LIBERATORS OF SPANISH AMERICA.

A NEW name, that of Gomez, may be added to the list of brave Spanish-Americans who have liberated their country from the Spanish yoke. His name will be well worthy of a place beside those of Bolivar, O'Higgins, Sucre, Hidalgo and Toussaint, who preceded him by nearly a century in the resistance of Spanish oppression and the freeing of Americans from the burdensome yoke. It is nearly ninety years since the beginning of the series of revolutions that, when Cuba and Porto Rico are freed, will have resulted in the abolition of Spanish rule in the western hemisphere. The brave Argentinians under San Martin began the conflict in 1809, and the Mexicans followed a few months later. Both were unsuccessful at the beginning, but suddenly all South America broke out in one blaze of revolution that was not to be finally extinguished until Spain had been driven from the continent.

The natives welcomed the chance to secure their freedom. When once the torch of liberty had been lighted so great a fire was kindled that it could not be extinguished. These revolutions were popular uprisings. The rich had no sympathy with them. The land-owning and governing class, the army and navy, the few who profited by the sufferings of the many, had no sympathy with the uprisings. The insurgents were an undisciplined rabble, whose volunteer leaders were forced to create an army from poor material and with no arms or equipments. At first they were organized in scattered bands that attacked the fortifications of the Spanish army. Little by little they were welded into a compact army by the genius of their leaders.

These leaders revealed great ability, and to the people of South America their names are as dear as is that of Washington to us of North America. Some of them distinguished themselves so greatly as to make their fame world-wide. Such was O'Higgins in Chili, Bolivar in Venezuela and Central America, Sucre in Bolivia and Peru, Hidalgo in Mexico and San Martin in Argentina. They sacrificed much for the cause. Several were men of large private fortunes who gave all that they possessed as a sacrifice on the altar of liberty. Born rich, O'Higgins, Bolivar and Sucre died poor. They risked their lives as well as their money, and thousands of other men, now forgotten, died that their country might be free. Their republics were just as ungrateful as all republics are traditionally. Hidalgo was killed by the Spanish. The other great men had a worse fate, being traduced and vilified by their compatriots who, at first profusely grateful, afterward yielded to the jealousy of rival leaders. It was not until after their death that their compatriots appreciated their greatness. Probably the same fate is in store for Gomez.

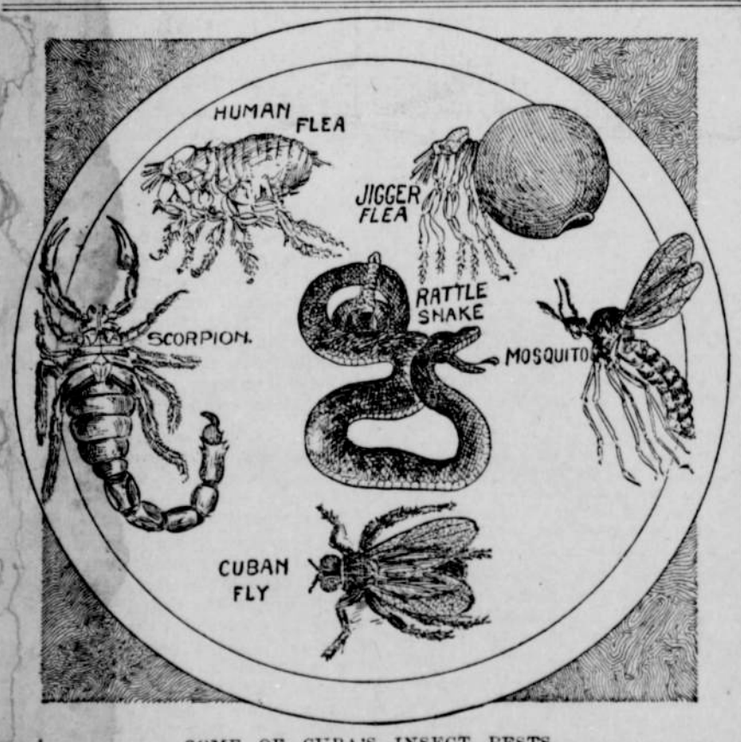
INSECT FOES IN CUBA.

They Are Numerous and Many of Them Are Dangerous.

Soldiers in Cuba will have many pests to contend against. The mosquito is more frequent in Cuba than in New Jersey at the height of the season. It is also a more venomous insect. The nearer you go to the equator the more potent the mosquito becomes. The Cuban mosquito is to the New Jersey insect as a first-class fighting bull to a yearling calf. Those who have camped out in Texas will have a modified idea of what to expect in the Cuban mosquito.

The worst pest of all is the Cuban fly. This is a black insect, smaller than the common house fly and resembling the black fly of northern woods. It comes in myriads, buzzes about your eyes and bites savagely. In the neighborhood of woods it is present in such terrible swarms that it is impossible to sleep without some preparation smeared on hands and face. There is also the jejene, or Cuban flea, which is extremely unpleasant and even dangerous, because it seeks to enter the eyes during sleep. Horses and cattle suffer terribly from the attacks of the jejene on their eyelids.

Cuba also harbors the chigoe, or jiggar flea. The female of this insect has a habit of burrowing into human flesh and there laying an enormous mass of eggs. The wounds made by this insect, if neglected, will produce a dangerous ulceration. As they attack by preference the big toe, they are apt to cause lameness. The scorpion is another Cuban product. This reptile has twelve feet and is from five to six inches long. It terminates in a long tail, which contains the sting. This causes a severe wound, possibly a fatal one to a man in ill-health. He who entertains a scorpion unawares will know what it is to have a thankless child. The centipede also plies his numerous nimble feet on Cuban soil. When he walks across your flesh you feel as if many red-hot needles had been thrust into you and he leaves a trail of venom behind. There is a sufficiency of snakes in Cuba—rattlers, moccasins and others. The commonest snake is called the maja, is about ten feet long and venomous, but not ferocious.



SOME OF CUBA'S INSECT PESTS.

A DARING ESCAPE.

Convict Rides to Freedom on the Belt of a Fly Wheel.

The most daring and remarkable prison escape on record was that of Frank Steadman from San Quentin, Cal. Steadman was a burglar by profession and a machinist by inclination. While in San Quentin prison he was put to work, with other convicts, in the engine-room. It was here that an idea came into his brain that for absolute daring and fearlessness was typical of the man.

He had noticed that every evening at the time the men working in the engine room were lined up to be marched away the machinery was stopped at exactly the same moment. He had observed as well that a window leading to an adjacent roof was not far from the top of the big driving belt of the engine. From that roof it was possible to reach the outer wall of the prison. Beyond the wall was freedom. Apparently the window was beyond all possibility of being reached. No ladder was to be obtained. Had such a thing been even standing in place against the wall, to break from the line and scale it with catlike dexterity, although the work of but a few seconds, he well knew would be futile, possibly fatal. Bullets travel faster than legs, and the guards were not bad shots. But desperate deeds demand desperate means. Some minds may work with an ingenuity born of despair, but Steadman's was of a different caliber. His plans were the outgrowth of steadfast optimism. He never ceased to scheme, as he never ceased to hope for liberty.

One day there came to him, as if by inspiration, the thought that the big belt might be the means of carrying

STEADMAN'S DARING ESCAPE.

him to his goal. He found that it was impossible to count the revolutions of the driving wheel, but there were lacings in the broad belt, which he was able to distinguish as a sort of blur as it passed a given point. For days and days he counted, and in his cell at night he spent his time in calculations. He discovered the exact number of revolutions the wheel made per minute. He learned also, by constant observation, just how many times the belt went round after the engine was shut down.

One evening when the line had been formed as usual at the close of the day's work, and as the big wheel began to lose its momentum, suddenly a convict sprang from the line, leaped to the belt, with outstretched arms grappling both edges of the broad leather. He had calculated well the strength that would be required, for the terrific wrench did not loosen his grasp. Outward and upward he swung until he reached the topmost point of the circumference. The nicety of his calculation had reaped its reward. The belt stopped. He leaped to his feet, sprang through the window, and was gone before convicts or guards had recovered from their astonishment. He caught up a guard's coat and hat, dropped from the wall, and got away in the dusk of the evening. His desperate escape did not profit him. He was recaptured and sent back to San Quentin.

The Head C'aqu^r.

Jacob Schontag, for forty years head of the claque at the Vienna Opera House, is dead. He knew all the operas of the repertory by heart, knew the strong and weak points of all the artists, and held a rehearsal of his subordinates in the afternoon before the production of an opera, when he drilled them on the parts of a production where their work was to be put in. He watched them during the performance from a seat that commanded a view of the whole house, but never applauded himself, save in desperate cases.

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