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THE REPORT OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

The preliminary report of the Philippine commission, which was hurried out for its possible good effect on the elections, throws little new light on the situation.

The report is a compact summary of conditions on the islands as the commission saw them, of the events preceding the Spanish war and following the taking of Manila by Dewey, and a chapter is devoted to the capacity of the Filipinos for self-government.

The fact that Admiral Dewey was a member of the commission and signed and fully endorses this report, makes the document of especial interest, and will give it fully as much weight as it is probably entitled to in the minds of the people.

It seems that when the Spanish General Aguinardo, memoranda furnished by Admiral Dewey give the facts and show that while no specific promises were made to Aguinardo, yet he came at Dewey's request, was brought from Hong Kong on the government transport McCulloch, allowed to organize the Filipinos into an army and was furnished arms from the Cavite arsenal.

The first communication regarding Aguinardo was received by Admiral Dewey at Hong Kong, April 24, from E. Spencer Pratt, United States consul at Singapore.

"Aguinardo, insurgent leader, here, will come to Hong Kong. Arrange with Commodore for general co-operation insurgent Manila if desired. Telegraph."

To this Dewey wired to Mr. Pratt the same day.

"Tell Aguinardo come soon as possible."

Aguinardo arrived too late to go with the warships but was taken over later on the McCulloch.

The commission says: "No alliance of any kind was entered into with Aguinardo, nor was any promise of independence made to him then or at any other time."

The bringing of Aguinardo and the arming of his followers was "with the purpose of strengthening the United States forces and weakening those of the enemy."

The report says: "There was no conference between the officers of the Filipinos and our officers with a view to operating against the Spaniards, nor was there co-operation of any kind."

After the landing of the American troops "there was a constantly growing friction between the Filipinos and the American troops."

It seems from this report that as soon as it became plain to Aguinardo that he could get no assurances of any specific kind from the Americans he began making active preparations for fighting them.

The outbreak of hostilities on the 4th of February followed the action of the Nebraska sentinel in firing upon a Filipino who was outside of our lines, and the report leaves no room for denying that the first shot of the war was fired from our side, that actual hostilities, therefore, were started by our troops.

The historical facts following that shot are familiar to all. The report deals at length with the condition of anarchy existing in and around Manila during the early spring, when half the native population had fled and business was at a standstill, and speaks of the issuance of the commission's proclamation and its good effect.

However, the natives had become accustomed to the breaking of fair promises on the part of the Spaniards, and had little faith in ours until the establishment of native law courts, and such acts, aided to restore confidence.

The report states that the strong anti-American feeling is confined to the Tagalog provinces, whose population is 1,500,000.

The Tagalos tribe is held responsible, in fact, for all the trouble we have had in establishing our authority, and the other Filipinos are represented to be friendly to us.

The commission, however, does not make it very clear why we have made so little progress in extending our authority over the islands, when five-sixths of the population are favorable to us.

The report tells of the efforts of the commission to come to an understanding with Aguinardo and of the delegations who came from him seeking information as to what propositions the commission had to make. It seems that these negotiations never reached even the rudimentary stage. The first proposition of the Americans, and the one which was insisted on as a prerequisite to anything further, was the acknowledgement on the part of the Filipinos of American sovereignty. This the Filipinos flatly declined to do, so that all negotiations or further propositions were effectually blocked.

On a much disputed point the report says: "As to the greater intellectual capacities of the Filipinos, the commission is disposed to rate them high. But excepting in a limited number of per-

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JOURNAL X-RAYS

Over many of the churches in the Transvaal is the sign: Hottentots and dogs not admitted.

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The St. Louis Westliche Post (German), hits the bulls-eye thus: "Kern John 'Bell' und Keim 'Buller' 'Inhalt' die Buren."

The most independent person is the one who owes nothing but good will, and the happiest is the one who bestows the latter generously.

The seasons at Salem are so nearly alike that some old residents of the Capital City cannot tell whether they live on Summer or Winter street.

If Frances Willard were alive the Union Signal would hardly take the side of England in her gold and land glutty enterprises in South Africa.

Another man reports having paid his state fair subscription as agreed—Gid. Steiner, He and Gid Sherwood seem to be the only two. The Gids are evidently good stuff.

Albany Democrat: The people of the Northwest are familiar enough with the arbitrary practices of the English at Dawson City without complaining of the strictness of the Boers.

A subscriber in Massachusetts reads us copies of the Lawrence papers. The native tribes there seem to be agitated by pretty much the same things that cause people to scratch their heads in Oregon.

The Union Signal W. C. T. U. organ takes up against the Boers because they derive a large revenue from a liquor monopoly. For the same reason they could take up against their own country acquiring the Philippines.

Lots of mud.

Man at postoffice corner, talking to Charlie G.: "Plenty of mud eh?" (referring to condition of streets).

Charlie (referring to campaign): "Yes, but the other side started slinging it first."—Ohio paper.

Two Irishmen were discussing the war in South Africa the other day. One didn't agree to everything that was said against England. Finally the man says on the whole British empire said: "Why those English tax Ireland more than Scotland or Wales?"

"Well," said the other slowly, "I suppose she makes the money."

It is gratifying to know that the leading Republicans, who headed the Citizens' Union in 1898, are a unit in favor of continuing the present admirable city government. They say they, as taxpayers, want no part in a political administration of municipal affairs. They have had enough of a double-headed graft that plunged both city and county into debt.

The Oregonian says the British navy, man for man and ship for ship, would be a match for the combined navies of the world. Isn't that a patriotic utterance for an alleged American, when the British navy has not met in conflict a first-class sea power in fifty years, and whenever they have met the Americans it has been to surrender. For a first-class Anglo-maniac bluffer Harvey Scott takes the cake.

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