

STRENGTH OF THE NAVIES OF THE U. S. AND SPAIN.

VESSELS	SPAIN		UNITED STATES	
	Total guns carried	Total guns carried	Total guns carried	Total guns carried
1st Class Battleships	1	1	1	1
2nd and 3rd class Battleships	1	1	1	1
Non-armored coast def.	1	1	1	1
Armored Cruisers	1	1	1	1
Protected and partially protected Cruisers	1	1	1	1
Unprotected Cruisers	1	1	1	1
1st class gunboats	1	1	1	1
2nd and 3rd class gunboats	1	1	1	1
Torpedo boat destroyers	1	1	1	1
Torpedo boats, 1st class	1	1	1	1
Torpedo boats, 2nd class	1	1	1	1
Minors and auxiliary vessels	1	1	1	1
Submarine vessels	1	1	1	1
Dispatch boats, 1st class	1	1	1	1
Dispatch boats, 2nd class	1	1	1	1

The Spanish army in Cuba, land forces, is estimated at 175,000; in the Philippine Islands, 38,000; at home in Spain, active army, 85,000; 1st reserves, 100,000; 2nd reserves, 1,000,000; total war strength, land forces, 1,458,000.

United States land forces—Regular army, 27,532; total militia different States, liable to military service, estimated, 10,000,000; total, 10,027,532.

PEERLESS CUBA.

Some Facts and Figures About the Richest Island in the World.

The eyes of the world have long been focused upon Cuba in consequence of the struggle going on there, and all reading people are familiar with the dark and terrible history of that struggle; but strange to say, very little is known about the natural resources of the land which, even now, with her richest vestments shredded, is called the indestructible "Pearl of the Antilles," with such wealth in her soil and under it as no earthly power can take away. But with the dawn of freedom for the unhappy island at hand, people begin to turn inquiringly from the gruesome pictures of death and destruction which have so long held their attention, to the possibilities of Cuba when armies of industry shall take the place of those of war, and what a panorama of immense possibility lies shimmering before them. Cuba is 600 miles long, 111 miles in breadth at its widest point, and 21 miles at the narrowest point. It has, therefore, at approximate area of 42,000 square miles, being nearly the size of the state of Pennsylvania. The development of Cuba from its earliest occupancy in 1511 has been constantly retarded and often stopped by the dark cloud of Spanish oppression which has been the enforcement of the principle of taxation without representation—a *casus belli* parallel to the one which brought about American independence. Insurrection after insurrection has been followed by defeat and butchery of the Cubans, but the immortal longing for liberty could not be crushed out of their breasts, and now there dawns upon the vision of patriots the light of freedom only a little way ahead.

It is interesting and surprising to the stranger to learn that within the circumscribed compass of this island there is concentrated a greater variety of natural resources than can be found in any other island, state province or country in the world. This statement is verified by reliable statistics and unbiased witnesses. Its millions of acres of land are said to be richer, by far than any in the United States and will grow anything from a potato to a pineapple; it yields sugar and tobacco abundantly; it has tremendous forests of mahogany and other fine woods; its uplands grow every product known to the temperate zone, while its valleys produce luxuriant crops of tropical fruits; its mines yield iron, copper and manganese; it has also more than 200 ports.

With the assistance of American and other foreign capital considerable progress in the development of these natural resources has been made in spite of the ignorant methods of the Spanish authorities in handicapping every public enterprise and retarding everything that does not increase the revenue or glory of the powers that be in Madrid. Large plantations have been put in cultivation, mines have been opened and cities have sprung up. All these sources of revenue were highly profitable notwithstanding heavy taxes until the present revolution and devastation began.

The normal population is 1,000,000 persons of Spanish descent, 19,000 foreign whites, 43,000 Chinese and 500,000 colored people. Havana alone has a population of 260,000. The city was founded in 1534 and is one of the most beautiful, picturesque and famous cities in the world. It has a splendid harbor and has always been of great commercial importance, being second only to New York in the Western world. Two thirds of Cuba's products find outlet through Havana, and the exports of sugar alone amount to 120,000,000 pounds annually.

The city is strongly fortified.

The average temperature of the year is higher than in countries further north, but the climate is more regular and subject to no sudden changes. In Havana the average temperature of the hottest month is 84 degrees; of the coldest 72 degrees. In Santiago de Cuba the average temperature of the year is 80 degrees; of the hottest month 84; of the coolest, 73. These are not high figures for an island lying in the equatorial regions and surrounded by water that is warm to the hand all the year round. The wet and dry seasons alternate as elsewhere in the tropics and the rainfall during the former is exceedingly heavy. In the dry season rains are not frequent but this is atoned for by an abundance of dew.

Many mineral springs, famed for their great healing properties are found on the island, principal among them being those known as the baths of San Diego. The temperature of the water is 82 degrees F., and it is very strongly impregnated with oxygen, carbonic acid gases, chloride of sodium, sulphate of lime, iron, magnesia, silica and chloride of calcium. Four glasses of this water a day and two baths are said to cure almost every disease known to materia medica. At any rate a great many praising cures have been effected, particularly of bronchial and scrofulous complaints. If these springs were managed properly they would no doubt become the sanitarium of the world.

A TRIFLE TOO MUCH.

How an Old Derby's Sympathy Was Fastidiously Imposed Upon.

General Nichols of Louisiana commanded a brigade of infantry during the valley campaign in Virginia which so immortalized the name of Stonewall Jackson. In one of the three famous victories over Banks, Milroy and Shields, says the Nashville American, the Louisiana brigade bore a conspicuous part, and its gallant commander was carried from the field mortally wounded, as every one supposed, but good nursing and skillful surgery saved the life of the general. He left a leg and an arm on the battlefield and lost one of his eyes. He wears an artificial leg on one side of his body and an arm on the opposite. The pluck which enabled him to withstand these terrible wounds, and to which he is indebted for his life, perhaps, more than to any other cause, sticks to him yet, and he is one of the most jovial of men, enjoying a good joke as much as anybody. He tells this of himself:

When canvassing for governor, he was invited by a lady who knew of his loss of limbs to make her home his home, and he accepted. She ordered her manservant, who knew nothing of the general's misfortune, to see that he went comfortably put to bed. The darky felt proud of the honor of serving a distinguished general and the next morning, and the general was inclined to be communicative, which delighted the negro very much and made him feel at home with his guest. When he took the general's arm off and laid it on the table, he commenced to express great sympathy, saying:

"It sho' is bad for a man to lose his arm dat way! An de Yankee done dis, did dey?"

When the general told him to take his leg off, the negro thought he was joking, but went at it in a businesslike way, though he was almost ready to shed tears of sympathy this time. Placing the leg on the table by the side of the arm and looking at the general, he said:

"Umph! Leg off on one side an arm off on t'other. Dat is too bad, to cut a man up in dat sort o' way."

The general saw the opportunity for a little fun had come, so, leaning his body forward, said:

"Come, now, take my head off." But the negro was gone.

Better Known to England.

It is said that the late Daniel Greenleaf Thompson of this city had his books published in England not from any lack of patriotism, but because the serious works that he produced found a much better market in England. "Like General Walker, he was much better known as an author in England than he was in his own country. He belonged to the individualist school, and it is perhaps a curious fact that, while Americans are instinctively as individualistic as any people in the world, their controversial literature affords few good examples of the expression of individualistic social or economic theories."—Boston Transcript.

The Modern Term.

Willie—Papa, is the congregation the people who sit in church?
"It used to be, my son, but now it's an audience."—Brooklyn Life.

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J. J. Adams administrator de bonis non of the Estate of said James C. Lawrence Deceased, have filed in the County Court of Brazos County his Final Account of the condition of said estate, together with an application to be discharged as administrator thereof, which will be heard by our said Court on the 2d Monday in April A. D. 1898, same being the 18th day of April A. D. 1898, at the Court House of said Brazos County in the City of Bryan at which time and place all persons interested in said estate are required to appear and contest said Final Account and application, if they see proper.
Witness G. W. McMichael Clerk of the County Court of Brazos County.
Given under my hand and seal of said Court at my office in Bryan on this the 25th day of March A. D. 1898.
G. W. McMichael,
Clerk County Court Brazos County Tex.
By E. J. Butler, Deputy. 110