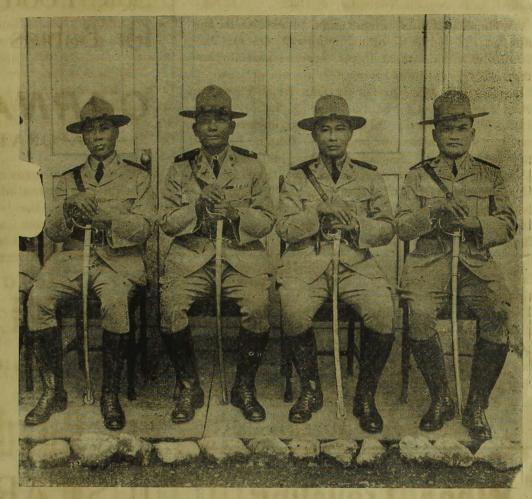
Resumé Of Activities In The District Of Visayas

Despite the depression, which had been raging throughout the district, the locust infestation which in some localities had caused damages to crops and the unusual big army of unemployed, peace and order conditions in the Visayas during the last twelve months had been very satisfactory. Crimes of the usual kind, not the result of organized or combined lawlessness but of personal differences, land troubles, jealousies and immoderate indulgence in an alcoholic beverage, locally called tuba, were committed and in almost all cases, the rerpetrators thereof were readily apprehended and dealt with according to law.

Through continuous, unrelenting and systematic efforts, the Constabulary in this district succeeded in accounting for three dangerous criminals. Garramino N. @ Gramino N., one of the Montescos who murdered Sergeant Ramon Gayanilo, 2rd Company,

and Sgt. Fernandez Cebua, 44th Co., at Mount Ba-Joy, Calinog, Iloilo on January 7, 1929, was shot to death for resisting arrest by a patrol from the 25th Co., Calinog on July 22, 1932 in the mountains of Calinog. Valentin Malindog wanted for murder since 1914, was surprised by plain clothes men from the 65th Co., Borongan under Lieut. D. U. Tenazas in the mountains of Salcedo, Samar on Aug. 24, 1932. He did not have a chance to use a 12-gauge home-made shotgun, one 32-caliber revolver and one 25-caliber Colt pistol—all with ammunition found in his possession. Jose Salamorin wanted for double murder by the Justice of the Peace of Tolong, Negros Oriental, was shot by Lieut. Pedro Sumulong while evading arrest at Sitio Pangi, Tolong, on September 21, 1932. He died on October 3, 1932, of the wound he received.

The labor situation in the district was a sore



DISTRICT STAFF

Left to right: Major Eliseo Bringas, District Surgeon, Visayas; Col. G. B. Francisco, District Commander, Visayas; Major F. G. Oboza, Assistant District Commander and Inspector, 2nd. Inspection Division, Visayas; 1st Lieutenant Basilio Fernando, District Adjutant.

spot to peace and order. Sporadic strikes or attempt to declare walk-outs were registered. Among the most important strikes duuring the last December 20th, twelve months were: On 1932, about 500 seamstress working in different dealers of ready-made trousers in Iloilo, Iloilo declared a strike due to reduction in their wages. There was no disorder reported. On May 15, 1933 about 3,000 men and women, members of Federacion Obrera, working in different Chinese corn mills, soap and shirt factories in Cebu, Cebu declared a strike on account of the dismissal of two girls working in a corn mill. The strike was settled on May 18 through the intervention of the Provincial Commander.

In spite of the activities of its leaders, the Federacion Obrera in Iloilo which caused most of the strikes in Iloilo and Negros Occidental in 1930-

1931 is losing its prestige and is now headlong bound for disbandment. The insular treasurer decided that it is a communistic organization and cancelled its license on November 4, 1932.

There had been an attempt to extend to the district the tentacles of communism. On October 12, 1932, a communist agent, arrived at Pulupandan, Negros Occidental and tried to organize a branch of the "Katipunan ng mga Anak Pawis sa Pilipinas" (Society of the Sons of Labor of the Philippine Islands). The laborers, however, did not pay much attention to him, so that he left the province without accomplishing his purpose. Some labor leaders in Negros Occidental and Negros Oriental received during the month of March 1933, printed propaganda from the Communist Party of the Philippine Islands, Manila, but these did not, in the least arouse their interest.

In spite of its depleted strength, the Constabulary shouldered and performed its multifarious duties with as much zeal and devotion as in the past. The people still respect it as a dependable organization for the protection of individual rights, life and property. Its relation with the other officials has been excellent. Greater good-will and mutual confidence existed between them.

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