

THE SECOND CITY OF THE PHILIPPINES.

All About the Town of Iloilo, the Metropolis of the Visayans.

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Iloilo, February 20, 1900.—Iloilo, which is pronounced as though it were spelled Ilo-Ello, with the accent on the El, is the second city of the Philippines.

From the way the town has been treated in the Associated Press and cable dispatches of the war correspondents I supposed it was a large city. I had heard that it had all the way from thirty thousand to three hundred thousand inhabitants, and that it was the center of the sugar and hemp trade of the islands.

HOW THE INSURGENTS HAVE DESTROYED ILOILO. You see everywhere the desolation and destruction caused by the insurgents. When they evacuated the city they set fire to it, saying that most of the property belonged to the English and the Chinese, and to burn it would not injure the natives, who lived chiefly in the adjoining villages of Molo and Hallow.

THE CONDITION OF PANAY. Similar burning has gone on in most parts of the island of Panay, and although it is nominally conquered it will be a long time before its peaceful possession can be assured.

NEED CAVALRY. I heard today from an old English resident here what seems to me a very sensible suggestion. This was that the chief roads of the island should be patrolled by cavalry.

A SAMPLE OUTRAGE. Speaking of the terror inspired by the bandit incidents which have been taking place, for instance, is the case of a boy

who was working about one of the camps in the neighborhood of Cebu. He was a quiet little fellow, very anxious to get something to do, and wanted only to be allowed to make a living. He was acting as a servant for one of our lieutenants, while his mother and sisters did washing for the soldiers, and his father was employed on odd jobs about the camp.

GENERAL OTIS TO LEAVE THE PHILIPPINES.



When the transport Hancock sails from Manila in the early part of June she will carry among her passengers Major General Otis. It is partly on account of his health that General Otis is being relieved.

MILITARY COMMANDER IN THE PHILIPPINES.



The Philippine archipelago is a military division, according to regulations of the United States war department, called the division of the Pacific. It is subdivided into four departments.

Patria." and on his chin, pricked in with the same ink, was "Amen." The boy cried bitterly as he told his story, begging the Americans to protect him and his father.

mysteriously disappeared, and it is believed that the insurgents have carried out their threat and killed him. I have heard of other instances of killing and torture both here and in Luzon, instances which go to show that there are no more cruel and blood-thirsty people anywhere than the Filipinos.

QUEER WATER BUCKETS. What would you think of sending your daughter to the well with a water bucket taller than herself?

HOW THE GIRLS DIVE. But little water is used at the houses except for cooking and drinking. Every one goes to the well or the creek when they want a bath, and from the number of people I see bathing in every stream, I judge that the people are cleanly.

NO MODERN WANTS. I am struck with the few wants the Filipinos have. They use little that their own country does not supply. They do everything without machinery and in an crude way as their forefathers did a century ago.

Men who go out fishing in an open boat in the midst of a blinding storm and enjoy it, must be strong and healthy and are pretty sure to live to a ripe old age.

COUNTRY SCENES IN PANAY. I made an excursion with Lieut. Van Deman of Gen. Hughes' staff out to the country near Iloilo yesterday.

would take their lives into their hands. Here in Iloilo every one seems kindly disposed, and you would not suppose that there was anything like war going on.

curved side upwards. There are cracks between the strips, so that the average housewife does not need to sweep for the dirt falls through the floor. These houses have no windows. Holes in the wall about a yard square take the place of windows.

PEOPLE ARE HALF NAKED. As I go farther south I find the people wear less and less clothes. Out in the country districts you meet everywhere the children.

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with the branches broken off six inches from the stems so that they acted as the teeth of the harrow. Several such sticks are laid parallel with one another in the shape of the ordinary American harrow and are thus dragged over the field.

THE TROTTLING BULLOCKS OF PANAY. Here in Iloilo bullocks take to a large extent the place of horses and ponies. They are the riding and driving animals of the city and its surroundings.

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