

SPANISH OFFICERS ACTIVE

Suddenly Quit Havana in Great Numbers for the Field.

SOME IMPORTANT MILITARY OPERATIONS

Insurgent Forces Under Maceo and Gomez Believed Over Since They Again Crossed the Line.

HAVANA, Cuba, Feb. 18.—(New York World Cablegram.—Special Telegram.)—Captain General Weyler was busily engaged today receiving reports from all the commanders of brigades and divisions in the field with his troops. Many officers of high rank, called at the palace, and it is evident that something of importance is likely to happen in the near future.

It now appears to be no doubt that Maceo has succeeded in crossing the trocha, or strong line, to the eastward. Whether he has succeeded in joining Gomez is not known positively.

AS TO THE TOBACCO CROP.

If the insurgents have vacated Pinar del Rio province the chances are very favorable for saving the valuable tobacco crop, as the best part of the tobacco raised on the island is grown within Pinar del Rio.

General Weyler will be informed in a day or two of the demands made by the rebels upon these planters. The property of the Havana division of the United railway is being damaged by the rebels around the town of Union, in the province of Matanzas.

MORE MULES FOR WEYLER'S ARMY.

Two Hundred Enlisted in Mexico to be Forwarded to Cuba.

MEXICO CITY, Feb. 18.—(New York World Telegram.)—The Spanish "Patriots" club of this city will send to Captain General Weyler 200 mules for his troops in Cuba.

MANAGUA, Nicaragua, Feb. 18.—(New York World Telegram.—Special Telegram.)—Engineer Menocal, author of the original plan for the canal, has just returned to the city, and says that the report on the subject submitted by the American commission as military engineers to the United States government will appear another commission to make a more careful inspection of the route.

PRISONERS RELEASED UNDER PALESTINE. Prisoners Released Under Palestine. (Copyright, 1896, by Press Publishing Company.) CAPE TOWN, South Africa, Feb. 18.—(New York World Telegram.—Special Telegram.)—The reform commission prisoners were all liberated today by the Transvaal government under \$100,000 bail. They remain under police surveillance.

Taylor Demands an Explanation. MADRID, Feb. 18.—The Herald announces that the United States minister, Mr. Hannis Taylor, has addressed a curt note to the government, demanding explanations regarding the address delivered before a geographical society by Senator Canovas, who commended the career of Santa Maria, sent over by Spain to the Columbian exposition, giving him immunities of his visit to the United States.

Radical Separates a Moderate. LONDON, Feb. 18.—A Berlin dispatch to the Times says that at a general meeting of the German Colonial Association Dr. Carl Peters was elected president, displacing the former president, Prince Arenburg, who was a man of moderate views on colonial expansion, while the Times correspondent says Dr. Peters is a famous advocate of the greater German project and is enthusiastic for a big navy.

Formerly Sentenced to Death. CONSTANTINOPLE, Feb. 18.—Murad Bey, formerly imperial commissioner of the council on the public debt, has taken refuge in Cairo and has been condemned to death for alleged treason. Murad was reported, in December to have fled from Constantinople on a Russian ship for some Russian port.

SITUATION IN FRANCE CRITICAL

Possibility of Revolutionary Events Being the Cause of the Week.

PARIS, Feb. 18.—The political crisis is not solved. The friends of the government say that the moderate senators desire a settlement of the disputes, and, according to the Hapell, the radical deputies will not raise a debate on the subject when the Chamber meets on Thursday, but, it is added, the moderates will do so and the members of the extreme left intend to stump the country in protest against the attitude of the Senate.

LONDON, Feb. 18.—The Paris correspondent of the Fall Mail Gazette telegraphs that the political situation in France is growing more serious. "Those best informed," this correspondent writes, "consider that the cabinet has a card up its sleeve which will cause considerable surprise. It is certain that the ministry means to stop where it is and there is a possibility of a coup d'etat. The government may decide to resign, and a statesman tells me that the obstacle is General Saussier, the governor of Paris and generalissimo in question, who is opposed to any change and is prepared to make a revolutionary movement with the utmost vigor.

"I heard Rochefort remarked to me yesterday: 'Seven years ago two lines in the Intransigent (Rochefort's newspaper) headed 'Down With the Senate' would have sufficed for 200,000 men to have immediately marched upon the Luxembourg (the building formerly a palace of royalty and also used as a barracks in 1870) and to have taken the police of the senate. That body now occupies it during its session.' Now there is such language that a column would not call a dozen men to arrest it."

"A radical leader said to me today: 'If a president is willing to risk his life he would now have a chance of winning the AS TO THE TOBACCO CROP.'"

"The radicals prove that they regard the situation as revolutionary by deciding that the parliament should be dissolved. This is an echo of the great revolution."

"The latest information is that the Senate hopes to pass a vote of censure against the government by even a mere crushing majority on Saturday."

"M. Bourgeois, the premier, has informed the members of the cabinet that the government does not desire to again raise the question of confidence in the Chamber of Deputies on Thursday next, preferring to wait for further action on the part of the Senate."

CHRISTIANIA, Feb. 18.—Dr. Nansen's expedition, comprising the rest of the marks of Dr. Otto Nordenskjold and the prospects of Dr. Nansen having reached the pole, in which the latter expressed the opinion that it was hardly likely that the expedition would reach the pole.

CLARA HARTON AT CONSTANTINOPLE. CONSTANTINOPLE, Feb. 18.—Miss Clara Barton, president of the American Red Cross society, has arrived here and is organizing a system of relief for the suffering Armenians.

RUSSIAN INTRIGUE IN COREA. LONDON, Feb. 18.—A special dispatch from Shanghai this evening says information is received there from Corea that a Russian force supported the king of Corea in killing the Korean ministers. The new cabinet officers of Corea, it is added, are wholly puppets in the pay of Russia.

CANADIAN BANKER UNDER ARREST. LONDON, Feb. 18.—Andrew Boyd of Montreal, Canada, was charged at Bow street police station this morning with having stolen \$200,000 from the Bank of Montreal.

REOPENED THE INSURANCE CASE. BERLIN, Feb. 18.—The Nord Deutscher Allgemeine Zeitung says: "Germany has consented to reopen the question of restrictions on American insurance companies, because the two companies in question are operated by providing further material, to show that the Prussian regulations do not correspond with the requirements of the case."

IRISH ELECTED CHAIRMAN. LONDON, Feb. 18.—The members of the Irish parliamentary party held another sitting in the House of Commons today for the purpose of electing a new chairman in succession to Mr. Justin McCarthy. Among those present were Messrs. Healy, Russell, and the latter was elected chairman by a vote of 37 to 17.

FOUR OF THE TRAIN CREW INJURED. BELLWALLS FALLS, Vt., Feb. 18.—A broken rail on the Rutland division of the Central Vermont railway caused a serious wreck at a point about two miles north of Bellows Falls this morning. The engine of a passenger train was derailed and three coaches were thrown down a fifty-foot embankment. About a dozen persons were injured, four of them seriously. These four are E. J. Barber, Rutland, but internally, probably fatal; D. B. Sexton, Rutland, conductor; E. O. Barger, Rutland, express messenger; George F. Fletcher, Rutland, mail agent. The others who sustained injuries were Messrs. G. H. Alderman, but not hurt beyond bruises or a severe shaking up.

CHAMBER LIKELY TO REcede. LONDON, Feb. 18.—The Paris correspondent of the Times says he does not believe the Chamber of Deputies will continue to defy the Senate in its refusal to grant a vote to the ministry.

OFFICERS WILL BE COURT MARTIALED. LONDON, Feb. 17.—The Times says there is reason to believe that all the officers holding the queen's commission, who were concerned in the Jameson raid will be court-martialed.

DAVIS SHOCKS THE BRITONS

Extravagant Statements Made in the Senate Amaze Members of Parliament.

DECLINE TO ACCEPT THEM AS TRUE

Iteration of the Charge that England Intends Seizing Cuban Customs Causes More Than Wonder in London.

LONDON, Feb. 18.—(New York World Cable—Special Telegram.)—When the report was first cabled here from New York as being current there that England was contemplating the seizure of the Cuban customs to secure the payment of that part of the Spanish loan due to her investors, it telegraphed you that the idea was simply outrageous. It appears, however, that Senator Davis yesterday repeated the report as an argument in favor of his Venezuelan resolution. If this iteration of the report in the senate gives it any weight I may assure your readers that the publication here today of the senator's speech, containing this allusion, was received with amazed incredulity.

Influential members of both parties in Parliament asked if it was possible that England could have been made seriously, and if a member of the United States could possibly be so ignorant of all the rules of international law as to believe that Great Britain would commit such an act, thus subjecting herself to the hostile alliance of a whole civilized world against one international outlaw.

An Irish party has decided not to raise the Venezuelan arbitration question again in Parliament for the present, at any rate. They consider that they can best serve the cause of arbitration by avoiding the question of the government at this juncture, but they will not hesitate to intervene at any moment should circumstances arise to make it desirable for them to declare their sympathy with the United States on this question.

TWO REBELLIONS IN THE ORIENT. COREA AND FORMOSA EACH HAVING A REBEL ARMY. SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 18.—The steamer Pekin, from Mokohama, arrived this morning. Another rebellion has broken out in Corea. The governor of the Tan-Yang district has been taken prisoner by the rebels. The Corea troops defeated the rebels in two engagements, but the rebels are not yet completely subdued. The Japanese government has issued a royal proclamation requiring the Coreans to sacrifice their ties and wear their hair in western fashion.

On motion of General Bristol, Bishop Peck held his court. Mr. Depew, J. C. Caldwell, Henry E. Howland and W. E. Dodge were appointed as delegates to a meeting in favor of arbitration, to be held on the evening of the 21st of Philadelphia, on Washington's birthday, with power to add to their number.

NO FOUNDATION FOR FEARS. ROLL CALL SHOWS AN ADDITIONAL VICTIM UNDER THE FAN HOUSE. TROY, Feb. 18.—What seems almost a miracle in connection with the disastrous conflagration in Troy last night is the fact made evident tonight that the loss of life is no greater than was accurately detailed last night. The list of those killed and injured is as follows:

Promised to Retire Should Sexton LONDON, Feb. 18.—The Times says: "At yesterday's Irish meeting Mr. Healy disclaimed any personal animosity toward John Dillon and he admitted his right to a prominent voice in the affairs of the party; but he spoke very plainly in giving the reasons for Mr. Dillon's unfitness for the leadership. He declared that the incidents surrounding the party were largely the outcome of Mr. Dillon's mistakes and that Mr. Dillon's personal ambition was the real cause of the dissensions."

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NET TO FURTHER ARBITRATION.

New Yorkers Join the Movement for a National Conference.

NEW YORK, Feb. 18.—A meeting of prominent citizens of this city and Brooklyn was held tonight at the residence of Mr. William E. Dodge. The meeting was called by Mayor Strong, General Bristol, Bishop Potter, ex-Chief Justice Peck and Hon. Stephen J. May. Mr. Dodge, for the purpose of forming a committee of representative citizens of New York and Brooklyn to co-operate with similar committees which have already been established in other parts of the United States, whose object is the calling of a national conference in the interest of international arbitration between Great Britain and the United States.

Whereas, "The true grandeur of nations," declared by the United States, has been secured by statute and magnanimity inspired by good will, which fundamental principles of the United States, and Great Britain, akin in language, jurisprudence and legal methods, are already accustomed to practice, and which have already been philosophically declared themselves in favor of such arbitration—congress by the House of Commons by its vote in 1837—therefore, That such action by our national legislature and the executive as shall make permanent provision for the settlement of all disputes between the two countries, it being our hope that such a step will result in international arbitration throughout the civilized world.

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MINERS ARE PAST ALL HELP

Most Disastrous Explosion Ever Known in the Newcastle Camp.

DENVER, Colo., Feb. 18.—A special to the News from Newcastle, Colo., says. An explosion occurred at the Vulcan mine at 11:20 this morning which was the most disastrous ever known in the history of this camp. Tonight dozens of homes in our little city are desolate because of some loved one, father, husband, brother or son who this morning left his home with not a thought of danger or the awful death and destruction which are now lying lifeless at the bottom of the Vulcan slope. All business is practically suspended; everyone is dazed at the awfulness of the sudden disaster.

NO WARNING WAS GIVEN THE PEACEFUL VILLAGERS UNTIL A sudden report, as from a hundred cannon, resounded throughout the valley, making the earth tremble. People rushed out of homes and places of business to see what had happened and one look toward the Vulcan mine was sufficient, for a dense cloud of smoke, issuing from the mouth of the slope, met the eyes of the gazers and told the tale. A throng of spectators was soon at the scene of the disaster, a distance of two miles from Newcastle.

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MUNICIPAL LEAGUE MEN DEFEATED.

Much Scratching Done at the Philadelphia Municipal Election.

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 18.—Municipal elections were held throughout the state today. In this city there were bitter contests in the wards, due particularly to a split in the republican ranks, caused by the efforts of the Municipal league to select a "reform" council. The vote is so badly split that the count cannot be completed until late in the morning, but the returns received tonight indicate that the Municipal league has failed in its efforts to elect reformers. Wences Hartman, president of the council, against whom the league made a bid in the Eighth ward, is re-elected by nearly 1,000 majority. James B. Anderson, whose course in the council for years has displeased the reformers, was also re-elected by a big majority. The followers of Senator Quay, who had been expected to help the Municipal league, appear to have voted and worked for the regular republican ticket with the result that the reformers were snowed under.

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LAUNCH THE MCKINLEY BOOM

Mass Meeting at Lincoln to Organize a State Club.

THURSTON ENDORSES THE OHIO MAN Says He is Convinced that Nebraska Favors Him, and Calls for Other Candidates to Come Out in the Open.

LINCOLN, Feb. 18.—(Special Telegram.) At the McKinley rally tonight ex-Governor John M. Thayer presided and opened the ball by asking "the state of Nebraska" to come to order. He said that on account of William McKinley's assistance in the campaign of 1894 the people of Nebraska demanded him as the republican candidate for president. This meeting, he said, had been called for the purpose of organizing a State McKinley club, and he called upon F. W. Collins to read the proposed preamble and constitution. The preamble freely admitted that the object of the organization was to secure an unrestricted nomination to St. Louis for William McKinley. The constitution was adopted without a dissenting voice, and a committee of nine was appointed to select officers. Every mention of the name of McKinley elicited tumultuous applause, and it appeared to be the object of the speakers to call attention to the Ohio man at every opportunity.

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