

**INVASION LIKE A FETE DAY**

**Porto Ricans Receive Our Troops Like Liberators, Not Intruders.**

**THREE AMERICANS WOUNDED IN SKIRMISH**

**Alcalde Receives General Miles with Extreme Courtesy and Asks His Pleasure with the Town.**

PONCE, Porto Rico, Thursday, July 28, Evening.—(Via St. Thomas, Friday Morning, July 29).—The American conquest of Porto Rico has begun auspiciously. The Spanish have abandoned Ponce, the principal port on the southern coast of the island and in many respects its most progressive city. Last night General Miles landed and this morning took possession and raised the stars and stripes. The inhabitants received the Americans with open arms and gave them the wildest and most exaggerated welcome, indicating that the population was ripe for the revolt, which was predicted as soon as American troops touched the shore.

The forces landed at Guanica on Monday have been moved and now hold the terminus of the railway connecting Yarrow with Ponce. They encountered no opposition except on Tuesday morning at daybreak, when the advance skirmishers pushed into a force of Spaniards occupying a house on the Yarrow road. The skirmishers, under a hot fire, fell back and then again came gallantly forward, driving the enemy for a mile from the fortifications into the bush. In the encounter three Americans were wounded. They are:

Captain Edward J. Gibbons, Company A, shot in the left leg.

Captain B. A. Bostwick, Company I, in the left arm, slightly.

Private James Drummond, Company K, in the neck.

The enemy lost three killed and fourteen wounded.

**Found Ponce Ready to Capitulate.**

After the action it was believed that the enemy intended to contest the advance from Guanica. General Miles made preparations to send General Wilson's troops to Ponce with a view of throwing them upon Ponce and the enemy and then closing in on the latter from both directions. He sent word to Captain Higginson of the battleship Massachusetts yesterday to be ready to cover the landing today. An officer accordingly was sent ashore yesterday afternoon to formally demand the surrender of the port of Ponce, three miles from the city of Ponce. The officer was greatly surprised to learn that not only the port but the city of Ponce was ready to capitulate.

The Spanish commandant, Julian San Martin, with 1,000 men, without artillery, had been taken completely by surprise by the invasion occurring in this quarter. On the advice of the British consul he decided to make no resistance. A force of marines was immediately landed from the Annapolis and the American flag was hoisted over the customs house in the port of Ponce. During the night the Spanish troops retired from the city along the military road toward San Juan, where it is probable that Captain General Macias will eventually concentrate all the Spanish forces in the island.

In the morning General Miles established headquarters at the customs house and raised the American flag.

Among the prizes found in the harbor were seventy lighters used in loading sugar, and these were used instead of the cutters to convey the troops ashore, during which operation not a man or animal was injured.

**Received Like Liberators.**

The scene when the soldiers reached the wharves along the water front was remarkable. Thousands of residents, men, women and children, lined the waterfront and shouts of joy and cries of "Viva los Americanos!" "Buenos Diaz!" "Porto Rico Libre!" greeted them. The soldiers were received like liberators rather than intruders. The red-shirted firemen came down to the wharf in a body and cheered lustily. Captain Dixon, with Company K of the Sixteenth regiment, immediately marched to the municipal building, the soldiers being billeted in the frescoed and gold decorated room of the alcaide.

On every hand the greatest satisfaction was evidenced. Women adorned themselves in their brightest gowns and waved their hands and smiled as the troops marched through the streets. Public vehicles did a thriving business in conveying the curious harbor to view the American ships. The doors of the merchant houses were opened and the whole city presented the appearance of celebrating a fete. The poor are especially rejoiced.

The city of Ponce is romantic and picturesque, with buildings of old Moorish and Spanish architecture. Its broad plazas and blue, pink and green-tinted houses present a pleasing appearance and its streets are clean and well paved. The inhabitants are mostly native Porto Ricans, a well defined race, resulting from a blend of Spanish and original Caribs, with a sprinkling of foreigners, mostly French and Germans, and a few English and Americans.

All the approaches to the city are carefully guarded tonight. General Henry will effect a junction with General Wilson here as soon as possible and their troops will await the arrival of the other troops now on the way. The military road to San Juan is broad and well beaten and will offer no such difficult passage of artillery and supply trains as did the soggy and almost unbroke trails of Cuba to the advance of General Shafter.

**Sharp Engagement Near Town.**

The Spanish made a stand at a small town, resisting General Henry's advance, seven miles north of Ponce, tonight. Artillery fire could be seen distinctly in the island, but bearing this news left at 7 o'clock in the evening.

Information received by General Miles indicates that there are less than 7,000 regulars and 5,000 volunteers in the island. General Miles and Wilson, with their staffs, accompanied by the British, French, German and Danish consuls, called upon the alcalde this afternoon. The latter gave them a gracious welcome and asked to be advised as to General Miles' desires as to the government of the city. General Miles informed him that it was not his purpose

to interfere in any way with the local government and advised the alcalde to conduct his administration as usual. He said, however, that all persons having arms given by the Spanish must give them up or be treated as enemies. The alcalde said that this should be done.

At the conclusion of the conference, which was brief, the American officers stepped to the balcony of the municipal building overlooking the plaza, where several thousand people, including the fire department and a number of bands, were assembled. The crowd cheered Miles and the American bands played national airs.

Surgeon Greenleaf said today that there was no yellow fever in Ponce or its vicinity, but there were a few cases of smallpox.

United States Consul Hain, who is a personal friend of Captain General Macias, telegraphed to the latter today, urging him to wire the Madrid government to surrender in the name of humanity, as the Americans are certain of victory.

**COLORED FIGHTERS ARE PROMOTED**

**Government Recognizes Six Non-Commissioned Men for Gallantry.**

WASHINGTON, July 30.—Six colored non-commissioned officers, who rendered particularly gallant and meritorious service in the face of the enemy in the actions around Santiago on the first and second instants, have been appointed second lieutenants in honor for their courage and efficiency. The ninth cavalry was also with the Rough Riders at La Quasna.

The names of the following persons, who are borne on the rolls of the several regiments of Missouri volunteers as first lieutenants and battalion adjutants, have been dropped from the rolls of their respective regiments, they having been erroneously mustered into the United States service as battalion adjutants without authority of law: Percy Moore, E. A. Hickman, Gibney Houck, A. W. Adams, Alfred Allou, M. Harding, C. A. Dayton, E. V. Toomey, F. Russell, W. H. Coker, C. M. Marin, E. K. Stewart, S. S. Gualack, C. G. Butterfield, H. W. Timmonds.

**All Captains in One Regiment Dead**

WASHINGTON, July 30.—Adjutant General Corbin was deeply affected today upon receiving news of the death at Santiago of Captain Charles Dodge. The captain was lieutenant in the same company that formed George Corbin's first command when he became a captain and his looker-upon him almost as a younger brother. If anything was wanted to show the extraordinary high rate of mortality among the officers engaged in the battles before Santiago it is to be found in the list of those who were killed by the statement of the War Department, which says that the death of Captain Dodge the Twenty-fourth infantry lost every captain of the regiment. All the other captains had been killed in action when Captain Dodge was stricken with yellow fever.

The president and Secretary Alger have not overlooked the sacrifices made by the officers of Shafter's army and have determined to do what they can to provide for their families. A few vacancies among the second lieutenants in the regular army still exist and they will be filled by appointing the sons of some of the fallen officers to fill their lives on the battlefield.

**Havana's Views on Philippines.**

CLEVELAND, July 30.—Senator M. A. Hanna, in response to an inquiry today as to what, in his judgment should be done with the Philippine islands, said:

"That is a big question and we must act slowly. We at least want a footing on those islands. Although there may be sentiment against keeping them, there is a bigger sentiment against giving them to Spain. We are confronted with new conditions today, and we intend to work out the problems in a manner which will be for the best of the country."

Mr. Hanna and his family leave within a few days for a trip to the lakes, and to the Yellowstone park.

**Transports Leaving Santiago.**

SANTIAGO DE CUBA, July 29.—(Delayed in transmission).—The transport Misaki is expected to leave this morning for Porto Rico. It will be followed in a day or two by the Orizaba and Louisiana. Orders have been received for the transports here, The Tampa, Froquois, Knickerbocker and Segunda will probably leave tomorrow and they are discharged their freight. These include the Vigilante, Miami, Matthews, Gate City, Manteo, Catania and Berkshire. The quartermaster's department is under orders to exercise the greatest activity in unloading the vessels, but the facilities are meager.

**Spanish Ship Going to Santiago.**

ST. PIERRE, Island of Martinique, July 30.—The Spanish hospital ship Alicante, which arrived here from Spain with Admiral Cervera's squadron, may soon leave this port for Santiago, in order to convey some of the Spanish prisoners to Spain, under contract with the United States government. United States Consul Darte has issued a safe conduct to it under orders, and it is taking steam from the English steamer Remembrance, and the American schooner Edward Stewart. The latter is the first merchant vessel to arrive here since the war was declared.

**Promotions for New Yorkers.**

SAN FRANCISCO, July 30.—Information has been received at the headquarters of the First regiment of New York volunteers that Colonel Barbour, now on his way to Honolulu, will soon be made a brigadier general and that his junior officer, Lieutenant Colonel Stackpole of the regiment at the Preakness, will be promoted to major. Colonel Stackpole will be raised to lieutenant colonel.

**French Steamer as a Prize.**

CHARLESTON, S. C., July 30.—The French steamer Manrovia was brought in as a prize today. It was captured by the Dixie on the south coast of Porto Rico on the 24th. It is now at quarantine here.

**Midway Pebbles**

Gravel and sand—will soon cut through a thin soled shoe—we have just received a swell tan with a sole a little heavier for easy walking on Midway and the Exposition grounds—all sizes and shapes for \$3.50.

**\$3.50 Any Shoe \$3.50 Your Choice**

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**AFTER EXPRESS COMPANIES**

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**FIRE SALE OF CLOTHING**

The entire stock of the National Clothing Co., that was damaged by water and smoke, will be sold for  
**25 Cents on the Dollar.**  
 Every suit, every overcoat, every pair of pants, hats and furnishing goods must and will be sold for the small amount of 25 cents on the dollar.

Children's Suits.		Boys' Suits.	
\$2.50 Child's Suits, damg'd a little, -	35c	\$2.50 Boys' Suits, damaged a little, -	50c
\$3.50 Child's Suits, damaged a little, -	50c	\$3.50 Boys' Suits, damaged a little, -	\$1.00
\$4 Child's Suits, damaged a little, -	75c	\$4.50 Boys' Suits, damaged a little, -	\$1.25
\$5 Child's Suits, damaged a little, -	\$1.00	\$5.50 Boys' Suits, damaged a little, -	\$1.50
\$6 Child's Suits, damaged a little -	\$1.25	\$7 Boys' Suits, damaged a little, -	\$2.00

FURNISHING GOODS.			
12 1-2 cent, all kinds, -	5c	\$2.50 All Wool Shirts, -	80c
25c Neck Wear, -	10c	\$1.50 All Wool Shirts, -	50c
12 1-2c Black and Tan Hose, -	5c	75c All Wool Shirts, -	25c

Everything must go—nothing reserved. The entire stock of men's and boys' clothing, hats, caps and furnishing goods, will be sold at a sacrifice. Call early to secure bargains.

**Sale Open Tuesday Morning, August 2nd**  
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**THEY CAN SEE THEIR FINISH**

creasingly large audiences. George M. Brown of Buffalo, N. Y., A. F. Houser of Illinois Judge Norris of Wayne, Neb., with Mrs. M. Walker and Prof. H. C. Peterson of Lincoln, Neb., are among the lecturers, while the Omaha quartet and whistler are charming and entertaining. The delightful music Sunday is looked forward to with much interest, when ex-Governor St. John of Kansas will be present. Tuesday of next week will be the closing day, which is devoted to the old soldiers as "Grand Army Day." Dr. Sisson, the president, is being ably seconded by directors and officers in every effort to attend to the comfort and pleasure of all who visit the grounds.

**Harvest Notes.**

WEST POINT, Neb., July 30.—(Special.)—Herman Kaup of Monterey is now stacking grain in a field comprising 327 acres. It requires three self-binders, running together, to cover this grain. This is the largest single field in Cumming county.

JOHNSTON, Neb., July 30.—(Special.)—A succession of thunder storms during the night of the 29th broke up what had become a threatening spell of dry weather.

NELOUS, Neb., July 30.—(Special.)—Rain is badly needed in this vicinity, the long hot days having already damaged the corn about one-half. Threshing has commenced and wheat is turning out about fifteen bushels per acre. The acreage is large, many having 120 acres to a quarter section in wheat.

TEKAMAH, Neb., July 30.—(Special.)—A good rain visited this section yesterday, which was general over the county. This insured a good crop of grain. The small grain crop is nearly all harvested and of excellent quality.

SHELBY, Neb., July 30.—(Special.)—The only rain here this month fell yesterday morning. There was a strong wind, and several tin snips were blown from their owners. In many fields grain which was in the stack was scattered. Corn had been damaged by the long dry spell. The small grain crop was excellent.

**INTEREST REUNION.**

SUPERIOR, Neb., July 30.—(Special.)—The Interstate Reunion association of Nebraska and Kansas has elected Hon. S. T. Caldwell of Edgar commander; Colonel W. R. Roberts of Superior, senior vice commander; Captain H. L. Browning of Webster, Kan., junior vice commander; C. E. Adams, Jr., adjutant; and Ed Vanderlan of Superior. The next reunion will be held at the city of Superior September 19 to 24, inclusive. The citizens of Superior have raised money for the purpose. Many speakers of national reputation have been secured.

**Flowers for Spanish Prisoners.**

PORTSMOUTH, July 30.—One more death from pneumonia occurred among the Spanish prisoners at Camp Long today and two others are at the point of death tonight. The 156 patients in the main hospital were presented today with a bouquet of flowers by members of the families of the officers of the yard, and while the Spaniards could not speak English they responded several times in Spanish, "Many thanks, ladies," and seemed to be very much affected by the gift.

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**Annual Home Harvest Picnic.**

ASHLAND, Neb., July 30.—(Special Telegram.)—The first annual Home Harvest picnic of Saunders and Cass counties was held here today. King Murphy made the most daring parachute leap today ever made in the state. The five-mile bicycle race was won by Charles Sears; time, 15 minutes 19 seconds.

**Arrested on Suspicion.**

GENEVA, Neb., July 30.—(Special.)—On complaint of Dr. Stutzman the sheriff last night arrested a stranger at the Stowell house. The man is charged with breaking into Stutzman's house and stealing a watch yesterday. The stolen watch was found in the possession of the man, who is now in jail.

**Washington County G. A. R.**

BLAIR, Neb., July 30.—(Special.)—The Grand Army reunion of Washington county has been located at Herman this year. The time is set for August 31 and September 1 and 2.

**Frank Rebuilt.**

BEEMER, Neb., July 30.—(Special.)—The Beemer water works tank has been rebuilt. The work is well done and is not liable to tumble the second time.