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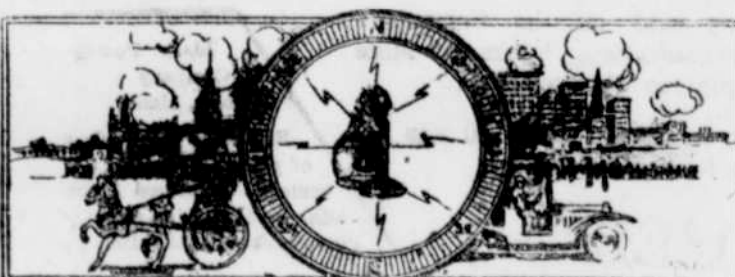
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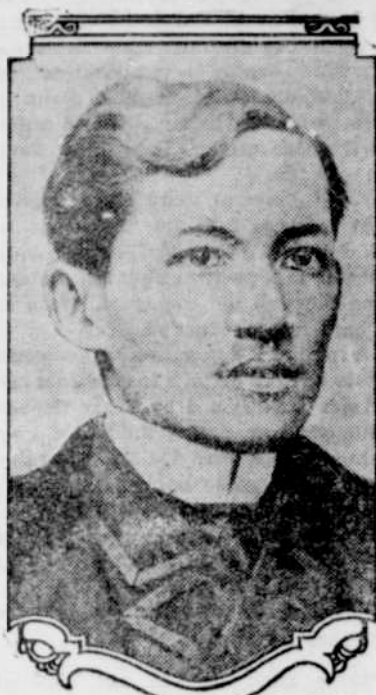
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RIZAL, FILIPINO MARTYR, WROTE REMARKABLE POEM

By FORMER CONGRESSMAN CLYDE H. TAVENNER.



DR. JOSE RIZAL,
The Filipino Patriot.

Every year June 19 is celebrated by
Filipinos as the anniversary of the
birthday of the Filipino martyr, Dr.
Jose Rizal, regarded as the greatest
man the Malay race has produced.

Rizal, who spoke seven languages
and was a cultured and much traveled
man (on one occasion he traveled
across the United States), earned the
enmity of Spanish governors in the
Philippines by protesting against the
oppression of the Filipino people. As
a boy he had witnessed scenes that
sent shafts of grief into his poet
soul, and he early dedicated his life
to the liberation of his "land adored."
At the risk of his life, and at the
sacrifice of his career, friends and
loved ones, he became the spokesman
for the stifled grievances of the voice-
less multitude, and thus became "the
living indictment of Spain's wretched
colonial system."

Rizal could have saved his life, as
he had been warned by friends not to
return to the islands. He could not
be dissuaded, but before returning to
Manila left a letter with a friend in
Hongkong to be opened after his
death, in which he wrote: "Gladly do
I go to expose myself to peril, not as
any explanation of misdeed (for in this
matter I believe myself guiltless of
any), but to complete my work and
any man ought to be always prepared. A man ought to
die for duty and his principles. I hold fast to every idea which I have ad-
vanced as to the condition and future of our country, and shall willingly die
for it. I hold duties of conscience above all else. Besides I wish to show
those who deny us patriotism that we know how to die for duty and prin-
ciples."

While Rizal was in Europe working for Philippine reforms, the Spanish
governor-general, to indirectly punish Rizal, carried on a relentless persecu-
tion of his parents and relatives in the Philippines, driving them into exile.
To his parents Rizal left a second letter, saying: "Should fate go against me,
you will understand that I shall die happy in the thought that my death will
end all your troubles. Return to our country and may you be happy in it.
Till the last moment of my life I shall be thinking of you and wishing you all
good fortune and happiness."

Spain had meanwhile determined on having Rizal's life, foolishly thinking
that if his voice was stifled agitation for the reforms he championed would
end. Rizal was arrested on a trumped up charge of treason and condemned
to death. But no sooner had the firing squad completed its work than the
teachings of Rizal almost instantaneously became the passionate inspiration
of the whole Filipino race. His unjust execution had simply transferred the
intense patriotism of Rizal to the breasts of an entire nation of people. The
Philippine nationalism of today dates from the sunshiny morning of December
30, 1896, when Rizal was led forth from his prison to willingly give, as he
himself said, his life for his country's redemption.

While touring in the Philippines recently the conviction was ever present
in my mind, and I could not throw it off, that the real inspiration as well as
the leadership of the Filipino people in their present desire for independence
is the spirit of Jose Rizal. The memory of Rizal and the desire for inde-
pendence seem to be synonymous in the mind of the average Filipino.

Rizal is the inspiration of all classes, of old and young, of all the people;
he is not dead, for his spirit is everywhere in that beautiful land. His pic-
ture adorns the homes of the poorest families; streets, avenues and cities are
named in his honor, while his statue stands in the parks and public squares.
In life Rizal was a beautiful character, kind and considerate of all, gladly
giving his life for his country, and in memory he has become the national idol.
With such a spirit as its national inspiration the Philippines can not help but
reach heights now not dreamed of.

While awaiting death in his cell during his last night on earth Rizal wrote
a remarkable poem, "My Last Farewell." He secreted the manuscript in an
alcohol cooking lamp, where it was found after his execution. It follows:

MY LAST FAREWELL

By DR. JOSE RIZAL.

Farewell, dear fatherland, clime of the
sun caressed,
Pearl of the Orient seas, our Eden lost;
Gladly now I go to give thee this faded
life's best.
And were it brighter, fresher or more
lovely,
Still would I give it thee, nor count the
cost.

On the field of battle, 'midst the frenzy of
fight,
Others have given their lives without
doubt or heed;
The brave warriors not-cypress or laurel
or lily white,
Scaffold or open plain, combat or martyr-
dom's plight,
'Tis ever the same, to serve our home and
country's need.

I die just when I see the dawn break
Through the gloom of night, to herald the
day.
And if color is lacking my blood thou
shalt take,
Pour'd out at need for thy dear sake,
To dye with its crimson thy waking ray.

My dreams, when life first opened to me,
My dreams, when the hopes of youth beat
high,
Were to see thy loved face, O gem of the
Orient sea,
From gloom and grief, from care and
sorrow free;
No blush on thy brow, no tear in thine
eye.

Dream of my life, my living and burning
desire,
All hail! cries the soul that is now to take
flight;
All hail! and sweet it is for thee to expire!
To die for thy sake that thou may'st
aspire,
And sleep in thy bosom eternity's long
night.

If over my grave some day thou seest
grew
In the grassy sod, a humble flower,
Draw it to thy lips and kiss my soul so,
While I may feel on my brow in the cold
tomb below
The touch of thy tenderness, thy breath's
warm flower.

Let the moon beam over me soft and
serene,
Let the dawn shed over me its radiant
ashes,
Let the wind with sad lament over me
keen;
And if on my cross a bird should be seen,
Let it thrill there its hymn of peace to my
ashes.

FILIPINO LEGISLATORS
DEBATE IN ENGLISH.

The English language recently was
used for the first time in the debates
of the Filipino House of Representa-
tives.

The fact was cabled to the United
States Insular Affairs Bureau. The
principal speakers were Messrs. Ben-
itez, De Guzman and Vitara. These
members are graduates from the Uni-
versity of the Philippines.

English is taught exclusively in the
public schools of the Philippines, and
it is announced, will continue to be
if independence is granted. Accord-
ing to an estimate based on the
census just completed, seventy per
cent of the inhabitants of the Philip-
pines over 10 years of age are liter-
ate. This is a higher percentage of
literacy than that of any South Amer-
ican country.

SAYS ALL FILIPINOS
WANT INDEPENDENCE.

"It is frequently said that only the
politicians in the Philippines want in-
dependence, but I do not think such is
the case," said Dr. D. M. Gandier,
superintendent of the California Anti-
Saloon League, who has just returned
from the Philippines. "I have met
all classes of people from various
parts of the islands and all alike seem
to me to desire independence. I am
inclined to think that they have the
ability to govern themselves. We are
developing a social and political con-
science in America and they will de-
velop one there; and I very much
doubt that they will learn as fast
under present conditions as they
would under complete independence.
Independence in some form is bound
to come and I am inclined to think
that it had better come soon."

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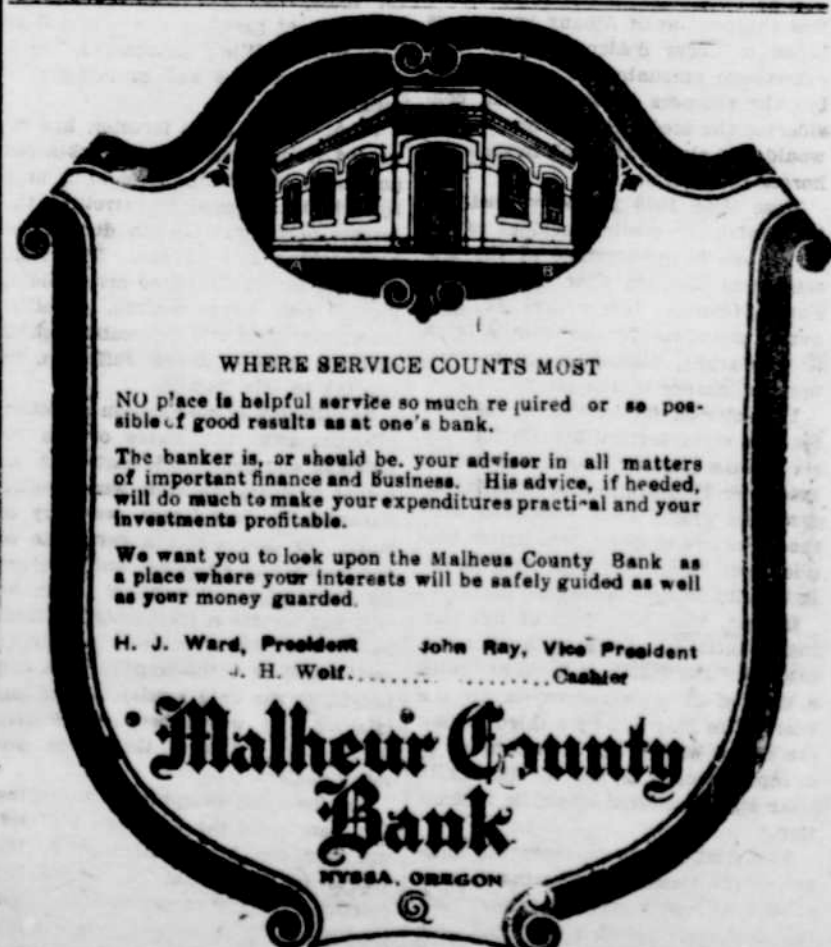
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