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NEW YORK, Aug. 22.—Lieutenant Colonel Nicholas Senn, who went to Cuba as chief of the operating staff of the army, has just returned from Porto Rico and is in the city.

"In Cuba our army met, as its most formidable enemy, one of the most dreaded of all acute infectious diseases—yellow fever. The invasion was characterized by hasty action, a lack of organization and inadequate preparation on the part of the Quartermaster's Department, for which the medical branch of the army was in no way responsible.

"In less than two weeks after our army landed in Cuba yellow fever made its appearance, and in less than two weeks from that time nearly 500 fever cases, most of them yellow fever, impaired the fighting force and seriously taxed the resources of the medical department. Fortunately for the army the type of the disease was mild and the number of deaths was small in comparison with some of the epidemics in the past.

"In planning the Porto Rico invasion, General Miles made the proper arrangements for preventing a repetition of this calamity. Thus far, our troops in Porto Rico have escaped yellow fever, but soon after landing fever cases came into the different hospitals at an alarming rate. After landing at Ponce

on August 8th I found at least 250 cases of typhoid fever. In some of them it was difficult and almost impossible to make a differential diagnosis between malarial and typhoid fever without the aid of the microscope, a resource which, unfortunately, was not at hand.

"A careful study of the cases showed that 90 per cent. were genuine typhoid fever cases, and that the infection in the army was brought directly from the camps occupied in the United States. I am firmly of the opinion that if the American army now in Porto Rico remains there much longer the loss of life due to sickness will be as great as at Santiago.

"The order to General Wilson to take up the march toward San Juan made it necessary to evacuate the division hospital. All of the patients were transferred to the Spanish military hospital in Ponce, which caused temporary overcrowding. The clubhouse of the city and the school for girls, in charge of the Sisters of Charity, were also offered to the authorities for hospital use and were accepted. I want to make especial mention of the valuable services rendered by Miss Chandler of your city, who, night and day, with untiring energy, ministered to the sick and wounded soldiers. All of the officers in the clubhouse became very much attached to Miss Chandler.

"Nostalgia, or homesickness, in a large measure has added to the wretched condition of the soldiers, not only in Cuba, but in Porto Rico also. The Postoffice Department has shown serious neglect in forwarding mail. You give a man a letter from home and he feels like fighting. I know as an actual fact that more than 200 letters were read to me while I have been away from home, but I have received only two of them. Newspapers were in great demand and were eagerly bought and read.

"The war has again demonstrated the great value of the small caliber bullet, and has shown that it is a most humane weapon. Contrary to expectations, but few surgical operations were necessary and our attention was directed entirely to the proper dressing of wounds.

"I want to correct some of the reports which have come from Cuba and Porto Rico as to the feelings of the Spaniards against the Red Cross. The Spaniards never purposely fired at the Red Cross representatives of our country, and if any of those were injured it was entirely due to the fact that the red badge of the order could not be easily distinguished at a distance.

"The following touching incident, for example, shows that the Spaniards are in sympathy with the work of the Red Cross organization. While a company of infantry was charging a hill at Guanica a volunteer who had rushed 100 yards ahead of the line was suddenly prostrated by the heat. A Spanish officer near by ran to him and picked him up and carried him to our line amid the cheers of our troops.

"Colonel Senn is enthusiastic about Porto Rico and declares the island to be worth its weight in gold.

"It is a beautiful country, a combination of Italy and Switzerland, and its resources are incalculable.

"What is now needed in Porto Rico is American civilization with its little red schoolhouse. It will take at least fifty years to bring the natives of Porto Rico and Cuba to such a state of civilization that they can govern themselves.

I think the best plan for the United States would be to establish a colonial government in the new colonies, somewhat upon the plan by which England governs India. I am of the opinion that even in Cuba military occupation on the part of the United States will be necessary for a long time.

ARMY OF SANTIAGO.

Proceedings of the Society's Inaugural Meeting.

(Correspondence of the Associated Press.) SANTIAGO DE CUBA, Aug. 1.—Major A. C. Sharpe, Assistant Adjutant General, furnishes to the correspondent of the Associated Press, the following summary of the proceedings of the Society of the Army of Santiago de Cuba at its inaugural meeting held in the Government palace of Santiago yesterday, July 31st.

The inaugural meeting of what is destined probably to become one of the great military fraternities of the United States was held yesterday, July 31st, in the Governor's palace, Santiago de Cuba, for the purpose of organizing a society to be known as "The Society of the Army of Santiago," the purpose of which shall be, in general, to preserve the archives and records and perpetuate the memories of the invasion, campaign and battles culminating in the fall of Santiago de Cuba and the surrender of the Spanish army on July 17, 1898.

The meeting was called to order by Major General Lawton, who nominated Major General Joseph Wheeler as temporary Chairman. General Wheeler was unanimously chosen and Major A. C. Sharpe, Assistant Adjutant General, was elected Secretary.

General Wheeler, on taking the chair, said: "I thank you, gentlemen, for the honor of being called as temporary Chairman of this gathering of my fellow officers, who have met to consider the advisability of organizing a society of the Army of Santiago. The rapidly occurring events of the campaign of the last five or six weeks have been of a character that will ever bring together the hearts of those who have participated. This army, by its endurance and courage, has already won the admiration of the civilized world, and it is most natural and appropriate that men who have stood shoulder to shoulder in such a struggle, crowned, as it was, with glorious victory, should desire to cherish and perpetuate its memory."

General Wheeler adverted to the historic character and value of similar societies, which have been organized at the close of various wars in which our country has been engaged, enumerating the order of the Cincinnati, organized by Washington's officers at the close of the American revolution; the Society of the War of 1812; the Aztec Society and the various other societies that emanated out of the war from 1801 to 1805.

"The campaign," said General Wheeler, "in which we have been engaged, though brief, has probably been the most fruitful in results than those of any of the wars I have mentioned, and will certainly be classed as one of the most remarkable in military history. I repeat, in closing, that it has made this army famous throughout the world."

On motion of General Ludlow, a committee of five was appointed, organized by Washington's officers at the close of the American revolution; the Society of the War of 1812; the Aztec Society and the various other societies that emanated out of the war from 1801 to 1805.

A committee was appointed to wait on General Shafter and invite him to visit the meeting. Subsequent to the motion of General Kent, the Committee on Constitution and By-Laws was increased to six and Lieutenant Woodburne Kane of the Rough Riders was named by the Chair as the sixth member.

General Shafter, on entering the hall, was received by the entire company standing, all remaining in that position while the Chair extended to the distinguished visitor an address of welcome. General Shafter made a cordial reply, expressing his entire sympathy with the object of the meeting.

The Secretary requested all officers to register their names before leaving and nearly 100 signed the roll. Among those present were: Generals Shafter, Kent, Ames, Lawton, Ludlow, Wood, Chaffee, Bates and Randolph and Colonels Wherry, Peterman, Harris, Humphrey, Vile, Carpenter and Downes.

At 4:30 p. m. the meeting adjourned to 3 p. m. August 7th in the Governor's palace.

MRS. DUNNING'S DEATH.

Sensations Are Promised in the Poisoning Case.

DOVER (Del.), Aug. 22.—Sensations are promised in the Dunning poisoning case. Arrests will probably be made to-day in California. It is hinted that later information has been unwillingly given by John P. Dunning and that it is upon this that the authorities will take action.

Attorney General White said this afternoon that he is almost satisfied as to who is responsible for the murder of Mrs. J. R. Deane and Mrs. J. P. Dunning, and it is his intention to order the arrest of one woman and probably two men.

He sent telegrams to San Francisco to-day and said he would probably be advised of one or more arrests being made before night.

Attorney General White said he would have a talk with J. P. Dunning later in the day.

One of the State detectives will probably be sent to San Francisco in a day or two.

SITUATION IN PORTO RICO.

Evil Disposed Persons Trying to Stir Up Race Prejudices.

NEW YORK, Aug. 22.—A dispatch to the "Herald" from San Juan, Porto Rico, says: Order prevails here, although some evil disposed persons are trying to stir up racial and religious prejudices among the ignorant portion of the population to settle matters and dispel doubts the better for the future.

The streets of San Juan are filled with furniture laden cars and people returning from the suburbs. At the palace and the other government buildings the work of packing the archives is already going on. Senator Camo, the Captain General's chief staff, has resigned. It is understood he owns considerable property here. His resignation is likely to be accepted.

Telegraph communication with all parts of the island was opened yesterday, and permits granted to those who desire to visit Ponce and other ports.

The Spanish authorities are doing everything possible to preserve order. One of the first necessities on the part of the Americans will be a strong police force. There is great anxiety here regarding the probable changes in financial and judicial matters. Reasonableness is considered advisable.

The steamer San Josph on Thursday brought the first news since the blockade. There was an exciting scene when she arrived.

One paper here warns the natives that the Americans are prejudiced against the colored race.

It is still impossible for large shipping to enter the harbor, and there has been no importations yet. There are some signs of a scarcity of food stuffs.

The New Secretary of State.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 22.—It was stated in an authoritative quarter to-day that Mr. Hay's choice was due solely to his general fitness for the position, and this without reference to or consideration of the Chinese question.

Beyond this no official statement is made as to the policy of the United States in the Far East, but all the indications point to a continuation of the past policy of protecting and fostering our commercial interests, without entering into alliances or joint undertakings which entail semi-political considerations.

WHEAT LOWER, BOTH ON AND OFF CALL.

San Francisco, August 22. Wheat is lower, both on and off call; both Eastern and Western. There is a lower and slumpy; to-day's arrivals were light. Barley took an opposite course to wheat to-day; futures opened higher and spot feed sold at an advance; small arrivals, but many are trading in, and still confined to immediate wants, and fancy continues scarce. Corn is unchanged; market is quiet.

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Produce Quotations. FLOUR—Family Extras, \$4.00 per 100 lbs. FLOUR—Shipping, what is quotable \$1.14 per 100 lbs. No. 1 and No. 2, \$1.10 per 100 lbs. No. 3, \$1.05 per 100 lbs. No. 4, \$1.00 per 100 lbs. No. 5, \$0.95 per 100 lbs. No. 6, \$0.90 per 100 lbs. No. 7, \$0.85 per 100 lbs. No. 8, \$0.80 per 100 lbs. No. 9, \$0.75 per 100 lbs. No. 10, \$0.70 per 100 lbs. No. 11, \$0.65 per 100 lbs. No. 12, \$0.60 per 100 lbs.

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