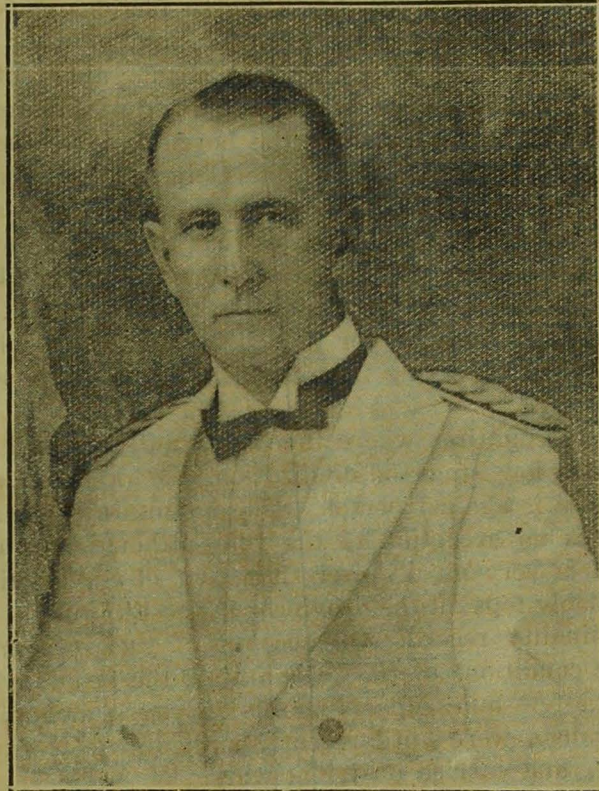


Review Of Activities Of The District Of Northern Luzon

At the end of the thirty-second year of the existence of the organization, the District of Northern Luzon owing to the financial condition of the government had its forces reduced to 607 enlisted men and 44 officers. Notwithstanding the reduction of personnel, law and order during the year were considered good in the District. There were a few violent crimes committed against persons and property but not of such proportion as to disrupt public order nor were there any organized bands which could be attributed to the acute depression.

A series of thefts in and around Aparri was the extent of that industry. The men responsible for these thefts are now awaiting trial before the courts of justice. One case of murder in the province of Cagayan because of the prominence and social standing of the principal, Felix Villaflor, commanded much attention throughout the valley and because of its similarity to the notorious Viola case in Bulacan, it was given more publicity than is usually due such cases. The murderer was sentenced to serve 14 years, 8 months and 1 day imprisonment and indemnify the heirs of the deceased in a sum of P1000.00.

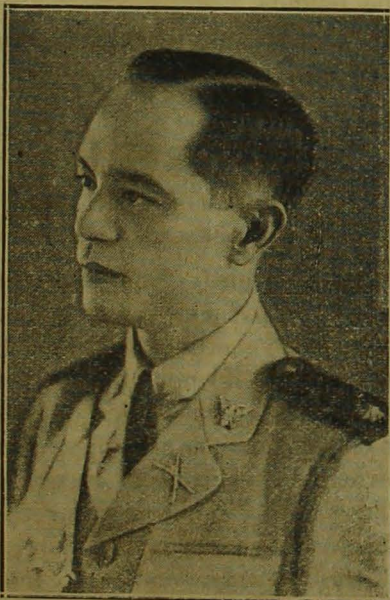
Owing to the activity of Lieut. F. B. Villaluz in gathering evidence which convicted Felix Villaflor of murder, this officer and two enlisted men of the organization are now under bond of P20,000 each—they having been accused at the instance of the Villaflor family of the murder of the late Rufino Samson in 1926. This case has several times



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been investigated and dropped for the lack of evidence.

Another murder case which disturbed the even tenor of existence in the peaceful Cagayan valley was that of Manuel Manzano of Isabela, a pig ven-



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dor who awhile in company with other Christian peddlers en route to Natonin, Bontoc, was murdered by outlaw Gaddangs under the leadership of Saguibu. The motive of the crime was robbery.

In Vigan, Ilocos Sur, Chinese factions caused the Constabulary some sleepless nights owing to a kind of tong war brought about apparently through the purchase of a consignment of Japanese goods during or prior to the boycott of Japanese products by a member of the Chinese Protective Association. The purchaser felt obligated to accept the goods but it appears that the members of the Association felt otherwise. To settle the trouble for all time an investigation into the cause and the Chinese responsible for it is being conducted with a view of deporting the responsible person or persons.

In counties where the inhabitants are still in a very low stage of civilization, the predominant offense is against person. The Mountain Province proves no exception to the rule, although her record is very much lower than that of Sulu which probably tops all the provinces in the Philippines in criminality record. On account of the topographic conditions of the "Mountain", the people who are a few miles apart but divided by a mountain or range, were until recently antagonistic to each other and carried on tribal wars.

These feuds have since the American regime been partly patched up by peace-pacts entered into between the different tribes or groups in which they agree to forget their past differences. These pacts also provide punishment for a tribe, community, or family violating them. The dying embers of these feuds and the old-age tradition of the people that an assault, injury or murder must be avenged, are mainly responsible for the great majority of crimes against person.

From statistics we see that during the past six years 66 homicides, 92 murders and 145 physical injuries were committed, Ifugao, with 20, 32 and 42, respectively leading the other subprovinces, and Kalinga, with 11, 24 and 38, respectively, a close second. Ifugao, however, has the biggest population which is close to 74,000 while Kalinga has only 29,000. Proportionately, therefore, Kalinga had a higher criminality record than all other subprovinces. This is attributed to the fact that tradition of avenging death of a relative has received a less blow here than in other subprovinces

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owing to its isolation until recently from civilizing factors particularly the provincial government center, Bontoc. Nevertheless ethnologically the people of Kalinga subprovince do not all belong to the tribe called Kalinga but a great portion of them pertains to the stock called Bontocs and these have no mean part in elevating the criminal record of the subprovince. These data can not therefore served as a yard stick to determine which tribe in the "Mountain" has the "revenge custom" most deeply rooted. It is certain, however, that government authority and other civilizing factors such as easy means of communication, schools and religious missions are effective in disintegrating it.