

AMONG THE BOY SCOUTS— THEY ARE OFF

by Fernando Pimentel



ON THE 17th of last month, a group of boy scouts left our shores on board the *S. S. President Grant*, amidst the cheers and yells of their brother scouts who were left behind. (Perhaps, you will have your turn when the next big send off takes place. There's always a chance.) The scouts who sailed were selected by the local committee appointed by the Executive Board of the Philippine Council, Boy Scouts of America. They are the chosen ones to represent our country at the coming Washington Jamboree—August 21-30, 1935. 30,000 scouts and scouters from all over the world have been invited to participate. High ranking government officials and businessmen, as well as scout officials of the local council, were present to witness the big "sent-off" celebration which was held on board the ship just before its departure. Unfortunately, the parade which was scheduled for the afternoon of that day had to be cancelled due to the extremely heavy downpour of rain. Nevertheless, since all the Boy Scout Troops intending to participate in the "big parade" had been instructed by headquarters to be at the pier to bid farewell to their brother scouts, they all put in their appearance full of enthusiasm and loyalty.

The trip made by the boat on its way to Hongkong was spent by the boys adapting themselves to the roughness of the sea. Almost every member of the delegation—even the leaders—were sea-sick on account of the bad weather. Consequently, the delegation had no opportunity to rehearse the native dances which they are expected to perform at the Jamboree. Their first stop-over en route to Seattle was Hongkong.

Hongkong

In Hongkong our Philippine Scouts were the guests of honor of the "Seaman's Mission," a den of the British Deep Sea Scouts. Accompanied by a group of British Deep Sea Scouts, the delegation spent their short stay in Hongkong sightseeing the beautiful city. Their eyes beheld many a lovely panorama and many a beautiful vista. The British Deep Sea Scouts certainly provided our delegation with very interesting entertainments. Such successful hosts were the Britishers that each and every member of the party totally forgot about the gruesome experiences of the beginning of the voyage.

Shanghai

The delegation of Philippine Scouts next found their boat anchored at Shanghai for a one day stop over. It will be interesting for you to know that the Philippine Council, Boy Scouts of America, has under its jurisdiction two Troops of Boy Scouts in Shanghai. Both of these Troops are composed entirely of American Boys. Naturally, being under the local council, the Troops in Shanghai appeared at the dock to receive our delegation. The party was escorted to the Shanghai District Headquarters for a brief reception and a scout ceremony which had been previously prepared by the Shanghai Troops. All Scouts and Scouters of Shanghai were very friendly. They informed our delegation that for years they have been eager to meet and make a closer contact with the Boy Scouts of the Philippines. They also remarked that they were agreeably surprised to meet such a splendid group of Philippine Scouts. After making several visits to interesting places in Shanghai our delegation admitted that they had had an unusually good time.

Kobe, Nippon.

Upon leaving Shanghai the delegation sailed for Kobe, Nippon. In Kobe, Captain Hara, accompanied by several Troops of Boy Scouts of Japan, met our delegation at the dock. Captain Hara is the Chief Scout of the Imperial Japanese Boy Scout Association. It will be recalled by everyone in Manila that Captain Hara has been in our metropolis on a GOOD WILL VISIT with some thirty Sea Scouts of Japan. So that, in some instances an introduction proved unnecessary. Our scouts were the guests of honor of the Imperial Japanese Boy Scout Association and were escorted in separate groups to the most interesting places of Kobe. Our Scouts were greatly and duly impressed by the unusual clever ability and skill of the Japanese Boy Scouts when scout entertainments were presented in Japanese style and form for their Filipino guests.

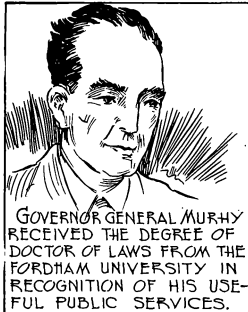
Yokohama

Leaving Kobe, our scouts' next destination was Yokohama. There, too, they were met by Japanese Scouts. The Yokohama Boy Scouts played the role of hosts as guides to our delegation when making a round of the interesting places of Yokohama.

Nagoya

A brief stop was also made by the boat in Nagoya. There was sightseeing again in the company of
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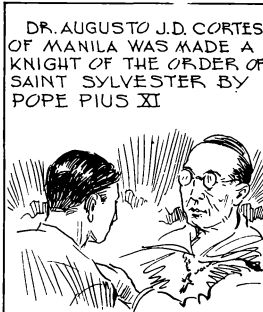
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helping in the improvement of social conditions in her homeland. But they did not qualify her for a toga. She had to give up the dream of wearing one in response to the call for service.

Upon her return to the Philippines she found plenty to do. Constructive social work was then in its infancy and trained social workers were badly needed. While employed by the Office of the Public Welfare Commissioner, she had to be loaned to various organizations from time to time to train workers and help the needy. Among the organizations and institutions that reaped the benefit of her services are the Associated Charities, the Red Cross, the government orphanage, the reformatories for boys and for girls, puericulture centers, the Settlement House of the Damas Filipinas, and the Young Women's Christian Association. Wherever expert opinion in family and child welfare was needed she was called upon to contribute her share. Whether in subordinate or executive capacity, she was always glad to help in the best way she could.

Her ability, earnestness, and integrity did not pass unnoticed; for when a chief was needed for the Division of Dependent Children in the Office of the Public Welfare Commissioner, Mrs. Martinez was



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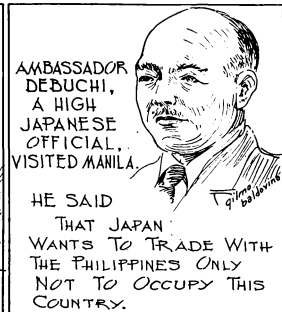
the Japanese Boy Scouts of Nagoya. Wherever our delegation went in Japan, the Japanese Boy Scouts showed a keen interest in their visitors. Even though some of the lads of Nippon could not converse in English their conduct and contact was of an extremely friendly nature. In other instances when Japanese Scouts could speak the English language there was an interesting exchange of impressions on scouting conditions and scouting life in both countries.

On Board the S. S. President Grant

After the departure from Hongkong, the delegation was able to begin the intensive training planned in preparation of the exhibition which they are to give at the Jamboree. Since all of the boys had greatly recovered from the familiar yet so unfamiliar sea-sickness (for there is nothing worse when it gets you and nothing like it either) they at last could enjoy participating in all activities on board the good old ship.

The dances, according to the head of the delegation, have created considerable interest among the passengers and officers of the President Grant. A special request came from

appointed to the post, becoming thereby the highest paid Filipino woman in the Civil Service.



the first class passengers on July 21, to have the boys present the "tinkling" dance on the deck of the first class. The efforts of the boys were well rewarded by the continued applause of an appreciative audience. So we hope, that this particular dance will make a great hit in the Land of Uncle Sam. It is one which would appeal anywhere because of its beautiful movements and its attractive rhythm.

A dress rehearsal will be conducted above five days before landing in Seattle to help the boys get over their stage fright.

The delegation will also take advantage of the friendships they have made with the sailors. They are hoping to learn a lot about knots from the old sailor boys. Since sailors are known to have all sorts of knot tricks up their sleeve, our boys will surely arouse much interest and enthusiasm if they remember all they are shown. The sailors have been very kind to the scouts. The excellent treatment accorded them has been commended upon by all scouts.

The Philippine Delegation is at present on its way to Seattle. There, they will be the guests of honor for one week of the Seattle Area Council Boy Scouts. A reception is planned in their honor and various entertainments also. All these will surely impress our Scouts. They are bound to have a good time in Seattle!