

THE PALMETTO FLAG PRESENTED.

BANNER THAT FLOATED OVER CITY OF MEXICO GIVEN TO THE INDEPENDENT BATTALION.

Columbia May 24—Early this morning Major Thompson and his battalion pulled up stakes and left the Fair Grounds for Shandon, where a separate camp, distinct from all others, has been located. Sixty tents on the slope of the hill, just in the rear of the pavilion, afford shelter for the men and there are several acres of open fields for a drill ground.

Col. Blanding, a veteran of the Mexican war, accompanied by one of his old comrades, Jim Power, presented the old Palmetto regiment flag to the independent battalion in the following speech:

Major Thompson: As president of the Association and ranking officer of Survivors of the Palmetto Regiment, Mexican war; and by authority of the association, I have the honor and pleasure of presenting to you, sir, as a commanding officer of the First Independent Battalion, South Carolina Volunteers, U. S. A., for the war with Spain, this United States flag, and this spear head of the State flag, which was carried by the Palmetto Regiment, S. C. Volunteers, U. S. A., from Charleston, via Vera Cruz, into the City of Mexico.

You have been pleased to honor us by consenting to accept them as your battalion colors. They have a history honored by the people of the United States that is too long to be detailed on this occasion; but that your boys may know somewhat of it, permit me to say that the Palmetto State flag, presented to the regiment in Charleston in December, 1846, by the ladies of South Carolina, was lost during the civil war, but this was the spearhead, and is now representative of it.

It was unfurled 9th March, 1847, among the first flags of the Volunteer Division of the U. S. A. on the beach at Vera Cruz, and the first blood that was shed in the siege of Vera Cruz was that of South Carolina's and Georgia's sons together under its folds at the Malabran Rains skirmish 10th March, 1847, the day after landing. It was to be the standard of one of the three parties ordered to storm Vera Cruz 26th April, but the city was taken on the 29th. It was carried in the march up to Cerro Gordo, the surrender of Jalapa, through the fight of Perote, and the surrender of Puebla. Thence with Gen. Scott's army, August, 1847, into the valley of Mexico—was in the thickest of the battle of Contreras and Churubusco on 19th and 20th August—was the standard, if not the second flag planted within the Castle of Chapultepec and was the first American flag planted on the walls of the City of Mexico on the 13th September, 1847.

In the battles of the valley, under its folds was poured out the life blood of Col. Butler, Lt. Col. Dickinson and six other officers and about one sixth of the rank and file. Under it were wounded Major Gladden and nine other officers and about one-fourth of the rank and file; aggregating 18 of 40 officers and 11 24 of rank and file engaged. Three color-bearers were shot down while bearing it through the battle of Churubusco, one in storming Chapultepec and Lieut. Sholeck when planting it on the Cerro de Belen of the city. After entering the city Gen. Scott, seeing the Palmetto flag so tattered and torn by shot and shell, ordered that it be used on ordinary occasions, but be folded, covered and carried back to South Carolina as a sacred relic, and in its place gave us a United States Regulation Regimental flag. This is that flag; and though it has but 29 stars—the 29th being that of Texas—will therefore be the more honored.

Let me further state that it is the only flag ever carried from South Carolina into a foreign war. Your Battalion is the next ready for foreign war, and therefore, by command of the association, to you I commit it. History is done. I have only to add, Major, that the 23 or 24 surviving Palmettos of 1,203 mustered in 1846 feel assured that, in committing these our sacred relics to the charge of yourself and these gallant sons of South Carolina, they will never be sullied, but be found, as they always have been, in the forefront of every fight and nearest the flashing of the guns.

All we ask is, if the opportunity offers, you will have it planted the first American flag on the walls of Havana or Morro Castle.

MAJOR THOMPSON'S REPLY. Major Thompson proved himself an orator as well as a soldier, and replied in the following: Colonel: Your stirring words and an emotional scene like this carry us back over more than half a century of years to a time when, in the shadow of that historic spear head and beneath the golden folds of that sacred banner,

which this one now represents, Governor Johnson said to your band of heroes. "I see now in the prospective the Palmetto banner floating triumphantly over the storm of war, Go, and the god of battles go with you!" Beneath it you stood when he added, "Remember that you are South Carolinians," and when the gallant Butler replied, "We will not only remember that we are South Carolinians, but we will remember that we bear with us the honor of South Carolina, and we will protect it and defend it with our lives." Beneath that flag was the same gallant soldier when he said, "Gen. Shields, there is not a South Carolinian here who will not follow you to death!" And Whitfield Brooks, a beardless boy, scarcely 21 years of age, a private in the ranks, re-echoed, "Aye to the death!" Beneath that flag only a few hours later lay the gallant private waltering in his own blood and sealing with his very life the solemn vow he had so lately made. Beneath that flag was Lieutenant Colonel Dickinson, when, in reply to a question, he said: "I care not what place is assigned me as long as it is at the front near the flashing of the guns." Beneath that flag stood Lieutenant J. R. Clark, of the Rioland Volunteer Company, when he shouted to his man under the fire of leaden hail around the walls of Churubusco, "Stand their fire at all hazards, men—Remember where you're from." With such a flag as this to lead us on, I feel that I can promise you that the men of the Independent Battalion will do their whole duty; that they are South Carolinians, but that they bear with them the honor of South Carolina, which they will protect and defend with their lives; that they would stand the fire at all hazards, remembering where they are from; that should occasion offer, you will find "the spirit of their sires in the children living yet." In the name of each and every member of the battalion I thank you from my heart for the confidence you have reposed in us. I promise you that you will never have reason to feel that that confidence has been misplaced. Sergeant Holman: As the descendant of the gallant soldier and officer who has entrusted this sacred relic to our keeping, I entrust it to you. See to it that you bear it in such a way that you make the record which he has made—more than this I cannot ask.

GOVERNOR'S GUARDS MUSTERED

The Governor's Guards was mustered into service by Capt. Fuller at 10 o'clock last night. After a hard struggle eighty men were secured and the company was lined up and the oath administered. There are but two companies still to be mustered in—the Bamberg Guards and the Palmetto Rifles of Aiken.

Strange Warships.

New York, May 26—A special to the Press from Halifax, N. S., says: Investigation leaves no doubt that a number of strange men-of-war have been seen off the coast of Cape Breton. The report of the sighting of a fleet of strange vessels was sent out from there several days ago, and it was at first discredited here, but subsequent careful inquiries develop the fact that they were seen and that they must have been warships. However, no information can be obtained as to their nationality, their exact number or their purpose.

Their presence caused much excitement. No one knows where they have gone. For several days the military signal stations in this neighborhood have reported a strange vessel off the coast. She has been carrying on unusual manoeuvres, quite beyond the comprehension of the signal officers, who are at a loss to place the stranger. It is possible that all these vessels belong to the patrol fleet of Commodore Howell, who is undoubtedly keeping a sharp outlook all along the north-east coast for Spanish vessels. It is not credited that any Spanish warships are in these waters.

Senator Tillman recommended that the president appoint Gen. M. G. Butler a major general, and some of the newspapers think that in so doing he did a very generous and graceful thing. It seems to us a very cheap generosity of doubtful grace to recommend an enemy to favors known to be entirely out of reach and to honors which could not add to those already plucked on the field of fame. Gen. Butler's wounds and age would be hindrances to active service in the field, and it does not increase our admiration for Senator Tillman for him now to make such mock show of generosity.—Gaffney Ledger.

The Archbishop of Manila says in a pastoral that Spain and God are preparing to do up the Yankee invaders. He may be a pious, good man, but the Spanish egotism shows itself in putting Spain first and God second in this business, but so far He doesn't seem to be even a good second.

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Bottled up by Sampson.

CERVERA HEMMED UP IN THE HARBOR OF SANTIAGO DE CUBA.

Washington, May 24—Special to the News and Courier: Official information received at the navy department to-day places the Spanish fleet at Santiago de Cuba. Secretary Long has refrained from issuing a bulletin to that effect, but it is nevertheless authentic. The fleets of Sampson and Schley are also hovering around the entrance to the harbor of Santiago, so that it is impossible for Admiral Cervera to roam over the Caribbean Sea without being intercepted by the American ships.

The news was sent to Washington by the officers in command of Admiral Sampson's scouts, who saw the Spaniards enter the harbor of Santiago, and not being sufficiently armored to intercept him kept guard in that vicinity, keeping within distance to observe any attempt on the part of Cervera to leave that port.

It is the well established belief that the Americans have the Spanish fleet bottled up in the harbor of Santiago, which has occasioned the most intense excitement here and in Europe to-day. Rumors have been circulated of every description, from the total destruction of the Spanish fleet down to the sinking of one-half of Sampson's squadron.

At the navy department it is said that the cables leading out of Santiago had been cut by Sampson's ships, so that the Spanish admiral is unable to communicate with Madrid. This is given as the reason why no information of a definite nature has been sent out from Spain as to the present location of Admiral Cervera and his fleet.

A SECOND CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS.

It is not generally known, but the President has practically decided to issue a second call for volunteers, with a view to send an increased force to both Cuba and the Philippines. This information came to me direct from an authentic source, and the developments of the next few days will prove the correctness of the statement, although there is a disposition in uninformed quarters to discredit it. The second call will be for either 75,000 or 100,000 additional volunteers, and it will open the way for many organizations which were anxious to enter the service, but were barred out because their State quota was filled in accordance with the terms of the first call. R. M. L.

BGTTLING UP CONFIRMED

London, May 24.—The following dispatch has been received from Madrid dated 1 A. M., Wednesday: Nothing positive is revealed as to the situation. Lieut. Gen. Correa, minister of war, has received a cablegram from Gen. Blanco saying that American warships are in front of Santiago. Capt. Auan, minister of marine, has received a lengthy dispatch from Admiral Cervera, replying in full to instructions. The minister of marine receives nobody. He is working day and night. Yesterday he presented to Queen Regent every detail of the plans at Santiago de Cuba, showing the defenses, and the security of Admiral Cervera's squadron.

"Admiral Camara has gone back to Cadiz with sealed orders. It is said that on his arrival there he will arrange for manoeuvres of his ships at sea, trials of speed, gunnery and everything necessary to satisfy himself that the squadron is in efficient condition. He will depart for a destination undivulged. Senor Capdepon, minister of interior, says a telegram received by the war office from Manila reported that the natives are disposed to remain loyal to Spain and will defend the territory against foreign invasion.

CAPE HAYTIEN CABLES NOT CUT.

Cape Haytien, Hayti, May 24—Inquiries made here at the cable station in regard to the reported cutting of the cables off Santiago de Cuba and Guantanamo by a United States cruiser show that the cables have not been cut. The cable from this place to Guantanamo and Santiago de Cuba is in working order.

WHAT IS SAID AT KEY WEST.

Key West, May 24.—The movements of the United States fleet, which are known here, make it absolutely certain that no battle has yet occurred, but an engagement is expected to take place this week. Every precaution has been taken by the United States naval authorities for destroying the Spanish fleet, which is known to be off the island of Cuba. The hospital ship Solace and her surgeons were ordered long ago to be ready for service at a moment's notice, but no fresh orders have been issued.

City of Mexico, May 26—The published report of Brazilian Minister Mendonca's farewell address to President McKinley, in which he advocated that an American Diet should regulate the international relations of this hemisphere, excites much favorable comment here and also in Central America. It is believed that Mendonca's speech was prompted not only by his well known admiration for the United States and the American people, but his intimate knowledge of the inner aspirations of the latter. Telegrams have been received here by a Spaniard, announcing a naval battle, in which the Spanish fleet won and the Americans lost every ship, and Admiral Sampson was killed.

Cuban Representative Predicts Speedy Termination of the War

London, May 27—The Paris correspondent of the Daily Telegraph reports an interview he has had with Dr. Betances, representative of the Cuban government in Paris. Dr. Betances expresses the firm conviction that the war will be over sooner than is thought in Europe.

"The Americans," he says, "will experience no difficulty in landing troops who will at once be joined by insurgents, who are much stronger than is generally supposed. Nor is there any doubt that Rear Admiral Sampson will strike a heavy blow shortly. The insurgents would rather accept annexation by the United States than the autonomy which Spain would grant. Before another week the Americans will be masters of Habana and firmly established in Cuba.

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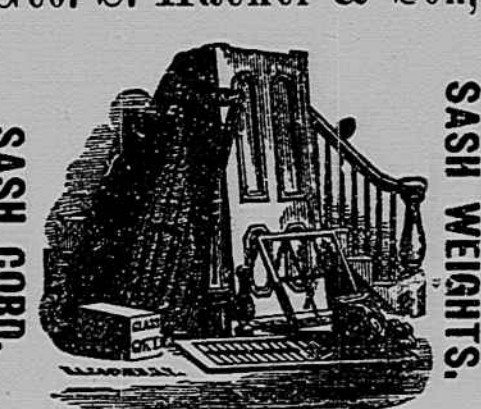
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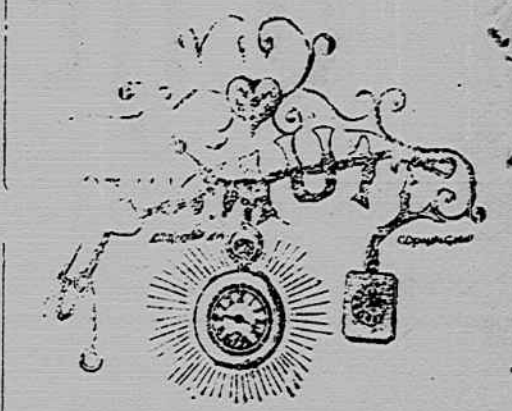
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