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THE RED CROSS IN CUBA.

The Spanish Government Accepts Miss Clara Barton's Offer.

Knowing from authentic sources of the destitution existing in Cuba, the American National Red Cross offered its services as an organization. Some international flaw presenting itself, Miss Barton immediately offered herself and her officers for individual service in Cuba, provided Spain acceded and the American people desired to place their contributions of money or materials in the hands of Miss Barton and her officers.

The following communication from the Spanish Minister explains itself and Miss Barton and her officers announce that they are ready to go to Cuba, provided the people desire to place in Miss Barton's hands a sum sufficient to relieve the necessities of the people of that island:

"Spanish Legation,

"Washington, Feb. 11, 1897.

"Miss Clara Barton, Washington, D. C.

"Dear Miss Barton: I duly communicated to my government the proposition made by you to go to Cuba with the view of conveying the aid of the American people to the sufferers in consequence of the war.

"I have just received a cablegram from the Duke of Tetuan, informing me that the government of his majesty, the King of Spain, after consulting the Commander-in-chief, accepts your benevolent offer. I am instructed in the same cablegram to convey to you the thanks of her majesty the Queen and the Spanish government for your gracious intentions and views. Believe me, very respectfully yours,

(Signed)

"E. DUPUY DE LOME."

—Post.

Christians were Aggressors.

London, Feb. 11.—The Parliamentary Secretary for the Foreign Office, Mr. George N. Curzon, answering a question in the House of Commons concerning the troubles in Crete, said that there were 700 Christians on the heights of Halepa and an unknown number to the westward. He added that the general tenor of the reports indicates that the Christians were rather the assailants than the attacked.

Continuing, Mr. Curzon said that the British naval commander in Crete waters cables on Sunday last that an agreement had been made by which the Christians were not to advance any further. He had no information to show that the Turkish authorities had armed or encouraged the Mussulmans.

A Mussulman mob, Mr. Curzon also said, had forcibly seized the rifles in the arsenal at Candia, two Turkish guards being killed in the affray.

Some Queer Superstitions.

It is unlucky to enter a house with your left foot forward.

It is unlucky to ride behind a bob-tail horse at a funeral.

Woe to the man or woman who sneezes while looking at a new moon. It is unlucky to sneeze before breakfast or tell dreams before taking a drink of water.

If a man owns a white house, a white cow and a white cat; and then caps the climax by carrying a white umbrella, the average Austrian will not associate with him.

CASTORIA.

The family signature of *Chas. H. Fletcher* is on every wrapper.

GEN. WEYLER AT PLACETAS.

Minor Skirmishes Reported in Havana and Pinar del Rio.

Havana, Feb. 11.—Capt. Gen. Weyler camped yesterday at Placetatas, some distance eastward of Santa Clara.

Secretary Palmerola and the intendent General left Havana by train this morning in order to see the Captain General on important business, the nature of which has not transpired.

The military commander of Aguacate, this province, while on a reconnoitering expedition, heard firing in the direction of Arcos do Diego, and went with his force in that direction.

He found that some Spanish troops had been engaged with the insurgents in that vicinity, and that Maj. Francisco Guillen, of the Guadalajara Battalion, and twelve privates of that corps had been wounded, the Major having sustained serious injury. The troops from Aguacate thereupon attacked the insurgents, dislodged them from their positions, and destroyed their trenches. The insurgents left eight killed on the field.

During recent skirmishes in provinces of Havana and Pinar del Rio the insurgents lost eighteen men killed and the troops had a Lieutenant and fifteen soldiers wounded.

Inauguration of President William McKinley, Washington, March 4th, 1897.

There is no occasion which is more magnificent or inspiring to the patriotic American citizen than the inauguration of the President of the United States, which occurs in the city of Washington on the 4th of March, every four years.

For the inauguration of William McKinley, on the 4th of March, next, the crowds will probably exceed the attendance upon any similar occasion in recent years. The reduced rates and splendid train service offered by the Southern Railway from all points in the South, and especially from Virginia and North Carolina, leave no excuse for not attending and participating in this great occasion. For civilians round-trip tickets will be sold at a single fare for the round trip, and for the accommodation of military companies and brass bands accompanying them, (25 or more men traveling together, in uniform, on solid tickets) the extraordinarily low rate of one cent per mile has been authorized. From Charlotte, Salisbury, Raleigh, Durham, Greensboro, Winston-Salem and intermediate points, the trip to Washington occupies only about 8 to 15 hours, the journey being accomplished in one night (if you prefer to travel at night to save time) and the return trip can be made in the same quick time; on magnificent vestibule trains with elegant Pullman sleeping cars and day coaches. Thus passengers from the territory referred to can leave home the evening of the 3rd and arrive Washington early A. M. of the 4th in ample time to participate in the inaugural ceremonies. For detailed information call on any agent of that Company.

Judge Norwood Endorsed.

Monroe, Feb. 13.—Court closed here to day. The week's work has been well and rapidly done. Judge Norwood has impressed himself upon our people as a fair-minded judge. This afternoon a meeting of the bar was held and resolutions strongly endorsing the judge as fair, able and impartial, were unanimously adopted. The resolutions also expressed the desire that the Legislature grant a special term of court and the Governor send Judge Norwood to hold it. —Charlotte Observer.

Cuban Women Released.

Havana, Feb. 10.—Through the intervention of Consul-General Lee four Cuban women, including the mother of Dr. Sanchez Agamonte, chief surgeon in the Cuban army; the wife of Lopez Recello, a well known patriot chief attached to General Gomez's staff and the wife of Cuban Governor of Camaguey, were on Sunday released from the infamous Havana den known as La Casa Real de Recojidas, where with Mrs. Eva Rodriguez an American they had been imprisoned by Spanish military authorities as political suspects.

Why Thunder Rolls.

The prolonged roll of thunder is readily explained by comparison with a volley fired along a line of troops. Supposed troops to be drawn up in line in such number as to extend for a mile, and ordered, by a signal that all could see, to fire at once. One standing at the end of the line would hear the report of the musket nearest him instantly. He would hear the other successively.

Thus a report 550 feet a way would come to him in half a second, and he would not hear the last report for five or six seconds after the gun had been fired. This would produce a sort of roll, which would gradually increase in intensity. Flashes of lightning may be considered as representing three lines of troops along which the explosions occur at the same time. Consider the variety of distance and position of the listener, and we account for the variety of sound in thunder. In mountainous regions the rolling is augmented by reverberations of echoes.—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

To the Delicate and Malarious.

The most incredulous are convinced of the virtues of Aunt Rachael's Malarial Peruvian Bark Bitters upon a trial of them. Their base in Speer's Port Wine, with herbs and roots so favorably known to the Medical Profession and the community at large as the best cure for Malaria. They are all that can be desired by the most feeble victims of Malaria. Physicians prescribe them.

The Origin of "Chestnut."

In an old play called "The Broken Sword" there is a captain who is always telling old stories, the detail of which often varies. He starts a tale about a cork tree, when he is interrupted by another character, who suggests "It was a chestnut, Captain, a chestnut!"

"Bah!" says the Captain, "I say a cork tree."

"A chestnut," repeated the other "I should know as well as you, having heard you tell the tale those twenty-seven times." At a dinner one evening a gentleman was telling a story of considerable antiquity when an actor present, who had played in "The Broken Sword," said, half audibly, "A chestnut. I have heard you tell the tale these twenty-seven times." —Weekly Telegraph.

Bullet-Proof Animal.

The skin of a whale is from two inches to two feet thick, and the skin of a large specimen weighs thirty tons. The rhinoceros is the thickest skinned quadruped, with a hide so tough as to resist the claws of the lion or tiger, the sword or the balls of the old-fashion musket.

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DEPARTURE OF TRAINS.

LOCAL TRAINS:
N. Bound. S. Bound.
Between Florence and Weldon.
No. 78. No. 23.
1:42 P. M. Leaves Wilson 2:05 P. M.

Between Wilmington and Norfolk:
No. 48. No. 49.
12:48 P. M. Leaves Wilson, 2:12 P. M.

"Shoo! Fly" Wilmington to Rocky Mount:
No. 40. No. 41.
10:23 P. M. Leaves Wilson, 6:15 A. M.

THROUGH TRAINS.
Between Florence and Weldon:
No. 32. No. 35.
12:22 A. M. Leaves Wilson, 11:18 P. M.

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CHURCHES.
St. Timothy's Episcopal church, Rev. F. C. Bayliss, Priest-in-charge. Services: Sundays at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m., Sunday School at 3 p. m., Week-days—Wednesdays and Fridays at 4 p. m. Holy days at 10 a. m. Celebration of Holy Communion on 1st Sunday in each month at 11 a. m., other Sundays at 7:45 a. m.

Methodist Church, Rev. J. B. Hurley Pastor; services at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Sunday School, 5 p. m., J. F. Bruton, Supt. Prayer meeting Wednesday night at 7:30.

Disciples Church, Rev. D. W. Davis, Pastor; services on Second, Third and Fourth Sundays at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Prayer meeting every Thursday night. Sunday School at 3 o'clock, p. m., Geo. Hackney, Supt.

Presbyterian Church, Rev. James Thomas, Pastor; services on the First, Second and Third Sunday in every month and at Strickland's church every Fourth Sunday. Sunday School at 5 o'clock, P. M.

Baptist Church, service as follows: Preaching Sunday morning at 11:00 o'clock and 8:30 p. m. Rev. J. A. Rood Pastor. Prayer meeting Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock. Sunday School at 5 p. m., D. S. Boykin Supt.

Primitive Baptist Church, preaching on 2nd Sunday by Elder Jas. Bass; on 3rd Sunday by Elder Jas S. Woodard; on the 4th Sunday and Saturday before by the pastor, Elder P. D. Gold. Services begin at 11 a. m.

LODGES.
Regular meetings of Mt. Lebanon Lodge No. 117 A. F. & A. M. are held in their hall, corner of Nash and Goldsboro streets on the 1st and 3rd Monday nights at 7:30 o'clock p. m. each month. J. D. Bullock, W. M.

Regular meetings of Mt. Lebanon Chapter No. 27 are held in the Masonic Hall every 2nd Monday night at 7:30 o'clock p. m. each month. Lat. Williams, H. P.

Regular meetings of Mt. Lebanon Commandery No. 7 are held in the Masonic hall every 4th Monday night at 7:30 o'clock each month. W. H. Applewhite, E. C.

Regular meetings of Wilson Lodge, K. of H. No. 1694 are held in their hall over the 1st National Bank every 1st Thursday evening at 7:30 o'clock, p. m. B. F. Briggs, Director.

Regular meetings of Contentnea Lodge, No. 87, K. of P., are held in Odd Fellows' Hall every Thursday night. Visiting members always welcome.

Regular meetings of Enterprise Lodge, No. 44, are held every Friday night in Odd Fellows' Hall.