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INTERESTING LETTER FROM  
THE PHILIPPINES.

General Description of the Islands—People—Furniture—Education—Religion—Wild Tribes.

The Philippine group lying off the southern coast of Asia and partly enclosing the China Sea numbers about 2000 islands great and small scattered in a land and sea area of 1200 miles in latitude and 2400 miles in longitude. The actual land area is about 140,000 square miles.

As we all know this group of islands came under the protection of the United States at the close of the war with Spain. The islands were discovered by Magellan during the first famous voyage around the world, the discoverer losing his life while in the islands. The island of Luzon, on which Manila, the capital city is situated, is the largest of the group, being about the size of the State of New York. Mindanao the extreme southern island, is nearly as large, but its population is much smaller.

Of the population of nearly eight millions, about 91 per cent are more or less civilized. These civilized tribes are practically all adherents to the Catholic church, their religion being that introduced into the country by the Spaniards. The church has always been a strong ruling power and the priesthood is numerous. The Moros are Mohammedans, and the other wild people have no recognized religious beliefs.

There are thirty different races in the islands, all speaking distinct dialects. The largest tribe is the Visayan, the people of which form nearly one fourth of the entire civilized population. Education is being practically reorganized by the Americans. English is being taught, and the next generation of Filipinos will probably speak that tongue.

Although agriculture is the chief occupation of Filipinos, yet only a very small per cent of the land is under cultivation. The chief products are hemp, rice, corn, sugar, tobacco, coconuts, and coconuts, hemp being the most important commercial product. This is not true hemp, but is a fibre of a kind of a banana plant. It is used in making rope and twine. The crude native implement for preparing the fiber is still the only one in use.

The greater parts of the islands are hilly and mountainous, but there are river valleys and planes of wonderful fertility. With plentiful heat and moisture, the islands have luxuriant vegetation. Hills and planes alike are buried in foliage. Trees of many varieties yield dyes, gums, and the finest of cabinet woods.

Careful study of the mineral resources in these islands proves that there is a rich reward in store for future miners.

The natives of the cities and towns are bright and intelligent, but the people of the forest and mountains are simple children of nature. On many of the islands the natives are little known and some of them are fierce and warlike. Many of those in the interior live on wild fruits, fish and game, with little thought of tilling the soil. The lance, bow and arrow are the native weapons. Entire tribes wander through the forest without fixed homes eating wild fruits and sleeping wherever they may be when darkness comes on. Others make rude huts of rattan or palm leaves, while still others settle in villages and make huts of bamboo, palm, or rattan.

The only beasts of prey are small wild cats. The most useful animal is the buffalo. It is used to draw the rice plows and carts as well as to carry burdens on its back. Sheep and goats are also reared. Monkeys, huge bats, birds, snakes and insects abound.

The greater part of the foreign trade of the islands passes through Manila. The principal countries trading with the Philippines are Great Britain, the East Indies, China and Spain.

Now a word in regard to the climate and I am through. As we all know, the climate of the islands is tropical, but the northern parts are healthful. Most of the sickness among white people visiting them, is caused by overeating fruits or drinking native beverages. The southern islands, of course, have hotter weather than the northern ones, but the former are free from the terrible storms, called typhoons, that sometimes sweep over the latter during the hot months.

## PROF. COLTRANE MARRIED.

Miss Annie Lois Henley, the Bride—Married in Charlotte.

On the morning of June 15, a beautiful wedding was solemnized in Charlotte N. C., when Miss Annie Lois Henley, became the bride of Prof. E. J. Coltrane at the home of her brother, Mr. D. C. Henley, on West Trade Street.

The parlor was decorated with ferns and daisies tastefully arranged. The bridal party entered to the strains of a wedding march played by Miss Eunice Anderson. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Gilbert T. Rowe pastor of Tryon Street M. E. church. Miss Alma Edwards, of Columbia S. C., was bridesmaid; Mr. O. V. Woolley, of Asheboro, best man; and little Misses Mary Calhoun and Ruth Henley nieces of the bride, ribbon girls. The bride was handsomely gowned in a becoming suit of sage green cloth and carried white bride roses, while the maid of honor wore a dainty white lingerie dress and carried pink carnations.

Immediately after the ceremony, Mr. and Mrs. Coltrane left for a tour to Washington and other points, from which they will return and attend the University of Virginia summer school. Mr. and Mrs. Coltrane were classmates at Guilford college and have been lovers ever since their freshman year.

Mr. Coltrane has only a few weeks ago resigned as County Superintendent of schools in Randolph, an office which he has held for nearly three years and the duties of which he has faithfully and efficiently discharged. This fall he will become principal of Jamestown State High School. Mrs. Coltrane is an attractive and accomplished young lady from Snow Camp, N. C. During the past year, she has been one of the popular teachers of Liberty State High School, Randolph county. She will assist her husband as one of the teachers at Jamestown. Their large circle of friends wish for them a long and happy life.

## Death of Former Randolph Citizen.

Dr. E. Rose Dorsett, of Salisbury, one of the best known physicians in Piedmont, North Carolina, died June 18, aged 66 years. Dr. Dorsett was born near Hopewell Church, Randolph County, but had lived in Salisbury for 36 years. For the last twenty-five years, he had been Coroner of Rowan County. The remains were brought to Randolph County for burial at his old home, Hopewell.

Dr. Dorsett is survived by one daughter, Mrs. R. L. Lambeth, of Thomasville.

Dr. Dorsett was a graduate in medicine of Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia. He was both a successful practitioner and skillful surgeon, and was often called in consultation in important cases by his brother physicians. A meeting was held in Salisbury on the morning after his death, at which every physician in the city was present, and a committee of three was appointed to draw up resolutions expressing the esteem in which Dr. Dorsett was held by his brother physicians.

## Crops Injured by Rain.

The continued heavy rains last week damaged the wheat crops in Randolph considerably. In fact it is thought to be cut down about ten per cent. The variety known as Kivett wheat seems to have been damaged most by sprouting. Fall-corn is damaged much less. The corn crop, however, is injured very little.

## Theodore Roosevelt, Jr., Married.

Theodore Roosevelt, Jr., eldest son of ex-President Roosevelt, was married in Fifth Avenue Presbyterian church, New York City, June 20, to Miss Eleanor Butler Alexander, of Manhattan. It will be remembered Mr. Roosevelt left college in 1908 to become a wage earner in a carpet mill in Connecticut. He is now agent of the Hartford Carpet Corporation in San Francisco.

I am glad to tell the friends in Randolph that we will spend two days in Japan, coaling for the home voyage May 15. We shall take station in Omaha, Nebraska, and learn more about what is going on in our native land.

With best regards to all,  
J. P. Warren,  
Corporal 4th U. S. Infantry,  
Co. C.

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THE COURIER,  
ASHEBORO, N. C.

## C. L. Coon President.

At the business session of the teacher's assembly in Asheville, last week, C. L. Coon, Supt. of the Wilson Graded Schools was elected President; Dr. E. C. Brooks, of Trinity College, Vice-president; and Mr. R. D. W. Conner, of Raleigh, was re-elected secretary and treasurer.

## Mill Men's Association.

The State Cotton Manufacturer's Association in session at Charlotte last week adopted a new scheme of organization. They condemned cotton gambling, and speculation as practiced by the New York Cottons Exchange. It was learned that several Virginia mills wished to join the Association and a motion was made that the by-laws be amended so as to allow this. Mr. R. M. Miller, of Charlotte was re-elected President of the Association.

## Flight of Aviator Hamilton.

Charles K. Hamilton, the aviator, made the trip in an airplane, on June 13th, between New York and Philadelphia, a distance of 86 miles in 53 minutes. He then returned to New York making the longest city-to-city flight ever made by an aviator.

## Cheap Electric Power.

The Baltimore Sun tells of cheap electricity in Baltimore. At first the Baltimore power companies charged nine to ten cents per kilo watt hour. Later it was five cents, and more than one manufacturing plant is generating its own electric power at one and a half to two cents a kilo watt hour.

A severe storm of wind did considerable damage in Norfolk, Va., last Tuesday.

His friends will be glad to hear that Mr. A. C. Burgess, who was dangerously hurt last week, is slightly improved. Mr. Burgess was standing on the top of a ladder gathering cherries from one of the trees in his yard when the tree broke and he fell eighteen or twenty feet to the ground, ladder and tree both falling on him. His back was injured and his left foot and ankle badly crushed. But it is hoped that there are no internal complications and that in a few weeks Mr. Burgess will be up and about again.—The Davidsonian.

Lumbering has grown to be a most important industry in the eastern section of the State, and the rapid draining of swamp lands bids fair to increase its importance. On a single afternoon this week two cargoes cleared the port of Wilmington, one consisting of 227,154 feet of rough lumber and 185,266 feet of the dressed product valued at about \$8,000, destined for the island of Hayti; while the other held nearly 12,000 cross-ties, valued at the same figure, shipped for the Northern railroads. The channel improvements at Newbern and Wilmington will be completed any too soon if clearances such as this are continued.

Mr. John Love aged 25 years, committed suicide by hanging himself to the limb of a tree in his father's front yard near Locust, Stanley County, June 16. Young Love had been in ill health and his mind was deranged.

At Fremont, N. C., on June 20, the saw mill and electric light plant owned by Mr. W. B. Flosser seriously injuring Mr. Flosser and a colored employee.

## NEWS ITEMS.

Capt. R. H. Brooks, Supt. of the Soldier's Home at Raleigh, died last Tuesday aged about 69 years.

Jim Witherspoon, a negro boy of 12, was drowned in a small stream in Charlotte June 14.

N. Glenn Williams, and Thomas Craft were found guilty of violating the postal regulations in the Federal Court at Greensboro last week.

Mr. J. E. Kirkman on June 15 purchased the plant of the Eagle Furniture Co. at a receiver's sale in High Point for the sum of \$25,110.

Grady Surritt, a boy of about 15, was caught in a belt at the Champion Fiber Company's Mill in Canton, and seriously injured June 10.

A passenger train carrying emigrants to the West was wrecked near Norwich N. Y., June 19, resulting in the killing of three passengers and the injury of 25.

Seven dentist's offices in Asheville were robbed of \$1600 worth gold, false teeth etc on the night of June 18, and no clue to the thieves has been found.

As the result of a dispute of long standing West Knight, a prominent farmer of near Greenville, S. C., was shot and mortally wounded on June 12, by John Babb, a neighbor.

It was proposed at the recent meeting of the State Press Association to erect a monument to the memory of Bill Nye.

Mrs. Polly Swain aged 75 years, was found dead in bed, last Monday morning at the home of her son, Mr. Frank Swain, at Revolution Mills, Greensboro.

The contract has been closed for the erection of a third school building in High Point. It is to be known as the Tate Street School and is to be finished this summer.

Mr. J. H. Lambeth, of Davidson county committed suicide at the Central Hospital for the insane, of which he was an inmate, at Raleigh last Tuesday morning.

On June 18, Prof. J. H. Allen, Principal of Mt. Ulla High School, Rowan County, was married to Miss Iona Lewis, of Altamahaw, Alamance County.

Ex-President Roosevelt returned last Saturday from his tour of more than a year in foreign lands, and was given the greatest welcome in New York city ever accorded a private citizen.

On last Sunday, Pink Page, a mill forman of Whisenant Wake county shot and killed Will Barham over in the edge of Franklin county. Page claims he fired in self defense as Barham had already slashed him badly with a knife.

The new census of cities with 70,000 or more population will be announced soon, but that of the North Carolina towns will not be announced until later.

On last Monday, during a severe electrical storm at Winston-Salem, lightning struck a chimney, ran down into the house, struck the foot of a negro, tearing his shoe to pieces but otherwise doing no harm.

The body of Mr. Willson Skinner, an honest and respected man of 60 years, was found, the breast pierced with a bullet, lying in Oakwood cemetery Concord, June 18. Mr. Skinner had partially lost his mind grieving for his wife who died some time ago, and it is thought he committed suicide while at her grave.

Mrs. J. W. Long was called to Randleman Saturday on account of the death of her sister's little baby, William Addison Cole. Mr. Wyeth Long and Misses Marjorie and Frances Long left yesterday morning to attend the funeral.—Daily News.

Rev. P. C. Battle will begin a tent meeting Tuesday night, 21st instant, on Portland avenue, Glennwood park, on Piedmont car line near Jones' store. Everybody invited to attend.—Greensboro Telegram.

Mr. W. J. Glass, the groceryman, has let the contract for a thirty-five foot addition to his storeroom. The material has already been placed and work will begin as soon as the weather permits. The new addition will enable Mr. Glass to carry a more extensive stock of goods and also to display them to better advantage to his patrons.—Concord Times.

## OVERMAN AS PARTY LEADER

North Carolina's Senator May Become Democratic Leader in the Senate.

Washington Times.

"A new Democratic leader is developing in the Senate. This is Senator Overman of North Carolina. He has figured more prominently during the last two months than any Democrat on the floor. That is to say, he has obtained more results."

"It was he who a few weeks ago initiated the filibuster against the Lodge resolution asking for \$65,000 with which to pursue the cost of living inquiry. He convinced his Democratic associates that the movement of the Massachusetts man was designed to provide the Republican party with campaign material. Before the filibuster had proceeded ten days, Senator Lodge withdrew his bill."

"The latest legislative achievement to the credit of Senator Overman was his success in putting through the anti-injunction amendment to the railroad bill. This prohibits the Federal courts from interfering with the judgments of State courts without due notice and a hearing. This resolution was presented as a surprise and its adoption was a complete shock in some quarters."

"Just now when the Democrats are looking for a floor leader to succeed Senator Money, who is to retire next March, Overman looms up big. This is true in spite of the prominence of Senators Bailey, Rayner and Bacon, all of whom are discussed for the floor leadership of the minority."

## Champ Clark's Challenge.

With reference to Champ Clark's challenge to the President, the New York World well says:

It is a fair challenge that Champ Clark, the Democratic leader of the House, flings at Mr. Taft. The President has admitted in his speeches that the tariff on woolen goods should be reduced. Very well, says the leader of the minority; send a special message to Congress demanding a reduction in the woolen schedule, and if Chairman Payne will report the bill the Democrats will offer no amendments.

That is a fair proposition. It disposes of the plea that the excesses of the Payne-Albright bill cannot be corrected without opening up the whole question of tariff revision again. The woolen schedule which Mr. Taft himself refuses to defend can be revised downward without touching another rate in the Tariff act.

If Mr. Taft is wise he will accept Mr. Clark's challenge and help give the American people cheaper clothing at once.

## Monument to Capt. Jones.

Daily News.

Thomasville, June 20.—The friends of the late Capt. M. L. Jones who lived along the line of the Piedmont railroad, are subscribing money for a monument to be erected at Denton, N. C., to the memory of the man to whom Denton and the surrounding country is so greatly indebted for the development and material advancement of the country all along the line of the Piedmont railroad, which was planned and built by the untiring efforts of this man alone, and already a sufficient amount has been reported to secure a monument, but it is earnestly desired to make the shaft as fitting as possible and any one desiring to contribute to the monument may send subscriptions to J. L. Armfield, of this place. When the full amount has been raised and the monument set in place, it is desired that appropriate exercises be held at Denton at the unveiling. It will be recalled that this man built this railroad without aid and the erection of this monument by his friends, whom he aided, is but a slight work of appreciation of the untiring efforts Captain Jones spent during his life in completing this railroad. All the towns along the line of this railroad, as well as Denton, the present terminus, owe their development to this road. This is a noble and fitting effort and should receive the support of every one along the line of the friends of Captain Jones.

## Died.

Mrs. Betsey Smith, an aged widow lady, died at her home in Cedar Grove Township last Saturday after a long illness, and was buried at New Union church Sunday afternoon.