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## The Stars and Stripes Wave Over Santiago

### The Spanish Troops Lay Down Their Arms And Evacuate The City.

#### IMPRESSIVE SCENE AT THE SURRENDER

SANTIAGO DE CUBA, July 17, 1 p. m.—Amid impressive ceremonies, the Spanish troops laid down their arms between the lines of the Spanish and American forces at 8 o'clock this morning.

General Shafter and the American division and brigade commanders and their staffs were escorted by a troop of cavalry and General Toral and his staff by 100 picked men. Trumpeters on both sides saluted with flourishes.

General Shafter returned to General Toral the latter's sword after it had been handed to the American commander.

Our troops, lined up at the trenches, were eye witnesses of the ceremony. General Shafter and his escort, accompanied by General Toral, rode through the city taking formal possession. The city had been sacked by the Spaniards before they arrived. General McKibben has been appointed temporary military governor.

The ceremony of hoisting the stars and stripes was worth all the blood and treasure it cost. A vast concourse of 10,000 people witnessed the stirring and thrilling scene that will live forever in the minds of all the Americans present. A finer stage setting for a dramatic episode it would be difficult to imagine. The palace, a picturesque old dwelling in the Moorish style of architecture, faces the Plaza de la Reina the principal public square. Opposite rises the imposing Catholic cathedral. On one side is a quaint, brilliantly painted building with broad verandas, the club of San Carlos; on the other a building of the same description, the Cafe de la Venus.

Across the plaza was drawn up the Ninth infantry, headed by the Sixth cavalry band. In the street facing the palace stood a picked troop of the Second cavalry with drawn sabres, under command of Captain Brett. Massed on the stone flagging between the band and the line of horsemen were the brigade commanders of General Shafter's division with their staffs. On the red tiled roof of the palace stood Captain McKittrick, Lieutenant Miley and Lieutenant Wheeler. Immediately above them on the flagstaff was the illuminated Spanish arms and the legend "Viva Alfonso XIII."

All about, pressing against the veranda rails, crowding the windows and doors and lining the roofs were the people of the town (the women and noncombatants.)

As the chimes of the old cathedral rang the hour of 12, the infantry and cavalry presented arms. Every American uncovered, and Captain McKittrick hoisted the Stars and Stripes.

As the brilliant folds unfurled in a gentle breeze against a fleckless sky, the cavalry band broke into the strains of "The Star Spangled Banner," making the American pulse leap and the American heart thrill with joy.

At the same instant the booming of Captain Capron's battery, firing a salute of 21 guns, drifted in. When the music ceased from all directions around our line came floating across the plaza the strains of the regimental bands and the muffled, hoarse cheers of our troops.

The infantry came to "order arms" a moment later, after the flag was up, and the band played "Rally 'Round the Flag Boys." Instantly General McKibben called for three cheers for General Shafter, which were given with great enthusiasm, the band playing Sousa's "The Stars and Stripes Forever."

The ceremony over General Shafter and his staff returned to the American lines, leaving the city in the possession of the municipal authorities, subject to the control of General McKibben. The Thirteenth and Ninth regiments of infantry will remain in the city to enforce order and exercise municipal authority. The Spanish forces are to encamp outside of our lines.

The town of Santiago is a dismal sight. Most of the houses have been sacked, and the stores have all been looted, and nothing to eat can be had for love or money. In the streets of the city this morning, at the entrenchments at the breastworks, and at every 100 feet or so of the barbed wire fence were the living skeletons of Spanish soldiers.

**Why "Grey" Hound?**  
Up to about 300 years ago "grey-hounds" were the shaggy, gray colored dogs used in the chase of large game. After that the name was transferred, sufficiently absurdly, to the black, white, blue and yellow, but generally spotted or bicolored and never gray, dog that is now so popular for coursing hare. It is very odd that no one, writing about the dog, should have insisted upon so obvious an absurdity. On the contrary, a great many writers who have written very wisely about the word "grey" have tried to explain away its simplest meaning by referring to Celtic, Gaelic and Saxon roots, but considering these two animals were called indifferently "grey dogs" or "grey hounds"—in two words—when our language first came to be written, and that in those days "dog" and "hound" were absolutely synonymous, it seems to me as great a waste of wisdom to try to prove that "grais," "gray" or "grey," when it is joined with dog or hound, meant anything else but grey as to say that grey-fly means a fly of princely extraction or gray-beard a champion beard.

If I were quarrelsome, I should like to pretend that greyhound really means "badger dog." At any rate I should have sense of language on my side for gray, grey, grais and grei are all names for the gray (lager), and I would not be more absurd than the rest.—Good Words.

**A Rat Catcher's Story.**  
There are tricks in all trades, and probably as many in that of the professional rat catcher as in any other line. According to the story of a man who has made a barrel of money in that business, out who has since drifted into other pursuits, it was once easier to make a living catching rats than by running a shell game at a country fair.

"I used to use ferrets for the extermination of the rodents," he said, "and when I received an order to clear a warehouse of the pests I always insisted that the pay should be gauged by the number of rats killed at so much per head. I carried the ferrets in a big wooden box, with a false bottom. In a secret drawer underneath I would place four or five dozen live rats before starting out, let them run loose upon reaching the place to be rid of rodents, and then close the ferrets. Of course, with 50 or 60 rats running around loose, there was always a great slaughter, and sometimes the ferrets would kill nearly all the rats I turned free. In this way I was always sure of receiving handsome remuneration for an evening's work upon the presentation of the carcasses to the parties who employed me."—Philadelphia Record.

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