

HOW LONG WILL IT LAST?

What Gherardi and Sickles Think About the Duration of the War.

Widely dissimilar views as to the war's probable duration are expressed by Admiral Bancroft Gherardi and Gen. Daniel E Sickles. The former does not look for a cessation of hostilities in less than three years. "It is a great mistake," he told a recent interviewer, "to suppose that the Spanish are not fighters. They have some very good ships. Our own are much better handled than it is possible for them to handle theirs, but still they know how to fight their vessels, and we lack tremendously in the line of torpedo boat destroyers, of which Spain has several excellent examples." Of course, the Admiral has no doubts as to the ultimate result. "We were not prepared for such a condition of affairs as now exists," he said, "but with our resources we can remedy the defects in our navy in a remarkably short space of time." The ex-minister to Spain fixed a year as the limit of the conflict, and he saw but one end to it. "The truth about sea power," he declared in explanation of his opinion, "is that you must be able not only to build ships and to make big guns—anyone can do that—but you must fight your ships, and there are only two Powers in the world today that can win on the water—England and America." When questioned as to the chance that Cuba will some day become a part of the United States, Gen. Sickles evaded the point with some ingenuity, and propounded a decidedly curious theory as to why we joined to our declaration of war an explicit disavowal of the intention to annex the island. "Europe," he declared, "took this to mean a desire to placate her; it was, in reality, only for the reassurance of our own people, whose policy has been wholly opposed to colonial conquest." There is enough in that view of the case to make it worth the careful consideration of our Continental enemies—and perhaps to decrease their estimate of our regard for their opinions.—New York Tribune.

Editors to The Front.

A gentleman called the attention of a reporter for The News Courier to the following editorial in the Asheville Citizen Monday:

"One editor has gone to the front—count him; one—and perhaps there are more to follow. N. G. Gonzales, of the Columbia State, is now with Gen. Nunez, the Cuban officer, and both expect to be in at the death of Havana. Mr. Gonzales will certainly be a success in the field if he is as good a fighter as he has been editor. If we mistake not, his father was a notable figure in the Cuban Ten Years' War.

"That is correct so far as it goes," he said, "but there are others." In the first place two of Mr. Gonzales's brothers are in the army, and South Carolina has furnished two editors, Editor Louis J Bristow, of the Kingstree Record, and editor Parrott of the Horry Republic. Both are good men.

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May 25.

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—Chicago Tribune.



Fifty Years Ago.

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50 Years of Cures.

Concerning the War.

May 18: The President today nominated John G. Evans of South Carolina, to be inspector general with the rank of major. The Senate to-day confirmed the following appointments: Ambrose E. Gonzales; South Carolina, assistant quarter-master, with the rank of captain; John H. Earle, South Carolina, commissary of subsistence, with the rank of Captain.

Mar 20: The report of the arrival of Cervera's fleet at Santiago de Cuba has been confirmed, and naval authorities claim that it will be an easy matter to bottle up his fleet in that harbor. It is said that 200,000 pairs of shoes have been ordered for the volunteers in the army.

May 20: The time allowed for the companies at Columbia to complete their quota of men expired today. Some of the companies are still short, so the time has been extended. It seems to be a good deal of trouble for South Carolina to get together 1600 fighting men.

May 22: The cruiser Charleston left to-day for Manila with reinforcements and supplies for Admiral Dewey.

May 22: It is said that the Spanish fleet has orders not to risk an engagement with our ships; but to "moukey" around, and in that way prolong the war in the hope that the powers will interere.

May 23: A train loaded with soldiers came into collision with a freight train near Burroughs, Ga. Two soldiers were killed.

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HOOKING A BIG SHARK.

Experience of Two Fishermen Who Battled With a Monster Fish.

It was a pitch dark night, with a heavy swell coming up from the inlet. We sat on the pier of the shanty, smoking and listening to the confused sounds of wind and sea, while now and then a big wave would become visible as it broke near the pier. It was about half flood tide, the very time for schools of big fish to run in, as they did at night, to feed. Whenever we wanted to go fishing in the night, we used to listen for the sounds made by the feeding fish as they splashed and leaped on the surface.

On this night we located a big school by this method and, seizing our rods and tackle, jumped into a smaller boat than we would had we taken time to chose. The fish proved to be farther out than we thought, and the light in the shanty was a mile and a half away before we dropped anchor. But we had managed to get into the very middle of the school, and for a time we had splendid sport with big bluefish.

Suddenly the fish stopped biting in the queerest way. I let out foot after foot of line, thinking that the school had moved only a short distance and that my bait might strike them. But for a long while there was no sign of fish. Then at once something struck the bait and started off with such a burst of speed that the reel line cut and burned my thumb. The rod whipped the water, and the sudden pull dragged me to one side before I realized that I had a fish.

"What have you got, in the name of all that's wonderful?" asked my companion.

"What in thunder have I got?" I asked in turn.

I couldn't tell. It was going like a locomotive, and I knew that I couldn't check the thing, whatever it was, if I had a hawser attached to it. The ten ounce bethabara and the strong bass line might as well have been a twig and a piece of thread.

Both of us sat peering into the black vagueness astern, and my reel was simply screaming, while the rod was bent into a semicircle. At last almost all the line had gone, when at once the strain relaxed and the line slackened so suddenly that the rod straightened out like a whip. "Reel in quick!" whispered John. "It's coming this way." And sure enough it was coming. Four hundred feet astern the black water was broken into phosphorescence by it. It came along as swiftly as it had gone in the other direction a few minutes ago, and it left a wake of light behind as it came. We could not see just what it was, but we did not need to speculate long, for almost instantly the big fish was alongside, and then we saw that it was a shark, and a big one. He twisted his tail violently as he again felt the strain of the line which I had by this time reeled in. For a moment he showed his full length as he turned on his side, and then we saw that he was as long as the boat.

Without wasting time, I let the reel go and gave him all the line he wanted, hoping he would take it and be off, but the big fish was angry and didn't intend to be off.

The phosphorescence which followed him showed up his motions clearly. He swerved off, swam swiftly in a big semicircle, headed straight for the boat with a great lashing of the water and, with terrific speed and force, struck his head against the side of the small craft. Only by throwing all our weight on the gunwale did we escape being capsized. As it was, we shipped half a boatful of water. The fish circled off again and made another rush at the boat. This time I had the line twisted around my hand and managed by sheer strength to guide the dangerous fellow round the bow of the boat. The strain snapped the line, and the shark sank slowly below the surface.—Chicago Inter Ocean.

Straight Tip.

"Have you ever studied political economy?" asked the long haired passenger as he laid down his newspaper and turned toward the portly individual across the aisle.

"That's what I have," replied the portly man, with an audible sigh. "I studied it from the beginning to the end of one campaign."

"And what is the result of your investigation?" asked the other.

"I was defeated for alderman in my ward," was the reply, "and I am firmly convinced that the best political economy is to stay out of politics."—Chicago Journal.

A Puzzling Letter.

"I don't know whether this new man is a very astute diplomat," said the railway attache, "or a very bad speller."

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