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COMPARISON OF ARMY WORK.

Seattle Post-Intelligencer. The British parliament is about to make a grant of £100,000 to Lord Roberts for his services in South Africa, and on account of those services he is hailed in Great Britain as the "greatest living soldier." His great advantage seems to be that his good work stands out in such sharp contrast to the blunders of his predecessors in South Africa that it is given in popular estimation a doubtful value. Yet, frankly speaking, it does not appear that any of the work of the British in South Africa will stand comparison with the work done by American generals and American armies, both in Cuba and in the Philippines. The work of our men has not been properly estimated, either at home or abroad, for the paradoxical reason that it was done so cleanly, rapidly and well. It is in our initial operations, either in Cuba or in the Philippines, there had been a fear of the blunders displayed by the British in South Africa, the succeeding work would have been much brightened in popular estimation by the contrast.

The work, in fact, was so well done that the magnitude of the military problems solved has been lost sight of, and the generals who led our armies have received merely perfunctory praise, rather than the enthusiastic encomiums which have been given to General Roberts. The operations which General Shafter conducted successfully were fully as important as any which the British general handled, yet in popular estimation in this country Shafter lacks considerably of being a hero. The unbroken success of our armies did not result in magnifying the services of our men, but rather to an underestimating of the strength and valor of the defeated enemy.

Yet our operations in Cuba alone were very far from being insignificant as compared with those of the British army in South Africa. The records of the Spanish forces who were defeated in Santiago will not suffer by comparison with any record made by the Boers. At Meafontein the British army retreated, broken and demoralized, after losses not nearly so severe proportionately as the American army encountered at San Juan hill. The percentage of American loss at El Caney was very much greater than Buller had at Colenso, where his army was checked and driven back, with the loss of a large share of his artillery.

Meathuen halted demoralized, and waited for weeks for reinforcements, after losses insignificant proportionately beside those which Shafter's army received, without checking the American advance. On the other hand, the Spanish fought on the defense fully as well as did the Boers, and in some respects much better. The Spanish were not driven from a single position without sustaining a loss out of all proportion greater in actual casualties than any Boer force ever sustained in any engagement in South Africa. In the brief operations around Santiago the Spanish lost, in actual killed and wounded, more men than the Boers had lost after the South African war had been prolonged for many months. There has not been a single battle waged in South Africa in which the British met with such desperate resistance, suffered such a percentage of loss, or were compelled to inflict such severe loss on the enemy before he would surrender or retreat as Shafter encountered in every engagement preceding the final surrender of Santiago.

In the Philippines, again, the unbroken success of the American arms has tended to destroy the perspective and prevent the real value of the services performed from being thoroughly appreciated. Yet the military problems to be solved in the Philippines were every whit as important as those encountered

in South Africa. In some respects they were more difficult. In South Africa the British have conducted their campaign along the line of existing railroads, the transport problem being reduced to a minimum. It was only in the relief of Kimberley and the march to Bloemfontein that any portion of the British forces in Roberts' campaign cut loose from the railroad and proceeded across country; and then the line of march was by established wagon roads. The campaign in Luzon was through swamps and over mountains, where wheeled vehicles could not pass. Even more than in South Africa, all of the military advantage lay with the defender.

Without detracting in the slightest degree from the good work of General Roberts, it is safe to say that when the military historian of the future compares the work done by the American armies in Cuba and the Philippines with the work of the British army in South Africa, the verdict will be that the American army was better handled, better led, and did more desperate fighting than any British force which has been in South Africa since the outbreak of the Boer war. The same historian will likewise do justice to the brilliant Spanish soldiers who defended Santiago and who fought with a bravery out of all proportion greater than has yet been displayed by any Boer force in South Africa. These Spaniards when driven from a position left their trenches nearly full of dead and dying, and when they finally surrendered, they exhibited a casualty record of nearly 20 per cent of all the men under arms.

Hon. J. Hamilton Lewis is now at the head of a match factory, which is about the only way he can distinguish himself.—Denver Republican.

SAVED TWO FROM DEATH

"Our little daughter had an almost fatal attack of whooping cough and bronchitis," writes Mrs. W. K. Haviland, of Armonk, N. Y. "but when all other remedies failed, we saved her life with Dr. King's New Discovery. Our niece, who had Consumption in an advanced stage, also used this wonderful medicine and today she is perfectly well." Desperate throat and lung diseases yield to Dr. King's New Discovery as to no other medicine on earth. Infalible for Coughs and Colds, 50c and \$1.00 bottles guaranteed by Hart's Drug Store, Trial bottles free.

At the same time it isn't safe to rely heavily on Professor Triggs' judgment of poetry. He said, "The Prairie Dog" was doggerel.—Chicago Tribune.

Professor Triggs of Rockefeller's rock pile says Triggs are swayed. He also said that Shakespeare was a laborer. Triggs has missed his vocation. He ought to invent "Triggs' sign" and get his advertising blunder in working order.

"I am afraid you don't understand the value of a dollar," said the very rich man to the poor man. "The first of my possible consequences, as there will be no opportunity to sleep and the second is an excellent thing. The million made by very unscrupulous as a practical proposition."—Baltimore American.

JOB COULDN'T HAVE STOOD IT

If he'd had looking pipe, they're terribly annoying but Bude's Africa Salve will cure the worst case of Piles on earth. It has cured thousands. For injuries, Pains or Blisters Eruptions it's the best salve in the world. Price 25c a box. Cure guaranteed. Sold by Hart's Drug Store.

Scoundrels have adopted a resolution not to accept office under either of the capitalist parties and not to join the state militia. The first of the possible consequences, as there will be no opportunity to sleep and the second is an excellent thing. The million made by very unscrupulous as a practical proposition."—Baltimore American.

TO HEAL A HURT

The Banner Salve, the great healer. It's guaranteed for cure, wounds, sprains and all skin diseases. Use no substitute. Hart's drug store.

The Ohio Democrats want bygone to be bygone, so far as the financial question is concerned. Otherwise they are prepared to be the mark and remain until the finish.—Washington Post.

A. R. Bass, of Miramonte, Ind., had to get up ten or twelve times in the night and had severe backache and pains in the kidneys. Was cured by Foley's Kidney Cure. It's guaranteed. Hart's drug store.

It is stated that liberal appropriations for the rivers and harbors will be asked at the next session of congress, but there may arise a successor to Tom Carter.—Mail and Express.

WHAT'S YOUR FACE WORTH?

Sometimes a fortune, but never, if you have a sallow complexion, a jaundiced look, moth patches and blotches on the skin—all signs of Liver Trouble. But Dr. King's New Liver Pills give Clear Skin, Rosy Cheeks, Rich Complexion. Only 25c at Hart's Drug Store.

Is Mr. Charles A. Tomke preparing to apply for re-admission to the Republican party or has the oil he has acquired gone to his head?—Wilmington (Del.) Star.

WHITE MAN TURNED YELLOW

Great consternation was felt by the friends of M. A. Hogarty of Lexington, Ky., when they saw he was turning yellow. His skin slowly changed color, also his eyes, and he suffered terribly. His malady was Yellow Jaundice. He was treated by the best doctors, but without benefit. Then he was advised to try Bearste's Bilious, the wonderful Stomach and Liver remedy, and he writes: "After taking two bottles I was wholly cured." A trial proves its matchless merit for all Stomach, Liver and Kidney troubles. Only 50c. Sold by Frank Hart, Druggist.

O. O. Rack, Belton, Ark., says: I was troubled with constipation until I bought DeWitt's Little Early Biscuits. Since then have been entirely cured of my old complaint. I recommend them. CHAS. ROGERS, Druggist.

Manners have improved in Colorado. Mr. Roosevelt has been there again and not a citizen has swarmed him with a club.

If the action of your bowels is not easy and regular serious complications must be the final result. DeWitt's Little Early Biscuits will remove this danger. Safe, pleasant and effective. CHAS. ROGERS, Druggist.

Austrian manufacturers are kicking because the people over there insist on wearing American shoes. They ought to wear such shoes themselves as to be able to kick in comfort.

James White, Bryantville, Ind., says DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve healed running sores on both legs. He had suffered six years. Doctors failed to help him, but DeWitt's Salve cured him. CHAS. ROGERS, Druggist.

Venezuela is reported to be again on the verge of war. An idea had prevailed that it never was anywhere else.

Emotions, cuts, scalds and sores of all kinds quickly healed by DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve. Certain cure for all sores, eruptions, hemorrhoids. Be sure you get the original—DeWitt's. CHAS. ROGERS, Druggist.

During July England paid \$1,250,000 weekly for the maintenance of war in Africa, and judged by visible results, it has not been a first-class article of war either.

Mrs. S. H. Allport, Johnston, Pa., says: "My little girl got strangled to death with croup. The doctors said she couldn't live but she was instantly relieved by One Minute Cough Cure." CHAS. ROGERS, Druggist.

There are certain offenses that the South will punish by lynching. The only way to avert the program is to cease the offending.

In cases of croup give the little ones One Minute Cough Cure. Then rest easy and have no fear. It never fails. Pleasant to take, always safe, sure and almost instantaneous in effect. CHAS. ROGERS, Druggist.

Possible the warmest tribute to Rear Admiral Schley comes from Cervera, who is a soldier, a gallant fighter and a gentleman, who knows when he is defeated and is ready to grasp the hand of an honorable foe.

P. T. Thomas, Sumterville, Ala., "I was suffering from dyspepsia when I commenced taking Kodol Dyspepsia Cure. I took several bottles and can digest anything." Kodol Dyspepsia Cure is the only preparation containing all the natural digestive fluids. It gives weak stomachs entire rest, restoring their natural condition. CHAS. ROGERS, Druggist.

A burglar caught in Seattle was on the way to the penitentiary thirty-six hours later. Justice acts at times as though it had received a shock from a galvanic battery.

Don't be satisfied with temporary relief from indigestion. Kodol Dyspepsia Cure permanently and completely restores this complex system, relieves permanently because it allows the tired stomach perfect rest. Dieting won't heal the stomach. Nature receives supplies from the food we eat. The sensible way to help the stomach is to use Kodol Dyspepsia Cure, which digests what you eat and can't help but to do you good. CHAS. ROGERS, Druggist.

It is said that Captain Schley did not know the case of his father, but in all likelihood he did. The captain was a sea lion before he was a soldier.

BORN TO BE DROWNED?

A Murderer Whom the State of Washington Has Made Seven Attempts to Hang.

Seven times has the State of Washington tried to hang Charles Nordstrom, convicted in 1891 of the murder of William Mason, and seven times has the state failed of its purpose. During the ten years of the effort Nordstrom has been a prisoner in the Kings county jail, while his attorney, former congressman James Hamilton Lewis, has fought for his life. Last Monday Seattle and the whole state thought the old man was finally cornered, and that the hanging was to come off. The United States supreme court on that day denied Nordstrom's appeal for a discharge from custody on the ground that the state supreme court had refused him a review of his case. But the hanging is now further off than ever. A defect has been discovered in the new hanging law passed by the last legislature, which it is believed, invalidates it as to all persons now under sentence of death or who may be sentenced to death before June 11. Nordstrom's plucky attorney will test this law in the courts before any execution can be had.

Nordstrom's case is without parallel in the United States. He has been seven times tried for murder, seven times sentenced, seven times saved, and ten years in prison during all this time. That he is guilty there is little doubt, but he was convicted on circumstantial evidence, and his frequent reprieves are superb illustrations of how the law can be used in these days for purposes of jugglery.

During the summer of 1891 Nordstrom was employed as a laborer on the William Mason farm, at the summit of Cedar mountain, near Seattle. A dispute arose over wages, and Nordstrom, when his was ended, felt that he had got the worst of it. He told Mason that he would get even with him. Mason laughed at him. Nordstrom left his employ, meeting a neighbor on his way from the farm, he said: "I'll kill old man Mason."

The neighbor thought nothing of it. Several days later Nordstrom was in Seattle, where he purchased a Winchester rifle and then disappeared. Three nights later William Mason was shot dead at his supper table. The murderer stood outside a window, resting his weapon as a log fence. The family dog was found near the gate with his head crushed by an axe. There were no tracks near the window. Far away a light

could be seen in Nordstrom's cabin, but he was not in sight.

The next morning the cabin was found empty, and Nordstrom was nowhere to be seen. Two deputy sheriffs found him near Gilman, walking toward Canada, with his rifle over his shoulder. They captured him after a struggle, and he was brought to Seattle and lodged in the county jail December 7, 1891. He had no money for friends, but James Hamilton Lewis took his case, and he has kept him alive ten years.

On his first trial Nordstrom was convicted and sentenced to be hanged. His attorney appealed the case on the ground that during the trial he had been compelled to incriminate himself. The court had compelled the prisoner to fit on a pair of boots which had been found near the scene of the murder. The state supreme court did not agree with the attorney that Nordstrom's case had been injured by this, and ordered the sentence of the lower court carried out, but nearly a year's delay had been secured through the proceedings. The prisoner was again sentenced to be hanged, and then came the second appeal.

This was an application for a writ of habeas corpus on the ground that the verdict of the jury was "guilty as charged," and as the prosecution was murder in the first, second, third and fourth degrees, Nordstrom could not be held for more than the lowest degree. The supreme court could not agree with this, but Nordstrom got another year of life, and was feeling very cheerful. As for the county courts, they were already furious over the delay secured by the attorney Lewis. Again was Nordstrom sentenced, and a third appeal came.

Attorney Lewis told the supreme court that Nordstrom was a Swedish citizen and therefore entitled to a trial before a grand jury. Not having had this Lewis moved to dismiss all the proceedings. The court gave him a stay of execution and deliberated for a year over his plea, only to come to the conclusion that this appeal might be made by the Swedish government, with some hope of success, but could not be made by the prisoner's counsel. By this time Nordstrom had become a familiar figure about the county jail, and felt himself quite at home. A new sentence of hanging did not disturb him, because his attorney immediately made appeal No. 4 to the supreme court. He said that Nordstrom had been made insane by his imprisonment and therefore could not be hanged legally.

The court sent five physicians to examine Nordstrom, and after they had worked over him for days they pronounced him in the full possession of his senses. The court judge was now so angry with the delays that on hearing this verdict he immediately ordered that Nordstrom should be hanged in ten days. But Lewis had then resources up his sleeve. He had few days to act in, but he jumped the first train leaving Seattle and crossed the continent to Naragansett, where he found Justice McKenna, of the United States supreme court. To him he said that the prisoner's sanity or insanity had not been determined by a jury, as it should have been. Justice McKenna at once issued a stay of execution.

This gave Nordstrom a year and a half more of life, during which time his attorney closely watched his interests. Then he was again ordered hanged, upon which his attorney again appealed to the United States supreme court, claiming that the prisoner should be discharged because a review of the case had been denied him by the state supreme court. This point the national court decided last Monday, and Nordstrom's death seemed a certainty.

But fate is with him, or a remarkable attorney. The discovery of a supposed defect in the new hanging law apparently gives him a year or more of life. The defect is the same as that discovered in the Colorado hanging law. The United States supreme court in the matter of the Colorado law knocked it out. The Colorado law, like the Washington law contained no saving clause, and the national court held that it was an explicit fact law.

Attorney Lewis will make the most of this point, since, if he wins it means the final saving of his client—the most tried and sentenced man in the United States. Nordstrom is a model prisoner. He is never disturbed about anything unless someone mentions in his presence the subject of hanging. Then he is morose. He is apparently not very anxious to be free, but greatly desirous of not being hanged. Seven years ago he might have had his freedom if he had wished it. Tom Blank, confined in the county jail for murder, made an imitation pistol out of wood, got the keys away from a keeper, opened all the prison doors and set everybody free. Nordstrom walked into the open air, but he did not attempt to escape. He called at the sheriff's house, told him what had happened and asked to be locked up again.—Chicago Record-Herald.

From Various Sources.

THE BALLAD OF PAUL BURNS.

Paul Burns was an old-time engineer, and in winters worse than these. He drove the snow plow seventy-nine, ere we dreamed of rotaries. And whenever the blizzard raged, out over the ridge he'd go. Fighting his way ahead of the trains, charging the drifts of snow.

Then came that storm on the wings of the winds, of which we old men tell. That it seemed would win to the northernmost zone and stiffen the gates of hell. And when once more the earth looked up, it gazed with a grief-stricken surprise. Like a stiff white corpse from icy sheets, with the pain of the light in its eyes. Then they bowed Paul Burns from his crusted hair, and bade him lie on his way. To batter a path for the laden trains that winked in the edge of the day.

So he steamed away to the mountained hills, where the mighty snow heaps frown. Ere you win by the flats to Talboth bridge, and on to Talboth town. Paul Burns peered out, and his spirit rose and the engine leaped at his touch. But buried her bulk in the eroded bank and shivered and shook in its clutch. They coupled behind and pulled her out, and forth she dashed with a roar. The white clouds parted from her towering nose, yet she gained but a brief road more.

This led they did twice a dozen times ere a half of the cut was won. And Paul Burns said we shall know a burn. "What man could do I had come. Atack and alas! I should tempt weak men to work on the Lord's good land. But common you crew of action took, and old them shooed away."

A conductor pleaded: "My passengers all are starved from a three days' run. There's an aged pair for Talboth bound to see their dying son. There's a woman ailed with a frozen foot, no doctor aboard the train. There's a babe new born in the sleeping car, the mother a-sick with pain."

"A babe new born; I have two at home," said the aged black engineer. "Now crawl aboard of your crawling train and back away to the rear. And make me room for a two-week's run. By the favor of God we shall know. With wonder long by sea and by land—what man may do in the snow."

Then Paul Burns spoke to his fireman, "Lad do you strike her full to the door. Then light around, for I'll let you ride on the dash of death no more." He braided his feet for the sickening shock, he opened the throttle full. The following engine dashed at its foe with the roar of a frenzied bull.

The lights turned green and then went out, and fell on the rough cab floor. His face set out with a shattered lance and burned on the furnace door. He staggered about in the wreck of the cab, and groped for a throttle to stop.

He was dashing down the slope of the hills, the trains they crawled through the cut.

So he won by the flats to Talboth town, and he cleared the way for the train. Then limped away to his cheery home, to his wife and his babies twain.—Walter Dillman in South Dakotan.

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