

WAR AND ITS MISERIES.

A Saturnalia of Disorder and Smells.

DEAD MEN AND HORSES' MUCH IN EVIDENCE.

Turkey Buzzards Circle About Very Suggestively.

NEW YORK, July 21.—A correspondent at Santiago draws a harrowing picture of some of the miseries of war. He says: "One's preconceived ideas of war make bloodshed and dashing bravery the most conspicuous aspect of it. The actual observer is struck more especially with the hard work and the filth of it. A few moments in the fighting on Friday, July 1 both at El Caney and San Juan, were all the imagination had pictured in advance. The charge up the hill on the breastworks, and finally on the stone fort outside of El Caney, was thrilling as a spectacle, and the taking of the San Juan fort, after a terrible climb up the steep height in the face of magazine gun fire, was equally inspiring. Then, too, the artillery fire was exciting when the shell struck squarely the wall aimed at, or the shrapnel burst over the enemy's rifle pits.

"But beyond these, the battles on Friday, Saturday and Sunday morning were hardly from the point of view of the picturesque what one should expect. The soldiers scattered over the fields and through the underbrush, firing when they caught sign of a mark, and not knowing whether they hit their man or not, somehow did not seem engaged in such a battle as one had pictured from his reading. Doubtless the smokeless powder had most to do with this robbing of warfare of its effectiveness as a mere picture.

"The uncleanness of it all has been ever present, however, and especially after a lull of forty-eight hours in the fighting, does it force itself on the attention. Equally prominent is the physical labor and hardship imposed on the soldier. After all, mere fighting is the least of his business, even in the time of actual campaigning. He is cook, day labourer, hospital attendant, road builder, everything. Incidentally he fires seventy-five or one hundred cartridges on occasional days.

"Perhaps the long marches through the rain and mud from before dawn all day and night, and much of the next day, followed by a night of trench digging, are what the soldier finds of most personal concern in this business of war. More sensitive nostrils are likely to cause one to dwell more especially on the attendant dirt and stench. It is more than unpleasant even to think of how utterly destructive war is of that quality which the proverb ranks next to godliness. An opportunity may come for a soldier to wash a garment or handkerchief at the side of a river, but this is only when he is on some detached service. The terrible marches in the tropical sun have caused hundreds to throw away everything they were not actually wearing, so as to lighten their burdens. With only one shirt, there is little chance to wash it. Even if there were, it would not stay clean long. The roads are muddy beyond the nightmare of the good roads advocate.

"The road which was the centre of the battles leading up to the San Juan fortifications is a saturnalia of disorder and disgusting smells. Dead men and horses are in evidence at intervals. Many were allowed to fester in the wet and sun for forty-eight hours before being buried. Even the word burial is a misnomer in many instances. Perhaps all the Americans

had some sort of grave dug for them, and it is only Spaniards and horses that were merely covered with earth. It was thought apparently, that the strewing of a foot of earth was a good enough service to do for an enemy or beast; the consequences of the living were overlooked. Besides all this, a number of the slain must be scattered in the tangled woods. Your nostrils are therefore assailed with a succession of stenches as you go along. The knowledge that some of them come from human corpses intensifies the overpowering feeling of disgust.

"As you approach the mound that is disseminating the odors your curiosity impels you to note whether the object beneath is a man or a horse. The shape of the heap tells which it is; a leather shoe or the knee of a horse sticking out in some cases removes any possible doubt. Myriads of flies buzz about; masses of maggots writhe and crawl about where the earth is shallowest or where the decaying flesh is entirely uncovered.

"Overhead flocks of turkey buzzards circle about, horrible in the ideas they suggest, but the instruments in the hands of an all-wise nature that puts to shame intelligent man's horrible callousness. In the American line the burials have been sanitary. Spanish trenches served admirably for Spanish graves. There was a certain grim appropriateness in laying the corpses in the rifle pits in or near which the men met their death. The loose earth, that had been put up was easily shovelled back on the bodies. There was no further need for these rifle pits.

"Decaying food yields its contribution, sickening, if not nauseating as the other. In some spots boxes of spoiled hard-tack have been emptied out to ferment and sour in the wet and heat. Soldiers have dropped little heaps of these and of bacon which they did not want to carry along. Much of the beef served in the rations has been in such large cans that a man cannot eat half of it at one meal. Evidently there has at times been a superabundance of rations. The road is lined with half empty boxes of beef, adding their offensiveness to the rest.

Besides the heaps of spoiled food there are hundreds of articles which would have a value under other circumstances. Cartridges for Springfield rifles lie in heaps. Thousands of them could be picked up. As fast as the volunteers can get a Krag-Jorgenson rifle that was the property of a wounded or dead man they take it, throwing their own aside.

Blankets, shelter tents and clothing of the wounded or killed have been cast away by the hundred. Thrifty Cubans have gathered the most valuable of these, but in the abundance of the wreckage have left lots behind. A marching army leaves a trail that is hard to associate with nineteenth century civilization."


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John McGregor	10
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Peter McPhee	5
Bessie Williams	5
James McDonald	5
Wesley Knight	10
Purdy McEachern	5
George McDonald	5
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Vernon Knight	25
Amy Knight	5
Frank McCormack	5
Lottie Hughes	17
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Frank Bernard	5
Ezra Taraby	5
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Katie Smith	5
Florie Finlayson	5
Hector McWilliams	5
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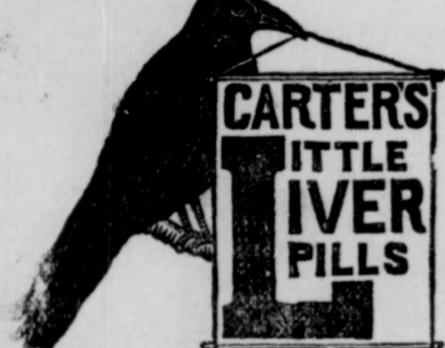
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