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Spring Has Come!

Yes, beautiful spring has really arrived and all the little songsters are in full blast. Down in the swamps and muck ponds hundreds of froggies are making their presence known by discordant croakings, and up on the highland poetical bipeds are doing likewise. Spring has come! The meadows are green and lovely, and many other things. Once more the famous "spud" is planted, while stray bugs walk leisurely about and survey the fields with hungry eyes. Spring has come! Farmers hasten to meet and sit around in groups manipulating tobacco, and moisten the earth with juice therefrom. Spring has come! Mosquitoes lie waiting in the dark places of the earth and seize their victims with unabated vigor. Spring has come! and the fertilizing agent rushes by filling the air with the odor and dust of dead men's bones. Spring has come! Interior of dwelling houses are in wild confusion and many men go wandering about with barked shins and sooty faces. Spring has come! "Windmaker, the Big Chief," is calling together his tribes and starts on his war-path once more, while his whisks wave frantically in the sultry air. And all the little "Rudyard Kiplings" keep time to the "Sam-Whet." Spring has come! Daniel Webster points from his pedestal and says sorrowfully—"No, no, Noah!" While "Subscriber" sinks into oblivion. Without doubt, Spring has come!

VOX ET PRÆTEREA NIHIL.
Indian Point, May 22nd.*

Swept Over The Rapids.

OTTAWA, May 12.—Stanley and George Mead, 12 and 11 years respectively, sons of Charles Mead, who keeps a boarding house at Britannia, and Blanche Dallas, were swept over Deschines Rapids yesterday afternoon in a skiff. Both lads were rescued a mile and a half below the rapids after being an hour and a half in the water. Blanche was drowned. She was a step-daughter of Wm. McConnell, of the Ottawa wire works.

A Traveller's Tales.

"Oh, yes," remarked the amiable liar, "I had many strange adventures when I was in Africa. I happened to be in bathing on one occasion when a bear came prowling along. I being in my bare skin he took me for one of the family I suppose. At all events, he didn't trouble me.

"At another time I came across a lion. A lion, you know, will not attack a man who is apparently dead. However, it is not the most agreeable thing in the world to stretch yourself out on the ground and let the beast nose you until he is satisfied you are dead meat. Fortunately, on this occasion I had a friend with me, a lawyer, and I got him to lie for me. It was right in his line, don't you see.

"One day a leopard fell in love with me. Least ways he paid me the compliment of trying to make me resemble himself. He spotted me don't you know. Fortunately, mine were fast colors, very fast.

"How did I come to quit my travels? Why, I became unpopular with the party I was in. They could not endure me for two reasons; one was that it was impossible for me to tell a lie, and the other objection to me was that I never was known to indulge in a pun. See?

Armistice Refused.

MANILA, May 20, 10 a. m.—General Gregoria del Pilar, commander of the insurgent forces in front of General Lawton's division; Lieut. Col. Alberto Baretto, judge advocate; Major Zealita, of Aguinado's staff, and Senor Gracignaga, a former member of the Filipino cabinet, the commissioners appointed to co-operate with senores Florentino Torrea, Pablocampo and Theodore Yanco, of Manila, for the purpose of negotiating terms of peace with the American commissioners, reached Manila by special train from Malolos at 8.15 o'clock this morning. The party was closeted with General Otis for more than an hour, but the interview was decidedly unsatisfactory, the commission having nothing definite to propose and being unempowered to negotiate terms. The commissioners brought a communication direct from Aguinado asking for an armistice pending the decision of the Filipino congress as to what policy should be adopted. As before, General Otis refused to entertain the proposition. The commissioners, after leaving the city hall, accepted an invitation to visit the Oregon and the other vessels of the American fleet in the bay, and they were also granted permission to see their families before returning.

MANILA, May 20, 7.50 p. m.—The expedition up the Rio Grande river met with resistance at the outskirts of San Luis, where several hundred Filipinos were entrenched on the banks of the stream. The rebels retreated beyond Candaba and the gunboats steamed ahead all the way training their gatling guns upon the banks and dropping shells wherever uniforms appeared on the shore. The gunboats dispersed the insurgents before San Luis. After they had passed sharpshooters from trees across the river, one hundred yards distant, harassed the 17th infantry, which was marching by fours along the narrow wooded road, from which the troops were unable to see the enemy. The members of one battalion laid on their faces in the road for a quarter of an hour trying to locate the rifle-

men and return their fire. Two Americans were wounded. The road wound close to the stream and was thickly settled. It was a picturesque march. Many groups of hundreds of natives were grouped under the trees on the opposite bank displaying white shirts, towels, sheets or anything white on poles. Some shouted welcome to the American soldiers, but most of them maintained a sullen silence. An old man in a carriage met the troops two miles outside of the town. He said: "I have lived in England and I have told the people that the Americans are like the English, and they need not be afraid." A Capuchin priest, one of the few whom the Filipinos had not imprisoned, was found at Candaba. He said it was useless to try to convince the natives that the Americans had not come to oppress them, as they believed their leaders, who had strongly impressed this belief upon them, and who have told stories of massacres, rapes and Filipino victories. The walls of the town were placarded with reports of slaughter of Americans, hundreds of whom were said to have been taken prisoners. As soon as Major Kobbe reached San Luis the natives raided the insurgents' rice stores. All day a stream of half naked people emerged from the store house in the manner of ants, rushing to their homes with bags of rice on their heads. On Thursday night a body of rebels returned to San Luis and burned part of the town. Lieut. Cunningham, with a signal corps party engaged in running a telegraph line, was camped near the place. Major Kobbe sent the army gunboat Cordovanga there today and found the party in the town. The Rio Grande, since Major Kobbe started, has been the highway for the exodus of the natives and to-day there is a continuous procession of thatched casoes with white flags drifting down river and containing whole families of twenty to thirty persons with their household goods and animals on board. Thousands of these boats have passed the army gunboats.

Students and Circus Men.

PRINCETON, N. J., May 15.—Princeton students and Pawnee Bill's Wild West Show employees indulged in a pitched battle today, and much serious rioting was prevented only by the presence of men with cool heads and the action of President Patton of the University in calling a mass meeting of all the students. It has been an unwritten law here that no circus parade shall pass through the streets. Every show proprietor in making his dates has always left Princeton from the list. When posters were hung up announcing the advent of Pawnee Bill a few days ago it was first considered a joke. The town authorities advised the circus men not to attempt to parade, but this advice was unheeded. The college boys were out in force waiting for parade, a great majority of them near the campus, armed with cannon crackers, eggs and vegetables bought or confiscated from stores, others armed with clods of turf. The students made a wild rush to head off the procession. The employees of the circus were rotten egged. The cow boys and Indians charged the students, using their whips freely. Stung by the whips and bruised the students became ugly and missiles changed to stones. Some of the Mexican or South American cowboys used their bolas with great effect. Several were injured. President Patton later had notices posted calling a mass-meeting of the students at five o'clock. He forbade any student going to the circus to-night and thus ended the trouble.

"Don't" for the Baby.

An infant should be given no food containing starch until it cuts its teeth. Starchy foods include biscuits, corn flour, tapioca, sago, rice, potato, etc. An infant cannot digest any of these until his teeth are cut. Violent noises and shakings or tossings are hurtful to a baby and should be avoided as much as possible. Infants should never be put in a sitting posture until they are at least 3 months old, when they will probably sit up of their own accord. They should be carried flat in the nurse's arms, if the little back is at all curved it may lead to curvature of the spine or chest disease. Until children are six or seven years old they should have 12 hours sleep every night. In addition to this a nap for two hours, either in the morning or afternoon, especially in hot weather, will do a great deal towards keeping them bright and well.

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