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Can This be True?

A pathetic story, showing the private and unofficial character of one whom we are inclined to regard as a fard incarnate, is told by a lady who resides in Washington, and whose husband until recently was an officer in the Spanish army.

During the regime of General Weyler in Cuba this gentleman was attached to a raiding column which went out into Havana province and succeeded in massacring the families of a number of Cuban officers who were in the field. In the course of the expedition they were attracted to a bright little Cuban boy 3 or 4 years, and they concluded to spare him and take him back to Havana with them. On the way, becoming friendly with his captors, he fired out a little patriotic song, in which Weyler's name was handled with more vigor than politeness, and the officers thought it such a good joke that they would let the captive have a general amnesty.

So, one evening, a few days after the chief officers of the column took the little fellow up to the palace and got him to sing the song for the benefit of the troops. The latter was unable to man. He was so nervous, and so appreciative of the honor of the situation, and began to look black, as was his wont when anything did not please him. However, he called the small infant in his arms, and in his paternal way took out his ivory-handled. He mounted revolver for the mite to admire. Pointing to the shiny muzzle of the pretty plaything, Weyler told the baby prisoner to bite it, which he did—and the hyena bit the child's head off in the presence of his astonished guests. Immediately following this truly Weyleresque love for children, the husband of the lady who tells the story resigned his place in the Spanish army.

And this is the man who is more than likely to be military dictator of Spain within a week or so. Why does he not come over to Cuba again—Washington Times.

Duties for "Stay-at-Homes"

Since only an inconsiderable fraction of the American people is needed for military service, a few suggestions are in order for vast majority to whom the privilege has not been given of serving in the field.

They can refrain from hasty ill-tempered criticism of the government. Such criticism is not only unjust and ungenerous, but it sometimes throws serious embarrassments in the way of the government in carrying out its plans.

They can pay their additional taxes cheerfully and help in other ways to supply the needed stores of war.

They can attend more scrupulously than ever to their civic and political duties, and thus prevent the country from suffering not only from the inevitable misfortune of war, but also from the still greater misfortune of the rule of corrupt and inefficient men in legislatures, municipalities, and other places of power.

They can contribute promptly and generously, as opportunity offers, of time and means to the various funds for the care of sick and wounded soldiers.

They can see that the families of those who have been called to the front do not suffer from want or neglect.

They can be patriotic, patient, and prayerful—Lusk's Weekly.

Germany Meddling.

New York, July 13.—Despite all her protests to the contrary, it appears that Germany is beginning to meddle in the situation at the Philippines. Information has been received here that the German cruiser Irene held up, attacking a town on Sicily Bay. Admiral Dewey sent the cruiser Raleigh and Concord there to shell the forts, and when the United States boats appeared on the scene the Irene fled. The garrison surrendered to our boats.

Vigorous Attack Ordered.

Washington, July 13.—The negotiations under flag of truce at Santiago for the last few days amounted to nothing save the delay in attacking the city for the time being. The daily-falling on the part of Spanish officers, including McKinley, has been most energetic. He has made a vigorous attack on Santiago and kept it up until the city surrendered.

Compel Final Surrender.

of the Spanish army. To have allowed them to make their way unmolested into the interior would have amounted to a reinforcement of the garrison at Havana by these thousands of trained soldiers who have proven their courage in the fighting in the trenches. On the other hand, to compel their surrender is believed to be certain to produce an enormous moral effect both in Havana and in Spain itself and tend to the production of the war.

Both officers, however, declined positively to give out for publication any dispatches relating to the negotiations that are going on between General Shafter and General Linares, or to confirming any of the exciting rumors that were flying through the corridors all day. Nevertheless, it was evident from their manner that a crisis was reached so far as Santiago was concerned, and that no matters stood at the close of the day there was no reason to be disappointed with the outlook. It is known that General Shafter has been nothing by the armistice; his men are rested, the commissary improved, the roads have been cleared and his artillery is now almost completely placed in a most effective manner. None of these things existed at the beginning of the armistice. On the other hand, the Spanish forces have largely diminished their stock of provisions and their powder.

The American consul replied that the Americans would remove it by force, if necessary. "Jederman declared" that he would call in the help of the warships of foreign powers in the harbor. The matter was referred to Washington.

Skinner's Scheme Exposed.

The Catechism this week has a long article on the scheme of Senator Skinner to return to Congress. A combination with Republicans. The Catechism repudiates the plan now in honor. By November Maryann and the entire Populist list of pop sippers will be doing as Skinner is now doing. Senator Skinner is now doing. Senator Skinner is now doing.

Two's All Right.

Two months seems to be a favorite period with the administration. It took two months to declare war after the Maine was blown up and two months to move the army after war was declared. And two months after the war had started two Spanish fleets had been destroyed. We hope for two months more the war will be over.

Sampson and Schley to be Promoted.

The President has determined to promote Admiral Sampson and Commodore Schley in recognition of their services in the destruction of the Spanish naval fleet in American waters. But it is as yet undecided to the extent of promotion.

Shelling the Forts.

Washington, July 11, 4 P. M.—Gen. Shafter cables the war department that only the artillery is in action today. The first is directed at the forts in order to reduce them so the fleet can get in the entrance to the harbor. He states that the infantry is not being used and that the guns are directed chiefly against the forts. Spanish fortifications at the entrance to the harbor, but a considerable portion of the fire is being sent against the Spanish in the rifle pits and trenches. Gen. Shafter says that the artillery are fully protected and have the exact range and are doing good execution.

May be Bad.

Fighting commenced at Santiago Sunday, and the department at Washington getting news from it that was kept secret causes the fear that it may be bad for the American side.

Monday's Fighting

Sampson's ships threw shells into Santiago all Monday afternoon. It had been arranged for a simultaneous firing by ships and land artillery, beginning at 1 p. m., but a heavy storm interfering with the telephone signal work between the army and navy. However, at 4:45, the rumble of artillery on the American lines was heard, and immediately the Brooklyn opened fire, followed by the Texas and Indiana.

The firing lasted an hour. It is impossible to estimate the damage done by the ships, as the hills obscured the view.

Preparing for Prisoners.

Annapolis, Md., July 10.—Captain P. H. Cooper, superintendent of the Naval Academy, has completed his preparations for the care of the Spanish prisoners, including Admiral Cervera, recently captured at Santiago.

He announced today that he expected the arrival of the prisoners tomorrow, and that the remainder would reach here within a week. It is probable that all will be put in their parole and allowed the fullest use of the beautiful grounds for promenade and other purposes.

The buildings to be occupied by them are known as Goldsborough Row, and lie on the southeastern section of the Academy, between the old mids hall and the gymnasium. Each room will quarter two officers, and each officer will have a bed to himself. There are wardrobes and closets for their clothes in each room, and a large square table in the center of the room, and with a hanging lamp over it, with an improved burner. Waiters will attend to the rooms and take care of the apartments.

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It is a singular coincidence that the Spanish naval officers should be quartered in the very same matter of the men who gave them so signal a defeat and made them prisoners. Amongst those who recently occupied the quarters are Lieutenants Hobson and Blue and Capt. Powell and Hart. Hobson's apartments adjoin the Spanish quarters; and as the head of the department of naval construction, he has much valuable naval data.

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