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40,000 MEN ORDERED TO PORTO RICO

General Lee and the Seventh Army Corps Understood to be Among Those to go.

SPAIN MUST ACCEPT PEACE PROPOSITIONS

She Considers Demands Harsh but Must Accept—Porto Rican Citizens Fall on Knees and Embrace Legs of Soldiers at Juan Diaz

FORCE FOR PORTO RICO.

By Telegraph to The Times-Visitor. WASHINGTON, August 1.—Fifteen thousand soldiers will be sent to Porto Rico to reinforce General Miles immediately. This is a determination of the government to push the war as strenuously as possible up to the last minute when an armistice is declared. General Wade has been ordered to take command of the reinforcements. He has been detached from command of the camp at Chickamauga for that purpose and with his staff is on the way to Washington for final instructions. The reinforcements are to consist of fifteen regiments. It is understood that General Lee is to be sent to Porto Rico with the Seventh Army Corps. He has been engaged completing its organization at Jacksonville. General Copinger will command the Tampa force. General Brooke with six thousand are due at Porto Rico today. It is expected that within a fortnight over forty thousand troops will be operating in Porto Rico.

PORTO RICO IS OURS.

By Cable to The Times-Visitor. PONCE, July 30, via St. Croix.—Porto Rico is turning American as fast as the United States troops advance. The citizens of the island are enthusiastic, giving much help locating the recreant Spaniards and large numbers have been brought into the cities by vigilant citizens and turned over to the troops, who after signing the parole agreement are released. With hardly an exception the paroled prisoners join the crowd in praising and assisting the Americans. The troops advanced Saturday night toward the outskirts of San Juan, Juan Diaz, twelve miles from Ponce, was the second town taken by the troops. Guanica being first, then Yauco. When the troops took possession of the latter the mayor issued a proclamation, urging the citizens to conduct themselves properly toward the troops and also brilliantly lauding America, its arms and citizens. It is intensely loyal to our government. When the troops arrived the citizens fell upon their knees and embraced the legs of the invasion hosts. It was truly a remarkable reception received by the invading army. At Ponce today placarded porters were issued by the mayor upon order of General Wilson demanding the surrender of all arms and declaring it the duty of every citizen to inform where arms are concealed. A great number of arms have been turned in to date. It is thought that over two thousand Spaniards will sign the parole docu. The campaign is being pushed by General Miles. He expresses great satisfaction.

DIRECT CABLE CONNECTION.

By Telegraph to The Times-Visitor. WASHINGTON, August 1.—Colonel Allen cables Chief Signal Officer Greeley that direct cable communication has been established from Santiago to Washington via St. Thomas. It will be maintained.

THREE KILLED IN A FIRE.

By Telegraph to The Times-Visitor. CHICAGO, August 1.—A fire in the Borwin Hotel killed three persons this morning. Several casualties were caused by guests leaping from the windows.

THORN ELECTROCUTED.

By Telegraph to The Times-Visitor. NEW YORK, August 1.—Martin Thorne, the murderer of William Guidenpupe, was electrocuted at 11 o'clock this morning.

FROM THE CAPITAL STREET SITUATION

Special Correspondence on the War Situation.

A PROBLEM OF PEACE

General Miles Ran Great Risk by Land in Guanica—If the Landing Had Been Unsuccessful He Would Probably Have Been Deported.

Special Cor. Times-Visitor. WASHINGTON, Aug. 1.—While there is some criticism of the terms of peace offered Spain, in answer to its request, and which the French Ambassador, acting as Spanish Minister, has accepted, the general impression is, that on the whole, the administration has acquitted itself very creditably in handling this matter as far as it has gone. The terms require Spain to withdraw its troops at its own expense from Cuba and Porto Rico; to pay all just claims of Americans for property destroyed in Cuba; the United States explicitly disclaims any responsibility whatever for bonds issued by Spain and secured by its revenues from either Cuba or Porto Rico—a decided check to the scheme which certain Americans have been trying to work in behalf of the European holders of the Spanish bonds; and the final disposition of the Philippines is left open to be settled as we may see fit. One man's guess is about as good as another as to what will be the next step of the tricky Spaniards. Any other country might be expected to follow the recommendations of its accredited minister, but Spain cannot be counted upon to do anything.

Commissary General Eagan, of the army, is out in an interview replying to a letter written by R. B. Roosevelt, a New York lawyer, charging that there was either "shameful incapacity or infamous dishonesty" in the commissary department, and that neither enough, nor proper food had been furnished the men at the front. Eagan's reply is that the boys call "hot stuff," he calls Roosevelt several kinds of a notoriety hunting liar, and says his letter was "a low libelous, scandalous vilification of honest men."

Surgeon General Sternberg admits that although more than 5,000 of General Shafter's men are now down with the fever, that he thinks the worst is yet to come. The only consoling thing about the situation is the small number of fatalities among the fever patients, but the disease may assume a more malignant type at any time. When General Miles landed at a Porto Rican port that was not the one the administration expected him to land at, there was considerable growing in administration circles, and even talk of Miles being censured for not having obeyed orders, but as soon as the news of his successful occupation, without loss of life, of much territory including a number of towns, it went down in circles, and even included in "Nothing succeeds like success" you know. Had Miles met with any reverses, he would at once have been made a scapegoat.

Representative Davey, of Louisiana, whose vigorous presentation of facts acquired during a stay of one week in the camp at Miami, Fla., caused the War Department to issue orders transferring the troops from that point to Jacksonville, does not mince words in describing the condition of those troops and expressing the opinion that somebody was blamable for the mismanagement which he said had debilitated and disheartened hundreds of the men. To show that he had not exaggerated the true condition of the troops, he produced an official record of nine hundred men on the sick list at one time in a camp of two brigades, calling attention to the fact that the men being from Alabama, Louisiana and Texas, were practically all suffering from the same disease. One would suppose that canteens would be one of the first things provided for soldiers in a summer campaign, yet when Mr. Davey arrived in camp he found that there were only one canteen for seven men, and when he left, a week later, there were half of the men still without canteens.

It is a chestnut with whiskers on it to say the civil service commission is a humbug, but in view of the fact that these truly good men, who draw big salaries for professional goodness, have just officially reduced a clerk in the employ of the commission one grade, for alleged inefficiency, and that this same clerk as a witness before the Senate Civil Service Committee, some months ago, had testified to methods in use by the commission that even a mugwump would not call reform, it seems necessary to say it again.

There are plenty of men in Washington who make no bones of calling the printing of Grosvenor's "Issue of Misrepresentations" in a belated issue of the Congressional Record, after his request for permission to print it was refused by the House, as downright dishonesty. Secretary Kerr, of the Democratic Congressional campaign committee, says the committee regards the printing of the speech, under the circumstances, as a disgrace, and while on the subject he added: "Unanimous consent was refused him by the House and the management of the Record was at fault for allowing it to appear in that publication. The speech will not be of any great value as a campaign document. The very circumstance under which it has appeared discredits it. Democrats have been loyal to the war. We have favored support for the army and navy, but we did not agree to the saddling of an unnecessary bonded debt upon the country. Grosvenor's speech will be challenged everywhere it is circulated."

By Cable to The Times-Visitor. NEW YORK, August 1.—The cruiser Yale was sighted this morning. She brings news from Ponce.

UNDER FALSE COLORS.

By Telegraph to The Times-Visitor. KEY WEST, August 1.—The Mexican steamer Tabassano, flying the French flag was captured off Havana yesterday while trying to run the blockade.

HOPEFUL OF PEACE.

By Telegraph to The Times-Visitor. WASHINGTON, August 1.—The President and some members of the cabinet are hopeful that the treaty of peace will eventually result from overtures from Spain and terms submitted in reply by the United States.

PEACE FEELING GENERAL.

By Telegraph to The Times-Visitor. WASHINGTON, August 1.—Minister Cambon immediately sent the government's note to Spain. The President looks for an answer by Wednesday. Some members of the Cabinet are not ashamed to deny the report that Ambassador Cambon conferred in office plenipotentiary Spanish government, but simply as a messenger. The feeling of peace is becoming general, however, and already names of commissioners for the United States are being talked of. The latest to be mentioned are Minister Woodford, for minister to Spain and Richard Olney, ex-Attorney General, but there is no official grounds for the report.

FIGHT AT MATANZAS.

By Cable to The Times-Visitor. SAN SEVERINO, August 1.—Matanzas is reported to have been bombarded by warships. Also says a force of four hundred infantry and cavalry of Americans attacked a detachment of Spanish engineers at Gran Colon and were repulsed, leaving ten men dead on the field. The Spanish loss was one officer and two men wounded.

Two Citizens Write Their Public Opinions.

APPEAL FOR DECENCY

Prominent Well-to-do Citizens Allow Weeds to Make their Sidewalks Impassable—The Board of Aldermen Asked to Take Action.

The Street Committee has done a great deal of good work for the city of Raleigh. It is now attempting to clean the weeds off the various streets and the force of hands, if working, are doing a slow business and many streets make a terrible appearance. The Times-Visitor is always interested in the work of any officials who are serving the people of Raleigh and is glad to know that its efforts in the direction of street improvement have been appreciated.

The following card is from two well-known citizens who are always in the front of the fight when the city's good reputation is at stake.

Raleigh, N. C., August 1st, 1898.

Editor Times-Visitor: Have been permitted to exist until the lives of our people are in danger, and the good reputation of the city of Raleigh at stake.

Day after day for three weeks you have urged upon residents the necessity of clearing their sidewalks of the unusual growth of weeds and in some instances the wisdom of the request has been seen and the vile growth has been removed by citizens from the sidewalks bounding their homes. However, there are citizens, and one would be surprised to know what well-to-do families are included, who pay absolutely no attention to the appeals for the betterment of our people, for the safety of those who walk from house to house, for the health of this community, in fact, for ordinary decency, and allow an immense crop of disease-disseminators to remain standing on their property.

There are certain cases that are worse than others and some that would make comparison odious, but when we find men of high standing in our life, who either from stinginess or disregard of the welfare of their neighbors permit the flagrant bushes to continue their dreadful career, we are forced to appeal to the law-making body of our city and ask protection for those who are not unmindful of the welfare of their fellowmen.

The Street Committee of the Board of Aldermen nearly a month ago requested the co-operation of citizens of Raleigh in its efforts to remove from the streets the weeds that are ever-sores to decent people, and that have already contributed causes for the number of cases of sickness now existing in this city. A number of citizens have failed to comply with the request and the time for action has arrived.

The police force is maintained at the expense of the people of Raleigh and every street in this city, it is supposed, is visited by at least one member of the force each day. There have been so far as we are able to learn, no reports made by policemen to the Chief of Police. This should not be the case. If the members of the police force are well informed on the city ordinances, as they should be, they should report such disgraceful conditions as exist at present in every ward in the city.

We will appreciate the favor if the Times-Visitor will continue to present this important matter to the public. The following city ordinance places the responsibility:

Chap. II, sec. 3. Every occupant of a lot on any street shall keep the footway clean and clear of weeds, grass and other rank vegetation, and the gutter open and free from obstruction, as far as such lot extends. If any rubbish, dirt, ashes or any other thing be placed or left, without lawful authority, upon such footway or in such gutter, the occupant of such lot shall remove the same. If after written notice by the Chief of Police or Street Commissioner or Sanitary Officer to the occupant of the lot, requiring him to remove from the sidewalk or gutter any of the things prohibited by this ordinance, he shall fail for twenty-four hours to remove the same he shall be fined five dollars.

The Times-Visitor has shown a desire to advance the best interests of the city. It has made enemies among certain officers in the Second Regiment, but those men of strong mind and who were looking for the good of others as well as themselves respected your paper the more for it. When you take up a fight you stay in it until you win. The Times-Visitor cleaned Camp Dan Russell, now won't you clean Raleigh. The better class of people

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OFF FOR THE SOUTH

The Second Regiment Has Left Camp Dan Russell.

LEFT LATE YESTERDAY

Regiment Marched Through the City—The Band Gave a Farewell Concert—Four Thousand People Were at the Depot to Wish the Men Well.

At least 4,000 people waited for an hour to bid goodbye to the soldiers of the Second Regiment at the Union depot yesterday afternoon, and with the appearance of the first musket on the hilltop toward the Park Hotel there was a rush for the line of march like that which welcomes a hero come back from the wars.

The park, the sidewalks, the depot front and the waiting rooms and platforms were a moving mass of people of all ages and classes, who wished to have a last look at the boys who have been our near neighbors for many weeks. And from the lips of none was there ought but wishes for the troops that were marching so gallantly away. It was a memorable scene withal.

The troops arrived on time, marching briskly and in excellent order. The manoeuvre of getting aboard the train through the masses of people who thronged on all sides was by no means easy, but it was executed without a hitch.

After the troops had gotten aboard there was a delay of some minutes on the Seaboard, and of more than an hour on the Southern, due to some trouble in loading the horses and effects at camp. Then it was that the "men behind the guns" had an opportunity to make their farewells, and heads and arms were thrust out at the windows and individuals and groups detached from the passing procession whenever a familiar face among the soldiers appeared. It showed that the boys who came to camp knowing no one had made many friends and found a warm place in many hearts in the city of Raleigh.

There were some farewells that were evidently said with more than a passing sadness, said with tears that argued more than mere friendly concern. Despite all their eagerness to be assigned to duty the soldiers seemed sorry to go when the time came. Most of them were young and new from the ties that peace imposes and that war too often breaks.

The larger part of the crowd remained until the trains pulled out and cheered them lustily when they did. The crowd had not come from mere idle curiosity. During the wait the band played occasionally, and they never had a larger or more appreciative audience. It was Sunday, but no North Carolinian could hear "Dixie" in farewell and keep his hat on or his mouth shut. He did neither, and the echoes woke, while handkerchiefs, umbrellas and hats waved wildly.

The officers of the regiment probably never knew before how popular they were, but they shook hands yesterday until their arms must have ached. As a matter of fact the officers of the Second are a fine lot of men, and their friends were only trying to convince them of it. In their relations with the many visitors at camp they have been uniformly courteous and obliging, often under circumstances decidedly trying, the ovation tendered them was only a just recognition of it.

Everybody was sorry to see the boys in blue depart and should duty or pleasure ever call them back to Raleigh in whole or in part they may rest assured that they will be warmly welcomed.

A NEW FIRM.

Messrs. B. Irby and Samuel M. Young Open an Attractive Store. Prof. Benjamin Irby and Mr. Samuel M. Young have formed a co-partnership and opened up a store with a complete stock of agricultural implements, farm supplies and hardware at Mr. Irby's present stand on Martin street. Prof. Irby has been conducting an establishment for the sale of agricultural implements, seeds, fertilizers, &c., which Prof. Irby has kept on hand. Both of the members of the firm have many friends in Raleigh. The firm possesses character and experience and success is predicted for them.

THE HAVANA BLOCKADE.

By Cable to The Times-Visitor. MADRID, August 1.—The French, German and Austrian ambassadors had a conference with the Spanish Minister of Foreign Affairs yesterday. The result is unknown. Advice from Havana says the Cuban blockade is maintained in a most vigorous manner.

LOCAL NEWS ITEMS.

Dusty Travelers From Dusty Trains

SHORT STATEMENTS.

Those Who are in the Public Eye—Movement of People Who Have or Have Not Gone to the War—Big News in Little Space.

By Cyrus Thompson left this afternoon for Onslow county.

Mr. A. M. Kornegav, of Goldsboro, is stopping at the Yarbrough.

Mr. Kemp Lewis returned this morning from a visit to friends at Chapel Hill.

Ex-Senator Jarvis returned to Raleigh today. He is a guest at the Yarbrough.

Miss Celle Johnson, of Chatham county is visiting the family of Mr. D. T. Johnson on Hillsboro street.

Mr. Fred Phillips, of Tarboro, is visiting Mr. David Bagley on the corner of South and Blount streets.

Miss Jane Andrews, accompanied by Mr. W. J. Andrews and Mr. Graham Andrews, left this morning for Blowing Rock.

Miss Hunter arrived in the city last night and is stopping with her parents Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Hunter on Person street.

Mrs. C. S. Jackson, Mrs. Haywood D. White and H. D. White, Jr., returned this morning from a visit to relatives in Pittsboro.

Dr. A. M. Simms and wife leave tonight for Transylvania county where Dr. Simms will take a month's much needed rest.

Miss Hattie Watlington, of Greensboro, is in Raleigh visiting her aunt, Mrs. J. H. Robbins, on Newbern avenue.

Mr. Cary Rogers has a position at Mr. H. T. Hicks' drug store for the summer. His friends are delighted to have him again in Raleigh.

Mr. John Tucker left yesterday for his home in Franklin county, to be at the bedside of his brother who is quite sick.

Mr. D. A. White, Secretary and Treasurer of the White-Rickie Furniture Manufacturing Company of Mebane is at the Carrolton.

The condition of Miss Eunice Worth, who is ill with typhoid fever at the home of her father State Treasurer Worth, is reported more favorably today.

Mrs. Herbert Worth Jackson, Miss Josephine Phillips and Miss Evelyn Jackson left this morning for Blowing Rock to spend the month of August at Green Park Hotel.

Yesterday and today reports have been going the rounds that Adjutant Bradley Wooten, who is with his battalion at St. Augustine is dead. He was reported improved in a telegram received late yesterday afternoon. It was also reported that Private Wilson, of the Governor's Guard, died yesterday at Jacksonville, but this also proved to be false. Both reports are supposed to have originated with the publication of the list of seriously ill.

MR. SAUNDERS HURT.

Mr. J. A. Saunders has returned from trip to Norfolk. When leaving the Norfolk Hotel his foot slipped on the door-step at the main entrance and he fell on his face, receiving painful injuries. His face was badly gashed, and the loss of blood made him very weak. Mr. Saunders is much improved today.

UNION MEETING.

Yesterday a union meeting was held in the Baptist church at Inwood. A large crowd was present and Raleigh was well represented. Mr. John T. Pullen of Raleigh preached. Among the representatives from the "City of Oaks" were Mayor William Russ, Messrs. Geo. Marsh, Frank Allen, Dr. George Renn, Lee Watson, Henry Johns, Delmar Upchurch, Daniel Allen, Rawley Galloway, Jack Perry, Garland Upchurch, R. M. Andrews, W. G. Allen, Ned Shore, Whitfield Cobb, Harry Pool Ceburn Harris and Thomas Pace.

R. & C. F. R. R. SCHEDULE.

The following is a condensed schedule of the Raleigh and Cape Fear Railway Company. A passenger will leave Raleigh on Tuesdays at 4 p. m. and arrives at Mc. Cutlers' at 5 p. m. On the same days a train leaves Mc. Cutlers' at 10 a. m. and reaches Raleigh at 11 a. m. Trains No. 3 and No. 4 will run daily between Caraleigh Mills and Mc. Cutlers', leaving Caraleigh at 7:30 a. m.; returning, leave Mc. Cutlers' at 8 a. m. and arrive at Caraleigh Mills at 8:30 p. m.