

TRouble Ahead IN PORTO RICO.

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Former Secretary of State Riveria to Go to Washington to Demand a Civil Government for His People and to Urge the Withdrawal of American Troops.

(Correspondence of the Associated Press.) SAN JUAN DE PORTO RICO, March 16.—Munoz Rivera, until recently Secretary of State in the Porto Rican Cabinet and the most accomplished politician in the island, will leave here on March 10th for Cuba, where he will hold conferences with the Cuban party and then proceed to the United States.

It is known to a chosen few that Rivera will endeavor to effect an entente with the Cuban leaders, and will seek to unite his cause with that of the Cubans.

Frequent publication is made in the local papers of letters that pass between the two islands on the subject of American rule in Porto Rico.

The Porto Rican editors of Spanish tendencies and the followers of Munoz Rivera refer with sympathy to the Cubans, who, they say, look on as a united people for their independence.

Since his deposition from the Cabinet by General Henry, Riveria's party has been the object of a vigorous attack by the Radicals.

Heermido Diaz, the new Secretary of Justice, was appointed by General Henry as a representative of the general party and because of his relations with Riveria, whom the General desired to treat with consideration.

Three of the four newspapers of Ponce began a campaign of abuse against Diaz and the military government.

They were warned to moderate the tone of their articles, but the warning passed unheeded. One morning last week the citizens of Ponce missed their papers, and upon going down town found the offices occupied by American troops, who had been ordered by the district commander to take possession of the establishments.

The editor of one of the papers refused to submit to the officer who took possession of his office. In the altercation that followed the editor drew his knife. A soldier from Missouri, in the excitement of the moment, fired a shot with almost deadly effect upon the fighting journalist. It was some hours before the latter revived.

Many unfortunate collisions between drunken soldiers and natives have contributed to the undercurrent of bad feeling that runs among the lower classes.

In a recent trip around the island a general feeling of discontent and unrest was discovered.

There are a great many idle men over the island, and the army of attaches and hangers on that were a part of the Spanish system, and which occasioned an enormous burden for the taxpayers, are being discharged.

The prospect of building the remainder of the present railroad system by the French company is hailed with delight by the laboring men of the island.

A representative of the railroad has been traveling about the island recently preparing plans for the extension of the road.

Planters and laborers alike pray for the completion of the road. The company is anxious to complete the work and is now arranging some details with the local government. M. Charpentier, who has been here for several months studying this matter, will depart for Washington on Tuesday next.

He will urge upon the President and the Secretary of War a recognition of the contract and concession of the French company.

The new insular police have been organized, and employment will be given to more than 300 men, who will aid the army and the municipal police in preserving order. This body will be conducted on the military plans, and in many respects will correspond to the Guardia Civil of Spain and Mexico.

The politicians here are beginning to see that the firm and impartial method of the Governor General is a wise one. To clearly define his position, the following order was recently addressed to the municipalities, dated February 20th:

"Alcaldes and Councilmen are reminded that orders are issued to be obeyed. In one case the Alcaldes and Council resigned because they supposed they had received an order not agreeable to them. No order had been given, but if it had been and not carried out, the course of the Council would have been contemptuous and in defiance of authority, and other action would have followed instead of resignations being accepted."

"It cannot be too strongly impressed upon Municipal Councils that the interests of the municipalities depend upon their honesty, zeal and attention to duty. Without this, the people they represent suffer, and the progress of the island is held back. No more important body of men exists than the various councils, and the people should insist upon being properly represented by their best men and no others, and it should be considered an honor to hold such positions of responsibility."

"They must learn one lesson, however—that is, before they govern others or can give proper example to peo-

ple, they must govern themselves and obey promptly all legal orders, submitting for appeal any unjust ones, which will always be remedied. By command of Major General Henry. W. P. HALL, "Adjutant General."

THE CUBAN QUESTION.

This Government Will Deal Directly With the People.

WASHINGTON, March 16.—There has been further telegraphic correspondence between General Brooke and the Department regarding conditions in Cuba with the result that hereafter General Brooke will confine himself wholly within the terms of the resolution adopted by Congress before the war. No Government, organization or set of men will be recognized. The United States Government will deal directly with the people of Cuba.

It is regarded as important that the census which has been determined on should be taken so as to ascertain the resident citizens of the island. The Cuban Assembly will be dealt with as any other organization. If its sessions are peaceful and tranquil, it will be dispersed like any other disorderly body. If its meetings are harmless and amount to nothing more than the vociferation of men, no attention will be paid to it. If it gets in the way of the United States, in the preservation of peace and tranquility of the island, it must, in the language of the American police, "move on."

CONDITION OF CUBA VERY BAD.

JACKSONVILLE (Fla.), March 16.—William Willard Howard, General Manager of the Cuban Industrial Relief Fund of New York, passed through Jacksonville on his way north to purchase agricultural implements and seeds for the use of the industrial relief station, which has just been established at Guines, Cuba. He reports the condition of Cuba really worse than it was at this time last year, when he made his first visit to the island.

"The fields are vacant and the farmers idle," he said. "The people still remain in the towns and cities, and where army rations are issued to them. Our Government had done nothing to enable the farmers to resume the cultivation of their lands. The condition of the island is a reproach to the American people and a blot upon civilization. We are going to do something to improve that condition, and we invite all lovers of humanity in the United States to help us for the good name of the American flag. Money for organizing the fund should be work should be sent to the Continental Trust Company, 33 Broad street, New York, marked 'For the Cuban Industrial Relief Fund.'"

EX-SECRETARY SHERMAN.

He Is Reported to be in a Very Feeble Condition.

ST. PIERRE (Island of Martinique), March 16.—The condition of John Sherman, former Secretary of State, who is a passenger on board the American Line steamer Paris, now making a tour of the West Indian Islands, is no better to-day. Mr. Sherman's physicians look for a change this afternoon. He is very feeble.

WASHINGTON, March 16.—A telegram was received at the White House to-day from Colgate Herit, who is a traveling companion of ex-Secretary Sherman, dated at Port de France, island of Martinique, announcing that Sherman is suffering from an attack of pneumonia, and requesting that he be brought to the United States on a Government vessel. The message was sent to the Navy Department, and Secretary Long immediately gave necessary orders to comply with the wish.

It was found that Sherman's attack was just about due at Havana, and a cablegram was sent to that point to have the ship proceed at once to Kingston, Jamaica, to meet the Paris and take the patient off. Unless it is done Sherman must remain on the ship for several days, and the excursion which the ship carries must be abandoned. The Chicago is provided with medical officers, so that the patient will have the best of medical attention on his homeward journey. He will probably be taken aboard the warship Sunday or Monday, and should arrive at Hampton Roads in about a week. There he can be taken aboard one of the Potomac River steamers and brought to Washington without much inconvenience. No further news in relation to the case of Sherman has come to General Miles.

JOSEPH MEDILL DEAD.

Editor of the Chicago "Tribune" Passes Away in Texas.

SAN ANTONIO, March 16.—Joseph Medill, editor of the Chicago "Tribune," died here this morning at 10:30 of heart failure. He was conscious up to the moment of death, which he met with calm placidity. He said to his private physician, ten minutes before he died: "My last words shall be 'What is the news?'"

He came here three months ago for his health, and has been confined to his bed only five days. His grandson, Robert H. McCormick, was with him in his last moments.

His remains will be sent to Chicago at once.

Medill was born in New Brunswick in 1823. When he was 9 years of age his father moved to Ohio, where the son worked on a farm while acquiring an education. He subsequently studied law, and practiced for some time at Massillon. In 1849 he founded a Free Soil newspaper at Coshocton, and in 1852 established a Whig newspaper at Cleveland. In 1854 he became one of the organizers of the Republican party, and since that time has been prominent in its councils. He removed to Chicago, and in 1855 became one of the owners of the "Tribune." He was a member of the Illinois constitutional Convention in 1870, and the author of the minority representation clause, and in 1871 was a member of the United States Civil Service Commission. He was elected Mayor of Chicago in the same year, and later spent some time in Europe. On his return he purchased a controlling interest in the "Tribune," and has since been its editor-in-chief.

Chicago Democratic Nominations.

CHICAGO, March 16.—The Democratic city convention to-day nominated Mayor Carter H. Harrison to succeed himself. His running mates will be Adam Orfien for City Treasurer. Andrew J. Ryan for City Attorney and William Loeffler, the present incumbent, for City Clerk. The platform adopted steers clear of national issues, and the Mayor will stand on his record against the Allen bill and other street railway legislation.

BLOODY AFFRAY IN ARKANSAS.

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The Chief of Police, City Detective and a Police Sergeant Among Those Killed—The Shooting the Result of Feeling Growing Out of the Contest for Mayor of the City.

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Ed Spears was shot in the neck, and may die.

The shooting was the result of feeling growing out of the Mayoralty contest, which was under way here. The Sheriff was a warm supporter of the regular Democratic nominee, while Toler, Hart and Goslee were supporters of the opposition candidate. Feeling ran high, and early in the afternoon shots were exchanged in front of the City Hall between the Sheriff and his son John on one side, and Sergeant Goslee on the other, but no one was injured.

After this both parties determined to have it out. This morning passed through Salida, and early this evening Colonel Macey has been warned by Inspector General Gardner, now at Lake City, against attempting to enter Lake City or Henson to-night, for fear of attempts to dynamite the train. A halt will be made somewhere this side of Hot Springs.

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UNITED STATES AND JAPAN. Extensive Changes in Their Relations Will Soon Begin.

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Similar treaties have been made by Japan with most of the other first-class Powers. The essential feature is to give Japan a more modern national instead of imposing the restriction

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The Storm Has Visited All Sections of the State.

A Generous Rainfall Throughout Southern California.

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This city was visited by a very heavy hail storm to-day. For fourteen minutes the stones came down in torrents and accumulated so fast that snow-balling was indulged in by the younger generation. The grain and remaining white for some time and the novel sight resulted in a cessation of business until after the storm had passed. No damage was done.

Weather conditions and general forecast. The following are the seasonal rainfall date as compared with those of same date last season and rainfall in last 24 hours:

Table with 5 columns: Stations, 24 Hours, Season, Last This Last. Rows include Eureka, Red Bluff, Sacramento, San Francisco, Fresno, San Luis Obispo, Los Angeles, San Diego, Yuma.

The weather is cloudy south of the Columbia River and west of the Rocky Mountains. Rain has fallen over the entire State of California and snow in Nevada. With the exception of the counties bordering on the bay, and Southern California, the rain since 7 a. m. to-day has been light. The rain will continue at intervals to-night and Friday. A portion of the storm has passed eastward through Central California during the day, and is now centred in Nevada.

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INCREASE OF WAGES.

Thousands of Workmen Will be Benefited by the Announcement.

CHICAGO, March 16.—Representatives of the Stove Founders' National Association and delegates from the Iron Molders' Union of North America held a conference here to-day and voted a raise of 10 per cent. in wages, which directly benefits 15,000 stove molders and increases the wage rolls of the big stove firms \$45,000 per week.

The molders said that they thought they should share in the general prosperity which they believed had struck the country and believed their wages should be raised 15 per cent.

It is stated that the example set by the makers of heating devices will be followed by machine foundries, who will grant higher salaries to the molders in their employ, swelling the number of men affected to 20,000, and increasing salaries to an aggregate sum of \$330,000 per week.

PHILADELPHIA, March 16.—Notice has been issued to the 3,000 employees of the Pencoyd Iron Works that an advance in wages will be made on March 17th.

COLORADO MINE TROUBLE.

Not Much Change in the Situation at Hanson.

DENVER, March 16.—So far as has been learned here the situation is not much changed at Hanson since last night. The armed mob still hold possession of the Ute and Utah and the Hidden Treasure mines, though no violence has been attempted upon either person or property. The troops which have been sent to Hanson are still there.

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SAN BERNARDINO, March 16.—Much needed rain began falling about 6 o'clock this morning, and has continued with intervals ever since. The grain and hay crop in this county will be greatly benefited by it, although much grain has been badly withered by dry weather and prevailing north winds. If the ordinary rainfall of previous years comes in April, there will be a fair crop of hay and grain. The mountain streams, sources of supply for fruit districts, have not been so low since 1876, but fruit ranchers and water corporations are supplementing the supply with winter irrigation and by developing new sources of supply. The usual crop of oranges and other fruits, except in localities that suffered somewhat last year.

STOCKTON, March 16.—Early this morning the weather clerk seemed to have made a last strong effort to give the country plenty of moisture, and the result was a heavy rain fall in torrents, with the result that the rain gauge recorded .62. The clouds began breaking to-day, and the storm, which came just in time to be of immense benefit to crops, seems to be over. Grain men say that the storm has suffered a considerable amount of damage to the county, and men in all lines of business say that it has been their salvation. Already money is loosening up. Word comes from the mining country along the mother lode that there is now plenty of water for the mills, and the storm will result in every mine starting up at once. Prospects in all lines of trade are very bright, and the indications are that the grain crop this year will be the heaviest known in a long time, if not the heaviest in the history of the county. While fruit has suffered considerably—apples and almonds chiefly—on account of the recent severe frosts, there are some localities where the damage has been but slight. Shortly before noon to-day the sky suddenly became overcast, and presently a terrific rain and hail storm ensued, lasting some minutes, during which time .06 of an inch of rain fell. The storm ceased as suddenly as it began.

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