

RIDES FROM KANSAS.

Long Journey of a Westerner Who Is Anxious to Fight Against the Spaniards.

late the other afternoon a travel-stained, dust-beaten man rode up to the armory of the Sixty-ninth regiment at Sixth street and Third avenue, New York city. He wore a ranchman's costume, with wide sombrero, buckskin breeches and boots. A policeman across the street noticed the flash of a long revolver stuck in the holster of the stranger's belt and his general warlike appearance. He informed her that he was subject to instant arrest for carrying firearms.

"See here," the traveler said, "don't take away that weapon. I hope to use it on the Spaniards. I have ridden in here all the way from Kansas to join this regiment, which, I understand, is in for business. And say, pardner, if you don't mind holdin' the bronco a minute I'll just get up here and offer my services."

The copper declined to act as a hitching post and the litho-limbed brute, which seemed quite fresh after its journey, was tied to a water plug.

Capt. Roche, of company M, was the first officer whom the Kansas volunteer met, and he immediately made him a member of the company.

Oscar M. Burchard is his name. He comes from near Emporia, Kan. His is a case of real patriotism, and the regiment recognized it. Nothing was talked about but the man who had ridden in from Kansas on a mustang 1,500 miles to join the "Fighting Sixty-ninth."

THE ASTOR BATTERY.

Details of the Fighting Force Being Raised and Equipped by John Jacob Astor.

George F. Hawkins, the private secretary of John Jacob Astor, gives the following information about the light artillery which Mr. Astor is organizing and the services of which he has offered to the United States government:

"Applications of men anxious to enlist in the battery are being received daily at the office of Mr. Astor. Those applying are all of a desirable class, able-bodied young men, many of whom have had previous military experience. None of them has yet been examined physically."

"Mr. Astor will equip the battery completely. It will be known as the Astor light battery. He will provide everything, men, horses, guns, carriages, ammunition. In fact, all that is needed to enable the battery to take the field on short notice. Nothing as yet has been decided upon as to how the battery will be officered, whether by regular United States artillery officers or by others."

"I do not think that Mr. Astor will have a personal command in the battery. As I understand it, the battery will have the regular United States complement of six guns and the regular number of men, some 150 in all, I believe."

Military men say that for \$75,000 Mr. Astor could equip the battery in the very best manner.

FOR CAMPAIGN IN CUBA.

Infantry Regiments Composed of Immunes Will Accompany the Invading Army.

"Immunes," or men who have passed through yellow fever, will constitute several seasoned infantry regiments which will accompany the invading army into Cuba. A majority of these have at some time or other lived on the island and passed through the fever, which is more dreaded by the soldiers than Spanish bullets. Col. H. B. Thompson, of Atlanta, is anxious to recruit another regiment of "immunes," and in a letter received by the president asks for authority to do so. He says he can easily gather together 1,200 men who have recovered from attacks of yellow fever, and who are, therefore, in no danger of a second illness from the same disease. President McKinley directed his secretary to accept Col. Thompson's offer, and promised him that his regiment of immunes would be mustered into the army which follows the invading forces into Cuba.

SYSTEM MUST PREVAIL.

Secretary Long Gives Strict Orders That Notwithstanding War Active Rules Must Be Observed.

Secretary Long has given strict orders to the bureau chiefs requiring that there shall be no interference with the work of other bureaus in the department. It has been found that in the hurry and confusion in preparing the navy in the last month of emergency, many rules have been ignored. Several ships, for instance, have been purchased without the advice of the constructors, and already there are visible evidences of mistakes which may have been made in this respect. Secretary Long will require that the precautionary measures of the past, which were adopted in time of peace in anticipation of just such occasions as the present, shall be strictly and rigidly observed. The order has attracted much attention in the department.

Aluminum Rattle.

The first article made in aluminum was a baby's rattle, intended for the infant prince imperial of France, in 1856. Its lightness, brightness and ring fitted it admirably for such a purpose; but only a prince could afford such a rattle in those days.

Words Common to All Languages.
Every language contains such names as cuckoo, pewit, whippoorwill and others, in which the sound emitted by the animal is imitated by the name.

Perpetuates a Patriot's Name.
Bolivia perpetuates the name of Gen. Bolívar, the "liberator of Peru."

PROVE MINES' POWER.

Practical Illustration of the Force of Submarine Explosives.

A Dynamite Cylinder Is Set Off in the Harbor with Terrible Effect—Skeptical Spectators Convinced.

Submarine mines are formidable war engines and are not to be laughed at, as has been proved in the presence of a crowd of scoffers.

A large iron case full of gunpowder came ashore at New York in a very battered condition. The contents were intact and the case was recognized by my officers as one of those laid down in the lower bay. From its appearance it was evident that the mine had been accidentally torn from its anchorage by a passing steamship, for a short section of the electric firing cable was still attached to it, and the case bore marks that could only have been inflicted by the bow or propeller of a large steamer.

While Lieut. McGregor was examining the stranded mine he was chaffed by idlers, who made no end of fun of a torpedo which could be torn from its anchorage unharmed. Knowing the powerful character of the mine, Lieut. McGregor decided to give his tormentors a practical illustration of the extraordinary effects of an explosion. As the cylinder could not be used in harbor defense, the lieutenant knew he was not wasting valuable material. Sending for several hundred feet of electrical wire, he made the necessary attachments and had the mine towed out into the main channel.

Having everything in perfect working order, the lieutenant sent the idlers to a safe distance and then touched his key. In a second there rose from the surface of the sea a huge column of water and sand fully 150 feet in the air. The sound of the explosion was followed by a vibration of the ground near Fort Hancock which was like an earthquake. The officers and men in the fort rushed out, apparently expecting to see some strange vessel sinking in the channel, while the idlers were appalled by the spectacle they had witnessed.

Each of these dynamite mines contains 250 pounds of the explosive material.

SHOWS GOOD SPEED.

New Torpedo Boat McKee Makes a Record of 19.8 Knots Per Hour on Its Trial Trip.

The navy department has some gratifying information in regard to the torpedo boat McKee. Commodore Farquhar, commanding of the Norfolk navy yard, wired Secretary Long that the craft had made an approximate speed of 19.8 knots on a two hours' trial without being pushed and without accident, and that the boat had made a speed of 17 knots on the run down the bay under easy steam.

The boat was promptly accepted, as it was certain that with very little coaxing the craft could exceed the 20-knot speed exacted by the contract. This result is particularly pleasing to the constructors and engineers of the service, because it is of the type on which it was proposed to build 100 torpedo boats to serve as an adjunct to harbor defense.

It is doubtful if these boats will be built, because the chance of the enemy pursuing our vessels into our harbors is remote, and it is now believed that the vessels used in harbor defense will have scant opportunity for service. A number of torpedo boats, however, on the plans of the McKee will in all probability be constructed.

FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE.

Lies Bedridden in London—Seeds Greeting to Trained Nurses at International Health Exposition.

Florence Nightingale has written to Miss Mary E. Wadley, manager of the educational exhibit of trained nurses at the international health exposition at the Grand Central palace, says the New York Journal and Advertiser. The heroine of the Crimean war is an invalid and is so withdrawn from public affairs that she is not known by many intelligent people to be living. She lies bedridden at No. 5 Hyde Park square, west London.

Miss Nightingale's letter was read by Miss Wadley to several hundred nurses assembled at the health exposition to witness demonstrations in bandaging, such as might have been required at Manila. Miss Nightingale in the course of her letter said: "Florence Nightingale hopes that your endeavors may be successful in raising the standard of this calling, and sends her kind regards."

COST OF THE WAR.

Estimate of the Expenses of the Army in Conflict with Spain Amounts to More Than \$160,000,000.

The estimate of the expenses of the army in the war with Spain amounts to more than \$150,000,000, or, to be exact, \$161,043,402. This is divided among the supply departments as follows: Subsistence, \$15,633,085; quartermasters, \$49,036,000; pay department, \$62,033,008; signal corps, \$288,000; ordnance department, \$4,124,633; medical department, \$80,000; corps of engineers, \$5,000; inspector general's department, \$384,480. This makes a total of \$161,312,184.39, to which is added ten per cent, making the grand total given above.

Chiropodists in German Regiments.
Every German regiment has a chiropodist in its ranks.

TEMPERATURE OF FISH.

The normal temperature of fish is 77 degrees.

NOT DOING THE WORRYING.

Conditions Under Which a Partner Thinks He Ought to Put in More Capital.

"I have made a discovery," said Mr. Billtops, in the New York Sun, "and that is that there is likely to be some one person in a household that does all the worrying. There may be others that fret, and very likely fret over trifling things, but the real worrying over things that have got to be done and got to be looked after is usually done by one person. The person that does the worrying in my house is Mrs. Billtops. The children and myself and all hands lean on her and expect her to do everything. I don't know, but I sort of think that we expect her to provide things whether we have any money or not, and she certainly does seem to make everything come out all right somehow."

"Now, as a rule, among men, the man who does the worrying gets paid for it. He is usually the man at the head of an enterprise, or a concern, or department, or whatever it may be, who is able to do the work and willing to take the care and responsibility of it. Those under him may pile their cares up on him, and he shoulders them—many a man—easily. There are, thank goodness, plenty of men that don't shy at responsibility."

"But these men get paid for what they do, and Mrs. Billtops does not, unless she counts my appreciation as something. The children don't realize what she does; they expect it. And as for me, the silent partner, if I don't stand up and take the knocks, I think I ought at least to put in more capital."

SWALLOWED A FIRE.

Pinegar Wanted His Internal Combustion Put Out as Quickly as Possible.

One of the first men to reach San Francisco with a hoard of Klondike gold was an Irishman named Finnegan, who had been very poor before he struck it rich, and who, consequently, was unfamiliar with many ordinary usages of a life of luxury, says Harper's Magazine.

"Oh say, yez kin bring me two dozen eyesters," he said, airily, as he took a seat in one of the finest restaurants in Frisco.

The oysters were soon set before him, and Finnegan, looking about him for something to put on them, and hardly knowing what that something should be, spied a bottle of Tabasco and proceeded to season the bivalves with it.

"Impaling an oyster upon his fork, he thrust it into his mouth, then leaped to his feet with a terrific roar of pain, and began dancing about and yelling like a madman."

"See here!" cried the proprietor, rushing to the table. "Keep still, or I'll put you out!"

"P-p-put me out, is it? Oh wish yez would put me out!" yelled Finnegan. "Me insides is blazin' like a match factory!"

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CHILDHOOD LOVERS UNITED.

An Interesting Romance Which Begun in Muncie, Ind., and Ended in Hawaii.

An interesting romance, which began in Muncie, Ind., and ended in Honolulu, has just been told to the bride's relatives in the Indiana town. Twenty years ago Miss Allie Snell, eldest daughter of Dr. S. Snell, now deceased, and George W. R. King were schoolmates and lovers. They agreed to get married when both reached a certain age, but the young man's parents moved from Muncie and finally landed in Honolulu, where they have since resided. Miss Snell was later married to Thomas Connor and for many years the couple have lived happily together. They moved to San Francisco three years ago, and a year ago were divorced, after she had learned the place of residence of her schoolmate lover and the fact that he was yet unmarried. Soon after the divorce the lady met her childhood's lover and a wedding was arranged for upon the arrival of Mrs. Connor in Honolulu.

The lady is the possessor of large properties, mostly located in Muncie, and her new husband is a rich man.

AMERICA AND ENGLAND.

Two Things That Would Bring About an Alliance Between the Nations Instantly.

Two things would bring about an Anglo-American alliance instantly. If a combination of European powers should be formed to crush the United States—and after the official utterances of the foreign ministers of Germany and Austria, this is not wholly an extravagant supposition—they would have to crush the British fleet as well. That this is the view of those at present responsible for British policy I know, writes Henry Norman in Cosmopolitan.

As I have said elsewhere, we should never stand by and see a hundred millions of people who speak English trampled on by people who speak Russian or French or German. And we cherish, not as those who have no hope, the conviction that if the people who speak Russian and French and German laid aside for the moment their deadly rivalries to join in crushing us, beside the flag of the three crosses there would be found on the seas a certain flag or "stripes, as well as stars."

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