

## A GLORIOUS SCENE.



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**S**ANTIAGO DE CUBA, Sunday, July 17.—The American flag is floating in triumph over the governor's palace at Santiago de Cuba. General McKibbon has been appointed temporary military governor. The ceremony of hoisting the Stars and Stripes was worth all the blood and treasure it cost.

A concourse of 12,000 people witnessed the stirring and thrilling scene that will live forever in the minds of all the Americans present. A finer setting for a dramatic episode it would be hard to imagine. The palace, a picturesque old dwelling in the Moorish style of architecture, faces the Plaza de la Reina, the principal public square. Opposite are the imposing Catholic cathedrals. On one side is a quaint, brilliantly painted building with broad verandas—the Club Carlos—on the other a building of much the same description—the Cafe de la Venus.

Across the plaza was drawn up the Ninth infantry, headed by the Sixth cavalry band. In the street facing the palace stood a picked troop of the Second cavalry with drawn sabers, under command of Captain Brett.

Massed on the stone flagging between the line and the band were the brigade commanders of General Shafter's division with their staffs.

On the red tiled roof of the palace stood Captain McKittrick, Lieutenant Miley and Lieutenant Wheeler immediately above them on the flagstaff the illuminated Spanish arms and the legend, "Viva Alfonso XIII."

All about, pressing against the veranda rafts, crowding the windows and doors and lining the roofs, were the people of the town, principally women and non-combatants.

As the chimes of the old cathedral rang out the hour of 12, the Twelfth infantry and cavalry presented arms. Every American uncovered and Captain McKittrick hoisted the Stars and Stripes.

As the brilliant folds unfurled in a gentle breeze against a fleckless sky, the cavalry band broke into the "Star Spangled Banner," making the American pulse leap and the American heart thrill with joy. At the same instant the sound of the distant booming of Captain Capron's battery, firing a salute of twenty-one guns, drifted in. When the music ceased, from all directions around our line came floating across the plaza the strains of the regimental bands and the muffled hoarse cheers of our troops.

The infantry came to "order arms" a moment later after the flag was up and the band played "Rally 'Round the Flag, Boys."

Instantly General McKibbon called for three cheers for General Shafter, which were given with great enthusiasm, the band playing "The Stars and Stripes Forever."

The ceremony over, General Shafter and his staff returned to the American lines, leaving the city in the possession of the municipal authorities.

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