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PHILIPPINE WEATHER MAPS

For the past few years the Philippine Weather Bureau, with headquarters at Manila Observatory, has been issuing a daily publication known as the "Weather Map of the Far East". It is prepared by a manifold process on a lithographed base, the edition is small, and copies are rarely seen in America. The region embraced in the map includes, besides the Philippines, a large area of the surrounding seas and a long stretch of the Asiatic coast. The foreign stations from which reports are charted are in Indo-China, China, Japan, and three outlying islands to the eastward; viz., Yap, Guam and one of the Bonins. The observations charted are taken at 6 a.m. in the Philippines; those from the foreign stations in some cases at 6 a.m. and in others at 5 a.m. The data are tabulated as well as charted, and a brief text, in English and Spanish, gives a summary of barometric conditions over the Far East and a forecast for the Philippine Islands.

The fact that daily weather maps are published for nearly all parts of the civilized world is probably not realized by many people who would occasionally be able to utilize the information presented in such maps--in connection, for example, with lawsuits in which weather is a factor. The Philippine weather map overlaps others published in the Far East; viz., at Tokyo, Hongkong and Zikawei Observatory (near Shanghai).

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