

Sees the Handwriting.

Decay and Ruin Prophesied by La Liga Agraria, a Spanish Paper.

The sacrifices made by the Spanish government to send troops to Cuba make themselves felt in those places from which the men are drawn.

"We are going at a rapid gait. The war in Cuba taking away the young laborers from our fields, the emigration taking away to foreign countries others who are apt for agricultural work."

"Valleys and hills smiling yesterday, fields and inheritances worked recently by the peasants, are to-day in complete abandonment. The joy that reigned in the country has been substituted by silence and ruin."

"It is the end?"

"Where are we going?"

"To depopulation first, to misery next, and total ruin later."

"Six hundred thousand men, who in the last twenty years have abandoned the fatherland, seeking employment which at home they could not find, is a terrifying figure, that should make those who govern us stop to think, since they have not done so up to this time."

"The philoxera destroying our vines, the low prices of our agricultural products, are less horrifying phantoms than the depopulation of our country, the abandonment of our lands and the confiscation of them by the state for unpaid taxes."

"Far away in dark fastness, in inclement climate, and deadly war, our jeunesse is perishing, that youth which yesterday made our fields joyful with their tasks and their songs."

"To the no less ungrateful Brazilian shores we see the arrival of that other part of the population of our lands strong and healthy for the work they do not find at home, to be able to sustain their families."

"This sad scene is very frequent; but what sad thoughts it awakes!"

"Very soon, perhaps sooner than we ourselves expect, we will see the complete abandonment of our country, and even the depopulation of our cities up to this day of importance."

"Agricultural life has become an impossibility. How it is possible to cultivate grains, or vines, or olive trees, to raise cattle, and much less to establish industries dependent on all these, if the government is day by day growing worse, if the population is decreasing very markedly, if the fight which our products sustain with foreign ones is insupportable, and above all if the price obtained by these home products does not cover the expense of producing them?"

"People who do not progress fall into decadence. Those who increase and obtain a subsistence out of their efforts never perish, at least so has a wise man once said."

"Spain is fast going in the direction of its ruin, and if God does not remedy it, this situation will be the end."

Good News for Cuba.

Washington, April 22.—Several members of the house committee on foreign affairs have had an informal conference on the subject of the situation in Cuba with a gentleman who has just arrived from Habana.

Only about one month more remains before the rainy season is due and little is expected of the Spanish troops after that time. The gentleman said that all talk of Cuba's accepting such reforms as Spain was willing to grant is erroneous, that the Cubans were convinced that they had the best of the situation and were sure to gain their independence.

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Venezuela Again.

London, April 22.—The St. James Gazette, commenting on the dispatch to The Times from G. W. Smalley, the correspondent of that paper in the United States, representing that the Venezuelan dispute is still a question of great gravity and a cause for alarm, says:

"The revival of the Venezuelan question reminds us that even the wars in Africa are trivial compared with the real danger which has existed in the west since December. The Americans demand that the United States shall decide our quarrels and settle our frontier disputes in inadmissible, and no amount of talking around the matter will make it anything else."

The Pall Mall Gazette says: "The American correspondent of The Times seems to be in a state of undue alarm, possibly because Lord Salisbury did not accept his plan of settlement."

The Globe says: "All the hopes of the weak-kneed of the compliance of Great Britain with the views of the United States are groundless."

The Westminster Gazette says: "Except for a petty amour propre, there was no reason why Lord Salisbury should have rejected the proposal for a joint commission."

Guarding the Treasury.

Washington, April 22.—Two pension bills were returned to the Senate to-day by the President without his signature. The first is that giving a pension of \$30 per month to Nancy G. Allabach, widow of Peter H. Allabach, late colonel of the 131st Pennsylvania volunteers, who also served in the war with Mexico.

The other bill to meet Executive disapproval grants a pension to Chas. E. Jones, late photographer of the 11th Pennsylvania volunteer cavalry. The evidence showed that he was wounded while taking photographs, but as he was not enlisted in or connected with the military service of the Government it seems to the President that the extension of pension relief to such cases would open the door to legislation hard to justify, and impossible to restrain from abuse.

A Cuban Demonstration.

Key West, April 22.—Passengers by the steamer Mascotte to-night report heavy cannonading was heard outside of Habana to-day and also that numerous bands of insurgents, are coming from the eastern part of the island towards Pinar del Rio district.

"Society" Vs. Southern Harbors.

As was anticipated, the battleship Indiana left the Port Royal dry dock with out difficulty, and is now at Hampton Roads. A dispatch from Port Royal states that a survey of the dock, made after the Indiana had left it, showed that it had sustained no injury whatever. The ship's hull was thoroughly cleaned and examined, and found to be in excellent condition.

The Star has frequently pointed out that much of the adverse criticism on southern yards and docks and the channel ways leading to them has its origin (in many instances) with the naval officers so unfortunate as to be on duty. It has not been so long ago since this port and naval station was misrepresented all over the country by this very means.

The Old Soldiers in Charleston.

(News and Courier.)

Yesterday was the great day of the reunion. It was a great day for the three or four thousand veterans who have been partaking of the city's hospitality this week and it was a greater day still for the people of Charleston. From Line street to the Battery and from the Cooper to the Ashley the town was patrolled by veterans. The old soldiers were known by their gay badges, and they kept themselves in evidence pretty well throughout the day.

A few points of the proceedings are taken from the State's telegraphic report: The convention was presided over by Maj. Gen. C. Irvine Walker, and was opened with prayer by Rev. Dr. Holland, who invoked the blessings of the Divine Providence upon the old veterans.

Col. James G. Holmes was secretary of the meeting. Col. Zimmerman Davis presented the battleflag of Butler's brigade, which had never been trailed in the dust, and which since the war has been committed to the safe keeping and care of the Charleston Light Dragoons.

The veterans, as they were seated in the beautifully decorated hall, were photographed. The picture will appear in the next issue of The Veteran.

Mr. R. H. Screven introduced a resolution, which was adopted requesting each camp to make an inquiry as to the number of indigent old Confederates in the State who would accept the hospitality of a "soldiers' home."

Mr. A. W. Muckenfuss offered a resolution, which was also adopted, authorizing the chairman to appoint a committee to make an investigation with the view of taking steps towards the establishment of a home for the Confederate veterans and their widows.

The committee is to be composed of one member from each county in the State. Editor Cunningham, of The Veteran, of Nashville, Tenn., was introduced and made a few congratulatory remarks.

Comrade Thomas Carwile of Edgefield introduced a resolution that a committee of five be appointed to appear before the State Board of Education and urge the adoption of histories to be used in the schools such as will give a fair and truthful account of the south's part in the late war and to exclude all incorrect histories. The resolution was adopted.

The election for major-general was next held, during which General Walker vacated the chair and Major Lamb Buist temporarily presided.

Mr. T. W. Carwile nominated Gen. C. I. Walker for re-election and he was unanimously chosen to succeed himself. In accepting the office, the general said he hoped by the next reunion he would have doubled the number of camps in the State, increasing them from 60 to 120.

votes to General James of Darlington 54 votes. The election was made unanimous and Colonel Coward returned his thanks for the high honor conferred upon him.

The Second brigade re-elected Colonel I. G. McKissick.

A resolution providing for the election of officers of all camps on the same day was referred to a committee to report to night.

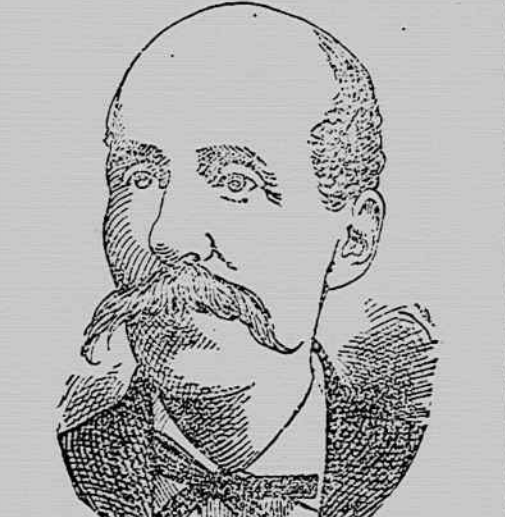
A resolution by J. A. W. Thomas, of Bennettsville, returning thanks to the people of Charleston for the kind and hospitable manner with which the visitors have been entertained, was adopted.

Camp Dick Anderson was represented by Jas. D. Blanding, Philip P. Gaillard, R. J. Brownfield, Donald J. Auld, Edwin W. Moise, J. F. W. DeLorme, W. J. McLead, Thos. V. Walsh.

An invitation from Greenville was unanimously accepted for the next reunion of the Veterans.

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