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FROM OVER THE WATERS.

A Former Webster County Boy Tells of His Trip Across and Our New Possessions as He Finds Them

OFF LADRONE ISLANDS, November 19, 1898.

After three days of quarantine in the bay off Honolulu we pulled anchor on Thursday, November 10th, and slipped out of the harbor about 11 o'clock a. m. For about four days the sea was calm and besides the usual amount of sea sickness there was nothing worth mentioning happened. But on the fifth day out the morning broke with a rain storm and with the wind blowing at a rapid rate. The sea continued to grow rougher until by night the waves leaped high over the deck. Some being from twenty to thirty feet high.

The captain ordered the reserve Chinese crew on deck and everything loose was lashed to the rail or some substantial place. We were ordered below, and such a dreary night. Six out of every seven men were sea sick, while the ship tossed and pitched like a feather in a whirlpool, sometimes riding on one side and sometimes on the other. One could not lay in a bunk without being shook out. We would just stand and brace ourselves up, but when morning dawned the sea had subsided considerably, yet was quite rough. The first mate said that during the night two typhoons were cited but both were some forty or fifty miles off. He said that we only passed through a little squall. We are averaging about 360 miles every twenty-four hours or a little over fifteen knots per hour. Yesterday we passed the half-way post. Last Sunday at 12 o'clock we passed the 180th degree of longitude. The next day was Tuesday and you can figure out for yourself how we missed November 14th. We left some two hundred men at Honolulu and we have a little more room than when we left Frisco. The boys are standing the trip fine. We have only about twenty-two men in the hospital. We are faring much better than during our first trip or water. We have four meals each day and a good variety such as it is. At 6 a. m. we get coffee and hardtack, at 10 a. m. we get a square meal, at 3 p. m. another square meal and at 6 p. m. tea and crackers. The boys spend the time in talking, singing, reading, writing and listening to instrumental music, a good variety of which we have on board. We have three natives that enlisted at Honolulu and the boys have considerable amusement in watching them dance their Hawaiian dance and sing. They possess very musical voices. We have not sighted a ship yet, and for eight days the only sign of life outside of the ship has been large winged sea gulls and shoals of flying fish as they fly glittering in the sun light. Most of the boys sleep on deck, as the thermometer is about 85 degrees, yet there is always a cool breeze. For two or three days we had poor drinking water, some water was sold to the boys at ten cents a drink, and poor water at that. Some of the boys that are sea sick buy some of their eatables, paying fifteen cents for a fried egg, ten cents for a potato, fifteen cents for a cup of cocoa tea and other things in proportion.

November 20th at about 6 a. m. the joyful cry of land rang through the vessel from stem to stern, and as soon as possible everybody was on the deck looking in every direction for a glimpse of the lost treasure. Finally a small object was seen ahead which resembled to a great extent a haystack, but as we drew nearer it proved to be a volcano. We passed within about a mile of it. The volcano is about 1200 feet high and from its summit was issuing a great volume of smoke. The upper half of the volcano is of a deep red color, being red hot. The island was almost completely covered by large white birds. The latter part of the voyage

was enjoyed by the boys. We spent Thanksgiving on the China sea, eating fried beefsteak for our turkey.

Manila, Nov. 26.—We came in Manila Bay about 9 o'clock this morning and passed Dewey's fleet and the remains of the Spanish fleet. We see the city of Manila before us. The bay is almost covered with English and German gunboats. After eight days of waiting in the ship we received orders to disembark and after getting our belongings together we boarded what is called lighters or caskets. They are long flat boats used to load and unload ships as the bay is too shallow for a ship to approach nearer than three miles of the shore. The caskets are about 100 feet long and two families of natives live in each one. We landed amid a crowd of Nebraska boys eager to see some familiar face or have a chat with some old friend. They gave us three cheers for Nebraska and then we marched through town headed by the Nebraska band playing "A Hot Time." We found the boys all in good quarters. Each battalion has a large factory or some other large building. Our battalion is quartered in the old Spanish administration building, where we have plenty of room. We fare well, much better than we have been. We have a large dining room with real tables to eat on. The boys drill about an hour each day, that being early in the morning when it is cool. If you wish a taste of hot weather just take a stroll through Manila. The air is damp but it is so still and the sun so hot that you would naturally think that the town was on fire. We have met all the boys and they seem in no rush to go home.

The natives here are all in tribes and most of the tribes, except in town, are barbarous. They do not know what civilization is. But those that have been in contact with the Americans like American rule. When some tribe out in the foothills makes a dash into the city, plundering and stealing everything loose, then is when the fun comes in. All the large buildings are built on the defensive plan. The sides are stone, the windows barred with iron grating, the doors all bolted on the inside, the roof shingled with glass shingles of all shapes, so there is no possible show of forcing an entrance. The native dwellings are all made of bamboo poles and covered with hay or leaves. The streets are of the Chinese style, being narrow and dirty. The natives are dishonest and tricky and fight with daggers. The streets are lined with thieves and beggars. The natives do not wear scarcely any clothing and never hats or shoes. The horses here are from two and a half to four feet high and only one horse bugie of ancient style are used. All heavy work is done with the water buffalo. They are used by the natives to ride, a family going at a time. The women carry all small articles in a large flat basket on their heads. Yesterday a party of us went out to the Paso burying ground to dig a grave for one of the boys of our company. The grave yard is surrounded by a high stone wall, the gate being guarded by natives. Most of the bodies of natives are laid in a vault, for which they have been paying the Spanish a large sum for rent, and if they failed to pay the rent the body was taken out and thrown in the bone pile. The bone pile is a pile of human skulls and bones about ten feet high, twenty feet long and ten feet wide.

Part of the city of Manila is surrounded by a great wall some fifteen feet high and covered on the top by icicles of glass, and inside of this wall is a canal and inside of the canal is another wall covered like the first, so there is no show of forcing an entrance. It is guarded by Americans now. The principal occupation of the natives here is raising tobacco. You can get cigarettes at two and a half cents per hundred and cigars half a cent each. I went through a cigarette factory where there were 500 persons employed and they turn out 5,000 packages daily. I also visited the oil, rope, basket, twine, soap and canning factories. The natives are very industrious in these lines.

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LETTER FROM CUBA.

One of the Boys of the Third Reports them as Having a Good Time.

HAVANA, CUBA, Jan. 13, '99.

I will write a few lines and let the people know how the Nebraska boys are getting along. I joined the regiment Monday morning and have been taking in the sights ever since, and there are plenty of them to see. I came over on the transport Manitoba. Was three days and three nights on the way. I did not get sea sick but came very near getting sick from watching those who were. The sea was rough the first day, but after that it was fine. One man died on board and some of the others were quite sick. There was about twelve hundred horses and the same number of men on board. It was crowded on the boat and everyone was glad when we landed. We landed in the morning and had a good view of everything in the harbor. We passed right by Morro Castle and the wreck of the Maine which is nearly all under water. There are all kinds of breastworks and fortifications along the shore. There are stone walls and rifle pits all over the country as far as I have been. Our camp is out in the country about eight miles from Havana, or at least it seemed that far to me, but I rode out on a load of hay and maybe that made it seem farther. We have a fine place to camp and the boys are looking better than I ever saw them. We have no guard lines, but they won't let the boys go to Havana, but for my part I don't want to go as they have the smallpox and yellow fever in town. There are other small towns near here that we can go to when we want to. The streets of Havana run in all directions and are not as clean as they might be. There are some very nice gardens with all kinds of trees and vines. I don't see how the Cubans got very hungry. I think if they would turn me loose here I could live fat on half what there is here. I guess they are tired of fruit as the little Cuban boys go around camp and pick up all the scraps of bread and other stuff we throw away. There are some of the prettiest girls here I ever saw. If any of the boys over there want a girl send them over. I was down on the beach yesterday and picked up some shells. The beach is solid rock and so rough that you can scarcely walk on it. I found a brass covered Mauser bullet that had struck a rock. It is the only one I have seen. We are near the graveyard where the boys from the Maine are buried. I have not been over yet but most of the boys have. There is another grave

yard here somewhere where the Cubans bury their dead. The relatives of the dead have to pay a certain amount of rent every five years and if they don't they dig them out and throw them away. There are hundreds of skeletons piled up, they say, that have been thrown away. Some of the boys went down there and brought back some skulls, but I don't care for any just now. I don't want anybody carrying my skull around after I am dead. Several of the boys have the measles but they don't seem to have them very hard. Some of the boys are anxious to come home and others don't seem to care, just as they get out of here before hot weather sets in.

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