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COLONIAL POLICY.

A new epoch is being marked in the history of the United States. On July 18th, the president issued a proclamation directed to the secretary of war for the government of the conquered province of Santiago.

Spain will lose the colonies and the United States will, in some form, become the dominant power in them. We believe that a government akin to that enjoyed by the territories is as far as this government can go in the handling of the colonies.

The eyes of the nations of the earth are upon us and momentous to us will be the results of this war. The adjustment with other nations will be a more delicate matter than with Spain.

The people of the seaports of Spain are packing their bag and baggage, preparatory to seeking a place of safety from the threatened attack of Watson's fleet.

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LESSONS OF THE WAR.

Governments like individuals learn by experience. It is doubtful if Spain, blinded by her centuries of ingrained ignorance, will profit by the object lessons drilled into her with shot and shell, but it is to be hoped that our government will be more amenable to reason, more progressive in her ideas and will seek to benefit to the utmost from the lessons taught by the present war.

We have been too self-satisfied, too much puffed up with our fancied security and our reliance on Yankee ingenuity and Yankee pluck. We have been proceeding upon the foolish presumption that we were to enjoy perpetual peace, with an army not large enough to garrison one seaport and a navy, which in esprit de corps was commendable enough in its way, but which in numerical strength was a disgrace to a nation of our pretension.

Of course no American criticizes the government for its outlay in providing the necessary ships, ammunition and supplies for the carrying on of this war, but our congress will be blind indeed and our people lack patriotism as well as common prudence should they fail to back congress in pursuing the maximum laid down by Washington "in times of peace prepare for war."

The want of a fair sized army and a navy ranking with the first-class powers of the world is one of the lessons taught by this war and we trust our country will heed that lesson and remedy the defect.

Another lesson brought to the attention of the country by this war, as it could have been brought up in no other manner, is the pressing need of the early construction of the Nicaragua canal.

This lesson is one that will surely bear fruit by the construction of that canal under the control of our government.

Another, and perhaps the grandest lesson of all, was to awaken this country to the fact that we, as a nation, are an integral part, a living, active factor in the affairs of the great world. Too long have we been a hermit nation, satisfied to exist between our Crustacean shell, oblivious, apparently to the great theatre of action going on about us in which the other nations of the world were playing the principal parts.

We have learned that centuries of civilization have not refined the savage instinct from man, and that the beautiful dream of universal peace will never be realized until the coming of the millennium.

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too soon. It was time this country awoke to its duty as one of the leading factors in the civilization of the world and started on its road to pursue its manifest destiny as the leading nation of the world.

BRYAN is off for the war and The Oregonian hopes he will have a chance to show the stuff he is made of. Many a man whose bump of political intelligence is wanting, has had the making of a fighter in him.

Judge Burnett dissolved the injunction issued by County Judge Terrel at the instance of D'Arcy, restraining the secretary of state from issuing a certificate of election to Judge Boise and dismissed the suit.

Wells In Sahara.

Artesian wells sunk in the Sahara desert appear to find an abundant supply of water without going very deep for it, and this fact may in time put a new face on desert conditions, involving important political, climatic and economical consequences.

Local irrigation by means of artesian borings is a more judicious expedient, and the English having pointed the way in this direction, the French are quite likely to follow it.

French Secret Police Methods.

I once spent an afternoon in a pleasant little villa on the banks of the river Marne with the former chief of police in the time of Napoleon III up to the proclamation of the republic.

More Than He Could Stand.

"Hold up yer hands!" The citizen thus addressed suddenly shot out his right fist. It caught the murderous footpad squarely on the nose and stretched him motionless on the frozen ground.

"That was a nery thing to do," said the policeman who happened by some mysterious dispensation to be in the neighborhood and had come running to the scene.

"It was a pretty nery thing for the sounder to do," replied the citizen, scowling at his damaged hand. "He didn't know he was tackling a desperate man. I had just paid a gas bill."

Ignorance.

Two country men went into a hatter's to buy a hat. They were delighted with the sample, inside the crown of which was inserted a looking glass.

"What is the glass for?" said one of the men. "The other, impatient at such a display of rural ignorance, said: 'What for? Why, for the man who buys the hat to see how it fits.'"

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THE NEWS OF THE WEEK

Thursday, July 14. General Toral, the commander of the Spanish garrison at Santiago, Cuba, surrendered to General Shafter of the United States army. The surrender includes the city of Santiago its forts and ammunition. The surrender does not include the ports of Manzanilla and Holguin.

This war loan of \$200,000,000, asked for by the government at three per cent was responded to by the people by the offer of \$1,300,000,000, or six times the amount asked for.

An American spy named Fernandez, captain in the Second Texas Rangers, succeeded in deceiving the Spanish authorities, dined with Admiral Canara, inspected the fleet and the defenses at Cadix, and escaped before being detected as a spy.

Preparations for the invasion of Porto Rico were commenced today. The expedition will be commanded by General Miles in person, seconded by General Brooke. The expedition will consist of \$,000 men supplemented by the navy.

The territory surrendered by Toral embraces about 60,000 square miles. About half as large as the state of Oregon.

Mrs. Stanford has voluntarily reduced her monthly allowance from \$2500 per month to \$1000 in order that the endowment fund for Stanford university may not suffer.

Admiral Cervera and other captured Spanish officers have been taken to Annapolis. The contract has been signed subject to approval of the United States government for a cable from San Diego, Cal., to Honolulu and thence to Japan.

Two armed and masked men held up the Central Pacific train, two miles east of Humboldt, Cal. and blew open the express car door and the safe with dynamite.

Senator McBride and Representative Tongue succeeded in having passed by congress the following bill: "That all cases, civil and criminal, filed on appeal from the district court of the United States for the district of Alaska in the United States circuit court of appeals for the ninth judicial circuit, and pending on appeal therein on and prior to the 30th day of December, 1897, of which the supreme court of the United States would have had jurisdiction under the then existing law, if a proper appeal had been taken thereto at the time said cases were filed on appeal in said circuit court of appeals, and the same are deemed and treated as regularly filed on appeal in the supreme court of the United States as of the date, when filed in said circuit court of appeals, the clerk of said circuit court of appeals is directed to transmit to the supreme court of the United States, as soon as practicable, the records of such cases and the clerk of said supreme court is directed to receive and file the same for hearing and determination in the supreme court of the United States when regularly reached on the docket, subject to any rules made or to be made by said court which may be applicable."

Pensions have been granted as follows: Oregon—Original—Jeffrey A. Wiener, Portland, \$6; Jesse Casey, Port Orford, \$8; Charles H. McCausland, Oregon City, \$8. Additional—Miles Rowen, Oregon City, \$6 to \$8; Thomas Wilson, Eckley. Restoration and additional—Jasper N. Reed, dead, Middleton, \$6 to \$12.

Friday July 15. The people of Barcelona, Spain, are panic stricken, fearing bombardment by the American fleet. They can stand with fortitude the bombardment of Cuban towns, but when the horrors of war are about to be brought to their very doors, they awaken to the fact that, as General Sherman puts it, "war is hell."

Wealthy families are deserting Cadiz, Seville, Malaga and Barcelona, in anticipation of the arrival of Watson's fleet.

It is proposed to garrison Santiago with Cubans. The Americans could not retain health in that climate.

The Chinese on Dewey's ships behaved so well during the battle at Manila that he recommends they be made American citizens as a reward.

Two transports, the Puebla and Peru, left San Francisco for Manila, with 1700 men.

Saturday July 16. The Spanish prisoners captured at Santiago will be sent to Spain July 25. American operators are placed in the cable offices at Santiago and Blanco is thus cut off from communication with Spain.

The American troops will be paid in coin with the plan of driving Spanish money out of circulation.

There is considerable friction between the American and Cuban troops, as the latter are considered of little help. General Garcia refused to attend the raising of the American flag.

Sampson's fleet has been ordered to Porto Rico to assist in landing troops.

Santiago's sanitary condition was found to be in a terrible state. No sewerage or drainage, with conditions favorable for an epidemic of fever.

The German admiral was forced to apologize to Dewey at Manila for interfering with matters at that port.

Latest news from the Yukon tends to show that the gold deposits are of a very wide extent.

A Chinese murderer blew up the powder works at Oakland to escape arrest and killed himself, five deputy sheriffs and a woman living in the vicinity.

Captains Heath, Wells, Prescott and Lieut. Teller are liable to be court-martialed for overstaying time on a leave of absence at Manila.

Washington troops at Vancouver have been ordered to San Francisco.

A hospital ship will be sent to Manila.

Thursday July 21. Major General Wilson with the 2nd and 3rd Wis. and 16th Pa. and two companies of the 6th Ill. left Charleston S. C. for Porto Rico direct. The whole city saw them off amid great enthusiasm.

General Miles has been delayed at Santiago in his departure for Porto Rico.

Business is reviving at Santiago especially in relics of the war and souvenirs. Pawn shops are doing a great business, stores are opened, goods are being received and American money is readily taken.

Yellow fever is spreading in a mild form.

The Spanish Steamship Co. was the lowest bidder for carrying the Spanish troops home captured at Santiago.

The Cuban junta is trying to patch up the trouble between the Cuban and American forces at Santiago.

Word has been received that General Garcia is dead. This is as yet unconfirmed.

For Young Men and Young Women.

There is nothing that will arouse the ire of a young man or woman so quick as to have inferior laundry work put off on them. They may dress ever so well, but if their shirt front or shirt waist is messy their neat appearance is spoiled.

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