

AROUND THE WORLD.

(Continued from last week.)

The ladrones are a band of outlaws who, having flourished for three hundred years, were regarded by the Filipinos as a necessary evil to be endured. Around some of their leaders, stories of the Robin Hood type clustered, and to this day the average Filipino is usually afraid to give information against a well known ladrone, fearing the wrath of the one informed against. Everyone knows of the nameless cruelty that characterizes the ladrones' dealings with any object of his hatred. Ladrones have buried soldiers alive; have tortured them in a thousand ways, taking their life an inch at a time. Being unable to contend with our soldiers, they are engaged in their old practice of looting by night and hiding by day. Having gotten their loot into Manila, it is easily sold. We are now doing our best to keep them out of the city. The governors of all the provinces are co-operating with the constabulary and the army in stamping ladronism out of the islands. It will be done, but it may take time. Another difficulty we have to contend with is the presence in the Philippines of a certain undesirable class of Americans who take pride in causing us all the trouble possible.

They send untrue reports to American papers. For instance, I saw an account in a daily paper that the constabulary in Samar had gone over to the ladrones and insurgents and that 4,000 men were after our forces, many being shot. Being used to false reports, I paid no attention to the newspaper article and awaited official news, as I have responsible men throughout the islands and am informed officially regarding every movement. In less than two days I received the expected report, but instead of receiving the news set forth in the newspaper article, I was informed that a member of the constabulary had been shot by one of his party by accident, and the 4,000 ladrones were a handful of men whom our forces were driving back and their capture was expected in a few days. In answer to my question about the papers being bought by the administration or administration men, he said that the incessant falsifying of the army and government would cease if such were the case. Mrs. Helen M. Gougar is here from the states, and is in more trouble than a hen with a hundred chicks. She made the statement that President McKinley committed the crime of the twentieth century when he decided to hold the Philippine islands and that she hoped Aguinaldo would live to see himself president of the real Filipino republic. Dr. George F. Pentecost of New York was holding meetings here at the time and answered her from the platform, and every editor in the city, regardless of politics, dipped his pen in nitric acid and gave her a generous roasting. Even Mr. O'Brien, editor of the Sun, who had been fined after being tried for seditious utterances, could not stomach such remarks and gave her a broadside, using the severest language. The three posts embracing the veteran army of the Philippines numbering about 1,000 men met and passed commendatory resolutions, being joined by the G. A. R. She lost the sympathy of the Filipinos by naming Aguinaldo for the presidency as he, having cheated his fellows out of much hard-earned cash, is a black sheep even among his own people. Aguinaldo was vexed about it as any move in that line would block his scheme now being considered by the war department to permit him to open a bank, the capital stock to be \$40,000,000.

When I visited him in company with Capt. L. A. Dorrington and Henry J. Black, the latter our interpreter, having spoken Spanish for twelve years, it was known to us that he did not want to come in contact again with an American woman. He was surprised to hear such remarks from her and could only say, "Who is this woman?" The papers were agreed that statements could be made in America that could not be tolerated in the Philippines as some remarks here tended to put the lives of Americans in the islands in serious danger.

We visited Aguinaldo at his home in Manila about 7 o'clock in the evening. He met us at the door dressed in white. He lives on the second floor as nearly all Filipinos and Americans do, horses and carriages occupying the first floor. In the room to the left of the entrance were a half dozen women and children; the room to the right being unoccupied, we were led thither and given chairs. On being introduced at the door by our interpreter, an old acquaintance of the Filipino general, a hearty handshake followed, assuring us that we were welcome. Prior to his military campaigning, he was a school teacher

at Cavite. Through the series of cross-questionings to which he has been subjected, he has shown remarkable shrewdness. If he does not want to answer a question directly, he knows exactly how to evade the point at issue by a system of answering that would have been creditable to the Greek oracle.

E. C. HORN.
(Continued next week.)

Letter From Mrs. Bellwood.
LONG BEACH, CAL., Feb. 20, 1903.
Dear Mr. Editor: At your request for a letter from us while at San Diego, and promising to write when we arrived at Long Beach, I will try to do so. We enjoyed our three months' stay in San Diego very much indeed. To see the flowers, fruits and vegetables in such abundance at this time of the year, seemed wonderful. The flowers, we cultivate so carefully at home seem to grow wild there, and of such size and height. The climate there is certainly an ideal one, and we were a little undecided in coming farther north. San Diego has a population of about 18,000 besides tourists. They raise a great deal of fruit around there, but getting so little rain, and having to irrigate, it makes a great deal of work for what they get in return. They claim to have the finest harbor on the coast. There are several large ships in port most of the time, also training ships. The large steamers Santa Rosa and the State of California make one trip each from there to San Francisco every week. They have a great many beautiful residences churches and stores. A fine public library, the gift of Andrew Carnegie, is something to be proud of. The stores are up-to-date and nothing unreasonable in prices. They have the finest little opera house this side of Denver, a regular little gem, owned by Mrs. Katherine Tingley of Point Loma fame.

We met several friends from our old home at Galesburg, Illinois, and together we formed a merry party on several outings. On Christmas day we packed our dinner, including two skillets, coffee pot, etc., took the ferry and went over to Coronado Beach, where we built a fire on some rocks, made coffee and had a genuine fish fry. We only wished we had more of our eastern friends, from home with us. The weather was like July. After dinner we all went wading in the surf. Another day we went in a launch out on the ocean 15 miles, to where the large flagship New York was anchored. One of the loveliest drives a person can wish for is the drive of seventeen miles from San Diego to Tia Juana, Old Mexico. The road is like a pavement bordered on either side with large palms and through fine orange and lemon groves, with towns every now and then on the way. There is not much of a town there but, there is the name of being out of the boundary of Uncle Sam. Some curiosities, custom house and hotel constitute the most of it. The first thing on alighting one will be accosted by the little Mexicans wanting to sell their coins. We took our dinner with us, not caring to eat Mexican hot. There are so many places of interest at and around San Diego that the tourists are well scattered, viewing this and that as their curiosity demands. We had seemed to become almost residents and had met so many friends in the church as well as out. The children enjoyed the Sunday school so much. Roy was asked to give the Christmas greeting at the Sunday school entertainment, which he did only he was so small they could scarcely see him. Well the best of friends must part, and we wanted to visit some other places, so decided to locate at Long Beach and visit from there.

We left San Diego on the evening of the 10th on the steamer Santa Rosa at 8 p. m. It was a beautiful night, moonlight, and the ocean was very calm. The next morning we breakfasted on board ship, but I did not feel hungry. A fine breakfast had no temptation and Edna kept me company. We arrived here at 2:30 Wednesday afternoon by train from Port Los Angeles. On stepping off the train about the first persons we saw were Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Beck of Alliance. We found a cozy cottage before night and are located just three blocks from Old Ocean and one north of Mr. Beck's. Long Beach is a much finer and larger place than we expected. There is a great deal of business done here. The main crowd centers towards the beach, where there is a large, long pleasure pier built out in the ocean, and a fine pavilion on the beach beside it. They also have a beautiful bath house and bowling alley on the beach and near the pavilion. The band plays every afternoon but Monday and every evening during the week. They have some fine residences, churches and an immense tabernacle, fine school buildings, good stores and fine sidewalks.

Last Sunday the Alliance people of this place went to East Lake park, Los Angeles, and were joined by the Alliance people of that place and we had a genuine reunion, about forty in all. A sumptuous dinner and a royal good time was had. Monday evening we attended a lecture here in the tabernacle by the celebrated Carrie Nation. There was an immense crowd and a fine speech. We have had a little cool weather but now the weather is like summer. We dread the time to come when it will be necessary for us to return home, but we will be glad to see all our old friends once more. We have enjoyed California, its fruits, flowers and vegetables, and best of all we have all kept well, and have not had any doctors' bills to pay while away from home. The children and even Mr. Bellwood are down at the beach the first thing in the morning. There is where we put in the most of our time.
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FAIRVIEW.
Mr. and Mrs. M. P. Nason were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. D. D. Lewis last Sunday.
Frank Gillespie and family have moved from Alliance onto their claim near David D. Lewis.
Catherine Lewis has been quite sick with whooping cough but is some better at the present writing.
Miss Mae Heath and sister Nellie have gone to Bayard to visit their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Flower, and other relatives.
M. P. Nason, R. H. West and Ab Curry have completed their dipping tank and will dip their cattle as soon as the weather will permit.
Sam and Charlie Trenkle have bought them a steam cooker to cook their potatoes for their hogs. They say it beats selling them at twenty-five cents a bushel.
Mrs. W. I. Lawrence has set her two hundred egg incubator. We hope she will not fail to have a lot of little stockings for the chicks, as we think they will need them.

Notice of Dissolution.
Notice is hereby given that the partnership existing between Ed S. Wildy and Charles M. Lotspeich, under name of the Alliance Meat Co., is this day dissolved by mutual consent, Charles M. Lotspeich continuing the business, collecting all accounts and assuming all obligations.
ED S. WILDY,
CHARLES M. LOTSPEICH.
Dated Alliance, Neb., Feb. 21, 1903.

Poor Effort at Translation.
The English papers have lately been having fun with a new German-English and English-German dictionary. The best example of the work is said to be the translation of our word "gimcrack." According to the London Daily Chronicle four meanings have been given for this word, which, when translated back into English, are: "The handsome girl," "the bad machine," "the ordinary handshake," and "a magician."

Baffling Mystery Cleared.
A recent article by the editor of Harper's magazine may help to clear away a cruel mystery that has greatly worried a good many would-be contributors to that popular periodical. Mr. Alden explains that four out of every five manuscripts received are rejected, and that perhaps once in a twelve months the first offering of a new writer is accepted. Yet why despair?—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Diplomat a Fine Pianist.
Theodore Hansen, the new first secretary of the Russian Embassy, in Washington, is master of the piano, his touch, technique and expression being almost, if not quite, equal to those of the great professionals. Mr. Hansen is particularly happy in his rendering of works belonging to the modern school.

Should Chinatown Be Burned?
Chinatown, in San Francisco, according to the president of the board of health, should be burned. As it is at present, it cannot be rendered sanitary except by total obliteration.

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