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THE FILIPINO AS A FIGHTER.

The Filipinos have some fighting qualities, but as warriors they are not comparable with the North American Indian. There would be a different story to record if Otis were facing 30,000 hostile Nez Percés or Modocs, fighting them in their own country, and conducting the campaign over a network of waterways, and a vast tangle of jungles.

It required a regiment of regulars, the services of a company of Indian allies, the expenditure of several million dollars, and a protracted and bloody campaign to capture Captain Jack's little band of miserable Modocs in Southern Oregon and Northern California in the early '70s. At the beginning of hostilities Jack had only sixty Modoc and twenty Hot Creek warriors. When he surrendered there were only fifty fighting men and boys, about fifty women, and sixty children. But in the course of the war our regulars lost 100 in killed and wounded, of which forty-one were killed, of whom seven were commissioned officers. Including citizens, a total of sixty-three were killed, beside two Indian allies—in all sixty five killed and sixty-three wounded, of whom some died.

The little band of fighting Modocs surrendered to a force of 985 regulars and 71 Indian allies. Bancroft gives a graphic statement of the arrival of the captives in camp:

"About sunset on the 22nd the cry was heard in camp, 'Here they come. Here they are.' Every man started to his feet and every camp sound was hushed. In front of the procession rode Blair, the superintendent of Fairchild's farm, who sharply eyed the strolling soldiers. Fifty yards behind him rode Fairchild; behind him the Modoc warriors, followed by the women and children, all mounted, or rather piled, upon a few gaunt ponies, who fairly staggered under them. All the men wore portions of the United States uniform, and all the women a motley assortment of garments gathered up about the settlements, or plundered from the houses pillaged in the beginning of the war. Both men and women had their faces daubed with pitch, in sign of mourning, giving them a hideous appearance. Among them were lame, halt and blind, the scum of the tribe. Slowly and silently they filed into camp, not a word being uttered by any one. Davis went forward a little way to meet them, when twelve warriors laid down their Springfield rifles at his feet, these being about a third of the fighting force of this band.

"Now that Captain Jack was no more to be feared, a feeling of professional pride caused the army to make much of the man who, with one small company, armed with rifles, had baffled and defeated a whole regiment of trained soldiers with all the appliances of modern warfare. But there was nothing in the appearance of Jack to indicate

the military genius that was there. He was rather small, weighing 145 pounds, with small hands and feet and thin arms. His face was round, and his forehead low and square. His expression was serious, almost morose; his eyes black, sharp and watchful, indicating cunning, caution and a determined will. His age was 36, and he looked even younger. Clad in solid cavalry pantaloons and dark calico shirt, his bushy, unkept hair cut short across his forehead, reclining negligently on his elbow on the ground, with a pipe between his teeth from which smoke was seldom seen to issue, his face motionless but for the darting of his watchful eyes, he looked almost like any other savage."

If Aguinaldo had 5000 soldiers of the fighting quality of the Modocs, he could prolong the war indefinitely. But he has them not. His soldiers will not stand under fire, even when fighting behind carefully constructed intrenchments or concealed by the jungle.—Spokesman-Review.

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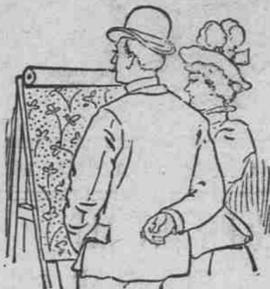
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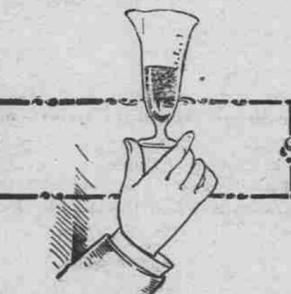
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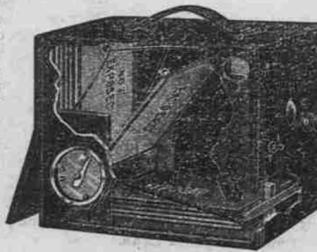
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