

THE BRAVE TO THE BRAVE.

The most remarkable tribute to the conqueror by the conquered is the following farewell of the Spanish soldiers captured at Santiago to the American soldiers:

"Soldiers of the American Army: We would not be fulfilling our duty as well-born men in whose breasts there lives gratitude and courtesy, should we embark for our beloved Spain without sending to you our most cordial and sincere good wishes and farewell. We fought you with ardor, with all our strength, endeavoring to gain the victory, but without the slightest rancor or hate towards the American nation. We have been vanquished by you (so our generals and chiefs judged in signing the capitulation), but our surrender and the bloody battles preceding it have left in our souls no place for resentment against the men who fought us nobly and gallantly. You fought in compliance with the same call of duty as we, for we all represent the power of our respective countries.

"You fought us as men, face to face, and with great courage, as before stated, a quality which we have not met during the three years we have carried on this war against a people without morals, without conscience and of doubtful origin, who could not confront the enemy, but hidden, shot their noble victims from ambush, and then immediately fled. This was the kind of warfare we had to sustain in this unfortunate land. You have complied exactly with all the laws and usages of war as recognized by the armies of the most civilized nations of the world; have given honorable burial to the dead of the vanquished; have cured their wounded; with humanity have respected and cared for our prisoners and their comfort, and, lastly, to us, whose condition was terrible, you have given freely of food, of your stock of medicines, and you have honored us with distinguished courtesy, for, after the fighting, the two armies mingled with the utmost harmony.

"With this high sentiment of appreciation for us, all there remains but to express our farewell, and with the greatest sincerity, we wish you all happiness and health in this land which will not longer belong to our dear Spain, but will be yours who have captured it by force and watered it with your blood, as your conscience called for, under the demand of civilization and humanity, but the descendants of the Congo and of Guinea, mingled with the blood of unscrupulous Spaniards and of traitors and adventurers, these people are not able to exercise or enjoy their liberty, for they will find it a burden to comply with the laws which govern civilized communities.

"From 11,000 Spanish soldiers, PEDRO LOPEZ DE CASTILLO, 'Soldier of Infantry, 'Santiago de Cuba, Aug. 21, 1898,' SHAFFER, Major General.

THE YANKEE AS A WARRIOR. The successes of the United States in the war with Spain and the losses on both sides have led Rupert Hughes to write the Yankee down as the supreme warrior. The article is highly laudatory in style, but it contains figures and observations specially interesting at this moment.

Mr. Hughes, after a high tribute to the courage and skill of the American soldier, says in Criterion (New York): "The most noteworthy quality, however, of the American soldier is what Roebuck called a particularly American trait, 'contempt of death.' It is true beyond cavil that the world has never known soldiers that hold or gain ground in the face of such a high percentage of loss.

"The word 'decimation' is used for horrible slaughter, and the loss of one man in ten is certainly very heavy. In many armies it is believed to justify retreat. But with us whole armies have suffered far greater losses. At Shiloh, Murfreesboro, and Chickamauga the losses in killed and wounded ranged from 16 to 34 per cent. At Santiago General Shaffer's whole force has lost over 10 per cent in killed and wounded.

"As for single bodies of men, the Light Brigade made a foolish charge bravely and won immortality, thanks to a great lyric; it suffered a loss of 37 per cent, killed and wounded.

"In the Civil War 262 men in the First Minnesota Volunteers charged a whole division at Gettysburg, and, leaving 215 dead and wounded behind, brought away the rebel colors. While the Light Brigade lost 37 per cent and accomplished nothing except to immortalize a blunder, the First Minnesota lost 82 per cent and gained a vitally important point. And as for useless bravery, what is the Balaklavan 37 per cent to the 75 per cent of the Maine Heavies in a seven-minute charge in the battle of Petersburg?

"Two German regiments lost respectively 46 and 49 per cent at Metz and Mars-la-Tour, and the Twenty-sixth Russian lost 75 per cent at Plevna.

to not exceed the loss of Grant's army in the week ending May 12, 1865.

"Grant's killed and wounded in the Wilderness and Spottsylvania were five times Napoleon's loss at Marengo, more than his losses in all his Italian campaigns, three times the loss inflicted on Wellington at Waterloo.

"The reason for this unheard-of slaughter? There is just one reason: the most intelligent, the bravest, the fiercest soldiery in the world's history was divided against itself. All that straight shooting, that battifery, that determination which does not falter when death is busy on all sides—all those qualities that make up the word 'Americanism' were turned inward at the nation's own heart.

"The indomitable magnificence of the Yankee soldier has lost none of its luster to-day. There at Santiago our forces made a landing without the loss of a life, invested the city and drove the Spanish through the jungle back to their labyrinth of trenches, and were busily cleaning them out of these with a fatal persistence that did not lack the gentleness to plead with the enemy to avoid useless sacrifice to further battle.

"And another American regiment has gone up higher than the Balaklava or the Plevna heroes. For Captain Ducat of the 24th Regulars led a glorious charge up a long hill at San Juan; he started with seventy-five men, and only twenty-two of them reached the blockhouse at the top. But though they lost fifty-seven killed, the important fact, the American fact, is that they captured what they went for. The percentage of loss in men killed was 76, and if the number of wounded were known the percentage of casualties would be still greater.

"Then there were the nineteen men of the 9th Infantry at El Caney, who entered a blockhouse through the roof and killed 35 Spaniards. They lost the first four men that dropped in, but after twenty minutes of hand-to-hand conflict there were fifteen hale Americans and no living Spaniards. Consider, too, the high percentage of losses among our officers. They have always led, not followed."

AMERICA AS A WORLD POWER. English writers and politicians almost with one accord concede that the United States must become a World power with the acquisition of the West Indies and a share of the Philippines. What effect this will have upon international politics is a matter of most interesting speculation to them. A great many ingenious theories are put forward. Mr. T. Lloyd, who writes the signed editorials in the Standard, is of the opinion that the first move by the western giant will be made in the far east. After saying that America must feel her way with colonies as Great Britain has done and after pointing out that the British empire through modifications of colonial policy has become "a federation of federated states," Mr. Lloyd goes on to say:

"In the early part of the present century Europe was controlled by five great powers—Great Britain, France, Austria, Prussia and Russia. Then for a short time Italy arose, and was admitted to the rank of a great power. But Italy has now broken down, while Austria-Hungary seems to be disintegrating. Practically, therefore, there are only four great European powers, and until now these four powers not only dominated Europe, but Africa and Asia as well. The rise of Japan modified the situation to a certain extent. Japan is not yet, at all events great enough to interfere in Europe, but in the far east she has to be taken into account. Now, however, there is a dramatic change inasmuch as the United States steps into the arena. Of the resources of the United States, the skill, the courage, the ingenuity of its people, nobody can have any doubt. In extent it is equal to all Europe. In population it exceeds all European nations except Russia; and the population is growing so quickly that the time does not seem far distant when it will be more populous than Russia. But apart from mere numbers, the intelligence, the resourcefulness, the mechanical ingenuity of the American people make them infinitely more powerful than the Russians, while they dispose of far more wealth. The United States then, will speak in all international matters with a far more potent voice than any continental country. Moreover, the United States is so far removed from the continent that no continental power can hope to inflict upon it any serious injury; while all the probabilities are that the American navy would sweep from the seas before very long any continental navy. The new policy of the United States, then, makes an immensely greater change in the international situation than the rise of Japan.

"Assuming that there is no intervention by the continental powers at the conclusion of the coming peace with Spain, it is not probable that the United States will immediately intervene in European affairs. The American people are hardly likely to reject altogether and at once the advice of Washington. Besides, if Spain makes peace before the Americans have to send an expedition to Europe, they will have no strong motive for intervening. But it is perfectly certain that the time is not far distant when the United States will speak with an unequivocal and determined voice in the far east. It has just annexed Hawaii. It seems safe to predict that it will likewise annex

the Philippines. It will have to keep up a powerful navy; and its citizens have valuable commercial interests in China. Therefore, the American government will be driven by popular feeling to make American opinion felt in the far east, and it will have the means of giving effect to its policy. But although just at first the American people will be loath to meddle with purely European affairs, it is not difficult to see that even may occur which will move them to action, just as Gen. Weyler's government of Cuba roused them to make war upon Spain. For example, if the United States fits out a great navy and largely increases its army, and if there were to be new massacres in Turkey like those of the Armenians a couple of years ago, it is almost certain that the churches in the United States would raise the cry that such a policy must be put an end to at once."

Mr. Lloyd rightly calls attention to the tremendous increase of our power which now all Europe seems to realize better than we do. This increase brings with it immense responsibilities which it does not become us to shirk by a timidous and hesitating policy of dealing with the fruits of our conquest. A nation can not afford to evade duties marked out for it any more than individuals can evade them. We never dreamed when entering upon the war that it would carry us so much farther than the liberation of Cuba, but we have put our hands to the plowshare and it will not become us to look back. "The part that it seems we must play in the far East before many years is only a part of the work that was mapped out for the infant nation that was 'cast a hantling on the rock.'" But we shall not depart from the ideals of the Fathers of the constitution; we shall be realizing them, to a fuller and greater extent than they recked of.

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