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SITUATION SATISFACTORY.

Cubans Join the Marines and They Drive the Spaniards—Rabbit Swings Around Santiago and Takes a Good Landing Place—The Vesuvius Shakes Up Things on Her First Effort.

The situation about the point of interest now—that of Santiago is fairly progressive and satisfactory.

At Guantanamo the marines have been joined by a number of in-urgents and are disposed to advance rather than to retreat. They attacked the guerillas Wednesday and captured their camp and killed about 40 Spaniards. None of the marines was seriously hurt. Two Cubans were killed and four were wounded. The importance of the victory lies in the marines' filling up the important source of water, a good well, and it is probable the bushwhacking may be much less troublesome.

Much satisfaction is felt that the Cuban Commander Babbi has passed around Santiago and has captured the town of Agnadores about five miles south of Santiago where there are good iron wharves, suitable for landing the heavy artillery which Gen. Shafter has with his expedition.

From Gen. Babbi's circuit it was found that the Spanish commander has drawn in his line around Santiago practically giving up the suburban towns.

Admiral Sampson ordered the New Orleans to destroy some new defensive works a half a mile east of Moro Wednesday. The admiral saw the work done and signaled to cease firing after 20 minutes of operations, and complimented the crew.

The Vesuvius was put to work soon after she joined the fleet and sent three two-hundred pound charges of gun cotton that landed with such terrific force as to jar the American fleet two miles away. Much satisfaction was expressed at this first effort of the dynamite cruiser.

Mr. Chal Holdbrooks Dead.

Mr. Chal Holdbrooks, son of Mr. Wm. Holdbrooks, of No. 4 township, died on Wednesday evening, June 15th, of pneumonia. Mr. Holdbrooks had been sick only a short time having been in Concord less than a week ago. Mr. Holdbrooks was about 25 years of age, and had the misfortune to lose his wife a little over a year ago.

His remains were interred in the cemetery at Trinity church this (Thursday) evening at 2 o'clock. The funeral was preached by Rev. V R Stickley.

Anna Gould's Husband Fights a Duel

Paris, June 14—Count de Castellane, the husband of Anna Gould, fought a duel this morning with Henri Turot, the editor of the Petite Republique Francaise.

Three rounds were fought, swords being the weapons used. Turot was wounded in each round, the wounds being only slight in the first two; in the third a severe wound in the right forearm ended the duel.

The duel was the outgrowth of Editor Turot's comments on an act of infanticide by a servant in the count's household.—Telegram.

The ills that never come are the fountains from which flow the bitterest streams of human wretchedness.

FOR FOUR YEARS.

Caldwell, the Negro Who Has Been Collecting Money for the Coleman Factory Without Authority, Goes to the Penitentiary.

For several years a negro named R A Caldwell, has been giving Warren Coleman of this place some trouble by collecting money. Since the Coleman factory has been being built he has been going over our State collecting funds for the Coleman factory, when he had no authority in the least to collect any funds.

For the last several months officers have been on his track and some time ago he was arrested at Fayetteville. He was tried and found guilty at the magistrate's court. The superior court has just met at Fayetteville and a card received this (Thursday) morning from Fayetteville by Warren Coleman announces that Caldwell was found guilty and sentenced to the penitentiary for four years. The jury were out only three and a half minutes in making their decision. Caldwell, it is thought, is from Greensboro. In quite a number of instances Caldwell would call together a meeting of the citizens of the different towns and would collect the money and put it in his own pocket.

A Staff of Tin Soldiers.

War Correspondent Fred Merritt has the following to say about Gen. Lee's staff:

"Gen. Lee, as everybody knows, is an ideal leader. Not only has he the instincts and bearing of a soldier, but he has a record of which anyone, soldier or civilian, might be proud. But his staff—that, as Rudyard Kipling would say, is another story. It is, with one or two notable exceptions, composed of tin soldiers—men who know nothing of the duties required of them, and who have little to recommend them beyond the fact that they are the sons of their fathers. Altogether, it is a staff most fearfully and wonderfully made. For instance, there is on it General Lee's own son, General Grant's grandson, Vice-President Hobart's son, a Cuban who can speak but little English, and others whose appointment came to them by virtue of a strong political pull rather than because of any military training or fitness for the position.

"And this, more than any other thing," said a prominent army officer to me confidentially the other night, "is the cause of the delay in equipping the Seventh corps. The officers whose business it is, either do not know how to have it done, or knowing, they are neglecting their duty."

This officer went on to say that he had been at Chickamauga, and he had seen regiments come into camp there as badly equipped as any that came here, and yet they were completely fitted out and armed within three days after their arrival. None, he said, ever had to wait more than a week, and all because the staff officers knew their business.

Here the North Carolinians have been in camp over three weeks and still they need many things. This latter remark applies as well to the other regiments here."

It was simply "Hobson's choice" that resulted in the brilliant achievement at Santiago.

PERSONAL POINTERS.

←Mr. Will White, of Mill Bridge, is in our city today.

—Miss Addie Boger returned last night from Elizabeth college.

—Contractor Jeff Foil, formerly a resident of this place, is in our city today.

—Mrs. S J Durham, of Bessemer, is visiting at the home of her father, Capt. J M Odell.

—Prof. George McAllister returned this morning from Elizabeth college after attending the commencement.

—Rev. Homer Barnhardt, of Mt. Pleasant, is visiting at the home of Mr. Charlie Robbins at Cannonville. He will leave tomorrow for Asheville to attend the Teachers' Assembly.

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In the Hospital Corps.

Mr. Bruce Moore, who formerly worked at the bleachery, and who went with Captain Hill's company from here, has now been transferred to the Hospital Corps, which has recently been organized. When Mr. Moore first went there he was given a position in the Division hospital and has now been enlisted in regular service for three years, instead of two years, as a private. They will be allowed commutation of rations at the rate of 75 cents per day, it being impracticable for the government to furnish them subsistence.

A Wounded Soldier.

A soldier passed through on No. 36 Wednesday morning on his way to the hospital at Washington City, he being taken there for treatment. A week or two ago while acting as guard on the platform of one of the cars while going from Mobile to Tampa, he was thrown in some way between the cars. His leg was cut off just above the ankle, but blood poison having set in, his leg had been amputated three times and was not healing yet. The last time it was amputated above the knee.

Ordered to Leave.

Madrid, June 13.—Duke Almodovar de Rio, Minister of Foreign Affairs, has ordered Senor Du Bosc, former Spanish charge d'affaires at Washington, and Lieutenant Carranza, former naval attaché there, to leave Canada.

The government has authorized Governor-General Blanco to entertain propositions for an exchange of Lieutenant Hobson and the other prisoners taken when the American collier Merrimac was sunk off the entrance to the harbor of Santiago de Cuba.

The Papal Consul had a long conference with the Minister of the Colonies. It is much commented upon.

This ought to interest the men.

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