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Elijah on Carmel.

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ABOUT THE MEN WHO GATHER THE NEWS

War Plans and Correspondents of the Associated Press.

CUBA 18 COMPLETELY SURROUND. ED BY A CORPS OF RELIABLE AND INDEFATIGABLE CORRESPOND-ENTS, WHILE EVERY PRECAU-TION FOR COMMUNICATION BY CABLE AND SPECIAL DISPATCH BOATS HAS BEEN PROVIDED FOR. NEW BOAT ADDED TO THE NEWS FLEET.

From the New York Times.

When the present revolution against Spain began in Cuba three years ago public interest in the United States was instantly aroused. The Associated Press, through its admirable organization, and individual papers through their own efforts, have constantly kept the public informed of the progress of events. Intelligent opinion based upon exact facts has thus kept abreast of every development in Cuba, and every result therefrom both in this country and in Spain. One of the strongest features of national life in the United States today is the fact that its people in every community, in every state and territory, know the same facts at the office same time, and have been, therefore, in constant and intelligent touch with whatever was done by the national executive and the national legislature Public opinion throughout, being based upon the same facts, concurrently known, has been intelligent, strong, and useful at each stage and development leading up to the presnt condiimportant. tions of war.

The present revolution in Cuba be gan in February, three years ago. Within a week thereafter the Associated Press sent to Cuba Frank W. Mack. now superintendent of the eastern division of that organization, to arrange for the supply of reliable news of the revolution. At Havana he secured the services of a newspaper man who had served in the United States through the civil war in Company A, Eighth Massachusetts Volunteers, and also in Company E, Fourth regiment, Massachusetts cavalry. This man, who is still in Havana today, wears his army corps badge as one of his proudest decorations. He was commissioned at the outset to furnish to the Associated Press and so to the newspapers of the United States a record of hard fact and exact occurrences. This, up to the present time, he has done, and his peculiar power of resource was made most evident perhaps, when two years ago last December he daily sent, under the eyes of the censor, information to the Associated Press of the sweep of Gomez and his troops from Puerto Principe through the provinces of San-Colonel Dichl, in the discharge of the ta Clara and Matanzas, and well-nigh upon the borders of Havana city itself. Inasmuch as all cable communication with Havana centers in New York, the immediate direction of news plans for

the Associated Press were intrusted by Mr. Melville E. Stone, general manager of the Associated Press, to Colonel Charles S. Dichl, assistant general manager, whose headquarters are in this city. The delegation of such responsibilities by a chief of such experience and resource is possibly as high commendation as could be given to Colonel Diehl, who himself, prior to his advancement in the Associated Press, and during the Custer and subsequent Indian campaigns, carned his first journalistic spurs as a war correspondent.

letter it was deemed necessary to re-Sunday School Lesson for July 17. enforce the gentleman who had been furnishing news matter from Hayana For this mission, and with the concurrence of the general manager, Colone Dichl selected Edward R. Johnstone who was acting then in the New York office as editor of the news matter transmitted to the papers of New York state. Passports and proper credentials were secured for Mr. John-stone, and he started for Havana via Tampa and Key West. Mr. Johnstone's personality and experience commended him for this service. Of sanguine temperament and nervous energy, he is at once a capital comrade and a rapid worker. His executive strength and command of men there. The single incident recorded, the taining of the widow's son to live (xvii, 17-20) is an indication that he engaged in and resources have been amply proved during his recent service in the field.

On Saturday morning following the the duties of the prophetic office. In the third year after his flight from Ahab he was ordered to return. On the way explosion of the Maine, Johnstone reached Havana and remained there, the comrade of Captain Sigsbee, the confidant of General Lee, the dignified he met Obadiah and learned that the king had diligently and vainly searched for him in various countries (xviii, 1-i6). When Ahab mot Eiljah a plan was adoptrepresentative of the Associated Press, until the evening when, with General Lee and the other Americans, he left Havana for good.

when Anao mit Falan a plan was adopted to settle the relative merits of the two systems of religion, Judaism and Baal-lam. It was agreed that the prophets of Baal and the prophets of Jehovah should go to Mount Carmel, crect an altar, lay The destruction of the Maine com-pelled the Associated Press to rapidly go to Mount Carmel, erect an altar, lay a sacrifice thereon, and that the god who answered by fire should be acknowledged as the true god. The prophets of Baal made the first attempt. They cried aloud and cut themselves with knives from morning until evening, but there was no response (xviii, 17-29). The king and his courtiers waited anxiously, only to find that the god who had been worshipped answered not when the priests called mature its plans, which were based, even as carly as Feb. 16, upon the as-sumption that war with Spain must follow soon or later. It was felt that the local correspondent at Key West, Mr. Weatherford, should have re-enforcement. Mr. Johnstone had moved on to Havana, and Mr. W. A. M Goode, of the editorial staff of the New York answered not when the priests called upon him, that he did not vindicate himof the Asociated Press, was self when challenged. started southward upon less than twelve hours' notice. Mr. Goode, clean THE WITNESS.-It was after this day cut and adaptable, with a varied ex-

of total failure had passed that Elijab stepped forward. As the representative perience, though young, was thus chosen for a post from which his line of of Jehovah, he presented a striking con-trast with the hundreds of the prophets of Baal. His first act was to invite the duty might diverge to any point where added help was needed, and the compeople to draw near him. (Verse 39). They had gathered about the altar of mission was regarded in every way as Baal. He now desired that they should surround him and be witnesses of all that Mr. Goode arrived in Key West on Saturday of the week in which the

transpired. He did not propose any cun Maine was destroyed, and there, by ning art, any trick or imposition. All should be open to the inspection of all his tactful methods and his ample resources, commended himself to Ad-The people came. Ahab, the princes, the elders, probably some faise prophets were in the company. Some present may have miral Sicard from whom, before the relief of that officer, he had secured known Elijah, and secretly believed in God and expected a demonstration that should convince all. It may be that many termission to accompany him, should nostilities cour, upon the flagship of the squadron. When Captain Sampson drew near with contempt, and others with fear, desiring that this brave advocate of was appointed to the command left vacant by the relief of Admiral Sicrightcousness should fail and dreading the result of his triumph. The assemblage ard, M" Geode so won his way with the present odmiral of the fighting was one qualified to judge and to give squadron that, when the ship sailed testimony to the events that might folout of Key West, he was a member low. of the mass on leard the flagship with

Admiral Eampson and Commander THE ALTAR .- The audience having seen secured Elijah proceeded to erect Chadwick, recognized and aperedited an altar. It was no difficult task, and with the aid of the servant might be speedily completed. Twelve stones were as the representative of the Assocrited Press. The graphic story of the capture of the Pedro by the New York, selected for the structure, one for each tribe, thus recognizing, not the northerly was the first report of the first stirring action of the fighting squadron, and kingdom only, but the entire nation. Al-though divided eighty years before, the people were still one in the prophet's came from the pencil of Mr. Goode. PLACING THE CORRESPONDENTS hought as truly as when at Gilgal they et up their monument of deliverance. While the Strategic Board was lay-

(Joshua, iv, 20). The political strifes of the centuries had not annulled the old responsibility placed upon him, was ovenant. The twelve stones were not builded into a new altar. They were rather used to repair an old and neglectmaturing the strategic plans of the Associated Press. Upon the withed altar, which, during the years of idola-try had fallen to decay. (Verse 30). The drawal of Mr. Goode from Key West to his post on the flagship of the squadmblem of the ancient faith was restored. (Verse 31). Proud day it was for the prophet! With thanksgiving for the ron, the Key West position again reprophet! quired re-enforcement. It was possible that the Spanish fleets from the privilege and with loyalty to the Allighty he continued his holy service, un-Cape Verde Islands might sail southwestward to Porto Rico. The flying squadron, at Hampton Roads, might be sent to sea to intercept them. Should a rebuke to the apostate nation these events occur, it would be highly necessary that the Associated Press THE SACRIFICE .- The altar being completed the wood was laid thereon in order. There was a prescribed mode, well should be represented at Porto Rico

or at some neighboring island with cable communication. The natural impulse would have been to send a man to Porto Rico, but Porto Rico is a Spanish possession, and the Associa

French

Panama cable touches. If, however,

INTRODUCTION.-It is impossible to tell how long Elijah remained in Zarep-hath, or what occurred while he was there. The single incident recorded, the raising of the widow's son to live (xvii, the regulations divinely appointed for a burnt offering. This sacrifice was to be more than a test. It was a formal res-Solomon had been eccepted. (II Chrontoration of that which the law required each evening, but what had been ordered by the wicked king displaced. The burnt offering signified the presentation of the sacrifice himself, soul and body, to God, the submission of his will to the will of the Lord. It typified our Lord's offering, the perfect sacrifice of his will to the will of the Father. (Philippians, il, 8). Elijah was bringing back again that which the patriarchs had (Genesis, iv, 4), which Abel observed, and Noah (Genesis, viii, 20) and Abraham (Genesis, xxii, 13) preserved

> fered once for all. (Romans, vi. 10.) THE WATER .- It was the purpose of Elljah to show to these about him that there was no deception in anything he did. They had seen him build the altar,

and transmitted, and which ought to have

been maintained until the Lamb was of-

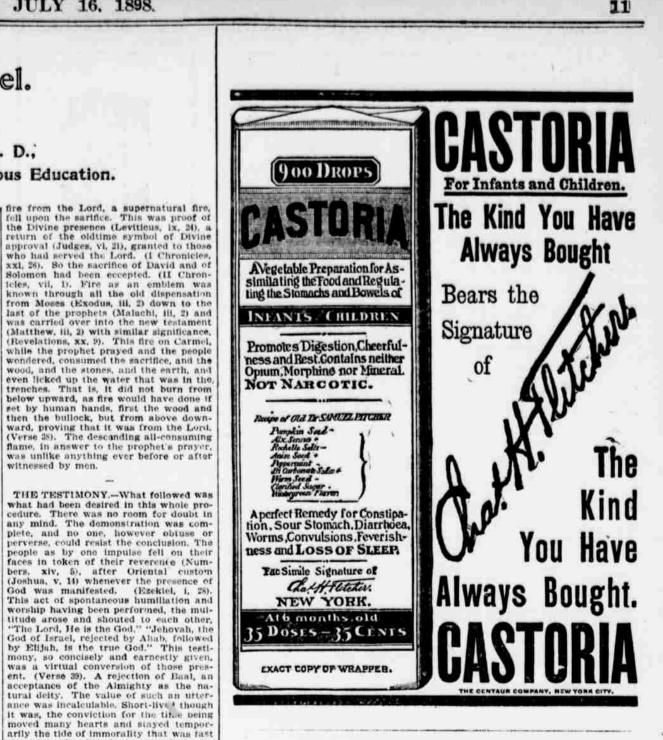
and they therefore understood its con-struction. They had seen him pile up the wood in its regular order, and they had seen the bullock slain, cut up and laid upon the wood. All this, done before their eyes, was sufficient to remove from any candid mind any thought of dupilcity. One other point needed to be guarded in order to produce the best effect. The heathen were accustomed to dig holes in the earth in which fire was concealed. Proceeding from these were funnels communicating with the top of the altar, so that the wood might be ignited and the simple people made to believe that a miracle had been wrought by the deity. To prevent such a supposition in this case Elijah adopted a novel expedient. He dug a trench about the altar. Then he commanded water, twelve barrels, to be poured upon the sacrifice. The wood was saturated, and the trench filled. (Verses 33-25). Ordinarily the broth poured on the victim (Judges, vi, 20) helped the flame. But this large quantity of water would extinguish the faintest spark.

sweeping the kingdom onward to i's overthrow. There seems to have been no counter opinion, no divided sentiment, no THE PRAYER.-All these preparations were complete as the hour approached, when, under the law, the evening sacri-fice should be offered. Then Elliph stretched forth his hands in prayer. There opposing thought or act.

was nothing in his manner to indicate any perturbation of spirit, Rather, his its the value of a single man when devot-ed to God. Elljah had no confederates. All the other prophets of God had been slain by Jezebel. Obadiah, an officer in the government, believed in the Lord, but language expressed utmost confidence. (Verse 35). "Lord God of Abraham, Isaac and Israel," he cried, invoking the national delty, and calling the thought of the people to the ancient faith. (Exodus, feared to profess his faith or stand for its defense. One man challenged the prophets of the Zidcnian sun god, includiii, 6). Following this invocation he made three petitions, desiring God to then dis-play himself, that the people might know that He and not Baal was the God of ity. Israel; that Elijah was His servant; and that what Elijah did was by divine command. This call upon the Almighty was reverent and fervent, but submissive and ored instrument of a marvelous display securing a public acknowledgment. Is it calm. The prophet prescribed nothing but what might be according to the pleasany wonder that the name of Elijah was ure of Jehovah. The petitions were repeated (verse 37) in slightly changed form, with the words "hear me," twice uttored, that he should be honored with Moses to til all was finished. Had nothing more as if the great soul of the good man been done that altar might have testified struggled a moment before the answer, to all beholders the faith of a good man, not doubting the outcome, but laying hold more firmly upon God, waiting, expecting, wrestling, Jacob-like (Genesis, xxxii, 26) until the blessing was received.

understood, for preparing fuel for sacri-fice, a mode instituted in patriorchal xxxiii, 3). The fire of the Lord, that is, every land and age.

turned over to the Associated Press, large as the earth, and how Mars



FREE DOTTLE FREE REFLECTIONS .- This narrative exhib-THIS OFFER ALMOST SURPASSES BELIEF. An External Tonic Applied to the Skin Beutifies it as by ng the king and all who were in author-The sublime courage which prompted him at the beginning was exhibited at every stage afterward. Not for an instant did he waver. And he became the hoa-Magic. THE DISCOVERY OF AGE inded down to posterity (Romans, xi, 2); return and converse with Jesus? (Mat-thew, xvii, 3). Luther at the diet of A WOMAN WAS THE INVENTOR. Worms, Wesley surrounded by the Ens-lish mob. Daniel assigned to the lion's den, Stephen suffering martyrdom, were like him in their devotion and self-sacri-fice, but Elljah outranks them all, the noblest specimen of a God-fearing man

PLANNING FOR THE CAMPAIGN

appeared off Key West in connection with the other events occurring in the diplomatic world, it was felt by the Associated Press that grave complications were in store, and that the the near future would require most careful and prudent attention. The prime object of this great organization is to secure facts. It lies also within its functions to supply collateral circumstances and contributory phases which may so inform the public as to make possible a clear knowledge of the relation of things. It was appreciated that the nation was about to enter a diplomatic field of grave possibilities, and while its first obligation was to members, the newspapers of the United States, the Associated Press none the less realized that its great power must be carefully and wisely dirested in order that neither national complication nor embarrassment should result from any course it might pursue.

Through the careful organization of Washington bureau, under Mr. Charles A. Boynton, superintendent of the Southern division, all facts neces sary to the public have reached the people promptly, fully, and in diction which measures well by the standards of highest literature. Through this channel the public have been constantly close to the chief executive, to his counselors, to congress, and to all heads of departments. Facts of gravest moment have been known to the Associated Press at times long in advance of publication, and confidences have been maintained because they were respected. Thus it was that when the Associated Press sent forth in advance the finding of the court of inquiry upon the Maine explosion the press of the United States and the readers thereof were freed of all doubt and settled upon statements made as being those of exact fact.

The appearance of the De Lome letter convinced the executives of the Associated Press that a time had arrived in which men must be assigned to far-away stations to gather and transmit news which might develop as a result of conclusions which were even then felt to be inevitable. On the second day after the publication of this Rico at which the West Indies and

there was only one newspaper man on When the North Atlantic squadron that island, and he was in jail. Jamaica was a tactical point, being a cable station wherefrom communication could be had while wires remained intact, not only with Cuba through conduct of this great news service in via Turk's Island, Bermuda, and Halifax; or by cable southward to Panama, and thence, via Galveston, to New York; or by cable to Halti via Santiago de Cuba. It lay within the knowledge of the Associated Press, however, that in the event of our fleet sailing southward, the cable between Cuba and Haiti might be cut. By the direct West India cable line, however, from Kingston to Halifax, there seemed likely to be a constant channel of communication left open. It was determined necessary, therefore, to dispatch a man to Kingston, Mr. Elmer E. Roberts, the night editor of the New York state circuit of the Associated Press, was selected for the Jamaica station.

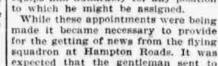
ed Press early had information that

Thus Key West was covered by the local correspondent, the Associated Press was represented on the Key West fleet, its representative in Havana, with singular success, was getting out from there to the United States the news of the Cuban capital, Thomas. and with Mr. Roberts' arrival at Jamaica, there was established an As-Key West, and thither was sent Mr. sociated Press station sure of con-Albert E. Hunt, from the Philadelphia stant communication by cable, The flice of the Associated Press. Mr. fact may be mentioned incidentally. Hunt, though less than twenty-eight although the fact itself is not incl cars old, has the experience which dental, that Mr. Roberts is within 150 equips him admirably for any position miles of Cuba, and the date line of his correspondence may at any time be changed from Kingston to some hamlet or city in Cuba.

SURROUNDING THE ISLAND.

Mr. Harold Martin was chosen to go to St. Thomas, On another steamer, at the same hour of the day that Mn Roberts sailed for Kingston, Harold Martin left New York for St. Thomas.

His arrival was timely. It was coincident with the arrival there of refugeds from Porto Rico, including our United States Consul, The St. Thomas point is not only practical, but it is considered highly tactical. Thus comship Brooklyn. Mr. Graham is one of munication may be had by cable to those keen, diplomatic workers who Kingston, if the Spanish should per-'knows things," and utter confidence mit messages to pass through Porto



that post would ultimately sail with he squadron if ordered to sea, and the choice was one involving many lelicate considerations, Mr. George Edward Graham, the Albany correspondent of the Associated Press, was chosen for this assignment. Arriving n Hampton Roads, he at once commended himself to Commodore Schley and is now one of the mess on the flag-

> is had in his power to cope with any news situation which may confront the flying squadron.

DISPATCH BOAT SECURED. When Mr. Johnstone left Havana

with General Lee he remained at Key

West while provision was being made

by the Associated Press to establish in

dependent communication by dispatch

stations in the West Indies. Many sea-

going craft were considered by the

the organization was fortunate, finally,

in securing from government control

inder legal proceedings, the famous

Associated Press for this service and

oat between news centers and cable



fillbustering vessel, the Dauntleas, She was lying at Jacksonville, and when the proceedings for her release had reached the point where it was well-nigh certain that she would pass service of the Associated nto the Press, Mr. Johnstone was ordered from Key West to Jacksonville to provision and take charge of her. The details of bond and legal formalities were at length accomplished, and the famous craft was at last

the Spaniards should cut that cable, Meanwhile, in order that Mr. Johnstone the cable from St. Thomas to Jamaica, should have the assistance necessary, the Tampa correspondent of the Astouching Porto Rico, St. Thomas is still in touch with the United States. A sociated Press, Mr. Leon J. Canova, nessage may be sent by the West Inwas ordered to Jacksonville to report dies and Panama cable to Martinique. to Johnstone, and Mr. Byron R. Newton, one of the accomplished and re-liable staff of the Buffalo Evening Thence it may be sent back via the West India cable. which passes between St. Thomas and Porto News, was, by courtesy of E. H. Butler, the owner of the paper, given fur-Rico, touching Haiti, whence there is a through cable to New York. lough and permission to enter the As-

In the perfection of the field force of sociated Press service for war duty. he Associated press Colonel Diehl Mr. Newton arriving at Jacksonville, with the approval of General Manager found the tug and his colleagues. Stone, determined to place a man in Messrs, Johnstone and Canova, wait-Haiti, and within three days after the ng, with steam up, to sail southward departure of Roberts to Kingston and to Key West.

Martin to St. Thomas, Mr. R. B. Da-Thus, while the nation was maturing venport, a thoroughly seasoned newsits strategic plans to compass the paper man, was sent to Hajti. He is Queen of the Antilles with battlehere now, and again, with peculiar ships and to invest her soll with armed timeliness, he arrived in time to give the nation's newspapers, roops, exclusively to the Associated Press the through their great organization, the first news of the adjustment of the Associated Press, have no less caresoundary question and other importully perfected their strategic plans for carrying to the waiting people the ant news since arising in Santo Do-

mingo, Mr. Davenport is the senior in tidings of events that shall become a point of years of any in the field staff part of history. of the Associated Press. He speaks French, Spanish and Italian, as does For prudential reasons all plans and

details of the Associated Press for its Mr. Harold Martin, who is at St. war service may not now be made pubic. The above gives a fair outline of There remained still the re-enforceits scope. There are, however, men, ment of the local correspondent at

measures, and purposes which, like those of the government, could not be now disclosed or amplified without prejudice to the public interest sought hus to be served by the Associated Press.

A CHAMPION LIAR.

A Little Knowledge Gained an Enviable Reputation for Him. from Country Gentleman.

Some good men are naturally such teachers, and so full of benevolence, especially toward the young, that they cannot help spreading wisdom wher ever they go. That the seed may fall on stony ground is proved by a story which a gentleman who went hunting far into the interior of Neva Scotia, tells in a letter.

The hunter was carried sixteen miles at night by a boy sixteen years cld and a horse fifteen years old. The ride was tedious, and the boy driver was inclined to fall asleep. The hunter, therefore, thought to interest him in something. "I see we are going due west" he

mid "How do you know that?" asked the "Were you ever here before?" 10y.

"No; but there is the North star." "How do you know it's the north star?

"Why, there are the pointers." "What pointers?"

The hunter explained, and told the oy how to find the North star. Then he pointed out two of the planets. The boy seemed wide-awake now, and the nunter went on to give him his first esson in astronomy, telling him how Jupiter was thirteen hundred times as

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showed signs of seasons-how it had days and apparent canals and so forth. and how it was supposed by many to nave intelligent inhabitants. When, after his hunting, the stranger returned to the town where he had hired the conveyance and the boy, he

found that the people seemed to have a certain humorous interest in him. It was so evident that he was the object of some curiosity or joke that he made inquirles, and finally found a man who could tell him.

"Why," said the informant, "you've made a great reputation for yourself around here."

"In what way?"

"Oh, the kid tha! drave you over to - the other night came back the next day and told all the 'setters' at the hotel that of all the llars he ever heard, you were the slickest."

"What lie did I tell him ""

'The boy said that you pretended to know the number of miles to the sun, and that you pointed to a star that you said was called 'Jupiter.' and that you said it was thirteen hundred times bigger than this world, and that you pointed to another star that you said was one where folks lived."

"'Oh,' says the Loy, 'you just ought to hear him! He's a peach! Old Haskins ain't in it with that feller for lyin'. I tell you, he's the biggest liar in Nova Scotia. I'll point him out to you when he comes back.'

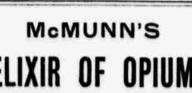
The boy had pointed him out, and he was at that moment enjoying the reputation of the champion of all liars who had ever come to Nova Scotia.

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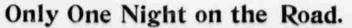
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