

COLLECTIONS OF HAVANA CUSTOMS

SYNOPSIS OF REPORT MADE BY COLONEL TRASKER.

The Operations Proceeding Very Smoothly Considering All Conditions—Customs Collections Can Be Made Object Lessons for the Natives—Many Spaniards Resign. Collections for the First Day.

Washington, Jan. 15.—Assistant Secretary of War... today a synopsis of a report recently made by the collector of customs at Havana, Colonel Tasker Bliss.

Colonel Bliss writes that the operations at the custom house at Havana are proceeding very smoothly considering all the conditions under which he has the work. On the day following his installation a number of employees vacated their positions. Some of them were Spaniards returning to their own country or were employees who, under the Spanish law, had become entitled to a retiring pension.

Colonel Bliss says that in his opinion the customs service of the island should not only be an object lesson, but a school of instruction for the natives. It can, he says, be made an object lesson by having no one except Americans in the service. But it can be made a school of instruction only by having the natives for the great mass of employees, with only enough Americans to see that their work is faithfully and honestly done.

Colonel Bliss found on hand when he took possession of the customs house at Havana only \$1,000, resulting from a special tax which was laid upon loading and unloading vessels under the Spanish reign. His collections on the first day amounted in cash to \$2,522.21. On the second day they rose to \$3,920.59.

MODERN NEGRO SONGS.

They Do Not by Any Means Represent That Individual.

From the Baltimore American. There is on the market now a surfeit of music intended to represent negro songs. The chief aim of some composers seems to be to produce music of this sort. In their anxiety to create a laugh they overtax themselves to bring out something that is as untrue in representing the song of the negro as it is in presenting the warbling of a canary.

The writer of the song nowadays thinks his song incomplete unless he has the "razor" and "chicken" brought out in every stanza. Judging from the police records, the club and pistol seem to be the favorite weapon of the negro now. The pistol and the cash box seem to be their favorite temptations now; yet the razor and the chicken still live in the songs that writers, craving for fame, bring before the public.

It is also noticed that would-be prima donnas, with the hem of the skirt in one hand, the other hand thrown back like the Mexican dancer, the fan, and the body distorted like it is in the death dance of the wild Indian, jumps, yells and hops over the stage in the blind belief that she is representing a negro. She does one thing, and that very well. In her dress she represents the quantity a wild Hotentot girl thinks necessary; in her acting she inflicts on the audience a new dance, and in her singing she possesses the happiness of being real, for no two of these prima donnas have the same idea of a negro song.

The negro in his singing, so far as he is observed by the writers of these songs and the singers of them, prefers chorus to solo. In the days of slavery many negro owners when they heard the songs of slaves knew full well that the work was going on. A happy-go-lucky race, even in bondage, they would always sing. In their church service the songs of these people again delighted in chorus. It seems absurd for a female to sing the song of a negro man, for it is well known that in every age of the negro song the negro has prided himself on his bass. "Come down on de bass" was always heard whenever a crowd of these people gathered together to sing.

The songs that have been written to represent the song of the negro, his habits or his life, have in late years been incorrect. Every lover of music can appreciate "Suzanne, Rivier" or "Massa in de Cold, Cold Ground," but the people who are pleased with the jargons of today called negro songs are as ignorant of the true conception of the merits of a negro song as is the composer himself. The latter flings his song to the public with the naive idea that the grave digger had of Hamlet's going to England—"It makes no difference, for there the people are as mad as he."

His Back to the Po. An army officer tells that in one engagement there were numbers of young fellows who smelt powder for the first time, and it is not surprising that at times the recruits were a trifle unsteady. "However," said the old officer, "I only remember one case of actual light, and when I think of it I can scarcely refrain from laughing. "In the very thick of a hotly contested engagement one of my own men threw down his rifle and bolted. "Here you coward," roared after him, "what are you running for?" "Without so much as a glance over his shoulder, the fellow replied: "Because I'm in a deaprit hurry, an' I can't fly." Saturday Evening Post.

You Poor Thing. "Do you have any faith in this idea that maladies can be transmitted by kissing?" asked one of Detroit's young society men of another. "Well, sir, I was mighty skeptical till the other night. I kissed my best girl for the first time in my life and I've had palpitation of the heart ever since." Detroit Journal.

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