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THE first authentic history of the present war has already appeared. It is as follows:

Uncle Sam: "Git."
Sagasta: "Nit."
Then they fit
And Spain quit.

PROBABLY 250,000 citizens and soldiers are massed in Havana. Each day that number of rations are consumed, with no addition to the supply. But the pinch can be relieved at any time by pulling down the Spanish flag.

NONE of the Greek soldiers who have offered to help us should be accepted until after our own volunteers get well to the front. The Greeks have not whipped anybody for so long a time that it is doubtful if they could even stand the shock of being even within hearing distance of an American victory.

THE postmaster general issued a very significant order this week. It provides for the establishment of postal service in the Cuban port first occupied by the United States, and appointed a special agent to organize the service, and that special agent has been authorized upon his arrival with the mail at such port in Cuba as may be first occupied by the United States, to rent suitable quarters for handling the mails, if

they cannot be furnished free by the military authorities.

ORDERS have been issued requiring all army officers to wear the uniform of their rank at the places where they may be stationed. These orders will facilitate the business of the war and navy departments in various ways, and will be of much service to business men having dealings with those departments by enabling them to know the difference between the officers attached to those departments and the civilian employes at a glance. It will also save army and navy officers who are unknown to the employes, whose duty it is to watch every person who enters the building, the annoyance of being held up until they have been identified.

THE state finance committee gave Secretaries Gage, Long and Alger impossible tasks to perform in asking them to furnish the committee with accurate estimates of what the war will cost. The best that any man can do is to guess, owing to the uncertainty as to the length of the war. Secretary Gage's guess was that the war expenses for the fiscal year beginning July 1, next, provided, of course, that the war continued that long, would be about \$300,000,000; Secretary Alger thought about half of that would be needed by the war department, and Secretary Long said he would do some figuring before submitting his guess. \$140,000,000 will have been spent on account of the war before July 1. Meanwhile the finance committee is trying to agree on the report to be made on the war revenue bill passed by the house last week. An agreement may be reached at any time, but it will not be surprising if the bill is not reported to the senate until next week. The clause for the issue of bonds is being bitterly fought, but it is the