

The Messenger.

THE FIRST FULL ACCOUNT OF THE FIRST BATTLE

We read recently an elaborate account of the opening battle in Cuba between the United States marines and the Spaniards. It appeared in the New York Tribune and was admirably written. It is the first full account that has appeared of the splendid work of the marines at Guantanamo under the command of brave Lieutenant Huntington. The Americans landed on 10th June under fire. Then began a continuous fight for several days and nights, resulting in the killing of an American officer and five privates. Not less than 100 Spaniards were killed. The fighting on the part of the Americans was sublime in its tenacity, coolness, heroism. They were fighting 2,000 of the enemy. The marines one night were surprised. Here is that part of the description telling of the surprise:

"During the day the earthworks were strengthened and additional rifle pits were dug, and Saturday night the wisdom of the measure was proved. From dark until daylight the marines lay under an almost continuous fire. Early in the night a little detachment of five or six daring Spaniards crept close to the hilltop, dashed through the line of sentries, and, running straight across the eastward side of the camp, poured a volley among the startled Americans. It was then that Gibbs, the surgeon, was killed, with a sergeant and two men. The guerrillas were evidently acting under a skilled chieftain, for their attacks and changes of position came with bewildering frequency. They fired from the hills back of the American position, from the low point toward the sea line, from the direction of the city, and twice even crept into the bushes on the beach, between the marines and the warships in the bay. They covered their approaches and retreats with marvellous cunning, and older and more experienced men than the marines might have been pardoned had they been stampeded. But through it all the splendid fellows coolly blazed away, guided by the rifle flashes of the enemy and if there was one faint heart in the six hundred it was not found out."

The entire account is most interesting. We have read of no steadier work under the most exposed and trying circumstances, our men fighting against more than three to one. The enemy showed great resource and ingenuity and swiftness of movement. The only thing that saved our men was the bad firing of the Spaniards. The writer of the description says:

"When the story of the war with Spain shall have been told there will be no part of it more creditable to Americans and American arms than that which shall deal with the events of the week since the Panther disembarked her troops in Guantanamo harbor. * * Had the Spaniards been as clever with their rifles as they were in their methods of attack and retreat, the American loss would have been frightful."

No one reading the calm, lucid account will doubt the bravery and magnificence of the bearing of the American marines.

UNPATRIOTIC PROFESSORS

We had occasion several years ago to write with some severity of Professor Von Holst, now of the University of Chicago, because of his offensive opinions of John C. Calhoun and other famous southern men of mark. In fact he is a one-sided student of American history, and antagonizes generally southern opinion. It seems he has brought himself under much disfavor by certain recent unpatriotic, imprudent views he has presented of the present war. We have before us the Inter-Ocean's view of him in its editorial of 21st inst. headed "The Harm of Von Holst." It is caustic and keen, and without knowing what sort of treason the German has been guilty of to call forth the denunciations of the western press and the hostility of Illinoisians, we read with undisguised satisfaction the following we take from the aforesaid editorial:

"As far as concerns current public opinion or current events it is a matter of supreme indifference what Professor Von Holst says in public or in private upon American affairs. His words exert no influence. At first the students of the university and the public may have paid to them the deference due the professor's position, but the irrational violence of his tirades has shorn them of all persuasiveness. The students are accustomed to refer to them as fresh insurrections of Professor Von Holst's mouth. They enjoy them much as they would the ground-and-lofty tumbling of an acrobat."

It would be grateful to many southern readers if this escapade of the much knowing professor were to prove "the passing of Von Holst." This country can get along very well without such a perverter of American history, such a sectional exponent of unsound political philosophy, and such a bitter partisan. It looks as if it would be a relief if he would leave this country for this country's good. At any rate the Chicago Inter Ocean is evidently impressed with the conviction that his place could be filled by a wiser, safer, truer man. It says by way of warning:

"If the president of our university

cannot rise to the importance of the situation, then it behooves the trustees to consider its seriousness. It is no trivial matter for the University of Chicago that the most widely known member of its faculty is continually breaking out in tirades which shock and exasperate the patriotism of the American people and put the university in the attitude of antagonism to the president, the senate, the house of representatives, the army, the navy, and the vast mass of the nation, in the present war."

Let Von Holst pack his traps and hide him beyond seas. He and Professor Norton of Harvard University have made indeed "a mess of it" in their tirades against the present war with Spain and their repeated unpatriotic, disloyal, treasonable sentiments. They seek to embitter their pupils against a war which is the war of the great American republic, and, therefore "our" war. What is needed now is not antagonism to whipping the Spaniards thoroughly and liberating Cuba from the manacles that bind it in awful thralldom, but proper criticism of usages in the conduct of war, and telling the truth about it that the people may be well and correctly informed as to what really happens, good or bad, and of any incapacity or failure on the part of those entrusted with the great responsibilities in this crisis. The Inter Ocean says:

"This is, moreover, a period of intense feeling, and the fathers and mothers who are embittered against Von Holst and Norton today will be likely to send their sons to either Chicago or Harvard university in the near future. Nor will the young men themselves soon forget that the most un-American public utterances called out by this war came from the faculties of Harvard and Chicago."

Let southern youth keep away from Chicago and Harvard. As good education, and wiser teachings in some departments, can be obtained in the foremost southern institutions—at the University of North Carolina, University of Virginia and other most noted schools of learning.

AT SANTIAGO

It appears that Sampson's fleet cannot help General Shafter in his assault upon Santiago. It will be remembered in a bombardment of another place he was compelled to retire because his ships could not stand the Krupp guns. If he could get into the bay at Santiago the probability is he would have to face Cervera's fleet and more Krupp guns. If General Pando with his 10,000 army, and another force of 8,000 from Manzanillo should unite with General Linares, whose military skill is praised by the "authorities" at Washington, the force will be too great for the Americans possibly. They will have to overcome huge obstacles—wire fences, forts, and be exposed to the firing of the Spanish fleet, all of which combined, with a Spanish force in front of not less than 30,000 would necessitate not only the most desperate fighting, but subject the Americans to tremendous loss. We are gratified to learn that all of our regulars at Santiago are armed with the Krag-Jorgensen magazine gun, which is regarded as equal in effectiveness to the Mauser, with which Spaniards are armed. The Philadelphia Record says that the Krag-Jorgensen "is of 30 calibre, with a bullet weighing 220 grains, and thirty-seven grains of powder; the Mauser is of 27 calibre, the bullet weighing only 173 grains and the powder charge thirty grains. These weapons seem to be fairly matched." Our men can outshoot.

It is noticeable that Admiral Sampson reports favorably as to the effectiveness of the Cubans aiding. In the meantime our government is hurrying forward reinforcements to the Americans in Cuba.

The Surprise of All

Mr. James Jones, of the drug firm of Jones & Son, Cowden, Ill., in speaking of Dr. King's New Discovery, says that last winter his wife was attacked with La Grippe, and her case grew so serious that physicians at Cowden and Pana could do nothing for her. It seemed to develop into Hasty Consumption. Having Dr. King's New Discovery in store, and selling lots of it, he at once began to get better from first dose, and half dozen dollar bottles cured her sound and well. Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, Coughs and Colds is guaranteed to do this good work. Try it. Free trial bottles at R. R. Bellamy's Drug Store.

HOME FOLKS

Dan Russell still wears the inflamed war paint and flourishes his hunting knife seeking the railroad men. Dan's hatred is mortal. It must either kill him or devour the railroads. "And the villain still pursued her." Dan is paying too high for his visits to his butter-milk farm in Brunswick, and he swears (when Cade is not around) that railroads must be chopped. In this sign he sweats. How the demagogues do hate the railroads! But let any man of ordinary sense but stop and think it over and then ask himself—"What would North Carolina be or do, if it did not have a mile of railway?" You can go from Wilmington to Boston in some twenty-four or twenty-six hours. Wipe out the railroads and go back to stages and you could not get

there under three or four weeks. Stop your nonsense and put Dan in a straight-jacket.

Goldsboro's able citizen, Mr. Charles B. Aycock, has already entered the campaign and is making strong, effective speeches. He is enthusiastically received and his discussions give great pleasure and satisfaction to the people who hear him. He is speaking plain facts and telling the right way to victory—by the rallying of white men for white men's supremacy. The people—the true, self respecting, honorable white folks are sick deep down at negro rule in North Carolina. In our belief its end cometh. North Carolina must and shall be controlled by white men. That is the fiat gone forth, and it will come. If not in 1898, it will come. No state can stand negro domination and long survive in its liberties, prosperity and peace.

BREVITIES.

It does not amount to much whether Pennsylvania democrats endorse or reject the democratic platform of 1896. The republicans only have a majority of 100,000 or more.

Hurrah! for Captain Phinney! The American in command of a New Bedford vessel. Hats off! He has grit and makes glory for his country.

The governor of the Philippines in his war proclamation says the people of the United States are made up of "all social excrescences," that the war will be short and victory will be complete for his country. He expected to defeat our squadron under Dewey. It is dated 23rd April 1898.

In Charleston county S. C., there are sixteen murder cases on the docket to be tried in June.

The estimate of Senator Hale is that the war is now costing \$2,000,000 a day, and that it is from \$700,000,000 to \$800,000,000 a year. Quite a luxury you see.

The Spanish women and men are engaging in the customary gayeties and frivolities just as if there were no war and Havana was safe. Theatres, fairs, drives, promenades are literally crowded in the beautiful Havana. "Vanity of vanities, saith the preacher."

STATE PRESS.

Two of our late North Carolina decisions are being widely copied with general approval throughout the Union—the free pass case and the case holding that employees are entitled to damages if killed or injured by failure of railroads to use automatic couplers. It was a humane and just decision. In this state alone there are 10,000 employees and they were entitled to the protection of the law against defective appliances.—Raleigh News and Observer.

It appears that the threatened enmity, the appointment of Chas. A. Cook, of Warren, to be brigadier general, is to be committed after all. For such a monstrous proceeding—for the appointment to this high and responsible position of a person who has not yet reached the dignity of a raw recruit—for no other than a political reason, public opinion in North Carolina, without regard to party, ought to hold Senator Pritchard and the republican representatives from the state in the house, to a rigid account. They have hopelessly discredited themselves if this appointment is made, in the eyes of people who have wanted to think well of some of them, at least—of people whose good opinion is worth having.—Charlotte Observer.

If Mr. Webster, to whom the letter of Governor Jarvis was addressed, had read carefully The Morning Post of June 25 and 26, he would have seen therein stated that the democracy of each county and district was a law unto themselves, in the management of their local affairs, so long as they observed and are governed by the principles of the party. If there are populists in the county of Rockingham for instance, who approving the democratic platform, are willing to co-operate with the democrats any such arrangements as should be made by and between them satisfactory to themselves are entirely without the right or privilege of any other authority or power to interfere with or criticize.—Raleigh Post.

When a man gives great sums of money to churches and church institutions there is often a purpose for other than patriotic or generous impulses. Washington Duke, of Durham, who has given Trinity college over \$400,000, is a great manufacturer of cigarettes and has grown very rich from this industry. Trinity college is controlled and largely patronized by the Methodists, and there is hardly a Methodist minister in the country that does not denounce, in bitter terms, from the pulpit the manufacture and sale of cigarettes. We do not pretend to say or to intimate that the gifts of Mr. Duke to Trinity were not made with the most generous impulses and with a patriotic purpose, but there are those who believe that Mr. Duke gives his money to Trinity to keep the Methodists from making a broadside onslaught on the manufacturer of cigarettes. Statements similar to this we have heard made in the pulpit.—Dunn Union.

Wake Forest college has a summer school in full blast.

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NORTH CAROLINA
Reidsville Review: Within the past ten days three or four men have been killed by railroad trains in North Carolina. In each case it seems that the accident was due to sleep on the railroad tracks. If this keeps up railroads will be as dangerous for sleeping purposes as folding beds.
Fayetteville Observer: Dr. P. N. Melchor has been offered the position of assistant surgeon in the Third regiment, North Carolina volunteers, (colored). He had not asked for the position, and never dreamed of it being offered to him. Dr. Melchor has not yet decided whether he will accept or not.
Charlotte Observer: The Seaboard Air Line is patterning after the railroads of the north, by beautifying the ground at the stations along its system. At several stations between here and Shelby are to be seen pretty flower gardens and grass plots, with the name of the station in flowers, in the centre of the latter.

Lumberton Robesonian: Nick Williams, colored, was killed by Bill Bullock, colored, in White House township last Thursday night. Both men worked on the farm of A. C. Oliver, Sr., and the homicide occurred in the road near his home. Bullock was brought here Friday and lodged in jail to await trial at court.

Raleigh News and Observer: A large number of people prominent in Boston financial circles, have been attracted during the past few days to the banking house of Bickford & Richards, who have on exhibition a ton of copper-bearing ore taken from Granville and Person counties in North Carolina. Experts pronounce it excellent quality, and several state geologists, among them Professor J. A. Holmes, are unanimous in their opinion that ore is there in paying quantity.

Baltimore Sun: Mr. R. F. Fetzell, of Fayetteville, N. C., has sent the Sun a basket of delicious dewberries grown near Fayetteville. Mr. Fetzell writes: "The dewberries were grown in the sand hills of Cumberland county, a place five years ago considered worthless. With the necessary efforts and care in the culture and packing of these berries we have this season succeeded in shipping over 900 crates to the northern markets where they have brought from 8 to 20 cents per quart. This berry is growing in favor each year."

Greensboro Record: The Record learns that the Methodists have about decided to drop Trinity High School, at "Old Trinity," in Randolph county, from beneath their protecting wing and to build a preparatory school on Trinity park, Durham, several hundred yards in the rear of the college buildings. This school, in every department, will be separate and distinct. This plan, which has not before been made public, is adopted, we learn, because of the failure of the old school to carry on anything but a dragging existence. It has been an elephant on the hands of the college ever since the removal to Durham.

Webster's Reidsville Weekly: That was a shocking accident by which our clever young friend, Nat Borum, lost his life last Friday night. It seems there was a social gathering at the hospitable home of our friend, Dick Stokes, Esq., who lives a few miles below Ruffin, on the Southern railroad, which the Misses Borum, sisters of the deceased, attended. Just before midnight he called for them in his buggy, but they not being ready to go at the time, it is supposed he took a seat on the cross ties and being very much exhausted from harvest during the day, fell asleep while waiting. Immediately after the passing of the vestibule, his remains were found scattered for several yards along the line of the railroad. Mr. Borum was about 20 years old, and was a most deserving young man.

The University Summer School

(Correspondence of the Messenger.)
Chapel Hill, N. C., June 29.
The second week of the school shows a large enrollment, an earnest band of teachers, and unusual opportunities for study. The library is open five hours each day and the campus is cool and shady. Very few days have been unpleasantly warm.

An unusual number is found in the language classes. Four courses are offered in English by Professor Jaynes, of the South Carolina college; Miss Bryant, of the Ogontz school, and Dr. Hume, of the university. Dr. Linscott, one of the brightest men in the university faculty, has two interesting classes in Latin, and Mr. May, of the university, has three classes in French and German. These pupils are doing real work and are adding to their scholarship.

Mr. Noble is ubiquitous—here one minute and then answering questions for three or four on the other side of the campus—always courteous, but always firm. Under his management the school is running as smoothly as a well organized graded school.

Dr. Battle's lecture on the "Forgotten Man, Charles Wilson Harris, of Cabarrus, one of the early professors, was much enjoyed. The lecture contained much material gathered together with care, and was given in Dr. Battle's interesting style. Few men have power to express themselves more interesting than this lecturer.

Last night a reception was tendered the teachers attending the summer school by the faculty of the school. Many friends from the village were also present, and added to the pleasure of the occasion.

Garcia Sent to Meet Pando

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Playa del Este, June 28.—Delayed in transmission.—It is believed that General Calixto Garcia, whose forces were taken to the east in order to co-operate with the United States army in the capture of Santiago de Cuba, will be sent back with 2,000 of his men to stop the advance of General Pando, the Spanish commander, who, with 7,400 troops, many pack horses and a quantity of cattle on hoof, has arrived at a point seventy miles from Manzanillo, going east toward Santiago. According to information which reached the flagship New York today from Colonel Rios, in command of the Cuban camp, General Pando started from Manzanillo on June 22nd, and is travelling at the rate of twelve miles a day. The distance to Santiago is 127 miles and the roads leading there are rough and difficult to travel. The Cubans now opposing General Pando number only about 200 men.

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