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POLITICAL BARNACLES IN PHILIPPINES

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WASHINGTON, May 13.—Office seeking and office holding by professional politicians is becoming a vocation in the Philippine Islands, according to the annual report of Acting Director Harbord to the Philippine Constabulary. So many bright young Filipinos are attracted from better things, reports Mr. Harbord, to an extent which causes sincere regret to friends of the race.

"The froth and effervescence of office-seeking and of radical newspapers in Manila," says the director "are not to be taken as the sentiment of the mass of Filipinos, who above all things desire peace and a return of economic prosperity. Differences of religion seem to be losing their political importance. There are indications of the waning of the Aglipay cult and a return of its adherence to the old-time faith. Protestant missionaries in nearly all provinces have gathered little flocks, actuated by one motive or another, but show no material increase. The Colorum guards honor and Santa Iglesia, if these may be mentioned among religious faiths show no material change. Their membership is all fanatical, ready to follow or forsake them under the leadership of plausible but unscrupulous scoundrels who exploit the poor, ignorant and superstitious for pleasure or commercial profit.

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10 THOUSAND MEMBERS IN RIFLE PRACTICE

NEW SPRINGFIELD RIFLES TO BE USED BY U. S. MARINE CORPS.

WASHINGTON, May 13.—Unusual arrangements have been perfected for instructing the 10,000 members of the U. S. Marine Corps in the art of handling the new Springfield rifle, which is now the standard military arm of the United States. It is safe to say that when the work now in progress is finally completed the Marine Corps will rank with the best shooting organizations in the world and will probably have more expert shots in proportion to its numbers than any other corps in the world. A camp of instruction has been established on the New Jersey range at Sea Girt, which was placed at the disposal of the Marine Corps through the courtesy of General Bird W. Spencer, Inspector of Rifle Practice of that State. Capt. William C. Harlee, U. S. M. C., will be in charge of the camp assisted by the following Marine Corps officers: Capt. D. C. McDougal and First Lieutenants C. B. Matthews, W. D. Smith, Merriam, Wirgman, Coyle and Torry. Capt. Harlee was captain of the Marine Corps team at Camp Perry last year, which took fourth place in the match in which 50 state and regular service teams competed. He will also be captain of the Marine Corps team in the national match to be shot at Camp Perry in August of this year.

Captain Harlee has assembled at Sea Girt a number of selected enlisted men of the Marine Corps who will be there practically all summer in attendance on a school dealing with the rifle. The Marine Corps is now armed with the Krag and it is desired that before placing the new Springfield in the hands of the Marine Corps the men should be instructed as to the proper use and care of the new weapon, especially in regard to metal fouling. The camp has been laid out to accommodate 200 men and their officers and in addition to those attending the school detachments of 50 men each will be ordered from the Brooklyn and Philadelphia Navy Yards and from various vessels at New York and Brooklyn to Sea Girt for practice. The camp will be completely equipped with all appliances in use for such practice and tests will be made of a number of new devices in connection with military rifles. Prominent among these will be the Maxim gun-silencer, which will be employed between the gallery practice and the range practice.

The course of instruction will begin with the subtarget gun machine on which the men will practice at sighting and aiming without the expenditure of ammunition. They will then proceed to the gallery range of 50 feet where the ordinary government 22 calibre rifle will be used. At this range practice will also be had with the United States 22 calibre rifle fitted with the new army telescopic sights as well as various Schutzen rifles, with and without telescopic sights. The Maxim gun-silencer will then be brought into play as with it there is, of course, much less noise and much less recoil than with the ordinary new Springfield, and the idea is to educate the recruits to the use of the new rifle by easy stages. The men will then be put on the range and shot through the courses up to 1000 yards.

The special class will be instructed in the use of the Colt automatic revolver, will be taught how to select and calibrate rifles, to take down and assemble rifles and instructed in all that pertains to their care and use. Exhaustive tests will be made with different range devices including what are known as the angle of fire controllers, invented by Ordnance Officers Ely and Phillips. As is well known, in the excitement of battle, soldiers are prone to discharge their weapons at almost any angle, the bullets frequently passing over the heads of the opposing force, or to strike the ground at some distance in front. The angle of fire controller, of which two will be tested, is designed to overcome this by locking the piece so that it cannot be discharged except when pointed at a certain angle.

Invitations will be issued to expert riflemen such as Capt. K. V. Casey, Lt. Col. Wm. A. Tewes, Dr. W. C. Hudson, Capt. H. W. McBride, Maj. C. B. Winder and other crack military rifle shots and theoretical experts on rifles, ammunition and targets, to deliver lectures to the school during the summer. A detachment will leave the camp early in August for Camp Perry, Ohio, to participate

VAST COMMERCE CAREFULLY COMPUTED

OVER 30,000,000,000 OF VALUES INTERCHANGED IN THE YEAR 1907.

WASHINGTON, May 13.—A new record for the international commerce of the world was established in 1907, according to the statistical abstract of the United States, prepared by the Bureau of Statistics of the Department of Commerce and Labor. This abstract puts the total exports for the various countries and colonies of the world in that year at 14,000,000,000 dollars and the imports at 16,800,000,000. Of this grand total the United States is accredited with 14.4 per cent of the exports and with 9.2 per cent of the imports. Ten countries contributed more than two-thirds of the total. On this export side the United Kingdom headed the list with \$2,073,000,000; the United States coming next with \$1,835,000,000; Germany third with \$1,629,000,000 and France fourth with \$1,080,000,000. On the imports side the United Kingdom headed the list with \$3,143,000,000; Germany second with \$2,082,000,000; France third with \$1,201,000,000 and the United States fourth with \$1,194,000,000. Practically two thirds if this total of international trade is accredited to Europe.

In the year under consideration, Canada took 50 per cent of her imports from the United States; Mexico 53 per cent; the Central American states more than 50 per cent; Cuba 49 per cent; Santo Domingo 53 per cent; Haiti 81 per cent. The United Kingdom 48 per cent and France 11 per cent and Germany 57 per cent.

in the Ohio State Rifles Association matches. On the individual showing made in these matches the Marine Corps team for the great national match will be selected. After the National Team Match, Individual Match and Pistol Match, the Marine Corps team will remain at Camp Perry for the matches of the National Rifle Association, after which it will return to Sea Girt for the matches of the New Jersey, New York and Pennsylvania Rifle Associations. At the conclusion of the season the men will be distributed to the various ships and stations of the Marine Corps and it is expected that every enlisted man who is in attendance on the school will be qualified to act as an expert instructor for the men at the post to which he will be assigned, in addition to which some 2000 or more marines from the eastern ships and stations will have been given a course of instruction though not so extensive.

It is expected that the magnificent Marine Trophy will be ready for exhibition by June 15. This is a solid silver cup costing more than \$1500 which was subscribed by the officers of the Marine Corps and presented to the National Rifle Association for individual competition of 20 shots at 600 and 1000 yards with any military rifle, any military sight and any prefer. This cup will be shot for at Camp Perry for the first time.

HAD A GOOD TIME.

WASHINGTON, May 13.—Surrounded by fellow fraternity men and distinguished guests, Frank Carpenter, secretary to President Taft last night was tendered a banquet here by members of the Georgetown Active and Washington Alumni Chapters of the Delta Chi fraternities. Mr. Carpenter is a member of the Minnesota University chapter of the same fraternity and responded to a toast on "Reminiscences."

HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

SPRINGFIELD, Ill. May 13.—The tenth annual meeting of the Illinois State Historical Society opened this morning and will continue over tomorrow. The opening session was devoted to the business affairs of the society, including the reports of officers and committees, and the election of officers for the ensuing year.

The program this afternoon included the presentation of papers as follows: "How Mr. Lincoln Received the News of His First Nomination," Clinton Conkling, Springfield; "The Winter of the Deep Snow," Mrs. E. Atkinson, Chicago; "Efforts to Divorce Judicial Elections from Politics in Illinois," Judge O. A. Harker, dean of the law school of the University of Illinois. The president's address by General Alfred Orendorff and the annual address by President James of the University of Illinois are to be the chief features of the evening session.



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The conference will remain in session three weeks, with the Rev. A. G. Daniel of this city presiding. Reports prepared by officers and committees for presentation to the conference show that the last four-year term has witnessed the greatest growth in the history of the denomination.

WANTS TO INCREASE RATES.

ATLANTA, Ga. May 13.—The question of whether or not the Georgia Railroad shall be allowed to increase its passenger rate from 2 1/4 to 2 1/2 cents per mile was argued today before the State Railroad Commission. The commission recently overruled a petition of the company to increase its passenger rate, but upon the application of the company it decided to grant another hearing.

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