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Dear Editor:—As it has been so long since I have written anything for the papers, that I have decided to send you a few lines...

Having a desire to see my part of the country as possible, and having an opportunity of being sent to Manila, troops being needed at that time and feeling it was my duty to go when my country needed me...

Our next step was Birmingham, Ala. there we had to wait from about 12 to 10 p. m. which gave us about ten hours to see the city. Taking the electric cars we went out to Pratt city, a suburb, where one can see the iron mines and furnaces on all sides...

At night it reminds one of several new grounds, with big heaps burning in them, numerous are the lights from the furnaces, etc. Meridian, Miss. was the next stop, arriving about 2:00 a. m. where we had to wait around in a cold waiting room, or walk around in a soft slush and outside, but we were of about 10 a. m. over the Green & Crescent route for Vicksburg, Miss. There we had a delay of about an hour, our engine was stalled across the "Father of Waters" on the steam "Delta" The river is said to be about 4 miles across, and the boat made the trip in about 15 minutes. The lands look very fertile and cultivation seemed very successful.

We arrived at Shreveport, La. about 8:30 p. m. We left for our place about 10:15 p. m. Saturday night, arriving at Dallas, Tex. about 6:20 a. m. Fort Worth, Tex. We rode to El Paso, and it was when we stopped for a short while and started back from the El Paso line. At Sierra Blanca we saw several varieties of cacti, some nearly 6 feet high. There were again delays, but a week which killed the first of our party. The elevation there is about 4,500 feet.

"El Paso atlas" We arrived here about 12 m. on 2 p. m. had our time making 2 nights and 1 day in crossing the great Rio Grande. El Paso is quite a nice city, well hedged in by some mountains. Just across the river in the States is old Mexico. Many of the relics are displayed in the State. The Mexican, Chinese and Americans are mostly in evidence here. Very few negroes can be seen. Frisco is still about 1200 miles away. About 6 p. m. our train passed across the line into New Mexico. Then began the most lonely part of our journey for it is mostly a desert now. But oh my! Arizona was a terror. Hundreds of miles of desert, and an abundance of dust that would penetrate the coarsest care, and made it very disagreeable. Prairie dogs without number lined each side of the track and occasionally a jack rabbit would scamper off at the approach of our train. Very few habitations could be seen, only at Railway stations, and these buildings were mud huts of the Mexicans, or if the R. R. employees, they would have a double roof to keep off the intense heat of the sun.

At Yuma, N. M., quite a number of Indians were trying to dispose of earthenware, bows and arrows, coils, etc. of their own make. A

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