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CRUISING AROUND THE WORLD

Picturesque Lands and People on the Great Belt Line by William G. Frizell.

All on board have some personal friends among the welcoming American exiles at Manila. As we came near the harbor a fleet of small boats with bands and banners and megaphones met us. We passed near Cavite, the naval station, where Dewey's men, before breakfast, destroyed the Spanish fleet and started us on the greatest scientific and philanthropic work in the world's history.

Manila is in contrast to the cities of Japan and China. Three centuries of Spanish rule give to it a European Spanish appearance, to which our country has added a sort of American border. We are building wide avenues, airy hospitals, five government buildings and pleasant homes around the old walled Spanish city. Altogether Manila is a very attractive city. It seems too expensive to keep, yet too valuable to give away.

The principal drive is the Luneta, with the parade ground or park adjoining. Here comes all Manila in the cool of the evening to promenade or drive and to listen to the large and very fine constabulary band. Among the principal objects of interest are several old Catholic churches and Bilibid prison. The cathedral and the neighboring churches are very striking. Near the cathedral is the large palace of the archbishop. The archbishop is Bishop Harty, formerly of St. Louis, who succeeded the Spaniard who resigned when American took possession of the islands.

Bilibid prison is one of the best reformatory trade schools in the world. It has a daily prison population of 3,000, being more than that of any other American prison. The manner of treatment of the prisoners in the shops is similar to that accorded workmen in any large factory. Their treatment outside of work hours is similar to that of soldiers in a barracks, with the absence of lockstep and corporal punishment; the dormitory system in place of cells; the semi-military training; the daily recreation after working hours, with daily band concert, stereopticon lecture, and the like; day and night schools, and, above all, the teaching by trade instructors of various useful trades. I was a member of the Ohio legislative penitentiary commission and visited most of the great prisons and penitentiaries in the United States, and nowhere are such advanced prison methods practised as here.

In order to see a little of the natives in the country several of us went out in automobiles over an excellent road, some ten miles, to the village of Paranaki. This is an embroidery making community. The houses are perched upon stilts about six feet high. To get in you have to climb a frail bamboo ladder. Here I found two small rooms, with matting sides, and a floor of bamboo slats, set about an inch apart.

Leaving here, I went across the street to a low, rambling straw building, over which the American flag was flying and above the door of which were two English words, "public school." I was greeted at the door in good English by a little native lady teacher, who bade me welcome. She had a class of about twenty-five boys and girls about twelve years old. They were being taught English grammar and looked bright and interested. These public schools, with their waving American banners, are transforming the islands. At Manila 5,000 school children in the great auditorium gave a magnificent entertainment for us and sang patriotic songs. The solution of the Filipino problem may come through the American schools.

Flowers, music, climate and cordiality are the paradise creating characteristics of Honolulu. They make all visitors remember Honolulu as the most beautiful, lovable spot of the universe. With music and flowers we were greeted. When the Cleveland entered the bay she stopped to receive the welcoming launches, bearing an Hawaiian orchestra and singers and laden with flowers. After a serenade the ship's steps were lowered, and up tripped sprightly Hawaiian maidens, followed by a reception committee carrying bushel baskets of flowers. When we marched down on to the dock, garlanded and wreathed with flowers and wearing big, bright buttons presented by the reception committee bearing the Hawaiian word of welcome, "Aloha!" we looked as foolish and felt as proud as sweet girl graduates carrying their daisy chains. On the new dock, to which the Cleveland was fastened and which only a month before she had christened, the royal Hawaiian band welcomed us with "Aloha" and other airs, and many people were there to greet their American friends. Honolulu, the capital of the American territory of Hawaii, is a growing city with a mixed population. The city has a modern progressive appearance, with well paved streets, electric cars, substantial business blocks, large hotels and beautiful residences.

The principal sights of Honolulu are the government building or old palace, the Bishop museum, the Coral Congregational church, the Pali, the Punch Bowl, Waikiki beach and the aquarium. All can be visited easily in a day, but Honolulu can be enjoyed indefinitely.

The Hawaiian people are a good natured, easy-going, attractive people, who are decreasing rapidly in numbers. The little girls are very bright and pretty, but as they grow older they are inclined to stoutness.

There are a number of interesting short excursions from Honolulu. From the adjacent mountains can be obtained a view of sea and valley that rivals the one from the top of the rock at Capri, Italy.

Many rode in automobiles to view the sugar cane and pineapple plantations. Sugar is king in Hawaii. The sugar yield for 1908 amounted to over $40,000,000, and the largest sugar mill in the world is here. Music is another pleasant memory of Honolulu. Everywhere we heard and enjoyed Hawaiian music. For two days our party was kept busy, interested and delighted at Honolulu.

The great dock was crowded, and as we sailed away there came to us across the bay the strains of "Aloha," played on the shore by the royal Hawaiian band. As this paradise of the Pacific, with its flowers, music and hospitality, had made us constantly feel "Aloha" there seemed a special fitness in this welcome song even as a farewell.

THE DOMINION NAVIES.

How Empire is Working Out Its Salvation.

The Spectator, London.

The naval defence scheme, adopted by the imperial conference, was made known in Canada before it was communicated to the British or Australian parliaments because Sir Wilfrid Laurier was anxious to put the Canadian people in possession of it before the dissolution. It seems to us to meet the numerous difficulties of building up a homogenous navy out of self-governing local navies with admirable good sense. Small difficulties will no doubt arise, but the great obvious difficulties are disposed of by this scheme, which we do not hesitate to say is great in its simplicity.

Is it not wonderful and encouraging that such a scheme should have emerged so soon? It seems only the other day that there was an apparently irreconcilable conflict between the requirements of the admiralty and the ideals of the dominions, but the exchange of opinions has composed the differences, and we have before us a uniting plan which could not conceivably have been framed if the problem had been approached in the state of mind of those whose one idea of bringing the empire together is to draw the bonds so tight that they cut into somebody's flesh.

This scheme is one more point to the credit of the last imperial conference, which so far from having been a failure is now seen to have been by far the most important and productive ever held.

A logical outcome of the establishment of separate navies in the dominions will be more regular consultation with the dominions in foreign affairs; it is impossible to use local navies as the instruments of imperial policy without having the owners of those navies in agreement with the policy. Already the dominion premiers have been consulted as to the revision of the Anglo-Japanese treaty, and the treaty in its new form has their approval. There is no longer an instant menace of the Australians being asked to outrage their instincts and take arms on behalf of Asiatics against Americans.

When the scheme of imperial naval defence, which is now launched, develops—and, of course, the dominion navies will grow larger and larger as time passes—the empire will be held together through a continually increasing sense of having invested in a common insurance premium. We do not see how the members of such a spontaneous partnership can fall asunder, and the talk about failure to knit the empire together will gradually fade away through sheer futility.

In 1909 when a conference was summoned to discuss imperial defence the dominions had already practically determined to have their own navies, but the view of the admiralty was that it would be better for the local navies to be under control of the admiralty both in peace and war. That was a very natural view for the admiralty to take. Probably if any one of us were made responsible for the conduct of a naval war he would prefer at first sight to have the training of all the crews under his own supervision. But no further thoughts the balance of advantage is seen to be enormously on the side of such a scheme as has been adopted. If the dominions surrender the right to manage their own navies, or if they only paid a money contribution to the imperial navy, they would have neither a very great interest nor a very great sense of responsibility in the business. Great Britain may count on the maximum of enthusiasm and the maximum of expenditure under the present scheme.

But a difference is to be noted in the conditions under which Canada and Australia are to put their navies at the disposal of the admiralty for war. Canada has undertaken to do so only if the Canadian government approves of the war. Australia has undertaken to do so, not exactly automatically, but by resolution of the government, to which no reservation about approval of the war has been attached in advance. In practice the difference will amount to little or nothing. Great Britain is never likely to enter upon a war unless it is forced upon her, and Canadian opinion would be so strongly in favor of helping Great Britain in anything but a manifestly unjust war that it would be impossible for the Canadian government to hold out.

There is another consideration which we have already mentioned. No enemy at war with us would allow Canada to remain neutral. As an essential part of the British empire she would be exposed to attack if Great Britain were at war. If, therefore, she were compelled, as she would be, to defend herself, it would be better that she should take measures for her defence as in the opinion of naval experts gave her the best chance of defending herself successfully.

We regard the whole scheme as one of the most inspiring signs of our day, for it is above all a beautiful illustration of how the empire works out its salvation, responding earnestly and generously in particular needs as they arise, in spite of all the gloomy vaticinations of those who tell us that nothing is being done.

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MANUFACTURERS' VIEWS ARE CHANGED.

Ex-Ald. Wright of Hamilton Speaks on Sentiment Towards Reciprocity.

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"I think the Laurier government has acted wisely and well in making such an agreement regarding natural farm products, without having done anything that will injure the manufacturer," said Mr. Wright, when asked what he thought of the reciprocity agreement. "Not all manufacturers are opposed to the agreement," he continued, "and I do not see why any are. Some claim that it is the thin end of the wedge that will open up a way to reciprocity in manufactured goods. Such a thing would be impossible for many years to come. The government must have revenue to carry on the business of the country, and a large part of this revenue must be raised in this way. But, apart from this, I have every confidence that the government will carry out the agreement in the best interests of all the people.

"I have recently conversed with a number of manufacturers who were very strongly opposed to reciprocity at first, but they have changed their opinions, and admit now that they can see no harm to them through reciprocity in farm products. I do a great deal of travelling, and during the last four weeks have been out a great deal, and I feel confident that the government will be sustained by as large a majority as it has in the last parliament, and I hope to see Hamilton represented by members who will be favorable to the reciprocity agreement. Personally, I believe that every government candidate between the Niagara and Detroit rivers will be returned," concluded Mr. Wright.

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