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WESTERN MEN AS SOLDIERS.

A striking illustration of the general resourcefulness, courage and adaptability of Western men is found in the record of the past three months of warfare in the Philippines. Practically all the volunteer soldiers in the Philippines are Western men. All are from the sunset side of the Alleghenies except a regiment from Pennsylvania. All the rest are from the sunset side of the Mississippi except one regiment from Tennessee.

In no other of the country's wars was an army so exclusively composed of Western men as in this instance. Eastern men and Western men were mixed up in all the armies of the union during the war of secession. Of course in the Mexican war the West was so far below the East in population that it could not form any exclusive force of fighters in that conflict, although it contributed more men than the East in proportion to inhabitants. At the time of the war of 1812 there were only four states in the union outside of the Atlantic seaboard region—Kentucky, Tennessee, Ohio and Louisiana. In that war, as in the conflict with Mexico and in the civil struggle, the West did great work, but in the case of the war in the Philippines it has practically done all of the work which has been done by the volunteers, and the volunteers comprise about three-fourths of the force in the islands.

There is a fine tribute here to the Western states as nurseries of men. Practically all of the men from the West who have been fighting Aguinaldo have been taken from civil life. None of the officers of the volunteers, except a comparatively few, are professional soldiers. Most of the volunteer officers and all the privates have been drawn from farms, factories, or from professional life. All of them, regular soldiers as well as the others, have been fighting under conditions which were entirely new. They have been living in an alien climate, have been confronted with physical circumstances which are strange, and have had an entire environment which has been unfriendly. Yet they have triumphed over all these hostile conditions. The record which the soldiers of MacArthur, Wheaton and Lawton have made is a triumph for American manhood. It is a revelation and an illustration of the operation of the social forces which have made Western men invincible in peace as well as in war.

If Aguinaldo hasn't already had enough, he will very soon get a sufficiency. Our forces are going right ahead thrashing his followers a little more completely every day. They can have all they want—as much or as little as they choose to take.

There have been traitors in all wars, says a contemporary. They have never yet prevented the rightful settlement of an American war, though they are more of a nuisance than if they fought their country openly.

Two anti-expansion meetings have been held in different parts of the country and were marked by two things. One was the wild rhetoric on the platform and the other the dissent in the audiences.

Aguinaldo has had his capital in many places; but when our brave volunteers and regulars arrive it is not there. He now carries it around in his hat. All the other places are occupied.

Notice.

Notice is hereby given that there will be an annual meeting of the stockholders of the Golden Eagle Mining Co., at the office of French & Co., bankers, Wednesday, May 31, 1899, at 7 o'clock p. m. for the purpose of electing seven directors and transacting such other business as may properly come before said meeting.

By order of the president.

J. C. HOSTETLER,
Sec'y and Treas.

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