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A SHOOTING AFFAIR

In the Camp at Cuba - A Bullet Takes Effect in a Soldier's Leg - They Discover a Cave - Improvements Being Made.

Written for The Standard.
Camp Columbia, near Havana, Cuba, Feb. 3, 1899 - Each day of camp life brings with it something interesting for the boys to visit and speculate over. The more recent of the interesting places discovered by the boys is a very large cave, near camp, and was first discovered and explored by the now famous perambulators, Sergeants Watson, Brumley, Barrier, Smith, Deaton, Buglar Sims and Corporal Dunham, all of Co. L. This contingent struck a trail several weeks ago, and after a thorough search through the dense shrubbery, found an entrance to the great vacuum beneath. There are several entrances and the cave is prettily ornamented with stalactitic formations and bears some evidence of habitation - that is, there are hundreds of bats, land crabs and other creatures there. A Cuban resident says the cave was used as a place of storage for many years by the insurgents, but were finally ousted. Nearly every American soldier in the seventh army corps has visited the place. The cave is a formation of coral and resembles volcanic venturines.

It will be remembered that some of the State papers remarked about the scarcity of the scavenger birds, familiarly known as buzzards, in the States. There is evidence conclusive that this high soaring bird is in sympathy with Uncle Sam, for there are millions of them in and around Havana, and it is said that their protection is worth more than all the physicians in the Seventh Army Corps.

There was a breezy time in camp yesterday afternoon when Tom Burleyson, of Co. G, was a party to a row, and gathering up his "Neag Heilig" or Krag-Jorgeson rifle, began shooting at his tent mates, who responded with their pistols. Burleyson's bullet missed its mark, and after penetrating the folds of a few tents, struck private Brice in the left leg below the knee, breaking the bones, which will probably necessitate amputation. Burleyson and the two other soldiers are now in the regimental guard house.

The streets of the different regiments are now being nicely decorated with lime rock and white sand, studded with cacti and palm plants. The North Carolina Land Improvement Company is now doing its most artistic work. Corporal Mike Mabrey has charge of the work in Co. L street.

Private Laswell J Brown is now conducting the first battalion barber shop and is doing a thriving business.

Buglar Max Barker is the happy possessor of an elegant set of "goatees."

W Ross Cox, of Co. L, is clerk for Capt. Pruden at the Gospel Tent and is well suited for his position as assistant chaplain.

Private R P Saunders is one of the most popular men in the Corps and is known everywhere for his remarkable oratory. He is always jolly and in good humor.

Lieut. Goldston, Sergeants Watson, Barrier, Grier and Corporal Dunham have planned for a trip to

Havana tomorrow. A number of others may go.

A large number of our boys are at Marianas tonight, an American opera being the attraction. The first N. C. band has an engagement for four nights to furnish the music.

One Lawrence King, a private of this company, has been absent from camp for eight days, and unless he turns up tomorrow or Sunday he will go down as a deserter.

Walter L Hess and Andy Bernhardt have charge of the kitchen and the boys are faring sumptuously on bacon, beans and beef. Corn bread has recently been added to the bill-of-fare.

All are well and doing well.
Respectfully,
Harry P Deaton.

The Philippine Interest Absorbing.

The situation around Manila is of absorbing interest. There was a slight engagement Monday when the American forces advanced and took the water supply works. One man was killed and three wounded in a Nebraska regiment. The enemy carried off parts of the pumping apparatus that would have proved a serious inconvenience but they were found later and a water famine in Manila will be averted.

Gen. Otis has advanced to a circle of about nine miles from the city.

The latest statistics say we lost 49 killed and 148 wounded.

One Dr. Young of the Third Artillery was captured by the enemy and killed and besides was horribly mutilated.

The wounded of the enemy that fell into the American's hands are well cared for and are bewildered at such kindness.

Gen. Otis estimates the loss of the enemy in killed, wounded and captured to be 4,000. It is said to be characteristic of Gen. Otis in his modesty to underestimate his achievements and the loss of the enemy is believed to be much greater.

The enemy seems greatly demoralized and routed. The impression prevails that Gen. Otis will follow up his victory with the seizure of Iloilo and Malalos, the capital of the native government.

Since all efforts at a conciliatory course have failed, it is probable that a thorough chastisement will be inflicted on the Filipinos when kindness may be accepted.

Corn Grain in the Trachea.

The three-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs Carrigan who live two miles south of Taylorsville got a grain of corn in her trachea Monday and came near suffocating. She was taken to Statesville where she was relieved Tuesday morning by Drs. Long and Campbell by cutting into the trachea and removing it. The operation was made without the X-rays as the light would pass through the grain of corn as easily as through the body. It is considered quite a triumph in surgery and a source of pride to the doctors.

Epidemic of Spotted Fever.

Lexington, Ky., Feb. 7. - A letter to The Daily Leader, from Morgantown, the county seat of Butler county, in the western part of Kentucky, 15 miles from any railroad, says an epidemic of spotted fever or spinal meningitis is raging there, old and young dying rapidly. It is impossible to estimate how many have died and there is no one to report the true condition. It is now known that there are no longer any coffins in the place to bury the dead. The people are panic stricken and fleeing in all directions. It is reported there are now only a few left to nurse those who are stricken and helpless.

The female seminary and the public schools are closed. The physicians have been doing heroic work but seem powerless to check the disease. Morgantown is a place of 1,000 inhabitants, situated on a hill and has been considered very healthy. Several large saw mills are located there and the theory advanced is that the decaying saw-dust started the epidemic.

Lee, the Hypnotist, Coming Here.

Arrangements are being made for Prof. Lee, the great hypnotist, who is everywhere playing to crowded houses, to come to this place. Unless some change of date is made he will be here on the nights of March 2, 3 and 4.

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PERSONAL POINTERS.

- Mr. A B Young went to Raleigh this morning on business.
- Mr. Z E Scott returned to Kings Mountain this morning.
- Miss Jessie Deaton returned this morning from Charlotte.
- Mr. Jno. T Moffitt, of Asheboro, was here this morning for the purpose of furnishing the lumber for the new O tell mill to be built soon.

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