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The Spanish-American War Cannon heads the west stairway to the Capitol. This 9cm breech-loading rifle, captured in 1898 at the Battle of Santiago, Cuba, was brought to Iowa in 1901 through the efforts of the Kinsman Post, Grand Army of the Republic.

It is difficult to trace the history of this cannon because the serial numbers once engraved around the lip of the cannon have worn away.