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THE PHILIPPINE ISLANDS.

Frank Irwin Gives a Description of the War in the Philippines—The Yank's Haven't Everything Their Own Way.

The following extracts from a letter from Frank Irwin, son of ye Editor, may be interesting to some of our readers. The letter dated Feb. 8 reached us on the 26th of March. After a few familiar paragraphs he talks about the war with a description of the Filipinos in which he says:—

They are a lazy, filthy, ignorant people, to say the best of them. They are about five feet high, copper colored generally, slightly oval eyes, treacherous and deceitful, and are great people for picking up anything that is not chained down. They used to come around our barracks and eat out of the slop-barrel. They live in bamboo shacks and usually chain their hogs under the houses. They are great tobacco users, men, women and children from four years up, using it continually.

Well, when I wrote you last, we were in Cebu, but now we are in the mountains some 15 miles from here. Since my last letter we have had several scraps.

In the last letter we were in Cebu, but over a month ago we started out to give the insurgents another whipping.

About three weeks after coming into Cebu, "H," that is my company, went one way alone to take some forts, while "I" and "K" went another route.

We were the only company that reached our destination, the other companies getting lost in the mountains.

We went up, expecting these other companies to join us and fire on them from the other side. We opened up at 9 o'clock a. m. and kept it up till 4 p. m. and the insurgents were still in there, and firing as much as we were. We fell back, and camped on the bank of the river, set out our outposts, and all went well until about 10 o'clock when insurgents approached under cover of darkness and fired on the outposts and camp. I was on one outpost and a bullet or two came uncomfortably near me, so I sat down. About 10.30 Captain Hanson called in the outpost and we beat a hasty retreat down the river. We marched from 10.30 till 3.30 in the morning, and then the river got so rocky and stoney that we couldn't get the horses through, so we halted. Our Captain called for a man to go with him, and I, being close to him, stepped out. We tried to go: a trail to make our way round the rocks, but it didn't work, and after half an hour's hard search gave it up. We then camped for the night, or rather "flopped" into the river and lay down till daylight at about six o'clock. We then started out, but found out just in time that we had camped under the forts.

We couldn't help it, but cheerfully took our breakfast of "lead and cannon balls" and marched on.

About 9 o'clock we had breakfast and an hours rest. We again set out and marched till 1 o'clock when we reached an American soldier's camp.

I tell you it was a pleasure to fall down and rest there, for we were all played out.

We set up tents in this camp (Camp Rowan) and stayed for three or four weeks. The next thing was

to find a place for the artillery camp, so one morning I was told to go out with a party consisting of 45 privates, several commissioned officers and a detachment from the artillery. We marched all morning and stopped at noon to eat and survey the country. We could see the insurgents flocking to their forts. Not having found a suitable position we started on our homeward path, and proceeded down the other side of the range. We walked along the range for quite a while in front of the fort, when they fired a cannon at us. It either went a mile or two high or not far enough for I could hear nothing of the ball. Then they commenced with rifles and cut up the dirt all around us. We got into a wooded gully, and went down into the river and still they fired on us. You could hear the bullets going through the leaves on either side of you but lucky for us none came in. There is one curious thing about those rifles, that is a rifle barrel, at long range shooting they go a little to the right, and do not shoot exactly straight. For instance, in shooting at one thousand yards, suppose the target to be a clock, you aim at seven o'clock and make a ball's eye. I don't think these niggers understand this or they would do more damage.

After resting in the bushes in the creek bottom we opened fire and as the niggers got excited and were shooting high we fought our way for about four miles and only got two men wounded. We came to Cebu and a month ago or more (Jan. 5th) started out to destroy their big forts. But I must hasten on. D Company planted the cannon, and when all the troops got out the artillery opened up and the infantry charged the hill and took the forts. The first shot of the cannon went through one fort and killed twenty insurgents. We got the fort after a stiff fight with only a few men wounded. The enemy had 109 killed and I don't know of the wounded, no prisoners. My motto is with these people "No quarter" for I know they would not give it to me, and I have seen six butchered into an unrecognizable mass and eight more missing. There was a scrap here the other night, the Filipinos having adopted guerrilla warfare, and Captain Smith, of D Company, was killed.

Best respects to all and hope you are all well.

JOHN F. IRWIN,  
Co. H. 19th Feby.

Decreasing Birth Rate.

The report of the Registrar General of Ontario for the year 1898 has just been laid before the Legislative Assembly. The report is supposed to be a correct record of the births and deaths, and also of the marriages which have occurred in the Province of Ontario during the year, and such it ought to be. But a very cursory examination of the return will show that there is something radically wrong somewhere.

The total number of births recorded in 1898 was 46,599, having a decrease of 724 from the number given in 1897. The counties showing an increase are those in which growing and manufacturing cities are situated, as for instance York, Wellington and Wentworth. On the other hand the more notable decreases are said to have occurred in the counties which are very largely agricultural, such as Bruce, Grey and Ontario, and where in the normal condition of things there, decreases should have been increases.

The total number of marriages in 1898 also seems to have fallen off slightly as compared with the previous year, thus, in Western Ontario, and especially in the counties lying upon Lake Erie the decrease was very marked, while in Eastern Ontario there was a corresponding increase. But upon the whole, there appears to be a distinct tendency to delay marriages which means that the proportion of marriageable persons in the community decreases, and pro rata of course there must be a decreasing birth-rate.

It may be, however, that this pessimistic view of the general trend of the population is not borne out by the real facts of the case, that it is the Division Registrar who is at fault, and these ugly figures recorded in the Registrar's returns are the result of his imperfect returns of his subordinates. If so, then the sooner the facts are known the better for the people as a whole, and for Canada in the eyes of the world.

We may here remark that the registration of births, deaths and marriages is of the very highest importance, and that all persons concerned should aid the Division Registrar in his work.—Com.

A certain gentleman in a neighboring town was good enough to go to meeting but could not remember the text, and his wife would make fun of him. So on Sunday the text was: "An angel came down from heaven, took a live coal and placed it on the altar." He kept this in his mind and went home. His wife said, "Well forgotten the text, I reckon?" He said, "Oh, no, I'm too fast for you this time." She asked him to repeat it. He said: "An Indian came down from Grand Haven, took a live colt by the tail and jerked him out of his halter."

COUNTY AND DISTRICT.

Port Elgin has decided on a Dominion Day celebration July 2.

Mr. Bearman, of the Stone Electric works, has installed a two thousand light dynamo at a cost of \$2800.

Mr. Robert Russell, Treasurer of Proton township for over twenty years died recently from paralysis.

Sydenham township defeated the By-law submitted last week to raise \$40,000 for a permanent road improvement fund.

Mr. John Mitchell, of the Experimental Farm, Clarksburg, shipped sixteen boxes of fruit to the Paris Exposition.

Wroxeter is talking up a Furniture Factory now and Editor Townsend is helping it along. One hundred \$25 shares have already been asked for.

Guelph Central Exhibition fall show has been set for Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, Sept. 25th, 26th and 27th.

Mr. Robert Gilray, father of Rev. Alex. Gilray, and Thos. Gilray, Ex-Reeve, of Euphrasia, died at his home near Epping on Monday the 28th ult., in his 84th year.

A Brant farmer sold about twenty-five hardwood trees this winter, not one of which was green, all having been killed by the caterpillars last summer.

The Independent Order of Foresters at Arthur added the net proceeds of a concert, \$61.32 to the Canadian Patriotic Fund. The total proceeds were \$105.07 and expenses \$43.75.

The Hon. Wm. Muloch, acting Minister of Public Works paid Thornbury and Meaford a visit to inspect the harbors. At both towns he met with enthusiastic receptions.

The Owen Sound Times advocates the establishment of a Joint Stock Co. to commence a steam laundry business. The Chinese laundries it claims are destructive and unsatisfactory, the Chinamen undesirable citizens, and the entire profits of their labor go to China through the big agencies or banks at San Francisco.

HENRY'S CORNERS.

Mr. Phil Lawrence while loading saw logs attempted to prop one with his knee. The prop slipped and the log came down on his leg injuring cords so that he will be unable to work for a while. The boys turned out last Tuesday and cut his summer's wood and danced at night.

Tom Lawrence is going to Glenelg to be Mr. James Allen's right hand man for the summer. He is a hustler and the Edge Hill farmers will have to keep moving or he'll get ahead of them.

Wood bees are the order of the day and dances at night. The list for this budget is Messrs. D. McKelvie, W. Watson, John Moore and F. Hargrave.

Mr. James Allan is going to draw cream to the Durham Creamery this summer. He is thinking of taking two routes and drawing every day. If he does as much driving at night as usual he will be going all the time.

Messrs. John Moore and Robert Matthews have purchased the Lamb farm which has been tilled by Mr. J. Allan for a good number of years.

Mr. Fred Foot has engaged with Reeve Morice, of Normandy, for the summer months.

Mr. Geo. Henry is going to spend the summer at Shallow Lake cement works. He will be missed as he kept up the reputation of this part as a sport.

Mr. Wm. Calvert is putting a lean-to to his barn this summer. He had a gang of men making timber for it last week, contractor Jim Eden heaved it in one day. He can do big work hewing as well as cutting wood.

Miss Kate Dixon has returned from the Ontario Agricultural College at Guelph where she took a course in the Dairying department and succeeded in coming out second on the list. Well done Kate.

Mr. John Henry Moore, son and brother-in-law of Mr. Joseph Moore has gone to Owen Sound for the summer.

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