

FILIBUSTERS NOW ON TRIAL

Men from the Ship Competitor Before the Court-Martial.

SPANISH PROSECUTOR TELLS OF CAPTURE

One of the Prisoners an American Citizen and Another Said to be Subject of the British Empire.

(Copyright, 1896, by the Associated Press.) HAVANA, May 8.—The trial of court-martial of the filibusters captured on board the American schooner Competitor of Key West, Fla., by the Spanish gubnet Mensajero, on April 22, began in the court of justice at the navy yard here shortly before 8 o'clock this morning as a tropical day shower was falling.

The court-martial was composed of Captain Emilio Ruiz, president, and Naval Lieutenant-Comandantes Saturnino Ponce, Antonio Martin, Penabilla Antonio, Perez Rendon, Eduardo Arias, Salgado Diego, Camino Soplitos, Jose Seviliano and Celso Caninas.

The prosecutor was Lieutenant Miguel Suarez. Before beginning their work the members of the court assembled in the chapel of the navy yard and reverently witnessed the celebration of mass, going thence directly to the court of justice, where many other officers had assembled. A guard of honor of the country soldiers then brought in the prisoners.

The first to enter the court room was Alfredo Labredo, who is classed as the head of the filibuster movement. Labredo came Dr. Elias Bedia, a man named John Milton, said to be a native of Kansas, William Gildea, said to be a British subject and several other persons.

The prosecutor opened the proceedings by describing in detail the capture of the Competitor. He said that Lieutenant Burton, commander of the Spanish schooner, was notified by some fishermen on April 22 last that a suspicious looking boat, apparently a pilot boat, was off Barrancas. The Mensajero was headed for the shore and when within hailing distance of the schooner, called upon her to show her colors.

The filibusters who were already on land, continued the prosecutor, opened fire on the schooner and caused it to retreat. The filibusters were killed by the rifle fire from the shore. Two of the latter were seen to go down and others may have been drowned. In addition two more of the so-called filibusters were killed by the rifle fire of the crew of the gunboat while trying to reach the shore.

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On May 6 the preliminary examination of the prisoners was ended and the case was taken to the superior court. Admiral Navarro, as the presiding officer of that court

SALISBURY PUT IN A CORNER

Transvaal Raid Made the Subject of Questions in the House of Commons.

MUST EXPLAIN THE SOUTH AFRICAN AFFAIR

Sir William Vernon Harcourt, on Behalf of the British People, Demands a Full and Free Statement of the Facts.

LONDON, May 8.—The House of Commons was crowded this afternoon and the peepers' gallery was packed, this gathering of interested people being due to the fact that the speech of the colonial secretary was to be taken and that it was to be made the occasion of an important exchange of questions and answers upon South African affairs.

The liberal leader, Sir William Harcourt, asked the government to make a statement regarding the raid on the Transvaal. In so doing he said that the opposition did not desire to unduly pressure the government on this important matter, but they thought the time had now arrived for the House to be informed of the government's intention in the case. The responsible directors of the British Chartered South Africa company at Cape Town and Johannesburg, he said, the authors of the raid on the Transvaal were Sir William Harcourt. The government, the speaker claimed, was responsible for the acts of the Chartered company before the nation and the world.

Continuing, Sir William Harcourt remarked that the partisans of the company were trying to pass off on the credulity of the House a very singular and untrue story. He asked to protect the people of Johannesburg against outrage. But he could not think of anything more revolting than the exchange of telegrams, which showed the true aspects of the affair.

Sir William Harcourt then proceeded to analyze the telegrams exchanged between Cecil Rhodes, Governor of the Cape, Alfred Beit, Lionel Phillips, Dr. Jameson and others just previous to the invasion of the territory of the South African republic.

Later the opposition leader eulogized the promptness, decision and courage of the secretary of state for the colonies, Mr. Joseph Chamberlain, and dwelt upon the course of the Chartered company, declaring that it had compromised Great Britain's reputation.

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THEFTS TO BE EXTRADITED

Pair Who Stole the Burden Diamonds Coming Back.

LONDON JUDGE DECIDES AGAINST THEM

Earnest Efforts of their Counsel to Upset the Case Prove Futile, but an Appeal May Be Taken.

(Copyright, 1896, by Press Publishing Company.) LONDON, May 8.—(New York World Cablegram—Special Telegram.)—Sir John Bridges formally committed Dunlop and Turner for extradition this morning. Turner will appeal, and the American police officers will have further experience of the English law's delay. An appeal need not be lodged for fifteen days.

Three-quarters of an hour before the case opened today, Mr. and Mrs. Burden and Mr. Lindsay occupied the counsel's box. Later in the back of the court was filled with relatives of the two prisoners, including Dunlop's father, a well dressed, white-haired old man, who had come from Ireland. The prisoners were very nervous, and when asked questions, said "yes" when they meant "no," and "no" when they meant "yes."

Mr. Chamberlain evidently felt the gravity of his position and his speech lacked its usual decisive ring. He betrayed his uneasiness when he dwelt on his subjects' PLANS WERE ALL MADE.

The Berlin correspondent of the Daily News says: The Neuw Nachrichten, which was always well informed as to the intentions of the German government, has stated that Germany of Dr. J. W. Loeb, secretary of state of the Transvaal, states that President Kruger possesses a proclamation of the reform committee. In which Charles Phillips state secretary, John Hays Hammond was to have become attorney general. The revolution failed because the Johannesburg did not get their rights from Mr. Rhodes. The expression, "meeting of shareholders" in the cryptogram referred to a meeting projected for January 5 at Johannesburg in England.

Mr. Chamberlain was generally condemned, his past services must not be forgotten. But for Englishmen like Rhodes, English history would be much poorer, and the British dominions would be much smaller. (Applauded.) Both the English and the American of the Cape, continued Mr. Chamberlain, thought Cecil Rhodes the greatest benefactor the colony had ever had. He was powerless to prevent the course which had been taken and could be moved without the authority of the government's own officers, and they were ready to give President Kruger any reasonable guarantee.

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SPANIARDS GET AFTER MACCO

Insurgent General Forced Into an Engagement with Government Troops

HAVANA, May 8.—Word received from the Province of Ciego de Avila, that General Macco destroyed an insurgent camp consisting of 200 huts at Cauto Embarcadero. It is also learned that Colonel Tejeda in the Santiago zone, attacked the entrenched camp of Jose Maceo, which was held by numerous bands. The insurgents were disbanded, leaving ten killed. The troops overtook Maceo's rear guard, killing seven insurgents. Colonel Maceo fled to the mountains, where he was followed by the troops. Colonel Maceo encountered the bands of Vasquez, Clotilde and Galdia at the entrenched plantation of Sdadad and dispersed the bands. Ten were killed, while the troops had three wounded.

The campaign in Pinar del Rio has taken an active turn. General Ochoa, Captain General of Pinar del Rio, has ordered the General Almirante should be sent in person to Antonio Maceo. Complying with these instructions, General Almirante came up with Maceo at 3 o'clock in the afternoon. The insurgents made a firm stand and sustained the fire of the troops for five hours. Apparently the commander-in-chief, Colonel Valcaceres, joined General Almirante and the insurgents then began to move back, still stubbornly resisting the troops. The official report says the troops had seven killed and Captain Manuel Herrera and Lieutenant Isidro Santa Marina, Lieutenants Jose Maria and Carlos were severely wounded. On May 6 the column of General Inclan found several graves which had been dug by the insurgents, but it is not stated what the government does with the bodies of the dead and dressed many of the wounded at the Matanzas farm.

NEW YORK FAVORABLE CLEVELAND. New York Newspaper Man Interviewed in London on Politics. LONDON, May 8.—The Chronicle will print and extended interview with Joseph H. Pulitzer, the proprietor of the New York World, filling two columns of the Chronicle. Mr. Pulitzer gives a brief history of the events which led up to President Cleveland's election.

AMERICANS AT THE CAN'S CORONATION. LONDON, May 9.—The St. Petersburg correspondent of the Chronicle says: The United States government has authorized American subjects on the occasion of the coronation of the czar to conform to the customs of the host country. It is reported in the court that nothing must be worn defining any political position.

HOLMES GIVEN CHRISTIAN BURIAL. His Last Wishes in Fear of the Dissecting Table Are Respected. PHILADELPHIA, May 8.—The body of H. H. Holmes was taken from the vault in Holy Cross cemetery, where it had been under guard since the execution yesterday, and was lowered into a grave ten feet deep. The only persons present were Attorney Samuel Proton, Father McKelvie of the Church of the Annunciation, and an undertaker, besides the grave diggers. The body was placed in a coffin, which was then closed, and was buried in a vault. The body was placed in a coffin, which was then closed, and was buried in a vault.

STRIKERS AND THE STREET CAR COMPANY Far from an Agreement. MILWAUKEE, Wis., May 8.—The effort of the common council to end the strike of the Milwaukee Electric railway employees has failed and tonight the special committee appointed to mediate reported its inability to end the trouble. The company refused to recognize the union, re-appeal strikers to grant any other concession, and the union stood by its original demands. In the meantime the riotous demonstrations by sympathizers of strikers continued. Car and street cars were kept up and were out. About fifteen arrests were made today.

His Candidacy Affects a Bourgeois. BIRMINGHAM, Ala., May 8.—John Waldrop, who four months ago, while serving a term in Coalgubn penitentiary for larceny, organized a political party and endeavored to grant any other concession, and the union stood by its original demands.

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MISSOURI TOWN TO LOSE ONE OF ITS LARGEST PACKING HOUSES

Swift's Big Plant to Be Removed

Employees to Be Taken to Other Points at Which the Company is Now Operating—Driven Out by Strikes.

KANSAS CITY, May 8.—It is stated here tonight that on Monday next Swift and Company will shut down their big plant at this point for an indefinite period. Their plants have employment of 1,200 men, and in capacity ranks as second among the big packing establishments of Kansas City. It is intimated that the company's Kansas City office force will be retained, being given employment at Swift and Company's other establishments in Omaha, St. Louis and Chicago, to which places the present Kansas City business will be diverted.

While no one in authority at Swift and Company's offices here will so assert, it is credibly stated that the Kansas City plant is being closed down on account of troubles which have existed for many months between the packing companies, and the labor organizations, which control the men in their employ. During the past year and a half Swift and Company have had to contend with the worst of the strikes, and their men trimmers, their taggers, their butchers and their breemen. In every instance something has been conceded to the labor organizations. At the close of the strike, the packing companies in Kansas City have reached a point that the business done here can be diverted with profit to the other points at which the company is packing. On the other hand, it is intimated, the reported shut down in the result of an agreement among the several packing companies doing business in this city, and that it has been decided that the closing down of one big plant will have an effect of quieting the agitation now general among the labor organizations in the packing business. Armoured men at Armour's are making demonstrations against those which the Swifts recently conceded.

MEETING OF THE BOARD OF CONTROL OF THE RAILROADS. NEW YORK, May 8.—A meeting of the board of control, composed of the presidents of the railroads forming the joint traffic association, was held today. Little was done except to talk over the general railroad situation throughout the country. Commissioner Blanchard presided. Sir Charles Rivers Wilson of the Grand Trunk railway was among those present. Mr. Wilson's committee reported on the inspection of the railroad interests which he represents, and also as spokesman for a large number of shareholders of the Norfolk & Western and the Canadian Pacific railroads. The result of his visit was seen in the attendance of a representative of the former company at the meeting, and a letter from the latter, which was read, in which the latter expressed an ardent desire to co-operate with the roads in the joint traffic association in maintaining rates.

MADE A GOOD PAYING INVESTMENT. Hamilton Diston Took Out Half a Million Insurance Before Death. PITTSBURGH, Pa., May 8.—Hamilton Diston of Philadelphia, a few weeks before his death, had increased the amount of his life insurance \$500,000. A representative of the company that loses by the transaction was in the city yesterday and confirms this story. While apparently in the prime of health, he made the necessary application for the \$500,000 additional insurance. The application was accepted by the executive officers and referred to the trustees in Philadelphia. Mr. Diston, in the meanwhile, underwent the customary physical examination which insurance companies require before they will issue policies, "when the sudden demise of Mr. Diston occurred only a few weeks afterwards," "with heart disease, which had been afflicted for several years."

ALL OF THE BODIES RECOVERED. Death List of the Chinaman Horror Seems Complete. CINCINNATI, May 8.—The workmen have now so far removed the wreckage of the buildings destroyed by explosion on Monday night on Walnut street that it is apparent that no more bodies are to be found, although there have been rumors of several persons who were missing who might have been caught in the debris in different parts of the building, as well as on the sidewalk, and it is not likely that any one not connected with the places would be so negligent. The death list, therefore, will probably remain at eleven.

NEW YORKERS SAVED A WRECK. The Pennsylvania railroad at Jersey City were notified today that an attempt was made to wreck the first train from Philadelphia to New York. When near the station the engineer of the train saw obstructions on the track ahead and brought the train to a stop. The obstructions were found to be a pile of logs. The train was stopped and the logs were removed. The train then proceeded to New York. A negro, in custody at New Brunswick, accused of placing obstructions on the Pennsylvania railroad near Jersey City, was freed today.

YONKERS MINES IN LITIGATION. DENVER, May 8.—A suit involving Leadville mining property known as the Archer Consolidation, said to be worth \$200,000, was filed in the United States circuit court at Denver today. The suit is between the Denver Consolidation and the Leadville Consolidation. The Denver Consolidation is a mining company, and the Leadville Consolidation is a mining company. The Denver Consolidation is a mining company, and the Leadville Consolidation is a mining company.

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CLARK'S B. D. May 8.—A severe storm of a cyclonic nature passed over here last night. J. H. Lindland's house, twelve miles south, was taken up by the wind and carried to a distance of fifty feet and destroyed. There were ten persons in the house and Mrs. Lindland is reported killed, while other members of the family are more or less injured. Lightning struck in five places here and upward of two inches of rain fell in three hours.