

LETTER FROM MANILA

Description of Terrible Conditions Under Which Spaniards Make Their Hopeless Stand.

Capacity of Treacherous Insurgent Leader Held in Check by the Americans.

(Correspondence of the Colonist.)

Harbor of Manila, Island of Luzon,

July 2, via Hongkong and per O. & S. S.

S. Doric—Heavy and almost uninter-

rupted fighting has been going on since

I mailed my last letter on the 13th ult.

The insurgents are daily gaining ground,

although in some instances the Spaniards

are obstinately defending. A few

inches. All my endeavors, backed by

strong German influence, to obtain per-

mission to go to the front have met with a

polite but most decided refusal, and I

understand that the American correspond-

ents at Cavite are being equally un-

successful with Aguinaldo. The Span-

iards, however, do not object to my visit-

ing the scene of battle when exhaustion

causes a temporary cessation of hostil-

ties. Thus I have been permitted to

look around the old Polverin or powder

magazine, where the first successful suc-

cession the fighting has been very

severe. The road from Cavite winds

round and leads to Manila by way of

Malate. Here, near the Polverin, a

force of about 2,000 Spaniards resisted

the furious and persistent onslaughts

of the insurgents in a most heroic

manner. The position is strong, since

one side of the road is protected

by an impassable swamp, which ac-

counts for the long resistance since

the insurgents must attack by the

road. Santa Ana, to the east, the Spaniards

have held their own so far, although

the insurgents seemed to court death, fling

themselves upon the stockades and

trenches defending the position. At

Santa Mesa, a little further to the north-

east, the fighting has also been very

severe and protracted. It seems to be

Aguinaldo's purpose to wear out the

Spaniards, and so on, the Polverin, be-

yond the most sanguine expectations.

If there is going to be any fighting for

the American troops, the first detach-

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erican are gaining and deserving golden

opinions from every foreigner, and even

from the Spaniards with whom they are

in contact. A few days before the pri-

soners left Cavite, they were visited by

Consul General Williams, who brought a

large supply of fruit, which he distributed

among the volunteers. The poor fellows re-

sponded with a hearty cheer. The corre-

spondent of the House of Representatives

the following clipping: "From all sides I

hear the words of praise for the Span-

iards. The cordial relations between the

Britishers and the Americans is most

marked, although nothing is being done in

isolation of neutrality. Every British

captain in the port wears by the Admiral

and friendly calls are exchanged every

by the officers. If the British and Amer-

ican naval vessels were not together,

the Spaniards would exist among their

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LORD HERSCHELL HERE

The Imperial Member of the Que-

bec Conference is Now in

He Will Be Dined by the Bar This

Evening at Mount Baker

Hotel.

The Right Hon. Farrer Herschell, first

Lord of the name, arrived in Victoria last

evening and was met at the Chalmers

dock by several of the representative

members of the Law Society, who ex-

tended him to the hotel. The distinguished

Britisher, who is a member of the

distinguished British. There was no

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