

INSURGENT CUBA.

The Herald Mission to Cuba Again on Foot.

Captain General Ceballos Interviewed.

HE REFUSES A SAFE-CONDUCT.

A Passport All the Herald Commissioner Will Receive.

THE REST AT HIS OWN RISK.

Correspondence Between the Captain General and the Commissioner.

Spanish Dignity that Will Not Be Doubted.

A VEXED QUESTION.

What the Spaniards Say of Henderson's Hury.

WAS IT FEAR OF THE VOMITO?

Notes of the Voyage from Gotham to the "Ever Faithful."

HAVANA, Dec. 24, 1872. It is a rather novel sensation for the native of a northern clime to sit down on Christmas Eve with the thermometer among the oranges to record some few of his impressions of the voyage...

NEITHER MORALIZE NOR DISCUSS but endeavor to give the readers some faint notion of the trials and tribulations of a special correspondent. The City of Havana, advertised to sail precisely at three P. M., swung out into the river some half hour later...

INVALIDS GOING SOUTH as a last resort, and as their anxious friends bade them goodby, with words of encouragement and cheer, it was only too evident that there existed an underlying sentiment that they were taking an eternal adieu.

THE COAST OF CUBA looms up in the distance, seen vaguely through the morning mist. Over the dark, shadowy purplish outline of the coast rise immense piles of cumulus clouds, grand and impressive.

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An alarm of the officials happened to be at breakfast when we arrived there was plenty of time to enjoy all the beauties of the harbor, and it was nearly two o'clock in the afternoon when our permit to land arrived.

UNTIL THE OFFICIAL STORAGE HAD BEEN SATISFIED. Even a Spanish official cannot well remain at breakfast all day, so the looked-for permit arrived in its own good time.

THE PROW OF THE MAN-OF-WAR'S BOAT struck us on the quarter, heavily and made her reel. The lady of the party only escaped injury by jumping up from her seat just in time to escape being struck by the coaling prow.

VERY LITTLE EFFORT seems to be made by the Town Council to promote intelligent measures of sanitary reform. As a result of this indifference a considerable proportion of the population is swept off every year by the miasmata.

INTERVIEW WITH CAPTAIN GENERAL CEBALLOS. It was not, however, fortunate in its results, as His Excellency politely but firmly refused to grant me the safe conduct extended to the HERALD's late commissioner on the island.

LETTER TO THE CAPTAIN GENERAL. TO HIS EXCELLENCY, THE CAPTAIN GENERAL.—YOUR EXCELLENCY—The gracious reception accorded to me on the occasion of my first interview with your Excellency, and the kindly sentiments you were pleased to express, encourage me to request that you will reconsider your refusal to grant me a safe conduct.

STOPPING MY FEELER PASSAGE through the disturbed districts. In fact, such a recognition of my position as a neutral as would prevent my being mistaken for an emissary of the insurgents in case I should encounter outlying parties of the Spanish troops.

THE HONOR AND THE INTEREST OF SPAIN. It is impossible to ignore the fact that the civilized world desires to know how it happened that such a man as Mr. Henderson should be the author of such a course.

AN INDEPENDENT AND NEUTRAL JOURNAL should be placed before the world an unbiased statement of the Cuban question. The insurgents, through their sympathizers in New York, have already promised to the HERALD correspondent every protection and facility except to enforce their lines, and if the Spanish authorities refuse their part to allow the examination to be made, or if they throw obstacles in the way.

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TRAVEL THROUGHOUT THE ISLAND, as could be done by any Spanish subject or stranger; and be assured that you will not be molested nor will you trip be fruitless, as in our country you can acquire news relating to the rebellion by consulting the thousands of the surrendered who fight in our ranks or live quietly in their homes pardoned by the Spanish government.

TO, we can so-day maintain supported by facts. To a history of Mr. Henderson's expedition, General Riquelme, Colonel of the 1st Regiment of the 1st Division, and the President and members of the Spanish Casino, where Mr. Henderson was highly honored, gave him all kinds of assistance.

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the past few days among the slaveholders on account of the change of some of the portfolios in the Ministry of Zorrilla, but all four has been played since the following telegrams were interchanged, which are much of the same tone as others received on similar occasions.

THE PACIFIC SLOPE. Strike of Coal Miners—Heavy Slides in Oregon—A. H. HARRIS, Cal., Dec. 23, 1872. One hundred miners, of the Raymond and Elly mine, struck yesterday against ten hours' work. The shaft had been working eight hours a day.

OPENING A NEW RAILROAD. BUFFALO, N. Y., Dec. 29, 1872. On Saturday last about three hundred prominent business men of Buffalo left here on an excursion train over the Buffalo, New York and Pennsylvania Railroad to Emporium, Pa., to terminate the opening of the railroad to its termination at Emporium, a distance of 115 miles from Buffalo, eighty-five of which has been completed since May, 1872.

FIRES YESTERDAY. The Destruction of One Day—Five Congressmen—The Red Fly in Baxter Street—Last Night. At five o'clock last evening a fire broke out in the four-story building No. 29 East Twenty-seventh street, that caused a damage of \$2,000.

AN ALLEGED FORGER CAUGHT IN NEWARK. In the Police Court at Newark, yesterday, Andrew Neuninger was arraigned to answer a charge of forgery preferred by Lewis Strauss, a wholesale butcher, doing business at No. 45 South Orange avenue. According to Mr. Strauss' statement Neuninger, who formerly worked for him, forged his name to a check for \$400, and succeeded in getting it cashed by William Eberle, a butcher of Liberty street, within an hour and a half of the time the latter's mother died, and during his sorrowing retirement Andrew, as alleged, took advantage and perpetrated the forgery. He was fully committed.

A VALUABLE PROPERTY OF GUN COTTON.—A discovery of some importance has recently been made in regard to the properties of compressed gun cotton. The principal difficulty which has been encountered in its manufacture and which has had to a great extent checked the progress of its advancement as an explosive compound in Her Majesty's service, has been the extreme danger attendant on the process of drying it after leaving the hydraulic press. The lowness of the temperature at which gun cotton will explode renders it a most perilous substance to expose to heat. But the difficulty adverted to has been entirely overcome by the result of a series of experiments which has just been completed at the Royal Arsenal, Woolwich.

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