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One feature of the movement upon Santiago that will figure graphically in the pictures to be drawn by artists, poets and historians, is the part played by the Cuban "insurgents." Garcia has brought his little army of patriots to the support of our troops. The Cuban rebel chief was visited by one of our Generals and asked what he could do to assist our army. What he promised he has done. He has furnished his full quota of men—unkept, half starved natives, on whose heads there had been a price, whose homes have long since been destroyed and whose wives and children are numbered among the sad or dead "reconcentrados." This ragged army has marched in advance of our splendid regiments. They have gone where our commanders have ordered and from all accounts fought the enemy with courage. Their losses in killed have been larger than ours in every battle in which they have shared the dangers. They have seen uniformed regiments only as enemies. Now they have them as allies, and no doubt can exist that they join in the battles against the common foe with intense pride and confidence in the success of the flag that waves beside their own.

The Gazette has received many words of warm approval and compliment for its service of the news of the war. By holding open the forms of the paper to the last possible moment the Gazette frequently contains the record of important events that does not appear till the following day in its contemporaries. Many people regard the war as of great advantage from a business standpoint for the daily newspapers. It has greatly increased their circulation, but it has also enormously increased the expenses of their publication. The "big news" for which there is daily demand causes an increased interest and sale of the paper, but it also calls for a large increased investment of money and energy by the paper. By persons who are thoughtless or ignorant regarding the difficulties of the

work that devolves upon the reporter, the news agency that employs him and the editor that receives the news and promulgates it, the newspapers get much uncharitable criticism for "inaccuracy" in the war news they print. No newspaper in the country can be free from the criticism of these people, and the great news agencies which are expending fortunes daily and placing their best men in the field to report on the progress of the war are pointed at by superficial and melancholy critics as bunglers and falsifiers. The Gazette has been subjected to very little of this unkind carpings. On the other hand its publishers have received expression from hosts of its readers that their earnest efforts to secure the best possible service of the news of the war and place it before its readers promptly, is generously appreciated. Its subscribers have come to realize by daily reading of the paper and comparing it with the daily newspapers of other cities, even those of the metropolitan class, that the Gazette can be relied upon to have the news when it is news, as accurately and fully as to important details as is obtainable through any newspaper. The pleasure of knowing that our endeavors are thus appreciated is the reward we cherish. In contrast to this general sentiment is the unkind comment of a man who wrote to the Gazette yesterday, after disapproving of an item of local news: "My second request as a subscriber is that you should entertain a little more regard as to accuracy in your war news, without having to contradict yourself almost every day." The insinuation is a reckless one, and if its writer were an editor, such recklessness would have to be curbed with a strong hand and a blue pencil or truth would die daily from his hands. An evidence of the necessity of this restraint appears in another item in this correspondent's letter as follows: "I am sorry to find you supporting and upholding this telephone and other monopolies in their mutilation and final destruction of our shade trees in this city." The Gazette has never done anything of the kind. Not a single line in any issue of this paper has ever inclined in the direction indicated. Every reader of the daily newspapers, who possesses and uses ordinary intelligence can recognize the fact that while much of the information published regarding the war, especially as to coming events and military plans, is contradictory, his daily reading of any honest newspaper enables him to know with accuracy what is occurring daily in the great drama of war, with forecasts gathered by astute and careful men who are in touch with the best possible sources of information. It should require no superhuman intelligence to discover the reason for a contradiction between information sent out from Madrid and Washington or from Blanco and Sampson, or that even our government officials should occasionally find it to their interest to give out misleading statements as to their intentions. No honorable newspaper man desires anything more than that his reports should be true—true to life and its absolute realities. They are tireless in their efforts to reach this goal. In times of battle they will cheerfully risk their lives to see with their own eyes, educated to accuracy, the scenes they are to picture. Every newspaper man is piqued when he sees this news, gathered with infinite pains and expense, treated with contempt and derision by its readers because perhaps in a single minor detail the reporter has been inaccurate. The splendid work of the reporter is in the graphic and true picture he has drawn of the event and that but a few hours after the event occurred is on the printed page and being read a thousand miles distant from the scene of it.

POSTSCRIPT.

In Manila among other curious things exposed for sale are a species of grasshoppers or locusts, which are used for food and are a great luxury.

In one corner of the rooms of the chamber of commerce in San Diego, lies an old bronze cannon which was made in Manila 115 years ago. It is called "El Jupiter." Its length is six

feet nine inches, and its bore three and a half inches. The ancient cannon was sent by the Spanish government to form part of the battery constituting the defence of San Diego at a time when San Diego, in common with the rest of Alta California, was under Spanish rule.

Verdi, now 82 years old, rides on horse back every day. He composes a little every morning, plays cards with his family in the afternoon, and in the evening likes to read poetry and philosophy.

The great national game in the Philippines is a variety of crap. It is played everywhere. The workmen in the streets will stop and have a hand at this game before they go home at night. There is a Spanish club in the city where the game has been continued for several years; some people say a decade or longer. As fast as a man drops out his place is taken by another. Frequently several men will keep at the game for twenty-four hours. So the game has been going on day and night for years.

England no doubt loves us dearly, but the English authors have not yet discovered that fact in its entirety, says the Chicago Times-Herald. Clark Russell, Max Pemberton and Anthony Hope, to say nothing of Conan Doyle and Rudyard Kipling, will have it that all Americans are Yankees, although they would resent the charge that all Englishmen are cockneys.

Another symptom of the drift is in relation to emigration from Great Britain. Statistics show that an enormous number of people come to this country from Great Britain, but the novelists never heard of it. Micawber and his interesting family went to Australia and got rich. So did every other emigrant that Dickens sent abroad, unless, like Martin Chuzzlewit and Mark Tapley, they were sent to this country to point a moral and adorn a tale. All English writers resemble Dickens in that respect. In their stories the emigrants all go to Australia, Canada, Africa—anywhere but the United States.

This trait comes under the head of "loyalty to the crown." They know perfectly well that the British emigrant, unless assisted by a British society, takes himself and belongings to this country, and even if the society kindly lands him in Canada he takes the first chance of skipping over the border. The only time he goes to the "colonies" with cheerful alacrity is in the pages of a British novel.

In the Wrong Army.
 A countryman who expressed a desire to enlist in Kansas City was directed by a joker to a Salvation Army tent. The Salvationists were singing a song when the farmer crowded up to their little circle. He waited patiently. Then one of the men made an address appealing for volunteers. The young farmer pushed into the circle, and, taking off his hat, stuck out his hand to the uniformed man who was talking. "I want to enlist," said the farmer. Bang went the big bass drum, and "Hallelujah!" shouted a sweet-faced little woman. "Another sinner saved! let us pray!" exclaimed the soldier who held the farmer's hand, as he knelt down on the asphalt pavement reverently. The farmer was thoroughly scared by this turn of affairs. Instead of kneeling he looked about him. The prayer had already started when he got his bearings. Seizing his valise, which he had dropped on the street when he took the proffered hand of the soldier, he broke through the crowd, and amid the guffaws of a crowd of newboys he started north on Main street.

SHORT LENGTHS.

Canada supplies about 1-14 of the imported food of Great Britain.

A silk factory in which only women are employed has been opened in a suburb of London.

It is estimated that at least 1,000,000 pounds of rubber is annually used in the manufacture of bicycle tires.

The cost of fuel on steam railroads is about ten per cent. of the operating expenses, and on electric roads it is about five per cent.

The value of all the gold, silver, copper, iron, coal and lead mined every year in American is exceeded by the products of the forests.

At the exposition which is to be held in Turin during the coming summer prizes are to be offered for motor cars, the first prize being of the value of \$800.

The sultan of Turkey has just built at Mecca the biggest house in the world. It is intended for the accommodation of pilgrims and is capable of sheltering 6,000 persons.

It is reported that a prize of \$10,000 is offered by the Belgian government for the discovery of a chemical that will take the place of phosphorus in the manufacture of matches.

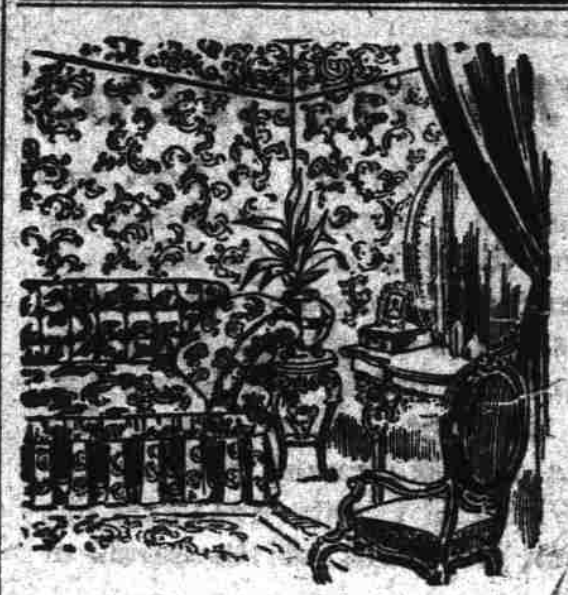
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