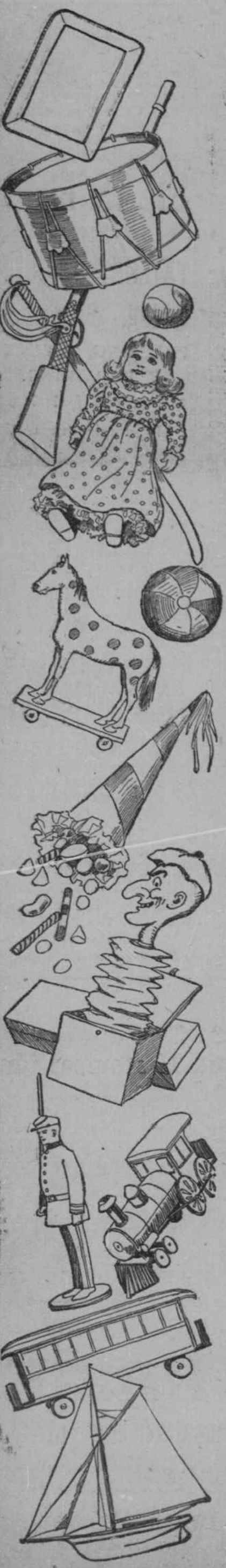


THE PLANET



VOICES FROM THE PHILIPPINES.

Colored Troops on Duty—Opinions of the Natives
RACE PREJUDICE NOW RAMPANT.

American Customs Noted—More Trouble for The Future—Young Men Should Emigrate.

SAN FERNANDO, P. I., Nov. 11, '99. We are now in full command of the town, our regiment being stationed here. Brigadier General F. D. Grunt is quartered here. He is in command of the 2d Brigade, 2d Division. He is voted as a good commander by the soldiers and natives likewise. Our regimental and battalion headquarters are located here with companies B, K, L, company E is on the railroad and F and H in Santa Anna, and I and M at the headquarters of the 1st Battalion in Mexico, four miles distant. The Quartermaster's department has been busy all the week seizing carabos for Gen. Lawton's advancing army of the north in its movement on Tarlac, the insurgent capital. Details under Capt. Perry have been busy scouring the surrounding woods and have been quite a disagreeable week, ploughing through the muddy rice paddies. Capt. Perry was frequently in mud up to his horse's stomach. By Friday all the carabos had been secured in this province and corralled. We are having it easy now. We are in barracks which were formerly the mansion of a wealthy Filipino resident. We have specially constructed bunk beds for the Quartermaster's department, and present a creditable appearance.

PHILIPPINES ASSIST THEM. We are assisted in one guard daily by three loyal Filipinos belonging to the Misabebe, the tribe which is allied with us. They are a faithful lot and are invaluable in arresting Filipino suspects and wrong doers. They have arrested several during the week, among them a chine (ladrone) or thief. An insurgent officer was arrested today and imprisoned. We found out his position by his swill attire. He was dressed in costly clothes that only Filipino officers can afford to wear. He was quite badly frightened by the boys, who told him if he didn't reveal his identity he would be shot on the spot. He finally admitted to be an officer. Nightly concerts are given by the 25th band and the 25th Imperial Quartette. The 24th is in Lawton's expedition to the north and communication with them is very indirect. It is unofficially reported that they are in the neighborhood of San Isidro or Arayat. Gen. Wheaton has safely landed at Dapacan on the west coast of the island and the 1st of December will see the beginning of the end.

RICHMOND, P. I., Nov. 16, 1899, Dear Mr. Editor: We received the copies of the Planet sent to us at this point. You can imagine how we appreciated them when we had not seen a paper of any kind for weeks, and as for an Afro-American paper, I can not remember when I last laid eyes on one. The address of Mr. Washington is the talk of

the camp. Since coming here the boys' bosoms have expanded greatly. Their ideas have indeed broadened. They all say in chorus that Mr. Washington's ideas are destined to revolutionize America educationally, and as to the Negro, we feel the depth of his advice and feel that the path of action outlined by him is the only practical one for colored youth.

MOVING CONSTANTLY. Since dropping you a few lines from El Deposito, we have been constantly on the jump. First at San Fernando, then Mexico, Santa Anna, Arayat, San Isidro. Advantage was taken of these "hikes" to study the Filipino and the Filipino question from the point that follows. The whites have begun to establish their diabolical race hatred in all its enormity to propagate the phobia among the Spaniards and Filipinos as to be sure of the foundation of their supremacy when the civil rule, that must necessarily follow the present military regime, is established. I feel it worth the while to probe the Filipino as to his knowledge and views of the American colored man that we might know our position intelligently. What follows is a condensed account of results. The questions were put to the intelligent well educated Filipinos so you may know the opinions are those of the Soil who represent the feelings of their race, and may be taken as the solid.

THE OPINION OF THE FILIPPINOS. Ques. Do the Filipinos hold a different feeling toward the colored American from that of the white? Ans. "Before American occupation of the islands and before the colored troops came to the Philippines, Filipinos knew little if anything of the colored people of America. We had read American history in the general, but knew nothing of the different races there. All were simply Americans to us. This view was held up to the time of the arrival of the colored regiments in Manila, when the white troops seeing your acceptance on a social plane by the Filipino and Spaniard was equal to, if not better, than theirs, (for you know under Spanish rule we never knew there was a difference between men on account of racial identity; our differences were political), began to tell us of the inferiority of the American blacks—of your brutal natures, your cannibal tendencies—how you would rape our senoritas, etc. Of course, at first we were a little shy of you, after being told of the difference between you and them; but we studied you, as results have shown. Between you and him we look upon you as the angel and him the devil. "Of course you both are American and conditions between us are constrained and neither can be our friends in the sense of friendship; but the affinity of complexion between you and me tells you we execute your duty so



A HAPPY NEW YEAR

much more kindly and manly in dealing with us. We can not help but appreciate the difference between you and the whites.

Interview of Senor Torderia Santos, a Filipino physician. By the difference in "dealing with us" expressed in meant that the colored soldiers do not push them off the streets, spit at them, call them d—n "niggers," abuse them in all manner of ways, and connect race hatred with duty, for the colored soldier has none such for them.

A GLOOMY OUTLOOK. The future of the Filipino, I fear, is that of the Negro in the South. Matters are almost to that condition in Manila now. No one (white) has any scruples as regards respecting the rights of a Filipino. He is kicked and cuffed at will and he dares not remonstrate. On to another interview.

Ques. How would the Filipinos view immigration to any extent of American colored people to their country? How about conditions between them, living side by side? Ans. "Of what I have seen of the American colored people, as exemplified in their soldiers, I am very much impressed with them. This in the light of present conditions, when they have little opportunity to show themselves to us in a social way, which would allow us to know and study them better, is very encouraging. DOES NOT KNOW WHAT WILL FOLLOW. "I have little knowledge of what the American government will do with us in case they elect to hold us as a colony. I have heard that all confiscated lands would be opened for American colonization under some homestead law of the country, but I had not counted the effect it would have on us in any special light. We are accustomed to look upon American relations on any basis other than that of Filipino independence, as inimical to us. But since American sovereignty is inevitable and American colonization is a probability, I unreservedly believe that all my people would look very kindly upon your people as their neighbors. What we are resisting is effacement. Contact with whites to any extent in whatever way we accept them means that to us. The colored people being of like complexion to our own, the evolution that would come to us through contact would not be so radical, can be viewed in an entirely different light from contact with white people. In your country, you are used to moulding all nations and races of

MRS. CARDOZA PASSES AWAY.

The Diamond Mansion—Peculiar Fatalities.

The residence of the late Dr. S. H. Diamond, 112 W. Leigh St., is the scene of another sad tragedy. This time the wife of A. W. Cardoza who was recently convicted, sentenced and transported to the United States' prison at Mountville, W. Va., is the victim. She departed this life Sunday night at about 11 P. M.

There are now superstitious rumors floating around and knowing one's gloomy nod their heads. Two years ago, Samuel H. Diamond was regarded as the most popular and successful physician and surgeon among the colored people. He remodelled his residence and it was one of the most comfortable as well as one of the most aristocratic structures on Leigh St. But to go further: he lost his first wife under the most distressing circumstances. Their little son Samuel yet survives. It was but a few years later that he took unto himself a second wife. All went well. Two children were born to them.

It was during the Spring of '88 that the blow came. A supposedly temporary ailment became a serious one. Five physicians examined Dr. Diamond and held a consultation upon his case. A few weeks later, the tall, silent form of the popular physician was laid out upon the cooling board in the same front parlor in which his former wife had been similarly treated. The anguish of Mrs. Jessie Binga Diamond is soon to be told.

It was laid away forever. Twelve weeks had not passed away before she who was in "widow's weeds" but in good health apparently, dropped dead while riding her bicycle and was brought to this same residence where but a few minutes before she had passed in and out in the best of health. In the same front parlor, she was laid and the concourse of friends gathered around. Her interment followed. The public marveled the more, when before ten weeks had passed her baby died and was laid out in the same front parlor where the funeral services were held.

Rev. Dr. A. Bings and wife returned to their home at Manchester sorrowing over the loss of their favorite daughter and grand child. The residence remained vacant for a long time. Then Mr. A. W. Cardoza re-entred it and brought with him his wife whose mind was affected, and his mother who was well. The story of his arrest upon the charge of stealing money from a registered letter is well-known.

About three weeks ago, he was carried to prison. About two weeks ago, his wife gave birth to a lifeless child. And now in that same front parlor, Mrs. Cardoza has been lying and the many friends have gathered round. The neighbors are talking guardedly but mysteriously and it relates to the seeming bad-luck that hovers about the Diamond Mansion of other days.

Oh, to See His Face Again.

NORFOLK, VA., December 26.—While his death-watch slept, Walter Cotton (colored), under sentence to be hanged January 12th for the murder of Charles Wyatt, an aged Portsmouth citizen, escaped from Portsmouth city jail at 4 o'clock this morning. Cotton, with a file, sawed the steel bars of his cage, walked past the sleeping guard, stole the latter's overcoat and hat, and walked out of an unlocked door to liberty. A posse, with hounds, is in pursuit, and to-night is heading for the Dismal Swamp, where the murderer is expected to be. The death-watch, Saunders, was arrested. Cotton is a giant in stature, and the most dangerous prisoner ever confined in the Portsmouth jail. The Governor has been asked to offer a reward for his capture, dead or alive.

Go to S. Garrett's and get your Christmas suits made to order.

Best Attendances in the City.

Fifth Grammar Grade, Baker School, Miss Marietta L. Chiles, teacher has had 100% in attendance (not a pupil absent) for 14 weeks since September 18, 1899. The school is composed of 16 boys and 20 girls and receives much credit for their excellent and punctual attendance.

The following are the names of the pupils:
Boys: Willie Brown, Edward Bolling, Samuel D. Callowsy, Carrington Corley, David Carter, Ernest Dandridge, Samuel Diamond, Thomas Frasier, Frank Glasgow, Jr., Fred Johnson, Willie Jackson, Nathan Moore, Edward Ross, Russell Sears, Floyd Thoms, Lawton Wilder.
Girls: Nannie Burton, Louise Brown, Ella Dawson, Katie Dawson, Harriet Edwards, Irene Grimes, Eliza Glasgow, Lillian Hodges, Susie Harris, Mary Haskins, Frances Lincoln, George Miles, Emma Miller, Daisy Overby, Mary Poindeexter, Lily Riley, Alberta Smith, Sabernia Scott, Bertha Walton, Carrie Warner.

Thanks Returned.

Many thanks to the members of the Fifth Street Baptist Virginia Seminary circle for standing by our school for the last few years. In their last session, we were able to turn over to the Women's Baptist State Educational Convention the sum of \$9.50. During that convention, was realized over \$220, and when they meet next year the sisters hope to raise about \$500. God seems to bless our work and cause it to speed, as four more circles have been organized in Richmond.

Among the faithful members are: Rev. and Mrs. W. F. Graham, Rev. and Mrs. S. Lemus, Mr. and Mrs. Cary Lightfoot, Robert Taylor, Mrs. Isabella Wilkerson, Caledonia Brown, C. O. Williams, Josephine Baker, Hannah Wilkerson, Martha Price, Sarah Cannaway, Sallie Clark, Sarah Jackson, Misses Nannie Osborne, Emma Williams, Rosa White, Estelle Allen, Bertha Williams, Mr. B. H. Peyton, Ed. Roman, Mrs. Lucy Gray and Mrs. Ann Griffin.

Mrs. Bettie Tinsley, Sec.

MISS ALICE ROBINSON, Pres.

A Swell Event.

At the residence, 315 W. Duval St., one of the swell events of the season was given by Miss Georgia Council to the honor of her niece, the bride elect, Miss Pearl Johnson, Monday, Dec. 25. Among her guests were Misses Martha Rowlett, Ada Hayden, Lucy Hayden, Ann Garrett, Jennie Carter, Bertha Carter, Albertina Gresham, Lily Sims, Gertrude Council, Jennie Council, Mrs. Rebecca Gresham; Messrs. Willie Mitchell, John Brooks, George Garrett, Maury Payne, John Gray, Augustus Gresham, Charles Johnson.

Games were played until the wee sma hours of morning, and then refreshments were served and the table groined under the weight of refreshments.

Hunting for Trouble.

Much excitement was caused near the corner of Cary and Harvie Streets, on Christmas Day. Thomas Clarke (white) took it into his head to clean out the colored people in the neighborhood. He was roughly handled. Other white men came to his assistance, but all had to retreat. Finally an officer came, and arrested both white and colored men. No one was seriously injured. The result was that W. E. Thomas, Ned Mosby, Julius Topin, Frank Hall, Jeff Turner and Odell Williams were fined \$1.00 and sentenced to the workhouse for 12 months. The white man and his fellow rioters went free.

The following young ladies who are teaching in the country spent the holidays at home: Misses Mary and Fannie Harper, Lizzie Williams, Annie Johnson, Mattie Terrell, Rosa E. Banks and some others.