

SECOND TRIP TO THE MAYON VOLCANO

July 21, Saturday.- At a conference in Malacañang between the Governor-General, General Dorey, Chief, Executive Bureau, Senator Camus as chief Red Cross Committee and the Director, Weather Bureau, it was decided that I should go to Albay to investigate the recent activities of the Mayon, which had been reported as the worst of the all, in this period of recent activity. Accordingly, I left Manila at noon on the Bicol Express with the Chief Executive Bureau and Dr. Faustino of the Bureau of Science. The latest telegram received from Mr. Costa, before I left, indicated a decrease of activity: I asked Fr. Saderra to wire me at Aloneros any further information received from Legaspi. The plans were that the Governor-General would leave Manila for Legaspi at 3 p.m. Saturday on the Cruiser Trenton and reached Albay about 8 a.m. Sunday morning. When I reached Aloneros I received a telegram from Costa indicating less activity on Saturday morning and afternoon than on Friday night, July

July 22, Sunday.- Pasacao was reached Sunday, July 22, early in the morning. The car, called for the day before by wire, was not there: it arrived about half an hour later on. We motored to Pamplona to get our glasses and took the new automobile road to Naga. I stopped at Iriga to see the new installation of the raingauge and to get information about the fall of ashes. As to the raingauge, the observer reported to have changed the gauge and have sent the receipts of expenses to Manila: however the raingauge was found by the undersigned in the same old unsuitable place. The fact was explained by the observer, stating that a heavy fall and subsequent flood had carried away the support and fence of the gauge: ~~this~~ this was saved