# AGUINALDO'S AMBITION

## It Knows No Bounds and Like as Not He Will Insist On Ruling the Philippine Islands.

war with Spain is yet to be met. This is the disposition of the Philippine islands and incidentally the disposition | tion, Dewey has proved himself too of Aguinaldo and his bands of insurgents. That the leader of the insurgents has been playing fast and loose with Dewey since his return to Manila on the Olympia has been fully demonstrated upon several occasions, and it is a fact that for the past three weeks be has been the chief cause of concern to both Admiral Dewey and Gez. Merritt. They have prepared themselves | Filipinos-that is, natives of the Philfor any trickery on the part of Aguinaldo and have been keeping a close watch upon him, in consequence of which he had been so far kept in check. But how long will he remain passive? His declaration appointing himself dictator was not received by Admiral Dewey with the enthusiasm that the insurgent leader hoped for. In fact, he was rather put out by the way the admiral took it. Since his declaration he has been getting his forces together and now has several thousand men armed with Mauser and Remington rifles, together with several hundred firing squad. thousand rounds of ammunition,

His forces are now at the very doors ! of Manila and daily and nightly the his officers, he conducts the campaign neighboring hermitage were applied, roar of field artillery and magazine rifes may be heard from the suburbs of the city. So resolute has been the steady advance that the water supply is now in the bands of the rebels, who at any moment have the power to leave the garrison and the civilian population without water. Aguinaldo is no fool. He knew he must get his arms from the Americans. After securing sword chains that peeped through holes them he dropped his mask and became openly insolent. While he has kept up a friendly front he has issued sceret | holder that leaned against the hat rack. orders to his men not to permit the | The court of the dictator is not impres-Americans to secure necessary horses or other equipments.

Aguinaldo, who looks like a Japan-

The most perplexing question of the | have received the insurgent leader kindly, gave him two modern field pieces, 300 rifles and plenty of ammunisubtle a diplomat to commit either himself or the government to any wild scheme. Fancy a republic of some 8,000,000 people, of whom one-half are savages, and the rest, not more than about 50,000 excepted, with such civilization as Spain chose to impart. Of these 4,000,000 not more than 2 per cent can read. The Spaniards and ippines of Spanish parents-number, perhaps, 100,000. To establish a republican form of government under these conditions would mean to plunge them at once into barbarism.

And yet this is what Aguinaldo is fighting for and which may cause a clash of arms between him and the United States forces. If they do come together, however, the insurgent leader from the Spaniards and may soon find

He has established himself in a fine against the Spaniards.

He has a modern desk, backed by a huge bevel-edged mirror, a couple of large iron strong boxes for the dictatorial treasury, an abundance of easy chairs, an old grand piano several feet taller than the modern make, and a large hat rack of fanciful design. The only signs of war are the ends of in the gingham coats of the officers in attendance, and a metallic standard sive. A chamberlain was identified as a boatman, and there were other touches of opera bouffe. Aguinaldo's ese, has been the cause of more tron- present concern is the defeat of Augusble to Spain than probably any other ti and he will not discuss the future of of her subjects. At one time there the islands. Aguinaldo seems to poswas an offer of \$25,000 for him dead or sess real ability but none of his fol- Weather Station Over 19,000 Feet Up. the fair grounds last night. Arriving alive. Although but 26 years of age, lowers shine in the estimate of the Am- The highest meteorological station in there they entered the grounds, but it

A PHILIPPINE CYCLONE.

Daring Exploration of the Crater of Tael by Dr. Kane.

Prof. Charles W. Shields writes of "The Arctic Monument Named for Tennyson by Dr. Kane," and incidentallly gives a sketch of the latter in the August Century. Prof. Shields says: It was at Luzon, the largest of the Philippine islands, that this adventurous spirit, though under a scientific impulse, passed the limits of prudence in his far-famed exploration of the crater of Tael, a volcano on the Pacific coast of the island, in a region inhabited only by savages. Crossing over to the capital city of the island during one of the long delays of Chinese diplomacy, he procured an escort of natives from the archbishop of Manila, and, in company, with his friend, Baron Los, a relative of Metternick's, penetrated the country to the asphaltic lake in which the island volcano is situated. The gentlemen at first descended together until they reached a precipice overhanging the cavernous gulf of the crater, when the baron saw further progress to be impossible. But the doctor, in spite of the remonstrances of the whole party, insisted upon being lowered over the ledge by means of a rope made of bamboos, and held in the hands of the natives. under the baron's directions, until he reached the bottom, two hundred feet below. Loosing himself from the cord, jamas, like the sultan of Senegambia the sulphurous vapors, dipped his specimen bottle into its waters, returned to the rope, several times will quickly learn that the methods of stumbling, almost stiffed, with the the United States troops are different one of his boots charred almost to a coal, he succeeded in again fastening Mr. Johnson has discovered that the himself with his arms tied before a himself, and was hauled up by his assistants, and received into their hands, exhausted and almost insenhouse at Cavite, where, surrounded by sible. Remedies brought from the and he was so far restored that they could proceed on their journey. But rumors spread before them among the pigmy savages on the island of the profane invasion that had been made into the mysteries of the Tael, and an angry mob gathered about them, which was only dispersed by one or two pistol shots and the timely arrival of the radres. The trophies of the expedition were some valuable mineral speciments, a bottle of sulphur water, a series of graphic views from recollection, in his sketch-book, and a written description of the volcano by one of the friars, which after many wanderings was put in his hands as he sit at the home dinner-table twelve years after-

A NEGRO'S PRIVATE SCORE. Attended to His Share of Spanlard

fore Being Wounded. Wandering about the post in a sult of pink pajamas is a Titanic negro, six feet tall and of like proportions, the Chicago Record. His name is Americus Jackson, and he is a private in the Tenth regular cavalry. This "Buffalo," as the colored soldiers of the army are familiarly called, "sought the bubble reputation at the cannon's mouth" at El Caney, and single-handed succeeded in overcoming a squad of the enemy and capturing a six-pound rapid-fire gun, shot three Spaniards and knocked four senseless with the butt of his carbine and the rest ran away in terror. Johnson was twice wounded, one ball passing through his Aft shoulder and another through his left leg, but neither remained in his body and no bones were broken. He speaks of his wounds contemptuously as "pin holes." They are healing rapidly and he will soon be able to rethe honors due the brave. He has already received a great deal, and I grieve to relate that glory and admiration are confusing Johnson's memory. He is becoming somewhat inaccurate and inconsistent in his statements. He sits all day long under the shade of a tree in his pink pahe forced his way downward through | and relates the story of his achievements over and over again to throngs of colored people and straggling whites, who stand with both their ears and mouths open, paralyzed with awe. Like the editors of the yellow journals public taste demands something hot and bloody, and he does his best to gratify that craving. By the time he gets to Texas Johnson will have captured an entire lattery, perhaps captured Morro itself.

Making Illim Acquainted.

Mr. Edward A. Cook has lived in Henderson for several months past, He has made many friends, but some seemed to think that he had not received the proper degree of introduction to the merry side of life. So several of them, led by some of his nextdoor neighbors-Messra. Roser, Adle, Levi. Clay and others-indicted him a missive as from a lady friend, asking that he compliment her with a basket of fruit. In the generosity of his heart Cook sent the fruit, which was appropriated by the cruel jokers. A tender missive from the same jokers induced Cook to accept Roser as his escort to | signed. It was stated that the pur

LOW INTEREST RATES FOOD

DAYS OF SIX AND SEVEN PERCENT CONE.

says a Fort Monroe correspondent of The Maister, Who Formerly Lived on His Interest, Compelled to Work on Account of the Changed Conditions-Lack of Industries.

In an address recently delivered before the New York State Bankers' Association the Hon. A. B. Hepburn directed attention to the fact that "the days of six per cent interest are fast vanishing, only to return at troubled intervals, when normal conditions are disturbed. He showed that property is steadily receiving less and labor more in the general division of revenue. People who have lived comfortably on their incomes from six, seven and eight per cent investments find themselves compelled to reinvest at 31/2 and 4 per cent, and are obliged turn to his home in Texas and receive to resort to economies or to supplement their incomes with labor. As proof of his assertion he showed that in one of the large banks of the metropolis the average salary paid from president down to messenger boy was \$1,508, the earning power of this average employe thus equaling that of at present prices."

In Canada the tendency is in the same direction, the fall of the rate being especially noticeable in the low interest paid upon loans for which the highest security is given. During the for a signal lamp for railways, etc.; to last half dozen years the rate upon deposits with the government or in the chartered banks has steadily dropped, until now it is practically down to 21/2 per cent, for that is the rate which the government has given notice will hereafter be paid upon deposits in the government and postoffice savings banks. A silimar reduction of the part of the banks will immediately follow, with the result that the incomes derived by these investors upon what, in the majority of cases, are the fruits of small savings, will be further cut

The rate of interest, like the rate of wages or the price of goods, is principally regulated by the law of supply and demand; and the failing of the rate generally during the past ten years is due to changed conditions. However, when the Canadian government last spring announced the further reduction on the rate on the people's savings, a special reason was aspose was to enable the banks and financial institutions to lower the rate all around, and so give cheaper capital to the commerce and manufacturing of the country. No doubt this desirable end will to some extent be furthered thereby, but this reason seems to be based upon the assumption that to enable the banks to charge borrowers less they must compel lenders to take less also; that is the benefit extended to the commercial borrower, must be at the expense of the depositor. When one look; over the rate of dividends paid by most of the banks, and finds that they range from eight up to twelve per cent, it would appear that the banks could well have afforded to loan at a lower rate, and still earned a fair profit for the shareholders.

#### Fijian Fire Ceremony.

Two New Zealand medical men, Drs. Hocken and Colquhoun, recently visited Fiji, where they had an opportunity of witnessing the now rare fire ceremony of the natives. It is so rare that the power is now confined to a single family living on an islet twenty mlies from the Fijian metropolis, Suva. These people are able to walk, nude and with bare feet, across the white-bot stony pavement of a huge oven. An attempt was made on this occasion to register the heat, but when the thermometer had been placed for a few seconds about five feet from the oven, it had to be withdrawn, as the solder of the covering began to melt. The thermometer then registered 282 degrees, and Dr. Hocken estimates that the range was over 400 degrees. The fire-walkers then approached, seven in number, and in single file walked leisurely across and around the oven. Heaps of hibiscus leaves were thrown into the oven, causing clouds of steam, and upon the leaves and within the steam the natives sat or stood. The men were carefully examined by the doctors, both before and after the cereony. The soles of their feet were not thick or leathery, and were not in the least blistered. The men showed no symptoms of distress and their pulse was unaffected. Preliminary tests falled to show that there had been any special preparation. Both doctors, while denying that there was anything miraculous about the experiment, expressed themselves as unable to give any scientific explanation.--London Chronicle.

#### Universal Tongue.

A statement made in good faith, but difficult to accept, was recently offered to his congregation by a country pastor. He had been holding forth on the advantages of plain speaking. "Why, brethren," he said, bringing his hand down upon the pulpit with great vigor. "there's no need of all these long words and high-sounding terms; not a bit. Look at St. Paul! Look at St. Paul, I say! His words were full of the meat boy was not satisfied, but as he grows of knowledge and help, and he didn't Liberal Terms to Agents. Address, Bill—"Don't you think Mrs. Crim-sonbeak has good taste?" Jill—"Excel-older he will understand it better.— be always spoke in plain, simple English, my brethren!"-Tit-Bits,

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Why does the rolling stone gather so many moss-covered anecdotes?

#### Iowa Patent Office Report.

Des Moines, Aug. 13, 1898. J. A. Merritt, of Des Moines, the sedate studious attorney, has surprised his friends by a display of poetical genius in the production of a poem that deserves to rank with Longfellow's Hiawatha and is entitled to 'Tama." The author has applied for a copyright and the poem will be published in illustrated book form.

Fifteen U. S. patents were issued to lowa inventors August 9, as follows:

To B. L. Bonnell, of Donnellson, for a railway switch; to W. F. Brown, of Maquoketa, for a lawn sprinkler; to L. W. Carson, of Elma, for a motor; to J. C. Dukes, of Ellston, for a floor-lay-\$54,473 invested in government bonds ing machine; to W. D. Graves, of St. Augur, for a bag-holder; to J. R. Hoit, of Des Moines, for a duplex clothespin; to J. A. Koontz, Centreville, for a draft-cock; to A. A. Lindley, of Oskalcosa, for a track-sanding apparatus; to E. S. Manning, of Des Moines, J. C. Perkins, of Inwood, for a roller attachment for sleighs; to G. F. Snider et al. of Abingdon, for a washing machine: to M. J. Stroud, of Paton, for a draft attachment for vehicles; to I. A. Weaver, of Oskalcosa, and R. M. Boyer, of Tracy, for a well-drilling machine; to J. F. Wessel, of Kellogg, for a bee hive; to J. W. Wood, of Hawarden, for an extensible clothes-line

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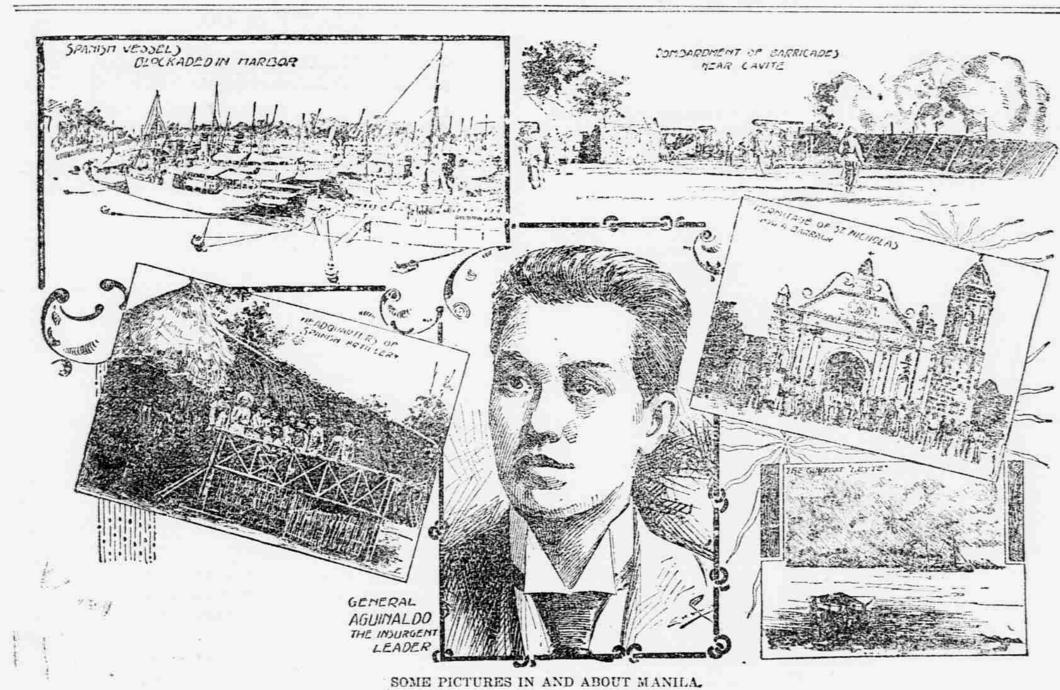
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desperate deeds.

He was the leader in the last rebellion, but terms were finally made with the Spaniards by which Aguinaldo and | and character. his chief followers were paid an indemnity of \$800,000 on their leaving the islands forever. All the insurgents imprisoned got their freedom, and re-

forms were granted for which the natives had asked.

Aguinaldo, with his companions, exccuted his part of the agreement by leaving the Philippines, but the Spaniards paid only part of the indemnity and never carried out the promised reforms. Their chief object seemed to be to get rid of Aguinaldo. When, therefore, Admiral Dewey destroyed the Spanish squadron and blockaded Manila, Gen. Aguinaldo reported first to the American Consul General, Pratt, at Singapore, and later to Consul General Wildman, at Hong Kong.

An agreement was soon reached by which he was permitted to go to the Philippines. Upon his arrival he first submitted his plans and wishes to Admiral Dewey and then proceeded to London. The lease will be for a term organize his forces for active opera- of seven years from July 1 next, at the tions. With the ammunition found in option of the lessees for a further pethe arsenal, arms secured from other riod of seven or fourteen years. This places and a few small field pieces, he company will pay a rent of \$6,500 per put several thousand men upon the annum, and will equip the tram lines tracks of the Spaniards.

His scheme is to form a republic, he tried to secure Admiral Dewey's starting from each terminus at intersupport. But, although the Americans vals of fifteen minutes,

his life has been one of daring and ericans here. They are of a rather low the world is located on the summit of was too dark for Cook, who began to and illiterate and Aguinaldo himself quipa, Peru. Harvard university is has not completely proved his strength | the maintainer of the station. It is

the situation in Manila is best told in at Arequipa, the lowest being at a point his own dispatches to the home government, in the last of which he suggested that his forces be increased to 50,000. With this force he will be in a position to meet any emergency. In the meantime the 12,000 troops under him are camped under the protection of Admiral Dewey's fleet. Until confident of his force Gen. Merritt will sheets. probably make no move. But if attacked or forced to attack Aguinaldo's forces there will be inauguarated a campaign the end of which no one can

Tram Line With Gas Motor Cars, The town council of Neath, England, is shortly to grant a lease of the Neath corporation tramways to the British

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19,200 feet above the sea level and is That Gen. Merritt fully realizes one of eight operated by the university fifty-five feet above the sea level, while 15,700 feet elevation respectively. The station on El Misti is 3,500 feet higher and is visited regularly once a month for the purpose of winding up the instruments and changing the record (Ky.) Journal.

#### A Mistaken Impression.

"That," said Maud, as the distinguished stranger entered the room, "is Mamie, in a tone of great interest. "How many century runs must you make to get one?"-Washington Star.

#### Shades That Harmonize.

Bill-"Don't you think Mrs. Crimlent. Why, even the ribbons on her | Chicago Evening Post. Eastern bonnet harmonizes with the shade of her husband's nose."

#### The Modern Damsel.

"For love of you I could become anything. I could become a poet. I-" The Loved-"Become a millionaire."-Modern Society.

order as a rule, and generally ignorant a peak known as El Misti, near Are- demur. About this time pistol shots were fired all around and near by. Roser fell as if dead, while Cook made haste to get away. After going several squares and in his haste leaving Roser on the field of battle. Cook caught a street car and came back to the city. two others are situated at 13,400 and | The jokers soon joined him and efforts were made to impress him that Roser had been seriously wounded, but Cook than the observatory on Mont Blanc | had "caught on" ere this and though somewhat discomfitted, took the whole matter good-naturedly. - Henderson

#### His Definition.

"What is a flirt?" asked the small boy. "A flirt," replied the old bachelor, "is a pretty woman," "But what the Victoria Cross." "Is it?" inquired | kind of a pretty woman?" persisted the small boy. "Any kind of a pretty woman," answered the old bachelor, "Well, how pretty must she be?" the youngster insisted. "Oh, pretty enough to have a chance to flirt," returned the old bachelor irritably. And still the

#### The Proper Place.

Query Editor-"This writer wants to know where the person with the wedding ring should be." Managing Editor (a confirmed bachelor)-"Just say in the penitentiary."-Jeweler's Weekly.