

WITNESSED GENUINE BULL FIGHT.

Mr. C. A. Eury Gives Graphic Description of the Great Portuguese Sport—Facts About the Historic City of Lisbon—A Peculiar Custom.

To the Editor of the Gazette:

U. S. S. Iowa, Lisbon, Portugal, June 13—The battleship squadron arrived here from Guantanamo, via the Azores Islands, on the 5th inst. and was welcomed by the Portuguese fleet with the customary honors and salutes. In addition the King sent his aide on board the flag ship to extend to the officers and men the freedom of the city of Lisbon. This week has been a gala week here in honor of "A Esquadra Americana."

Here we had our first pay day for several months. Instead of receiving Uncle Sam's coin we were paid off in English gold. This the boys immediately exchanged for the legal tender of Don Carlos, which they spent just as easily.

Lisbon is situated on the right bank of the Tagus and like ancient Rome is built upon seven hills. It presents a superb amphitheater studded with churches, monuments, statues, and gardens with a principal frontage facing the Tagus, in which the fleet of Don Carlos and the Kearsarge, Alabama, Iowa, and Maine of Uncle Sam's navy are now lying at anchor. Seen from the bar or one of the neighboring land slips the city presents an imposing perspective, grand and grotesque both on account of its remarkable extent and the peculiarity of its situation.

The city is the capital of Portugal, the residence of the King and Queen, the seat of government and of the parliament. That part of the city termed the Baixa is a large valley between two of the famous hills and it is in this recess that the chief movement of the capital is concentrated. According to the latest official statistics Lisbon has 298,903 inhabitants and 67,623 dwellings.

The port of Lisbon is one of the best in the world and forms a rival to those of Constantinople and Naples; with its bar it is well sheltered from the sea.

The history of Lisbon is lost in the obscurity of time but it is quite certain that it existed prior to the year 200 B. C. for in this year the Romans made themselves masters of Lisbon and ruled it for six centuries. The Romans beautified it in a remarkable degree, erecting fortresses, temples, theaters, baths and other buildings. Earthquakes and savage tribes destroyed the monuments of Roman civilization but they did not succeed in extinguishing the marks. All down through the ages earthquakes and conquering armies have laid waste the city and leveled her temples and monuments with the ground. Time and again it became the stronghold of Arabs and Turks, barbarians, infidels, and Christians and they all alike destroyed the city only to see it rebuilt more beautiful than ever.

During the earthquake of 1755 more than half of the city was destroyed. Forty thousand lives were sacrificed and more than nine thousand famous buildings were included in the ruins. But in the midst of even this great calamity she bravely buried her dead, took care of the living, and with a unanimity of plan and an energy which characterized every act of her eminent statesmanship, Lisbon was at once rebuilt and the beautiful city which we admire to-day rose from the ruins more beautiful than ever.

The climate of Lisbon is in general healthy and temperate. In the summer months, however, the heat is sometimes excessive and for this reason the city does not present its usual appearance at this time. The winters are moderate and in December and January there are days and days at a time with radiant sunshine and moonlight nights of a calmness and enchantment which invite to dreams.

Having the opportunity of first liberty I went ashore the next morning after our arrival. It being Sunday morning the first thing that attracted our attention was the churches, of which there are two hundred in Lisbon. Each one of these two hundred churches has a history of its own. Most of them are noted for their antiquity and historical importance and surpass any in America for their sumptuousness and artistic beauty. The city is filled with squares decked with monuments

STRAW HAT FREE!

YOU CAN GET ANY STRAW HAT YOU MAY SELECT IN OUR STORE FREE WITH EVERY

FIVE DOLLAR PURCHASE
AT
SWAN-SLATER CO. JULY 2

20 Per Cent. Reduction
on all Three Piece Suits

SWAN-SLATER CO.
GASTONIA, N. C.

A Lot of \$2.50 Felt Hats for \$1
All Shoes at Cost

and statues, none of which are lacking in historical beauty. The principal streets are wide and clean. The street cars run regularly and are never crowded; not a single person can board a car which has no seating room.

The streets were lined with posters announcing excursions to the "Esquadra Americana," to the "Os Nossos Hospedes," and to the "Bull Fight," the only true sport of the Portuguese. After seeing as much of the city as possible we had an excellent dinner at the Cafe Sala de Risco. In the afternoon we applied the phrase "when in Rome do as Rome does" to time and place and took a car for the Campo Pequeno to see the bull fight.

The bull ring is cylindrical in form with a circular base and four great towers at the points corresponding to the cardinal. The arena comprising the inside basin has a radius of 20 meters and an exterior perimeter of 40 meters. The boxes, stalls, and galleries are on elevations above the ring and will seat 20,000 people. The King and Queen were early at the fight. When we arrived we found the royal carriage, drawn by four white horses, standing at the main entrance.

Tickets were selling from 400 to 5,000 reis, or from 40 cents to \$5. My seat was just opposite the royal box and I got a good look at the royal party. King D. Carlos wore the ordinary dress uniform with a white cap. He is a heavily built man, wears a short beard in real Portuguese style, and looks as if he might be about 50 years old. Queen Amelia sat at the King's right, in spotless white. She is a very beautiful woman and is much taller than the average woman. She is probably ten years younger than the King.

Before the performance began every seat was occupied and many persons were left standing. The matador entered the ring from the side opposite the royal box, approached the King and bowed. Then four or five other men, carrying red shawls, entered. The bull was then turned in and the fight was on.

The matador carried a small wooden spear with a steel fishhook-like point an inch long; when stuck in the bull's neck the point would not come out. The spear was beautifully decorated with colored paper. The men with the red shawls were only to attract the animal's attention; when he rushed at them they would step aside and cross the fence of the ring. The matador would sometimes appear on horseback and sometimes on foot. When he succeeded in placing one of the decorated spears or darts in the back of the bull's neck the crowd would go wild with cheers. The matador would then endeavor to hook the bull again. Sometimes there were as many as eight or ten points in the bull's neck when a drove of tame bulls were turned into the ring and all were driven out together. The fighting bulls had the

tips of their horns cut off, the remainder being covered with canvass so they could not tear the matador to pieces. The animals were well trained to play their part in the game; they knew their part as well as the men. As an actor steps out on the stage so the bull enters the ring. He immediately makes a charge at the matador but seems to make it a point never to hurt the matador's horse or any one else in the ring. Of ten bulls turned in at one time all bore evidence of long training save one. His horns were banded like the others but he seemed new to the business. He did not enjoy the decorations and red shawls as did the others.

Several times he followed the fighters over the ring fence and several of the fighters were carried out for surgical aid. Until this bull was turned into the ring not a single man was hurt. During his time more than a dozen were injured, none seriously, however. When he was driven out there was only one decorated spear in his neck. After the bull fight we returned to the city where we watched the dairymen deliver the evening milk. Boys, men, and women would drive the cows and goats to the doors and the customers would witness the milking. The same is done at the refreshment stands where milk is served. I spent the evening at the Hotel Continental where I had a good room and fine supper but no breakfast as I had to return aboard at 7.

While waiting for the boat I took in the city market which is situated near the river front and covers more than two blocks. I have never seen an American market that could compare with the one in Lisbon. Everything that one could wish for in the way of meats, poultry, fruits and vegetables can be had cheaper than in the average American market.

In returning to our ship the boat passed close to the navy yard where the Portuguese fleet

is at anchor. There are fourteen ships in all. The best is the cruiser Don Carlos, the flag ship of the fleet, which will compare favorably with our Olympia, flag ship of Uncle Sam's European squadron. I will write later of his Royal Majesty's visit to the battleship squadron. CLAUDE A. EURY.

For Visiting Young Ladies.

In honor of the visiting young ladies, Miss Mary Hildebrand and Miss Cornelia Carter of Morganton and Miss Walton of Washington, who are the guests of Mrs. W. H. Reddish; Miss Moena Moss of Orangeburg, S. C., who is the guest of Mrs. D. D. Laffar; Miss Emma Williams of Petersburg, Va., who is the guest of Mrs. W. O. Gattis; and Miss Donie Cline of Shelby, who is the guest of Mrs. W. J. Clifford, Mrs. C. I. Gresham entertained delightfully Tuesday afternoon at 6 o'clock with an at home at the Falls House. The guests were Mesdames F. T. Heath, W. F. Marshall, L. F. Wetzel, H. B. Moore, P. R. Falls, E. H. Tuttle, R. M. Johnston, W. J. Clifford, D. R. Laffar, R. M. Reid, S. A. Robinson, W. H. Reddish, W. O. Gattis, J. P. Colp, L. L. Jenkins, J. H. Seppark and Misses Emma Page, Nell Smyre, Lowry Shuford, Cynthia and Carrie Ruddock, Miss Emma Williams, Moena Moss, Donie Cline, Miss Walton, Cornelia Carter and Mary Hildebrand. The feature of the evening was a game of progressive Trail played at tables on the piazza. The prize, a handsome jewel box, was won by Miss Nell Smyre. After the game refreshments were served on the piazza. Mrs. Gresham is an ideal hostess and all present enjoyed the occasion very much.

Subscribe for THE GAZETTE.

Corn is selling at \$1.25 in Watauga county, says the Boone Democrat. The paper adds that this is something unheard of before in that section.

DYSPEPSIA REMEDY THAT CURES.

If Mi-o-na Does Not Cure, J. H. Kennedy & Co. Will Refund Your Money.

Among all the remedies in J. H. Kennedy & Co.'s popular drug store there are few that they are willing to sell on a guarantee to refund the money if they do not cure. Mi-o-na, the famous dyspepsia remedy, has made so many cures among their customers that J. H. Kennedy & Co. say "If this remedy does not cure you, bring back the empty box and we will cheerfully refund your money."

Anyone who has dyspepsia, indigestion, headache, dizzy feeling, or liver troubles, should take advantage of this chance to be made well without any risk of spending their money to no purpose. Mi-o-na will cure; will regulate the digestion; will enable anyone to eat what he wants. If it does not do all this, the medicine will not cost you a cent.

J. H. Kennedy & Co. have sold a great many boxes of Mi-o-na in the last few weeks and have yet to receive the first complaint from any customer. Such a record is simply marvelous and speaks volumes for the merit of the remedy.

It is easy enough to fill a column with the symptoms affecting those who have dyspepsia, but there is no need of describing their condition. What they want is a cure. And they have it in Mi-o-na.

Do not suffer a day longer with disordered digestion. If Mi-o-na cures you it costs 50c a box, and if it does not, you have J. H. Kennedy & Co.'s personal guarantee to return your money.

Special Line Trimmed Hats For Second of July Trade.

For Saturday, the day of the big celebration, we have prepared a special line of trimmed hats for ladies and children. Don't fail to come in and see them. The best hats for the price to be had in Gastonia. We extend a special invitation to all of our out of town customers to call and examine these values.

These special trimmed hats for ladies \$1 to \$2. Special trimmed hats for children, 50c to \$1.50. Infants' caps, 25c to \$1.

Window Portables—Only a few left at per yard 5 cents.

Summer Walking Shirts—The \$4 and \$5 kind going at \$2.25 while they last.

Neckwear—The very latest in this line; of the choicest material and newest designs.

Umbrellas—New lot of Ladies' Summer Umbrellas, black and colors, 26 inches, at 95c, and upwards. Lot of Men's 24 inch umbrellas, at \$1.00.

And remember that we are fully equipped to take care promptly of all special orders.

JAS. F. YEAGER

IF YOU BUY IT OF TORRENCE-MORRIS CO. IT'S ALL RIGHT

TO WATCH BUYERS

We have the best assortment of Watches in this section of the State.

We will duplicate any reliable watch at the price, save you express charges, and any risk of future annoyance.

We sell reliable watches from \$2.00 up.

We sell the 7, 15, 17, and 21 jeweled watches in the different grades in Nickel, Sterling Silver, Gold Filled and 14 K. Solid Gold cases.

We guarantee all Watches, and if they prove faulty from workmanship, we will replace them.

TORRENCE-MORRIS CO. UP-TO-DATE JEWELERS AND OPTICIANS

ALWAYS YOUR MONEY'S WORTH

FOR

Cool, Refreshing Iced Drinks and Satisfying High Grade Cigars.

Make Your Headquarters on the Second of July with

Adams Drug Co.

A CORDIAL INVITATION EXTENDED TO ALL VISITORS.

GASTONIA FURNITURE CO. GASTONIA FURNITURE CO. GASTONIA FURNITURE CO.

ANOTHER FURNITURE SALE!

Our store is soon to be remodeled in order to bring the interior up-to-date in every respect. To make room, we will sell furniture, for cash or on time, at

PRICES THAT WILL ASTONISH

Our discounts range from 25 to 50 per cent off regular price, which covers the price of some lines of furniture below cost.

GASTONIA FURNITURE COMP'Y

PHONE 23

Wood's Seeds.

Crimson Clover

Sown at the last working of the Corn or Cotton Crop, can be plowed under the following April or May in time to plant corn or other crops the same season. Crimson Clover prevents winter leaching of the soil, is equal in fertilizing value to a good application of stable manure and will winter-kill insects, the yield and quality of corn or other crops which follow it. It also makes splendid winter and spring grazing, the early green feed, or a good hay crop. Even if the crop is cut off, the action of the roots and stubble improve the land to a marked degree.

Write for price and special offer, or call about seedling etc.

T. W. Wood & Sons, Seedsmen, GASTONIA, N. C.

Wood's Comprehensive Plant Catalogue, ready about August 1st, tells all about Farm and Vegetable Seeds for Fall planting. Mailed free on request.

F. A. 12c8