BRAVERY OF REGULARS

Exploits In Philippines Honored by War Department.

ONE FOUGHT OFF TEN FILIPINOS.

Billy Ballou's Deadly Fire on a Band of Insurgents—How Sergeant Bryan Shielded an Officer From Moros. Private Moreland Nursed a Comrade Stricken With Deadly Asiatic Fever.

Out with the regulars who are fighting in the rice fields and swamps in the Philippines there are not much gold lace and dazzling brilliancy of uniform, but there are plenty of chances for glory, says the New York Times. That is shown in the list recently published at Washington of the certificate of merit granted by the war department in the last six months.

In the long list of those on the nation's roll of honor the name of Billy Ballou, private of the Fifteenth cavalry, must have place. On Feb. 2, 1904, Ballou, who was a member of Troop D, with his captain and two other privates, was surprised by a band of insurgents, who to all appearances just "popped up out of the ground" near the village of Suclatan on the island of Mindanao. Before the quartet of regulars recovered from their surprise the captain and one of the privates had been killed and the second private severely wounded, and Ballou was left alone to make the best fight he could. The records show that he made a good one.

Ballou stood his ground, his faithful "Krag" all the time peppering an answer to the rifles in the hands of the attacking insurgents. The fight was ten against one, but so deadly was Ballou's fire that the number of his opponents decreased by one every time his rifle snapped, and finally those of the little brown men who were left alive retreated. When re-enforcements arrived they found Ballou, still on guard, nursing his wounded comrade and ready, should the occasion arise, to fight another battle single handed.

Travis T. Bryan, a sergeant in Company A of the Twenty-second infantry, is another soldier whose name will be remembered by the troops in Mindanao. Sergeant Bryan won the certificate of merit on Jan. 22 of last year. With his company he was on guard garrisoning a captured Moro fort on the banks of the Ramlen river. On this occasion the Moros made a desperate attempt to recapture the fort, and in the action two of his company officers were wounded and fell in the doorway of the fort. They lay in the direct line of the Moro fire.

Bryan put himself in front of the worst wounded of the officers, shielding him from fire and in the meantime making it possible for the other officer to crawl to a place of safety. Bryan stood his ground until a rescuing party arrived, and when the smoke cleared away the number of dead Moros in front of the blockhouse showed what a marksman the sergeant was.

In the Twenty-eighth infantry one of the sergeants of Company I in February of last year was Bishop L. Morrow. Morrow won his certificate by going to the assistance of a wounded comrade who had been attacked by three Moros near Pantar, on the Ilogan-Lake Lanao road. Had he been a minute later the comrade would have been killed, but once Bishop got there he quickly fired three well directed shots. He had no reason to fire a fourth.

Otto Herter was a private in the hospital corps, when in an engagement in which the Americans were hard pressed by Ladrones, near Bago-Buntay, in Luzon, he stopped attending wounded, dashed to the firing line, grabbed the rifle of a wounded soldier and began to shoot. The general order awarding him his certificate of merit says that "he was cool and brave, setting an excellent example to the other men in the command."

John P. McSweeney was a member of the "Fighting Ninth" when he won his award. It was in China, and it happened near Tientsin. An officer of his command had been desperately wounded and was lying in an exposed place directly in the line of fire of the Chinese sharpshooters. McSweeney went to the officer's assistance, bandaged his wounds and was dragging him to safety when a shot put him out of action.

In the Forty-third United States volunteers there was a private named Schottler—Charley Schottler. Schottler was fighting in Samar, P. I. In action he saw a Moro lift a bolo to kill an officer. Running forward, he reached the side of the insurgent in time to divert the blow. He received it himself. He afterward got well, and the certificate of merit was his reward.

It was at Cabanos, in Guimiras, P. I., that George Moreland, a private of the Fifth infantry, voluntarily took upon himself the duty of nursing a comrade striken with the contagious Asiatic fever. The comrade died and was buried by Moreland, none of the other troops in the meantime having been exposed to the contagion. Moreland caught the fever, but he lives to tell the story.

In February, 1904, one officer and two privates on duty near Bacoor, P. I., were attacked by fifteen insurgents and were in desperate straits when Sergeant Fred Harrison of the Sixth cavalry came up and began to show his marksmanship. Ten minutes later the only insurgents to be seen were those who had stood in the line of Harrison's fire.

These are only a few of the men who have been awarded the certificate of merit since Jan. 1.

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WINE FROM NEAR THE POLE

Bottle Still Contains Liquor That Greely Left—Peary to Drink It.

Perhaps the most remarkable bottle of liquor in the world in many respects was exhibited to several members of the Peary Arctic club in New York the other night. It was left in the snows at Fort Conger by the ill fated Greely expedition, and it was unexpectedly produced by Herbert L. Bridgman, secretary of the club, says the New York Times.

Commander Robert E. Peary, who will again try to find the north pole, found the bottle, which is uncracked and full of ancient yellow Chartreuse, in 1898, where the Greely expedition had left it with other supplies that had to be forsaken. One year later he reached Grinnell Land and left it in a cache addressed "Herbert L. Bridgman." He tied a tendon of a walrus around the middle of the bottle and placed a letter inside the band. This is the letter as preserved by Mr. Bridgman:

Grinnell Land, June, 1899.

My Dear Bridgman—Don't think I have found a bar up here or that our repertoire of spirits includes such delicacies as liqueurs and the wherewithal for mixed drinks.

When I reached Fort Conger last June I found one bottle of Chartreuse. The contents may be good, bad or indifferent, but they have lain within 500 miles of the pole for eighteen years and for eighteen times have been colder than I hope you ever will be. PEARY.

The bottle was exhibited at a family party at the Hamilton club, Brooklyn. Among those present were Mrs. Bridgman, who has been a worldwide traveler, as well as Mrs. Peary and Mr. Bonsall, one of the survivors of the Greely expedition.

Mr. Bridgman said he would open the bottle when Peary returned from his search for the pole.

Education Won the Jack Pot.

On a warm and sultry day two tramps were playing a game of poker behind a haystack. One of them dealt.

"What are you going to bet?" he asked the other.

"I've got a pretty good hand, so I'll open the jack pot for a hundred dollars."

"All right. I'll see that and raise you a thousand."

"Good! I'll just make it a billion dollars."

"I'll see your billion and, just to make it interesting, I'll raise you a trillion dollars."

"Whew! You must have a good hand. But I'll stay and go you just a quadrillion better."

"That suits me. I'll make it a quintillion better than your."

The other tramp hesitated and looked at his cards intently. Finally he said:

"The pot is yours. You win on education."—Judge.

Market for Tree Stumps.

Thomas K. Murphy of Superior, says: "A new industry in the region at the head of the lakes is the gathering of the tree stumps for use in the Maine shipyards. A large number of wooden ships are built every year, and it has been found that the most efficient corner braces are those made from these stumps, and hundreds are shipped east every day. The roots of the trees and a short section of the stump are used in making the braces, and stumps from trees about a foot in diameter are found to be the best. The stump is taken from the ground and roughly hewn into shape before being shipped. After its receipt at the shipyards it is made into a perfect brace. The cost of a car load of the stumps is close to $400, and the freight charges run over $100 a car."—Milwaukee Sentinel.

Humane.

Mrs. Nuwife was vexed.

"You are always kicking about my cooking," she said, "and saying that my doughnuts are not fit for human beings to eat. And yet I notice that you have gobbled up every one of that last batch."

The brute was staggered, but only for a moment.

"Tes, my dear," he answered, calmly, "but why? I knew that if I did not eat them our poor little baby would insist on having some. And, rather than have the child poisoned, I took the awful risk involved in devouring them myself. You evidently do not understand, my dear, that I am a self-sacrificing parent!"

The silence that ensued was only broken by a crashing sound as of an empty doughnut dish breaking upon a human head.—Cleveland Leader.

Hot Cross Bun Memorial.

At Bromley-by-Bow, Eng., is a public house with the sign of The Widow's Son, and there a curious old custom is maintained. Once the tavern was kept by a widow with an only son. He started on a sea voyage on a Good Friday, and promised that he would be back by Easter the following year. He did not come, but for years the mother kept her promise to prepare a hot cross bun for his return. Each year she lived the anxious mother observed the custom, which has been maintained by successive hosts and hostesses of the inn ever since. Now, as for long time past, "within the guest chamber may be seen old oaken rafters with buns hung up between."

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Special Excursion Rates to Colorado Utah and the Black Hills.

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His Japanese.

A correspondent in Manchuria writes as follows to the Chicago News: "A Russian and a Japanese were found locked in a hand to hand struggle. The Japanese was taken prisoner, and the Russian was found to be severely wounded. The Russian refused to be taken to the ambulance unless the Japanese was taken with him. Together they were put into the same hospital train. The Russian refused to be separated from the Japanese and spent his time looking after him, fanning his head and telling all visitors that he was 'my Japanese.'"

Jap-a-Lac

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UNITED STATES SENATORSHIP

The Springfield Evening News of July 5, contains the following editorial in the interest of Senator Cullum. It contains the retsons why the News advocases his return to the Senate:

It has not often happened in Illinois that a man has been elected or re-elected to the United States senate without a contest. So exalted an honor will ever be eagerly sought so long as men are ambitious for political distinction. Illinois has never been lacking in ambitious men. Several times the state has been a great political battle-ground. Some of its senatorial and gubernatorial contests have become historic.

The term of Senator Cullom expires March 4, 1907. It is assumed that Mr. Cullom will be a candidate for re-election. The senator himself has not said so publicly. It ought not to be necessary for him to say so. It may be taken for granted that he cherishes an ambition to remain in the senate and thus to round out a career that already has made his fame secure.

It is said that other men think the senior senator has held the office long enough, and that he ought to give them a chance. Quite likely. Several gentlemen, all more or less distinguished in public life, are reputed to have an intention of becoming candidates against him. That is their unquestioned privilege. They violate neither the constitution of the United States nor the ethics of politics. From the personal view-point this paper has no criticism to offer. Indeed, we shall hope, at some future time, to be able to chronicle the election of one or more of these gentlemen to the senate of the United States.

But the issue in the impending senatorial contest is not a personal one at all. The real question is, Can the state of Illinois afford to dispense with the services of Senator Cullom so long as he remains able and willing to serve the state? Not many other states command the attention and influence at the national capital that are accorded Illinois. No other state is as powerful a factor in shaping the legislation and the destinies of the nation. Even the enemies of Senator Cullom must acknowledge that the prestige of Illinois at Washington is due in large part to the distinguished position he occupies in the senate and the influence he wields in that body and at the White House.

Years must pass before a new man can attain any considerable degree of influence in the senate. It was so with Senator Cullom himself when he first entered that body nigh upon a quarter of a century ago. It must be so with any man who does untried the toga of a senator. Why, then, should Illinois at this time send to Washington a new senator, to flounder through a half-dozen years little more than a mere spectator?

Never before has this nation held so conspicuous a place on the world stage. The chairmanship of the committee on foreign relations is the most important position in the senate, and that is held by Senator Cullom. There are some mighty good men in Illinois—brilliant, resourceful, able men. But look the state over—search the cities and the broad prairies—and where do you find a man who, if sent to the senate, would be placed in the next decade at the head of its most important committee, and whose personal influence would equal or surpass that of any other senator?

Scores of things are to be said to the credit of Senator Cullom. Other men may rightfully claim to be more "brilliant;" but few can show proof of having in so large a measure those qualities of great statesmanship—vast common sense, astute diplomacy, safe judgment, boundless industry and unquestioned integrity. Senator Cullom, in a long public career, has made few mistakes; and he has never felt the breath of official scandal.

Ah, yes; Illinois is not lacking in good and able men. You have but to beat the brush and they come trooping out. But great senators—men who are able to have a potent voice in the affairs of the greatest nation of the earth—are scarce. That is why Senator Cullom ought to be re-elected. It is a conclusive reason why no other man should be seriously considered for United States senator from Illinois for the term beginning March 4, 1907.

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