

HUNG THEM ALL

Peace Envoys to the Cuban Insurgents Thought to be Dead.

THINK THEY HAVE BEEN HANGED

Cuban Junta in New York Denies the Report—asserts Claim that Gomez is Hard Pressed—A Little Spanish Horse Play.

HAVANA, via Key West, Fla., Dec. 14.—It is officially announced that the Spanish forces under the command of General Pando, in the province of Puerto Principe, have been pushing the insurgent leader, Gen. Maximo Gomez, so closely that he was obliged, with about 200 men of his escort, to seek refuge in the woods and mountains of Las Delicias.

The commissioners sent by General Pando to different parts of the island with instructions to negotiate with the insurgents for their acceptance of the autonomous feature of government proposed by Spain, have not returned in a single case, which seems to confirm the report that some of them have been hanged by the insurgents, and others have elected to remain with the enemy.

It is reported that Juan Delgado, the insurgent leader, has hanged the two commissioners who were sent to him with peace propositions.

A dispatch recently received here from Madrid says that the autonomists unite in one party, and it is added that the reformist deputy, Amblard, who is now in Madrid, will, on his arrival in New York, offer to Manuel Rafael Sanguilly, a member of the Cuban revolutionary junta, a portfolio in the new autonomy cabinet, in order to induce him to return to Cuba.

THE REPORT QUESTIONED.

New York, Dec. 14.—At the Cuban junta headquarters and from other sources here it was learned that Sanguilly's loyalty to the Cuban cause had been under suspicion for some time, and that his reported action in offering his services unconditionally to General Blanco was by no means a surprise. Delegate Tomas Estrada Palma, however, speaking for publication, said that he could hardly believe that Sanguilly had capitulated, but that he did not attach much importance to the report even if true. A Cuban merchant prominent among the revolutionists in this city said Sanguilly was not likely to go over again within the insurgent lines and that whatever action he had taken would have no effect upon the insurgent leaders still in the field.

HAVANA, Dec. 14.—Marshall Bianco and Senor Jose Conzales, secretary-general of Cuba, called upon Consul-General Fitzhugh Lee and tendered their condolence on the death of the mother of President McKinley.

Stampeded toward Home.

VICTORIA, B. C., Dec. 14.—By the steamer Topeka, from Dyea, news that more than 1,000 ill-provisioned men stampeded from Dawson during the latter part of October, and, impelled by the haunting fear of a famine, are now forcing their way over the mountains.

Auk, the Indian mail carrier, who brings this report left the Yukon capital fully ten days after the Dalton party. He says the vanguard of the terror-stricken army is following less than a week behind him. Auk declares that fully 25 per cent of the stampeding army will be driven to relate the terrors of their flight from the north.

The ever steamer Bella and Ware it now appears, did not, and more than 100 tons of provisions on their arrival in Dawson in the early part of October, owing to their having been laid up at Circle City.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 14.—In answer to a senate resolution calling for such information as the war department possesses relative to the lack of food supplies on the Yukon, Secretary Alger today submitted a letter reciting his action in sending Lieutenant Ray to that country to investigate and enclosing copies of that officer's reports, the features of which have already been published. Secretary Alger then reviews the situation of Dawson, saying the danger of starvation, if not starvation, there this winter is about as has already been told in the press dispatches. He declares there is no hope of getting supplies to the miners up the Yukon river from St. Michaels; says the only feasible routes from Juneau are via Chilkoot or Chilkat passes, though even they are very hazardous, impossible perhaps, and concludes as follows:

"From the best information that can be obtained it is believed that the use of reindeer will be the means by which these supplies can be gotten through, if at all. It is therefore recommended that reindeer be purchased in Lapland to the number of 500 and permission granted to bring reindeer drivers from that country, this upon the information that it requires much skill to manage these animals."

Anti-Football Bill.

RICHMOND, Va., Dec. 14.—By a vote of 5 to 4 a committee of the state senate ordered a favorable report on an anti-football bill.

Afraid of the People.

ENGLISHTON, Ind., Dec. 14.—F. B. Hatfield of Booneville, Ind., a cousin of Cashier Willett, of one of the three broken banks in Crawford county, received a letter from Willett a few days ago. It was mailed on a Lake Erie & Western railway train and was but two days old when received. It was indefinite rambling and without clue to his whereabouts, present or future. Willett says he would kill himself but for his wife and child. He fears personal violence in case of his return.

KILLS A ROBBER

Attempt at Holding up Express Train is a Failure.

COW BOYS TURN TRAIN ROBBER

Ill-Fated Bandit Finds Death at the Hand of a Messenger on the Southern Pacific Railroad—Taken to Tucson.

DEMING, N. M., Dec. 11.—In an attempt to hold up the westbound Southern Pacific passenger train at Stein's Pass, ninety miles west of this place, at 3 o'clock "Sandy Collins" was shot and killed by Express Guard Jennings. Previous to the arrival of the train four bandits rode into the station and held up and robbed Agent St. John and Section Foreman McMullen and at the same time cut all wires so no warning could be given when the train pulled into the station. The robbers attacked the express car and ordered Messenger Adair to surrender. In the rear came Express Guards Thatcher and Jennings and when the leader of the robbers was shot in the head and instantly killed by Jennings the other robbers at once mounted their horses and fled.

The body of the dead bandit was taken to Tucson. The railroad company has been expecting trouble and had been employing extra guards for weeks past. Officers are in pursuit of the remaining members of the gang. The name of the dead robber has been ascertained to be "Sandy" Collins. Collins, until recently, has been employed as a cowboy in eastern Arizona and his companions, instead of being the "Black Jack" gang, as originally supposed, are now known to have been a band of cowboys organized for the single purpose of the attempted robbery. The United States marshal and a posse were in the immediate vicinity of Stein's Pass pursuing the "Black Jack" gang and they were at once notified and started in pursuit. The chances for the capture of the remaining three robbers is therefore good.

The robbers did not even succeed in gaining an entrance to the car. When they attacked the train Express Messengers Adair and the two guards, Jennings and Thatcher, opened fire and the fusillade was on when Collins got in good range and was shot dead in his tracks, whereupon the others fled. Little money was secured from the station agent and section foreman. The original "Black Jack" gang are still thought to be in hiding in their retreat in the Sierra Madres in Old Mexico.

Big Post-office Robberies.

New York, Dec. 11.—It was learned today that one of the largest robberies in the history of the New York post-offices occurred in November 9. The amount involved is said to be in the neighborhood of \$100,000, and was taken from registered letters in the railway mail service on that section of the Central railway of New Jersey known as the New York, Somerville & Eastern branch. On November 9 it is stated that two bags containing \$30,000 were taken. How long the defalcations had gone on before that date has not yet been ascertained. Maj. Chas. F. Lewis of the Philadelphia branch of the government secret service was in this city yesterday, investigating the robbery, which has been kept secret until now by the postal authorities.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 11.—The postal officials here last night admitted that there has been a number of losses of registered mail matter reported on the Jersey Central road but said that up to date no definite advices had been received as to the amount.

Says Mrs. Luetgert is Alive.

BOSTON, Dec. 11.—The Globe says: "Mrs. Luetgert, the supposed victim of the sausage manufacturer murderer, so-called, in Chicago, is alive and well. Mrs. Luetgert was seen in this city during the month of July, acknowledged her identity, besides giving more or less explanation relative to the reasons which caused her to leave her husband, who is again to be tried for his life."

Such was the startling declaration made by editor John H. Schofield of St. Louis to a Globe man. Mr. Schofield supplemented this statement further with the positive assurance that Mrs. Luetgert was at the house No. 7, Bullfinch place for a period of three or four days during the middle of July last. He said he based this assurance upon the fact that Mrs. Luetgert while in Boston acknowledged her full identity, with the assertion that she left her husband, the Chicago sausage maker, because of his actions with other women, as well as for reasons which she thought would help him in his financial embarrassment in business. He further asserted that he believed that Mrs. Luetgert was still in Boston, and that she would yet be found.

The Globe has interviewed the Mrs. Moss of No. 7 Bullfinch place, who says that the woman supposed to be Mrs. Luetgert went by the name of Millie Barker. One day the woman seemed distressed after reading an account of the trial of Luetgert, and when questioned by Mrs. Moss said: "You would be surprised if I told you who I am."

Try to Kill the Sultan.

LONDON, Dec. 11.—The Athens correspondent of the Daily Chronicle says that on Monday last two soldiers in the imperial service at the Yildiz Kiosk, the palace of the sultan, made an attempt on the life of the sultan. This was frustrated by the attendance of the sultan. The sultan had the men tortured in the hope of exacting the names of the instigators, but both succumbed without revealing anything.

Negroes Stretch Hemp.

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 15.—Two negroes arrested for the murder of a storekeeper named Babin, at St. Gabriel, La., were lynched. The proof of their guilt was conclusive and popular indignation was great. Sheriff Brown, fearing a jail delivery, put the blacks on the Texas & Pacific train to be taken to New Orleans for safe keeping. The people stopped the train six miles below Plaquemine, locked up the conductor and the deputy sheriff and hanged the negroes in the woods.

FIGHT WITH DEATH ENDS AT LAST AND THE MOTHER OF THE PRESIDENT NOW RESTS.

CANTON, O., Dec. 13.—Mrs. McKinley passed from life at a few minutes past 2 o'clock yesterday morning with all her children and other immediate relatives at her bedside. She did not suffer any in the last hours, but gradually passed from the deep palsied sleep in which she has rested almost constantly for the past ten days into the sleep of death.

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For a National University.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13.—The bill to establish the university of the United States will again be introduced in both houses of congress. The bill in general terms provides for an institution of the highest possible type for the graduates of accredited colleges and universities only, with special reference to the work of original research and investigation in all important fields of inquiry. The government is vested in a board of regents and a university council. The board of regents embraces the president of the United States, the chief justice of the United States, the commissioner of education, the secretary of the Smithsonian institution, the president of the national academy of sciences, the president of the national educational association, the president of the university and nine other citizens to be appointed by the president, by and with the advice and consent of the senate, and no two of them shall be from the same state. The university council is to have immediate charge of the work of instruction, research and investigation. It consists of the regents and twelve other members, to be appointed by them from among eminent educators, with a like impartial distribution. All courses and officers of instruction are to be determined by the council, also all regulations governing the internal management of the institution. Neither a sectarian nor political preferences in any form are to be allowed, either in the appointments or in any of the operations of the institutions. Authority is given to establish with other institutions of learning such co-operative relations as are deemed advantageous.

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WAR IN WHEAT

Big Guns of the Wheat Market Frore-pitate a Lively Contest.

ARMOUR AND LEITER IN THE ARENA

Colossal Gamblers fighting for supremacy in the control of the Wheat of the World—Millions of Bushels Come In.

CHICAGO, Ill., Dec. 16.—The Tribune says:

There are just seven days left to make or unmake the December wheat deal. The chances for fireworks and old-time corner prices are scarcely so bright as they were some time ago. Leiter is learning something about the possibilities of Chicago as a receiving market and about the resources of Armour.

Earlier in the season Leiter gave Armour, who came back from Europe, a "dollar wheat" bull, some points on how to act promptly, but, in the last two days, the local stock of wheat is simply phenomenal, and represents a part of the energetic campaign made by Armour and Wear with the large cargoes of an abnormal Duluth-Chicago movement, aggregating 3,645,000 bushels which are arriving.

The bulk of this has been contract wheat brought down for the special benefit of the market made by Mr. Leiter. It has been variously disposed of. Part of it has gone into the house elevators and part into private houses. Armour knows just how much contract wheat is here. Leiter would give a snug sum for the last information as to how much of the Chicago stock has come here to fill short sales to him, and how much is here to be dumped out on December advances, such as those of last Friday and last Monday.

CHANCE FOR PYROTECHNICS.

The chance of pyrotechnics in the speculative market for December wheat. The real battle is in the cash property. Leiter has been holding a large assortment of speculative cards, and has been playing them rapidly. He has brought the deal up from July to September, and from September to December but only recently has been pushing prices to a point to bring wheat from all directions. This is the situation which promises to give Armour an opportunity to recoup any actual losses in his operations, and some of his consequential losses for not having taken up the bull side of the market when he came from Europe, and not having held to it aggressively since.

Leiter has disclaimed any intention to corner wheat. Armour has disclaimed doing anything but a warehouseman's business. Leiter's operations, and more particularly his announcements of plans to move the entire Chicago stock of wheat out of the country, has put wheat to \$1.09 and, by forcing markets, have started an avalanche of wheat to Chicago.

As an elevator man, Armour's opportunity lies in the accumulation at Chicago of a stock of wheat such as did not seem possible at the beginning of the season. The demand and supply prospect at the opening of the wheat season was, that Chicago would need but little wheat.

All Lost But One.

PORTLAND, Me., Dec. 16.—The schooner Susan P. Thurlow, bound for Hillsboro, N. B., from New York, with a cargo of plaster rocks, went to pieces on Cushing island, about three miles from this city at 8 o'clock Tuesday night, and the captain and five of the crew were lost.

One sailor managed to reach land and early yesterday morning he informed the inhabitants of the wreck.

The bodies of the captain and one sailor were recovered in the afternoon. The Thurlow was built at Harrington, Me., and sails from New York.

The single survivor of the disaster was E. Roeman. He tells a story of the wreck as follows:

The Thurlow encountered rough weather and was only a few miles out from Portland when the rudder parted, the vessel became disabled and she stuck on the reef. The captain and mate ordered the men to jump for their lives. Roeman was caught by a huge wave and hurled into the sea. He was finally carried upon the beach by the waves and dragged himself to the hut of a fisherman, where he was cared for. The bodies of the captain, Mate McLean and three sailors were washed ashore on the island during the night.

The schooner was valued at about \$5,000.

The Emperor Sees Ships.

KIEL, Dec. 16.—Emperor William, Prince Adalbert, Admirals von Knorr and von Tirpitz, Counts Eulenbergh and von Buelow, arrived here yesterday. The party were met by Prince Henry of Prussia. His majesty inspected the warships Gefion and Deutschland. Addressing the crew of the Gefion the emperor exhorted them to remember their oath to their flag and to acquit themselves bravely. The crew heartily cheered the emperor.

Willitt Promises to Return.

CINCINNATI, O., Dec. 16.—Richard H. Willitt, the missing cashier of the banks at Leavenworth, English and Marengo, Ind., arrived in this city from Augusta, Ga., yesterday. Mr. Willitt says he is not a defaulter and declares he left \$15,000 cash which he could just as well have taken with him. He says he loaned too much. He says he will return to Leavenworth Saturday and will do all in his power to assist the assignee in settling the affairs of the bank.

A Reign of Terror.

SARAJEVO, Dec. 9.—Alarming news reached today from Macedonia. The Albanians are reported to be committing great excesses at Debra and Kitevo and the surrounding districts, killing men, outraging women and stealing cattle.

The local authorities are powerless.

Wholesale prosecutions and arrests of Bulgarians by Turks are also reported from the Bulgarian frontier. The news has caused great excitement here.