THE SPANISH REBELLION.

Present Status of the Movement—The Deep-lying Causes That Have Given Rise to It.

[From the London Court Journal, Jan. 13.]

The attempts which have been made to fathom the meaning of the sudden defalcation (to use a mild word) of a portion of the Spanish army have not been very successful. We have heard the low murmurings of disontent for some time past, but were not prepared to learn, as one correspondent says, that the Spaniards are dancing on a volcano. It sounds big, though the metaphor is not quite complete, for a very peaceful dance on the sides of old Vesuvius has enlivened many a traveller. What is the political cause and object As far as we can understand the matter, the rule of the Queen of Spain is not menaced in a very decided way, though the Senate just points out bare possibilities in its address to the Queen, and would not have been guilty of the indiscretion of doing so assuredly had there been no cause. It says:—"The Senate, fulfilling the sacred duties incumbent upon it from its high political mission, and entertaining feelings of deep respect and affection towards the Queen, is confident that the government will preserve intact your Majesty's throne and the constitution of the State."

We cannot ignore, however, what all the foreign journals have assured us—that for some time past the sentiment of the majority of Spaniards towards their ruler has, from many reasons, been extremely unfriendly. But the great cause of the revolt lies, in our opinion, in another direction. In Spain the government of O'Donnell is accused of subjecting the public to petty tyranny. It has forbidden political discussion, and has subjected the press to unwonted oppression and punishment for the fair canvassing of public questions. We admit that other writers than ourselves merely find out that it is a little game of changing governments conducted on legitimate Spanish principles—namely, that of seizing a portion of the army and turning it against the former masters of the situation, who, when they see the chance lost, will forthwith retire and make way for the victors to assume the reins of power, swear allegiance to the Queen, and make better friends with the senators than the last government has been. The conclusion seems unwarranted, and, indeed, grossly absurd, that such a state of political warfare combined with military treachery can have become a rule, because, forsooth, in the case of O'Donnell versus Espartero of old, revolution of a part of the army led to no further disturbances than the change of Ministry.

Spain has fallen to a low state in the councils of Europe—low commercially, not perhaps intellectually, not perhaps politically; consequently that such a base condition of political internal life is the rule is utterly impossible to conceive. Hot and intemperate in their political doings as the Spaniards are, they would not permit themselves to be the tools of General Prim for such a paltry end, solely to secure his ambitious designs, and to make a change of power from the hands of conservative to liberal. No, there is a wrong somewhere; the people chafe under it. There is tyranny and dishonesty, and the Spanish soldiers, who are, be it understood, of a more enlightened class than the general run of continental soldiery, also fret under the bad order of things.

As long as Spanish leading articles, telegrams written under the authority of O'Donnell, and comments made by Spanish papers in his pay can keep up the belief that it is a mere personal struggle between Prim and O'Donnell, they will do so; and up to the present they have very successfully influenced English ideas, and turned the pen of the writers into one channel—that which gives the silliest and most senseless reading of the movement. In England political feelings have become lulled and dulled by long easy times, by an utter freedom from any yoke, by great and justified reverence and even real love for the ruler, and by the knowledge that if the country wishes it can right itself in a few hours from any law which may be felt oppressive, from any Ministry that may be obnoxious. We do not, therefore, understand foreign troubles quickly and rightly, but the like cause for obtuseness not existing in other lands, we are rather astonished, supposing the public writers have the courage to write, and the permission to write, that they have not stumbled upon a better solution of this sudden outbreak in Spain—an outbreak which is not confined to soldiery, is not confined to the immediate vicinity of the revolutionary General, but which is supported by an outburst of popular indignation in distant parts of Spain, and in the most enlightened places—the cities of Barcelona and Bayonne.

What may be the issue is impossible to foresee. Prim at the first was thought to be a madman to make such a venture, but as he has neither fled nor laid down his arms, the opinion is beginning to change. The accounts of the efforts of O'Donnell to catch and conquer the rebel are most absurd. Sancho Panza's genius seems to pervade the despatches of Concha and Zavala. The one sees his enemy through a fog, then it comes on thicker, and he loses him. The other General is sure that Prim is off to Portugal, and that he will not give fight, but he hears of him again as having been in the neighborhood, and will the next day take an early train and be after Prim, first sending a pilot engine; it may be presumed with the humane purpose of letting Prim know that a Royal General is after him, and he had better get out of the way if he does not like to fight. One engagement with glorious results is reported. The despatch says:—"This evening the Lieutenant of the Civil Guard, Ignacio de Rios, who set out for the Venta de Quesada with four horsemen, met a group of horsemen on the road, whom he charged, capturing one man. He declared himself to be a native of Madrid, but would say nothing more."

Mum's the word, and a very ridiculous issue of the charge of four men upon a party. Don Quixote also charged a travelling party in like fashion, and almost as absurd a disparity of force, and with just as ridiculous an issue. We are also told that Prim is worn out and dispirited, but has just sacked a little place, taking the military chest of thirty thousand reals. This is the condition of things at present. O'Donnell cannot despatch troops from Madrid to fight the rebels in superior numbers. O'Donnell is afraid of his troops at Madrid, and is obliged to coax them and to keep them prisoners, and we are told the aspect of the men caged up in the barracks, and looking out wistfully into the streets, is particularly ridiculous. Everywhere the troops have either to restrain the people, who are in superior physical force, or the soldiers have to be kept down to prevent their joining Prim. In the meantime that rebel can trot about in comparative security. The generals sent after him don't like the idea of catching a Tartar, and Prim, who is said to be adored on his ancestral estate, where he is, has unbounded roving ground, plenty of provisions, and friends and partisans in every direction. This is the exact state of things at present. It is a very equal balance, and we are quite as prepared to hear at any hour that Prim is overthrown as that he has conquered and is master of the situation in Spain. Most happily the revolt seems to leave the Queen's position undisturbed; but we repeat we cannot for one instant consent to the odd and ill-considered theory and views of our contemporaries in this country, and—to our foreign contemporaries, that this is a mere fight between two political chiefs for the reins of office, and that politics in Spain are conducted upon the insane principle that the soldiery's votes for O'Donnell are solicited, that the soldiery's votes for Prim are solicited, and that the majority of sabres and bayonets on one side will determine to which political victory is to be given. Something deeper than this lies at the bottom, and we feel assured that that something is restricted political liberty of person, of voice, and of writing, and tyrannical acts upon the part of the government as much as were it a revolution in any other part of Europe, which we know could and can alone be caused by such an oppressive state of things.

The Otero Murder.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

BARCELONA HOTEL, GREAT JONES STREET, Jan. 28, 1866.

In to-day's issue of one of the Sunday papers the reporter, commenting upon the demeanor of the murderer of Otero, makes it appear that Gonzales was an old associate of mine, and as the paper in question is not published until next Sunday, I cannot allow a week to elapse without contradicting such impression. I never spoke to Gonzales in my life, excepting when, as bookkeeper at the hotel, I presented him his bill, and during the trial, on which occasion I have acted as interpreter. Begging for your kindness to insert this in the HERALD, I remain, your obedient and most obliged, &c.,

JOHN F. SAMSONY, Bookkeeper.

MARRIAGES AND DEATHS.

Married.

ANCOTT—ENDICOTT.—On Wednesday, January 24, at St Paul's Methodist Episcopal church, by Rev. Dr. Andrews, of Stamford, Conn., JAMES H. ANCOTT, of Chicago, and MRS. E. L. ENDICOTT, daughter of George Andrews, Esqr, of this city.

HOWELL—WHARMON.—On Saturday, January 27, at the residence of Chas. P. Meade, Esq., 53 Jersey avenue, Jersey City, by the Rev. Wm. Day, L. J. HOWELL, Esq., of Richmond, Va., to MISS ANNIE M. WHARMON, of New Orleans, La.

GIBBS—STEWART.—In Brooklyn, on Thursday, January 25, by the Rev. C. C. Tiee, D. D., Mr. BERNARD GIBBS to MISS ANNIE STEWART. No cards.

KELLEY—HACKETT.—On Sunday, January 28, by the Rev. Father Farrell, of St. Joseph's church, JAMES KELLEY to ELIZABETH HACKETT.

Died.

BELL.—On Sunday, January 28, SAMUEL B., eldest son of Robert and Hannah Bell, aged 29 years, 1 month and 8 days.

The friends and relatives of the family, also the members of Ellsworth Hose Company No. 4, are respectfully invited to attend the funeral, from his late residence, No. 25 North First street, Brooklyn, E. D., on Tuesday afternoon, at two o'clock.

BISHOPRICK.—At No. 109 Elliott place, Brooklyn, on Saturday, January 27, at two o'clock P. M., ELIZABETH BISHOPRICK, wife of Henry Bishoprick, aged nearly 52 years.

The friends of the family are requested to attend a short funeral service at the house, on Wednesday afternoon, at one o'clock. The remains will be taken to Cincinnati, Ohio, for interment in Spring Grove Cemetery.

BOGART.—At Jamaica, L. I., on Sunday, January 28, after a lingering illness, GEORGE BOGART, aged 47 years.

The relatives and friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend the funeral, from his late residence, on Tuesday afternoon, at one o'clock. Trains by the Long Island Railroad at half-past nine and half-past eleven o'clock; also, by Brooklyn Central Railroad, at a quarter to nine and a quarter to eleven A. M.

BROWER.—On Saturday, January 27, CORNELIUS W. BROWER, eldest son of Ann and the late James Brower, aged 39 years.

The friends and those of the family are respectfully invited to attend the funeral, from his late residence, 159th street, between Sixth and Seventh avenues, on Tuesday afternoon, at one o'clock.

CRASBIE.—WILLIAM F. CRASBIE, aged 32 years.

The funeral will take place on Tuesday afternoon, at half-past one o'clock, from No. 327 Bowery.

The New York Young Men's Roman Catholic Benevolent Association.—Brothers:—You will meet at our rooms, No. 327 Bowery, on Tuesday afternoon at one o'clock, to pay the last tribute of respect to our late brother, William F. Crasbie. By order

JOHN A. SULLIVAN, President.

PATRICK TOBIN, Recording Secretary.

CUNNINGHAM.—On Saturday, January 27, KATE FRANCES CUNNINGHAM, eldest daughter of Mary and the late Daniel Cunningham, in the 19th year of her age.

The relatives and friends of the family are invited to attend the funeral, this (Monday) morning, at ten o'clock, from St. Patrick's church, corner of Prince and Mott streets.

CARNEGIE.—On Sunday, January 28, Mr. GEORGE CARNEGIE, a native of Ayr, Scotland, aged 66 years.

The friends of the family are respectfully requested to attend his funeral, on Wednesday afternoon, at two o'clock, from his late residence, No. 58 West Thirty-eighth street.

DAY.—On Saturday, January 27, at two o'clock P. M., GEORGE W. DAY, Jr., son of Geo. W. and Olive F. Day, aged 8 years.

The relatives and friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend the funeral, on Tuesday afternoon, at two o'clock, from the residence of the parents, 183 West Twenty-eighth street.

DECKER.—On Sunday, January 28, of inflammation of the brain, CLARENCE, second son of Matthew M. and Miranda Decker, aged 10 years and 6 months.

The relatives and friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend the funeral, on Tuesday afternoon, at one o'clock, from the residence of his parents, No. 3 Boorman place, West Thirty-third street, near Eighth avenue.

DEVLIN.—MARY DEVLIN, of consumption, aged 59 years.

The friends and acquaintances of the family are respectfully invited to attend the funeral from the residence of her son, James McWilliams, 503 Eleventh avenue, on Tuesday afternoon at one o'clock.

DONNELLY.—On Saturday morning, January 27, at her late residence, 135 East Forty-eighth street, JANE, relict of Colonel James Donnelly, in the 61st year of her age.

The relatives and friends of the family, and those of her sons, James, Frank C. and Thomas Donnelly, are requested to attend the funeral, from St. Stephen's church, East Twenty-eighth street, at half-past ten o'clock this (Monday) morning, when a solemn high mass will be offered for the repose of her soul, and from thence to Calvary Cemetery.

GHISELIN.—On Sunday morning, January 28, ELLEN GERTRUDE, infant daughter of Beverdy and Ellen Ghiselin.

The funeral will take place this (Monday) afternoon, at two o'clock, from 85 Hester street.

GIMARGO.—At his residence, Morrisania, Westchester county, New York, on Saturday evening, January 27, of disease of the heart, JOHN W. GIMARGO, aged 37 years.

The relatives and friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend the funeral services, from his late residence, this (Monday) afternoon, at half past 3 o'clock.

The remains will arrive in New York on Tuesday, at the Harlem Railroad Depot, Twenty-sixth street and Fourth avenue, at half-past 9 o'clock A. M., where carriages will be in attendance. The remains will be interred in Greenwood Cemetery.

Hilton Head, S. C., papers please copy.

HAGEL.—After a short illness, MARY E. M. HAGEL, aged 18 years, 8 months and 17 days.

Her funeral will take place from the residence of her parents, Fifty-fifth street, between Fifth and Sixth avenues, on Wednesday morning, at 10 o'clock.

Her friends and relatives are respectfully invited to attend.

HARRIS.—On Sunday, January 28, MARGARET HARRIS, in the 65th year of her age.

The relatives and friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend the funeral, from her late residence, 21 Worcester street, this (Monday) afternoon, at one o'clock.

HOWARD.—On Saturday, January 27, JAMES H. HOWARD, aged 32 years.

The funeral will take place this (Monday) afternoon, at half-past two o'clock, from the residence of his mother-in-law, Mrs. Glover, 229 East Thirtieth street. The friends and relatives are respectfully invited.

Ballston papers please copy.

KENWORTHY.—On Sunday morning, January 28, ELIZA FLORA, eldest daughter of Thomas C. and Eliza A. Kenworthy, aged 1 year, 11 months and 11 days.

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