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A shortage of over P25,000 in the final report of the Benefit Festival for City Laborers and Unemployed submitted by Manila Board Member, Mateo Herrera, who was the general manager of the Festival, was discovered by City Auditor Santiago Ramos.

Five million pesos will be spent in Mindanao in connection with the initial establishment of modern agricultural colonies and to provide homesteaders with housing facilities, hospitals and farm equipment. One of the important features of this proposed colonization program will be the establishment of lumber mills. According to present plans, lands will be divided into lots of 10 hectares each to be worked by two men. During the first year of the colonization, one man will work in the lumber mill, while the other will work on the land.

In line with the policy of the national government, as authorized by the National Assembly, to restore the old salary schedule, all government-owned corporations have taken steps to provide gradually necessary increases in salaries of their officials and employees.

The introduction of the O'Malley resolution in U. S. Congress providing for the Philippines immediate and complete independence without trade preference, hastened the departure of the Filipino members of the Joint Preparatory Committee on Philippine Affairs for the United States. Floor Leader Jose Romero and Assemblyman Manuel Roxas sailed last January 6th to help combat this resolution and also to hasten the completion and submission of the committee's report to President Roosevelt before this congress adjourns.

A new deal in Philippine penal system was ushered in last Christmas when inmates of Bilibid Prison were allowed to mingle and eat with

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their respective families and friends from seven in the morning to three in the afternoon. One hundred and twenty seven (127) insular prisoners were granted conditional pardon by President Quezon the day before last Christmas.

The U. S. Federal Tariff Commission, in a report on Philippine business, declared it was not certain whether the transition period of ten years provided in the independence act is sufficient to permit adaption of Philippine economy to the loss of duty free entry into the United States or certain major industries exporting chiefly to the United States. These industries may be obliged to discontinue or curtail operations after independence.

President Quezon has proclaimed Tagalog the basis of the national language of the Philippines which will go into effect on December 30, 1939. Tagalog, however, will not become the official language. English and Spanish will continue to be the official languages unless the National Assembly provides otherwise.

Carmen Planas, first woman member of the Manila Municipal Board, has proposed an ordinance prohibiting the sale of firecrackers in the city.

Authoritative government source reported that the administration is entertaining plans for the pensioning of Filipino veterans of the Philippine Revolution and may recommend to the National Assembly the appropriation of funds for that purpose.

It was also reported that the National Assembly will be requested to set aside a fund so that the government may enter into negotiations with any local motion picture company to make a historical pic-



THE LATE PEDRO C. GUEVARA

ture of the Philippines.

The proposed transfer of the University of the Philippines will be placed before the members of the university faculty and the parents of the students, it was decided upon at the first meeting of the special committee appointed by Vice President Osmeña.

AN army force of one hundred soldiers attacked and captured Timbag cotta in Lanao after an hour's skirmish under the command of Col. Luther R. Stevens. The outlaws, however, manage to escape. Demolition of the cotta was started immediately after capture.

The special committee on rate reduction of public utilities of the National Assembly of which Assemblyman Gregorio Perfecto is the chairman, has found the Manila Gas

Corporation to have apparently violated its franchise by charging its customers rates higher than those authorized by its franchise.

Close on the heels of President Roosevelt's statement concerning trade preferences for the Philippines until 1960, Assistant Secretary of State Francis B. Sayre indicated that U. S. Congress may be asked during the current session for new legislation on the Philippine question. Secretary Sayre said that the joint preparatory committee on Philippine affairs has been endeavoring to find the most satisfactory practical means of completing termination of trade preferences without undue dislocation of Philippine economy and in this connection has been considering a plan which would call for gradual elimination of the preferences remaining at the time independence becomes effective.

The 1938 budget of the national government provides for 2,000 new positions. The special committee on appropriations of the National Assembly is now studying ways of filling these positions.

A bitter political fight headed by special interests, particularly in the U. S. House of Representatives, is expected as a result of the announcement by President Roosevelt of a proposed amendment of the Tiddings-Macduffie Law to include a lengthy period of trade preference for the Philippines.

Personal

Pedro C. Guevara, lawyer, publicist and for a dozen years Philippine resident commissioner at Washington, died last January 19th while arguing a case before the supreme court. He was in the midst of an eloquent plea when a stroke seized him and ended his life a few minutes later. He was 58 years old, and was survived by his wife, Mrs. Isidra Baldomero Guevara, and by his only son, Pedro, Jr. The nation, led by President Quezon, mourned his untimely death.

Mons. Cesar Ma. Guerrero, first bishop of Lingayen, was appointed last December 16, auxiliary bishop (Continued on page 4)

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of Manila, vice Mons. William Fineman, prefect apostolic of Mindoro.

*Madame Chiang Kai-shek*, in a letter to the manager of the Philippine Red Cross, thanked the women of the Philippines for 556 cases of medical supplies, including full equipment for 500 beds and 47,000 front-line dressing packages.

*Frank Billings Kellog*, American statesman and peace advocate and co-author of the famous Kellogg-Briand Pact, died of pneumonia at St. Paul, Minnesota, last December 21. He was 81 years old.

*Newton D. Baker*, U. S. secretary of war during the World War and an internationally known lawyer, died last Christmas day at the age of 66.

*Samuel F. Gaches*, president and general manager of the Heacock's

interests, was thrown from his horse last December 26 while taking his customary morning ride at Nichols Field, and suffered concussion in the head which rendered him unconscious for one day.

*James K. Steele*, better known as "Mabubay" Steele, former executive of the Philippine Tourist Association, died in Reno, Nevada, last December 26, a victim of heart disease.

*Captain Thomas P. McIntyre*, Manila's deputy fire chief, died December 27 at the age of 58. He was the victim of cerebral hemorrhage. He had been with the Manila Fire Department since 1905.

*Leopoldo Brias*, 24 year-old business executive and socialite, left Manila for Spain to join the army of General Franco. Mr. Brias is a Filipino citizen and a licensed pilot.

*Lo Peh Hong*, chairman of the standing committee of the newly

formed Civic Association of the Shanghai Municipality which was created by the Japanese army for the purpose of rehabilitating the Chinese areas around Shanghai, was shot at the French Concession while leaving a friend's house. He died two hours later. He was suspected of being pro-Japanese. He was a Manila visitor during the Eucharistic Congress, being one of the few Chinese Catholics.

*Hermenegildo Atienza* was elected president of the Manila Municipal Board at the first meeting of the newly elected board last January 3rd. He holds the distinction of being not only the youngest member of the Board (with the exception of Carmen Planas) but also of being the youngest president the Board has ever had. Atienza is only twenty-eight.

*Dr. Sixto de los Angeles*, head of the medico-legal department of the college of medicine, U.P., has ten-

dered his resignation as member of the medical college. This move is the off-shoot of a plan now afoot to fuse the medico-legal department with the G-men division. Dr. de los Angeles is opposed to the fusion, saying that the medico-legal unit should not be under the control of any government unit so that it would not lose its independence.

## Foreign

The English war office announced last December 22nd that the *British garrison at Hongkong would be strengthened*. This announcement, and a protest to Japan, followed a two and a half hour cabinet meeting at which the Oriental situation was discussed.

Wholesale arrests of *alleged radicals* were made throughout Japan last December 15 following the orders of the new House Minister. Among those arrested were two members of the cabinet, several university professors, a well-known author, a social critic and some pacifists.

In an effort to silence rumors that the United States would join Great Britain in adopting a strong action in the Orient, officials asserted in Washington last December 22nd that the United States government was still following an independent course of action and judgment regarding the Far East situation.

The Japanese army admitted that Americans were machine-gunned when the U. S. gunboat *Panay* was bombed and sunk in the Yangtze River, but did not mention firing on the *Panay* itself. Lt. Nishi, returning from his investigations of the incident, described the case in detail, emphasizing the humanitarianism of the Japanese soldiers when they discovered the victims were Americans. He stated positively the Japanese soldiers did not see identification flags of any kind.

The Japanese government today (December 25) acknowledged full responsibility for the sinking of the American gunboat *Panay* by Japanese war planes and announced that the commander of the flying squadron and "all others responsible" had been punished "according to law." Details of the punishment were not given.

Hundreds of *Aragonese women* helped in the nationalist defense of Teruel by hurling boiling water and oil on the loyalist attackers, rebel sources reported. Insurgents claimed many Spanish Amazons in General Franco's garrisons in Teruel were prepared to die rather than surrender.

A sharp warning to Italy that Great Britain is contemplating further measures unless the *anti-British propaganda* being openly disseminated by the Italian government in the Near and Middle East is discontinued, was voiced in the

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## SHOPPING GUIDE

**PRACTICAL** things have taken the place of glamorous and "useless" gifts in the show windows of the shops on the Escolta. Gone are the cut glasses, the bottles of perfume, the silver boxes. We have come back to earth and shop for egg-beaters and can-openers and kitchen knives.

Leading in this return to practicability is the American Hardware with its annual January sale on kitchen utensils. The gown salons or dress shops follow with their clearance sales. Other stores have their inventory sales.

"Just looking" at the American Hardware, we spotted the following as new (at least to us): *Soap Saver* which consists of a small wire basket attached to a handle. You place a piece of soap in the wire basket, fasten the cover, then beat the basket with the soap in it in the water, to make suds. This gadget saves soap as well as your hands. Now you don't have to rub the soap between your hands when making suds.

*Infant feeding bottle sterilizer* which consists of a round wire deep tray with seven compartments and a handle in the center. After cleaning the feeding bottles, you place them, upside down, in the compartments (one bottle in each), then lower the sterilizer into a kettle of boiling water. The long handle makes lifting the sterilizer out of the hot water an easy job. No more tongs and burned fingers for you. The bottles are filled with milk for one day feeding, placed in the compartments (this time mouths up) and stored in the ice-box or refrigerator.

A set of *kitchen knives* in different sizes and for different purposes, with their own rack, made of wood, which may be nailed to the kitchen wall.

This reminds us of the very *serviceable rack*, made of metal, which may be used in the kitchen (for kitchen knives, forks and spoons), in the bathroom (for toothbrushes) or in the bedroom (for shoebrush, scissors, hairbrush, etc.).

Colored china glassware and linen are now used on the dining table. The latest to take to colors is the silverware. There are now knives and forks and spoons with colored handles, thus completing the color scheme that you may wish to adapt for your table.

We saw, at the Cooperative Sales store, *gaily decorated beverage sets* (each consisting of six glasses with "stirrers" and pitcher and tray) which will make cold drinks this summer doubly welcome. (Right now the mere mention of cold drinks makes us shiver. B-R-U-R-R-I)

One girl we know says that no matter how cold the mornings are she does not wear a coat or a jacket or a sweater. She wears instead a woolen vest or "camiseta" under her chemise. This keeps her warm enough. These vestees may be bought in Bombay or Japanese bazaars. There are cotton and silk ones if woolen ones are too warm for you.

If you have a porch, you may be interested in the fern baskets that are most suitable for hanging or aerial plants as well. There are also earthen pots that are especially constructed for ferns and other plants that require constant watering.

When you buy your husband's or your boys' socks, beware of imitations. We had a very sad experience last Christmas. Shopping late in the afternoon after all the shops on the Escolta had closed, we entered a bazaar and asked for a certain brand of men's socks. We examined them and they looked like the real McCoy—lastex top, designs, and trademark. We scolded ourselves for paying about twenty centavos more for each pair from the other stores. Upon arriving home, we compared our new purchases with the old ones and then saw the difference—in texture and elasticity of the gartered top. Whether they were imitations or of the same trade-mark but of inferior quality, we do not know and we will not say. The trade-mark was identical.

Have you noticed those very clever imitations of certain well-known brands of toothbrushes? The first three letters of the trade-mark imitations are the same as those of the real ones. You will never think that they are imitations when you glance at them.

Imitations, especially in the cosmetic line, have become so widespread that manufacturers of well-known goods take elaborate precautions to protect their own products as well as the customers. The manufacturers of a certain talcum powder, for instance, have adopted the non-refillable cans for their powder when they discovered that their old cans (with removable top) were bought when empty and refilled with a very inferior

powder and sold as their own and at lower prices. Other manufacturers spend a lot of money advertising their products and giving their respective distinguishing marks.

If you read always the advertisements in newspapers and magazines you have probably come across the advertisement of a local bank which informs the reader that with a deposit of one peso and five centavos (P1.05) with them, a customer will be given a safe or box into which to drop their loose coins. The bank keeps the key so the box cannot be opened except by the bank. When the box is filled with coins, it is taken to the bank and its contents credited to the owner's savings account. The slot is so constructed that it is impossible to draw out a coin with a hairpin or with a toothpick.

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House of Commons last December 23rd by Viscount Cranbourne, the under-secretary of Foreign Affairs.

The Japanese nation was pleased and relieved when the American government accepted the *Japanese apologies* for the bombing and sinking of *Panay*. The American press, in general, welcomed the closing of the case.

The United States eagerly awaited the first public exhibition of the bombing of the *Panay*. Norman Alley, Universal cameraman who took the pictures, arrived in the United States aboard the *China Clipper* and revealed that attempts to steal or destroy his film were made, presumably by the *Japanese*. Armed guards carried the pictures from the *China Clipper* to an armored car with a motoreycle escort.

The British embassy informed the Japanese foreign office last December 29 that Great Britain could not accept the Nippon military version of the attacks on the British warships *Lady Bird* and *Bee*, fired at them. These attacks occurred shortly before the *Japanese* airmen bombed and sank the *Panay*.

President Roosevelt, in his message to Congress, warned the American nation today (January 3) to prepare for defense against "*future hazards*."

The United States Senate approved last January 6th and sent to President Roosevelt for his signature, the bill *prohibiting the making of photographs, sketches or maps of military and naval defenses of the United States and possessions, including the Philippines*.

*Four hundred Formosans* revolted and waged a four hour battle with the Japanese garrison at Ilan. The motive behind the revolt was the Formosans' refusal to fight in China.

The announcement in Rome by Premier Mussolini of *Italy's naval building program* caused the French officials to declare that France must increase her warship building. At present, France is building two large battleships to match the two launched by Italy some time ago.

Thirst, cold and hunger forced the *surrender of one of the last insurgent stronghold in Teruel*. Many of the insurgents who surrendered

were wounded and ill.

Great Britain declared her opposition to any *permanent administrative changes* that Japan demanded in the International Settlement in Shanghai. She is, however, ready to agree to some demands for increased powers.

The sum of 7,792 yens which was collected from the public by Tokyo newspapers for the *Panay* sufferers was handed to U. S. Ambassador Grew, who did not accept it saying that the United States government believed no American nationals should directly benefit from the donation. This sum represented nine tenths of the amount collected. One tenth was given to the Italian Ambassador for the relatives of the Italian press correspondent, Sandro Sandri, who was fatally injured while aboard the *Panay*.

It was definitely established that the *Samoa Clipper* (formerly the *Hongkong Clipper*) of the Pan American Airways, caught fire while she was in the air and crashed into the sea, killing all its crew including the famous commander, Captain Edwin C. Musick.

A new bill to strengthen the U. S. navy authorizing the *construction of all types of naval vessels* was announced by Carl Vinson, chairman of the naval committee of the U. S. House of Representatives.

### Sino-Japanese

Emperor Hirohito has approved the government's *New China policy*, which provided for the continuation of the hostilities in China until the Nanking government reconsiders its "*Anti-Japanese attitude*."

Climaxing their occupation of Nanking ten days ago, the *Japanese militarists* today (December 23) announced an *autonomous government* had been formed in the

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former capital of Nationalist China, supplanting the Chiang Kai-shek regime. The "Autonomous Commission" is under the chairmanship of Tao Hsi-shan, a phil-anthropist, aged 61 years. The commission includes two vice-chairmen and eight members.

A Chinese official statement from Hankow confirmed reports from reliable sources in Nanking that mass killings of civilians took place after the Japanese occupation of Nanking, including an invasion of so-called "safety-zones" for refugees.

Christmas found no peace in China. Belligerents on all fronts continued tearing at one another's throat. Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek and his wife who are Christians, spent Christmas day at army headquarters at an undisclosed place in the Yangtze valley.

The new year began with the Chinese air force staging a comeback in Nanking. Chinese planes roared into action against the Japanese, destroying two grounded Nipponese planes. Five days later, twenty Japanese planes, in-

cluding giant bombers and small pursuit ships, dropped 200 bombs over Hankow. Most of the bombs were aimed at the military field but did little damage. Only two old Chinese planes were bombed while aground.

Japanese officials commenced last January 7th strict censorship of all radio and cable messages flowing in and out of Shanghai. The Nipponese embassy spokesman said the regulation was directed primarily at private messages, but press dispatches are also being censored.

Premier Konoye of Japan sought an understanding with the cabinet to continue the Sino-Japanese war for 4 years more. A four-year replenishment plan is being prepared for presentation to parliament. The program demands the closest cooperation from industrial, financial and economic interests and stresses development of heavy industries.

A Chinese government spokesman sharply denied the official Tokyo intimations that China had prepared peace terms for submission to Japan.

The Japanese announced on January 10 the capture of the historic city of Tsingtau without any resistance.

The Imperial conference held in the presence of Emperor Hirohito drafted a China policy which was held in the strictest secrecy. It was, however, believed in authoritative quarters that Japan is bent on smashing the Chiang Kai-shek regime in China.

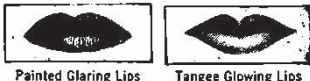
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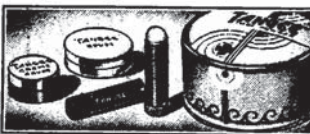
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A bad case of indigestion that set in well toward the last days of last year and is being carried on in the new;

A nice new bankbook showing the initial, solitary, munificent entry of P10;

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How did an ordinary (we mean, typical) housewife fare last year? A mother of three children whose husband is a government employee is grateful that her husband's salary which was cut about two years ago was restored last year to its former level; her three children, her husband and herself were all in good health, and therefore, saved money which would have been spent on doctor's fees and medicines; that all the needs of her family were taken care of without her having to stretch her husband's income too much.

The pretty salesgirl at the Philippine Education (second floor) who was serving us confided to us

that she was grateful for the following: that in spite of difficulties she encountered in her job, she was able to perform her work to the satisfaction of the manager who took her in as an extra during the Christmas rush a year ago (now she is a regular employee); that her companions in the office had been good to her—helping her when she was new, that all her brothers and sisters found jobs—one in the army, one in an attorney's office, one in a drugstore, so that their parents need no longer support them; that she was in good health.

A lady physician was too busy to think of any particular thing she is grateful for—she is grateful for everything that happened last year, even for little accidents and misfortunes, which might have been fatal. She supposed she ought to be grateful for the illnesses of her patients but she was not, even if these people could afford to be sick.

Lola, who celebrated, with her over-seventy-year-old husband, the golden anniversary of their wedding, was very vocal about her gratefulness to God Almighty who had granted her one more year of grace on this earth. "Yes, I am very glad to have lived last year. I voted at the plebiscite for woman suffrage and then again at the last election. I never thought I would live long enough to witness the day when we women would vote," she said. We wish you could hear Lola express herself in the picturesque language of the old. We found one more reason why Lola was glad she lived through last year. It seems that somebody had told her that couples who celebrate the golden anniversary of their weddings and then have their pictures taken always die during the year when the anniversary is celebrated. Lola did not believe in this superstition and went ahead with the celebration and the picture-taking. And now she is still alive to tell that "scarer", "I told you so..."

We wish also you could hear our *lavandera* when we put the question of gratefulness to her. "Ay, naku, po! God was merciful enough in His Heaven to protect us humble sinners during the last typhoon. It not for His infinite mercy, the winds would have blown away our humble dwelling of nipa and bamboo. In spite of the strong winds and the heavy rains which penetrated into the house, wetting us all, we refused to leave our rocking dwelling but remained in it, praying. Now I come to Manila every Friday and light a candle in Quiapo church out of thankfulness to the Nazarene. And because of God's mercy, we never lacked work last year....." she went on and on enumerating all the mercies (which to this humble person were great) last year for which she is so thankful now.

Thus, no matter what her station

in life, every woman has something to be thankful for last year. Even the girl who lost her job; she is much wiser now. All we interviewed, were thankful for enjoying good health—this being always the first they mentioned.

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