

STORMING CALUMPT

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Hale flanked the intrenchment with the Iowa, North Dakota and Nebraska volunteers. Wheaton with the Montana and Kansas in the front along the railroad. At an angle to the northeast the Iowa, with the Montana and three with Hale advanced with the firing line most effectively and demonstrated the advantage of artillery, again saving the infantry. The loss was four killed and twenty wounded. Punton, swimming the Bagbag, was first in the intrenchments.

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This was accomplished at a cost to the Americans of six killed and twenty-eight wounded, the first South Dakota bearing the heaviest loss.

After fording the river the South Dakota regiment pursued the insurgents to Calumpit, but the town was found to be so strongly protected that General MacArthur deemed it best to withdraw the first fighters and go into a night's rest before making the final assault.

The largest buildings in Calumpit were being fired by the Filipinos while the Americans were crossing the river fully a mile away, indicating the enemy's intention to abandon the town.

The insurgents seem to have adopted a settled policy of retiring from one position after another, after inflicting the greatest possible damage upon the advancing army. The forces today were well drilled. Every foot of ground was tenaciously disputed by the Filipinos who stood resolutely firm even before artillery.

The enemy had planned to wreck our transport train. This attempt was a failure, but a span of a railway bridge over the river was destroyed, hampering the American transportation for some time. The Filipinos cut the girders, intending to have the structure fall with the train, but it collapsed prematurely of its own weight.

The Bagbag river, which is about 100 yards wide at that point, was splendidly fortified, and the Americans were compelled to approach the open space from which the rebels had cleared every obstacle in sight. The bank of the river, a high bluff, was surmounted by the enemy, and the rocks, loopholed and partly hidden by bushes.

General Wheaton's brigade approached the river along the railroad, leaving camp beyond Malinao city. General MacArthur's brigade, which started yesterday, was earlier on the march, going westward toward the rear. The armored transport was being pushed by Chinamen, the Twentieth Kansas regiment advanced in an ordered order on the left and the First Montana on the right with the Utah Light artillery on its right.

The rapid firing guns on the train opened the ball at 11:30 p. m., about a mile from the river, their popping alternating continuously with the boom of the six-pounders.

The Montana regiment and the Utah Light artillery batteries at the same time entered the jungle, from which the insurgents, who were occupying a large, straggling village, had just fled.

In the meantime the Twentieth Kansas, led by Captain Belwood, performed one of the most brilliant achievements of the campaign. The regiment was being held in reserve, and Company K charged a distance of a quarter of a mile over a cornfield to the bank of the river, near the bridge, where the insurgents from a trench were peppering the armored train, then about 100 yards back down the track. The company found shelter in a ditch.

Colonel Frederick Punton called for volunteers to cross the river and the colonel himself, Frederick Hall, a private of Company K, a private of Company B and Corporal Ferguson of Company I crawled along the wire girders.

While this was going on the men of Company K from the ditch were firing the trenches in the endeavor to divert attention, but the Filipinos got the range from a trench down the river and their bullets soon splattered the water under the structure.

Colonel and His Revolver. Having reached the broken span the small but valiant party of Americans slid down the cables to the river, and the colonel crawled up the bank, the little column leading the way to the trenches, revolver in hand, while the few remaining Filipinos fled.

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General Sanchez Lora is making a tour of his district and will return to his headquarters on Thursday.

Five American soldiers who were discharged on Sunday, and who were waiting for transportation and pay, have been selected to remain in the parks and beg for food. Of 200 men discharged Sunday, only thirty-eight received tickets, although more than \$200 is due to each man.

The stevedores have struck for \$2.50 per day, instead of \$2. The pay for which they have been receiving, Captain Kay, who is in charge of the wharves, was given a squad of soldiers to prevent interference with the new men.

The 178 men who have been at work building barracks at Buena Vista have been on strike, demanding \$1.25 per day. They now receive 83 cents. All the employes of the Havana water works struck yesterday. They are being replaced by new men.

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