

Y. M. C. A. WORK IN PHILIPPINES

Widensall Writes of His Visit to the Islands in January.

MANILA A PROMISING FIELD OF LABOR

Association Making Much Headway in the City and Retention of Islands is Urged as an Obligation.

DAMASCUS, Syria, May 18.—(Special Correspondence of The Bee.)—After leaving China I made a short but very interesting trip to Manila, Philippine islands. I desired very much to stay longer, but did not have the time. I started from Hong Kong on December 27, 1905, on a small steam vessel, the Taming, and was about two and a half days in passage.

Our vessel rolled and pitched in consequence of strong and constant northeast monsoon winds. All on board were more or less affected, including the ship's crew. It was the first voyage I had on any sea since I left San Francisco that compelled me to omit a single meal. It took much of the sentiment out of the song "Rocked in the Cradle of the Deep." We reached Manila harbor Saturday, December 30. Our ship was no sooner anchored than a multitude of small boats flocked about it with parties on board anxious to enter our ship as soon as the doctor and customs officer were through with it. A fine white steam launch bearing the American flag, with an unusual set of men on it, was conspicuously present with the other smaller boats. All on our vessel watched it closely and wondered who the passengers were and what they wanted. The captain of our steamer could not tell who they were, but turned to me and said, "I don't know what they are unless it is yourself." As soon as they could they boarded our vessel and made their way up to the deck where I was standing and wanted to know if I was Secretary Widensall. They proved to be Manila and army young men's Christian association folks, general secretaries and members of the board of directors of the Manila and army associations, including Dr. D. P. Barrows, president of the association, and Chaplain H. Swift. I need not say that I was accorded a royal welcome. They soon had me and my things aboard the launch and steamed for the shore, where was a comfortable army conveyance which Chaplain Swift got from Major General Corbin and in which he took me to the Army and Navy club, where I lodged as the guest of the chaplain during my stay in Manila.

Meets Bryan in Manila.

My visit to Manila was primarily in the interest of Young Men's Christian association work, hence what I have to say will largely relate to it. Accompanied by Mr. Arthur Rudman, Army association secretary, I visited the City Branch association and had a good visit with the secretary. Also called upon Mr. W. J. Bryan, who was then in the city. Attended the Asoplation Literary society and at their request addressed them, a fine lot of young men, Sunday, December 31. I went very early with Secretary Rudman on a steam launch to Cavite to the Young Men's Christian association rooms, where we were heartily welcomed by Navy Secretary Edwin S. Eby and his wife and breakfasted with them. Soon the army and navy secretaries and I went to the battleship Oregon, on which we were royally welcomed. A meeting of navy boys was quickly gathered together in a cozy place on the battleship, where they all took part. I was then introduced and made the gospel address, at the close of which I told them I was in the United States during the war of the rebellion and knew the temptations to which soldiers and sailors were subjected. Then in the name of their fathers and mothers I urged them to live upright and manly Christian lives. The boys seemed to enjoy what I had to say to them.

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After the meeting I had to say to them. I was well acquainted with most of the places in the states where they were born or lived and in a number of cases knew their personal friends or relatives. Returned to the Manila Young Men's Christian association rooms to the afternoon men's meeting and made by request a short address. Immediately afterwards I spent an hour with the personal workers' Bible class. I emphasized the importance of personal Christian work and the necessity of special preparation for it. I then met with the general secretaries and had a most interesting talk with them. I had an hour, which they seemed to enjoy very much. Late at night, being the last night of the year, I attended a watch meeting

in a native Presbyterian church. It was full of interested worshippers.

New Year's Day Observance.

Monday, January 1, 1906.—We went early this morning to the navy Young Men's Christian association rooms. Being a holiday much of the time was to be given to athletic sports. Rain prevented any athletic exercises during the day. The night being clear, a splendid and well-matched ball game was played. The inability to carry out the athletic program during the day afforded me a rare opportunity to have a special meeting of the best Christian workers on volunteer Christian effort, how to prepare for it and to extend it. It made a deep impression upon all present.

Tuesday, January 2.—I spent the night at the navy Young Men's Christian association rooms, Cavite. Went over to Manila early in the morning, visited the City association and met personally many of its workers.

With the Army association secretary, I went in a fine government conveyance, afforded us by General Corbin, to Camp McKinley, to the Army association rooms in a large Memorial building. Afterwards I called upon Chaplain Hillman, who went with us to call upon a number of army officers, including two generals. We dined with Chaplain Hillman and again to the Army association rooms, which were crowded with United States soldiers. A meeting had been announced for me. I spoke to at least 500 soldiers, all of whom afforded me marked attention. I told them that I had spent several years in the United States army during the civil war and could sympathize with them in the temptations to which they were exposed. In the name of their fathers and mothers I urged them, as I did the boys on the battleship Oregon, to be true to their country, to each other, to themselves, to their homes and to their God. At the close of the meeting, as suggested by the association secretary, all of these soldiers filed by me, cordially grasped my hand and thanked me for my visit and address. Immediately I returned to Manila, six or seven miles, and attended a lecture of Mr. W. J. Bryan in the opera house on "The Prince of Peace." It was a splendid address. While I differ sharply with much of Mr. Bryan's political utterances, I could approve most heartily all he said in his lecture. I took occasion to commend him for it and told him to repeat it as often as he could.

Address to Y. M. C. A.

Wednesday, January 3, Manila.—I dined with the board of directors of the Young Men's Christian association. Dr. Barrows, president of the association, prepared the way for my address in a most happy manner and then introduced me to the board. I gave them strong food to digest; showed them their great opportunity and responsibility. I urged them to do all they could, and I would do for them all I could. They appointed a committee to confer with me at my request that I might get all the important facts in the case and communicate them most intelligently to the international committee in America and secure at least the support of a first-class general secretary for the Manila association. I am able at this writing to say that the international committee has agreed to send them such a secretary. I also presented the board the greetings I had with me of the world's committee of the association, of the international committee of North America, of Sir George Williams, founder of the association, of Lord Kinnaird of Scotland, John Wansmaker and others. In return they voted me a letter of appreciation and greetings to take with me. In the afternoon I met with and addressed the woman's auxiliary of the Manila association, which is made up of many of the best women of the city.

Thursday, January 4.—I tried today to put in some time sightseeing and succeeded somewhat, but could not get away from the association folks. I spent more or less time in conference with the Manila association secretary. In the evening I attended a reception given me in behalf of the city association in the residence of the acting governor, Judge Ide. There was a good attendance of representative men. President Barrows opened the formal part of the reception with a few well expressed explanatory remarks and then introduced me. I spoke of Manila as an important and promising field of labor for the Young Men's Christian association as a necessity, and emphasized its importance and helpfulness with convincing statistics. What I had to say was well received.

Calls on Corbin.

Friday, January 5.—Met Captain Norton, U. S. A. I called upon Major General Corbin (since promoted to Lieutenant general of the United States army), who received me very cordially. I told him how many of the American generals I had seen and personally commencing with Generals Wood and Scott and included Generals Grant, Sherman, Sheridan, Thomas, Logan, Howard, Burnside, etc., and I wanted to meet him. He was quite communicative. Before I left him he told me that he had made up his mind to turn over to the Army Young Men's Christian association the large memorial building in which they rooms, as the association could use the best possible use of it for soldiers. I thanked him for this and assured him that the Army association would make use of the building most admirably for the highest welfare of the soldiers.

Impressions of Manila.

Allow me to make a few statements of impressions from what I saw and heard. The Bay of Manila is much larger than I supposed it to be. It is a veritable sea. The harbor itself is quite an open bay. Manila and Cavite are both on flat lands and from six to eight miles apart. It is rumored that large docks are to be constructed in the harbor to secure the commerce and travel to the islands in the sea, and that the United States will make special improvements to accommodate any number of its largest war vessels. At Port Said, Egypt, I saw the large drydock that is being sent from America to Manila harbor.

Manila is a large and growing city. It seems prosperous. It has grown beyond its old wall, which is a thing of the past. Manila has a bright outlook before it. The climate is tropical hot at midday, pleasant mornings and evenings, and cool at night. I could not give the climate a fair test, as I was going continually in my clothes were too heavy for most of the day. The people dress to suit the climate. Men wear nicely fitting white suits. I felt quite lonely with my dark suit. The women are just as suitably clad, sometimes using very bright colors. A great many of them, otherwise well clothed, were barefooted. The women stand and walk more erect than the women of Japan, China and America, largely the result of carrying things on their heads. Their walk, however, is very awkward, as they turn the front part of their feet so far outward or sideways. Unlike the men and women, and young men in China and Japan they mingle together as in America in the streets and public places and seem to be happy in their social intercourse. They spend much of their life out of doors because of the climate.

In the evenings the streets and public parks are full of men, women and children. They are very fond of music. Bands play daily in the great park in the evening. There are many churches, and seemingly well attended. The Protestant churches are making great progress. Education is being pushed by the government and its effects are plainly manifest. Almost everybody is trying to get an education. One of the best educational exhibits I ever saw of what had been accomplished in Manila and elsewhere in the islands was open when I was in Manila and was full of visitors. The country about Manila is fertile and susceptible of high cultivation. Camp McKinley, the highest and most commanding grounds about Manila, and is being made a model camp. From my limited observation I am compelled to say that the United States is doing better work for the Philippine islands than England is doing for India.

Hold the Philippines.

I am one who believes firmly in God's providential dealings with nations and peoples, and in no sentimental sense, I believe that God put the Philippines in the hands of the United States and will hold our country to a strict accountability for its dealings with these needy island peoples. The time and manner of the Philippines coming into the possession of the United States, and the almost unopposed national changes, contrary to the calculation of men in the far east that have recently taken place, all tend to show that God's hand has been in it all. Men may propose, but God could and does dispose. This fact places a great moral responsibility upon the government and churches of America for the best interests of all the Philippines and upon the Young Men's Christian associations of America for the highest welfare of the Philippine young men and boys. I feel morally certain that the people of the United States will faithfully discharge the trust placed upon them, and that the American associations will not be found wanting when there is such a great need for definite Christian work for the young men and boys of these island possessions.

Friday, January 5 to Monday, January 8.

I spent on my return trip to Hong Kong, China, on a strong but poor sailing steamer, "The Loon Long." From the time I left Manila harbor until I reached the harbor of Hong Kong the illness pitched and rolled in the China sea. The crew suffered about one-fourth of the time. All on board were miserably affected by the violent motions of the steamer, including officers and the crew of the ship. I did not get over the effects of this trip for at least a week.

ROBERT WIDENSALL.

P. S.—I met Mr. George C. Bell, publisher of the Manila Times, a former Omaha boy. He seems to be doing well and to be well fixed. I was very much pleased with him. He went with me to my steamer and staid with me until the anchor was ordered off the ship. He asked me many things about Omaha and its people, many of whom he knew.

R. W.

THRO' A MODERN FOOD FACTORY

One Who Has Been and Seen Tells of Interesting Methods and Machinery. MAKING PURE, CLEAN FOOD. Said a friend, who had just returned from a visit to Battle Creek, Mich.—the home of Malta-Vita: The Malta-Vita factory is an enormous institution, making good, pure, clean food for hundreds of thousands of American families. The factory embraces several big, well lighted, perfectly ventilated buildings, is situated on the outskirts of a city famed for its beauty. Malta-Vita, the only malted whole-wheat food, is made simply from the whole grain of the finest hard wheat, pure barley-malt extract of highest grade value, a little salt, and nothing else, and clean machinery does everything in the Malta-Vita factory. Each grain of wheat, after going through the rollers, becomes a little wafer flake and is carried into one of the three-story ovens, where it is baked in intense heat. In each oven are eighteen moving trays and the Malta-Vita, beginning with the top tray, is dropped to each successive tray, until fifteen minutes later it reaches the last at the bottom, being evenly and thoroughly baked. Leaving the ovens, Malta-Vita passes down long chutes, where trained inspectors are on the lookout for any evidence of overbaking or underbaking.

AFFAIRS AT SOUTH OMAHA

Spitzer & Co.'s Bond Proposition Not Taken With Favor.

TREASURER INSISTS ON ACCRUED INTEREST

Present Indications Are That Litigation Will Ensnare and That Work on the Sewer System Will Be Delayed Thereby.

It now appears almost certain that the city council will not accept the latest proposition of Spitzer & Co. as to the manner of taking up the issue of sewer bonds, but will adhere to the original contract. Under that contract the accrued bonds were sent to New York several days ago, where they lie in the hands of the fiscal agents of the city—Kountze Bros., bankers. Yesterday was the day on which Spitzer & Co. were to take up the issue. Up to a late hour no word had been received from the fiscal agents to that effect. It is probable that Spitzer & Co. are waiting the outcome of the negotiations with the city council here.

Treasurer Meicher has this to say regarding the present contract with Spitzer & Co., namely, that he will demand that the public bondholders be secured interest on the South Omaha securities. If the company takes up the entire issue, to which effect there is a rumor, that will satisfy the treasurer and will be all that in any event is due. But if Spitzer & Co. take up only \$50,000, their contract provides that they should be allowed to continue to pay the accrued interest on all the unpaid balance until the same is properly taken up. This, according to contract, will be at the end of 180 days. This action of the treasurer will save the city about \$800. The treasurer says he will not surrender the bonds until this demand is satisfied, or it is proved by due process of law that the city is unable to collect it and that the present contract is strictly valid. This makes litigation practically certain and there will probably be a considerable delay in the beginning of operations on the new sewer.

Board of Review in Session.

The Board of Review will meet daily from this time until June 30 at the fire hall to receive and examine all complaints as to assessment of property. Kruse Commits Suicide.

The coroner held an inquest over the body of Andrew Kruse at the undertaking parlors of Heafy & Heafy at 4 p. m. yesterday. Andrew Kruse was found by the jury to have come to his death from the effect of swallowing the contents of a two-ounce vial of carbolic acid, administered by his own hand with suicidal intent. The body of Kruse was discovered early yesterday morning in the back yard of the place where he had lived, 175 South Twenty-first street. The discovery was made by a neighbor woman, Mrs. Rhea. It was found that he had bought the acid at J. L. Hort's drug store, explaining that he wanted it to bathe a sore leg. He left his home to buy the acid about 9 in the evening when Mrs. Kruse was about to retire. She lay awake for a long time waiting his return, finally dropping to sleep. She said she was satisfied that he had died of his own hand. He was a laborer at Andrews, but had not worked since the fire. He was to have gone to work in the sausage department yesterday morning. He leaves his wife and one child of 15 months. No reason could be assigned to his act. His wife said he owed no one, had steady work and loved his child and herself most devotedly.

Three Bound Over.

The preliminary hearing of three cases of importance in police court resulted in the binding over to the district court of all parties concerned. The first was the case of H. Ishida, the Japanese who wounded five of his companions last Friday night. He was captured, wounded, at Chalco Sunday morning. The wound has healed. All of his victims are recovering. He was charged with shooting with intent to kill. He waived preliminary hearing and in default of \$1,000 bail was committed to the county jail. The second case was that of Charles McGrath, or McGraw, as it appears on the police book. He was wanted for the holding up of the West Q street car at Thirty-sixth street Friday night, June 5. The motorman swore that McGrath was positive that McGrath had seen the gun on him while the other of the two went through the pockets of the conductor. The conductor, G. A. Lane, also swore that McGrath was one of the two. McGrath, Denny Hennessey and a sister of Hennessey testified that McGrath had seen at home and in bed all of the time after 9 o'clock until the hour of the same night he was arrested. In default he was also taken to the county jail.

In the third case the court bound George Decker over under \$500 bail on the charge of having broken and robbed several houses in the vicinity of H and Twenty-second streets, the Crozier residence, the Dalgren residence and the Guthrie residence, where the attempt failed. Decker is a young man of 23 years. He secured bail in the sum of \$500, waiving preliminary examination, and was released. Del J. Green and Harry Flagle being surety for his appearance for trial before the district court.

Highland Park Improvers.

At the Highland Park Improvement club meeting Thursday night a campaign was inaugurated against the practice of the city in filling up holes in old and unsafe wooden sidewalks with earth instead of making substantial repairs or having the walks torn up. A vigorous fight against weeds was started by the appointment of a committee, with Al Powell at its head, who will direct special efforts towards having weeds cut down on and around vacant property. The committee on opening Twenty-fifth street reported waivers of damages being secured from owners of low-lying lots on that street.

Sunday Services.

A short Children's day program will be given at the English Lutheran church, corner of Twenty-fifth and K streets, at 11 o'clock Sunday school at 10. In the evening the pastor, Rev. Livers, will preach from the theme, "The Great Feast." Evening service at 8 o'clock, and all are welcome to attend. The regular services are announced at the First Methodist church Sunday morning and evening. There will be special musical ray choir. The pastor, F. M. Sisson, will preach. At the First Presbyterian church there will be the usual service. Mrs. Lehmer will appear for the first time with the choir. "The Wisdom of Jesus" will be the morning topic of the address of Rev. George VanWinkle at the First Baptist church. The subject of the evening sermon is "Light on Life's Pathway." All the services, including the Sunday school and the Young People's meetings, will be in the usual place.

Magie City Gossip.

Dr. J. W. Koutsky is relocating in the birth of a daughter. Vaclav Novak, 130 North Nineteenth street, reports the birth of a daughter. John Flynn, one of South Omaha's best known mail carriers, is off today on his annual vacation. Mrs. Bluet of Los Angeles, Cal., is visiting during the present week with Rev. F. M. Sisson and family. Dr. Robinson of Plymouth, Neb., is a guest of E. E. E. Ridgway. He will leave today on his return to Plymouth. Jim Blair and Charles Hart, two vagrants under sentence of ten days, managed to escape the vigilance of the special street officer. There was a pleasant evening spent by the Modern Brotherhood of America in their annual entertainment last evening. A pleasant feature was the closing dance. The members of the First Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen, will hold an annual memorial service in Old Fellows' hall, South Omaha, Sunday, June 17, at 2 p. m. Members and friends cordially invited. Dr. F. M. Sisson will deliver the address.

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