

**SUPPLEMENT TO  
THE DEMOCRAT**

Valentine, Nebraska.

in the United States, for which every check and safeguard is provided.

There is little wonder that any one acquainted with the work as it was done a year ago is astonished at the progress made and perfection attained in so short a time. Of the 180 attaches of the Havana postoffice proper, only twenty are Americans, and even they are surrendering to Cubans as rapidly as the latter become qualified and reliable for the responsibilities of the departments. The fifty carriers are all Cubans. They make two trips a day and receive \$600 a year, which will be increased to \$800 as they develop in efficiency and continue in service.

The visitor in Havana is impressed with the large number of well-dressed idlers about town. The Cuban swell is a far more artistic and self-posessed product than his American prototype. He is a dapper-built fellow, generally good looking, and what with a light Fedora hat, a dark coat, white vest, cassimere trousers and mirror patents, he is picturesque to the eye. He is invariably distinguished by a cane. The Secondary Cuban swell is much given to the alpaca suit. All of the Cuban gentlemen powder noticeably.

Old Morro and Cabanas, across the narrow harbor from Havana, continue to attract and traditionally thrill the general tourist. Cabanas was almost a quarter of a century building, and cost nearly as many millions, to say nothing of countless lives, and yet it was fated to fall to Uncle Sam without a shot—merely the scratch of a pen on a piece of paper. Cabanas was death to every Cuban that crossed its threshold and Spanish suspicion. The famous dead line and bullet-pocked wall remain undisturbed since the war. Cabanas is vast enough to be, and will probably become, the Cuban penitentiary of the twentieth century. Despite its colossal cost, it is absolutely worthless as a modern fort.

Cuba and Havana are clearly destined to become the new American winter resorts of the twentieth century. Before the new century, or 1901, sets in, let us hope that large and modern steamers, capable of high speed, will have supplanted the present inadequate gulf crossers, and reduced sea sickness to a minimum, or a short shoot from from Key West to Havana. Cuba, indeed, is perpetual June, and what with American hotels and means of travel once introduced over there, Florida will have seen her day.

**Kitchener in School.**

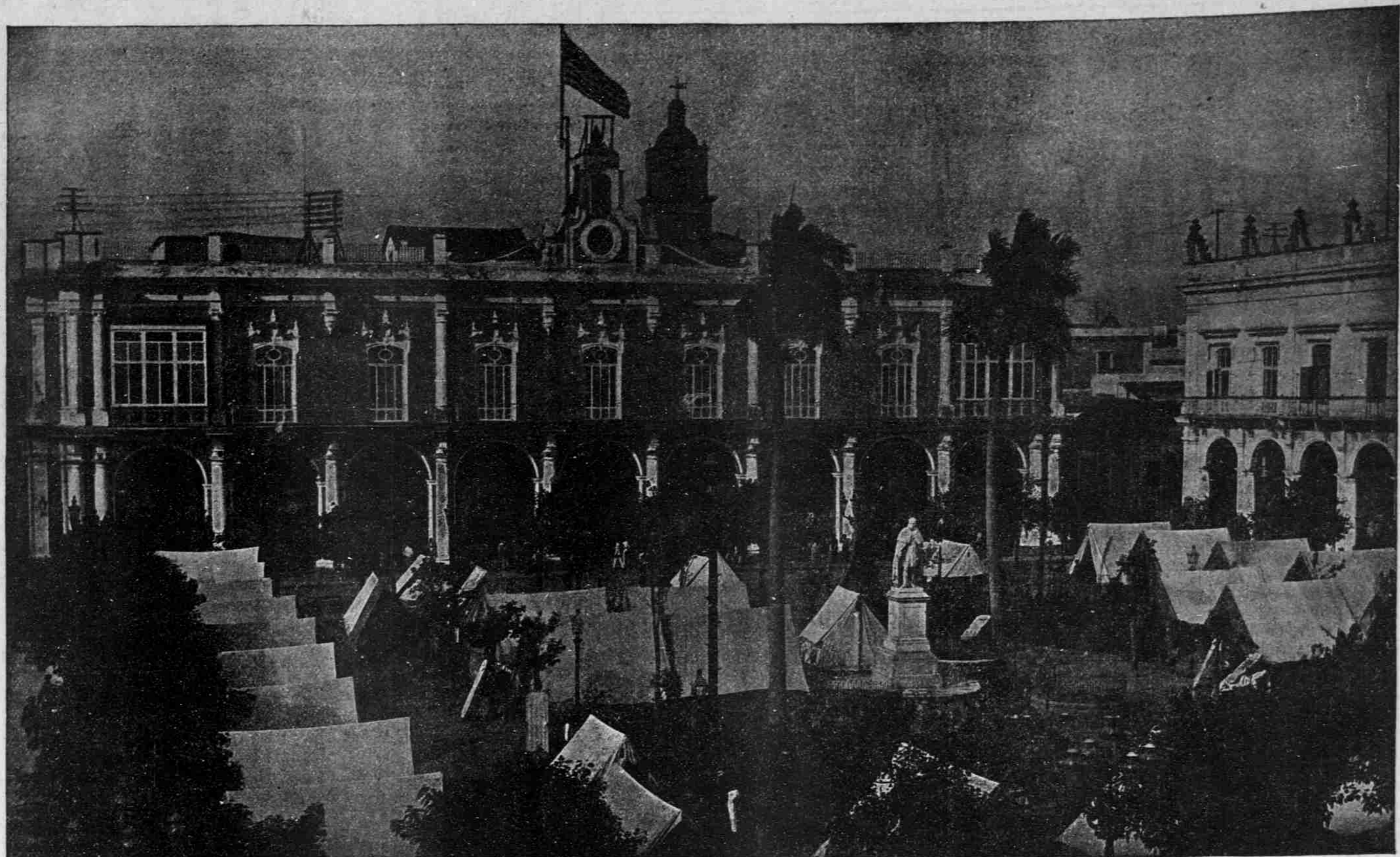
Dr. Butler, the present master of Trinity college, Cambridge, may be regarded as the man who exercised the most influence on Lord Kitchener's career. It was found, upon the death of his father, that the family resources were so straitened that it would be difficult to keep the future hero of Omdurman at Harrow school. Dr. Butler, who was then the head master of the school, wanted to know why such a clever lad was leaving. He was frankly told, and replied: "The boy will reflect honor on the school; he must stay here. There will be no charge. I will only request that he may not be told of this arrangement at present, as it might break his high spirit."—New York Press.

**Telephone Girls Talk Too Much.**

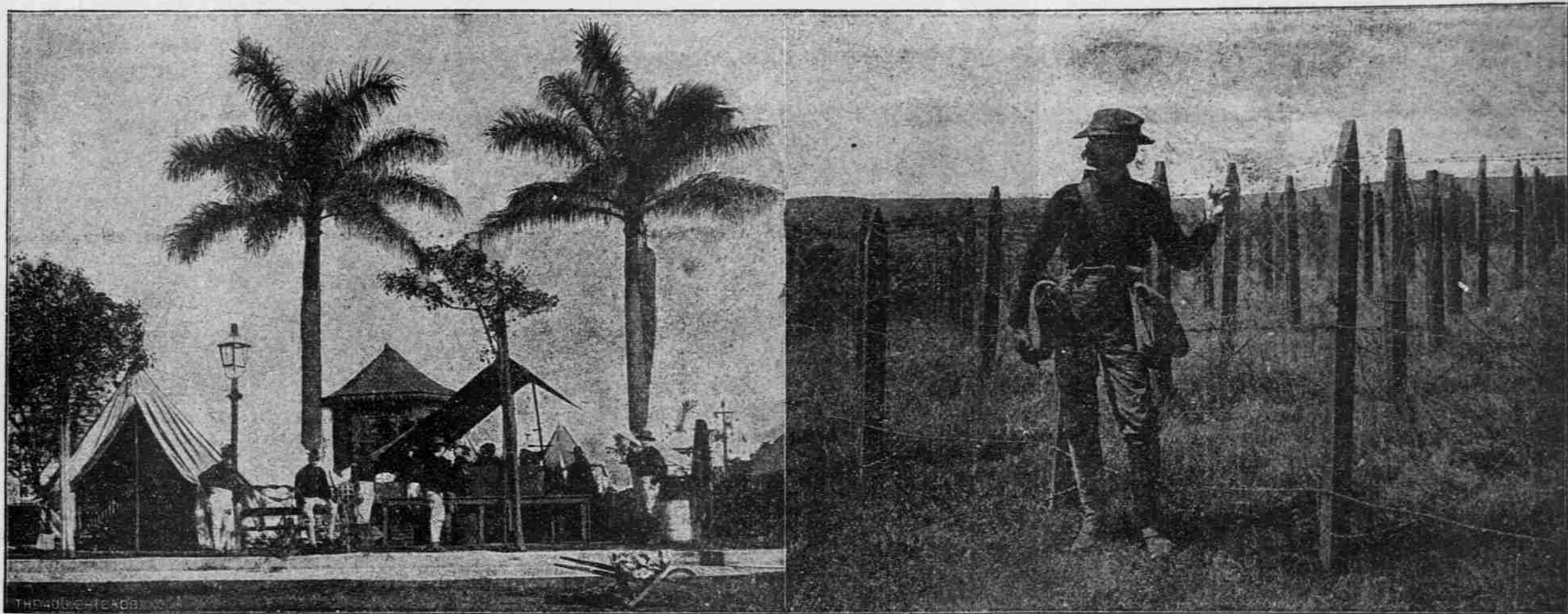
According to the Western Electrician, the women telephone operators in the Paris exchanges are being displaced by men. This journal says that women have hitherto been universally employed because their voices are lighter and carry better and also because they have more patience and diplomacy. In spite of these qualifications the women operators must go, because "All beseeching and disciplinary measures have been powerless to prevent girls from chattering among themselves instead of devoting their sole attention to the subscribers."

**Pearls in Coconut Palms.**

One of the directors of Kew gardens, lecturing recently at the London institute, on some curiosities of tropical plant life, said that among these were the pearls found occasionally in the cocconut palm of the Philippine islands—pearls which, like those of the ocean, are composed of carbonate of lime. The bamboo, too, yields another precious product in the shape of true opals, which are found in its joints.

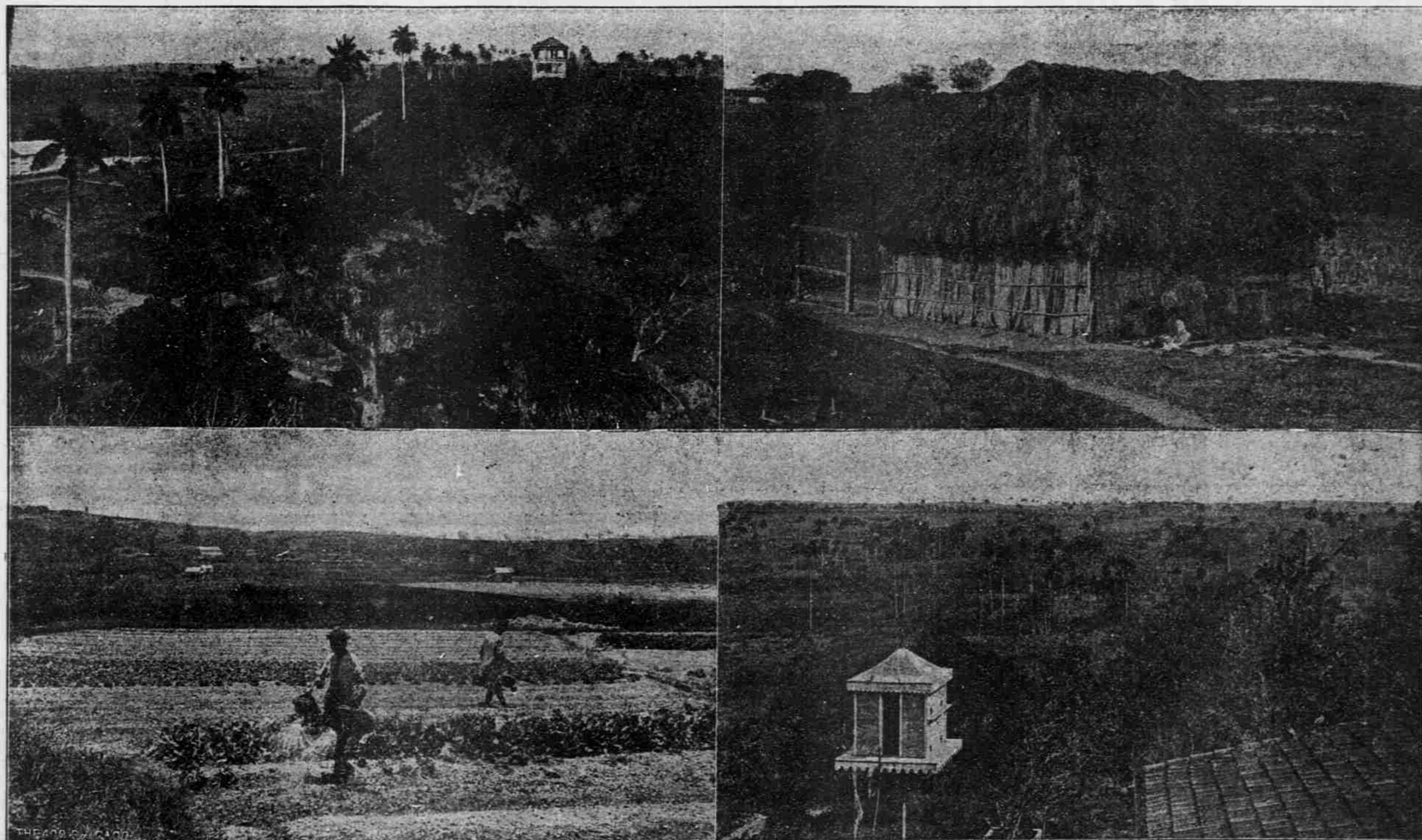


The Havana Palace—the Cuban White House—on the Plaza de Armas.



American Soldiers in Cuba.

Glimpse of Cuban War Trocha.



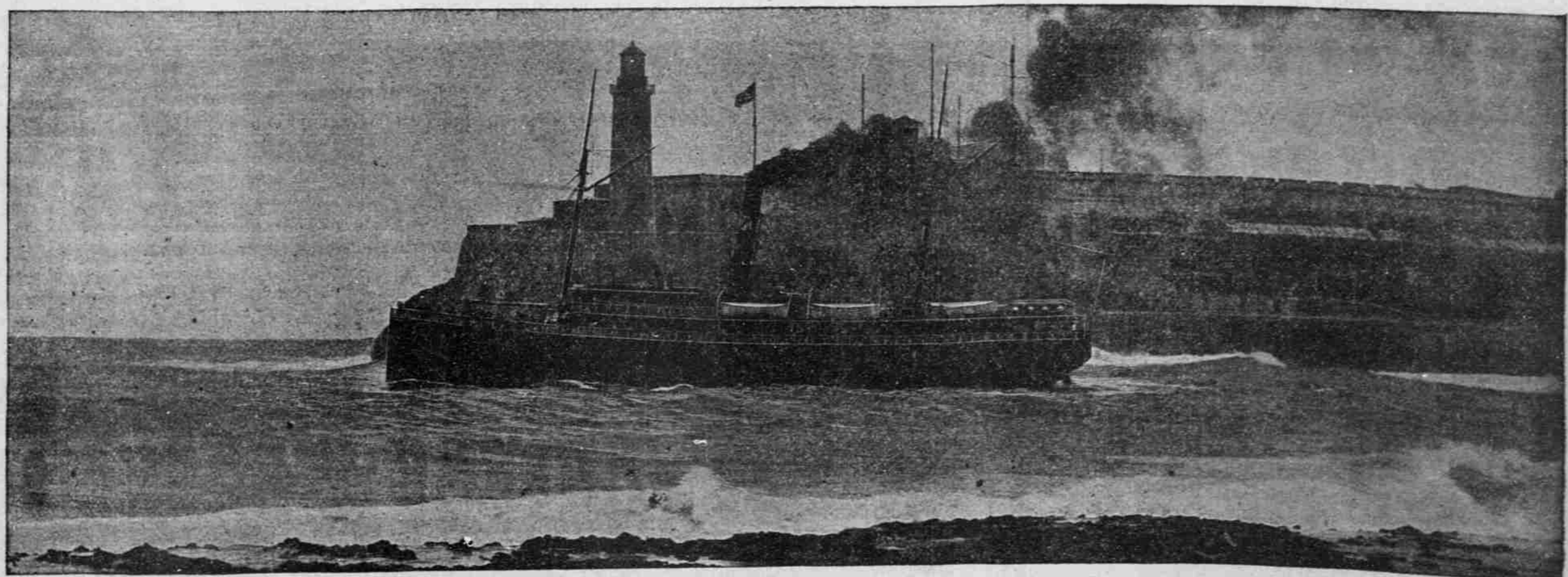
Neuta Springs and Blockhouse. Chinese Gardeners near Havana.

A Cuban Farmhouse. A Cuban Farm.

**Marvelous Cure**



A Lincoln Girl whose Eyes Were Straightened by Dr. Seymour, and whose Beauty on that Account is Admired by Everybody.



THE PLANT SYSTEM LINER "MASCOTTE" LEAVING HAVANA HARBOR AND MORRO CASTLE.