

# CUBAN REBELS VICTORS IN PINAR DEL RIO FIGHT

## INSURGENTS ROUT FEDERAL TROOPS

Guerra Drives Government Army Into Guanines in Decisive Clash.

Old Glory Protects Americans in Island—The Rebellion Cows Fast.

Rebels Defeated. Havana, Aug. 25.—A detachment of rural guards from Batabano had a skirmish this morning with a large insurgent band commanded by Colonel Asbut. The insurgents, who were encamped at a place called Rio Blanco, disband and fled, leaving four men dead and a dozen wounded on the field. Colonel Asbut is believed to have been slightly wounded. Two rural guards were wounded.

Havana, Aug. 25.—The expected engagement in the province of Pinar del Rio with the rebel leader, Pino Guerra, has taken place, and the government forces have been routed, according to a dispatch just received here. Colonel Estramé and his men were driven back into the province of Guanines. Details of the fight have not reached here, but it is said that the insurgents numbered 2,800 men and the government troops between 1,200 and 2,000, including militia companies enrolled in and near the scene of the engagement.

Old Glory, Americans' Shield. Orders for American flags to be used to protect the property of citizens of the United States in the province of Pinar del Rio are pouring in here. No word has come, however, of actual damage done by the rebel forces and it is thought unlikely that there are yet any grounds for American interference. Messages received here last night regarding the movements of the opposing forces said that Colonel Estramé was marching out from the city of Pinar del Rio to engage Guerra, who, it was declared, was planning to meet him with only one division of his troops.

May Have Been Feint. The rebel leader had sent a part of his followers, it was reported, to capture the town of Guanines, into which the latest news says the government troops have now been driven.

Whether Guerra's movement toward Guanines was a feint is not yet known. That town and the villages of San Juan and San Luis, which the rebels had already captured, lie within a radius of twenty miles of each other.

Rebels Are Powerful. A prominent resident of Havana whose word is beyond question, has returned from a three days' tour in the vicinity of San Luis and San Juan de Martinez. He declares that Pino Guerra's following in Pinar del Rio now is certainly from 1,500 to 2,000 men. He said the idea of his not having sufficient ammunition was ridiculous, and that he is abundantly supplied with every possible necessity. The behavior of his forces is excellent. This man said the insurgents had eight mules loaded with dynamite that they had received from supplies from unknown sources. He positively declared that fully a hundred members of the rural guard had deserted and joined the insurgents, and that the trouble began and that practically all Cubans in western Cuba were sympathizers with the movement.

Federalists Take Town. A force of government artillerymen under command of Captain Pujol has occupied San Juan de Martinez without resistance. This town was taken Aug. 23 by a band of insurgents operating under Pino Guerra. At San Antonio de los Baños, Havana province, and about twenty-one miles southwest of Havana city, a detachment of rural guards encountered a band of insurgents. Of the latter, two were killed, their comrades dispersing.

Rebel Armies Grow. Four insurgent parties are now in the field in northern Santa Clara province, numbering 500 men. On the south coast of the same province, there are several bands which aggregate 500 men. Insurgent bands are multiplying in Havana and Pinar del Rio provinces, many small parties having left Havana to join them. All are well armed and mounted. All the insurgents are reported to be mounted.

Rebellion Grows Fast. Havana, Aug. 25.—President Roosevelt can stop the revolution in Cuba in twenty-four hours. This is the declaration of the liberal leaders. They declared the "rebels" will lay down their arms if President Roosevelt will send a commission of disinterested persons to investigate the recent election.

The revolution is spreading. The people apparently are in full sympathy with it. President Palma is almost helpless. There is no confidence. Palma's ability to cope with the situation.

President Palma is almost a prisoner in his own palace. Only two members of his cabinet are standing by him. Font Sterling is secretary of the treasury and Rafael Montavo acts as secretary of state, second of justice and secretary of the interior. These three men constitute the government.

Prominent Men Rebels. Prominent liberal leaders even in Havana are openly announcing their adherence to the revolution—even giving interviews in the papers telling why they are rebels. Senator Morna Camps Marqueti, one of the liberals who have joined the revolutionists, says in an interview in the

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## LEADS WAR ON REBELS



GENERAL RODRIGUEZ, Commander of the Rural Guards, who is making a desperate effort to crush the rebellion in Cuba.

## LOVE TRAPS THIEF WHO FOILED POLICE

Boy, Safe in Europe, Returns to See Girl and Is Arrested.

New York, Aug. 25.—Louis Mochorosky is in jail today charged with stealing \$5,000 worth of diamonds several months ago. Mochorosky, who is but 17 years old, lead the police of many states of this country a vain chase and then went to Europe. It was only love for a girl in Denver, whom he ventured back to the United States to see, which led to his arrest. The boy was employed by Isaac Wolf, a Bowery jeweler. One day Wolf missed a number of diamonds. Wolf remembered the clerk the evening before had helped him place in a safe the diamonds, and this coupled with his failure to report for work led the jeweler to suspect him. Detectives traced the youth to Philadelphia, Chicago and Denver. In the Colorado capital Mochorosky met the young woman, affection for whom led to his capture. From Colorado he went to Russia and Berlin. From the latter place the boy wrote her saying: "I took only my share of jewelry."

The Denver police were notified to keep a lookout for the missing boy. A few days ago he returned to Denver in a letter to his sweetheart's home. He was arrested and brought here.

## STILLINGS INDORSES SIMPLIFIED SPELLING

Oyster Bay, N. Y., Aug. 25.—Public Printer Stillings responded to the president's simplified spelling order in a letter of hearty indorsement, received here today. Mr. Stillings says he has no doubt that every department of the government having printing done in the government printing office will speedily adopt the recommendation of the simplified spelling commission. Mr. Stillings has appointed a commission to revise the "manual of style" of the big printery and says the 300 words which have been "reformed" will be included in the new manual. His letter will be sent to Professor Brander Matthews, chairman of the Carnegie committee.

## SHAH'S DEATH IS NEAR



St. Petersburg, Aug. 25.—The health of the Shah of Persia, according to competent advisers received here from Tehran, is the subject of greatest alarm. The Persian ruler was greatly enfeebled by a recent apoplectic stroke. In spite of the serious nature of the crisis through which Persia is passing, diplomats here are convinced that the demise of the shah will not be accompanied by a serious condition of the empire.

## 'BLACK HAND' BOMB IMPERILS 40 LIVES

Brooklyn Apartment House Is Shaken by Terrific Explosion Blamed to Feud.

New York, Aug. 25.—The lives of forty tenants of a big apartment house in Carroll street, Brooklyn, were endangered, and Vincent Christiano, an iron dealer, was seriously hurt by an explosion today, believed to have been caused by dynamite. The section where the explosion occurred is notorious for feuds and "Black Hand" outrages and today's explosion may be traced to these causes. Several persons in the house told the police they had recently received threatening letters. The explosion occurred in Christiano's store, which is on the ground floor. Its entire front is wrecked. Christiano, who slept in a rear room, was thrown from his bed. Windows for blocks were shattered and there was a partial panic among the residents.

## WICKED POSTERS ARE COVERED UP

Women of Lincoln, Neb., Win Fight Against Offensive Billboard 'Ads.'

Special to The Journal. Lincoln, Neb., Aug. 25.—The City Improvement society, an adjunct of the Lincoln Woman's club, has been declared a victor in its fight for the suppression of offensive advertising on billboards. For several weeks the Lincoln public has gazed upon glaring bill posters of a shapely maiden whose form is covered only by a thin gauze. The Improvement society leaders objected to the police, alleging that the posters were both vulgar and lewd. The authorities, however, permitted the display to remain on the billboards for four weeks. Then the ladies took the case before Mayor Brown. Today a head of bill posters was engaged in posting long strips of white paper over the offensive posters.

## TWELVE NEGRO SOLDIERS ARRESTED FOR MURDER

Fort Worth, Texas, Aug. 25.—Twelve negro soldiers, members of the Twenty-fifth infantry and an ex-member are under arrest at Brownsville, charged with murder and participation in the recent disgraceful riots in that city. Major Penrose, in command at Fort Brown, reported to the Washington authorities that he was unable to locate the men. Citizens of Brownsville are very indignant over what they term his false and misleading reports. The arrest of the negroes was brought about thru the work of Captain McDonald of the state rangers, who had no difficulty in locating and effecting their arrest. The rest of the negro troops were to have left Brownsville yesterday for El Reno, Oklahoma, but were held as witnesses.

## DEMOCRATS CALL FOR LOWER FARES

County Convention Adopts Municipal Ownership Platform Without Opposition.

## RESOLUTIONS INDORSE BRYAN AND JOHNSON

F. G. Winston Beats James Dwyer for Chairman—165 Delegates to State Convention.

Eight streetcar tickets for a quarter for school children. Six fares for a quarter for adults. Municipal ownership of the street railway system, gas and electric light plants. Indorsement of Bryan for president in 1908. Indorsement of Governor Johnson for re-nomination. These are the salient points of the democratic county platform, adopted at East Side Turner hall today. The resolutions passed are practically the work of W. H. Williams, state labor commissioner and candidate for the mayoralty nomination. They are radical in the extreme, going even further than the republican county convention did, and their adoption means that municipal ownership will be a prominent feature in the local campaign. Williams secured control of the resolutions committee by the election of F. G. Winston as chairman. James Dwyer was put up by Joseph Kiehl, the manager of the forces opposed to municipal ownership, and was snuffed under by a heavy vote for Winston. The chairman recognized the radical element with four of the five members of the committee, and the opposition practically said down. Williams has captured control of the county organization again, and they let Williams have the resolutions. Selected Delegates. Aside from the resolutions, the only business of the convention was the selection of 165 delegates to the state convention, which will be held at Chicago, Sept. 4. Ten of them will be named by Chairman Winston. The other 155 were chosen today. Called 'Em to Order. Alderman John Ryan, chairman of the county committee, called the convention to order at 10:40. There were things doing right from the jump. As soon as the reading of the call had been dispensed with, J. R. Corrigan and Joseph Kiehl jumped to the floor. The Hines faction has made a plea for harmony in order that the voters of Hennepin county might have a fair chance to pass on the issues this fall. Mr. Kiehl nominated James Dwyer. M. C. Brady seconded Winston, and declared that Dwyer ought to refuse a nomination. No man in the county has done more for the democratic party, he declared, than Mr. Winston. All Winston's Way. It was agreed to call the roll by wards, and the wards caucused to canvass the vote, while the leaders of the opposing factions hustled. The roll call was all Winston's way. Dwyer got the Third and Fourth wards but only scattering strength elsewhere. The vote was 282 for Winston and 123 for Dwyer. Some of the wards voted their full strength, the none had full delegations. Mr. Winston cheered when he was escorted to the platform. He said: "It does me good to see, after three

## RATE LAW 'JOKER' OIL TRUST BOOM?

Pipe Line Proviso May Entitle Standard's Employees to Free Passes.

Chicago, Aug. 25.—Despite the watchfulness of the administration in the fight for the new interstate commerce law at the last session of congress, a "joker" appears to have crept into the statute in the shape of a provision that makes it legal for any railroad to give free transportation to the officers, agents and employees of the Standard Oil company and to the members of their families. The "joker" crept into the new law by the provision which makes any person, person or corporation engaged in the transportation of oil by pipe lines a common carrier and then allows a common carrier to give free transportation to the officers, agents or employees of a common carrier, or the families of such, free transportation. If the railroads are disposed to give free transportation to the Standard Oil men, it will mean more to the company than all the rebates the government has thrown away. Hundreds of men are employed by the Standard who do nothing but travel about the country transacting the business of the concern.

## THREE DEAD FROM HEAT IN LOUISVILLE

Louisville, Aug. 25.—The thermometer reached 93 degrees at 11 o'clock today and three more deaths and one prostration from heat were reported.

# HIS GUESTS SLAIN BY A BOMB, RUSS PREMIER ESCAPES HARM

## VALPARAISO LOSS ECLIPSES FRISCO'S

Deaths and Property Damage by Chilean Quake Set New Record.

Santiago, Chile, Aug. 25.—A conservative estimate places the property loss at Valparaiso as a result of the earthquake and fires at \$200,000,000. The loss in the rural districts will be immense, as not only the residences of the landed proprietors, but the huts of the laborers have been completely destroyed. It is insisted here that the effect of the disaster in the number of deaths and the amount of property destroyed is probably greater than was the case in San Francisco. Heavy rains are still falling at Valparaiso making the misery greater. As the result of the splendid courage of the people and with the co-operation of the city government, Valparaiso will be rebuilt in a few years on finer and more beautiful lines than before the disaster of Aug. 16. All classes of the population are taking part in the work of repairing the damage.

## PREMIER, BOMB TARGET



PREMIER STOLYPIN, of Russia, whose villa was the scene of a terrorist outrage which fifty persons were killed or wounded.

## PLUNGES TO DEATH SEEKING A FLOWER

Noted Italian Pitches Over Precipice While Reaching for Edelweiss.

Journal Special Service. Milan, Aug. 25.—Sig. Michael Torracca, a member of the Italian chamber of deputies, probably the leading political journalist in Italy, was killed yesterday on Mount Anderberg, at Aigues in Piedmont, while making an ascent to gather edelweiss on the edge of a precipice. His foot slipped and he fell 650 feet.

## Another Climber Killed.

Interlaken, Aug. 25.—After a rope which held him suspended over a crevasse was cut and he had survived the fall, an amateur mountain climber cut his way almost to the top of Weisse Spitz, only to slip and fall again, this time to his death. Two school teachers were concerned in this latest Alpine tragedy. Herr Overbeck of Aix la Chapelle was the one killed; Herr Kupers of Bonn, the friend whose efforts at rescue failed.

## Falls to Save Friend.

Kupers was persuaded to cut the rope, and Overbeck fell. Kupers groped his way to safety and told some mountaineers of the plight of his friend. What happened in the meantime was learned next morning, when a relief expedition found Overbeck's body at the bottom of the crevasse. He had cut steps almost to the top of the peak. Then, with safety only a few feet away, he had slipped and fallen to the bottom.

## CHILD'S BODY FOUND, MURDER SUSPECTED

La Crosse, Wis., Aug. 25.—The body of an infant child was found in the La Crosse river today by George Wohlhoefer, who was rowing his boat upstream. The case is under investigation by the police and the district attorney. This may result in a charge of murder against local parties.

## DIES IN WHIRLPOOL RAPIDS.

Niagara Falls, N. Y., Aug. 25.—Martin Kane and H. L. McGrath, while boating in the gorge today, were caught by the current and carried thru the whirlpool rapids. Kane was drowned, but McGrath managed to swim to the shore.

## SEEKS TO SAVE SULTAN



PROFESSOR VON BERGMAN, Famous German specialist who has been engaged to treat the Sultan of Turkey. It is reported that the Sultan is on his deathbed.

## STOLYPIN'S VILLA A CHARNAL HOUSE

Terrorists' Mine Exploded During Reception in Russian Statesman's Home.

Hated Leader Unhurt, but Score of Guests Are Killed and Maimed.

St. Petersburg, Aug. 25.—Fifty persons, many of them prominent political and socially in the capital of Russia, were killed or wounded by a terrific explosion in the home of Premier Stolypin, while a reception was being held there today. Four revolutionists arrived at M. Stolypin's villa on Aplekarski island at 3:20 p. m. today in a coach. Two of them were dressed in the uniforms of gendarmes, the third was dressed as a driver and was on the box of the coach, and the fourth man was in private clothes. Premier Unhurt. Two of the men entered the villa under the pretext of making an important report to the premier, but they were not permitted to enter his office. One of the men threw a bomb into the reception room, and a terrible explosion followed. The house was nearly destroyed. The man who threw the bomb was killed, but the premier, who was in his office, was uninjured. Firemen who arrived on the scene immediately after the explosion, found a horrible scene. Many Mangled Corpses. Many mutilated corpses and a large number of wounded and mangled persons were lying around the spot where the bomb exploded. Among those killed was General Zameatin, who during the war with Japan was chief of communication. About fifty persons were killed or wounded. The two revolutionists who remained in the coach were severely wounded by the explosion of the bomb. General Zameatin was the premier's personal secretary. Colonel Stein was chief of police at the Tauride palace, where the lower house of parliament held its sessions, was also killed. Strict Penalties for Army. Repressive measures are now to be tried against the army as well as against the people. The emperor today issued a ukase increasing all along the line the penalties for the complicity of officers and men in political conspiracies against the state and insubordination of any kind. More important still is the fact that the discretion now permitted to military courts in the matter of sentencing of the penalties incurred by convicted men is entirely withdrawn. Sailors and soldiers henceforth know the immutable price of mutiny and treason. Parliament's Hands Tied. The emperor issued the ukase as a permanent law under the power of the fundamental law, excluding military laws from the competency of parliament. The Russia today announced that among the acts for the amelioration of the final adjudication of the whole subject by parliament will be authorization for the Jews to open private schools throughout the empire. Peasants Hang Spy. Tver, Aug. 25.—A government spy was captured and hanged yesterday in the neighborhood of the marsh where peasants workmen were holding a meeting. The country mansion of Prince Palandoff at Okoni, was set on fire by peasants last night. The princess was taken to escape and was burned to death.

## EFFORT MADE TO SAVE MRS. MYERS

Paris, Mo., Aug. 25.—Application for a writ of error to the United States supreme court in the case of Mrs. Agnes Myers, sentenced to be hanged Sept. 3, was made here today to Judge Brace of the state supreme court. If the writ is granted it will operate as a stay of execution. If it is refused the case will be taken direct to the United States supreme court.

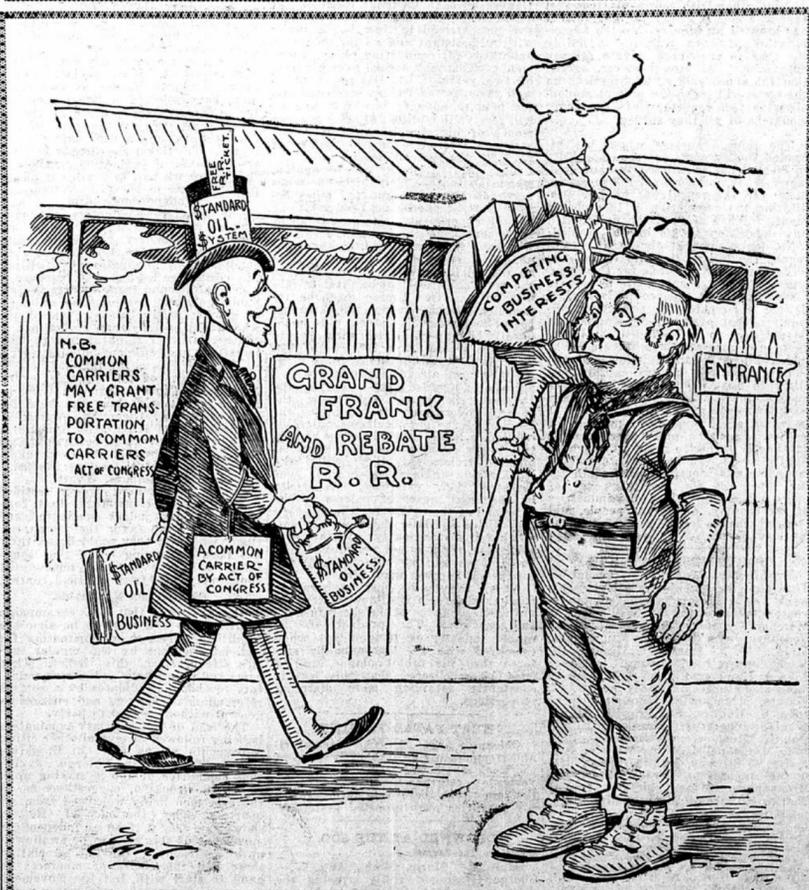
## KAISER GRANTS PARDONS

Lets Prisoners Free in Honor of Grandson's Baptism.

Berlin, Aug. 25.—The official Reichsanzeiger today published an imperial decree pardoning all persons convicted of lese majeste towards the emperor or any member of the royal family in commemoration of the forthcoming baptism of his majesty's grandson, who was born July 4 last, and will be baptised Aug. 29.

## SHUTS DOORS TO FIREARMS.

Washington, Aug. 25.—Mexico has decided to prohibit the importation of arms and ammunition into the state of Sonora, to prevent the hostile Indians in that state from procuring supplies.



DISCRIMINATION BY ACT OF CONGRESS. The Man with the Hod—Now I suppose the trouble with me is that I'm too darn common a carrier