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Shanghai has a very fine club at which we are "put up" during our stay in the port. All the "States" papers are on file and though they are a month old at the least they are surely read most eagerly by all of us. Every one in every place seems to do their utmost to make our visits to their port as pleasant as possible and there is a tie between Europeans and Americans existing in this country that you will find nowhere else.

We are expecting a trip up the Yangtze river soon. You are no doubt aware that this river is navigable for these boats for about a thousand miles. However if we take that trip next we will probably go no further than Hankow, about five hundred miles from Shanghai. Later we will return to Hong Kong and still later to Cavite and Manila.

England has not hesitated to seize Egypt and she will not hesitate about Arabia, if for no other reason than to guard the Persian gulf. The next thing we shall hear is that she has "taken over" the vast pearl fisheries at the Babreen islands and has fortified the mouth of the gulf in order to control the commerce that comes down the Euphrates and Tigris.

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"Goodness! Why do you like snakes?" "Cause it ain't wicked to kill 'em."

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Success. Paul—Percy, what is your idea of success? Percy—My idea of success? Well, it is having people run after me who used to run away from me.

The more you speak of yourself the more you are likely to lie.—Zimmerman.

Democratic Watchman

Bellefonte, Pa., November 4, 1904.

A Letter from the Orient.

After an intermission of several weeks we are able to publish another of the interesting series of letter which Alfred Terry Brishin has been writing for the WATCHMAN concerning life aboard a United States Man-of-war and impressions formed during his cruise of three years on the Asiatic Squadron.

U. S. S. DECATUR. Torpedo Flotilla Division, Ningpo, China, September 17th, 1904.

Dearest Uncle:— It seems as though I have been neglecting you of late but the life here has been strenuous to an extreme. We have just run up to this town on a little jaunt for provisions and ice. The battle-ships are in Nimrod Sound with the others of our five boats. This running around for maneuvers makes life worth something and stirs up the old longing to be constantly underway.

I have been too busy to let you know just what I think of this country and its people. Strange to say I have almost reached the conclusion that these letters are not accomplishing the purpose for which they were written. It is not necessary to recall to your mind the numerous times I have begged you to come out and see all this for yourself. Inasmuch as these requests, or more, entreaties, have availed nothing more than a dim promise of some future visit before I finish my allotted three years on this station. I am almost overcome with a temptation to leave out of my letters all impressions or descriptions and try this method to rouse enough curiosity to make your projected trip a reality rather than a mythical futurity.

Hong Kong as you undoubtedly know is one of Britain's many possessions. Originally the island alone was the only territory owned by that government. In 1861 she acquired the opposite peninsula of Kaulung and in 1898 during the uprisings and internal

The foreign settlement is entirely separate from the native city in boundaries, government, and commerce. The old one-storied godowns, and straw bungalows have given way to modern four-storied buildings. As a whole the town presents a very Americanized appearance.

The Municipal Council is composed of duly elected members of the various concessions who have made the city what it now is. They have provided a spacious recreation ground including a fine base ball field, a race track, cricket field, and foot ball grid-iron. This gives us an advantage over other ports as the people are interested in the various American sports and the several ships have athletic teams of every sort. The streets and drives are lined with trees and kept scrupulously clean and in every way are up to the best in our own cities. There is also a large park situated in the center of the town on the water front, where Filipino band gives concerts every afternoon and evening.

This band is supported by the town and is far above the bands heard in our own country. In many particulars the town has been made as attractive as possible so that those who are forced from business to spend their lives in this country as "exiles" and those who are here for a stated term from force of circumstances as we are, can forget our misfortune and bear near home as surroundings will permit. The policy of the Navy department has been to do their utmost to further athletics among the crews and to this end all have our teams. Leagues are formed and a spirited

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