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THE story of Cuba is a tragedy, a tragedy so black that the pages of history, not excepting those upon which is written the diabolical doings of the Spanish Inquisition, contain no counterpart. It is a narrative which had its beginning in the discovery of America; it was rooted in Spanish tyranny, transplanted into centuries of [illegible] and oppression, reared in [illegible] strife, and matured in this revolting war and its attendant horrors, which have wrested from Cuba the proud title "Pearl of the Antilles," and earned for her the name of "Isle of Blood." The [illegible] which over three years ago was begun by the Cuban patriots as a strike for freedom, afterwards became, on the part of Spain, a game of death to the helpless [illegible] the women and the children who were compelled by the Spanish to leave their homes in the country, were huddled in the cities and towns where starvation [illegible] their [illegible] the guerrillas are [illegible]

[illegible] and flocks of ravens [illegible] have [illegible] their bait [illegible] As for the war, the insurgents [illegible] the Spaniards held the cities and [illegible] but no battles of importance [illegible] With the Spaniards [illegible] the [illegible] the wives and [illegible] of the men who comprise the insurgent army.

[illegible] the island of Cuba [illegible] 1511 [illegible]

[illegible]

WATCHING HER DYING BABE.

the mother country. There was a revolution in 18[illegible], another in 1829, another in 1830, another in 1848, another in 1850, another in 1851, another in [illegible] then the famous ten years' war of 1868-78, an uprising in 1879, another in 1885, and the war which began in February, 1895. During three years of this war the Cubans endured more suffering and displayed more heroism than any other people have ever done in a struggle for liberty. [illegible] without the help of a friendly power [illegible] composed principally of [illegible] without a regular supply of arms and ammunition, with very little money, and, what is a disadvantage [illegible] with the official hostility of every Government, including the nation [illegible] they nearly [illegible] 200,000 Spanish soldiers, the most powerful European army ever sent to the American continent, and [illegible] of their absolute freedom from the hated rule of Spain.

Jose Marti's Work.

The revolution was organized by Jose Marti, a Cuban exile in this country and a man of genius and courage. He organized here what is called the Cuban Revolutionary Party, an association of clubs of Cuban [illegible] for the purpose of raising money to free their country. [illegible] the majority of the few Cubans who lived in the United States before the beginning of the revolution, they [illegible] to the eloquent appeals of Marti [illegible] Cuba from Spain. Marti was appointed [illegible] of the party, and his [illegible] Benjamin J. Guerra, was made treasurer. There was not much money then in the [illegible] of the afterward famous Junta and these funds were soon exhausted by an unsuccessful attempt to start an expedition [illegible] the South. But Marti had obtained the cooperation of Gen. Maximo Gomez and Gen. Antonio Maceo, two veterans of the last war. He knew that the discontent against Spain was deep throughout the island. He had important [illegible] with conspirators in all the provinces. He [illegible] without hesitation the [illegible] for the uprising and went to Santo Domingo to join Gen. Gomez and take with him the field.

At that grave and decisive moment the total funds of the patriots amounted to not more than $[illegible]. It is wonderful that with a [illegible] speaking, so paltry for so great a purpose, a war should have been carried which cost Spain up to February, 1898, besides the sacrifice of so many of her soldiers, $[illegible] and caused to the United States a net loss in trade and [illegible].

On May 19, 1895, Marti was killed in the engagement of Dos Rios, but his work had already been done. He had landed on April 11 with Gen. Gomez at Salinas la Mar, on the southeast coast of Cuba, after [illegible] at Monte Cristi a revolutionary [illegible] his death [illegible] the representatives of all the Cuban [illegible] general assembly [illegible] government and [illegible] It [illegible] September of the same year, at the town of Jimaguayu, it was not [illegible] of the [illegible] Marti, as of all the patriots, was to constitute a republic with [illegible]

[illegible] Gen. Antonio Maceo [illegible] Baracoa [illegible] But his name [illegible] the [illegible] through the Spanish [illegible] and [illegible] Antonio Maceo had joined him more than [illegible]

[illegible]

"BUTCHER" WEYLER.

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] July 13, 1895, is the memorable date of the battle of Peralejo. [illegible] of Santiago de Cuba [illegible] through Puerto Principe [illegible] But Maceo had already [illegible] and Martinez Campos decided to carry reinforcements to the Spanish towns in the interior which were in great danger of attack by the insurgents. While Martinez Campos was on the way to Bayamo, Maceo offered him battle near Peralejo.

The engagement was a pitched battle, and the Cubans, not numbering 6,000, carried the day. Gen. Santocildes fell dead near Gen. Martinez Campos. The Spaniards lost all their ammunition and their horses. Completely routed, a body of them, availing themselves of the darkness of the evening, fled to Bayamo, carrying Martinez Campos on a stretcher borne by four soldiers. He was exhausted by fatigue and filled with despair. More than 300 Spanish soldiers were left dead on the field. With the splendid booty secured by him, Maceo completed the arming of his patriots.

From April to October Gomez success-

CUBA'S GEOGRAPHICAL RELATION TO THE UNITED STATES.

fully carried the war through Puerto Principe province and laid his plans for the invasion of the west. On Oct. 22 Maceo, having received orders from Gomez, who was appointed commander in chief of the army in September, by the assembly of representatives, started for the west with 2,000 of his men. On Oct. 30 Gomez invaded Las Villas. Maceo joined him on Nov. 29 near a place called Los Guaros. From there they began their triumphant march. On Dec. 3 the Spanish Col. Segura was defeated by the insurgents at Iguara and had to leave his dead on the field, together with a great supply of arms and ammunition. On Dec. 15 the Spanish battalions of Canarias and Tetuan were routed by Maceo at Mal Tiempo, after the most gallant charge with machetes of the Cuban cavalry, led by Maceo himself, that has ever been seen in the Cuban wars. On Dec. 21 the victory of El Desquite cleared the way for the invaders to the province of Matanzas. Martinez Campos then made a desperate effort to check the two Cuban leaders. Until that moment he had been [illegible] before the invaders with his columns, hoping that they would stop. But he saw that each step of the patriots to the west was a decisive triumph for their cause. The enthusiasm of the revolution was growing day by day throughout the country. The Cuban ranks were filled by volunteers from all the cities and towns by which Gomez and Maceo passed. Martinez Campos rallied his almost dispersed men and provoked battle at El Coliseo on Dec. 23.

The action was sharp and decisive. Martinez Campos behaved bravely, leading one of his wings in a charge against Gomez, but Maceo, falling on the Spanish, won the day for Cuba and compelled Martinez Campos to retire. The captain general hurriedly entered Havana, making preparations to defend the city, and he confessed his defeat to the astounded Spanish volunteers and residents of the capital.

Spain Sends Weyler.

On the night of Dec. 27 the captain general made that avowal. A few days later the rabid Spaniards of the city compelled him to tender his resignation to Madrid. They demanded from Canovas a captain general trained in the old [illegible] of the Spanish conquerors, not to fight battles and risk his life on the field,

FLAG OF FREE CUBA.

but to exterminate the native population. In their belief, women, children, every one born in Cuba, should be held responsible for the situation. They did not like a soldier with a gallant career and personal courage. They wanted an executioner. Canovas satisfied them and appointed Don Valeriano Weyler y Nicolau to succeed Martinez Campos.

The question may be asked why the patriots, after so many victories, did not besiege the city of Havana and end there with the Spanish dominion. The answer is very clear. After the battle of Coliseo Gen. Gomez reviewed his troops and found that each soldier had only three cartridges. The Cubans in the United States were making vain efforts to send a big expedition to the patriots. But if the Spanish army was defeated in the fields of Cuba, Spanish diplomacy was triumphant at Washington. At Guira de Melena on Jan. 4, 1896, the patriots had to fight with their machetes to enter the province of Havana. For such a state of affairs Gen. Gomez considered his best plan to be to organize armies in all the provinces [illegible] as far as his resources permitted him to do, and try to raise the war in Pinar del Rio province. At Guira Jan. 8 the patriots routed a Spanish column and entered Pinar del Rio. Gen. Gomez then withdrew to the east while Maceo proceeded to the west. On Jan. 17 he obtained another victory at the very gates of Pinar del Rio city and on Jan. 22 he took the town of Banes at the western extremity of the island, three months after his departure from Baragua in Santiago de Cuba. On Feb. 12 Maceo returned to Havana province. Gen. Weyler publicly declared Pinar del Rio pacified, and the gallant Cuban leader returned to that province on March 15.

Before this Weyler had already shown his sanguinary spirit and plans of murder. Prisoners of war and innocent persons unjustly charged with aiding the rebellion were shot every day in Havana. The most summary court martial preceded the executions as a mere formality. In [illegible] the victims were murdered in cold blood in their dungeons or thrown into the sea. During the night at the entrance to the harbor [illegible] The horrors of the [illegible] Alex [illegible] when [illegible] the name of Weyler. In the country his troops had orders to kill every non-combatant without regard to age. In the [illegible] the most infamous murderers and thieves from the Spanish penal [illegible] In a short time more than 100,000 persons emigrated from Cuba [illegible]

But Weyler was not satisfied. He intended to destroy the country and to exterminate the natives. Seeing that the executions in the forts were too slow a method and that the destruction wrought by his columns was not enough to ruin the island, he conceived one of the most monstrous crimes ever committed against humanity. On Feb. 16, 1896, he issued his two famous decrees of concentration. By them every human being in the country districts was compelled to leave his home after it had been destroyed by the Spanish columns, and go to one of the fortified towns under the vigilance of the Spanish soldiery. With the homes of the terrorized also their cultivated lands were to be devastated and around the towns where they had to live not a piece of bread was to be given to them. In this manner, under pretext of a military operation, half a million people, most of them women and children, were condemned to die from hunger.

Wholesale Slaughter.

From the date of those decrees until November, 1897, 350,000 people were murdered thus in Cuba. Since November, as a result of Weyler's sanguinary orders, the number has been increased to 400,000. What monster in history ever did so much against humanity and civilization? Nero, Caligula, Tamerlane, Torquemada, Alva, when compared with Weyler, appear mild and humane. A poltroon, besides being an assassin, he never offered battle to the Cubans or took the field to fight. In his time Spain sent 200,000 soldiers to Cuba. He kept them in [illegible] guarding the trocha from Mariel to Majana in Pinar del Rio

GEN. MAXIMO GOMEZ.

[illegible] from Jucaro to Moron in Puerto Principe. At other times from his palace in Havana, [illegible] Havana, [illegible] his columns to make combined movements that always resulted in defeats.

One instance of the stupidity and cowardice of Weyler occurred on May 1, 1896. He ordered one of his favorite combined movements against Maceo at a place called Cacarajicara, in the province of Pinar del Rio. The result was that the [illegible] of the Spanish [illegible] battalions were [illegible] shattered by the Cubans [illegible] and the [illegible] in the [illegible] so great that the Spanish [illegible] attacks [illegible] to escape the Cuban machetes. Weyler in all other [illegible] of not [illegible]

On Dec. 7, 1896, Maceo, after having crossed Weyler's famous trocha and entered Havana province, was assassinated by ambush near Punta Brava. The [illegible] lost in him a great patriot and a heroic soldier. But Weyler soon understood that the murder of Maceo was not the death of Cuba's cause. In March, 1896, Gen. Calixto Garcia landed in Santiago de Cuba. He soon replaced Maceo as a dashing fighter and a brilliant commander. At the same time Gomez in Santa Clara [illegible] won the important battle of Saratoga, and controlled the whole province. The battle of Juan Criollo in February, 1897, was another of Gomez's [illegible] and in Santiago de Cuba the same part of the year was [illegible] to the triumph of Gen. Garcia at Victoria de las Tunas.

Weyler was recalled in November, after the death of Canovas and the fall of the short-lived Azcarraga cabinet. Senor Sagasta was selected as [illegible] a [illegible] It is a well known fact that Weyler's recall was [illegible] this country.

Gen. Don Ramon Blanco, who was to change the sanguinary methods of [illegible] Havana on Nov. 28, 1897. Spain granted to Cuba an autonomical system, which has been declared [illegible] by all [illegible] The Cubans [illegible] and the new [illegible] Havana [illegible] Gen. Blanco was [illegible] complete failure. The patriots declared [illegible] of autonomy [illegible] to their flag. They hanged as spies all the Spanish agents sent to them with [illegible] They received [illegible] offers of money made to them by Blanco. The death of the Cuban chief Aranguren, near Havana, did not discourage the patriots in the least. They kept up the war as enthusiastically as ever, adopting as their motto "Independence or Death."

When a boy gets hurt, it can never be told how badly he is bruised until after he has been given his Saturday bath.

Railways employ ticket scalpers when they get to cutting rates.

A WOMAN'S INFLUENCE

By LULU JACKSON

CHAPTER VII.

A [illegible] CALL.

Brian saw Margaret returning, and putting down the book he had been trying to read, he went into the hall to meet her. Expressing her nervousness at his unexpected appearance, she paused as he came up to her with the words:

"You have been so long, Margaret. Did you enjoy your visit so much? Why didn't you let those people wait, and give me just a little of your company. I haven't much chance. I am going away to-morrow."

"To-morrow?" She grasped her raised skirt more tightly, but no further comment escaped her lips.

Taking this for indifference, Brian continued, after a brief pause: "I dare say I shall never come again. Of course you will not regret that, but before I go, I should like to know that you [illegible] It [illegible] have [illegible] it you could realize how [illegible] is [illegible] Margaret."

"Have I been so unkind? I am sorry. Have I not told you that I regret, with a bitterness I cannot express, the conditions which make me different here? It [illegible] was."

He interrupted her with passionate reproach. "You do not [illegible] Do you suppose I [illegible] the money? I [illegible] I leave it [illegible] I am thinking of you."

She tapped her foot with her riding whip, and [illegible] to control her countenance, [illegible] expression passed over it.

"You don't believe me," he cried passionately. "Well, I deserve that at your hands, but truth is truth. The very sight of you [illegible] and [illegible] hardness before [illegible] you can be happy without [illegible]

[illegible]

"I am [illegible]," she [illegible] "I do not [illegible]

[illegible] I know [illegible] to him, he answered bitterly. "You will [illegible]

"It is [illegible] and [illegible] might wish."

"No," he replied, stung to rejoinder, "I have something to remember too."

She paled perceptibly.

"You are detaining me," was her parting answer. "Now perhaps you will allow me to pass."

"Ah, no, Margaret, not yet. I can't see you go from me so. Forgive me for what I just said. I [illegible] nothing. I spend half my time in regretting what has gone before. I cannot stand your anger. Why is all the gentleness in your nature turned against me only?"

"I do not [illegible]

"Nothing that you will do [illegible] will you [illegible]

[illegible]

"I [illegible] Margaret [illegible] ride in the [illegible] I [illegible]

[illegible] tried [illegible] I [illegible] be happy [illegible] I'll [illegible] and find it hard to tear myself away."

He sighted. His sigh was [illegible] close beside him, but Margaret's face was impenetrable.

"What a glorious morning," she remarked rather irrelevantly. "We shall have a delightful ride."

"Are you so fond of riding," he asked, noting her high color and flashing eyes.

"Passionately. I feel so light-hearted when I am in the saddle. An hour like this is particularly inspiring. I love the [illegible] and the restful [illegible] and I love the fresh morning air."

"You love the [illegible]

Her face flushed [illegible]

"I suppose you haven't [illegible]" she said, bending her head [illegible] I [illegible] Hilton [illegible] nervous and [illegible]

"And you [illegible] was [illegible]

"I have [illegible] a [illegible] I revel in [illegible]

"[illegible] Why didn't you let me [illegible] my [illegible]

"The idea didn't suggest itself to me, and I don't believe I'd [illegible] anyway. [illegible] isn't a [illegible]

"[illegible] of [illegible] Harvey [illegible] "Sometimes I [illegible] you [illegible]

"No [illegible] The [illegible] I [illegible]

"It [illegible] I was [illegible] friendship [illegible] I don't fancy I'm an especial favorite in that direction, however. He's a [illegible]

[illegible] He has [illegible] everybody [illegible] He [illegible] but he [illegible] I'll [illegible]

"[illegible] have been [illegible] That saying to heart. As to [illegible] he has won his right to my [illegible] He has been my most helpful friend in times when I most needed help. He is quick tempered, to be sure, and expresses his opinion without scruple, but I know him to be upright, honorable, and true as steel. I'd trust him forever."

"He has a staunch champion. I wish you had half as good an opinion of me. Speaking of his temper, he and grandfather never agreed."

"I should think not," was the warm reply. "A warm-hearted, generous man like the Colonel could never admire the hard, cold man your grandfather was. I wonder he could breathe the same atmosphere with him."

"He was your grandfather, too," remarked Brian, rather meekly.

"I don't care to acknowledge the relationship. Please don't speak of him. I [illegible] and that [illegible] full of something more agreeable, do."

"Well, [illegible] heart. I was never [illegible] He was forever quoting that abominable saying, which [illegible] 'Spare the rod and spoil the child,' for my special benefit."

"Well, I dare say he had reason," was the laughing response, accompanied by a flash of humor—[illegible] the old Margaret that he began to imagine himself in [illegible] again. "You haven't a likeness [illegible] Colonel Burton, have you? I'll see why you've got a favorite with him."

"I don't know. Perhaps I imagine it. I dare say he doesn't consider me half so worthless as you do. Who would believe that so fair a face could hide so hard a heart?"

The [illegible] as much as his words, vexed Margaret. Her eyes darkened and her [illegible] a sharper intonation.

"We will discuss neither my face nor my heart, if you please."

She gave her horse a sharp blow, which sent him into a hard gallop. [illegible] with the quick repentance which [illegible] she pulled up quickly and waited for Brian [illegible]

[illegible] attempt at lightness. "Really, you [illegible] the blues. [illegible] perfectly ravenous. [illegible]

[illegible] "You [illegible] you are [illegible] Oh, Margaret, I wish you wouldn't trifle so [illegible]

[illegible] unexpected remarks [illegible] the fitness of things. I'm hungry and I'm going home just as fast as this horse will carry me."

With these somewhat defiant words she galloped off, and Brian, to give a more forcible expression to his sense of injury, followed at a snail's pace.

When he arrived at Elmwood he found Margaret divested of her riding habit awaiting him in the dining-room. He [illegible] to see the smile with which she greeted him, and during [illegible] he maintained a moody silence, which awakened in Margaret a [illegible] half-amused interest.

"Overgrown baby," she commented, [illegible] the table when the meal was [illegible] and going into the garden [illegible] to look at her flowers, in reality [illegible] with her thoughts.

[illegible] for an hour in the fresh [illegible] when she [illegible] Miss Hilton [illegible] for a [illegible] tired of the [illegible] Miss Hilton [illegible] the trees," she [illegible] growing.

"[illegible] I long [illegible] and [illegible] defeating."

"And a change," added Margaret. "But I don't want a change. A horrid disposition to have, is it not? Never to be satisfied. I don't know how you put up with me, when I find it so difficult to put up with myself."

"Sit down, my dear, and I will tell you," was the quiet reply.

"Some other time," said Margaret. [illegible] "I hear Cousin Brian. He would [illegible] interruption. Besides, [illegible]

She was gone when Brian entered the [illegible]

[illegible] her absence, and his look of [illegible] reflected his feelings.

"I will send [illegible] presently [illegible] him to [illegible]

CHAPTER VIII.

[illegible]

[illegible] What a delightful [illegible] happy."

"[illegible] a peculiar way of expressing yourself, Cousin Brian. Are honor and happiness [illegible] in your [illegible] I am glad you can laugh. Doleful people give me the blues, and grim looks are not in keeping with this bright day."

"Neither is my heart, for that matter. I have so much to make me miserable. You, everything to make you happy."

"I," she echoed, with a slight tremor, "I make my own happiness."

"I don't know how you manage," he returned gloomily. "I never get what I want."

"Then why not be satisfied with what you get? It is much more philosophical."

"How can you speak so lightly," he said with abrupt warmth. "It maddens me to hear you. What has philosophy to do with misery? Are you always happy? Do you never know the meaning of regret?"

"I wish you'd be more careful," she said with [illegible] "You are sitting on the end of the table cloth, and I should [illegible] every dish [illegible] I wonder why [illegible]

"[illegible] heartless. You want to [illegible] up with table cloths, [illegible] Margaret, how [illegible]

[illegible] of the drift of the conversation, Margaret [illegible] of unconcern, but her eyes were fixed upon the [illegible] Miss Hilton's [illegible] her indifference, [illegible] passionate strain.

"Why are you so [illegible] and scornful? Why [illegible] in torturing me? [illegible] You cannot realize my [illegible] will never sympathize with me. I am tired of being spurned and [illegible] I have some pride, and I'll not stay another night under your roof. I'll go this afternoon; then you'll be rid of me."

"And if I don't wish to be rid of you so soon?" she questioned with an effort. "You told me you would stay until to-morrow, and I hope you will keep your word. Besides, I wish—" She hesitated. "I wish to talk with you," she concluded with another effort. "I shall be in the library at [illegible] half past. Will you come to me there?"

He looked at her in some surprise, but her eyes were turned aside and she was busying herself with some arrangement about the table.

"Your request is law to me," he answered [illegible] "I am always happy to do something for you."

"And I [illegible] to appreciate [illegible]

[illegible] with a touch of relief [illegible] but not left the [illegible] them, so [illegible] for a tete-a-tete.

At [illegible] that afternoon Brian entered the [illegible] Margaret seated [illegible] an open window.

From her [illegible] could see the wealth and [illegible] spread like a map [illegible] acres of woodland [illegible] magnificent trees, [illegible] orchard, clothed in [illegible] bloom, and its terminal [illegible] to the river, winding among the [illegible] and reflecting sparkling [illegible] a chain of beautiful hills.

Further away [illegible] broad sweep of undulating land, with the village in the foreground, and beyond many a neat cottage [illegible] of paint, or [illegible] a contented [illegible] Further still, the smoke curling from the quiet farms lying under the [illegible] that distance lends.

[illegible] Margaret turned with a [illegible] Brian's inquiring glance.

"You are punctual," she said, with a [illegible] "Will you sit down, please?" [illegible] the chair indicated [illegible] that her face [illegible] and her [illegible] unexpressed [illegible] yet expressed [illegible] words.

"[illegible] to morrow," she [illegible] a pause that [illegible]

"Yes, [illegible] given with [illegible] to intrude upon [illegible] stay on from [illegible] more unwelcome [illegible] contempt. My [illegible] in your eyes. [illegible] will satisfy you. I have [illegible] to-morrow when I leave."

"Where will you go?" she looks in, with a [illegible] earnestness upon her face.

"Where?" he repeated. "Heaven only knows. [illegible]"

She laid down the paper knife she had been handling [illegible] and regarded him [illegible]

"I hope you will [illegible] nothing so foolish," she said [illegible] "It is not manly to [illegible] I have not called you in here to quarrel with you, [illegible] to take up old [illegible] you to understand that while I acknowledge a certain [illegible] I do not hold you [illegible] I had a reason for [illegible] as things [illegible] had you known [illegible]

"I [illegible] you better," [illegible] earnestness, [illegible]"

[illegible]

On Cooking.

The [illegible] refuge in London [illegible] the French revolution [illegible] and the hardships of [illegible] much courage. They never begged, and it was often difficult to induce them to accept the funds subscribed for their assistance.

The women did not accept the partially worn and [illegible] clothing of wealthy and charitably inclined ladies, as most women of their condition would be glad to do, but managed with the cheapest materials to dress neatly and tastefully.

Their necessities developed an inventive spirit. The records of the London patent office at the beginning of the eighteenth century have on every page such names as Blondeau, Dupin, Gaillard, Guillotin, Leblond, and Conraut. How ingenious they were in utilizing the most unpromising of materials is shown by their invention of a now famous dish.

When the London butchers slaughtered beef, they were accustomed to throw away the tails with the refuse. The French women had the bright idea of having them, since the butchers gave them for next to nothing, and making soup of them. And thus they gave to England the popular oxtail soup, which is, at English, now [illegible] an essentially national dish.—Youth's Companion.

KNIVES should never be put into hot water, which injures them, first by loosening the handles, and next by spoiling the temper of the steel. Wipe them first with a damp cloth, and then rub on a smooth board which has been previously rubbed with a scouring brick or knife-powder.

THE latest invention for the saving of life at fires is the "emergency dress." It is a woman's idea. It consists of a dress, something like that used by submarine divers, but much more simple. The suit is in two pieces and made from asbestos cloth.