

# AGUINALDO'S FIGHTING MEN.

The Filipino Method of Resisting the Americans is to Mass Forces Instead of Using the Skirmish Formation.

## INSURGENTS RECRUITED FROM VARIOUS SECRET SOCIETIES.

Most of the Americans in the Philippines are becoming convinced that the backbone of the insurgent opposition is broken. There are numerous rumors pointing to an early collapse of the insurrection. One of these is that General Pio del Pilar, the best fighter among the Filipino officers, will desert Aguinaldo and give his support to the Americans.

The Spaniards, reasoning from their experience with the natives, refuse to believe that the rebellion is anywhere near put down. They declare that the Filipinos will not take their defeat at Malolos, with the loss of the city and the removal of their so-called government, seriously to heart. On the contrary, the Spaniards predict that the insurgents will hover near the American lines, both of them as much as possible, and, when attacked in force, dissolve, only to reappear at other points. This sort of tactics, the Spaniards say, will be followed until the wet season compels the Americans to be housed in barracks, and then the Filipinos will return and occupy such towns as the United States troops do not garrison. With the next dry season a repetition of the present operations will begin. Time alone will show how much there is in this theory; but, as against it, it must be borne in mind that the Spaniards in all their domination of the Philippines never gave the inhabitants a demonstration of power comparable in effectiveness to that given them by the United States.

A priest and two members of the so-called Philippine Congress, who hid themselves in the woods during the fighting which preceded the capture of Malolos, returned there and declared that 2000 of the Filipino soldiers were anxious to give up fighting, and would do so, but for their officers, who keep them under arms.

The whole country between Malolos and Calocan is now full of friendlies, mostly women, children and old people, who are returning to their homes, carrying white flags. The Americans are trying to gain the confidence of the inhabitants by proving to them that if they will return and attend to their ordinary work peacefully no harm will befall them. Two hundred and fifty civilians have come back to their homes in Malolos. Two hundred women and children, with a sprinkling of unarmed men, supposed to be warriors, came to the outskirts of Malolos on the sea side of the city and afterward sneaked away, carrying all the goods they could.

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for companionship. This trait is strongly brought out in their method of fighting. They mass themselves together like a lot of sheep, and, instead of spreading out in skirmish lines, each man taking advantage of some natural obstacle for protection, they rush forward, often with arms thrown around each other, much like a gigantic flying wedge on the football field. With this method of approach it is not difficult to see how the rapid-fire guns of the American artillery could tear holes in their formation and no doubt lay out more men than would have been the case had the attack been made by skirmish lines.

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insurgent leader has violated his promises. If the insurgents lay down their arms they will avert great trouble, and if they are induced to do this it will be due greatly to the fear inspired by our soldiery.

Most of the insurgents now with Aguinaldo are recruited from the numerous native secret organizations. The principal of these is the Catapunan Society, which is said to have some connection with Free-masonry. This society has been in existence for several hundred years, and no doubt was connected with some of the uprisings against Spanish rule in the Philippines. In past years thousands of the members of this society have been subjected to imprisonment and hundreds have paid the death penalty for supposed connection with the society. But to-day the Catapunan Society is stronger than ever, and has now a membership of over 600,000 in these islands. Another prominent society is the Philippine Social Club, originally formed by Dr. Rizal, who

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# FARM TOPICS

A Skim Milk Starter.

The method of making a skim milk starter, taught by the Ohio dairy school, I think is about as successful as any. Four or five clean pint jars are filled with milk from different patrons or different cans. These are covered and placed in a warm place until they are coagulated. They are then examined and tasted, and one selected which meets the requirements. Then a can of skim milk equal to six or eight per cent. of the amount of cream you expect to ripen the next day. This is placed in a tank of water heated by steam until the milk reaches pasteurizing temperature, 155 degrees. It is then allowed to stand ten or fifteen minutes, then placed in cold water and cooled to seventy-five or eighty degrees, and a selected jar of good sour milk added. If kept up to proper temperature in twenty-four hours the entire amount will be soured in the same condition, ready for use as a starter. The starter is kept ten days or two weeks, or as long as it remains good, by pasteurizing more milk each day and adding a dipperful of the old starter.—C. H. Eckles, of the Iowa Dairy School, before the Massachusetts Butter Makers.

The buildings on a farm should be as commodious and practically beautiful as the farmer is able to build. In some States the farms have indifferent houses, but large and elegant barns, if the term elegant may be used in such a connection. This plan is not to be commended. The most valuable crop grown upon the farm is the crop that is growing in the house, and it should be housed in a building that is as perfect that mechanism and observance of the laws of hygiene can make it. There is plenty of room on the farm for the construction of the house, and it should be built of sufficient size to permit of large, airy rooms, if the pocket book will admit of such a structure. The cellar deserves more attention than it usually receives. A hole in the ground is not necessarily such as should be under a house. It should never be forgotten that the dampness and odors of this hole will permeate the whole house. Bad cellars have been the cause of an immense amount of disease and death. On ground that is not naturally absolutely dry—and there is comparatively little such ground, and is exclusively found in the arid sections—the outside of the cellar wall should be cemented to keep out the water. If there is no cement floor, at the bottom of the wall flat stones should be laid to extend a few inches beyond the wall. This will be an absolute prevention of the entrance of rats at the bottom of the wall. The rat when it enters at the bottom of the wall always goes straight down the side, straight down the side, and it does not know enough to go outside the protruding stone. If there is a cement floor that precaution will not be necessary. A cellar thus constructed will be dry, and if the entrance is properly guarded, which it always should be, it will be rat proof.—The Epitome.

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Then Mr. Towler launched into a denunciation of the system which encouraged such cheap labor and asked the members to assist in abolishing it. When he finished the members broke out into the applause and the bill was passed unanimously.

The anti-trust bill passed the house finally Tuesday by a vote of 140 to 4.

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The new capitol project was brought up in the house Thursday morning and disposed of in short order. Chairman Adams of the public buildings and grounds committee stated that there were three bills on the postponed calendar making appropriations to complete the present structure. The advocates of these, after a conference with Gov. Stone, have failed to agree, and he would call up for third reading the bill of which he is the author. This measure appropriates \$4,000,000 to complete the capitol by the year 1905, as it is now constituted, within four years. The motion to consider the bill was overwhelmingly defeated by a viva voce vote.

The following bills passed finally in the house last Wednesday: Authorizing the employment of male prisoners in jails and workhouses eight hours a day, except on Sunday and holidays; extending the provisions of the act of June 2, 1897, relating to the condemnation of turnpikes, roads and highways, so as to authorize the condemnation of any turnpike, road or highway, in whole or in part, located upon lines dividing two counties, and to assess the damages payable to the owners thereof equitably between such two counties; amending the act of June 3, 1897, relating to mandamus, enlarging the right of the common pleas of the county in which the seat of government is or may be located to issue writs of mandamus.

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Warren emergency hospital, \$1,000; St. Mary's hospital, Philadelphia, \$5,000; York Haven hospital, \$2,000; Lackawanna hospital, Scranton, \$5,000; Mercy hospital, Wilkesbarre, \$5,000; Meadville City hospital, \$5,000; City hospital, Meadville, \$5,000; William P. Powell, second lieutenant, Company I, Ninth regiment, for disability incurred at the Lincoln riots, \$250; Children's Aid Society, Westmoreland county, \$2,000; Todd hospital, Carlisle, \$1,000; St. Francis hospital, Pittsburg, 20,000; Wagner's Free Institute, Philadelphia, \$2,000; Charles N. Robinson, seaman, for injuries received at San Francisco, for contagious diseases of domestic animals, \$3,000.

In the house Friday the Hosack bill imposing a tax of 1 cent a gallon upon all vinous, spirituous liquors manufactured in Pennsylvania finally passed. The bill amending the general corporation law for a lawful purpose not otherwise specifically provided for by the act passed finally.

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# KEYSTONE STATE NEWS CONDENSED

## IN THE FIRST DEGREE.

Llewellyn Stout Found Guilty of the Murder of Harvey Wuster, a Telegraph Operator.

The jury at Easton in the case of Llewellyn Stout, whose trial for the murder of Harvey Wuster, the Philadelphia & Reading railroad telegraph operator at Ringon station, returned a verdict of murder in the first degree after being out three hours. Wuster was the night operator at the railroad station, and on the night of January 6 his body was found lying in the office by a railroad brakeman. He had been beaten to death with an iron coupling pin. Suspicion pointed to Stout, and on being arrested he confessed to the officers that he had killed Wuster. He is only 19 years of age. The motive for the crime is supposed to have been jealousy. Evidence was presented at the trial that he had told several persons before the crime that he wanted money to go to Philadelphia to join the army. The defense endeavored to show that Stout was insane when he committed the deed.

The following pensions were granted last week: Frank D. Kerr, Hookstown, Beaver, \$10; Charles Buch, Elliott, Allegheny, \$6; Foster F. Bennett, Oil City, \$6; Edward J. Collins, Soldiers' Home, Erie, \$5; John Moore, Washington, \$6 to \$8; James J. Miller, Soldiers' Home, Erie, \$5 to \$8; James Bence, Dixonville, Indiana, \$6 to \$8; William Murphy, Jeannette, \$6 to \$8; Ezekiah Morris, Athens, \$12 to \$24; Thomas Razor, Patchburg, Clearfield, \$8 to \$12; James Robinson, Livermore, \$8 to \$10; Daniel C. Bell, Ligonsier, \$8 to \$10; Samuel S. Patterson, Butler, \$20; Harriet Williams, Jarvis Corners, Clarion, \$12; William N. Henry, Peru Mill, Juniata, \$8 to \$12; Rogers K. Beaumont, dead, Oakdale, Allegheny, \$30; James J. Church, Rogersville, Greene, \$16 to \$17; Henry Boggs, Evans City, \$6 to \$8; John W. Mastroler, Stoyestown, Somerset, \$6 to \$10; Conrad R. Beeching, Erie, \$6 to \$10; John M. Armstrong, father, Etna, \$12; Frances E. Strassburgh, Glendale, Cambria, \$8; Ella J. Beaumont, Oakdale, Allegheny, \$12; Frances Campbell, Millwood, Westmoreland, \$8; Susan Stedman, Conneautville, Crawford, \$15; George Carter, Lock Haven, \$6; David L. King, Brick Church, Armstrong county, \$6; Russell J. Armstrong county, \$6; Russell J. Hutchinson, Williamsport, \$8 to \$10; George E. Parker, Philadelphia, \$8 to \$10; Katherine J. Brown, Pittsburg, \$8; Newman Sagers, Hickernell, Crawford county, \$6; Charles F. Yinnie, Ridgway, \$12; Jacob Reichard, Pittsburg, \$6; George W. Look, Lock Haven, \$6; William J. McElhinny, McMinn, Allegheny, \$12 to \$14; Henry O'Neil, Smithfield, \$6 to \$8; James F. Akley, Russell, Warren, \$8 to \$12; Charles Streeby, Liberty Corners, Bradford, \$12 to \$17; Elias W. Ellis, Towanda, \$24 to \$50; George W. Detwiler, Altoona, \$24; Timothy A. Allen, Corry, \$24; Elizabeth L. Vaughan, Johnstown, \$8; Martha J. Roberts, Sweden Valley, Potter, \$8.

The following letter was received recently by Thomas S. Woods, of the Baltimore & Ohio railroad: "Flagship Olympia, Manila Bay, March 11, 1899. Mr. Thomas S. Woods, Uniontown, Pa. Dear Sir—I am just in receipt of your letter of January 23, announcing the birth of a boy and informing me that he had been named George Dewey Woods. I greatly appreciate the honor thus accorded me and thank you most heartily for the honor. Your letter reached me enclosed in a note from your son, John W. Woods, who explained that he wished to deliver personally your letter, but that the presence of his regiment on the front had prevented. With my best wishes for the future welfare of George Dewey Woods, I am, yours truly, George Dewey."

The special auditing committee appointed to investigate the Blevins murder at New Castle, Pa., has set up an information bureau for the hired detectives is devoting all its energies to collecting evidence in the case. Numerous persons acquainted with the facts in the case have been summoned before the committee within the last few days and their testimony taken.

By a fall of slate in the mine of the Redstone Coal, Coke and Oil Company at Grindstone, near Uniontown, Alnosy Kartoliz, alias Charles Johnson, a Hungarian, 22 years old, was instantly killed. Andy Zavocek, a Bohemian, was killed in the same way in the Frick mines at Leont, Pa. He was 49 years old and leaves a wife and seven children.

The derrick and machinery at Fanner well No. 6, near Waynesboro, was burned last week. Men named Williams and Masinis were badly burned. William T. McLaughlin, a brakeman on the Western New York & Pennsylvania railroad, fell between the cars at Oil City a few days ago and was killed. He was 22 years of age and unmarried.

Adam Kauffman, a workman, was assisting in lifting a heavy casting at Waynesboro. A hook slipped and a large iron balance weight fell, striking a hammer in Kauffman's hand. The handle of the hammer was driven into his side, fracturing two ribs and penetrating one of his lungs. He may die.

William E. Cowden, an employe of the Pittsburgh Bridge Company, was picked up dead on the Pennsylvania railroad at Huntingdon Wednesday. It is thought he was riding between baggage cars and fell from the train. He was en route from Pittsburgh to Philadelphia to meet his wife.

George Schall, one of the Windber victims of smallpox, died Thursday. There are now 30 patients at Windber. Dr. Benjamin Lee has appointed W. W. Baker, of Dunlo, a deputy officer, and ordered him to quarantine Dunlo. Johnstown is still well protected, the quarantine being most rigid.

John Methric, a laborer at the American Steel Casting Company's works, at Sharon, fell 10 feet into a gas producer the other night and sustained probably fatal injuries. J. R. Wheeler, a carpenter, fell 12 feet from a house the same day, had his right leg broken and was otherwise injured.

G. L. Hartzel, one of the oldest freight conductors on the Pennsylvania railroad, was killed by a shifting engine at Altoona a few days ago.



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In Mexico there is not sufficient annual rainfall to keep cisterns filled with drinking water, and almost the only source of fresh water is secured by hand pumps and windmills. They are necessary at every Mexican home, at all mining camps and on the cattle ranges. At the camps and on the ranges windmills are used and they are invariably of United States manufacture. There is a growing demand for windmills and hand pumps of the latest and most approved pattern. A windmill or pump is as essential to a home in Northern Mexico as a cooking stove. In consideration of the fact that pumps are such an important factor in the economy of domestic establishments, the Mexican Government admits them free of duty.

The per capita cost of maintaining convicts at the Michigan prison is thirty-eight and a half cents a day, and the average daily earnings are thirty-five and a half cents.

These natives have been described in dispatches: their guerrilla style of fighting; their cruelty to foreigners who fall into their hands; their hereditary notions of revenge.

Aguinaldo declared that he was ready to disband his army just as soon as assured that the United States intended permanently to occupy the islands. But that does not mean that Aguinaldo means to keep his promise, or that he ever had any intention of doing so, for on former occasions the



FILIPINO WATCHTOWER NEAR PACO.

for companionship. This trait is strongly brought out in their method of fighting. They mass themselves together like a lot of sheep, and, instead of spreading out in skirmish lines, each man taking advantage of some natural obstacle for protection, they rush forward, often with arms thrown around each other, much like a gigantic flying wedge on the football field. With this method of approach it is not difficult to see how the rapid-fire guns of the American artillery could tear holes in their formation and no doubt lay out more men than would have been the case had the attack been made by skirmish lines.

At present it would be a most difficult matter to say what course the insurgents will pursue. Aguinaldo has a fond hope for a Tagal Republic composed of the entire group. The whole Tagal race is most ambitious. In the insurgent army every man wears some mark indicating position, for all claim to be officers of various rank. It has not been long since

was executed for supposed participation in insurgent uprisings. For a long time the natives were not able to maintain an organization in Manila, owing to the vigilance of the Spanish police and spies. But the Philippine Social Club lived and to-day numbers in its membership the leading Filipinos of Manila. Just what position these societies have taken in regard to our occupation is not known. Undoubtedly they can be a great aid or a great menace to us.

Who wants a fine tropical island in the West Indies—a veritable "Pearl of the Antilles?" Such an island now belongs to Uncle Sam, but nobody lives on it except a lighthouse keeper, and nobody seems to care anything about it. It is lying down there in the Southern seas waiting for some enterprising homesteader to come along and stake out his claim.

Mona has a luxuriant vegetation, is well watered and well drained. Every variety of tropical fruits will grow here, and it possesses every natural advantage that could make life easy and pleasant. It has an area of fifteen miles—nearly 10,000 acres.

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