

POINTS OUT DUTY OF AMERICA TO THE PHILIPPINES

Manuel Quezon Tells Knife and Fork Club Natives Are Lovers of Freedom and Have Right To It.

America's duty to the Philippines, presented by Manuel Quezon, member of the house of representatives from Philippine islands, and bits of Hooper wit and humor, told by Clarence Hough, personal friend of James Whitcomb Riley and deemed to be more like Riley himself, made Tuesday night's meeting of the Knife and Fork club at the Oliver hotel one of the most interesting in the eight years of the club's history.

Mr. Quezon expressed the attitude of the people of his country on the matter of politics as well as personal freedom in such a convincing and interesting way that few of his hearers failed to agree with him after the completion of his speech.

"The first thing that the boys of the Philippines learn in American schools," said the speaker, "is the love of freedom. They learn from the study of United States government, that laws are only just that are enacted with the consent of the governed. Secret of Madness in Europe.

"War in Europe is not the result of Germany's policy of imperialism, nor of the desire of England to destroy the power of Germany. The secret of the madness in Europe is the principle that a strong country has the right to force its civilization on a weaker nation, and the war will never end until the principle 'live and let live' is recognized everywhere.

"We are fortunate that the United States, and not one of the great powers of Europe, is in control in the Philippines today. With any other power in possession of the 'pearl of the orient,' my people would be engaged in war.

"It is my hope that I will see the day when the record of the United States in the Philippines will be the most brilliant page in history, and when my people will reverence the American flag, not because they are forced to by a stronger nation, but because they look up to the United States as the nation which gave to them independence when they were ready for it and needed it.

Defends Filipino.
"The belief held by some people that my people are not ready for independence is directly responsible to a misunderstanding of the country and its inhabitants by the people of the United States. Although the Philippines are oriental in race and country, they are occidental in education, no better, but no worse than the people of this country.

"When the people of the United States understand conditions in the Philippines, and my countrymen are sufficiently well educated for self-government, I am sure that the government that has rescued the Philippines from the control of Spain will follow out their policy of carrying the principles of personal and political freedom to the ends of the earth, and give the Philippines what they are asking for."

Reminiscences of Riley.
Reminiscences of James Whitcomb Riley and other Hoosier poets were given by Clarence Hough of Chicago, a cousin and playmate of the noted Indianan. He kept the audience in a good humor by clever interpretations of "An Old Sweetheart of Mine," "The Goblins Will Get You If You Don't Watch Out," "Squire Hawkins' Story," and other Riley masterpieces. He responded to an encore with a realistic impersonation of an old-time schoolmaster giving an object lesson for the edification of his scholars.

Judge Ross of New York city, who fought against Mr. Quezon in the Spanish-American war, and who is accompanying the Filipino representative on his lecture tour, in a short address, described conditions in the islands, and also gave a brief account of Mr. Quezon's record in congress.

Matthew Willing gave a vocal solo and responded to an encore. Fred Woodward acted as toastmaster of the occasion.

LINER PRESIDENT IS SAFE
Reported in Harbor of San Juan, Porto Rico.

NEW YORK, Jan. 20.—The Hamburg-American liner President, erroneously reported sunk by the British cruiser Berwick, is safe in the harbor of San Juan, Porto Rico, according to a cablegram received today by the agents here from Capt. Schlumberger.

Passengers who arrived on the United Fruit company's steamer Metapan declared that the Berwick as well as the Lancaster and the French cruiser Conde were off the harbor of Havana when they left last Friday.

ATHLETIC PROGRAM AT KALEY CIVIC CLUB

Club of 50 Members Organized—Indoor Baseball at School Tonight.

Basket ball and athletics of all kinds were the features of the evening at the Kaley school last night given by the Kaley School Civic club under the direction of F. B. Barnes, playground instructor of the city.

An athletic club was organized before the entertainment at which 50 men joined. A committee was appointed to draw a constitution and by-laws which will be voted upon at the next meeting to be held Jan. 26. A dramatic club was also organized which will furnish entertainment for the civic club in the future. It will be managed by H. Parks and G. Avey, men who have had a great amount of experience at the work. The club will give a play at the next meeting.

An indoor baseball game will be played at the Kaley school tonight by two teams of the Kaley school baseball league.

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