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FLEETS SMASH FORTRESSES

Sampson and Schley Silence Nearly All the Santiago Batteries. No Americans Hurt.

The Associated Press under date of June 7, off Santiago de Cuba, gives the following report: The American fleet this morning engaged the Spanish batteries defending the entrance of the harbor of Santiago de Cuba, and after a three hours bombardment silenced nearly all the forts, destroyed several earthworks and rendered the Estrella and Cayo batteries, the two principal fortifications, useless.

The fleet formed in double column, six miles off Morro Castle at 6 o'clock in the morning and steamed slowly 3,000 yards off shore, the Brooklyn leading, followed by the Marblehead. The Texas and Massachusetts turned westward.

The second line, the New York leading, with the New Orleans, Yankee, Iowa and Oregon following, turned eastward.

The Vixen and Suwanee were far out on the left flank, watching the riflemen on shore. The Dolphin and Porter did similar duty on the right flank. The line headed by the New York attacked the new earthworks near Morro castle. The Brooklyn column took up a station opposite the Estrella and Catalina batteries and the earthworks along the shore.

The Spanish batteries remained silent. It is doubtful whether the Spaniards were able to determine the character of the movement, owing to the dense fog and heavy rain, which were the weather features.

Suddenly the Iowa fired a 12-inch shell, which struck the base of Estrella battery and tore up the works.

Instantly firing began from both Rear Admiral Sampson's and Commodore Schley's columns, and a torrent of shells from the ships fell upon the Spanish works.

The Spaniards replied promptly, but their artillery work was of a very poor quality and most of their shots went wild. Smoke settled around the ships in dense clouds, rendering accurate aiming difficult. There was no maneuvering of the fleet, the ships remaining at their original stations and firing steadily.

The squadrons were so close to the shore that it was difficult for the American gunners to reach the batteries on the hill tops, but their firing was excellent.

Previous to the bombardment orders were issued to prevent firing on Morro castle, as the American admiral had been informed that Lieut. Hobson and the other prisoners of the Merrimac were confined there. In spite of this, however, several stray shots damaged Morro castle somewhat.

Commodore Schley's line moved closer in shore, firing at closer range.

The Brooklyn and Texas caused wild havoc among the Spanish shore batteries—quickly silencing them. While the larger ships were engaging the heavy batteries, the Suwanee and Vixen fired on the small shore battery opposite them, raining rapid-fire shots upon it and quickly placing the battery out of the fight.

The Brooklyn closed to 800 yards, and then the destruction caused by her guns and those of the Marblehead and Texas was really awful. In a few minutes the woodwork of Estrella fort was burning and the battery was silent, firing no more in the engagement.

Eastward the New York and New Orleans silenced the shore Cayo battery in quick order and then shelled the earthworks located higher up.

Later the practice was not so accurate, owing to the elevation of the guns. Many of the shells, however, landed and the Spanish gunners retired.

Shortly after 9 the firing ceased for a while, the warships turning in order to permit them to reach the port batteries. The firing then became a long, reverberating crash of thunder and the shells raked the Spanish batteries with terrible effect. Fire broke out in Catalina fort and silenced the Spanish guns.

The firing of the fleet continued until 10 o'clock when the Spanish fire ceased entirely and Admiral Sampson hoisted the "cease firing" signal.

Generally the fire of the fleet was very destructive. Many of the earthworks were knocked to pieces and the Estrella and Catalina fortifications were so damaged that it is questionable whether they will ever be able to renew any effective work during the war.

After the fleet retired the Spaniards returned to some of their guns and sent twelve shells after the fleet, but no one was injured.

One large shell fell close to the collier Justin.

Throughout the entire engagement no American ship was hit and no American was injured. If the Spaniards stuck to their guns, and all evidence is to the contrary, their loss must have been heavy.

Censuring Nash.

Headquarters Col. Ellsworth Post No. 21, Dept. South Dakota G. A. R., May 14, 1898.

Whereas, Comrade T. B. Quigley visited the Soldiers' Home at Hot Springs, S. D., and wrote a letter to Comrade N. C. Nash, editor of the Sioux Valley News, giving a statement of the condition and treatment of the members of the home as he found them and was informed by the members of the home; and

Whereas, One A. C. Hopkins and Comrade N. C. Nash proceeded to make it appear that Comrade Quigley's truthfulness and veracity could not be depended upon, and carried the idea that Comrade Quigley's statements were bought by favors granted him by the Commandant of the home, Comrade Linn. And said the suit of clothes that was given him he would not be seen with outside of the home (which Comrade Quigley paid the cash for and are good enough for any man); and

Whereas, Comrade T. B. Quigley has been a member of this Post ever since its organization and has twice held the highest office in the gift of the Post, and is known to be a man of truth as he sees it, an upright and respected citizen and comrade; that this Post considers the article an insult and imposition on Comrade Quigley and his Post from said Hopkins and the editor of the Sioux Valley News.

Resolved, That Col. Ellsworth Post censure Comrade N. C. Nash, editor of the Sioux Valley News, for the course he has taken in regard to the home and believe his course is instigated through spite more than fraternity and charity, and that it has been a great detriment to the home and the department of South Dakota G. A. R.

S. B. TENNY, } Com.
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Silver Republicans.

The Free Silver Republicans of Lincoln county met according to call last Saturday, Martin Abbott of Dayton, being made chairman and F. H. Treat, of Canton, Secretary. The report of the committee on credentials being accepted, the temporary organization was made permanent.

On motion of Col. Wm. Cuppett the following twenty-nine delegates were elected to represent the county in the state convention at Aberdeen June 22:

R. H. Goding, L. M. Macomber, G. W. Palmer, John Forsburg, O. A. Helvig, J. D. Hicks, J. H. McEay, W. L. Waldo, John Lindquist, Ole Hokenstad, Martin Abbott, Henry Quien, William Cuppett, William H. Miller, Jr., M. S. Bushnell, James Madden, Otto Hervig, Hans Skie, John Evenson, Erick Gubbrud, George Gerber, C. R. Moulton, Albert Davie, Robert Buchanan, W. M. McGregor, W. J. Wimer, F. S. Kittredge and D. H. Hawn.

On motion of C. R. Moulton it was voted that the delegates present at the Aberdeen convention cast the full vote of the county. The convention then adjourned sine die.

Grand M. W. A. Picnic, Spirit Lake, June 14, 1898.

Partial program of the great M. W. A. Picnic Association, at Spirit Lake, Iowa, June 14:

At 11 a. m. grand parade of Woodmen in Review.

At 1:30 p. m. meet in the mammoth tent where the annual address will be delivered by Hon. William A. Northcott, Head Consul, M. W. A., Geo. B. Albert, State Deputy for Iowa.

At 3 p. m. field events, which will include a great variety of athletic sports, such as running, jumping, casting weights, prize drills and pigeon shooting by Fred Gilbert, the champion wing shot of the world.

The business meeting of the Association will be held in Stevens' Opera House at 3 p. m., at which time will be selected the place of meeting and officers for next year. We shall advise every camp within this Association's jurisdiction to send in their assessment, so that it may have a voice in this business meeting, and especially in selecting the place for holding next year's picnic.

Come everybody. Bring your friends, whether they are Woodmen or not, they will be welcome.

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THE G. A. R. ENCAMPMENT.

Canton Throws Its Gates Open to the Veterans of the Civil War.

Cannons Boom, Music Fills the Air, and Flags Wave During the Encampment.

Canton was resplendent with flags, bunting, banners and mottoes in honor of the Grand Army encampment last Tuesday, when the visiting veterans began to arrive. As each train arrived with its load of veterans and friends the various committees were at the depot to extend a hearty welcome. Bands of music were everywhere and the famous Parker cannon, with Capt. John Smith in charge, made the people think of Dewey's thundering salute to the people of Manila on that ever to be remembered May morning, when Yankee tars with Yankee grit gave the world a surprise.

The first train to arrive Tuesday was from the south, bringing with it Gen. C. B. Clark, department commander, accompanied by Junior Vice Commander Bailey Madison of Sturgis, Major A. R. Anderson and Colonel Linn of Hot Springs. Miss Jennie Duke of Sturgis, the Black Hills daughter of the Grand Army was also of the party, all of whom were met and greeted at the depot by Judge Gifford and Col. N. C. Nash of the reception committee, and escorted to the Harlan in carriages.

Among the other distinguished Grand Army men who arrived on Tuesday and Wednesday were General Paul Vandervoort of Omaha, Col. Lucas of Chamberlain, Col. Parr of Pierre, Gen. Silsby of Mitchell, Col. Campbell, Judge Palmer and Colonel Nye Phillips of Sioux Falls, Col. Joe Greene of Chamberlain, Major Pickler and many other prominent men whom we could not locate.

Canton never looked so handsome, and the beautiful decorations were admired by all. The streets were spanned with bunting in every shape and attractive design, and "welcome" was everywhere visible. Business houses, private houses and the court house were handsomely adorned in national colors.

The Lincoln County Bank building was easily the most elegantly adorned structure in the city, and the LEADER office was easily second in the way of handsome and unique decoration. The monster plate glass in F. H. Treat's hardware store was a thing of beauty and joy to gaze upon. From the top of the glass a continuous spray of water flowed into a flower and fish fountain at the bottom. Everywhere the style of decoration was new and attractive. Canton developed a robust spontaneity which surprised the thousands who came to do honor to the veterans and their annual state reunion. Columns of interesting matter full of personal anecdote and army reminiscences could be written did time and room permit. It is sufficient to say that everything passed off in a manner that reflects the highest credit to Mayor Seely and his able assistants.

Tuesday evening the monster double tent which had been erected on the northwest corner of the court house square, was filled with a splendid audience to witness the opening ceremonies.

Comrade Kimberly of Wisconsin, a famous singer, opened the exercises after which Judge Gifford in behalf of the local veterans extended a welcome, followed by Mrs. N. C. Nash in behalf of the local Woman's Relief Corps. Capt. B. H. Millard in behalf of the Sons of Veterans, was the next speaker, and Mayor Seely and Hon. A. R. Brown extended a very hearty welcome in behalf of the city. Gen. C. B. Clark, department commander, responded in an eloquent address to the hearty welcome extended the veterans. Mrs. Moulton followed in behalf of the Relief Corps. The bands kept playing, and the cannon boomed and the crowds cheered long into the night, and Capt. Smith, at daybreak, opened the Wednesday morning sleepers with a jump, making many think that a Dewey had navigated the mighty Sioux with a war fleet. From the opening gun at daylight until near midnight the festivities continued with changing program and charming interest.

The Grand Army met in Bedford Hall, the Relief Corps in Masonic Hall, and the Sons of Veterans in the Odd Fellows Hall.

At 10 o'clock Major Dollard and Gen. Silsby began speaking to a large audience in the tent. Comrade Kimberly

sang, and the festivities continued till near noon.

General Paul Vandervoort and Hon. Robert Gamble spoke in the afternoon, and entertained a large audience in the tent, while bands played at various points and the merry-go-round whooped it up elsewhere.

In the evening the chief point of interest was again in the tent, where it was decided to present the chief medical director of the department, Col. E. W. Foster, with a "sheep skin" diploma in due and ancient form. Col. Nash presented Col. Lucas, who proceeded to illustrate the beauties of a "sheep skin" and the necessities for such a document from a professional standpoint. Col. Foster responded in a happy vein, punctuated with wit and humor. After this event the singers did their part and then the orator of the evening, Rev. Jesse Cole of Ireton, Iowa, was introduced. He spoke for an hour, and was frequently cheered for the sentiments expressed. The Grieg Sangforening and the Hon. Chas. O. Knudson sang and delighted the immense audience, and the evening entertainment closed with entire satisfaction.

Thursday opened with indications of rain, but the boys began business early. The Grand Army met in Bedford Hall and elected officers: Colonel Parr of Pierre, was elected department commander unanimously. Comrade Bowman of Ipswich, Senior Vice, and Comrade Madison of Sturgis, Junior Vice, were also honored with a unanimous nomination. Col. Foster was elected medical director, and Col. B. F. Campbell and Comrade W. R. Stowe were elected delegates to the national encampment unanimously. It was a unanimous crowd, and harmony prevailed in everything.

The Sons of Veterans elected Capt. Burns commander, and M. E. North Senior Vice, and Captain Millard of Canton, Junior Vice commander. The officers of the W. R. C. are: Violet Murphy, Yankton, Department President; Martha DeLong, Canton, Senior Vice; Annie Peters, Alexandria, Junior Vice.

Colonel Lucas, Major Pickler and other able speakers entertained large audiences in the tent during the fore and afternoon.

Governor Lee arrived on the noon train from the south and was met by Col. Nash and others of the reception committee at the depot, and in company with Judge Palmer and Colonel Linn, dined with Judge and Mrs. Kennedy.

The Grand Army parade began at 2:30, just as a drizzling rain began to fall. The splendid Lennox band arrived at 2 o'clock and was admired by all. The parade was cut short by the rain, but it made a magnificent appearance, and was reviewed by Governor Lee, Gen. Clark, Major Anderson, General Walton, Colonel Linn, Judge Kennedy and other guests. The veterans looked fine and marched in splendid shape. Col. Nash and Miss Jennie Duke, the daughter of the Grand Army, were mounted. The fire boys looked very attractive in their fine uniforms. The veterans were halted in front of the reviewing stand and were briefly addressed by Gen. Clark and Gov. Lee, and the parade was dismissed.

The installation of officers took place in the evening. Hot Springs was selected as the next place for the encampment without opposition, as Mitchell, the other candidate, gracefully withdrew. Major Anderson of Hot Springs, made a magnificent speech in presenting Hot Springs.

The citizens of Canton should be proud of the splendid reception and entertainment given veterans, and the Canton, Hudson and Lennox bands, and the Sioux Falls drum corps made glorious the encampment with enchanting music.

Taken as a whole it was the most enjoyable encampment ever held in the state. Everything was unanimous, harmonious, and not one unpleasant feature to mar the occasion.

Hurray for Canton and the Grand Army, and then hurrah for Hot Springs in '99, where a record breaking encampment will be held.

Canton feels honored and the veterans are pleased.

HON. WILLIAM J. BRYAN.

Republican Criticism of the Attitude of the Administration.

The Minneapolis Tribune, one of the most rabid Republican newspapers in the United States, has seen the great blunder made by the administration and the Republican newspapers in their treatment of William J. Bryan. The following editorial is a severe arraignment of the petty narrowness which has characterized the Republicans in this matter:

"Telegraphic reports are to the effect that William J. Bryan has at last secured his commission as colonel and will go to the front with the Third Nebraska regiment. The war department has notified Nebraska that the regiment will be accepted and that it will be added to the contingent going to the Philippines. This will take Mr. Bryan a good way from home and remove him as a political factor for some time to come.

"Mr. Bryan has been accused of seeking to enter the military service for advertising purposes, but if he accepts this command and sails with it to the other side of the world, where he is liable to remain for a year or two and to take his chances with the climate and the Spaniards, this accusation will in all fairness have to be withdrawn.

"In answer to the current charge made against him, Mr. Bryan's friends in Nebraska recently gave out an explanation of his course with reference to the war. They say that when the war was declared he immediately telegraphed to the president tendering his services in any capacity where he might be considered useful. In doing this, they aver, he simply strove to act as a good citizen desirous of setting an example of loyal and earnest support of the government. They also aver that no word of acknowledgement was ever received by Mr. Bryan from the president. Consequently, in his desire to enter the service, he turned to the authorities of his state, and in the belief that more troops would be called for, Gov. Holcomb commissioned him to raise an extra regiment, of which he might or might not be an officer, according as the governor, or the men themselves, should decide. He began operations by enlisting in this regiment as a private, avowing his purpose to go to the front as a private if the regiment did not see fit to elect him an officer.

"The Springfield Republican, commenting on the facts in the case, very justly says: 'There does not appear to be much political capital-seeking in all this. To one in Mr. Bryan's position it was a choice either of keeping perfectly still and being accused of lukewarmness or hostility to the war, or of speaking out or tendering his services, and being consequently accused of harboring ulterior and selfish motives.'

"Referring to the statement that Mr. Bryan's tender of service was completely ignored by the president, the Republican says it is hard to believe, and adds: 'But we do know that while this volunteer who, though ignorant and inexperienced in a military way, had proved himself a natural leader of men, was passed over without recognition, many others, equally ignorant, and inexperienced, and not even known to possess the faculty of leadership—sons and grandsons of ex-presidents, senators, rich men and others—favorites of social and official fortune—have been picked up by the president and been passed over the heads of trained military officers to positions of command in the volunteer army.'

"Mr. Bryan's reputation as a volunteer soldier will now rest entirely upon his own conduct. He is entitled to credit for the same patriotic motives that have influenced other men to volunteer for military service in the present war."

ALGER AND BRYAN.

Secretary of War Alger has weakened on his scheme to keep William J. Bryan out of the war.

Clever Secretary of War Alger. It was stupid politics and worse patriotism for him to persecute the man who received 6,500,000 votes for president of the United States. McKinley, with a narrowness characteristic of the man, ignored Bryan's offer of services, and when Bryan began to raise a regiment of soldiers Alger thought it would be smart to prevent the acceptance of that regiment.

All the anti-Democratic newspapers were filled with spiteful glee over Alger's shrewd trick. But, it seems, a new light has dawned on the secretary of war. He has discovered that he had

made a monumental mistake when Missouri offered Bryan a regiment, and so he has changed his plan.

Now he proposes to accept Bryan's regiment and to send it "to guard outlying islands of the Philippines." The Ladrone or Mariana Islands have been suggested. This banishment of Bryan to the other side of the world is really a brilliant idea. The only wonder is that it did not occur to Alger and McKinley sooner.

How anxious Alger and Hanna and McKinley are "to be fair with the late Democratic candidate for president."—Chicago Dispatch.

OLD SETTLERS MEETING.

Program for Old Settlers Annual Reunion at Lennox, on Friday, June 17.

The following program has been prepared by the committee for the Old Settlers annual reunion, which will be held at Lennox June 17:

Officer of the day, T. B. Quigley. Orator of the day, Judge Palmer of Sioux Falls.

Music by Lennox Cornet Band. Grand street parade at 10 a. m. led by Lennox band—march to the bowery. Patriotic song by choir. Invocation, Rev. A. Kagel. Address of welcome, W. B. Wait. Response to address of welcome, Henry Wiggin.

Song by choir. Annual address, T. B. Quigley. Music by band. Oration.

Song by choir. Picnic dinner. After dinner, music by band. Election of officers.

Song by choir. Old Settlers love feast—Toastmaster, W. H. Pelton.

Pioneer banker, early finance, B. C. Jacobs. Pioneer school teacher, E. S. Beck.

Early experience by homesteader's wife, Mrs. G. S. Millett. Early newspaper, N. C. Nash. Pioneer courting, James Madden.

The blizzard, E. W. Norton. Tribute to the pioneer dead, Rev. Soule.

Volunteer speeches, extempore, five minutes each: Asa Forrest, Jr., Mrs. Mausback, Chas. H. Voges, Albert Carlson, Gunda Jacobson, Ole Hokenstad, Clay Parke, A. A. Freseman, O. S. Gifford, F. H. Treat, Mrs. O. Alexander.

Amusements: Foot races. Ball game. Trotting race. Bicycle race.

Fire test by chemical. Other amusements. Fire works. Patriotic demonstration.

Old Settlers dance in the evening. Secretary of the society will have a register on the grounds for membership. Twenty-five cents for membership for gentlemen; ladies are allowed membership free.

Uncle Sam and Cuba will be represented in the grand street parade. GEO. MILLETT, Chairman, M. M. CROWLEY, Sec'y, Committee on Program.

Discovered by a Woman. Another great discovery has been made and that too, by a lady in this country. "Disease fastened its clutches upon her and for seven years she withstood its severest tests, but her vital organs were undermined and death seemed imminent. For three months she coughed incessantly, and could not sleep. She finally discovered a way to recovery, by purchasing of us a bottle of Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, and was so much relieved on taking first dose, that she slept all night and with two bottles, has been absolutely cured. Her name is Mrs. Luther Lutz. Thus writes W. C. Hamnick & Co., of Shelby, N. C. Trial bottles free at I. M. Helme & Co's. Drug store. Regular size 50c and \$1.00. Every bottle guaranteed.

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