

### Carpenter's Letter

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but if there are quartz veins they are probably in the mountains some distance back from the coast. It would, for the present, at least, be best for men to go in companies of a dozen or more, well armed and ready to fight. In companies they will be able to go almost anywhere and can easily maintain themselves, both against the savages and the ladrones or Filipino bandits. They will find the climate of the mountains healthful and bracing and the country in the winter at least a delightful one for traveling and prospecting.

I am not yet prepared to write of the coal resources here. There are, I am told, large beds of coal on many of the Philippines, and that both anthracite and bituminous. The deposits exist chiefly on the islands which are nearest the east, but there are also evidences of coal near Zamboanga, in the far south.

Captain Batcheler saw many indications of copper and some evidences of petroleum in the Cagayan valley. The Negritos and Igorrotes frequently show specimens of lead, antimony and other minerals, but it is impossible to get them to say where they find them. The lead usually carries gold and silver with it.

The copper of North Luzon was worked, it is said, by the Igorrotes long before the Spaniards came. They softened the rocks by building fires upon them. This enabled

band's political interests by making his friends thrice welcome at their home in Birmingham. She is as fond of roses as her husband is fond of orchids, and the Highbury rowary is quite as famous as the marvelous collection in the orchid house there. The Chamberlain town residence at 40 Prince's Gardens, is supplied every day with flowers from Highbury.

Mr. Chamberlain has been three times married, and his heir, Austen Chamberlain, is his son by his second wife. The younger Chamberlain is now 37, wears a monocle like his father, is a member of Parliament and is civil lord of the admiralty, thanks to his father's political pull.

Finally, Mr. Chamberlain is the greatest admirer of the United States in the present English government. He has persistently boomed the idea of an Anglo-American alliance and got himself into trouble not long ago by speaking of it in public as if it were an accomplished fact, thereby calling forth a prompt denial from the United States government, and consequently getting himself much criticised.

### Bunch of Short Stories

In his recently published "Recollections" Sir Algernon West tells a story of Marwood, the executioner, who preceded Billington, which will bear retelling. One of the officials at the colonial office had occasion to consult Marwood as to the most rapid way of putting a man out of existence. Marwood expressed

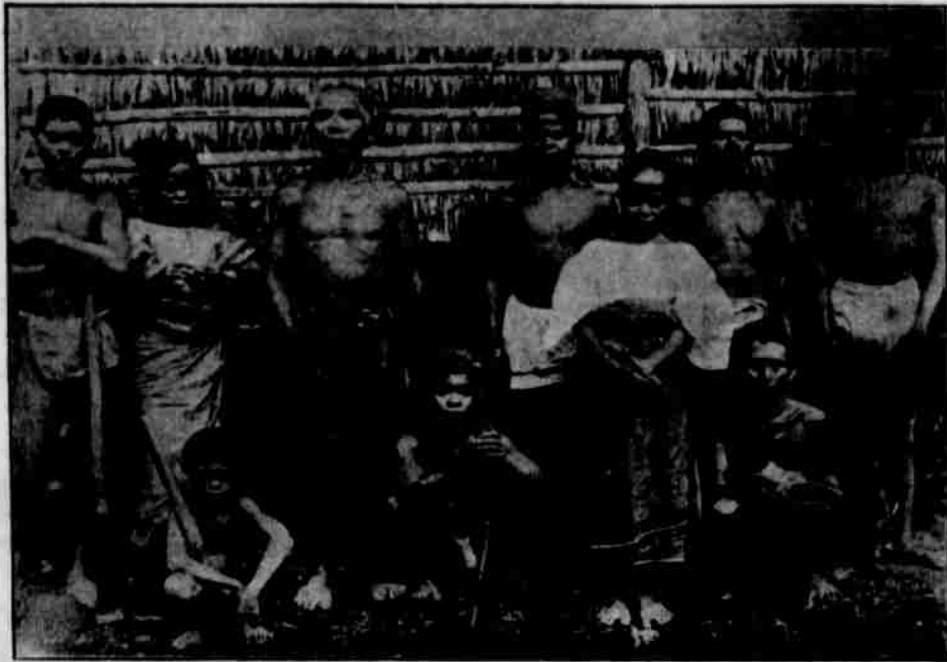
me. I'm so spring chicken, and I'll tell you right now that you're making it hard for him. I'll make him feel as though he'd jumped from a Turkish bath into a snow drift."

"Him! Who?"  
"Oh, drop that innocent air. What do you take me for? Do you think I have to get the help of an expert to add two and two? He came last evening and you said: 'Why, how do you do, Mr. Brown?' When he left it was 'Goodnight, George, dear,' and you punctuated audibly after each word. You came up stairs singing, and when I asked you what time it was you said it seemed too sweet to be true. Now will you tell?"

"I cannot. You'll never know a thing about it till he buys the ring."

"Mr. Beecher one day," relates Major Pond in the Philadelphia Post, "attended a match game of billiards, and several newspapers criticised him for so doing. A few days later, while he was sitting on the edge of the platform in his lecture room, a young church officer said to him: 'I don't believe there is any harm in billiards, but don't you think you injured your influence by attending the game?'"

"Mr. Beecher tucked one of his legs under the other, and, nursing one knee, said slowly: 'I've noticed all my life that ministers who are always taking care of their influence never have much influence to take care of. Very early in my ministry I made up my mind to take care of my work and let the Lord take care of my influence. Those ministers who keep looking behind them to see what has become of their influence remind me of nothing so much as an old cat chasing its own tail.'"



FROM NORTHERN LUZON.

them to break out the ore and they then roasted it again and again before smelting. Their smelting was done in little clay furnaces not much bigger than a four-gallon crock, bamboo blowers being used to make the requisite draught. The Spaniards later on tried to work these same mines with machinery and failed.

The editor of the Manila Times, who has traveled considerably over Luzon and who is the author of a number of guide books and maps relating to that island, tells me there is an iron mountain within less than fifty miles of Manila. It is near mineral springs and not far from the best settled part of the island. Iron is also said to exist in other parts of Luzon and in Cebu and other islands. Some of the ores are very rich, those of Angat, in the Bulacan province, not far from Manila, containing from 75 to 85 per cent of pure iron. None of the mines is worked and the incentive under the iniquitous Spanish government has been to let them lie undeveloped and untouched.

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### Wear of War on Joseph Chamberlain

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scale. The War office had bungled and the colonial secretary was blamed for that, too, because if the colonial secretary had not gone to war the War office would not have had a chance to bungle. But two weeks after Parliament had opened Mr. Chamberlain got up one night, put a little piece of paper in front of him with a few notes on it, and, in his calm, clear voice, sailed into his critics. It was a strong, adroit and audacious speech, in which he defended the government and himself so well that he saved the situation. A boom for the premiership was started then, for Lord Salisbury is so old and so tired of political life that he only awaits an opportunity for stepping down and out. If he does it before England gets over the need of a strong and daring man at the helm Mr. Chamberlain has a good chance for the place—hated though he is in the conservative party—because there is no one else available who fills the bill.

It is safe to say that the colonial secretary has a strong supporter in the prince of Wales, who, according to general gossip, was responsible for calling off the investigation of the Jameson raid, while Mr. Chamberlain has had to bear all of the criticism of that peculiar proceedings. The queen seems to be rather fond of the Birmingham politician, and she has shown particular attention to Mrs. Chamberlain, who, as you know, is the daughter of W. C. Endicott, formerly secretary of war in the United States cabinet. Mrs. Chamberlain does not care much for smart society, however, though she looks well after her hus-

himself in favor of what he professionally called "the long drop," and drove home his argument by remarking: "There was a Mr. Peace, now, a small man; I gave him a six-foot drop, and I assure you, sir, he passed off like a summer here."

While a member of the Nebraska legislature, relates the San Francisco Wave, M. Shrader, a populist leader, made it a rule to oppose every bill that had to do with corporations. Whenever he arose to speak on one of those measures he invariably said: "I know there's a boodle behind this bill, Mr. Speaker. I know it because I have been approached." This sort of thing went on for some time. One day Representative White, leader of the democratic side, arose while Shrader was hinting at boodle and asked permission to ask the populist a question. "I am perfectly willing to answer any question the gentleman may ask me," defiantly announced Shrader. White leveled a long lead pencil at the populist. "Will you please tell this body, Mr. Shrader, what there is about you that causes all these fellows with boodle to approach you?"

A copperhead correspondent who had made himself obnoxious to General Rawlins applied to that leader at Vicksburg for news. To a member of his staff the general consigned the journalist, with orders that he be taken to the trenches within a stone's throw of the enemy, and, if possible, lost there. The two set forth, but the moment the newspaper man's hat and his mule's ears showed over the ridge which he had climbed to get a view there came a volley of musketry ten yards wide, which shied the top of his hat off. He slipped to the ground in safety, but the mule was literally filled with lead. When the two men returned to headquarters Rawlins hailed his aid: "I thought I told you to lose that copperhead reporter somewhere?" he said. "I did the best I could," was the reply. "He came back, but I have the honor to report his mule a total loss."

After they had their breakfast and he was preparing to go to the office, reports the Detroit Free Press, he called the eldest daughter to one side and whispered: "Anything special to say to me this morning?"

"No, papa. Hope you'll have a pleasant day."

"Is that all? Nothing you want to tell me about, no advice to ask, or favor, or anything of that sort?"

"Only to wear your muffler and not take cold."

"Very well," his voice harder and louder. "I was conceited enough to think that you might think some consideration due me, and confide in me. I didn't know that I might have established some claim, but the fate of the married man is to pay bills and keep out of the road."

"Why, papa, dear, I don't understand you."

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