

THE CUBA OF THE ORIENT.

The Philippine Islands the Last But Two of Spain's Magnificent Possessions.

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The world watches with interest the struggle in Spain's three colonies, the last of her once gigantic possessions apart from the mother country. Cuba is known to all, more so, since the late war, where a new instruction has just been issued, and much has been said about the Philippine islands, which the public mind are associated with Manila, Iloilo and Zamboanga.

Manila, the capital of the Philippine islands and the chief city of Luzon, contains a population of 200,000. It is situated on a narrow strip of land, the bay of Manila, the largest and finest in the world, and is surrounded by a wall of stone and a ditch. The city is built on a hillside, and the streets are steep and narrow. The harbor is one of the finest in the world, and is protected by a wall of stone and a ditch. The city is built on a hillside, and the streets are steep and narrow.

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The Spanish have in these waters but three vessels of a minor class, the only gunboats remaining being the *Albatros*, which was built in 1870, and the *Albatros*, which was built in 1870.

A naval engagement would not speedily be decided, and the Spanish fleet would be able to maintain its position in Manila. There is a large number of Spanish ships in the harbor, and the Spanish fleet would be able to maintain its position in Manila.

A long list might be given of the men who have won their advancement in life to a clever career given at the right moment. An account of how they have managed it may be found in the list of names given just now.

A somewhat similar anecdote is that of a man who was a member of the House of Representatives. He was a man of great ability, and he was a member of the House of Representatives.

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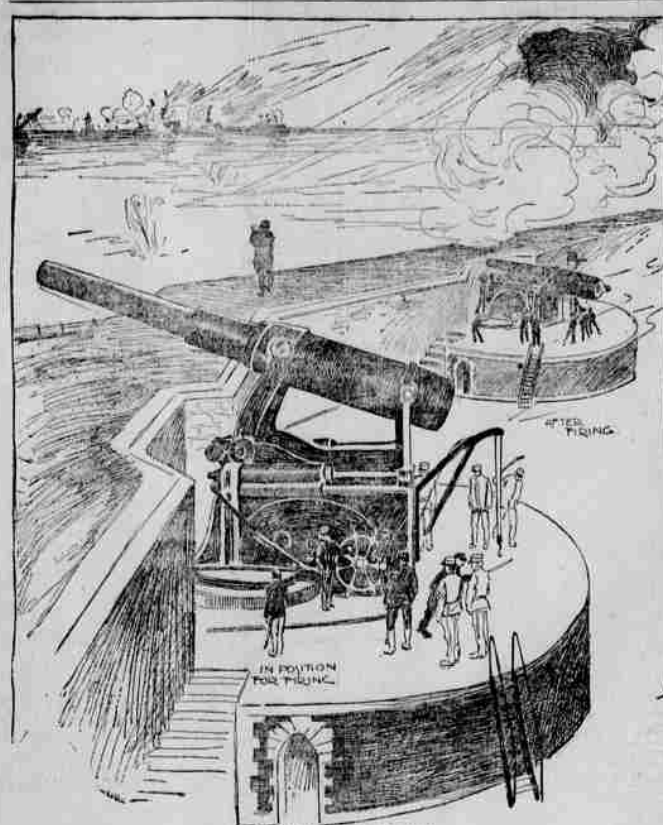
The Hawaiian is also a protected cruiser and has a deck covered with detecting armor. She carries in her main battery one 8 inch and ten 6 inch rapid fire guns, and in her secondary battery eight 6 inch, four 4 inch and two machine guns.

The cruiser Baltimore, from Honolulu, recently arrived at Hongkong to join the Asiatic squadron, under Commodore Dewey, which is to strike the Spanish column in the Philippine islands if such a step should be deemed necessary.

The general commercial government and the interest seems to center in Luzon, though Mindanao, the extreme southern island of the archipelago, is nearly as large. The Chinese and foreign natives have largely intermarried. Evidence of advanced civilization may be found in the begonia of the house, for the house is as large and varied and fragrant a collection of the world as can be found anywhere in the world.

The last uprising of the natives against Spanish rule commenced in 1896, and the year 1897 opened with an uprising in Luzon. The Spanish and the insurgents in a number of places were defeated. There were many deaths on both sides.

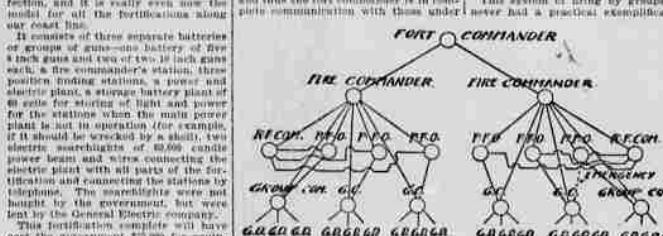
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OUR TYPICAL FORTRESS.

Fort Wadsworth in New York Harbor—Its Armament and Equipment.

Fort Wadsworth, in New York Harbor, is the most perfect system of defense to be found along our coast. It is in fact the typical artillery station, the model fort of the country. Development of our coast defense has been a matter of slow progress, and the work at different fortifications is even now in a far from perfect state.



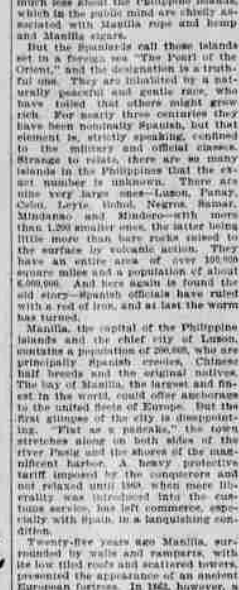
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NATIVE SOLDIERS.



MAP OF THE PHILIPPINE ISLANDS.