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**The Word of the Nation.**

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When war was declared by the United States against Spain, there was a rebellion in progress in the Philippines as well as in Cuba. The revolt of the Katipunan or League had broken out in August, 1896. In 1897 it had come to an apparent end by the alleged treaty of Bi-ac-na-bato, and in December, 1897, Aguinaldo and other leaders had gone to Hong Kong. But the terms of that treaty, as to amnesty, and, it is alleged, in other respects also, were not carried out by Spain, and in March, 1898, the rebellion broke out afresh in the territory north of Manila, and on April 3 in Cebu. On April 23 war was declared by the United States.

The American consul-general at Hong Kong—Mr. R. Wildman—accepted the honorary position of treasurer of the fund of the Patriotic League of Filipinos. Mr. Spencer Pratt, the American consul-general at Singapore, held a conference with Aguinaldo on the night of April 24. A provisional agreement was arranged between them, wherein it was stipulated, among other things, that the independence of the Philippines should be recognized, that a federal republic should be established under American protection, and that Philippine ports should be open to the world. It was further stipulated that the agreement should be subject to confirmation by telegraph by the president and Admiral Dewey.

Mr. Pratt sent Aguinaldo to Consul Wildman at Hong Kong so that he might be put into communication with Admiral Dewey. This was done, and the admiral, before sailing for Manila, gave orders that Aguinaldo should follow on an American vessel.

A proclamation was thereupon issued on behalf of the Filipinos that they should give their aid to the Americans. On April 27 the American fleet left Mirs bay, on May 1 was fought the naval battle of Manila, on May 19 the United States despatch boat McCullough, acting under Admiral Dewey's orders, arrived at Manila with Aguinaldo and twelve other insurgent leaders.

At this time the insurgents occupied and collected taxes in several provinces of Luzon. Their forces are said to have numbered 30,000. Admiral Dewey gave them two field pieces, 500 rifles, and 200,000 rounds of ammunition. After the naval battle of the insurgents, still with a view of co-operating with the Americans, gradually invested Manila. No United States troops other than marines were then in the Philippines. The first expedition under General Anderson sailed from San Francisco May 25, and arrived at Manila June 30. Other expeditions were dispatched in quick succession, so that before the end of the year the fifteenth had landed at Manila and the American forces reached the total of 843 officers and 20,478 men. By February 3 four more expeditions were upon the water with 154 officers and 5,866 men, and February 4, on the eve of the ratification of the treaty transferring the sovereignty of the islands to the United States, hostilities broke out between the insurgents and the Americans.

It does not appear whether the agreement with Aguinaldo was ever affirmed by the government at Washington. Neither does it seem to have been disaffirmed either by the president or the admiral. It has never to this day been officially denied. It was, in fact, confirmed by Admiral Dewey's action in bringing Aguinaldo to Manila and giving arms and encouragement to his forces. Aguinaldo, on the other hand, carried out his part of the agreement in good faith, and the Filipino proclamations that were issued on the basis of the agreement were allowed to remain uncorrected.

One of the earliest of those is sufficiently interesting to quote in part. It was sent over by Aguinaldo in advance of the American fleet to prepare the Filipinos for its arrival:

Compatriots: Divine Providence is about to place independence within our reach, in a manner most acceptable to a free and independent people.

The Americans, not from mercenary motives, but for the sake of humanity, in response to the woes of the persecuted, have thought fit to extend their protecting arm to our beloved country, now that they have been obliged to sever their relations with Spain on account of the tyranny practised in Cuba, to the great prejudice of the large commercial interests which the Americans have there. An American squadron is at this moment preparing to sail for the Philippines. We, your brothers, fear you may be induced to fire on the Americans. No, brothers, never make this mistake. Rather blow out your

**A UNIQUE GAME**

New Kind of Swindle Perpetrated in the French Capital.

Swindling is as monotonous as ethics or mathematics and the various ways and means resorted to in the last decade of the nineteenth century for obtaining possession of other people's money were matters of common knowledge in the Egypt of Rameses the great. But the Parisian police now affirm that a new departure has been made on the banks of the Seine. And this is how it was worked:

An office was hired in a good business street by the inventor of the trick, who assumed the title of somebody and company, chemical agents. Being convinced advocates of women's rights they employed some members of the fair sex, who dressed in the height of fashion, used the most fashionable perfumes, and then visited singly the best apothecaries' shop. One of these fair, false emissaries would stop her cab at the chemist's come in, and, taking out her purse, ask for another bottle of Dr. Beaumont's elixir. "Dr. Beaumont," said the young man behind the counter, "the elixir; don't you know?" "No; I am afraid I never heard of it." "Oh, how tiresome; and so poor rheumatic husband will be my disappointed. Are you sure it was not here that our servant bought it before?" "No, madam; it was not here. Where is it sold wholesale?" "It is sold wholesale, I think," and here the lady showed the ticket on the bottle. "It costs eight francs."

That same day the chemist bought the elixir wholesale, laying in a fair stock of it, and meanwhile many of the pretenses were being repeated. But, as nobody called any more on the obliging chemist to buy the elixir, one of the curious confraternity analyzed the specific, which was supposed to relieve rheumatism. He found that it was at least perfectly harmless, consisting of water colored by some grounds. The police were then let loose upon the hordes and the chemical agents, but they had all moved on, leaving no address.

The Radiophone.

A new electrical invention called the radiophone was introduced to the public at Madison Square Garden recently. This device bears the same relation to the telephone that wireless telegraphy does to the old system. In the radiophone wires are dispensed with and in their place shafts of light are used. In the second balcony at one end of the long hall was suspended an arc light, backed with a powerful reflector. A telephone transmitter designed to carry a strong current was connected in short circuit about the arc. By this arrangement current was secured from the arc in proportion to the resistance of the diaphragm of the transmitter. The variations produced in the current of the arc lamp produced corresponding changes in the heat rays emitted, and these changes affected the glass bulb of the receiver and ear tubes. These vibrations were communicated to the receiver and the sound reached the ear as in the ordinary telephone.

Ear tubes like those of the Edison phonograph were used. An ordinary telephone transmitter is also employed. The simplest explanation of the invention is that the heat rays which travel along the reflected beam of light answer the purpose of the sound waves used by the old method. Wireless telephones are promised to be valuable to ships at sea for signalling to each other. Many ships now carry search-lights, which undoubtedly would answer the purpose.

A Gun Camera.

A stout, black-bearded gentleman walked into one of the hotels the other evening carrying a peculiar-looking package. It had the general appearance of a gun case, except that it was extremely short and inordinately thick. While he was registering and chatting with the clerk a couple of guests got into a heated discussion as to the character of the queer parcel, and one of them finally made bold to introduce himself and propound the question to the man with the black beard. He smiled. "The case contains a gun," he said, and proceeded to extract a singular weapon. The stock was like that of any ordinary shotgun, but the barrel was fully four inches in diameter and covered with leather. At the breech here was a square box furnished with several little levers. "I am an amateur ornithologist," he continued, "and this is a gun camera for the purpose of studying wild movements. I level it on a flying bird, just as I might a real firearm, and pull the trigger. Instead of exploding a shell it springs a shutter and I have my subject transfixed on the film. I can take twelve shots, and it reloads very much like any camera. The form is simply for convenience in focusing, and it has enabled me to get some really remarkable pictures. For instance, I have photographed such fast flyers as snipe in every conceivable position, from head on to point blank retreat—something that would have been absolutely impossible with any other style of instrument. In fact, I find it make, and the only difficulty I find is getting them to fly into the chamber. I've caused a good deal of surprise among sportsmen in the field," added the owner, putting his curious weapon back in its case. "When they see me bring the thing to my shoulder they expect a report like a cannon. I've often thought it would be a fine machine to intimidate a burglar with and at the same time secure a portrait for the police."

What's the reason of your enmity to this politician? "Rather romantic young woman. "Did he cross your path early in your career?" "No," answered Senator Sorghum. "He didn't cross my path. We were after the same office, and he ran over me from behind."

An Arkansas newspaper contains the following advertisement: "This hotel will be kept by the widow of the landlord, Mr. Brown, who died last summer on a new and improved plan."

Don't Worry About Salaries.

"What salaries are paid in different business callings is a question often asked by young men, and one which seems to enter into their deliberations as a qualifying factor as to whether they shall enter certain trades or professions," writes Edward Bok in the September Ladies Home Journal. "I never could quite see the point of this, nor the reason for it. What are the salaries which are paid to others, to you or to me? They signify nothing. If the highest salary paid to the foremost man in a certain profession is \$10,000 a year, what does it prove or signify? There is no obstacle to some one's else going into the same profession and earning \$25,000.

"The first step in going into business is to find out not which special line is most profitable, but which line you are most interested in and are best fitted for. Then drive ahead, and the salary will take care of itself. When a young man thinks too much of his salary, it is pretty good proof that he is not of very superior make. Ability commands income. But you must start with ability; not with salary."

\$5 to Niagara Falls and Return  
Via the Lehigh Valley Railroad. On September 9 the Lehigh Valley Railroad will sell tickets to Niagara Falls and return at the special low rate of \$5 for the round trip from Freeland, limited for return passage to September 11 inclusive. Tickets will be honored on any train, except the Black Diamond express.

**CUBAN CHIPS.**

A Cuban storekeeper will take about half of what he first asks for his goods.

The common people are very cruel to their cats and dogs and their children. There are seventy-two varieties of eatable fruit, which grow wild on the island.

Children play in the streets and courts perfectly naked until they are eight years old.

The city of Santiago compares very favorably in the matter of life to Alexandria, Va.

The Cuban bread is very like the French, and at every meal half a loaf is put at each plate.

The climate of Cuba will attack a fat, healthy American before it will a thin, weakly one.

Respectable Cuban women do not smoke cigars and cigarettes in public, as is commonly supposed.

The commonest people take at least a sponge bath every day and teach their children to do the same.

DON'T.

Don't pick quarrels before they are ripe.

Don't owe any person a grudge; pay as you go.

Don't trust a tamed wolf and a reconciled enemy too far.

Don't prolong a quarrel; make a fight of it, and then quit.

Don't think that bright men spend all their time reflecting.

Don't forget that man's chief end is the one with the head on.

Don't think because an aching tooth is little that it isn't nervy.

Don't expect to meet a self-made man who is not proud of his job.

Don't think because you think you can sing that other's think so.

Don't acquire a reputation for truthfulness by speaking ill of yourself.

Don't order chicken if you want chicken, but order a crake-egg; it comes cheaper.

Don't blame a dentist for looking down in the mouth—that's what he gets paid for.

A Little Luck at Monte Carlo.

A short time ago a young man paid his first visit to the Casino, and with an absolute lack of knowledge of how the game is played, threw down a louis at the trente-et-quarante table. It chanced to fall on black. Lost in trying to follow the game, he paid no further attention to it until the croupier called his attention to the fact that he had staked the maximum and that he must remove his winnings. Entirely unheeded his twenty-franc piece had "doubled up" until it had reached the maximum. He obeyed the croupier, leaving on his stake, and black came up again. Now he began to take some interest, and as he had chanced on a run of fifteen blacks he shortly afterward left the table with sixty-eight thousand francs for the run over.

He seemed to have no desire to pursue Dame Fortune any further, and at his first loss he left. Moreover, it would seem that on this particular occasion the plan of the temptress did not seem to have succeeded, for the next day the hero of the previous evening was to be seen contentedly staking single louis again, and he left Monte Carlo at night carrying his winnings almost intact. The name of this most fortunate, most wise young man was the Baron Rolling.

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**GREAT THOUGHTS.**

None but cowards lie.—Murphy.  
Past all shame, so past all truth.—Shakespeare.  
Respect is better procured by exacting than soliciting it.—Greville.  
We have all a propensity to grasp forbidden fruit.—Seneca.  
Levity of behavior is the bane of all that is good and virtuous.—Seneca.  
When lenity and cruelty play for a kingdom, the gentler gamester is the soonest winner.—Shakespeare.  
He who reforms himself has done more toward reforming the public than a crowd of noisy, impotent patriots.—Lavater.  
Mental pleasures never cloy; unlike those of the body, they are increased by repetition, approved by reflection, and strengthened by enjoyment.—Colton.

MUSINGS.

Pride cometh in summer, for fall follows.  
Peace hath her victories, if you can run fast enough.  
The universal excuse is an interchangeable lie.  
'Tis better to fight for the right than not to scrap at all.  
A little truth and considerable lie makes a diplomatic utterance.  
Dame Fortune and Miss Fortune are frequent callers at every home.  
To many a man with glasses there's no way of looking at things.  
Why shouldn't a waiter get tips? Everything comes to him who waits.  
Smile occasionally. You may think hades, but what is the use looking that way?

IRONICAL IFS.

If you would please a man give him what he wants, regardless of what he needs.  
If you would discover words not found in the dictionaries read magazine poems.  
If a man refuses to see his errors he is playing against himself with loaded dice.  
If a man thinks he knows it all it always hurts him when he happens to learn the truth.  
If a man has one little vice it hides lots of big virtues from the eyes of his neighbors.  
If horses could talk, no doubt their voices would be heard through the land calling for an improved breed of hostlers.

DEVIIOUS DEFINITIONS.

Essay—A paragraph padded with words.  
Centurion—A cyclist who makes a century run.  
Experience—The comb a man acquires after he loses his hair.  
Hellroom—The trousers that are handed down from father to son.  
Adversity—The only scale that gives the correct weight of our friends.  
Ultimatum—Something a woman is continually working off on her husband.

Census—An elaborate compilation on which we base our guesses for the next ten years.

CONUNDRUMS SOLVED.

When is a man only a small part of himself? When he's a foot.  
When is a man like a nail? When he's a nail.  
When is a man like a piece of furniture? When he's a bed.  
Why are poultry the most profitable creatures on a farm? For every grain they give a peck.  
Which is the queen of the roses? The rose of the watering pot, because she reigns (rains) over all the others.

**\$180. A TON FOR "BAD SAND."**

Railroad Man's Mistake in Handling a Car of Crushed Gold Ore.

The average railroad official, from the President down to the section boss, is thoroughly conversant with the work that comes in his department, but the following incident shows that even the higher officials can make mistakes.

Several months ago a Kansas City, Mo., company bought a carload of crushed ore in Mexico. Advances were duly received that the ore had been shipped—twenty tons of it. Weeks passed and the ore did not come. The smelting company politely asked the local agent of the railroad when the ore would arrive. The local agent said that he had never heard of it. The smelting company then appealed to the general agent of the road. The general agent gave it up. Along the line the question was passed until it reached an official who started out a tracer for the carload of ore. A tracer is a document on which every agent, train conductor and every other person who has had anything to do with the shipment must say whence he took it and where he laid it down. From the mine in Mexico the car of ore was traced from junction point to junction point until it was well with the railroad company's local yards at Kansas City, and thence to a side track by the roundhouse and into the possession of the master mechanic.

A carload of crushed gold ore looks like a lot of yellow sand, and this particular carload had been knocked about and disrespected as a car of common sand should be. When the general agent was notified that the car had chanced the car into the master mechanic's track they sent him a note asking him about the disposition of the car, giving its number. The master mechanic turned the note over and endorsed it on the back: "The car contained a bad quality of sand. Some of it I used in the sand boxes of the engines, but it was not serviceable, so I had it scattered along the right-of-way." The railroad paid the smelter company \$180 a ton for the "bad sand."

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