of white paint over the side of their boat, which was a sort of whaleback, and the Americans soon saw in big letters the message "Good Luck" greeting them. It is needless to say this courtesy on the part of the Englishmen was the cause of a good deal of cheering among the American troops, and the band on the Grant struck up, as a response, "God Save the Queen," followed by "The Star Spangled Banner."

After leaving Singapore the next point was the journey's end-Manilla. The Grant reached Manilla on March 10th and sailed right in and anchored off the "Olympia," Dewey was on his flagship, and through not having heard of his promotion the Grant hoisted the rear admiral salute. Dewey immediately responded with "thuess Again!" and the Grant, of course, then made the necessary formal correction. Soon after the Grant ran into the harbor a big English man-of-war, which had been five years in Eastern waters, passed the Americans with the inspiring signal flying "Homeward Bound." The English band played "The Star Spangled Banner" and "A Hot Time," and the Grant's musicians rendered "God Save the Queen," Col. Lippincott and others. came on board the Grant the first day in the harbor. The families of the officers from the Grant were in Manilla for fifteen days. while Mr. Mason was quartered at the barracks, the old Spanish army quarters. Mr. Mason says the Americans did not go about much in Manilla, as smallpox was prevalent, and there was no quarantine. The Philipine women in Manilla wear queer, low-neck dresses, and long skirts. The men have stiff, black hair, worn in pompadours, and their shoes are a sort of moccosin. The shoe only covers the toes, and is pulled along by the wearer.

What the Americans saw of Manilla was most interesting. Old Manilla is walled in by a big stone wall, and a big moat is still there. The streets of the older city are very good, the finest drives being the two that run on opposite sides of the Lunetta, a sort of plaza out near the

bay. Here during times of peace a fine band has been stationed to render music twice a week. The two roads meet near the Lunetta and form a lone, fine driveway, bordered on both sides with stately palms. Mr. Mason, while in Manilla, saw many Spanish soldiers, who were quite picturesque in their red blankets and blue and white striped suits. The Spaniards were then going home.

There are few mules used in Manilla, practically all that are made use of are the little Spanish horses. There are nine native languages spoken in Manilla, but one can get along very well with an understanding of Spanish. Most of the American women now living in Manilla are at the Oriental Hotel, although many Americans have rented houses in the city. The Philipinos are not allowed on the streets after 7 o'clock at night, the soldier's having orders to "first shoot, then haul away."

Mr. Mason took a train out on the railroad from Manilla as far as the train ran —twelve miles—to the lines of the American army. A walk of a mile and a half took him to the lines. Here was found some Utah volunteers with automatic Hotchkiss repeating guns. The volunteers soldiers showed the effect of their hard service. They wore Philipine shoes, Kansas trousers and campaign hats. Their clothes were in a frightful condition-tattered and badly soiled. Mr. Mason saw an insurgent running from one cover to another, and he took a hold of the coat of one of the Utah volunteers to call his attention to the insurgent. The soldier's coat was so rotten that a big part of it tore away, and Mr. Mason was all "broke up" when the volunteer simply said: "Now, see what you've done."

After a two week's stay at Manilla Mr. Mason took the Grant on her return trip to San Francisco.

The day before leaving he met Lieut. Gregg. The day the Grant arrived at San Francisco the Sherman, which left Manilla two weeks after the Grant, was met. Mr. Mason saw a coffin being taken off the Sherman and asked weose remains

prised and pained to learn it contained the body of Lieut. Gregg, whom he had seen so short a time before in Manilla in the best of health, and just about to begin active service with his regiment.

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