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WASHINGTON LETTER.

Washington, October 31, 1899.
At the last meeting of the Washington branch of the Anti-Imperialist League, General William Birney, a lifelong Republican said: "Imperialism respects no law. To it the congress is nothing, the commander-in-chief of the army everything. It disregards constitution and statutes and transfers all power to the executive. The writ of habeas corpus does not exist in the imperial colonies. The prisons of Cuba, Porto Rico and the Philippines are vocal with the cries of men who cannot be heard beyond the walls. Imperialism knows no limit, except the caprice of the emporer. It has the sword, it will seize the purse. Nay, it sword, it will seize the purse. Nay, it has already defied the limitations imposed by congress; it has expended two hundred millions where only eighty were appropriated. It has, without were appropriated. It has, without authority of law, transported immense bodies of troops to the other side of the globe. It has built up an immense patronage in its control of military appointments. It has used this patronage for political purposes. Its influence is used to discredit all the fundamental doctrines of American institutions." doctrines of American institutions."

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Another Republican—Captain O'Far-Another Republican—Captain O'Far-rell—said: "We hear a good deal about the trade with the Philippines. It takes from a thousand to thirteen hundred dollars a day to coal each transport on the Pacific ocean between San Francisco and Manila. This coal San Francisco and Manila. This coal is imported from Cardiff, Wales. The beef supplied to our troops and the potatoes and vegetables come from Australia. Many of the uniforms worn by our officers and men, in the Philippines, are now manufactured in Hong Kong, while the cost of our army and navy amounts to \$650,000 a day. And the appropriation made by congress for appropriation made by congress for twelve months has been expended or wasted in five months. What a pros-pect for the American taxpayer and workingman!"

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John Sherman has been talking again, and what he said made it evident that the old man had neither lost interest in Ohio politics nor the faculty of properly sizing up the situation in that state. Mr. Sherman predicts Republican defeat, because of the opposition of the German voters to the foreign polley of the administration, of which he said: "It cannot be sustained in morals and is in contravention to the American Declaration of Independence, and the teachings of the brave men who signed that instrument," and of the Republican opposition to a continuation of Hanna's leadership. Mr. Sherman didn't say that he would be glad of Republican defeat in Ohio, or that resentment of his own treatment by the

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FREELAND TRIBUNE. BARNETT A COWARD

Denounced by His Own Men as Skulker.

LACKS EVERY SOLDIERLY QUALITY.

Opinions of Several of the Tenth Boys Who Saw Him at the Rear, But Newer in Front of Battle.

The Philadelphia Record correspondent visited Waynesburg and inter-viewed a number of the Tenth regi-ment boys, securing enough unfavor-able reports of "Long Distance Jim-my," as Barnett is called, to fill many columns. Following are some ex-

Where the — is Lieutenant Colonel Barnett?" exclaimed Colonel Haw-kins, of the Tenth regiment, mopping his face, overheated by leading his men in the thickest of the battle at Gui-

his face, overheated by leading his men in the thickest of the battle at Guiguinto, in the Philippines.

"In the rear, as always, behind a rice dyke," answered some of his men, whose only rebuke from the commander was a grim smile. But presently he shouted to William T. Hayes, of Waynesburg, and others:

"—— him; go find him and tell him to come up!"

Members of Barnett's regiment testify to these and similar outbreaks of the commander's justifiable anger on occasions of the lieutenant colone's alleged skulking when he was needed to help Hawkins in forming lines or advancing on the Filipinos. "I declare most positively," says a Tenth man, "Barnett did not come near the Guiguinto firing line until all was over, and many others in different companies know this as well as I do, and they say so, although generally, from various motives of policy, they do not go into print at present."

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Pittsburg, upon our return for the reception, the Tenth's boys exclaimed in
the streets: 'Hello! Here comes Rice
Dyke Jimmy, Look out for the long
range gun!"

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Crouse adds: "I've been a lifelong Republican, but I wouldn't vote for that skulker, Barnett. He lacks every soldierly quality. No Republican soldier around here will vote for him if I can help it. I see that some men claim for him 200 of the 800 votes in the regiment. I do not believe that 50 will vote for him, and they will be constrained by what they are deluded into regarding as lovalty to the narty. into regarding as loyalty to the party just as if the welfare of the party de-pended upon a coward's political fate." ACCUSERS CORROBORATED.

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Company K men, of Waynesburg, although part of Barnett's battalion, censure him as severely as Company 1, of Greensburg, who tell of their seeing him lying well protected in the "Buffalo wallow," near Guiguinto railroad bridge, some hundreds of yards in the rear of where Hawkins and Major Blerer were forming the firing line at the fight's beginning. Company I men say all the rest of the regiment were ahead of them when they passed "the crouching lieutenant colopassed "the crouching lieutenant colo-nel."

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Company K men's stories, particulary that of William T. Hayes, who was detailed to the hospital corps, fit into the narrative of Private John E. Clark, of Washington, who describes his helping to carry wounded and a dying man of the Tenth far to the rear, where he saw Barnett "lying low behind a mound while Hawkins and Bierer, the latter being commander of the other battalion, were in the hottest of the conflict, which ended a quarter of an hour later without the lieutenant colonel's appearance." The following statement is made by one of the soldiers, a prominent professional man, as to the opening of Guiguinto's battle, about 40 miles from Manila:
BOYS DENOUNCED FOR SKULKING.

"We were ambushed about 6 o'clock by the work of the control of the color of the

gone sick to the hospital, and the lieu-tenant colonel persisted in tin soldier drilling of the few men that were not tired out or sick, after they had return-ed from campaigning and were waiting to embark for home."

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One of the many battlefield incidents that had caused this feeling against Barnett is related by a Company H private, John E. Clark, of this town. "When we were crossing the railroad bridge at Guiguinto," he says, "the Filipinos opened fire on us from the woods, hundreds of yards ahead. Our fellows on the line of scouts up there dropped to earth. Major Bierer, of the Tenth, was the first officer I saw at the front, but yery soon Colone! Hawkins was there forming the line. THIS TIME IT WAS A MOUND.
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"After carrying off a second wounded man of Company C I returned to the
firing line and put on the litter George
Taylor, of this town, who lived only
three days afterward. We took him
back to a sort of secoped out, swampy
place among the rice dykes, which at
that moment was 40 or 50 yards back
of the firing line. To the left of me,
only about 15 or 20 feet, I saw, well
protected behind a mound, Lieutenant
Colonel Barnett and one or two other
men.

"Barnett had his little officer's gun, but was not using it. He was doing nothing but lying low. Hawkins and Bierer were at the front doing everything. The fight was at its hottest when Barnett lay behind that mound, which was five or six feet in diameter and perhaps four feet high."

BARNETT REPUDIATED.

Men of the Tenth Refuse to Certify For Him.

Republican State Committee Fails in Its Effort to Suppress "Cold

Pittsburg, Oct. 24.—"I have nothing to say in reply to the charges the Philadelphia Record makes against me. They have been made before. They are not worthy of attention" said Lieutenant Colonel James E. Barnett, the Republican candidate for state treasurer, at Indiana tonight.

In an interview he pretended to take no cognizance of the story. But at Washington it was different.

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BARNETT ASKS VINDICATION.
Under pretense that he did not care about the exposure, he telegraphed Color Bearer Harry Cundail and another by name of Dr. W. Denny, Company H, stationed at Washington, his home, to prepare a petition refuting the charges of dodging and cowardice made by The Record, and to have it signed by the members of Company H, who are now at their homes. This was done as directed by Mr. Barnett.

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Immediately upon receipt of Colonel Barnett's telegram the few friends he has in the regiment there began work. The petition was prepared in the office of a well known attorney, four copies being made. They were immediately placed in the hands of barnett's friends, who were started on the hunt for signers. They reported tonlight, when word was sent to Barnett. He is sad at heart.

Out of the 60 or more members of the company here less than one tenth of this number have signed the statements. The pronounced opposition of the soldier boys is most surprising.

It was the first opportunity they had of going on record against their superior officer, and they have been forced to do this by the Republican managers.

ONLY FOUR MEN TO UPHOLD HIM.

So far as can be ascertained, only

BOOMERANG BARNETT

Those Who Know Him Best Like Him Least.

NOT WANTED NEAR HOME.

Republican County Chairmen in His Ser tion of the State Ask That He Be Kept Away.

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If James E. Barnett, called "Long Distance Jimmy," owing to the distance that he put between himself and danger, has nothing better than his military record to commend him as a candidate for state treasurer, he is in a sorry plight. His military exploits are of the kind in which "distance lends enchantment to the view." So bad is his standing with the boys of the Tenth regiment that he has been kept parading mostly over the eastern part of the state, for Chairman Reeder has been notified that Barnett's presence in counties where the members of his regiment live would intensify the strong feeling that they have against him.

Instead of the gallant and dashing colonel that he has been depicted by men who know nothing about him, dozens of his men accuse him of cowardice, and declare that he was more than once found seeking safety in the rear when he was needed at the front. Desperate efforts have been made to secure the endorsement of the soldiers of his regiment, but they have ended in failure, because a majority of the boys allege that he was a dodger in time of danger, that he treated Colonel Hawkins shamefully.

As ne was nommated on account or being a military man, neither he nor his managers can reasonably object to having the public know just what sort of military record he has. Quay evidently knew enough of Barnett's weakness not to want him nominated, but he was overruled by his lieutenants, who now see that the "Old Mans" political judgment was better than that of those who forced him on the ticket.

The Philadelphia Record and The North American are showing up the machine candidate in so unfavorable a light that it was rumored a few days ago that he, like Adams, wouldbe with-drawn from the ticket, and if the campaign were to last another month, instead of a week, it is altogether likely that Barnett would be withdrawn.

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Republican State Chairman Reeder was told by nine of the ten county chairmen in conference with him last week that their campaign affairs were in bad shape. Some of those chairmen are authority for this disclosure, and they add that Reeder was warned by those from counties in which State Treasurer Candidate Barnett is best known, and from which the Tenth regiment had been recruited, not to let him do any campaigning there, as he would only make the ticket's prospects worse.

Barnett's stumping has been confined to the eastern part of the state. Southwestern county chairmen think he had better stay away from their people for the grave reasons which are on nearly everybody's tongue in Greensburg, Washington, Waynesburg, Monongaheia City, Uniontown, Mt. Pleasant and other towns. "We don't want Barnett on the stump in our county," said Washington county's chairman, Underwood, to Reeder, "Ho would seriously damage the party's cause."

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The Westmoreland county chairman told Reeder that the "Tenth regiment boys generally" in Greensburg and vicinity privately expressed bitter opposition to Barnett. Many of them accused him of an overfondness for rice dyke protection, far in the rear of his fellow members of the Tenth, during engagements with the Filipinos. They argued that if he had been like Colonel Hawkins, conspicuous for bravery and for leading the boys whenever they most needed leadership, they might complain less of "the great bunco game" that was now being played on the people by the Republican military spellbinders.

"KEEP BARNETT AWAY FROM US."

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