

PRESENT FACTS ABOUT CUBA

MILITARY REPORT ON THE ISLAND.

Repairing the Scars of War and Restoring Tranquillity to the Horrors of Spanish Rule...

Every visitor to Cuba brings back a new story in regard to the conditions and resources of the wonderful little island...

A recent plan of the war department which was carried into execution by Col. G. H. Falk...

Mr. Trowbridge is able to supplement the data contained in the report by personal observations that he made at the time...

and they have company mess, the same as they did when they were in this country...

Matanzas is cited as an instance where American occupation has produced good results...

Tobacco is its staple product, and, as in other localities, a good crop is raised...

Returning to the city of Pinar del Rio, which is the capital of the province...

Life of the City. Centers around Central Park and the Prado. Thousands of electric lights illuminate the place...

CLAY NEARING GRAVE

THE GENERAL WHO BECAME FAMOUS AND THEN FOOLISH SOON TO DIE

At the outset of his public career Clay became known as a diplomat. He came certain Dr. DeClary, who had written an abusive letter about him to the mother of his sweethearts...

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With Dulled Sense and Fading Strength the Grand Old Kentuckian Sits in His Great Mansion, Guarded by Shotgun and Cannon, a Prey to the Fear of Assassination—His Last Appearance.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., Sept. 15.—Gen. Cassius M. Clay is growing blind and his physicians fear that he will be unable to save his sight...

THE TERRIBLE BROWN DUEL

"Well," said Gen. Clay once in telling the story, "Wickliffe had after that a handbill which he read during his speeches. We had our speeches together, and when he brought out his handbill I always rose and asked if I might interrupt him. He would politely consent, and then I would say that the handbill was untrue and had been provided so.

Not one of these guardians, black or white, who guard Whitwell would hesitate for an instant to shoot and shoot to kill—were any intruder rash enough to disregard their directions...

Approach the house and you are met by a man, black or white, who with the most respectful bow and in the politest accents, says: "You can't go that way, kindly take this path. It's the general's orders."

And to back up the orders there is a loaded cannon at the front porch and the black-belted guards are pierced for double-barrel shotguns.

Had Gen. Miles brought his famous bath tub to Cuba, he would have been able to "be the mend" because of the association with American vigor and enterprise...

Without a Chaperone. After the wives of American officers came to the city and ventured out on shopping tours unaccompanied...

From the Royal Palm, and this tree is very scarce. It is regarded to cure rheumatism and is used for a barrel. Further up the trunk is the new growth and this can be peeled off...

The match-ropes are used exclusively for tobacco sheds, as any other material would burn, owing to the intense heat caused by the curing of the green leaves.

A Brilliant Spectacle. The plays are well arranged as a rule, but the staging is bad, the scenery odd and the costumes shabby.

GEN. CLAY'S APPEARANCE. Except his physicians and attendants no one has seen Gen. Clay for several weeks. His last public appearance was when he received at Whitwell the tucky League of Wheelmen. They held their meet in Richmond, and at the solicitation of friends, Gen. Clay agreed to receive them.

When the general tottered out upon his lawn to meet the wheelmen all were shocked as he charged upon and beat long. His hair was snow white and very long. An old-fashioned round comb, such as school girls used to wear, was thrust just back of his forehead to keep his hair out of his eyes.

When he finished he shook hands good-by and sought again the quiet and darkness of guarded Whitwell. Except in his appearance Gen. Clay did not on that occasion betray his eccentricities. With his falling sight he is growing upon him. Few of his friends expect him to survive much longer or, if he survives, to retain his reason.

THE GREAT KENTUCKIAN. Clay even at 22 was not a man whose utterances could pass unnoted. He was perhaps the richest Southerner of his day and a member of a famous family. From that day the pro-slavery leaders of the South were his bitter enemies.

CHINA'S EXPRESS WAGGERS

THEIR INFLUENCE HAS ALWAYS BEEN PERNICIOUS.

hat of the Present Ruler de Facto is, as Universally Known, No Exception to the Rule—How She "Tattered" the Absorption of the Young Emperor, Who is Far More Sinned Against Than Sinning—Empress Dowager's Crimes.

The following interesting elucidation of recent events in the imperial palace at Peking is taken from an English educator, now a resident of that city. In order that his usefulness may not be impaired or his life endangered, says the New York Herald, his name is withheld.

When he announces the morning lessons to a class of young ladies, he says the Chinese classic for girls. This sentence is quoted from the Book of History, written more than two thousand years ago, but it is just as applicable now in China as it was then.

Few have more reason for dreading woman's rule than they. We seek in vain in the history of China for a Zenobia or a Victoria, but we find their sister the cruelly tyrannical and unscrupulous of a Cleopatra.

Let us understand that what we have said applies not to one empress dowager alone, but to any or all of those who have usurped, or attempted to usurp, the throne of China. In this capacity they represent the women of China.

Not a few of these have been patronesses of learning, and have built courts and houses. On the 20th the establishment of school boards was ordered in every city in the empire. Such is the latest proposed reform for the month of July.

On Aug. 2 the bureau of mines and railroads was established. On the 21st the Shao and Chang Yun-huan as high commissioners. China is rich in mines, almost all of which remain unopened, has an abundance of coal, and a number of unopened coal mines were just beneath them.

On the 9th the ministers were encouraged to write memorials for the enlightenment of the authorities. This empress dowager blew out this light by suppressing the journals. On the 10th the emperor and his ministers were to consult on the "establishment of naval academies and training ships."

On Sept. 1 six minor and utterly useless boards in Peking were abolished. The rehearsal of the duties of those boards could be created a smile. On the 4th the two presidents and four vice presidents of the Imperial court were ordered to be dismissed. The emperor's orders that memorials should be presented to him unopened, whatever their source, on the 7th the cause of the provincial authorities had used them to squeeze the people.

On the 12th the Imperial court posts should be abolished in favor of the imperial court posts. On the 13th the general right to memorials was thrown by closed memorials was granted, and on the same date Manchus who had no taste for civil or military service were ordered to take up trade or professions. On the 15th the system of budgets as in western countries was approved.

For more than a year previous to the issue of these decrees, the young emperor had been purchasing every book on religion, science, government and general history that had been published in the Chinese language. Two years before he had been daily reading portions of the Scriptures. Four years earlier he had been studying the English language. No pains were spared to secure everything that would be helpful to him in the progress of his education.

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