

AMERICANS AT THE CUBAN CAPITAL.

Soldiers From the Comal Land at Havana.

Crowds Follow and Commend Their Gentlemanly Conduct.

The Bay Again Presents an Unusually Active Aspect—Numerous Vessels From United States With Cargoes and Rations Riding at Anchor Near What Is Left of the Wrecked Battleship Maine.

HAVANA, Aug. 29, 8 p. m.—The bay of Havana again presents an unusually active aspect. Numerous vessels with cargoes and rations from the United States are riding at anchor. Close to what remains of the wrecked Maine is moored the Spanish cruiser Alfonso XIII. She is at the same buoy as she was on the night of the explosion. The wreck itself has settled two feet or more in the muddy bottom.

Early this morning Senor Fernandino de Castro, Civil Governor of Havana, accompanied by the Chief Inspector of the Harbor Police, visited the Red Cross steamer Clinton, to return Miss Clara Burton's visit, remaining nearly an hour. The meeting took place in the saloon of the steamer. Senor de Castro, who is a young and handsome man, sat beside Miss Barton, fanning her. Around them were grouped the Red Cross nurses, the whole presenting a picturesque scene. Miss Barton says the Governor is a most charming man. She thinks him endowed with splendid qualities, and she acknowledges the excellence of the measures he has adopted to relieve the want in the city by the kitchens which distribute rations daily. "With such a man," says Miss Barton, "almost anything is possible."

the people here of all classes towards the American soldiers and correspondents and toward Americans generally is one of courtesy and politeness. "La Lucha," in an editorial to-day on the future of Cuba, says: "There are four solutions of the problem: Independence, annexation, a Spanish protectorate or an American protectorate. As for an American protectorate, it would be the most servile and humiliating form of Government that could be possibly offered to an enlightened race. Hitherto protectorates have been only imposed upon barbarous or semi-savage people who have been declared incapable of governing themselves. A protectorate for Cuba, which for the last thirty years has had a standard of culture equal to that reached by any civilized country in Europe or America, would practically declare her inferior, morally, mentally and socially, to her constantly cherished hopes and ambitions. Annexation, or a continuance of self-rule under Spanish guardianship, akin to us in race and sentiment, would be infinitely preferable."

Havana to-day is without meat, owing to a wrangle over the free entry of cattle. Senor Montero, the Secretary of Finance, has objected to the removal of the duty on the plea that the public will not be the beneficiaries, but only the speculators San Juan Martinez and the need of immediate relief, Senor de Castro has recommended to General Blanco the removal of the present duty of 86 per cent in order to discharge at once the cattle steamer now in port, and to furnish the city with a supply.

Advices from the province of Pinar del Rio say that the insurgent forces there are quite destitute. Yesterday the insurgent general Lorente and a thousand men presented themselves before the village of San Juan Martinez and asked for food, assuring the Spanish commander that although they could easily steal his cattle, they refrained from doing so under the terms of the armistice. General Lorente's conduct is greatly applauded, as showing a desire to respect law and order in that province. The villagers got together and gave the insurgents a hundred and fifty measures of corn and a quantity of fresh meat.

DR. ANITA MCGEE.

A Woman Appointed a Member of the Medical Staff in the Army.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 29.—To-day for the first time in the American army a woman was appointed a member of the medical staff. Dr. Anita McGee, wife of Professor W. J. McGee of this city, and a daughter of Professor Simon Newcomb, formerly of the Naval Observatory, was regularly sworn in as an acting assistant surgeon. This according to Secretary Alger's general orders, would entitle her to the title of a Second Lieutenant without designation of rank. Assistant Surgeon McGee goes to New York to select fifty graduate nurses for service in Porto Rico. Dr. McGee has regularly practiced for some years, and is well known in medical circles throughout the country.

Miners on a Strike.

HAZLETON (Pa.), Aug. 29.—One thousand coal miners employed at Beaver Meadow by the A. S. Van Winkle trust went on a strike to-day to enforce the reinstatement of a Hungarian miner discharged after he had refused to pay the company physician.

PUPILS BOYCOTT A HIGH SCHOOL.

San Jose Has Her New Building, But Few Scholars.

One Hundred and Seventy-Five Go to Santa Clara for Learning.

Claim That Their Home School Was Run in the Interest of Politicians and That the Boycott Was Inaugurated as a Last Measure to Break the Practice.

SAN JOSE, Aug. 29.—The boycott of the San Jose High School was put into effect this morning, when some 175 pupils of the school boldly left it and entered the High School at Santa Clara. While the dismissal of Professor Smith from San Jose is given as the immediate cause of the secession of the many students from San Jose's school, it is claimed that this was but the last straw. Those who joined the movement say that the local schools have been used by politicians as a place to billet political friends, regardless of merit, and that the boycott is made as the last measure to break it.

The new High School building here, erected at a cost of \$75,000, without furniture, will be largely without tenants, unless conditions change. From the start made it would appear that the move will increase rather than diminish in force. The conditions were accentuated to-day and much ill-feeling aroused by the statement that local political managers are going to leading business men and calling on them to dismiss those in their employ who are in any way connected with the boycott.

The students who intended to go to Santa Clara were asked to assemble at Turn Verein Hall this morning at 8 o'clock. By that hour they were there in force, with friends and relatives. With much enthusiasm three big carriages, one of them drawn by four horses and containing thirty odd youngsters, were quickly loaded. The second vehicle contained about thirty students, and a third twenty. Aside from these were a lot of young people in private vehicles and a number on wheels.

Shortly after 9 o'clock the cavalcade moved. As it passed along Santa Clara street through the business center a great crowd of people watched the enthusiastic young people, and lent applause as the school yell "Rah-rah-rah, rah-rah-rah, Santa Clara," rent the air. The yell was kept up all the three miles along the alameda as the vehicles proceeded to Santa Clara. There they were greeted by a great outburst of applause from the citizens. Santa Clara had made every preparation to receive them, and soon the students were in the nice school rooms preparing for work. Citizens have contributed money to pay the expenses of the pupils who go even providing them. Owing to the lack of furniture, San Jose's new building has not been occupied yet. A classification was not completed at noon to-day it was impossible to tell how many High School pupils assembled there. A great depression of teachers and parents was plain, and it was estimated that only about one-third the usual number of students was present. Many residents openly expressed sympathy with the seceders, but said parental-pressure caused them to attend the local school. The advocates, however, of the local cause say they will soon break down the boycotters. On the other hand, the boycotters say they are working for a principle and have only started.

WAS IN THE ACT OF ROBBERING THE HOUSE OF A FRESNO CITIZEN. FRESNO, Aug. 29.—About 10:30 o'clock to-night Jesus Vaca, a Mexican sheep shearer, was fatally shot by George Thornton and wife, whose house he was attempting to burglarize. He entered through a window, and was heard to burglarize the house, having been broken into several times of late during their absence. Thornton ordered Vaca to throw up his hands, but the latter closed with him, and a struggle ensued for Thornton's weapon. The latter called on his wife, and she fired at the burglar. Thornton fired at the burglar's head. Her husband happened to be trying to force back Vaca's head, and the bullet struck his thumb. Her next shot, however, struck Vaca, and he gave up. While Thornton held the Mexican Mrs. Thornton brought the fellow's necktie and coiled it around his hands. Subsequently Vaca tried to escape, and Thornton put a bullet or two in him. It is not thought Vaca can recover. Throughout the affair Mrs. Thornton displayed great courage.

A BURGLAR SHOT.

STOCKTON, Aug. 29.—Lodi was visited at midnight to-night by a fire which completely destroyed the Smith's Hall block, one of the best buildings in the town. It was occupied by Smith Brothers as a butcher shop, and there was also a vacant store room on the ground floor. It was a two-story brick with the hall in the second story. Loss \$8,500; insurance \$2,000. The building was owned by Mrs. Smith.

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Stickeen Chief's Crew Safe.

SEATTLE (Wash.), Aug. 29.—The steamer South Portland brings news from St. Michael, Alaska, that the crew of the wrecked steamer Stickeen Chief are safe. The tug Fastnet, which had the Stickeen Chief in tow, arrived at St. Michael on August 14th with the survivors.

THE CORWIN.

Relieved From Duty of Guarding Harbor Mines at San Diego.

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 29.—The United States steamer Corwin, formerly auxiliary cruiser No. 9, has arrived at this port, having been relieved from the duty of guarding the mine fields at the port of San Diego. She will go on the dry dock.

Lieutenant J. E. Lombard, U. S. N., has been detached from the Corwin, and assigned to the command of the Active, and has sailed with the vessel for Port Orchard Naval Station, where she will be employed as a navy yard tug.

Lieutenant P. W. Thompson of the Corwin has been detached and ordered to the United States steamer Rush as Executive Officer, Lieutenant Cutter of that vessel being assigned to the Corwin.

A KLONDIKER ARRESTED.

Charged by His Crab-Stakers With Embezzlement.

SEATTLE (Wash.), Aug. 29.—D. B. Davidson, a Klondiker, is under arrest here on a telegram from Chief of Police Lees of San Francisco, stating that David is wanted for embezzlement. From some of the facts learned, it seems that Davidson was sent to Alaska last year by a syndicate of Colorado miners. It is claimed that Davidson located some valuable claims and sold them for \$40,000, rendering no account for the purpose of the syndicate. Davidson claims his relations with the Colorado syndicate ceased before he located his claims.

LOUIS SANDERS.

Commits Suicide at the Stockton Insane Asylum.

STOCKTON, Aug. 29.—Louis Sanders, aged 35 years, who was committed to the State Insane Asylum from Sacramento in February, 1894, hung himself late this afternoon in a shade tree at the asylum. He had been employed as trusty, and worked in the laundry to-day. He was last seen shortly after 5 o'clock, and half an hour later was found hanging dead. He used a wire for the purpose. Sanders was a hotel proprietor in Sacramento, and shot a man there, after which he was sent to the asylum.

Pajaro Railroad Company.

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 29.—The Pajaro Railroad Company has filed its annual report with the Railroad Commissioners. The following shows the results of operations for the year 1897: Expended in construction, \$52,611.98; for equipment, \$11,717; total, \$64,328. The total cost of equipment and construction amounts to \$398,719. The gross earning of the year are \$87,000, which, minus the operating expenses, leaves a net income of \$48,485.

Woodmen of the World.

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 29.—The Head Camp of the Pacific Jurisdiction of the Woodmen of the World resumed its sessions to-day. A. B. Keith of Butte, Mont., was elected editor of the "Pacific Woodman," published at Denver. He will rank as a Head Camp officer. It was decided by an almost unanimous vote that a reserve fund should be created. The Women of Woodcraft were in session all day discussing proposed changes in the constitution.

Killed by a Freight Train.

LODI (Cal.), Aug. 29.—While intoxicated, Silas Denby, aged 19 years, was run over and killed by a freight train at Acampo yesterday. He and a friend visited Acampo, became intoxicated and started for home, despite the entreaties of the station agent, who had that young Denby sleep on the track, and met his fate in that manner. The deceased is highly connected. An inquest will be held to-morrow.

No More Troops for Manila.

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 29.—The Assistant Adjutant General of the War Department at Washington has written to Mr. Craig, President of the Chamber of Commerce, a letter with reference to the Seventh Regiment of this State, in which he says: "The Secretary of War desires me to inform you that this department does not at present contemplate the sending of any troops further west than Honolulu."

Sierra Valley Railway.

STOCKTON, Aug. 29.—The Sierra Valley Railway Directors met in San Francisco to-day and let a contract for grading the first four miles of the extension of the railroad from Jamestown, Tuolumne county, to the timber belt, twenty miles east.

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Sugar Beets in Solano County.

SUISUN (Cal.), Aug. 29.—Last spring several farmers in Solano County decided to test the adaptability of the soil for raising sugar beets, and about 600 acres were planted. The harvesting of the beets will commence next week, and considering the season, the yield will be better than anticipated.

Death Due to an Accident.

LOS ANGELES, Aug. 29.—The inquest over the body of Frank Strahorn, which was found in the basement of the uncompleted Tenth-street Hotel yesterday, was that the deceased came to his death by accident. It was found that he was seen about the city about 10 o'clock Sunday morning, and that he was intoxicated at that time.

Idaho Populists.

BOISE (Idaho), Aug. 29.—The two wings of the Populist party, after a vain effort to get together to-day, nominated a full State ticket. The Taylor wing named George B. Hill for Governor and James Gunn for Congress. The other convention named D. H. Anderson for Governor and L. T. D. Anderson for Congress.

Admiral George Brown.

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 29.—Admiral George Brown (retired) arrived here to-day. It is understood that his visit to the West is made for the purpose of inspecting the Mare Island Navy Yard. He will go to Puget Sound in a week or so.

Claim the Sheriff Made a Mistake.

LOS ANGELES, Aug. 29.—Joseph Slavin, a peddler, has been arrested by the Sheriff here on the supposition that he is J. Altman, wanted in Denver for jumping the bail. Slavin and his family are very indignant, and say the Sheriff has made a mistake.

Fatal Accident in Napa County.

NAPA, Aug. 29.—L. Balart of San Francisco, Grand District Deputy Dictator of the Knights of Honor, was killed by the accidental discharge of his gun while hunting in Brown's Valley. He was a native of Spain, and leaves a large family.

Fusion Candidate Maguire.

LOS ANGELES, Aug. 29.—James G. Maguire, fusion candidate for Governor, left for San Francisco at 11:50 to-day. He was accompanied by several political leaders.

Trial of George F. Plyer.

SANTA CRUZ, Aug. 29.—The trial of George F. Plyer, accused of mayhem, was to-day continued to September 19th.

Hop Picking in Sonoma County.

SANTA ROSA, Aug. 29.—Hop picking commenced in several yards in this county to-day. The crop is a good one, and the hops are of a fine quality.

Storm at Eureka.

EUREKA (Cal.), Aug. 29.—A thunder and lightning storm visited this section last night, with showers of rain. The precipitation amounted to .06 of an inch.

Conduct of Troops Admirable.

LONDON, Aug. 29.—The Manila correspondent of the "Times" says: "The leading commercial men here have signed a memorial to Lord Salisbury, urging him to use his influence to prevent the Spaniards from regaining supremacy in the Philippines. The conduct of the American troops is admirable. The town, since their occupation, has been successfully free from disturbance. General Greene has been ordered to return to Washington. He will sail with General Merritt."

Fifty Thousand Dollar Fire.

PITTSBURG, Aug. 29.—A fire at New Kensington, Pa., eighteen miles north of here, at four o'clock this morning, destroyed the opera-house, Harry's block, Jacob's block and a number of dwellings. The Central Hotel was badly damaged. The loss is estimated at \$50,000, partly insured.

General Buell Dying.

EVANSVILLE, Aug. 30.—A general from Calhoun, Ky., says: Special Don Carlos Buell is dying at his home near Paradise, Ky. He was taken suddenly ill Saturday and the attending physician says that he cannot live. He is 80 years old.

Lafayette Monument Commission.

CHICAGO, Aug. 30.—Ferdinand W. Peck, Commissioner for the United States to the Paris Exposition, has appointed the Governors of the different States as Vice Presidents of the Lafayette Monument Commission.

THE NONPAREIL STORE.

The balance of the week, and continuing as new goods and novelties in the line of Dress Fabrics and Silks arrive. The showing will be of such interest both in kind and price as must create a continued repetition of the thronging of our big Dress Goods section with eager patrons with their pleasing words of commendation, as was the case yesterday. All are invited—all will be interested—beautiful goods, beautiful light to show them in, and as much comfort and pleasure for us to show them as it is for you to see them.

New Silks FOR FALL. New Dress Goods FOR FALL. Black Crepons.

Crepons are a fabric that have gained such widespread popularity that this season there is no dress goods in the market equalled in demand. We are showing a very large line in all the newest creations of novelty patterns. Handsome Mohair Frises, Rich Silk-luster Pierrolais in variety to please the most fastidious. The prices are the lowest for the quality shown than you'll find obtain on the Pacific Coast. Ranging from 50c to \$2.75 the yard.

Heavy Taffetas for Waists.

Heavy taffetas, even stripes of satin, in combinations of colors, such as Buff and Black, Turquoise and Black, Orange and Black, Violet and Black. These are in short cuts for waists only, and are extremely stylish and dressy. \$1.50 a yard.

Novelty Taffetas.

Heavy Taffeta grounds in new shades, combined with black, with half-inch white satin stripes. These are particularly pretty for a fancy waist, and quite inexpensive at \$1 a yard.

Rich Plaids.

In Plaids we have selected the choicest colorings the market offers for the coming season, and we are showing them in dark or light grounds, plaided in Turquoise, Emerald, Violet and Orange, and in heavy gros grain grounds. \$1.50 and \$1.75 a yard.

Plain and Shaded Taffetas.

Ask to see our wonderful assortment of colors in plain and shaded taffetas for Fall. We have not omitted a shade from this line, and we can give you the best qualities at 75c and 85c a yard.

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FIRE AT NASHVILLE.

Half a Million Dollars' Worth of Property Destroyed. NASHVILLE (Tenn.), August 29.—At 2:05 this (Tuesday) morning fire broke out in the top floor of the five-story building of the Phillips & Buttorff wholesale and retail hardware and stove store, on the corner of Bank Alley and College street, and in an incredibly short time had completely destroyed the entire building and contents.

DESTRUCTIVE FIRE.

Eagle Bakery and Adjoining Building Destroyed. Shortly before 3 o'clock this morning flames broke out in the Eagle Bakery on K street near Ninth, and it was but a short time before that and the adjoining building were a mass of flames. Both places were completely gutted and the back porch of the Central House burned. It was due only to the efficient work of the Fire Department and the fact that the Central House was built of brick that the latter was saved.

The Bishop of the Diocese.

A story is told of an old Commodore at the Boston yard whose method of measuring religious affairs was with the same inexorable rule used for temporal things. One Sunday morning he was aroused from his nap by something in this chapel in the usual routine being announced from the pulpit, and he sternly addressed the Chaplain with: "What's that? What's that?" The Chaplain demurely repeated the notice that "by order of the Bishop of the diocese divine service will be performed in this chapel on Thursday evening next."

Captain Clarke of the Oregon.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 29.—Captain Charles E. Clark, formerly commander of the battleship Oregon, when discharged from further treatment at the hospital at New York, will be granted three months' leave of absence.

A Queer Kissing Business.

"Old-fashioned Hungerford is once more celebrating Hocktide with all its quaint customs and ancient ceremonies. This interesting ceremony began with the annual 'macaroni supper,' and will be continued to-day when the two managers of the rival banks, who have been elected 'tuttmen' for the ensuing year, go round to the houses of the tenants in the town and exercise their prerogative of kissing all the ladies in each house. Hungerford is one of the last remaining unreformed boroughs of England, and still retains its ancient official nomenclature, electing to have in place of Mayor and Corporation, a Constable, a portreeve, a keeper of the coffers, a hayward, two ale tasters, and a bellman."

Rapid Firing.

She—Did you ever see and rapid firing? He—Yes; I was in Washington when the Spanish Minister and his attaches were sent home.—Boston Journal.

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Grand Clean Up

SHOPMEN AND THEIR FAMILIES will do well to attend the closing of our Shoe Sale.

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