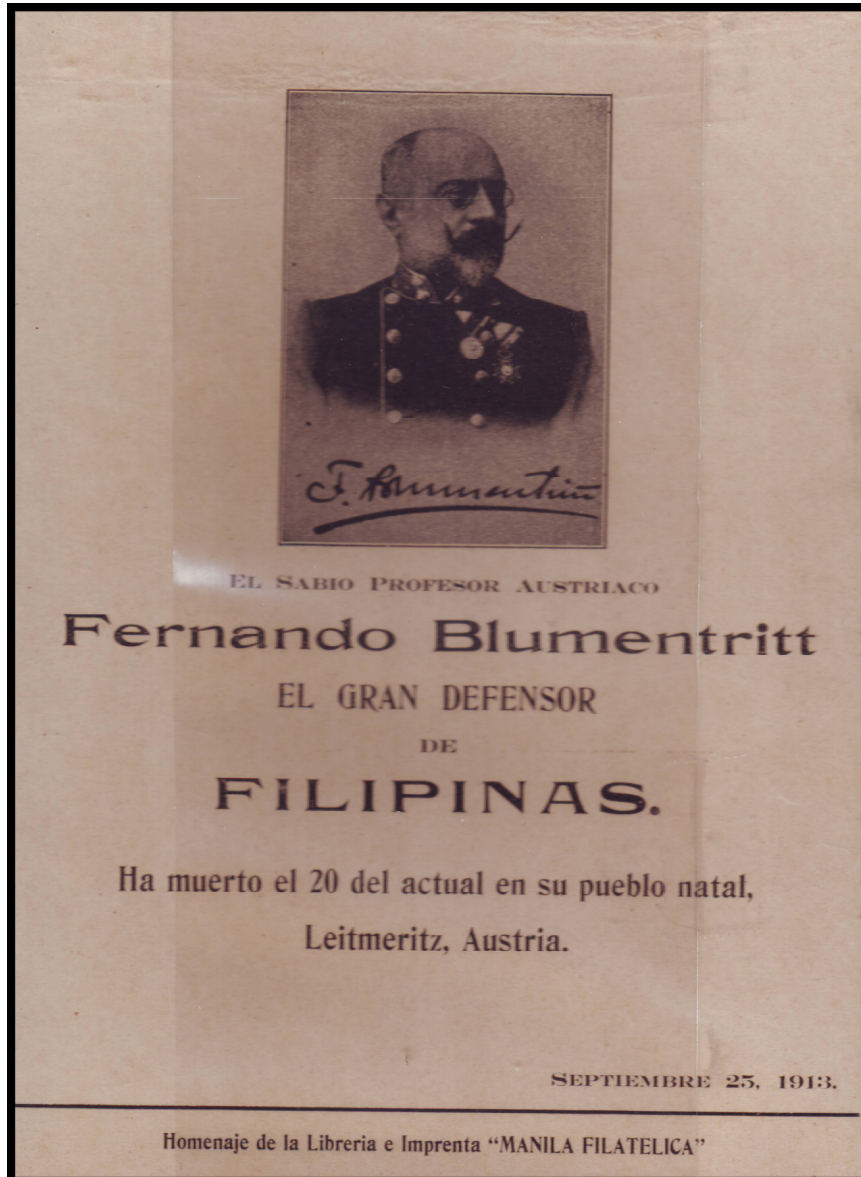


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FERNANDO BLUMENTRITT MOURNING

Mourning Poster on Hard 3-Ply Illustration Board (8 inches x 10.25 inches) produced by Manila Filatelica. The poster states: The wise Austrian professor, Fernando Blumentritt, the great defender of the Philippines. Died on the 20th of September in his hometown, Leitmeritz, Austria.



Ferdinand (Fernando) Blumentritt (10 September 1853, Prague, Czech Republic – 20 September 1913, Leitmeritz, Austria) was an Austrian teacher, secondary school principal in Leitmeritz, lecturer, and author of articles and books in the Philippines and its ethnography. He is well known for his close friendship with the writer and Propagandist Jose Rizal, and the numerous correspondences between the two provide a vital reference for Rizal historians and scholars, including his last letter from prison before the execution. Alongside Rizal, Blumentritt was a significant contributor to the publication *La Solidaridad*, published by Filipino expatriates from 1889 to 1895 as a voice for advocacy of political reforms in the Philippines.
