

LABOR IN THE PHILIPPINES.

A knowledge of the wages paid for labor in Manila and of the conditions one must meet should be sufficient to keep American laborers at home. If they wish to take their labor to that market, it must be sold as cheaply as the labor of their competitors, as they will receive no larger wages because the Philippine islands are a possession of the United States. The best skilled labor at Manila receives the equivalent of \$15 per month in gold, while the average earnings of the working classes will not equal \$4 per month in gold, out of which provision must be made for the support of one's family. The best clerical labor, such as accountants, cashiers, bookkeepers, and the employees of the larger houses, receive from \$30 to \$60 per month in gold. The small number of Europeans, excepting the Spanish, who are engaged in business in the Philippines are either the proprietors or responsible managers of established firms. The total absence of European and American laborers in the Orient is a sufficient demonstration that their employment is not needed. It is quite true that the cost of living is merely nominal in comparison with the cost in the United States, but even if one should save one's entire income, it would scarcely amount to a competence. It is a mistake to indulge the supposition that the Filipinos are uncouth savages, incapable of performing skilled labor that requires the exercise of judgment. The population living along the coast and in the cities has attained a surprising degree of civilization, and the workmen of this class produce an infinite variety of articles of their own manufacture that would be creditable to a more enlightened country. They are, in my judgment, superior to the same classes in Cuba, Porto Rico and Hawaii, and possess in a great measure the cleverness at imitation of the Japanese, whom they resemble in physical appearance and in the similarity of many customs. From "Material Problems in the Philippine Islands," by Samuel W. Belford, in the American Monthly Review of Reviews for April.

MACS IN THE SENATE.

The Washington Post under a recent date, pays the following compliment to the ability of the four Macs in the United States Senate, heading the list with Oregon's Senator, McBride. Washington papers often speak very highly of Senator McBride, acknowledging his exceptional ability and tireless energy, which means so much for our state. Not only in consideration of the Senator, but state pride, entitles his successful efforts as credited by the Washington papers, to full recognition by our local press.

"There are four Macs in the senate—McBride, McEnery, McLaurin, and McMillan. Two are democrats and two republicans. But they all voted for the treaty, and two of them—McEnery and McLaurin—secured its ratification. Our citizens of Scotch descent are very solid members of society. They seldom get left in any important matter which progress, prosperity, and patriotism are involved. It is a pretty safe thing to bet on the Scotchman. He makes it his business to keep on the winning side, and it is due him to say that, canny though he may be in ordinary things, he is willing to risk a little, sometimes much, where his feelings and convictions are concerned. He is a good, solid stand-by in the hour of need. Hoot, mon!"

SENOR QUESADA, who represented the alleged Cuban republic in Washington, although never officially recognized by this government, from almost the beginning of the Cuban revolution until deposed by the Cuban assembly, the other day, is still in Washington. He takes a hopeful view of the situation in Cuba, and believes that everything will come out right in the end. He said: "I think we are going to get a fair deal. I think that the United States will do well by Cuba, and that Cuba is worthy of the sacrifices that have been made in her behalf by the United States." He thinks that the question of annexation is one that should be and will be left until

Cuba has a government and congress properly elected by its people to decide whether it would prefer maintaining an independent republic or being annexed to the United States. He says he is perfectly satisfied that the people of the United States would not consent to the annexation of Cuba upon any other basis than the request of a majority of its people.

MALOLO.

Aginaldo's Capital Has Gone Down Before Those Boys of Ours.

By the Associated Press. MANILA, March 31.—Major General MacArthur entered Malolos, the seat of the so-called insurgent government, at 9:30 o'clock this morning, the rebels burning the city and simultaneously evacuating it. They are now in full retreat toward the north, where Aginaldo and his cabinet have been for two days.

OTIS' REPORT OF CAPTURE OF MALOLO. WASHINGTON, March 31.—The war department at 1:30 o'clock this morning made public the following dispatch from General Otis:

"MANILA, March 31.—Major General MacArthur captured Malolos at 10:15 this morning. The enemy retreated after a slight resistance and firing the city. Particulars later. Hall had quite a severe engagement beyond Mariquina; casualties 20. The enemy driven. Otis'

MACARTHUR ADVANCING. MANILA, March 31, 10:53 a. m.—Major General MacArthur advanced to attack Malolos, the seat of the insurgent government at 7 o'clock this morning. He was met with strong opposition, the rebels resisting desperately but losing heavily. General Hall's brigade is advancing north from the water works and driving the left wing of the enemy.

THE MARCH TO MALOLO. MANILA, March 31, 7:30 p. m.—The United States troops rested last night in a jungle about one mile and a quarter from Malolos. The day's advance began at 2 o'clock and covered a distance of about two and one-half miles beyond Guiguinto river, along the railroad. The brunt of the battle was on the right of the track, where the enemy was apparently concentrated. The First Nebraska, First South Dakota and Tenth Pennsylvania regiments encountered them entrenched on the border of the woods and the Americans advancing across an open country, suffered a terrific fire for half an hour. Four men of the Nebraska regiment were killed and thirty wounded. Ten men of the Dakota regiment were wounded and one of the Pennsylvania was killed. The Americans finally drove the Filipinos back. Although there were three lines of strong entrenchments along the track, the enemy made scarcely any defence there. General MacArthur and his staff were walking on the track abreast of the line, with everything quiet, when suddenly they received a shower of bullets from sharpshooters in trees and on housetops, but these were speedily dislodged. The enemy's loss was apparently small, the jungle affording them such protection that the Americans were unable to see them and in firing were guided only by the sound of the Filipino's shots. The American artillery was handicapped for the same reason. Last night's long line of camp fires made a beautiful sight with the Twentieth Kansas on the left of Guiguinto and the Pennsylvania regiment on the right beyond the river. The provision train was delayed by broken bridges, but stores of grain and lots of ducks in the locality furnished ample forage. Hospital work is remarkably excellent as it has been through the whole campaign. Telegraphers keep abreast of the line and maintain constant connection with the city.

EIGHT MILE ITEMS.

A rainy Easter. Grass is growing nicely. Farmers are very busy with their spring work.

We were all very much shocked to hear of the sudden death of Mrs. Case Fuqua. We were expecting her on Eight Mile soon to occupy the new house her husband had built during her stay in Lexington, but instead the Master called her to come up higher, and she went to the mansion not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. She had made her peace with God years ago, she was prepared to meet her Master, even though she was called so suddenly. Our hearts ache for the husband and family, but they do not mourn as those having no hope—

When in their lovely beds, Loved ones are lying, When joyful wings are spread, To heaven flying, Would we to sin and pain Call back their souls again, Weave round their hearts the chain Severed in dying?

N's, dearest Jesus, no; To Thee, their savior, Let their free spirits go, Ransomed forever, Hells of unending jay, Thine is the victory; Thine let the glory be, Now and forever.

E. M. C.

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THE MYSTERIOUS CRAFT.

The Vessel From Nowhere Bound to Nowhere to Be Sold.

The New York Times, on March 30th, says: The Scipio, a craft from nowhere, bound to nowhere, flying no flag, owner less and crewless, is to be sold to the highest bidder at the Brooklyn navy yards by the United States government. A board has been appointed to examine the ship which lies at the yard. The board will determine as to how to dispose of her.

The board will perform a similar duty with respect to the steamer Niagara, which is also at the Brooklyn yard. This was bought by the government from the Ward line during the Spanish war. At the outbreak of hostilities, agents of the government were engaged in buying ships and war munitions in England. The beginning of actual warfare found some of the deals incomplete, England being a neutral power, these incomplete deals could not be pushed through—that is to say, apparently not. Soon after the beginning of hostilities, a steamship in perfect trim from stem to stern, with furnace fires burning, with steam up, but without a soul on board, was found adrift off the coast of Newfoundland, found by a United States ship, too, oddly enough. The crewless ship was the Scipio.

She flew no flag, and there was not so much as a scrap of paper to be found aboard her to indicate where she sailed from, where she was sailing to, or who owned her. She was a mystery of the deep. The Scipio carried a cargo of coal, but never did such strange things come out of a cargo of coal as came from the depths of the antebreak pile in the hold. There were guns, fine modern affairs of English make, Maxims, Hotchkiss cannons, field pieces and other ordnance, together with ammunition.

Just how the Scipio came to be found adrift with such an opportune cargo by a United States ship has never been told—officially. The Scipio has been at the Brooklyn navy yards since she was picked up adrift on the high seas.

Of course it was pre-arranged she could be "picked" up by agents of the United States government, as at the time, owing to the restrictions of the neutrality law, a sale could not be effected in the ordinary way.

To the Public.

On Monday, March 27th, the steamer Spokane was placed in service on the Snake river between Riparia and Lewiston with double daily service, and is now operated as a through mail, express and passenger steamer, making round trips daily except Saturday. Leaves Riparia at 2:30 a. m., arriving at Lewiston at 12 o'clock, noon. Leaves Lewiston at 2:30 p. m., arriving at Riparia at 7 p. m. The steamer Lewiston will take the place of the Spokane on the same schedule on Saturday, and at other times will be operated on a wild schedule, taking care of all local work. This schedule places Lewiston and the Buffalo Hump country more in touch with points on the O. R. & N.

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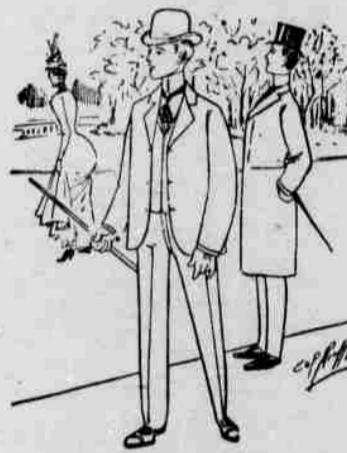
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MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS.

—A huge cypress tree in Tule, in the state of Oaxaca, Mexico, is 154 feet in circumference.

—A five-cent stamp must adorn every day book, ledger or other account book kept by a business house in Mexico.

—The cells in the jail at Dover, N. H., are arranged in a circle and revolve so that the inmates can successively see the country at all points of the compass.

—A bereaved widower in St. Joseph, Mo., took unto himself a second wife before his first spouse was buried. The body of No. 1 had been temporarily placed in a receiving vault.

—In Topeka there is a young married man who really loves his mother-in-law—loves her so much that her daughter has brought suit for alienation of her husband's affections.

—A can of boiling lard was on the cook stove, and Miss Stella Evans, of Colorado Springs, put an egg into it to boil. In an instant the egg exploded and the lady was spattered with flying lard.

—A citizen of Buckfield, Me., lost his house and all his furniture by fire. His neighbors came to his relief by the presentation of various household articles, and among them were 40 bedsteads.

—A real estate agent in Newburg, N. Y., engaged a painter to paint a house, inside and out. He gave him the wrong number, and the wrong house was completely painted before the blunder was discovered.

—An extraordinary railroad trip was recently made over the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy, from Chicago to Denver. The distance is 1,925 miles, and the trip was made in 1,069 minutes' actual running time.

—A lady in Wilkesbarre, Pa., who had possessed of considerable property left it all to a female friend who had been very kind to her—all except one cent; and this she deposed should be given to her husband five years after her death.

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