unanimous in supporting the McKinley administration in the war against Spain, one of the first things which came home to the officials after the acquisition of the Philippines had resulted as one of the outcomes of that war, was that the American people would not consent to a permanent military occupation of any of the territory thus acquired. The principle of liberty is so strong in the United States that any policy favoring of the "milded" is certain to become unpopular. Realizing that a permanent military programme would be sure to sink any administration that championed it, the party leaders hastened the formation of the civil government.

Constabulary a Compromise.

When the decision was reached to withdraw the American troops, a difference of opinion arose as to how they should be replaced. Some of our brightest men contended that the local authorities would be able to control the situation without any assistance, while others argued that the withdrawal of all armed forces would simply promote brigandage and initiate a reign of terror. While it was admitted that the full force of the military would not be necessary to preserve order throughout the islands, it was insisted that the local authorities alone could not control the situation. And so the constabulary, being native troops offered by Americans, was really a compromise between the unnecessary strength of the military and the inadequacy of the local officials.

Taken at Their Own Game.

The tactics of these brigands are such that large bodies of troops cannot operate against them. They hide in mountain fastnesses and swoop down upon outlying villages or waylay the traveler. They will not make a stand against an equal force, but take to the mountains on the approach of opposition. The only way to fight them is to follow them into their retreat and play the game according to their code. This the constabulary has done successfully. During the first year after its organization the outlaws were killed and 272 were captured.

With one or two exceptions the constabulary has been equal to the work laid out for it in all parts of the archipelago. Mindanao and several other of the southern group of islands occupied by the fanatical Moros will keep the regular troops busy for some years to come, while Samar, located in the east central part of the group, has just been partially turned over to the military, the native forces being unequal to the task of pacifying it.

assistance of any kind to the constabulary their lives must pay the forfeit. Along comes the constabulary and serves notice on the villagers that if they give succor to the mountaineers they will be arrested. Consequently the coast dweller is between two fires.

Empty Villages in Samar.

These villagers are ignorant and do not like to pay taxes. They live in communities of mere shacks, which are easily erected and as easily abandoned. The report that a tax collector or a detachment of Constabulary is headed that way is all that is necessary to cause the complete evacuation of a village in a few hours. As a result of the atrocities committed by the Constabulary, the men, women and children of the east coast have decamped to the mountains.

While the ladrones will not make a stand against a white man if they can avoid it, they are religious fanatics and fierce fighters among themselves, which is shown by a fight which occurred recently between 25 mountaineers and a small detachment of the Constabulary. The latter were fortified in a stockade, and were armed with modern guns, while the mountaineers had nothing more formidable than the bolo, which is merely a sharpened corn knife. The bolo can only be used at short range, hence the attacking party had not the slightest chance of success, yet its members one after another clambered up the sides of the stockade to certain death. Finally when only six were left they deliberately retired to an open place within easy range of the guns of the stockade and danced until they were shot to death. Smith had to go against when he started in to make a howling wilderness of Samar.

It is a notable fact that when a clash occurs between the Constabulary and the outlaws, the native press raises a great hullabaloo about it, endeavoring to create the impression that the Constabulary is composed of a lot of marauders who loot and butcher simply for the pleasure of gratifying their depraved instincts. It is noticeable, however, because they do not report to suppress it, should be silenced at all hazards. Free speech is one thing and spreading sedition is another. The editors of one paper are now on trial for libel, and even if they escape conviction will have to cease their tirades or eventually land in the penitentiary.

"Shoe Hombre" Causes Trouble.

The actual truth about this system of brigandage as it prevails in the Philippines is not generally understood. The worst enemy of the civil government is not the ignorant native who becomes a bandit and eventually gets killed for his malfeasance, but rather the semi-civilized agitator who encourages him in his outlawry. It is commonly understood by the officials here that the "shoe hombre" (man who wears shoes) is the real instigator of the trouble. Sometimes the bandits are referred to as revolutionists, although it is difficult to understand what they are revolting against. Formerly they were oppressed, but there is no such reason now for their remaining under arms. They can work if they want to, and will be protected in any pursuit in which they may be engaged.

Bosses Divide With Ladrones.

In many instances the connection between officials and the ladrones has been established. In one town it was discovered that over half of the taxes had been diverted from the treasury. Of the amount purloined, two-thirds had been retained by the officials and the native papers went into more spasms about citizens being hounded by the Constabulary. A consoling feature of the incident was that those involved in the theft were sentenced to the penitentiary by a Filipino judge.

The domination of the head men is so complete, and the people are so little acquainted with the idea of taking their troubles to the courts that the work of fixing responsibility and meting out punishment to offenders is necessarily slow. As developments show the bosses and guerrillas to be in league, no effort should be spared in punishing them all. The scurrilous native press, which practically defends ladronism by crying down the effort to suppress it, should be silenced at all hazards. Free speech is one thing and spreading sedition is another. The editors of one paper are now on trial for libel, and even if they escape conviction will have to cease their tirades or eventually land in the penitentiary.

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The authentic collar for evening dress is the lap front, but the poke style of neck linen, showing a slight turn in points, is a formidable place-holder. Evening gloves are of white or pearl glass with silk embroidered backs of corresponding color. An exclusive style suggests black silk embroidery instead of similar shade to glove. Evening dress shoes are made up with dull calfskin vamp and varnished coltskin last, with medium toe. Button boots may give way to patent leather pumps for the dance. Black silk half hose and silk understock are en vogue. With strictly formal dress the Inverness cape overcoat is regarded as more rightly than any other style.

The Leather Goods.

Fashion and convenience are united in some recent importations of leather goods calculated to make easy the path of the traveler or tourist. The English kit bag is offered as a competitor in the survival of the fittest contest engaged in by dress suit cases. The London kit affords more cubic inches of space than its appearance would seem to indicate. The two-story hat holder accommodates silk, derby and opera hat. Sporting watch guards are in evidence fashioned on the model of the bridge bit. The watch wristlet is made of stout

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What Men in Fashion Will Wear This Season

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THE man of fashion of 1905 and 1906 will be the most dandiacal of all the men of fashion for many years past. The details of his dress will be less eccentric than heretofore, but where the freakish has given way, elegance has stepped in.

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