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SCRANTON, MAY 19, 1899.

The fighting men at Manila begin to feel that they are entitled to shorter hours and more pay. They are right. The compensation for continuous service night and day in chasing a wily foe in an unknown country is altogether too small.

The Mayor's Only Escape.

And, anyway, Mr. Hatton's death should not be charged to me. From an interview with Mayor Mott in Last Night's Truth.

They should not, if the mayor repudiated them and emphasizes that repudiation by disciplining the man who misrepresented him. The Truth itself says: "If Mr. Hatton acted without the authority of the mayor he certainly did the mayor a great injustice, for which nothing short of his immediate dismissal from a position he has grossly abused can atone."

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The mayor has yet time in which to extricate himself from this predicament. By disciplining Private Secretary Hatton he will give proof of his disapproval of the latter's course in using the prestige of his office as a leverage in a discreditable attempted deal.

The mayor must accept the consequences if he fails publicly to rebuke such an action on the part of his confidential agent.

Leading politicians are still keeping an apprehensive eye upon the movements of ex-speaker Reed. So long as he shows no disposition to settle in Ohio, however, there seems to be no real cause for alarm on part of those who dread his presidential ambitions.

Let the President Decide.

Advices from Washington say that for the past few months the "major general commanding" of the American army, Nelson A. Miles, has been completely ignored by the secretary of war and his subordinates. Under a recent order of Secretary Alger, weekly conferences of all heads of sub-departments in the war department are now held, but General Miles has been ostentatiously excluded from these gatherings, although by virtue of his office he ought to be the most influential participant.

In a situation of this character it seems to us that the president of the United States, as commander-in-chief, ought to take action of a positive and decisive character. It is a situation rising superior to personal preferences or ambitions. It is one which inevitably tends to disaffect and to demoralize the whole regular military service.

The president is not satisfied with General Miles let him frankly say so and ask for the latter's resignation, which no doubt upon such a request would promptly be forthcoming. If on the other hand he is not satisfied with Secretary Alger's record and personality, let him be equally direct and frank and ask Alger to go.

But if neither of these alternatives is acceptable to the president there exists a very simple third solution. Let him summon Alger, Corbin, Weston, Miles and the various other heads and sub-heads of the war department to a personal conference, and in their presence express decidedly his opinion of their continual bickerings, with a pointed admonition that that kind of thing must stop immediately.

The president, as commander-in-chief, in a time of military activities, has a right to expect and also a right to demand discipline and loyal subordination among the war office officials. He has the right to veto any scheme of ostracism of one officer by other officers and under the circumstances of this particular case, as they appear to the public, this right is also a duty which the president owes to the army and to the nation.

A German reporter is serving a seven years' sentence in prison for having written a lurid falsehood concerning a plot to assassinate the emperor. American journalism is as unpopular in the Fatherland as American pork.

The esteemed Philadelphia Press, which a few days ago pronounced Secretary Alger a well-meaning but weak man now occupies a column and a half of double-headed editorial space with laudation of his "vigorous and effective" work. Which judgment is the public to accept?

The Secret of Aguinaldo's Rebellion.

An interesting view of the insurrection in Luzon is presented in a letter to the New York Evening Post by its correspondent in Manila, John F. Lase. The Evening Post is violently hostile to the administration's Philippine policy and its representative, Mr. Bass, went to Manila sharing his employer's opinions on this subject. But several months' study of Philippine conditions, on the spot have modified Mr. Bass' conclusions, although he has not yet been able to convert the editor of the Evening Post. Under date of April 9, Mr. Bass writes that the backbone of the Philippine rebellion has been broken and that the more intelligent leaders and men in Aguinaldo's army recognize the futility of their struggle and want to make peace on the basis of acceptance of American rule, but they are held back by the terrorizing tactics of an oath-bound secret society, which has forced the hopeless fighting, ordered most of the crimes committed by the insurgents and inaugurated among the peace-loving population a veritable reign of terror.

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Not politics alone, but financial gain and other considerations prompted the members of this order to deeds of murder, robbery and arson. The leaders of the revolution combined with this society, and for the time being, at least, succeeded in making it their chief agent and support. During the months when the Americans were lying idle in Manila, awaiting the action of the peace commission, the senate and the administration, this society was busy recruiting its strength from among the young and reckless and irresponsible Filipinos, until it became strong enough to make the entire populace bow to its will and fear its vengeance.

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LITERARY NOTES.

"A History of the American Nation," by Professor A. C. McLaughlin, which is published by D. Appleton & Co., is the first volume in the new Twentieth Century Series. The purpose of this book is to trace the main outlines of national development, to show how the American people came to be what they are.

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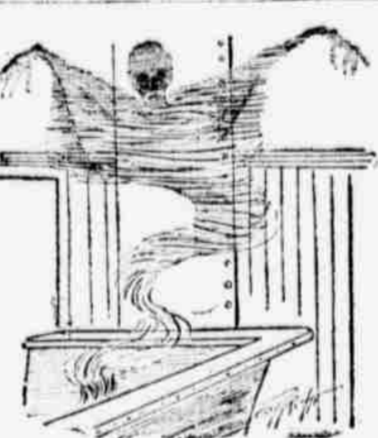
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