

THE COUNTRY CAME

To Wheeling Yesterday Morning for the Principal and MOST IMPORTANT WAR NEWS

OF THE DAY—THE GRAPHIC AND INTERESTING DESCRIPTION OF THE CAPTURE OF THE LADRONES AS TOLD BY THE CHIEF ACTOR IN THE BLOODLESS DRAMA, WAS READ WITH SATISFACTION BY THE LIEUTENANT'S MANY FRIENDS HERE.

The country came to Wheeling yesterday morning for the most important war story of the day—the graphic description of the bloodless capture of the Ladrones by the executive officer of the cruiser Charleston, Lieutenant William Braunerreuther, well known here as the first military instructor detailed for duty at the Linsly Institute.

The story was read with satisfaction by the lieutenant's army friends in Wheeling, who felt no surprise when reading of the magnificent exhibition of cool nerve and firmness shown by the officer in dealing with the treacherous Spaniards at Agana. It is believed here that Captain Glass will commend Lieutenant Braunerreuther when making his report to the navy department.

ANOTHER DODDRIDGE LETTER. The Ensign Still on the Boston in Manila Bay With Admiral Dewey.

The following extracts from a letter received yesterday by Wheeling relatives of Ensign Doddridge, are permitted to be reproduced in the Intelligencer:

MANILA, July 1.—I have some good news. The "Charleston" and the transports "City of Pekin," "City of Sydney," and the "Australia," came in yesterday, carrying 2,400 troops, comprising the Fourteenth United States Infantry, and the First Oregon and First California Volunteers.

At this moment a heavy fight is in progress at the south end of Manila between the insurgents and the Spaniards.

On the way out, the Charleston captured the Caroline and Ladrones Islands. We are acquiring territory at a rapid rate. We certainly have a just cause.

Though one does not hear of the troubles of the Philippines so often as of those of Cuba, it is nearly as bad here. The Philippines have been oppressed for years.

The Boston did not go out to fight a Spanish man of war for the very good reason that there are no Spanish men of war to fight. They have become sub-marine boats.

A WHEELING COLORED BOY. At Pittsburgh, Whose Poetry is of More Than Ordinary Merit.

Charles A. Butler, a Wheeling colored boy, now employed at the Hotel Henry in Pittsburgh, has lately been writing a series of war poems which critics at the Smoky City declare to possess more than ordinary merit.

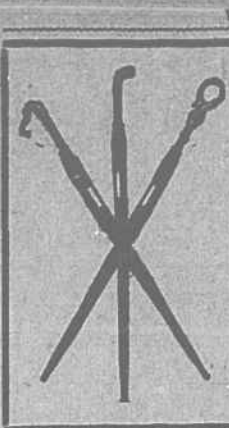
Among all the rocks of Cuba, Where Santiago rears its head, A lonely knot of many a word That's numbered with the dead.

I was in the charge that glorious day— The city was dark in sleep, Shafter sent out his gallant boys And they like heroes fought.

When night came o'er that bloody field, While straggling o'er the ground, I heard the piteous moan of one Laid low by mortal wound.

The wounded soldier's cheeks were wan, And beamless was his eye— I knew before another morn This wounded man would die.

I threw a blanket o'er his form, There on that bloody bank, And held my canteen to his lips, Of which he greedily drank.



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Ensign John Doddridge, now on the cruiser Baltimore, at Manila, Philippine Islands. This song was given a great boost by Captain Franksheim's boys at Fredericksburg, Va., where it was adopted as the regimental song, and its recitation at Manila by the boys of Uncle Sam's navy promises to be equally as cordial.

COMMISSIONER SCOTT'S RULING In Regard to Teachers' Certificates—No Stamps Required.

CHARLESTON, W. Va., August 8.—Superintendent of Schools Trotter received a ruling from Commissioner of Internal Revenue Scott to-day, about stamps upon teachers' certificates. The commissioner says: "As a part of the regulations adopted by the state in connection with its public schools, these certificates are held to be for 'government' purpose rather than for private use, and therefore not subject to a stamp tax under the revenue act of June 15, 1894."

On Account of Failing Health. Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer.

CHARLESTON, W. Va., August 8.—Governor Atkinson issued a pardon for John P. Stevenson, of Clay county, this afternoon. Stevenson was convicted at the May, 1898, term, circuit court, of unlawfully shooting Nathan Bok, and was sentenced to six months in jail. The pardon was made on account of failing health and at the recommendations of all the officers who tried him.

A Welcome Visitor. Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer.

CHARLESTON, W. Va., August 8.—The paymaster for the Second regiment at Camp Atkinson left Washington this evening with the pay for the regiment for July. He will arrive here and pay the boys to-morrow.

IMMENSE WHEAT YIELD. Largest Crop in the History of the Country About Harvested.

CHICAGO, Aug. 8.—The Post to-day says: "According to reports received by railway companies and business men, the largest wheat crop in the history of the United States will be harvested within a fortnight. The winter wheat yield, which aggregates from 375,000,000 to 400,000,000 bushels, will be increased to the extent of nearly 350,000,000 bushels from the spring wheat region. The bumper crop of 1898 will be eclipsed this year by 100,000,000 bushels, from present indications."

Reports received here from the members of the National Association of Merchants and Travelers, who are assembling here to-day, to attend the fall meeting, afford positive proof, it is declared, that a new era of prosperity is at hand throughout the great west. Railroad officials who have just come in from extended trips through the spring wheat and corn-growing states, make equally optimistic reports.

Blue and Gray Veterans in Camp. PHILADELPHIA, August 8.—The week's encampment of the Confederate survivors of Pickett's division and Union Veterans of the Philadelphia brigade at a resort on the New Jersey side of the Delaware river was formally opened to-day. Prior to their departure for the camp grounds the veterans of both the famous commands had a short street parade in this city and visited Independence hall, where the visitors were welcomed on behalf of the city of Philadelphia by Mayor Warwick.

Secretary Day's Reported Resignation. WASHINGTON, D. C., August 8.—The published report of the intention of Secretary Day to resign the office of secretary of state upon the termination of the present war, is based upon statements that were made at the time he assumed office to the effect that he would consent to hold it but a short time. No official utterance as to the secretary's purpose is now obtainable, and Secretary Day himself declines to make any statement on the subject, so it cannot be ascertained positively whether or not the period of time which he had in mind as the length of his service when he assumed office has about expired.

That Wife and Attempted Suicide. WEST NEWTON, Pa., August 8.—John Evans, an old man, shot and killed his wife at her home here to-day and then attempted suicide by cutting his throat with a razor.

Bismarck's Mausoleum. FRIEDRICHSTADT, August 8.—Count and Countess William von Bismarck have gone to their estate at Koelnburg, East Prussia, and Prince Herbert von Bismarck is expected to follow on Wednesday.

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NEW CAMP. Of the Second Army Corps to be Established at Thoroughfare Gap, Va.

WASHINGTON, August 8.—The second army corps will be permanently encamped at Thoroughfare Gap, Va. The second division now at Brostoff, Va., will start on Tuesday. The first division, now at Dunn Loring, will have to wait for wagon trains and probably cannot start before Sunday.

General Davis has announced that the second division will be camped at Beverly Mills, Thoroughfare Gap, Va., where an abundant supply of water can be secured for all purposes. Rations will start in advance of the troops, in order that preparations can be made for their arrival. There are eighteen men in the field hospital. None of them will be sent to Fort Myer. Great indignation is expressed by the Tennessee troops at the sensational reports of an attempted assault on a little girl by a member of that regiment while at Clinton. The report is wholly unfounded and General Davis denies that such a thing took place.

General Butler will move the first division from Dunn Loring to Thoroughfare Gap, at the base of Pond and Bull mountain, which is traversed by Broad run. There is a sufficient supply of water at this place.

Much relief is expressed at the rapid decline in the number of typhoid cases. There were only sixteen to-day and there is almost no other sickness in camp. A new court martiale only organized probably will try Private Gay, Sixty-fifth New York, who is charged with robbing the mails.

AMERICAN PRISONER SAIL. For Home—Spanish Prisoners to be Shipped to Spain to-morrow.

SANTIAGO DE CUBA, August 8, 3:30 p. m.—The transports Miami, Matto-wan and Vigilancia, loaded with United States troops, sailed for the United States this morning. To-morrow, the transport Grand Duchess will leave with 742 men and officers of the Thirtieth Infantry and six companies of the Seventy-first New York, aggregating 458 men and officers.

General Shafter and the Spanish General Toral held a consultation at the palace this afternoon with reference to the embarkation of the Spanish prisoners of war. As a result of the conference 1,000 of the Spanish sick and wounded will be taken on board the Alicante to-morrow morning and sent to Spain as soon as the vessel is properly loaded.

There is to be no bunching or waiting of transports. Each will sail as soon as it can be loaded after arriving here.

Release of French Steamer Demanded. PARIS, August 8.—The Temps to-day says: Fresh and energetic instructions have been sent to M. Cambon, (the French ambassador at Washington) to secure the release of the French steamer Olinda Rodriguez. The minister for foreign affairs for a week past has pointed out to the United States that her detention is arbitrary and illegal, and has laid stress on the fact that she has mail diplomatic bags on board.

The French steamer Olinda Rodriguez was captured by the New Orleans on July 17, off San Juan de Porto Rico and was taken as a prize to Charleston, S. C. Colon in bad Situation. PLAYA DEL ESTE, Province of Santiago de Cuba, August 8.—(Noon.)—The Merritt & Chapman wrecking steamer Potomac has arrived at the scene of the battle of July 3, and has visited the Cristobal Colon. The wreckers report her to be in a very bad situation and they fear it is impossible to save her.

The auxiliary gun boat Vixen has returned to Guantanamo Bay from Santiago. Otherwise there has been no movement of the vessels comprising the American fleet. The warships are ready to sail at twelve hours' notice.

Troops for Honolulu. SAN FRANCISCO, August 8.—There are about 750 of the First New York volunteers at the Presidio. One hundred and fifty will sail for Honolulu on the steamer Mariposa next Wednesday.

About 400 will go on the transport Alliance, which has been chartered by the Johnson-Locke company and will reach here in a few days. The remaining 250 men will sail on one of the regular passenger steamers to the island.

Will Involve Foreign Residents. WASHINGTON, August 8.—Advises received from Cocos, Guatemala, show that the revolutionary movement there has assumed a phase which, while not jeopardizing the existing government, promises to involve foreign residents in great difficulties.

The insurgents under Morales are believed to have received considerable support from the Mexicans on the frontier, who are said to be chargeable at least with failing to observe neutrality. Some of the foreign residents already have suffered heavy exactions of money under forced levies by the insurgents and it may be that strong representations on the subject will be required by the United States.

Turkey's Adroit Citation. WASHINGTON, August 8.—Relative to the statement from Constantinople that the Turkish government has declined to recognize the American demands for indemnity for outrages committed upon American missionaries in the Armenian troubles, it is learned that this answer was returned some time ago, and in fact, has been consistently rendered by Turkey whenever approached on this subject.

The Turkish government has adroitly cited the attitude of the United States in cases where claims were preferred by foreign governments for damages sustained by the citizens in riot.

Condolence of Federal Council. BERLIN, August 8.—The federal council has sent Prince Herbert Bismarck an address of condolence. It refers to the deceased as "the great, heroic first chancellor of the United Fatherland."



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