

ACKNOWLEDGES REBEL SKILL

General Campos' Tribute to the Cuban Insurgents.

EXPRESSES REGRETS TO THE GOVERNMENT

War Continues to Go Against the Spanish and the People of the Island Are Floeking to Gomez.

On boarding the vessel on which I returned to Spain, I would not be doing my duty if I failed to express to your excellency the gratitude...

"If I have failed, all the responsibility lies entirely with myself. The government has not been able to do so, and after assuring you anew of my gratitude to you, I beseech you to pardon my military conduct...

"Perhaps I could explain my failures by causes entirely foreign to the government and partly so to myself, but this is not the proper time to do so...

The steamships running between Havana and America expect heavy passenger traffic next month.

MONEY FOR CANADIAN MILITIA. Increase Over the Appropriation for Last Year.

OTTAWA, Ont., Jan. 27.—The first signs of the Dominion government's intention to carry out its promise toward the protection of the country in the event of trouble with any other nation are seen in the estimates for the coming year, which were presented to Parliament tonight by Hon. G. E. Foster, minister of finance.

Free Implements Voted Down. OTTAWA, Ont., Jan. 27.—In the House of Commons today McMillan, liberal, moved that Canada accept the United States' standard offer of reciprocity in agricultural implements.

Urging American to Action. LONDON, Jan. 28.—The Chronicle this morning has an editorial recalling the success which attended President Jefferson's sending a fleet to Algiers and advocates the great powers formally writing the United States a demand to send a fleet to Turkey.

Good Word for the Venezuelans. LONDON, Jan. 27.—A letter from Caracas, which the Times will publish tomorrow, testifies to the moderation there during the excitement of President Cleveland's message.

Japan China to Corea. NEW YORK, Jan. 27.—A dispatch to the Herald from St. Petersburg says: A dispatch to the Neve Vremy from Vladivostok says that the Japanese government wishes to assert its hegemony over the western half of the Pacific ocean and also that it has decided to retain Corea within the sphere of its influence.

More Politics Than Humanity. BERLIN, Jan. 27.—The Berliner Tagblatt says: It will be the duty of continental diplomacy to convince America that Europe's motive in Armenia are political and not humane, and thus dissuade the United States from co-operating with England.

Chengtu Commission Abolished. (Copyright, 1896, by Press Publishing Company.) BERLIN, Jan. 27.—(New York World Cablegram—Special Telegram)—The Chengtu commission arrived today from Chung King. It is conveyed by a Chinese river gunboat and two life boats.

Foreign Fishes. (Copyright, 1896, by Press Publishing Company.) OTTAWA, Jan. 27.—(New York World Cablegram—Special Telegram)—The English naval estimates for the current year are placed at \$18,700,000, of which \$1,000,000 is for fish.

Wants Money Advanced to Build Railroads in Venezuela. BERLIN, Jan. 27.—It is semi-officially announced today that the German minister at Caracas has presented a note to the Venezuelan government demanding payment of the guarantee fund due to German citizens as the result of the building of the great Venezuelan railway.

German Demand on Venezuela. LONDON, Jan. 27.—(Special Telegram)—The German minister of Caracas has been instructed to present to Venezuela a note pressing for the payment of the German Venezuela company's demands against the Venezuelan government.

BRIEF NEWS FROM HAVANA.

Rebel Chief Severely Wounded and Escorted to a Place of Safety.

HAVANA, Jan. 27.—Serafin Sanchez, the insurgent leader, has passed through the district of Santa Spiritus, province of Santa Clara, accompanied by Manuel Suarez, another insurgent leader, who is seriously wounded.

A Spanish garrison on the river Yarebo had fired upon and captured the insurgent band commanded by Varona. The forts and wharves vesela, German and Spanish, fired a salute in honor of the birthday of Emperor William today.

At Quintana, a railroad station, a band of insurgents was dispersed after they had destroyed two switches, several culverts and a telegraph line.

A column of Spanish troops, commanded by Colonel Yonca, was engaged with a number of insurgents yesterday south of Matanzas. The enemy lost heavily.

Communication with Pinar del Rio is still very much interrupted, but reports received from the military prisoners here under Antonio Maceo are displaying great activity and are doing much damage, despite the reports disseminated here to the contrary.

It was admitted that some 2,000 residents of Pinar del Rio province have joined the forces of the government.

At Guane a local band, formed by Antonio Caines, a leading lawyer and his two sons joined the party, which entered the town and liberated the military prisoners.

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HE KNEW HIS END HAD COME.

Ambassador Runyon Realized When He Woke that Death Was at Hand.

HE HAD RETIRED EARLY IN GOOD SPIRITS Although Ailing for Some Time His Health Had Not Seemed Seriously Impaired.

At dinner at the dinner given by Kaiser Wilhelm to the diplomats on Thursday, and appeared to be in his usual health.

There were no flags at half-mast today, because of the celebration of the emperor's birthday. All flags will be at half-mast tomorrow.

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RETURN MEANS DEATH TO THEM.

Two Armenians Detained by the Authorities at Ellis Island.

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FIFTY-FOUR MINERS KILLED.

Fire Damp Explodes with Deadly Effect in a Welsh Coal Mine.

Comrades Hastily at Work Bringing the Dead Bodies to the Surface—Pitful Scenes Around the Mouth of the Pit.

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KENTUCKY'S SENATORIAL BATTLE.

Election Seems to Be as Far Away as Ever.

LOUISVILLE, Jan. 27.—A special to the Post from Frankfort says: Although no one expected that a senator would be elected today, the lobbies and galleries of the house were again crowded at noon, when the fifth ballot of the joint assembly was taken.

The following pairs were announced: Bennett, republican, with Weisenger, democrat; Brown, democrat, with Hinson, republican; Gilman, republican, with Swinford, democrat.

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BROWN'S BATTLE FOR LIFE.

Iowa Farmer Engages in a Desperate Encounter with a Bloodthirsty Neighbor.

FLECKS Routed AFTER A HARD FIGHT.

Father and Son Attempt an Assassination but Meet Such Determined Resistance that Both Are Captured.

JEFFERSON, Ia., Jan. 27.—(Special Telegram)—About 10 o'clock last night John Brown, a respected farmer residing in Palon township, fifteen miles from Jefferson, heard a knock at his door and opened it only to look into the muzzle of a double-barreled shotgun.

At this point George Fleck, the 16-year-old son of the assassin, entered with a revolver in each hand and opened fire.

Here the scene changed. Jim Brown, a 17-year-old son, entered and, sizing up the situation, grabbed a stick of fire wood and a kitchen knife.

The Fleck's have a somewhat unsavory reputation and the elder is said to have sworn he would kill Brown or die.

Democrats and Populists Trying to Get Together.

KANSAS CITY, Jan. 27.—A Topeka Kan., special to the Times says: There has been a good deal of newspaper talk lately about a fusion between the democrats and populists this year, with George Glick as the candidate for governor.

How a Young Couple Were Enabled to Wed by Finding a Fortune.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Jan. 27.—(Special Telegram)—Kate Harting, a girl, who had been a hotel here, is in receipt of a check for \$48,000 from Fred Kerger, a sweetheart at Cripple Creek, to whom she became engaged while working in the kitchen of the Ute Park (Colo.) hotel last summer.

Editor Sues for Libel.

JEFFERSON, Ia., Jan. 27.—(Special Telegram)—John Dalton, editor and publisher of the Mansion Democrat, has commenced an action in the district court against John Light, a local attorney, alleging libel.

Shot Father and Son Fatally.

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Populist Meet Indirectly Causes a Double Murder.

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