

MACEDO STILL THE MASTER

Campos Unable to Intercept the Cuban Rebels.

PROSPECTS OF CARRYING HAVANA

Insurgents Must Overcome Powerful Obstacles If They Win After Reaching the City and Capturing It.

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HAVANA, Dec. 25.—Further details reached here today from Matanzas of the rapid advance of the insurgent army, numbering about 12,000 men, upon Havana, after forcing its way through the province of Santa Clara and into the province of Matanzas in spite of the efforts of Captain General Martinez de Campos and about 80,000 troops at his disposal in the territory traversed and invaded.

The reported important battle yesterday between the Spaniards under Campos and the insurgents at Coliseo plantation, twelve miles from Cardenas, does not appear to have been a very severe engagement.

SCENE OF THE FIGHT.

The fighting took place amid burning undergrowth and trees, and was of the guerilla nature. At times both the troops and the insurgents were surrounded by walls of flame, and the smoke was so dense as to render the situation very obscure. The Cubans and the troops were unable to see each other, and kept hanging away at open ranges, wasting vast quantities of good ammunition. It is true that this indiscriminate firing was more noticed upon the part of the troops than on the side of the insurgents, but for the insurgents killed at least 2,000 men, and must have been doing so, as they followed their customary tactics, seemed to melt away into the distance as soon as the troops met within sighting distance of them, and nearly all the firing was at very long range, although the soldiers made several gallant charges through the burning territory.

This style of fighting is termed a defeat of the insurgents, but as they succeed in accomplishing their object, holding the Spaniards in check while the Cuban army pushed on southward, the result was really a Cuban victory.

The captain general was as near the front as possible throughout the battle, encouraging the troops by word and action. One of the captains of the Cuban army, who was sitting on his horse by the side of Martinez de Campos, received a bullet in his chest and fell to the ground severely wounded. No other action was intended for the Spanish commander.

CORRESPONDENT DECORATED.

The correspondent of Correspondencia, Manuel Escobar, was decorated on the 24th by the captain general for his gallant conduct at the battle of Ensenada de La Mora, and it may be here added that several other newspaper men have displayed a good amount of pluck with the captain general under fire.

DOING GREAT DAMAGE.

This sounds plausible enough, but the insurgents are destroying all bridges, railways and plantations behind them. The route they have followed is marked by a line of fire, and the Spaniards will have a very difficult task to push on after their fleet-foot enemies.

MEANS A PITCHED BATTLE.

A pitched battle on Havana by the insurgents would necessarily be in the nature of a pitched battle—a very different matter from the guerilla warfare which has been liberally suffered the advance of the insurgents into the open and populous country where they now are with the purpose of driving them on to Havana.

SPANISH TROOPS SUFFER.

Here, however, comes in the weakest feature of the campaign of the Spaniards. The poorly fed, half grown lads, whipped here from Spain, are suffering terribly from the effects of the climate and unusual exposure in spite of the fact that the so-called healthy season in Cuba. Yellow fever, smallpox and cholera have already taken their toll of these unfortunate troops, and in addition, they are utterly unfit for campaigning in this land of bad roads, high grass, swamps and low brush.

ANOTHER VIEW OF THE CASE.

While these facts cannot be denied, there is one feature of the march of the insurgent army which cannot be overlooked.

ONLY THOUGHTS OF PEACE

London Newspapers Abandon Their Talk of War for a Day.

CHRONICLE SEES A PLAIN WAY OUT

Report of the Proposed Commission Not Binding Upon England, but Worthy of Careful Consideration—Laughing at Edison.

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LONDON, Dec. 25.—(New York World Cablegram.—Special Telegram.)—The Christian lesson of Yuletide found in the space of every newspaper leader today in the space which for five days past, has been occupied by discussion of a possible or perhaps a probable, bloody war. The doctrine of peace is, of course, preached in every newspaper pulpit. This paragraph from the hitherto almost bell-tone standard is a sample of all the rest.

"Exactly twenty-five years ago two other great nations were arrayed against each other in a murderous struggle at Christmas tide, but Christmas and declarations of war among Christian nations are a contradiction in words, and under Christmas trees and round Christmas fires Americans and Englishmen will register a vow, if in silence, that they will not repeat the scenes of that year."

ROME, Dec. 25.—(Advices received here today from Aleppo say the town of Zaitoun, the chief stronghold of the Armenians, has been held by the insurgent Armenians for some time past, has been captured by the Turkish troops, and the inhabitants of Zaitoun are being massacred.

LONDON, Dec. 25.—The Daily News has a minutely detailed letter describing the Khartoum massacre, the writer of which declares that the British Government should have a dispatch to the Times from Constantinople under date of December 25th: "Last evening hand bills were profusely scattered about this morning, and the day's papers were full of notices of the same."

As an outcome of the ambassadors to secure concerted means to prevent the massacre of the inhabitants of Zaitoun, for which the British Government is held responsible, the committee members present were: Dingley of Maine, Deliver of Iowa, Payne of New York, Fox of Texas, P. E. B. of Nevada, Hopkins of Illinois, Dalziel of Pennsylvania, Russell of Connecticut, Johnson of North Dakota, Steele of Indiana, Evans of Kentucky, and Turner of Georgia.

NOT A PARTY MEASURE

Chairman Dingley stated to the committee that the bill was not framed as a republican measure, but as one calculated to save the credit of the government, which, according to the president, is the duty of every citizen. The committee members present were: Dingley of Maine, Deliver of Iowa, Payne of New York, Fox of Texas, P. E. B. of Nevada, Hopkins of Illinois, Dalziel of Pennsylvania, Russell of Connecticut, Johnson of North Dakota, Steele of Indiana, Evans of Kentucky, and Turner of Georgia.

MEXICO ON THE MONROE DOCTRINE.

Press of that Republic Praises Cleveland's Message. CITY OF MEXICO, Dec. 25.—The press continues to give support to President Cleveland's message, and one paper declares that the public sentiment of all the new world behind him and that he is livable, and that he has injected into the public law of the world the Monroe doctrine, which is the reason why Europe is madder and uttering grave threats, but which is not to be feared.

Mr. Redmond's dispatch has aroused the one really bitter note of the entire controversy. "If Mr. Redmond," says the Graphic, "is correctly reported by telegraph he has already written a letter to the president, already well studied coffin of home rule, at a crisis in the history of Great Britain and the United States, when war between these two great nations is being contemplated."

DEATH AND DISASTER AT SEA.

Heavy Gale on Great Britain's Coast Doing Great Damage. LONDON, Dec. 25.—The heavy gale has continued all around the coast of Great Britain and Ireland, and many small wrecks have occurred within the sight and knowledge of those on shore, and besides much wreckage has been stranded, telling of further disasters, of which details are not yet known. The greatest anxiety for all the British and Irish coast is that a storm should be at sea in the neighboring waters of the Atlantic.

MASON'S MESSAGE OF PEACE.

English Members of the Great Green of the American Branch. NEW YORK, Dec. 25.—The world telegram will publish the following cablegram from Lincolnshire Free Masons: "SPAUDLING, Dec. 25.—Spaulding (Lincolnshire) Free Masons wish peace and good will to their United States brethren."

HUNTINGTON BEHIND THE SCHEME.

Mrs. Mary Leane Has a Theory on the Venezuelan Imbroglio. WICHITA, Kan., Dec. 25.—Mary E. Leane was interviewed tonight on the Venezuelan question. She said: "There is more to the Venezuelan question than is apparent on the surface. For some reason the fact has been kept out of the papers that C. P. Huntington, the owner of California, owns nearly all of the land that is in dispute."

WILL CONSTITUTE TWO MEMBERS OF THE VENEZUELA COMMISSION.

NEW YORK, Dec. 25.—A special to the World from Washington says that the high commission to Edward J. Phelps of Vermont, examiner to England; Robert T. Lincoln of Illinois, examiner to England. Their acceptances have not been received and the third place on the committee will not be filled until Mr. Phelps and Mr. Lincoln are ready.

LOD DUNRAVEN ARRIVES.

NEW YORK, Dec. 25.—The steamship Teutonic passed in at Sandy Hook at 1:30 this morning. It is expected Lord Dunraven will land about 8 o'clock this morning.

RELIEF BILLS ARE READY

House Ways and Means Committee Puts in the Day at Work.

CONSIST OF TWO SEPARATE MEASURES

No Change Made from the Program Outlined in Tuesday's Dispatches.—Tariff Partially Restored on Wool and Lumber.

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WASHINGTON, Dec. 25.—The house ways and means committee devoted several hours of Christmas to a final consideration of the two revenue bills which are to be presented to the house tomorrow. Printed copies of the bills were laid before the full committee, the plan being announced to the democratic members for the first time, although they were familiar with its details through the accurate reports prepared by the Associated Press. The bills were formally adopted as committee measures, motions to lay them on the table being overruled by party votes.

The democrats endeavored to secure three days' postponement of the passage of the bills, but the majority of the committee members present were: Dingley of Maine, Deliver of Iowa, Payne of New York, Fox of Texas, P. E. B. of Nevada, Hopkins of Illinois, Dalziel of Pennsylvania, Russell of Connecticut, Johnson of North Dakota, Steele of Indiana, Evans of Kentucky, and Turner of Georgia.

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