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CRUISE AROUND THE WORLD.

NEARING HOME CRUISE

Interesting Letters From Hon. George J. LaBar and Wife.

On Board the Steamer, "Cleveland," DEAR FRIENDS:

December 17, 1909.

Once more we will try and write you a short letter, after about three days of uneventful run, we arrived and dropped anchor outside of the breakwater near Tandjong-Priok and boarded a large tender and landed at the wharf and was taken by train for a five mile ride inland to Batavia, where we arrived in about one half-hour, where we took carriages for a drive around the city. We do not find much of historical interest, but have a fine ride about the new and old town. We are very much pleased to find the natives very enthusiastic about our visit, of such a large number of Americans. They stand in groups along the route, cheering and waving their hands and do everything they can to help us have a good time. The Dutch residents are very courteous and pleasant. This island is governed by the Dutch. After our ride we are driven to a very fine garden with a large pavilion, nicely decorated, by the town authorities and very nicely it was done to all in American flags, even to the table cloths which were decorated with American flags. There was room enough to set the whole crowd at once. A band was playing American airs and rag-time music, which brought out the cheers in great warmth, as we have not heard much but German and classical music, which becomes monotonous in time. All around the outside was arranged native theatres and dancers, with native music and all sorts of native games were played, as in years ago. Well, after lunch, we take another ride and came in, tired and hungry and ready for dinner, which was indeed a good one. The grounds and buildings are owned by a club, which they turned over to us and kept everyone else out. We understand that some, if not all, the amusements were furnished by the Chinese residents. Well, about 9:30 we took the cars again and return to the boat again for a little sleep. We thought that we were tired enough and would not go back again, but when we arose in the morning we could not resist the temptation and we again went to Batavia to spend a few hours shopping among these pleasant people. As the ship sailed about two p. m., we go for the boat, with all classes of people lining the roads, cheering and clapping their hands and we leave with the impression that they are a happy, prosperous people. We reach the ship all right and almost immediately up comes the anchor and we are again on our way around the world. Again we move along uneventful until near Labuan, where we run into a heavy sea, but no storm, which sends most of the passengers below. When we got to Labuan they told us that they had had a six months of rain, ending in a hurricane and that we presume is what we picked up the swell from. On the 16th we arrived at Labana, a small island attached to Borneo; we dropped anchor in Victoria harbor, very near the shore for a few hours, not much to see but a row of native ships, which our people filled to overflowing and I guess picked up all the old junk they could find, at prices that must have made the natives feel good all over. We found it very warm; no breeze blowing and we soon left for the good ship, which is always comfortable and we did not stop to see the games that had been gotten up for our amusement. At four p. m., we are again out of the Chinese Sea, on our way to Manila, for a stay of about three days; after which I will try and write to you again. I should have stated that on 14th at about three p. m., we re-crossed the Equator and are now again in own back-yard, making for home and, as usual, all well; and when I say all well I mean the little party of four that came with us from home. There are some sick aboard and some very near unto death. Good bye for this time,

Yours Respectfully,
MR. and MRS. GEO. J. LABAR.
SOUTH CHINESE SEA, CHINA,
December 28 1909.

DEAR FRIENDS AT HOME:
We must try once more to write to you, as we neglected to write you before reaching Hong Kong, as the time was short from Manila and the sea

quite rough, making it hard to write. We reached Manila on the 19th, early in the morning, and passed Carigodon before daylight, as Dewey did about ten years ago. We were met at early dawn by steam tenders, with bands playing. They escorted us to the shore amid, cheering and waving of flags. We immediately tied up at the wharf and proceeded to land. We found the place packed with whites and natives to give us a grand welcome. Each State had presented a post and nailed up a flag with the name of the State written upon it as a rallying place and a badge to pin on all the coats of all representing the different States. The Knights Templars had telegraphed out to sea that they would entertain all the Knights Templars and their ladies, which numbered about two hundred. We found autos waiting for us in which we went to see Manila, returning in time for lunch at the hotel and we were well entertained. After lunch we spent the afternoon walking around, getting mail and shopping, with dinner at the hotel at six o'clock p. m. We spent the 20th in looking around the city and visited the largest cigarette factory in the world, all run by native capital and native people. In the afternoon the Knights Templars' ladies took our Knights Templars ladies out in autos up the river as far as Fort McKinley, and served refreshments at the end of the drive, so you see the ladies are alive too. At two p. m., the men took boats up the Paul river, a distance of seven miles, to Fort McKinley and attended the Governor's reception. In the evening we attended the Knights Templars reception and ball, and certainly a fine affair it was too. We tarried until twelve o'clock, after which we partook of lunch and their good things, and then retired to our home to rest. We are up again early, on the morning of the 21st, for one more and last look at Manila and from what they tell us and what we see now, our people have made wonderful improvements both in the city and the people. The city is very clean with fine streets, and the people are sleek looking, well dressed and appear happy and contented with their lot. The only ones we found complaining were the Spaniards. They seemed very much put out that we treated the natives with so much consideration and said the only way to get along with them was to keep them down, and to kick and cuff them. They do not believe in education and said we were trying to do more in a short time than others had done in three or four hundred years. After a very pleasant three days' visit, we return to the ship, as we sail at three p. m. As the time arrives and our folks are hastening to get aboard so are the natives and citizens coming to see us off. The great band, the second largest in the world, over fifty members and natives, led by a native, began to play and kept it up amid the cheers of the multitude, until we were well started. Then they got aboard a large launch and followed us two or three miles out to sea and as long as we could see back the crowd were on the wharf. Several other launches were along. At last amid the screeching of whistles and both bands playing with all the vim they could possibly make, they leave us to go our way and they turn back to their homes, and it would be hard to say who were the happiest—the visitor or the visited. So we leave Manila, the Pearl of the Orient, destined to be the finest, cleanest and happiest of all places. About ten o'clock on the night of the 21st, we ran into heavy seas which lasted all the next day and sent many passengers below to contemplate the casting up of accounts, of which the writer was not one; the other half of this concern was below all day, not sick but fearful she would be. On the 22nd we ran smooth again and the weather getting colder and all on deck again. Heavy clothing was in demand as we were nearing Hong Kong. We passed a number of small islands and at about 10:30 a. m. enter the harbor and cast anchor at Victoria. We land in tenders at 12:30 and take the trolley cars for a 22 mile ride about the city, which is built on the side of a very rocky mountain, 1,600 or 1,800 feet high. The hotels and houses are clear up to the top. We rode in a valley with a cemetery on one side and a race track on the other. It was a very interesting ride but not much interest to record. After the ride we returned to the ship for supper. After we returned to the deck what a sight we met; our harbor was full of ships and boats of all kinds and two U. S. battleships, one or two German ships and some English war ships, and hundreds

A Letter of Thanks.
On March 17th, 1908, I organized The Fisk Juvenile Band of Emporium with about eighteen boys, none of whom had ever had any band experience. Always having been greatly interested in music and in organizing bands it was a pleasure for me to take these boys and endeavor to teach them. Naturally the first thing to be done by the organization was to procure instruments, but at the time of purchase only a portion of the purchase price could be paid. The Band proceeded with the hope that its future work would reap such monetary rewards as might free the treasury of its embarrassment. However, when the Band became sufficiently proficient to play in public, its services were often expected and gladly given gratis. This was so in all cases, except the County Fair and the Fourth of July engagements. From the Fair engagement \$45.00 was realized, which was used to defray running expenses, and from the Fourth of July, engagement \$30.00, which was divided in equal parts among the boys for their encouragement.

This mode of procedure did not remove the debt for instruments, but I feel that it did tide over a period when public confidence in a boy organization of this character needed stimulation, and I feel that I have demonstrated that a Juvenile Band is not only possible but of great benefit to the boys. The discipline, work and organization tends to suppress undesirable tendencies and bring out and develop much of the good, latent and active, with which every boy is endowed.

With small hopes of the efforts of the Band being able to throw off the instrument debt it recently became necessary for me, in order that the organization might survive, to go out with a petition for subscriptions to pay off the debt. This I gladly did with the same eagerness to see the debt removed as I have always felt for the welfare of the boys.

In one afternoon the kind and appreciated assistance of the public enabled me to raise \$101.00 with which the balance of the instrument debt was paid and a bill for music settled up. The Fisk Juvenile Band is now square with the world, thanks to those generous friends who came to the front so willingly in support of what I have always felt to be a worthy cause and to which I have given freely and gladly much time, thought and hard work. On behalf of the Band I tender many thanks and much appreciation to those who came to our aid so generously and assure them that the Band will now go on, encouraged and with a feeling of security.

Last Fall three of my Band boys went away to school and their places have been filled with inexperienced boys, whom I trust to soon develop into players. I hope I may be able to do other boys such service as I did those who went off to school for they found that a knowledge of Band work enabled them to greatly reduce their expenses. My time and trouble in all cases and especially with these boys who have entered school, I feel to have been well spent, and the thought that I have been, and am, of service to the boys gives me the gratification and pleasure which is my ample reward.

L. S. FISK.

Emporium, Pa., Feb. 1st, 1910.
Mr. Fisk certainly gave much valuable time and considerable expense during the many years that he has resided here. He has wonderful executive ability and this coupled with his well known reputation as a high-class band master and musician has been well established. Few men would have made the sacrifice he has. We hope our citizens will see to it that the popular Juvenile Band is given every encouragement to still further advance its proficiency, thereby giving Mr. Fisk an incentive to labor for its up-building.

An Emporium Boy.
Clyde F. Barner, of Renovo, formerly of this place, who is now actively engaged in real estate and insurance business, writes the PRESS, enclosing his check for one year's subscription. Like all former Emporium boys, he wants to keep in touch with good old Emporium. We are glad to hear from our energetic young friend and certainly wish him all kinds of prosperity.

Don't forget the Hamilton Hose Ball this evening. Encourage the boys—it will only cost you \$1.00.

Extra fancy oranges. 20c per dozen, at Meisel's.

Note our low prices on fruit this week.

Sugar Trust Cough Up.
The National Sugar Company have agreed, it is reported, to refund \$650,000 to the general government in settlement in full of back customs, dues on importations scaled short of the actual weight. This amount, with the settlements made by the American Sugar Refining Company and the Arbuckle Brothers, will swell the total restitution by three companies to \$3,500,000. This gigantic trust will hew to the line in the future.

Friendly Society Sleigh Ride.
The Union Friendly Society enjoyed a sleigh ride to Sizerville last Thursday evening, followed by a bountiful supper prepared by Miss Councilman at the Mineral Springs Hotel. Eighteen members of the society were present and all heartily enjoyed the evening as it was all that could be desired. The weather was mild, the crowd congenial and lots to eat.

Miss Lathrope Entertains.
Miss Flavia Lathrope entertained the members of the Senior Class and the faculty of Emporium High School at six o'clock dinner, at her home on West Alleghany Avenue, last Saturday evening. All the members of this popular class were present and enjoyed to the fullest extent the hospitality and good time offered by the fair hostess.

Basket Ball.
The local team tossed up at Weedville with that organization last Saturday evening and were defeated by a score of 25 to 13. Members from this place who played the game were Messrs. R. H. Edgar, Earl Bechop, Charles Hockley, Mark Ellis, Gordon Vogt and Robert Kaye.

Basket Ball.
On Tuesday February 8th, the people of Emporium will have the opportunity of seeing the Germans of Buffalo line up against our local team. The Germans are the fastest team in the world having won the title by defeating all competitors at both Pan American and St. Louis Expositions. Last year they won 40 games and lost 0, the record score being Germans 134, Hobart College 0. In this game the people will see some of the finest passing and goal shooting ever seen on our local floor and although Emporium can hardly expect to win nevertheless they will show the Germans that every point must be earned. The Germans will have their regular line up in game namely: Rhode and Heerd, forwards; Schell, centre and Miller and Faust, guards. On account of extra expense in bringing this team here the prices have been raised to 35 cents for adults and 25 cents for children.

Opera House, Feb. 8th, at 8:15 P. M. Come early so as to get good seats.

Teachers' Institute.
The best local teachers' institute in this end of Cameron county, was held at Sinnamahoning, on Saturday, Jan. 29, 1910. Prof. L. C. Clemens acted as President of the session. After the singing of several songs, Prof. Clemens spoke on "Sensation." Prof. John S. Walkey spoke on "Relation Between Parent, Teacher and Pupil." Several pieces were sung, after which we concluded our work by being favored by Miss Anderson who spoke on "School Rules" and Miss Buchanan on the subject of "Spelling." Miss Alleman gave a talk, also. Rev. R. W. Runyan gave some good solid advice to the teachers, for which they are greatly indebted. We invite him to our future sessions. Everybody felt free to express their thought, and it was a very active and interesting meeting. The subject of school property and spelling aroused quite a lively time among the teachers. Nothing else in order, the meeting adjourned until Saturday, Feb. 26, 1910.

A Jolly Crowd.
A sleigh load of young people from Emporium were pleasantly entertained at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Alex. McAuley, Rich Valley, on Saturday evening. The party was composed of Misses Mildred Haupt, Marion Langhans, Laura Fisk, Frances Farnham, Lola Beck, Kathryn Murray, Anna Welsh, Elizabeth Fisk, Lavina Murray, and Messrs. Max Spence, Michael May, Jas. E. Ulmer with Chas. Arnold holding the ribbons. A most pleasant evening was passed at games and social amusement. An excellent supper was served. Oh! pickles and pretzels. XX
Jan. 29th, 1910.

Box Social.
There will be a box social and dance at the Grange Hall, at Beechwood, Feb. 5th, 1910, for educational benefits. All are cordially invited. Good music has been engaged.

The Real White Way.
It will be to the interest of the general public to visit the Great White Goods Sale now being conducted by the Misses Ludlam, at their popular establishment, two doors east of the post-office. No doubt this is the most popular sale ever conducted in this county, consisting of the largest and most beautiful line of goods ever displayed here. Read their full page adv. in this issue of the Press and be the first to secure a bargain.

Dr. Reilly's Lecture.
The lecture on "Ireland and the Irish," given by Dr. Reilly, of Oil City, in the Opera House, Tuesday evening, was perhaps the finest descriptive lecture given in Emporium. Those whose good fortune it was to hear it, and see the superb stereoscopic views, were a unit in their expressions of enthusiastic appreciation. The appeals to eye and ear were blended into one impression of fascination and delight, a triumph of mechanical skill and artistic language. The descriptions convey clear and vivid pictures and also inspire emotions of admiration and wonder. The diction is chaste, eloquent, apt, abounding in pleasing turns and phrases, while a voice of rich tone and sympathetic quality admirably interpret the many sublime, pathetic and humorous passages of the lecture. The lecture was given under the auspices of the Ladies' Society of Emmanuel Church.

Wedding Bells.
MACDONALD—HECK.
A quiet wedding took place at the residence of Mr. A. A. MacDonald, West Fifth street, last Tuesday afternoon, the contracting parties being Miss Christy A. MacDonald and Mr. Ormer A. Heck, P. & E. telegraph operator at this place. Rev. Father Downey tied the knot. Mr. D. R. Branson served as best man while the bride's sister, Mrs. Margaret Branson, acted as maid of honor. It was a very quiet wedding, only the immediate family being present. The happy couple left on the 4:20 Buffalo Flyer on a short wedding tour. Hearty congratulations are in order.

BERFIELD—RONAN.
Last Sunday morning, at St. Mark's Catholic Church, John Ambrose Ronan and Miss Rose Berfield were united in marriage, in the presence of a large assemblage. Wm. Berfield and Miss Lucy Berfield served as best man and bride's maid. The groom is an engineer on the Buffalo division, while the bride is one of our most excellent young ladies.

Welcome Visitors.
The Press was highly honored this morning by a call from our old friends, Hon. Geo. W. Huntley, of Driftwood, and G. W. Huntley, Jr., of Covington, Va., the latter occupying a prominent place in the business and political scope of the State.

Eye Specialist.
Prof. W. H. Budine, the well known Eye Specialist, of Binghamton, N. Y., will be at R. H. Hirsch's jewelry store, Emporium, Pa., Feb. 12th. If you can't see well or have headache don't fail to call and see Prof. Budine, as he guarantees to cure all such cases. Lenses ground and fitted in old frames. Eyes tested and examined free. All work guaranteed.

Directors Convention.
The school directors of Cameron county will meet in annual convention at court house, next Saturday at 10:30 a. m., 1:30 p. m., and 8:00 p. m. An interesting program has been prepared.

More Than a Mile of Ribbon.
\$461.00 Worth of All Silk Ribbon Will be Sold for \$190.00.
Reed Bro's & Co., a large Wholesale Millinery House, had in their Buffalo Store, 1900 YARDS OF ALL SILK RIBBON. One or two pieces of a kind and in widths from three to five inches. We made them an offer, more than a month ago, for the entire lot and we finally got them at our price. There are black and colors and every yard is all silk. Most of it is 25c quality. Friday we shall put this Ribbon on sale at 10c per yard.

R. KUEHNE,
Emporium's Up-to-Date Store.

THE WEATHER.
FRIDAY, Snow.
SATURDAY, Snow Flurries.
SUNDAY, Fair, Colder.

ASSETS
First National Bank,
EMPORIUM, PA.
At the close of business, Feb. 2, 1910,
\$867,816.65.

An Old Sick Makes a Poor Place in Which to Keep Money.
You cannot hide it where it is absolutely safe from fire or thieves.
Why not bank your money where it is safe and where you can get it when you want it.
\$1.00 Starts an Account.
3% INTEREST PAID ON SAVING BOOK ACCOUNTS AND CERTIFICATES OF DEPOSIT.

DR. LEON REX FELT,
DENTIST.
Rockwell Block, Emporium, Pa.

DR. H. W. MITCHELL,
DENTIST.
(Successor to Dr. A. B. Mead.)
Office over A. F. Vogt's Shoe Store
Emporium, Pa. 12y

POLITICAL ANNOUNCEMENTS
All Announcements under this head must be signed by the candidate and paid in advance to insure publication.

FOR CONGRESS.
Editor Press:—
We are authorized to announce the name of Hon. CHARLES F. BARCLAY, of Cameron county, as a candidate for Congress, upon the Republican ticket, in the 21st Congressional District, subject to the decision of the voters as expressed at the Primary Election, to be held in June of 1910.

Yours truly,
CHAS. E. PATTER.
Curwensville, Clearfield Co., Pa.,
November 30th, 1909.—t. p.

Change in Management.
Our citizens, especially the workmen employed at Elk Tannery plant at this place, were sorry to learn on Monday that R. A. Eick, for five years Supt., of the works had been appointed tanner at the Coudersport tannery, one of the largest in this section of the state. Mr. Eick left for Coudersport on Tuesday to assume his duties. His excellent family will not leave until next spring. Coudersport are to be congratulated upon securing this very excellent family, held in the highest esteem here.

Mr. W. A. Flynn, of Alleghany, N. Y., accompanied by his father, arrived here on Monday. We had the pleasure of meeting the new Supt., who comes of a family of tanners and his appearance impressed us quite favorably. He is not married, girls.

Extra! Extra!
An unusual opportunity is offered to buy beautiful Wash Dress Goods at half-price. The largest Wholesale House in Buffalo had about ten pieces each of "Shantine Silk" and Novelty Woven Side Band Dress Material, for which they accepted our offer of just half of what their price had been, to close out the lot. These stylish and beautiful quality of goods will be put on sale Friday at 25c per yard, the regular price is 50c, at

R. KUEHNE,
Emporium's Greatest Store.
Will mail samples to out of town customers on request.

For Rent.
Five room house for rent. Apply to Jas. Davin, West Fourth St. 47-tf.

Flats for Rent.
Flats in Odd Fellows block for rent. Apply to Geo. A. Walker. 39-tf.

Special Candy sale at Meisel's every Saturday.

Oyster Supper.
There will be an oyster supper at West Creek school house, next Saturday evening, Feb. 5th. Let there be a large attendance. The public cordially invited.

Card of Thanks.
Editor Press:—Please convey our heartfelt thanks to those kind friends who so kindly assisted us during the illness and at the time of the death of our dear dear wife and mother. Words cannot describe our gratitude.

ANDREW BLINZLER AND FAMILY,
Jan. 29th, 1910.