

H. M. Cavender, general agent for the Robert Dollar Co., Manila, returned to his desk December 5 after a month's absence to southern Philippine ports and Sandakan, British North Borneo.

E. W. Latic, general agent for the Columbia Pacific Shipping Co. at Manila, left Manila on a business trip to Hongkong aboard the American Mail Liner *President Madison* December 3.

G. P. Bradford, general agent for Swayne & Hoyt, Manila, left for Baguio about two weeks ago on a holiday.

Intramuros.....	80,500	54,304
Pandacan.....	5,369	23,950
	P1,311,380	P1,154,166

GERMANY LEARNS FROM CHINA

—"Don't sow. Plant." This is the watchword of a new movement among German agricultural experts, who have gone to primitive China for their new aid to bumper crops. The experts advocate that each seed should be planted, as is done in China, and to prove the feasibility of their suggestion in German agriculture they have been conducting two model farms in different parts of the country.

Both farms have just issued their seasonal reports. The farm at Hohenhof, near Hagen, Westphalia, reports that with rye planted after

the Chinese fashion an average of 23 stalks sprang from each grain, while with wheat the average even reached 32 stalks. The report asserts that the ears of both rye and wheat thus planted grew double the size of grain sown either by hand or machinery.

The report from the second farm, which is conducted at Lichtenberg, near Berlin, on very poor soil, says virtually the same as the Hohenhof farm's report.

It states that between 100 and 150 kernels grew on a single stalk under this method of planting, which is more than double the number obtained from crops in which the seed has been sown.

Both reports contend that the richness of the crops in China is not due to a superior quality of soil, but chiefly to the superior method of cultivation, which, it is claimed, can be applied in any other country with the same results as in the Far East.—*Exchange*.

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	October 1927	November 1927
Sta. Cruz.....	P 181,515	P 235,007
Malate.....	192,114	55,627
Paco.....	336,573	52,160
Sampaloc.....	79,814	85,396
Ermita.....	189,020	101,702
Tondo.....	86,549	60,386
Sta. Ana.....	44,716	9,283
San Nicolas.....	26,910	228,500
Binondo.....	60,300	241,001
Quiapo.....	28,000	6,850

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