



# CURRENT EVENTS



## Philippines

July 20-25. The papers talk much about famine in Nueva Vizcaya. Many immigrants from Ilocos and other provinces have settled in Nueva Vizcaya. They are ordinarily poor people. As it is the time of planting rice, there are very few pounds of rice for sale. So naturally prices go up. The poor can not afford to pay these prices, Hence the famine. Besides much rice has been exported to Isabela. Hence more scarcity of palay in Nueva Vizcaya.

July 25. A long time ago several hundred Filipinos working on sugar plantations in Hawaii began a strike to seek an increase of wages. Lately many of the striking laborers got displeased with their leaders.

Messrs. Quezon and Osmeña are visiting Europe. They did very well. Some efficacious work for independence may be done in Europe. Several nations have a great interest in the future of the Philippines.

Senator Vicente Vera proposed a bill rendering divorce more easy and the marriage requirements more difficult.

It is a shame to read what has been said before the committee which has to report on the advisability of introducing again the red-light district in

Manila. In vain shall such a district be permitted, in vain shall the vigilance of the policemen be redoubled, if religion has not been deeply instilled into the hearts of the youth.

Several secretaries were requested by the Philippine Senate to appear before this legislative body to explain some of their actions. Secretary Agoncillo refused. The principle involved in this fight is this: are the secretaries responsible both to the Governor General and the Senate, or to the Governor General only?

A movement is on foot in Manila asking the complete freedom of all lepers.

A proposition in the Legislature to have a woman nominated as representative to succeed ex-representative Piang, was defeated.

One of the northern most Babuyan Islands is to be evacuated by the population. An active volcano pouring out continually burning lava might kill all the inhabitants.

Lightning caused the explosion of the dynamite stored up on Talim island (Laguna de Bay). Two soldiers were killed and several children lightly wounded.