

IN CAMP AT HAVANA

ST. PAUL BOY OF THE ENGINEER CORPS WRITES A LETTER HOME

DROWNING OF GEORGE PICHA

He Was Caught by a Huge Wave and Carried Out Into the Breakers to Be Torn to Pieces on the Coral Reef—There Was No Chance to Save Him—Life of the Troops in Cuba.

The following letter has been received from Fred T. Lambert, of Company G, Second Regiment, U. S. V., engineers stationed near Havana, Cuba, written to his father:

I have been pretty busy during the past few days, but find time today to write to the folks at home. I don't know as I told you of the last few evenings at Huntsville or not, so you will excuse any repetition I may make. I have been pretty busy during the past few days, but find time today to write to the folks at home. I don't know as I told you of the last few evenings at Huntsville or not, so you will excuse any repetition I may make.

SAW LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN.

I was on guard from 12 to 2 a. m., and was awake when we passed Lookout mountain, a little after 2, and saw as much of it as possible from a moving train, as it was a bright moonlight night, but a little misty. We passed through Atlanta, Ga., after noon next day, and got our "liquid coffee" there. We arrived at Jacksonville after 8, a little late for the Corbett-Hunt fight, but I went up the street a little ways to get breakfast in a nigger restaurant, but when I saw the looks, etc., I got up and left, but many preferred dirty grub to the traveling rations allowed us. I bought a couple of pies and a couple of cans of condensed milk and went back to the train. We arrived at St. Augustine at noon, and while the train was switched and the coffee prepared for us, I walked around the depot and took the first snap shot with my camera. I hope this new picture of mine, taken with a new camera in the oldest city in the new world will turn out a good one. We were routed out of our berths about 10:15 that night, as we had arrived at Miami, Fla., the point of embarkation. I was on the detail that was to remain behind to guard the property, and I was disappointed as I wanted to go with the company. I became reconciled by thinking how I could photograph the whole town of Miami on the way to the ship. But I was taken off detail after everything was ready for leaving. Our two companies went aboard the board 4 a. m. Sunday, Jan. 1. We had seen out the old year and seen in the new, in a different manner than ever before. I do not think many of us will forget that night, that New Year's eve, and the following day. I was awake all night as the hubbub made by the men pushing trucks and handling freight kept me from getting any sleep. We had a different train than when we came from Montauk, Sheridan or St. Paul. Coming from St. Paul we had three cars of a regular train; from Sheridan the two battalions had about thirty cars, and from Montauk our companies had six sleepers and two or three cars of freight, but coming from Havana we had six sleepers, several cars of stock, four or five cars of wagons and ten or more cars of freight. The companies of our battalion had also come down from Augusta, Ga., and boarded the boat a little after 5.

EN ROUTE TO HAVANA.

It was 6 a. m. when the boat steamed out into the channel. It was a fine morning, and we witnessed a beautiful sunrise. It was the most balmy New Year morning I ever saw, and the green Florida coast looked fine. I was not on special duty on this trip, so they had me on guard again. I could keep the fellows from smoking between decks, and admire the Florida keys just the same. Towards evening the boat began to roll a little, and after eating my supper I had to go on guard again, and of course had to stand all night. I did not do much sleep, but I might have been all right, but my time was not up until 8, and by that time I was pretty dizzy and did not do much sleep. I was on my back, and I proceeded to feed the sharks. At 12, when I was to go on again, I said I was sick, and the corporal of the guard put the late George Piche on in my stead. In the morning when my turn came for the detail, I was able to do my duty. At 3:30 we were in Havana harbor. It was dark, but there were many vessels there, and the lights on the shore made the city made a pretty sight. The searchlight was played from one buoy to another, and in this way we looked out our way to the harbor. The searchlight revealed the wreck of the Maine, and a 4 m. we anchored within 150 feet of it. I took several snap shots of the Maine during the day, and also tried to get shots at the Brooklyn and the Texas, which were still in the harbor. There were several technicalities to go through with, and it was after dinner when the lighters hove alongside to unload the Lincoln. It was almost dark when we tied up at the dock, and it was dark when we were allowed to step off the boat on Cuban soil. We had no place to go to that night, so we each picked out the softest places on the dock planks and went to sleep. We were right above where the sewers of Havana empty into the harbor, and a nice place it was. The next day loaded the material on the wagons to be taken out to our new camp.

RUNNING THE GUARD.

I ran the guard, with Tom Tillingham, before breakfast, we went up the narrow, dirty streets, and bought some bread, cocon and milk, having a great time trying to make the natives understand. We had heard that no soldiers were allowed in Havana, so we had to keep our eyes open to avoid the guards. I ran into two or three, but had no trouble in bluffing it. I was out again before dinner and again after dinner. I managed to pick up a little Spanish in dickering. I couldn't speak any Spanish before breakfast, but before dinner I could buy oranges in Spanish and pay for them in Spanish money, and dicker with the fakirs, and before night-fall I could speak Spanish fluently. Those who had remained behind to work fell in with our triumphal march through the city. Our triumphal march through the city was a grand success, but when we left the business portion of the town our officers lost their bearings, and we poor devils had to sit up against a high stone wall and converse and wait until the officers found out which way to go. Of course many of the men kicked, but I only saw the funny side of it, and took it for another experience of soldiering. Officers who get lost in time of peace may do well enough, but I would not care to get lost in ambush where fighting is to be done. We finally reached camp, tired and hungry. We soon regained our senses on "harcove coffee," hardtack and saw belly. That evening we slept in a few tents that had been pitched on the camp ground.

Mr. Lambert gives an interesting account of the drowning of George Picha, of St. Paul. He writes: The shore about here very bad, as it is composed entirely of coral rock, and bathing is out of the question, or would be if the Spaniards had not constructed many rectangular basins. These basins are of coral rock smoothed down and cemented with cement steps leading down to the water. The side towards the ocean has a square opening through which the water enters, as the breakers keep the pool well filled with fresh ocean water. Last Sunday Louis O. Carlson and George Picha went down to take a bath, and the two mentioned sat or stood on the edge of a large pool, when a monstrous wave came in, breaking over them. Carlson caught hold of something, while George caught hold of the pool, which was a boiling, seething cauldron for some time, and then when the water rushed out it carried poor George with it. He swam and made a hard struggle for life, but finally said good-bye to the boys and gave himself up. There was no hope to be had, or he might have been saved, but to have tried to save him would have only added another victim. The heavy sea and breakers would soon have exhausted and battered the best of swimmers to death on those rugged, sharp coral rocks. George's body was recovered, and I was one of the boys picked out for the escort or firing squad. It was the first firing ever done by our company, and we fired three solid volleys over the grave, better than some of the ragged volleys I have heard regular fire.

Optical Dept. Second Floor.
Monday only—Solid Gold \$2.75
Rimless Glasses, the kind that you will pay \$4.00 to \$6.00 for elsewhere.
Eyes Examined Free of Charge.

THE NORTHWEST'S GREATEST STORE!
Schuneman & Evans
SIXTH & WABASHA STS. ST. PAUL, MINN.

Laces--Broken Lots TO CLOSE OUT
Which means that the Laces were popular sellers, hence odd lots. Consist of Valenciennes, Point de Paris, Mechlin and Maltese, cream and white, value up to 50c in January. Now the price to close..... **12 1/2c**
Valenciennes Lace by the doz. yards, 10c, 15c, 25c.

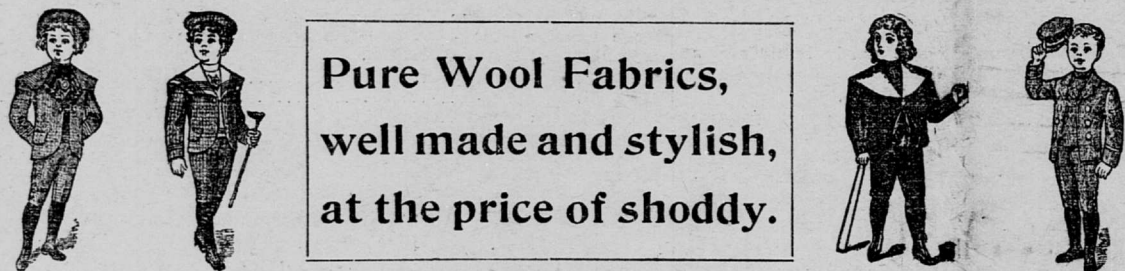
1899—New Spring Dress Goods—1899

We are daily receiving large consignments of New Spring Dress Goods in all the leading styles and colorings—amongst them have some exceptionally good bargains.

- AN EXTRA SPECIAL PURCHASE.**
- 25 Pieces All-wool Iron Frame Grenadines—In black with a colored silk lining attached; full 45 inches wide. The regular retail price of this line is \$2.50 per yard. We closed out this small lot from one of the largest manufacturers, and will place the same on sale Monday morning for **69c**. This will be a quick sale and an important one.
 - 10 Pieces All-wool Spring Suitings—Another lot of those beautiful new goods that we sold last week, the regular 50c kind, for **25c** just half-price.
 - 25 Pieces New Skirting Plaids—In the large Golf effects, new Scotch effects, new basket weaves, plaids in Scotch cheviot weaves and a great many other kinds, in the very latest spring styles and colorings, both light and dark shades. We have them now in three prices for Monday—yard—**\$1.00**, 50c, 75c and.....
 - 100 Pieces New Granite Cloth—New Plaids, New Herringbone Effects, Suitings, English Checks, Two-tone Poplins, and a great many other kinds, in all the latest spring mixtures. This line can't be beat anywhere for less than 50c a yard. Our special price on this lot for Monday..... **39c**
 - 15 Pieces Fancy Cords—Two-tone colorings in the new shades of Havana brown, the new red, olive and myrtle green, with a heavy raised cord of black, full 48 inches wide, made to sell for \$1.00 a yard; for this sale just half-price, which is much less than the manufacturers' price—yard..... **50c**
 - 10 Pieces All-wool Black Thibet Serge—46 to 48 inches wide, good heavy quality, our regular 75c seller, for three days..... **55c**
 - 25 Pieces New Black Crepons—Beautiful new designs, both small and large effects, the bright Mohair luster finish, just as handsome as any silk Crepon, 42 inches wide. Our special price for Monday—yard..... **\$2.00**

Our Announcement Last Week of a February Sale of 2,000 Boys' Suits

At less than the manufacturer had to pay for the material brought business from the jump. It's the complete and unequalled Winter and Early Spring Overstock of BERNHEIMER & ARNOLD, 708 Broadway, New York. This well known wholesale firm manufactures none but High-Grade Clothing—hence this sale is of importance to every family in St. Paul, for you get



Pure Wool Fabrics, well made and stylish, at the price of shoddy.

All ages from 3 to 16 years, in all the latest styles, are on sale at these prices:
Suits that retail regularly up to \$3.50, for **\$1.75** | Suits that retail regularly up to \$6.00, for **\$2.95** | Suits that retail regularly up to \$8.50, for **\$3.95**

The people who came the past three days—and they were many—had but one story: that this sale is a record-breaker in value-giving that every mother should visit in justice to herself and family.
It's a money-saving sale that calls for prompt attention.

Regarding Wash Goods.

Any lady that has seen the various Wash Fabric stocks can tell you where the **best and most complete** is. We venture she'll locate it at Schuneman & Evans.

An attraction Monday, and in fact all the week, will be **100 pieces of New Spring Gingham**—Colors and styles are fashion's latest. Price should be 12 1/2c; we make it less than half price, at..... **6c**

Also 400 pieces of the best English Percales—Styles exclusive with us; colors guaranteed fast; sell in the East at 15c. On sale Monday and Tuesday only..... **10c**

New Piques, New Welts, New Piccadilly Corded Madrases and Plain Madrases, price for two days..... **15c**

The beautiful Mousseline de Soie of 1899—that shining, summery-tinted goods that delights the heart of the up-to-date woman. Your choice, per yard, of many patterns Monday and Tuesday..... **50c**

Embroideries, 8c and 25c.

Closing out certain broken lines makes rare prices, but sensible women like rare bargains:
A lot of Cambric, Nainsook and Swiss Edges—new 1899 goods that have sold so well that only broken lots are left; widths 2 to 6 inches; price was 15c. Monday and till disposed of..... **8c**

For 40c and 65c Nainsook, Cambric, Swiss and beautiful Applique Embroideries. This lot will bring us face to face with women of good taste, who appreciate an extra fine Skirt Embroidery.

February Sale of Upholstery Goods.

We Start our annual February sale of Upholstery Goods with a larger, more varied, more complete assortment of choice, desirable goods than ever before. We are showing all of the new spring styles and colorings, and if you have work of this kind to do you will save considerable money by attending to it this month.

- Per Yard.
- \$4.00 Silk French Tapestries, 50 inches wide..... **\$2.50**
 - \$3.00 All-silk Brocatelles and Wool Tapestry..... **1.75**
 - \$2.50 French Sydney Tapestries..... **1.50**
 - \$2.00 Silk Tapestries, very fine..... **1.25**
 - \$1.50 Silk and French Tapestries..... **1.00**
 - \$1.50 Gobelins Tapestries..... **1.00**
 - \$1.00 Cotton Tapestries..... **.65**
 - 75c Cotton Tapestries..... **.50**
 - 40c Satin Russe Tapestries..... **.25**
 - \$2.00 Silk Plushes and Velours..... **1.50**
 - \$1.00 Silk and Wool Plushes..... **.75**
 - \$1.50 Corduroys and Velours..... **.75**

Cords, Gimps, Fringes, Webbing, Burlap, Hair, Moss, Tow, Tacks, Twine, etc., in fact anything you may need for doing your own repair work.

Upholstery Repair Work will be done during this month at very much reduced prices, in order to keep our workmen busy. Remember this is a short month.

Upholstery Goods Remnants in abundance at right prices.

Upholstery Department Third Floor.

Changing-Hands Sale of SHOES.

On the first day of March SCHUNEMAN & EVANS will take possession of the last leased business department in this Great Store—THAT DEPARTMENT IS SHOES. Between now and March 1st every dollar's worth of stock in the present Shoe Department must be sold. In plain words—

8,000 pairs==\$15,000 worth of Shoes at Less than Cost to Manufacture.

Only twenty business days left in February to effect this immense clearance sale, but the prices to be made on every pair of Shoes in the stock will bring the result, probably earlier than we have calculated. Such are these example prices:

- All \$4.00 Ladies' Shoes—Changing-hands-sale-price..... **\$2.98**
- All \$3.00 Ladies' Shoes—Changing-hands-sale-price..... **\$1.98**
- All \$2.50 Ladies' Shoes—Changing-hands-sale-price..... **\$1.69**
- All \$2.00 Ladies' Shoes—Changing-hands-sale-price..... **\$1.29**
- All \$2.00 Misses' Shoes, sizes 11 to 2—Changing-hands-sale-price..... **\$1.49**
- All \$1.50 Misses' Shoes, sizes 11 to 2—Changing-hands-sale-price..... **\$1.19**

REMEMBER, March 1st, we start business as owners of this Shoe department with an entirely new stock. That's one part and condition of the change. Another condition is that the old stock shall be sold out slick and clean on the premises. It's your gain, for the goods are fresh and new, having been mostly bought before this change was ever thought of.

Crockery and Silverware

Specials for Three Days Are Here Given.

- 5 dozen Lamp Globes in solid colors, pale blue or green; two sizes. Large size, each... **59c** Small size, each... **49c**
- Five Barrels of Imitation Cut Glass Cream Pitchers, Sugar Bowls, Spoon Holders and covered Butter Dishes, each..... **3c**
- 100 sets of warranted triple Silver Plated Knives and Forks, in neat case, worth \$2.75; per set..... **\$1.95**
- 2 Crates of Thin English Semi-Porcelain 100-piece Dinner Sets just arrived—new shapes and very delicate decorations in pale blue and green, per set..... **\$6.90**
- Our entire stock of Imitation Cut Glass Sauce Dishes, a good assortment, only, each **2c**
- Special Sale on all Hanging and Table Lamps. Everyone must be closed out to make room for new stock.

Our \$1.45 Lamps for \$1.00 Our \$1.95 Lamps for \$1.30 Our \$3.25 Lamps for \$2.15 Our \$3.95 Lamps for \$2.05 Our \$4.50 Lamps for \$3.00 Our \$6.95 Lamps for \$4.05 Our \$8.50 Lamps for \$6.35

A few more of those beautifully decorated, warranted quadruple Silver Plated Baking Dishes, worth \$3.95; each..... **\$1.90**

A lot of Old Tea Pots, a large assortment, all warranted quadruple silver plate, worth \$3.50 to \$5.00.. **\$2.25**

Big lot of 10-Inch Dome Shades. The right size for your reading lamp. Pretty decorations in blue or pink, worth 69c, each..... **39c**

New Silks. New Grenadines.

New Silks and Grenadines at new prices. Our silk stock was never in such a healthy condition as now. Everything in the entire department is new, of sterling quality, latest weaves and styles, at prices we have no fear of competition equaling.

- BLACK GRENADINES.**
To introduce our unexcelled new stock of Black Silk Grenadines Monday we will price them as follows:
\$1.50 kinds for..... **\$1.00**
\$2.00 kinds for..... **\$1.35**
\$2.50 kinds for..... **\$1.75**
\$5.00 kinds for..... **\$3.25**
- NEW BLACK SILK FOR SKIRTS.**
Handsome styles and excellent wearing Silks for separate skirts, soft gros grain with satin stripes; regular value \$1.35. For Monday only..... **\$1.00**
- 45-inch Wash Silks in stripes, plaids and checks, a beautiful variety, on sale Monday at..... **29c**
- COLORED SATIN DUCHESSE.**
New All-Silk Duchesse for waists are here in every shade; regular \$1.35 quality. Our price Monday..... **98c**
- Black Habutai, White Habutai, Colored Chinas; 39c kinds. Monday..... **23c**
- Latest Corded Wash Silks, latest Plaid Wash Silks, latest Checked Wash Silks, NATURAL PONGEE, worth to 69c. Monday only..... **45c**
- NEW PLAIN TAFFETAS.**
Best Dress and Waist Taffetas, in Reds, Blues, Garnets, Helios and Greens. Our prices, 80c and..... **69c**

Muslin Underwear—Interesting... Announcement

In 1898 we made arrangements to hold the most successful January Sale of Muslin Underwear in our business history. Owing to our manufacturer's inability to get the orders for Embroideries filled promptly we were disappointed in the date of delivery of many beautiful Undermuslins. All overdue shipments are now in—unpacked and ready.

Monday morning we open the most complete and satisfactory display of Muslin Underwear ever brought to St. Paul. The garments are the well-made kind—generous in amount of material as well as of best quality. Trimmings are all the better for the waiting. You'll find yourself amply repaid for the delay of the sale and will join us in saying 'tis a display worth seeing and well worth buying. Come, then, Monday to our February Sale of Muslin Underwear.

Artists' Materials. We've Reached the Limit of **Low Prices in Jackets.**
All our Artists' Materials go on sale for three days at **HALF-PRICE.**
And from now on every Heavy Jacket in the house is here at a price that will pay you to heed if you are to buy for late winter, early spring or next season's use.

If we can fit you there is a saving here for you of from \$3.00 to \$15.00. Sizes are more or less broken, but there are many kinds for choice, and early selection is your lookout, now that price bottom is announced.

Some bargains other than Jackets to be found in the same section.
Wrappers—Flannellette Wrappers, worth \$1.50 and \$1.25, at about half-price. We have taken 25 Wrappers from regular stock, garments **98c** that are perfect in fit and up to date.....

Ladies' Figured Brilliantine Skirts, made in the latest style, perfect in workmanship and fit, lined with a good quality of Percale, Velvet bound..... **\$1.85**

Flannellette Dressing Sacques,—the kind we sell as a special for 50c, are marked still lower for Monday..... **39c**

Men's Few Wants

are easily supplied—and with little money, too, by these Monday and Tuesday pricings.

White Dress Shirts—Men's Unlaundered fine Muslin, full size, Pure Linen bosom, all sleeve lengths, S. & E. special; **39c**
50-cent kind, each.....

Fancy Dress Shirts—Men's Laundered Madras and Percale, have detached link cuffs, \$1.00 and \$1.50 qualities. This sale..... **50c**

Fancy Dress Shirts—Men's Laundered, new, handsome patterns, have two turn-down collars and detached link cuffs, each **\$1.00**

Night Shirts—Men's and Boys' heavy double fleece, extra long and wide, desirable patterns. Our low cash price 50c. For Monday we say, each..... **39c**

Night Shirts—Men's best quality White Drill, full size, nicely finished. Our cash price 75c. Special..... **50c**

Union Suits—Men's heavy fleece ribbed, Oneita style, perfect fitting, made to sell at \$1.50. Monday, per suit..... **75c**

Union Suits—Ypsilanti, full regular, extra heavy, pure lamb's wool, mostly large sizes, \$10.00 kind, for..... **\$4.50**

Clearance Sale Wall Paper Hardware for Three Days.

continues to attract, for all that Jack Frost has been so busy. Remember, everything goes before March 1st at prices less by half than you'll be charged when the season opens. Landlords and others using large quantities of Wall Paper, take notice.

White Back Papers, worth 5c. Clearance Sale Price..... **3c**

A large line of Glimmer Papers, with 9 and 18-inch borders, worth up to 10c. Clearance Sale Price..... **4c**

Gilt Papers, with 9-inch borders. Clearance Sale Price..... **5c**

Handsome Parlor Papers, with 18-inch borders, worth up to 25c. Clearance Sale Price..... **8c**

Borders to match above at correspondingly low prices. Room Moldings from 1 1/2c per foot up. Bring the measurements of your rooms.

Coasting Sleds. Boys' Coasting Sleds, similar to cut; to close out, **12c** each.....

WASH BOILERS.
No. 8 Copper Bottom. 49c No. 8 Copper Rim..... **69c**
No. 9 Copper Bottom. 59c No. 9 Copper Rim..... **79c**