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## OUR SOLDIER BOYS.

Thirty young men left Lafayette Thursday afternoon to join the Donaldsonville Cannoneers, one of the batteries recently called out by the governor. Nearly all of them abandoned comfortable homes and some of them gave up good, steady positions so that they might serve their country as simple privates in the volunteer army of the United States. They went forth to perform a duty, and unlike many American youths, they did not offer their services with the proviso that their acceptance be accompanied by commissions from the war department. To them ambition held out no alluring bait. The sacrifice was disinterested. The offer was unconditional. They believed they were called upon to perform a plain duty. They did not hesitate, but responded at once. They knew full well what war meant. Tales of hardships and misery were told to them by their fathers who fought through the fiercest battles of modern times. Scenes of death and bloodshed were described to them from the same lips. They were well aware of the dangers that await a soldier's life. But like gallant Southern boys they did not stop to think of the discomforts of the camp or of the awful tragedies of the battle field. They have gone perhaps not to return again. Whether they will fill soldiers' graves in a foreign land or come back to their native soil it is beyond the ken of mortal man. Let us hope that a merciful God will keep them out of harm's way and that those who now weep for them will be spared any additional sorrow. All who were at the depot when the train left and witnessed the heart-rending scenes there know how painful the separation must have been to the mothers and sisters of the boys.

The following is the roll:  
From Lafayette—

Mike Hollander,  
Alley Spole,  
Lewis McBride,  
Maurice Guidry,  
Willie Elmer,  
Paul Castel,  
Ed Matthews,  
Joseph Budloh,  
Jerome Mouton,  
Henry Judice,  
Olivier Dugas,  
J. H. Redus,  
John Greig,  
R. B. Martin,  
Aristide Francez,  
Frank McBride,  
Noot Leblanc  
G. Jordan,  
Tom Behan,  
C. S. Morris,  
Felix Villere.

From Rayne—  
R. E. Cunningham,  
James Bailey,  
Beauregard Besse,  
Henry McBride,  
Ben Harrold.

From St. Martinville—  
Olivier Guerigniere,  
Ira George,  
Martin Marais,  
Eugene Bienvenu.

Prof. R. C. Greig gave an ice-cream party to his pupils and a number of their friends at Falk's Opera House Thursday evening. There was an abundance of delicious cream and cakes and the children as well as the grown folks showed their appreciation by liberally partaking of the delicacies. Mr. Greig, and his assistant, Miss Frances Greig, have just closed the first session of their school. The well known ability of the teachers has made this school one of the most popular in this parish, and although in its first year, an average attendance of eighty children shows that the good work of Mr. and Miss Greig is appreciated by the people of Lafayette.

## THE L. S. U.

This well-known institution of learning has just held its commencement. President Boyd has reason to be proud of his successful work since his election to the presidency of the University. Speaking of the University and its work this session, one of the faculty expressed himself in substance as follows:

"The session which is thus drawing to a close is in many respects one of the most remarkable in the history of the university. Had it not been for the yellow fever scare, there would probably have been 400 students in attendance. Opening as it did on the 1st of December, there were nevertheless 250 students enrolled, some of whom came from California, Pennsylvania, Illinois, Mississippi, Alabama and other states. These latter were attracted mainly by the opportunities offered for the study of the manufacture, agriculture and chemistry of sugar. There was an increase of thirty over the session of 1896-'97 in spite of the disadvantageous circumstances. It was at first intended to close July 13, but by doing away with Christmas and Easter holidays, and doing some work on Saturday, it was found that the senior class could be brought to graduation by June 29, which was accordingly done.

"One very noticeable feature of the session has been the results of the thorough sanitary inspection to which the barracks have been constantly subjected. According to the report of Dr. T. J. Buffington, surgeon in charge, the health of the corps has been almost perfect, there having been not a single case of serious illness. This unusual good health he attributes not only to the naturally favorable conditions of the locality, but also to the pure food, the pure water and the gymnastic system. These results are largely due to the untiring energy and the wide experience of Colonel David F. Boyd. A careful survey of the reports of the various departments shows that the graduates of the university are in constant demand for engineering and chemical enterprises, as well as for school positions, the demand being largely in advance of the supply, particularly in chemistry and engineering. It is a gratifying matter to the authorities that the record of the graduates is proving, as should always be the case, the best advertisement of the university. But perhaps that feature which has been most gratifying has been the position taken by the cadets and the ex-cadets in military matters. Colonel Stevens, Lieutenant Colonel Pleasant and Colonel Wood are all alumni, while the other officers of the Louisiana regiments are drawn largely from the same source. These young men have been, and are being educated, by the state to meet just such emergencies as have arisen in the present war situation. It was expected that they would meet all demands made on either their skill or their courage, but the unanimity with which they have come to the front has surpassed expectations. The estimation in which the graduates are held by the military authorities is well illustrated by the fact that two members of the present graduating class have been appointed lieutenants in the United States army. These appointments were unsolicited. The Legislature now in session has recognized these facts by an increased appropriation, and as the growth of the institution has resulted in the overcrowding and cramping of the laboratory facilities, it is proposed to erect a new building for the purpose of remedying this deficiency. The crowding is largely due to the remarkable growth of the college department of the university. Dur-

ing the past session there have been more college students than ever before in the history of the institution. Taking it all in all, the people of Louisiana have every reason to congratulate themselves on the showing made by their State University. It is certain that the president and those in charge of the departments have spared neither time nor energy to bring this success about, and such a crowning of their efforts is a reward worth working for."

## Remarkable Expedition of the New York Journal.

New York Fourth Estate.

William R. Hearst has gone to Cuba with James R. Creelman, who was up to a few weeks ago the London correspondent of the New York World. It must be evident to even Mr. Hearst's most bitter enemies that he is not lacking in personal courage, for if there is any one man the Spaniards would like to have in any of their several Morro Castles it is the proprietor of the New York Journal. He is blamed by them with causing the war which has proven so disastrous. Then, too, they object to the habit of the Journal of printing the news just as it happens, telling of the defeats of the Spanish arms as they come in rapid succession. The following in regard to Mr. Hearst's expedition appeared in the New York Times:

"The British steamer Sylvia, Quebec Steamship Line, which arrived from Barbadoes a few days ago, will leave Long Island City, bound for Cuba. The steamer has been chartered by William R. Hearst, proprietor of the New York Journal, who proposes to publish the first paper printed in English in Cuba. He will personally superintend its production.

"Besides editors and skilled workmen the vessel takes a complete printing outfit, including stereotyping apparatus and an army handpress.

"The party expects to reach Santiago by Wednesday, and will effect a landing at the safest point in the vicinity.

The Sylvia left New York Sunday, in charge of Mr. Hearst and War Correspondent Creelman. She is the largest boat in the service of any newspaper, being a regular ocean going steamer. She will go direct to Santiago to report the big engagement which must soon take place there.

At the Journal office all information was refused as to whether Mr. Hearst had gone or not, and yet the Fourth Estate can state positively that he has gone. It is impossible to learn anything about the alleged intention to publish the first America paper in Cuba or that there was a complete outfit on the Sylvia. It is certain, however, that this is so, and that when a landing is to be made Mr. Hearst will be the first to go ashore.

**The Glorious Fourth.**  
Preparations for the Fourth of July celebration are still being made by the firemen. As stated before, it will take place in Mr. Martin's grove, if the weather is propitious. Otherwise, the court-house will be used.

Prof. Greig is working hard to get the children ready. No one is better qualified to handle the "young hopefuls" than Prof. Greig and that part of the program is in competent hands.

The members of Home Fire Company and Hook and Ladder Company will take part in a street parade. The boys of Fire Company No. 1 will not participate in the parade as their uniforms are not yet completed.

It is to be hoped that the people of Lafayette will patronize this affair as the money is badly needed. Without an alarm bell our system of fire protection is very deficient.

## GEN. SHAFTER

Says His Troops Are in Excellent Spirits And Anxious to Get At the Enemy.

Washington, June 30.—The war department received the welcome information to-day that a military telegraph station had been established at Savilla, in the centre of the present military operations and that this line ran to a point near Aquadores, where it is connected with the French cable line, thus bringing General Shafter into direct communication with the war department. General Greely received a dispatch to this effect at 10:30 o'clock from Lieut. Col. Allen, who has charge of the telegraphic and cable operations. The information was conveyed to the secretary of war and General Miles and gave much satisfaction, as it accomplishes an end long sought and difficult to accomplish. The work has been done by Colonel Allen, assisted by Major Green of General Shafter's staff. The shore point, at which the military line connects with the French cable company will be advanced to Aquadores as soon as that town is taken. It is now held by the Spanish forces, but the purpose is to have the warships shell it, after which it will be occupied as a shore base.

Beyond this the war department has received little news from General Shafter's headquarters in addition to the important reports received from him yesterday. In fact nothing but the actual assault remains to be reported after the significant statement made by General Shafter to General Miles, that he expected to take Santiago as soon as he got ready to move, without waiting for reinforcements. The substance of this dispatch was made known yesterday but the actual text can now be given. It was in reply to General Miles' dispatch of the 25th saying:

"Congratulations on success attained thus far; regret most deeply to hear of loss of your heroic men. Cable what you desire for your command."

General Shafter's reply was primarily to acknowledge the congratulations but he took occasion in doing this briefly and to the point, to state his plans in the following words:

"Expect to take the place as soon as I get ready to move. Reinforcements will not reach me."

The dispatch in full is as follows: "Playa del Este, June 24, 4:34 p. m.—Major General Miles, Commanding Army, Washington: "Paiquiri, Cuba, June 26.—Thanks for congratulations. Affair was unimportant (skirmish in which rough riders participated). Nine sixty-four only engaged on our side. But it was very decisive in our favor, enemy retreating precipitately. Lack of cavalry only prevented their capture.

"Reports from Spanish sources from Santiago say we were beaten, but persisted in fighting and they were obliged to fall back. Deeply regret loss of so many brave men.

"Expect to take the place as soon as I get ready to move. Reinforcements will not reach me. Horses stood voyage well. Would like horses and (probably for) third battalion of first cavalry and Woods' volunteers.

"Health and spirit of command splendid. Last of artillery and troops landed to-day, besides transferring Ascadores, fifty miles off, 3,000 troops of Garcia. All landed. Have something over 4,000 Cubans.

"Hope to send you favorable reports soon. (Signed).

SHAFTER.

"Major General U. S. V. Commanding."

Gen. Shafter's reference to the condition of men and horses was brought out by an inquiry from General Miles saying: "Telegraph condition of command, number of men sick, condition of men and horses and what you most need."

Besides the foregoing dispatches to General Miles, other official dis-

patches from headquarters came to the war department. It was in the above, however, that Gen. Shafter stated his expectation to take the city before reinforcements reached him. The other official dispatches gave the advance of Spanish troops from Manzanillo 8,000 strong, and also expressed General Shafter's belief that he could take the city in forty-eight hours, but with considerable loss. The text of these dispatches has not been given out, but they are likely to be made public later.

If there is anything that the war has proved to the entire satisfaction of the American people that our navy is, from the highest officer down to the humblest jackie aboard ship, full of fighting grit and anxious for an opportunity to show what they can accomplish in a brush with the enemy. Not an officer or a man has flinched from any danger, but many have wept because others were sent to face death without them. Dewey daring the torpedoes at Manila, Bagley dead in the attempt to do a battle-ship's work with a little egg-shell of a torpedo boat at Carlenas, and Hobson throwing his life like an old coat into the channel at Santiago were merely types of our whole naval service. Every man in the fleet wanted to go with Hobson.—Daily States.

Congressman Grosvenor, who is regarded at Washington as the mouth-piece of President McKinley, declares that the American flag must permanently remain wherever the war plants it, over Cuba, the Philippines, Porto Rico, and perhaps the Canary and Ladrone Islands. In the declaration of war, however, the unanimous vote of both houses of Congress pledged the faith of the country as follows: "That the United States hereby disclaims any disposition or intention to exercise sovereignty, jurisdiction or control over said island, except for the pacification thereof, and asserts its determination, when that is accomplished, to leave the government and control of the island to its people."

The above is a clear declaration to mankind that in the present war with Spain we have no purpose of permanent conquest, and yet two months after war has been proclaimed the Republican leader of the House declares that conquest is our purpose, and it is the intention of this country to bring dishonor upon itself by violating a solemn pledge it has made to the nations of the world.—Daily States.

## Will Close on the Fourth.

The following citizens of Lafayette have consented to close their places of business at 4 p. m. on the Fourth of July on account of the firemen's celebration.

Plonsky Bros., Mouton & Salles, Plonsky & Bernard, Mrs. P. Gerac, A. Delahousse, F. M. Bissat, Gus Schaulen, Mouton Bros., A. Krauss, Geo. Doucet, Moss Bros. & Co., Lafayette Clothing House, B. Falk, L. Levy, J. J. Marsh, Miss Julie Revillon, Martin & Ducote, Mrs. W. B. Bailey, Mrs. J. O. Mouton, Wm. Clegg, L. Lacoste, M. Dupuis, L. E. Rigue, J. A. Delhomme, M. & P. Hession, M. Resenfield, Pellerin Bros., Jno. O. Mouton, Phil. Crouchet, H. D. Delahousse, Joseph Hane, A. D. Martin, Mouton & Hopkins, E. Bodenheimer, F. Lombard, J. F. Tanner, F. Demande, Robert Richard, Siodous Bros., Jos. C. Caloulet, & Co., Geo. Doucet, H. H. Honorst, A. J. Sprole, B. Miller.

The gentlemen who circulated the list to get the above signatures met with only four refusals.

If you wish to borrow money at a small rate of interest, and easy payments see W. E. Bland, Cottage Hotel.

## HAMILTON FISH, Jr.

(Killed in Battle, Near Santiago, June 24, 1898.)  
Mid smoke of battle and clash of steel,  
And scream of the hurdling shells,  
From powder flame to the arms of Fame—  
We know how he fought and fell:

Oh, cease to prate of the rich man's pride  
In the land where love abides;  
The platoon, in a cowboy's hat,  
With his backskinned brethren rides.  
Yes, fierce and wild was the charge they made  
On the treacherous horse that day;  
And when it was o'er, the son of the poor  
With the son of the rich man lay.

Sons of the East and Sons of the West  
Rode rough o'er the sons of Spain;  
And when it was done,—at set of sun  
They found him among the slain—

First in the van of the headlong charge—  
First kissed by the lips of Fame—  
His spirit freed by a daring deed—  
And a nimbus 'round his name—

W. F. DENBO,  
New Orleans, La., June 25, 1898.

When Capron, the brave captain of the Rough Riders, was shot and mortally wounded near Santiago some of his men rushed to him. He said to them: "Don't mind me, boys; go on and fight." These were the words of a hero. We agree with the States a monument should be erected to the memory of this gallant soldier and his last words chiseled at the base.

Dr. H. J. Dupuy, Jr. and Dr. Clarence Pierson, who had received the appointments of assistant surgeons in Hood's regiment, have returned home and decided not to accept the positions, as they had reason to expect the appointment with the rank of captain, while latterly it has been decided to make these appointments with the rank of lieutenant. Dr. Dupuy will spend a few weeks in town with relatives and then return to New Orleans and resume his position in the Eye, Ear, Nose and Throat Hospital.—New Iberia Enterprise.

It was too bad that it was decided to confer upon these young gentlemen the title of lieutenant instead of that of captain. Of course they could hardly have been expected to serve as assistant surgeons with the rank of lieutenant. When we come to think of it, the war department ought to be ashamed of itself. Just for spite their friends ought to dub them "captain" anyhow.

## Fight Over the Negro Question.

A special from Chickamanga to the Times-Democrat says: "A serious riot between the Ninth New York and Second Arkansas men was narrowly averted late this evening. One of the New Yorkers remarked that a negro in the North was as good as a Southern white man.

"Private White, First Arkansas, overheard the remark and promptly knocked the New Yorker down. A number of New York men surrounded White and handled him roughly while he was fighting his way out of the crowd with open knife. White ran to his quarters, followed by about fifteen New Yorkers, and a lively time ensued. White was placed under arrest and will be court-martialed to-morrow. Later, nine New Yorkers and six Arkansas men engaged in a short but fierce fight. Further trouble is feared to-night."

Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Denbo and children left this week for Corydon, Ind. Mr. Denbo will return to Lafayette in a few days, while Mrs. Denbo and the children will spend a month or two with relatives in Indiana.

From July 1 call boxes at the post-office will be rented at 25 cents a quarter.

The flag-raising which was announced to take place at the Century club last Wednesday was, on account of the unfavorable weather, postponed to next Tuesday evening at 7 o'clock.

## Own Your Home.

All persons who desire to build homes and pay for them in small monthly payments should confer with W. E. Bland who will be at the Cottage Hotel for a few days.