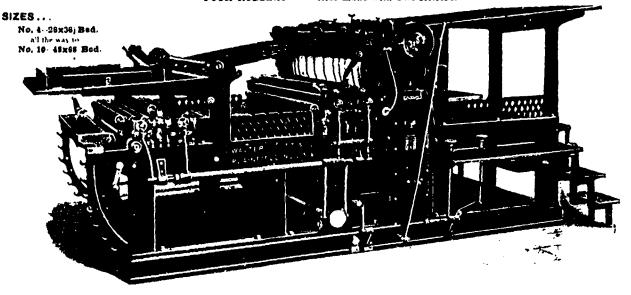
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is in the atmosphere that causes the perspiration to pour out, I cannot say. But, to illustrate, I may say that I endeavored sometimes to carry things in both hands at once, and it was impossible, because the perspiration that poured into one's eyes continually was blinding, and every man that you saw in the country carried a handkerchief in his hand to wipe away the——"

A voice-"Sweat." (Laughter.)

Mr. Ewan-"Of the 37 or 40 correspondents that were on the Olivette I must say that some of them never saw the front at all. Some arrived not very well, and after they discovered what traveling around the island of Cuba was, some got immediately sick and did not stir from Siboney at all. I was about as well off as any of the other correspondents. The Globe was quite prepared to do its share of what was necessary to make its correspondent comfortable. But the only men who really had any of the comforts of life were those belonging to the very large newspapers of New York, The Journal. World and Herald men. The Journal made enormous efforts to give its correspondents advantages and make them as comfortable as possible. For example, when we got to Cuba it was found utterly impossible to get a horse for love or money. The very enterprising proprietor of that paper, who was there, immediately got one of his press yachts and despatched it to the island of Jamaica and brought back half a dozen horses. Well, no ordinary newspaper could go into enterprises of that sort. So that the correspondents of some of the greatest papers of America, The New York Tribune, The New York Times, The Sun, The Chicago Record, were just in the position that the correspondent of The Globe was in, viz., that we had no means of transporting our baggage to the front and therefore had to go in the manner spoken of. We went to the front, and from the time we left Siboney till we got back there again we just had to spread our blankets and rubber

sheets on the ground and sleep the best way we could, taking care to keep away from the roving mules who were fond of putting their heels in the ribs of any unwary correspondents that happened to be lying about." (Laughter). "I was awakened that way once myself, and thought that I had better climb a tree to get out of their way.' (Renewed laughter). "When we arrived at the front, our next idea was to keep posted for the great event that was to come off, and you would think that would be easy to do. But we found it very difficult to do. We tried to keep up our correspondence as well as we could, but the provisional post office was back at Siboney, and when we wrote our matter we had to take it there. It was only eight miles away, but I would like some of you gentlemen to walk that eight miles. I did it once and back again the same day. The 16 miles seems a small thing, and I think I could do it at this moment very easily, but it was a very different thing in that climate. When it came to that walk, we just wished the whole thing would be over and let us lie down and rest. We would leave the front and go to Siboney with our letter and back. The plan was to go one day and return the next. There was no saying but that we might return any day and find the whole thing was over which we had come to witness. Some were caught in that way. I had the good fortune to be at the front on the day of the battle. But let me speak a word about some of my companions and how the work was done. The large papers simply had any number of correspondents. You could see six and so, en Journal men together sometimes. chose one man, for example, to be in the firing line with the troops who attacked El Caney, another man with the firing line which attacked Santiago, while the other two were posted on eminences to watch the whole battle as it unrolled itself below them. A paper like The Globe, or the others that had but one correspondent, was compelled to make a choice between the two places. Being in the