

# AS DEADLY AS SPAIN'S BULLETS

Careful Arrangements Made to Fight Yellow Fever and Prevent Its Obtaining a Foothold on the Warships and in the Camps—Rigid Naval Patrol Along the Coast.

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A GREATER enemy than Spain threatens the United States in a war which would mean the invasion of Cuba. Yellow fever may not have killed more people than the Spaniards have in all their wars, but if it gain a foothold on the southern coast of the United States during the trouble over Cuba it will kill more good Americans than will die from Spanish shells or bullets. The marine hospital, through its surgeon-general, Dr. Walter Wyman, is already making plans to keep "Yellow Jack" at arm's length under the extraordinary conditions which may threaten this country.

Modern quarantine methods have confined the disease almost wholly to the southern states, but upon the relaxation of the rigid quarantine regulations which is expected it would threaten northern seaports.

The first step towards relaxing the vigilance of the quarantine system was taken when President McKinley ordered the regulations suspended for the first refugees from Cuba. These were

crew may be exempted from quarantine regulations. Of necessity the regulations will be relaxed still more when the ships of the navy are on duty protecting the coast against an enemy.

Cuba is a hot-bed of yellow fever. Most of the epidemics in this country have been traced to some one coming from that island. It has found its victims usually among the residents of the cities of the south, but its easiest marks have been northern people. Seventy-seven years ago there was a situation which may be paralleled in the near future. When the Spaniards evacuated Florida in 1821 a garrison of United States troops, made up of northern men wholly unaccustomed, was sent to St. Augustine. Three transports which took the Spanish troops to Cuba returned to Florida with yellow fever. One of them had lost its entire crew and was navigated into port by two passengers. Some clothing thrown overboard from this ship carried the infection into the town and 40 of the 120 troops died before frost came to kill out

by the fever the government has been assembling large bodies of troops. During the civil war there was an outbreak of yellow fever on board the U. S. S. Relief at the navy yard, Pensacola. She had been used as a store ship off Saip island for more than a year and she was not even subjected to quarantine regulations on her arrival at Pensacola. The disease spread to the navy yard and thence to the bomb fleet which had just come from the Mississippi river. A large body of troops was encamped at Barrancas. To protect these troops, a cordon sanitaire was established between the camp and the navy yard, and the camp was "policed" or cleaned daily in the most thorough manner. As a result of these precautions not one of the soldiers caught the fever.

At this time, and in fact through all the civil war, there was a rigid military quarantine. The military authorities also adopted rigid sanitary regulations, and though "Yellow Jack" was epidemic more than once at Key West and points on the Florida coast, New Orleans was almost wholly free from the disease from 1858 to 1867.

The vessels of the fleet were not so fortunate. Sanitary conditions are not of the best aboard battleships. They are the hottest places on the hemisphere in hot weather. Every inch of room is sacrificed to coal, ammunition and the steaming and fighting equipment, and both officers and men are crowded closely together. It was this condition that made the fleet of ironclads and gunboats off New Orleans in 1864 a breeding place for the disease. "Filthiness, crowding, excessive heat and moisture, together with the stagnation of the local atmosphere of those ovenlike boats, incident to anchorage in a tideless stream," were the reasons given by the sanitary commission for the fact that the fever attacked 200 men on 25 gunboats and ironclads and killed 61 of them.

This suggests a new danger to the fleet now gathered in southern waters. The fever which attacked the fleet in 1864 was "unequivocally generated in a large number of filthy and unventilated gunboats and other naval vessels lying idly at anchor." It was not brought to them, but was generated in the ships by reason of the unsanitary conditions existing on them. The modern ship of war is cleaner than its forerunner, but it is no less hot and ill-ventilated. As in the time of the civil war, the navy is now acquiring many ships which were not intended for naval service. The men assigned to these vessels are in greater danger from yellow fever, probably, than from an attack of the enemy.

The artillery men, however, may be protected from Yellow Jack by complete isolation. In 1864 blockade runners from Havana brought yellow fever to Galveston. It became epidemic and 252 persons out of a population of 5,500 died from it. Four forts in the vicinity of the town were garrisoned by Confederate troops. The officers in command quarantined against the city. Flag-staffs were put up a quarter of a mile from each fort and no person was allowed to pass them. Supplies, letters, etc., were deposited at the quarantine limit, and when the bearers had gone away they were brought into the fort by a hand of men who were thoroughly acclimated and who were kept wholly apart from the other troops. These precautions saved the soldiers from the plague.

Quarantine regulations were put in effect April 1 of this year (a month before the usual time); but epidemics of yellow fever seldom break out before July, and usually not until August or September. If the trouble with Spain is over before the really hot weather sets in the United States has not much to fear from the plague. But troops sent to Cuba will undoubtedly suffer from it even now, and unless extreme precautions are taken they will bring the germs of the disease back with them. A rigid naval patrol all along the coast and a ceaseless vigilance by the military authorities on shore will be necessary—less to keep the Spaniards from landing on American soil than to shut out that greater enemy, "Yellow Jack."

GRANT HAMILTON.

### Boy with Scores of Titles.

The delicate 12-year-old king of Spain is burdened with the following name "for short": Leon Ferdinand Marie Jacques Isidore Pascal Antoine. His formal title includes the information that he is not only king of Spain, but of Castile, of Leon, of Aragon, of the two Sicilies, of Jerusalem, of Navarre, of Grenada, of Toledo, of Valencia, of Galicia, of Majorica, of Minorca, of Seville, of Ceredena, of Cordova, of Corcega, of Murcia, of Jaen, of Algarva, of Algezira, of Gibraltar, of the Canary islands, of the oriental and occidental Indies, of India and of the oceanic continent, archduke of Austria, duke of Burgundy, of Brabant and of Milan, count of Hapsburg, of Flanders, of Tyrol and of Barcelona and lord of Biscay and Molina.

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### Getting Near the Limit.

Prig—I suppose you lawyers would defend any case?  
Attorney—Oh, well, of course, we have to draw the line somewhere. What are you accused of?—Tome Topics.

## THE KINGDOM DIVIDED.

Sunday School Lesson in the International Bible for July 5, 1914—1 Kings 12:10-15.

[Based upon Peabody's Select Notes.]  
GOLDEN TEXT.—A soft answer turneth away wrath; but grievous words stir up anger.—Prov. 15:1.

THE SECTION includes 1 Kings, chaps. 12-15; the whole story of the division of the kingdom and its results under the first two kings.

TIME.—B. C. 975-954, Jeroboam's reign, according to the usual chronology; B. C. 975-954, according to the corrected chronology (Prof. Kent's arrangement).

PLACE.—The coronation assembly was held at Shechem, between Mounts Ebal and Gerizim, then the metropolis of the tribe of Ephraim. The capital of Rehoboam was at Jerusalem. The political capital of Jeroboam was for a brief time at Shechem, and then for many years at Tirzah, among the hills not far from Shechem and Samaria; while his religious capitals were at Bethel and Dan.

LESSON EXPOSITION.

I. The Popular Demand for Reform.—When Rehoboam found himself the successor of his father, Solomon, one of his first moves was to attend an assembly of the leaders of the nation at Shechem, the central meeting place of the northern tribes which had the deepest interest in the movement. This assembly was to confirm Rehoboam in his kingdom, but was determined to exact certain reforms as the condition of their allegiance. They first sent to Egypt for Jeroboam, of the tribe of Ephraim, who had been banished thither by Solomon. He became their leader and spokesman. Their grievances were (1) the burden of taxation was very great and bore especially hard upon the northern tribes at a distance from the capital, who therefore could not partake of the wealth that enriched the leaders near the throne; and (2) especially repugnant and burdensome was the levy of forced labor for Solomon's great work. It was against this policy and oppression that the northern tribes rebelled. And they asked of the new king a charter of rights that would relieve them of these heavy burdens, agreeing that if he would grant this, they would acknowledge him as king.

II. The King's Foolish Decision.—Rehoboam asked for a delay of three days, to give him time to consult with the leaders before he returned an answer to their demands. The king first consulted the elders. These were the older and wiser leaders who had learned of Solomon his wise teachings and watched the effects of his sometimes foolish actions. These advised Rehoboam to grant the request of the people. Rehoboam next consulted the young men, his associates, "the effeminate idlers," who, by the fact of their having led the same kind of life as himself, were doubtless quite as inexperienced in state affairs. Their advice was: "Thus shalt thou say unto them, my little finger shall be thicker than my father's loins. And now whereas my father did lade you with a heavy yoke, I will add to your yoke: my father hath chastised you with whips, but I will chastise you with scorpions" (1 Kings 12:10, 11). The scorpions were whips which stung and pained like a scorpion. This last advice fell in Rehoboam's desires, and he announced it to the people as his decision.

III. The Kingdom Divided.—vs. 16-25. "What portion have we in David?" Since we have no fairness or kindness from the heir of David, he shall have no homage or service from us. "To your tents!" Disperse to your homes (see chap. 8:66; and cf. 2 Sam. 18:17; 19:8; 20:1), and prepare for war. This cry was an old war cry of Ephraim.

"Now see to thine own house, David." Take care of yourself, and let us alone.

17. "As for the children of Israel which dwell in the cities of Judah:" The members of the northern tribes who had homes in the cities of Judah did not go with their brethren, but remained under Rehoboam.

18. "Rehoboam attempted to stop the revolt, ignorant as to its extent, by sending 'Adoram, who was over the tribute,' the chief tax collector, and the most obnoxious man in the nation, to pacify them, and by persuasion and threats to bring them back. But the indignant people 'stoned him' to death.

20. "When all Israel heard," what the leaders knew at Shechem, "that Jeroboam was come again" out of Egypt. "Called him unto the congregation:" The general assembly of Israel, and made him king. "But the tribe of Judah only:" The dividing line was through the southern part of Benjamin, so that the larger part of the tribe belonged to the northern kingdom, and the rest was absorbed into the tribe of Judah.

21. "Rehoboam . . . assembled all the house of Judah:" His next move was to subdue the rebellion by force of arms. But he was forbidden by a prophet named Shemaiah, of whom we know nothing further.

24. "For this thing is from me:" Under the circumstances, and with such leaders and people, it was better that the kingdom should be divided.

25. "Jeroboam built Shechem in mount:" The mountainous country of "Ephraim:" He built up the old town for his capital, making a new city of it. He soon, however, removed his capital to Tirzah, a few miles distant (1 Kings 14:17; 15:23, 33, etc.), and this remained the capital till the time of Ahab, who removed it to Samaria.

Sharp Shots.  
Truth is moral dynamite.  
Faculty measures ability.  
Error is self-propagating.  
Doing is an antidote for doubting.  
Friendship is the crutch of sorrow.  
Self-conceit makes some men wiser than God.  
A good occupation prevents mental deterioration.  
Fling accusations or searching—getting for nothing.  
Special privileges are not proof of spiritual superiority.—Sam's Nora.

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