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WE MAY BE GENEROUS.

Every American citizen, except perhaps a few who make war their profession, hope that the negotiations between the American forces in the Philippines and the Filipino insurgents may terminate in peace before declared and a cessation of hostilities, though there is little prospect of such a termination if General Otis pursues the course he has actually followed.

With the experience we have had in a war of three months with the Philippines, we are certainly not inclined to believe they should surrender unconditionally and much to gain by remaining in the field fighting for independence, for they have learned by experience with both the Spanish and the American armies that the invaders are placed upon their surrender their rights will be recognized, therefore they will not be in a hurry to lay down their arms.

The Filipino has rights that we must recognize, notwithstanding the fact that we bought them like so many cattle or sheep. They are human beings, and liberty is as dear to them as to the most loyal citizen of this country.

Organized labor has made another grave mistake by resorting to violence and the destruction of property belonging to the Bunker Hill Mining Co., at Warden, Idaho. The grievance against the company was that it refused to accede to the demands of the Miners' Union, and was employing non-union labor.

TOU FOND OF "TALKING" If some of Governor Geer's friends don't put a muzzle on his tongue pretty soon the state will become a laughing stock for having a governor whose brains are in the wrong part of his anatomy.

GERMANS ON IMPERIALISM.

Among the foreign element in America there are none more level-headed or far seeing than the Germans. Although raised in a monarchy, they readily adopt our systems, acquire a knowledge of our political institutions, and accept the duties and responsibilities of American citizenship with a promptitude that fits them to judge of national questions intelligently and accurately.

In this effusion Geer displays his unpardonable ignorance of the sentiment of those who oppose imperialism, and of the tactics that led to Dowe's great victory at Manila. The naval battle of May 1, 1898, was in no sense a step toward expansion; it was fought with a view to subduing the Philippines, but was a war to liberate them from Cuban rule.

The government's questioning the patriotism of those who oppose imperialism is entirely uncalled for. There are those who glory in the victory of our greatest military genius over the Spaniards with whom we were engaged in war, but do not desire to progress to govern a people without their consent or butcher them because they object, yet are as patriotic as the victims of circumstances who sit in the governor's chair at Salem.

SHOW YOUR HAND. Since the executive committee of the Commercial club has taken in hand the matter of encouraging manufacturing industries in The Dalles, and called a meeting of the club for May 13th, it will soon be in order for the property owners and business men of the city to show what they are willing to do in the line of offering financial assistance.

THE NEW FORESTRY SYSTEM. Among the acts of the government of the United States that have received years which are most likely to leave a permanent impress, the reservation of forest areas will take a prominent place. For more than a century after the government was organized it acted as if forest wealth were inexhaustible and made no special effort to protect it from unnecessary destruction.

OUR FOUNDATION STONE. Free competition is one of the foundation stones upon which modern civilization rests, the other two being the rights to own land and make contracts. That free competition is crumbling to the dust and that mighty combinations of capital are establishing industrial despotism in its stead is one of the terrible facts with which the present and the future has to deal.

A BICYCLE DECADE. The bicycle, popularly called "wheel" or "bike," is no longer regarded by the unprejudiced mind as a "devilish machine" made only for city "swells" and snoring horses; but rather has come to be looked upon as a permanent and necessary implement to be used by any and all persons who desire to do.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

An exchange says American belles in Havana have adopted the Spanish custom of flirting with a fan. That must be a mistake. No truly American girl would be content with flirting with anything but a man, or some other woman's husband.

Two Filipino Officers Meet General Otis. MANILA, May 2.—Major Manuel Arguezeles and Lieutenant Jose Bernales, of the staff of General Antonio Luna, returned here today to renew and discuss the request of General Luna for a cessation of hostilities.

NEWS FROM ILLINOIS. He Sends Word of His Capture to General MeArthur. MANILA, May 2.—The first authentic information regarding Lieutenant J. G. Gillette's capture by the Filipinos was received at the hands of Major A. R. Arguezeles, of the staff of General Luna.

ORDERED TO WARDEN. Troops From Walla Walla and Spokane Sent to Idaho. VANCOUVER, May 2.—Sixty men of the Fourth cavalry, under command of Lieutenant Munro, will leave this city today for Warden, Idaho.

THEY REPRESENT AGUINALDO. Filipino Envoys Speak for the Insurgent Leader. MANILA, May 3.—P. M.—The Filipino envoys, Major Arguezeles and Lieutenant Bernal, have abandoned the pretense under which they came to General Otis to identify themselves as representatives of Aguinaldo himself.

U. S. SECRET SERVICE WORK. The leaders of the dynamiting mob on Canyon Creek and at Mullen are seeking safety by flying to the hills and crossing the state line into Montana, where they are forming a States secret service. It is impossible for the Idaho state authorities to pursue these fugitives and rout them out of their hiding places.

ARE THE LEADERS and a better assortment could not be found in any Music House. During the remainder of the this month we are holding out special inducements.

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NEW PROPOSALS OF PEACE

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GENERAL OTIS AND THE FILIPINOS. Recognition of the Filipino Government Still Refused. MANILA, May 3.—There was a conference here today between Major-General Otis, U. S. O., and the envoys who came here from General Antonio Luna bearing the proposal for a cessation of hostilities.

ARMED MARTIAL LAW. Report to This Effect Has Been Received From Warden. WALLACE, Idaho, May 4.—The report is that the country is under martial law, but that an official announcement is made here yet.

AGUINALDO NOT FOR PEACE. The Philippine Junta says they have received a telegram from Aguinaldo, dated April 30, in which he stated that his government has nothing to do with the present peace negotiations, which he asserts are being conducted by a group of half-castes, who are anxious for peace in expectation of getting high offices under the new government.

ARRESTING THE RIOTERS. WARDNER, Idaho, May 3.—Fifty-four wardners have been sworn out and commenced making arrests today for the protection of the colored troops. The dynamiters are fleeing to the hills. Their cabins are being searched, and the town is wild with excitement.

WALLA WALLA, Wash., May 3.—The wife of George Dehaven, of Milton, Or., committed suicide this morning. Her husband, returning from mining, found her lying face downward in an irrigating ditch, with fatigues tied around her neck. Years of sickness and despondency was the cause of her action.

THE WHITE-WASHING REPORT. IT WILL BE ANSWERED TO THE PRESIDENT'S QUESTIONS. NEW YORK, May 4.—A special to the Times, from Washington, says: From an administration source, it is learned that the report of the beef inquiry is a reply in a series of answers to the questions put by the president to the members of the board.

COLONEL SUMMERS LEADS TO VICTORY He Charged the Enemy at Maasoul. WASHINGTON, May 4.—The war department received the following dispatches today: MANILA, May 4.—Colonel Summers, with six battalions, including the Second Oregon, the Dakota regiment, the Third Infantry, and a piece of the Utah light artillery, of Lawton's division, proceeded north this morning to Maasoul, where they crossed the river and charged the enemy in strong entrenchments, driving him northward, and inflicting considerable loss. His casualties were two wounded.

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