

AMERICAN RULE IN PHILIPPINES WRECKS ISLAND, SAYS STATESMAN

Congressman Miller of Minnesota, Makes Savage Attack on Governor General Harrison.

WORST ELEMENTS ARE PLACED IN POWER

Charges Graft, Mismanagement and Contempt for Government of United States Preval.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 25.—That two years of democratic rule in the Philippine Islands has brought about complete governmental chaos is the charge made by Congressman C. H. Miller of Minnesota in an interview today.

Miller, who has spent several weeks last summer in the islands as an independent investigator, and will make sensational and detailed statements about conditions in the island dependency of Uncle Sam in a set speech on the floor of congress early in the coming session.

Miller outlined the things he says he found in the Philippines. His statements, authorized for publication today, goes into details and gives many counts in his indictment against the rule of Governor General Harrison and his colleagues.

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FIGHT AT LOOS CAUSES WRITERS TO KEEP BUSY

Animated Description Given of Conflict Is Contributed by Bernard Kellerman, Well Known in America.

(Associated Press Correspondence.) Berlin, Nov. 16.—The fighting around Loos where the British succeeded in capturing a pair of the foremost positions of the German

of the Moro country, and from their own lips heard the expressed determination to fight to the death rather than let a Filipino rule over them. It must be remembered that for centuries they have been the enemies of the Filipinos, and always worsted them in battle and were kept from conquering the whole archipelago only by the sea armies of Spain.

There is one tragic feature, however, that nothing can correct. Commissioner Ilustre placed health and sanitation in the Moro country under several youths, some of them relatives of his, whom he sent down from the Christian provinces. These inexperienced, incompetent, impossible youths did just what could be expected—the worst possible. Having in mind the Moro dislike for Filipinos, having in mind their fiery nature, one really trembles at the audacity of the move.

News Is Censored. The government maintained a strict censorship over all Moro news, and even Manila was astounded when I returned from the Moro country and told something of the choicest horrors. Practically no information respecting it has reached America; the governor general sees to that.

Worst Leaders Preferred. Again let me state that the evils I complain of do not spring from the great mass of the Filipino people. They spring from false policies, false ideas and incompetence of the high American officials there, and from the activities of a political clique which practically runs the government. The great mass of the Filipino people are a kindly, peace-loving, lovable people and among the best people in the world if not led astray. These people are worthy the best government of which America is capable, and now they certainly have the worst.

On the main floor of the house is a grand social hall, measuring 75 by 82 feet, with an impressively shallow, twenty-five feet wide in the main, ascending to the mezzanine floor and branching into a grandiose gallery surrounding an open court.

In taking Shadow Lawn the president evidently expects to follow the example of President McKinley. There will be no campaigning around the election, but Mr. Wilson will make his speeches in his own front parlors at McKinley's old at Canton, O. The special Mrs. Metcalf estate is likely to be in

In nearly every paper one picked up was an item about some social disgrace which had been arrested or was being tried for robbing the mails. Some of the cases I abstracted involved the loss of several thousand dollars.

Nobody's Letters Safe. I know from sad personal experience that many of the many persons were right who said that nobody's mail was safe in the postoffice department. I was always careful to deposit my letters in the postoffice myself. I made a great mistake; most of my letters, and there were scores of them, never reached their destination. I sent back many extended reports, all confidential to certain Americans interested in knowing the truth about the Philippines, and of all those I sent, I can find that only two ever reached their way.

I wrote many letters to parties in the islands and they seem to have shored about the same fate. Some of the government officials must have read some very interesting things about themselves. I had to be warned before I believed. When the postoffice is not safe, think of the effect upon every element of human affairs—even upon life itself!

Penal Colony an Experiment. Then take a look at the Iwahig penal colony. This was a great humanitarian experiment in penology on the Iwahig island of Palawan, Mr. Forbes, who in office, established a colony for honor prisoners. Men of the national prison at Manila who had served a third of their sentences and had good records were taken to this colony. Here there were no guards, no soldiers, no officers, save the superintendent, a splendid southern gentleman from South Carolina, who was also an officer in the Philippine constabulary, and three or four clerks. The government was in the hands of the colonists themselves. They made their own rules and had their own court, before which they tried all offenders, and themselves enforced punishment. Here was much freedom and abundant opportunity. Prisoners were allowed to take tracts of land for cultivation, build and live in their own homes, even take their families there. They ceased to be prisoners and became colonists. During the several years of its existence I believe there had not been a single escape.

Wholesale Jail Deliveries. But the arrival of this new regime changed things abruptly. These colonists heard everything was going to be free now, and showed symptoms of unrest. The governor general promptly pardoned 100, then 100, having friends of political influence in Manila. The rest quite work and stopped all development. The superintendent lost all control and in due time resigned. The governor general begged him to withdraw the resignation, promising no more would be pardoned, so the superintendent called the colonists together, about 1,200 of them, and told them no more would be pardoned, that all must go back to work. They solemnly started to carry out his orders, when a new batch of 600 pardons arrived from the hands of the governor general. In despair the superintendent resigned for good.

Prisoners Turn Bandits. What happened to the colony can be left to the imagination. The most tragic feature occurred when a group of colonists escaped, armed hands and descended upon a lone American school teacher, who out there in the wilderness was teaching the wild native children—a real, self-sufficing hero, if there ever was one—fell upon him and literally cut him into fragments. With news of this fresh upon his desk the governor general hastily sent his customary telegram to Washington. All is peaceful, quiet and well.

Criminals Are Welcomed. Many Filipinos who had fled the islands to escape punishment for crimes and some "honest" trouble makers who had long been carrying on seditious work for the safety of such places as Hongkong and Shanghai

but flitted back to the islands, were warmly welcomed by the governor general and proceeded to get very busy in government offices, or in starting up a business of some kind among the natives. In order that just one of the worst, Vicente Sotto, might come back a pardoned man, a fine which he had committed and of which he had been convicted in the islands some years before. Apparently the governor general pardoned him, as he pardoned him and welcomed him to Manila. These men do not represent the real Filipino people—rather they represent the worst element in that people. The Filipino people has a bad element, the same as any other. The governor general apparently liked them because they were all violently anti-American and lived on seditious work.

Enemy of Americans Honored. One of the arch enemies of America that we have always had to contend with is a native named Ilustre. He has never been punished and so far as I know has never committed a crime, but he has been always an uncompromising hater of America, an outcropping of all everything American. There were not so very many of his type, thank goodness!

Given Great Authority. Well, he was appointed to a high and mighty place in the government. He was made a member of the Philippine commission, and there was assigned to him personal supervision over non-Christian tribes, and non-Christian territories. A more reckless or insane act could not well be imagined. The government of the wild people is the most delicate job in the Philippines. He began to interfere at once and at every touch he left a burning spot or wild tribe ailing. He has not started only an infinite God will ever know the misery and suffering and death these poor people must endure at the hands of this man, who should be honestly scouted and despised by every decent Filipino and American.

For a time, the secretary of the interior in a measure, without his machinery of Ilustre and his satellites, but just now the secretary has given up and left the island. Two years ago I journeyed among the wild tribes and obtained from them the first expressions they ever gave relative to possible Filipino rule. In a friendly confidential manner, those wild people at every place demanded that their government remain American, and that no Filipinos ever be placed over them. There are several times as many of these wild people as there ever were Indians in the United States.

Wild People in Despair. This summer I found them, restless and apprehensive, what they had demanded to be free from was forced upon them. Their officials whom they knew and trusted were taken from them, killings, snare and barbed and heads had begun to fall. The secretary of the interior and his assistants really tried to check the evil movements and planned many good things for the wild folks, but to me it was plain that Ilustre was too strong, and with a pliant governor general, the worst of the wild people feared would soon be upon them.

Pause here for a moment and reflect, you who are adding principle to the content of the government. The Moros some half a million of them, come within the class of non-Christian, and to some extent are under Ilustre's vicious power.

Had Efficient Governor. The Moros are fortunate in having an excellent governor, Mr. Carpenter. He is far and away the best in the Philippine service. He has been there ever since the Spanish flag came down, and no one knows the Filipino better. As governor, he has very considerable power, too. Whenever he has been allowed to work on his own judgment he has worked wisely and to the very great advantage of the Moro people. Some really inspiring things have been accomplished there during the last two years. But, alas, he has been obliged to yield to the political machine which is yielding to the Moro.

Two years ago I visited all regions

If you would be generous enough to let me pay the rent that I have been accustomed to pay for a summer place, I would feel easier about it, even if you devoted the money to some charitable object. It is not that I hesitate for one moment to accept anything from Jersey people, but I should feel more comfortable if you would let me pay the rental that I ordinarily pay in the summer time, then I would not feel that I was doing my part and also increasing a very generous hospitality on the part of those who represent the state.

The British renewed the next morning their attempts to break through the German lines. They tried with quite new tactics—or, rather, with very old tactics that are out of date in this war. It was a thing wholly unexpected, and the staff officers looked on with open-mouthed wonder. Shortly before noon it was observed that the British thickly massed and in column formation of eight ranks, were advancing from Loos to attack us. Their artillery was sending down a hail of shells to heat, open a path for these storming masses. At the same time the enemy mounted artillery, in broad day light, rode up to take up a position upon hills to the east of Loos, which is nothing more than a slight elevation in the landscape hardly noticed in riding across the fields. The batteries were carrying bridge material with them to enable them to make crossings over trenches and natural obstructions. Still more—one or two mounted cavalry regiments were observed on the plain far to the rear.

Eight ranks of infantry, mounted artillery, cavalry in the background—that was too much! A veritable battle plan of a past age, the product of a mind in its dotage and a brain rotting behind the times. Commanders of armies get out of date in our times as rapidly as inventions and sciences, whereas the lesson taught by this war is that the lives of soldiers should be entrusted only to the most modern, the most elastic, and most highly endowed minds—the very pick of a nation's best talent. The English should have sent back their old celebrities to take charge of communications.

Splendidly, with admirable courage, the English troops came forward to the attack. They were young, wore no decorations, they carried out with blind courage what their senior commanders ordered—and this in a period of mortars, machine guns and the telephone. Their behavior was splendid, but all the more pitiable was the breakdown of their attack.

The eight ranks of infantry, before they had advanced ten paces, got into our mixed file of rifles, machine guns and artillery—all at the call of the telephone. The batteries were only awaiting the signal. His English excellency was not prepared for this. Fresh reserves were set into action, only to be mowed down by the cross-fire from our machine guns. The English mounted artillery had a wretched end; it not only got into the range of our machine guns, but at the same time our heavy mortars (called by telephone) raked it so rapidly and thoroughly that the men did not even have time to finish their guns. The cavalry regiments waiting in the background for the order to attack were greeted with some salvoes of heavy shelling from their headquarters. That ended the battle. The attack broke down in front of our wire entanglements.

An enormous number of dead lay before our trenches. The various losses for the two days before this German division alone amounted, at a low estimate, to 29,000 men. The lesson that Kellerman thinks should be learned from the fighting here is that "war is not a sport in the hands of a dozen privileged dilettantes."

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