

A STRAY SHOT

Reaches Correspondent Crosby's Heart

GEN. MACEO'S SUCCESSOR

FALLS INTO THE HANDS OF THE SPANISH

Filibuster Ruiz Fined Five Hundred Dollars and Sentenced to 18 Months Imprisonment

Associated Press Special Wire.

WASHINGTON, March 29.—The following dispatch was received from Consul-General Lee, dated Havana yesterday: C. E. Crosby of New York, representative of the Chicago Record, is reported killed while watching a combat between the Spanish and insurgent forces near Arroyo Blanco, close to the boundary of Pinar del Principe and Santa Clara. He came to the island January 30th.

Mr. Crosby was not an experienced newspaper man, but his energy supplied any lack on that score, and his correspondence, which was signed "Don Carlos," was of the best that came from the insurgent side. Crosby was of English birth and was educated from the celebrated military school of St. Cyr. He entered the French army and served in Algeria and elsewhere. Later he became a civil engineer and as such built a railroad in Mexico, in which country he resided for six or seven years. He went to Cuba as correspondent for the Chicago Record last winter, and at once went through the lines and cast his fortunes with the insurgents, not as a combatant but as a newspaper correspondent strictly. His work has been highly regarded.

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HAVANA, March 29.—According to private information received here from Santa Clara, C. E. Crosby, correspondent of the Chicago Record, was present at an engagement which took place recently at Arroyo Blanco, in the Sancti Spiritus district of the province of Santa Clara, between a Spanish force under Col. Arjona and a body of insurgents commanded by General Maximo Gomez.

Mr. Crosby was in the camp of the insurgents, from which place he was watching the fight through a fieldglass, when he was killed by a stray bullet fired from the Spanish ranks. Nothing seems to be known concerning the fate of his death in official circles.

ONA MELTON DYING

HAVANA, March 29.—Ona Melton, the American newspaper correspondent, who is confined with the Competitor's crew in Cabanas, is reported to be dying. A lady who went to Cabanas recently to see relatives incarcerated there, states that Melton is so weak that he is able to speak only in a whisper. He could not raise himself to the window without the assistance of his companion. Melton's cell is damp and foul-smelling. The occupant of the same compartment with Melton died with typhoid fever a few days ago.

Melton has had no medical attention and is now a mere skeleton. He told the lady mentioned above that he felt that his end was near and that he was fully resigned to his fate, preferring death here now to transportation in chains to a Spanish penal station off the African coast later on.

A SPANISH VICTORY

HAVANA, March 29.—Gen. Hernandez Velasco, continuing his operations in the hills of Pinar del Rio with troops under his command, was engaged yesterday morning at Cabazadas, Rio Honda district, with an insurgent force of 100 men under Gen. Ruis Rivera. The insurgents were dispersed and their position captured after hours of fighting. The troops captured a number of prisoners, including Maj.-Gen. Ruis Rivera, his chief of staff, Col. Bacallao and adjutant, Lieut. Terry. Gen. Rivera and Lieut. Terry were both wounded. Rivera, who succeeded Antonio Maceo in command of the insurgent forces of Pinar del Rio, is considered next in military importance to Gen. Maximo Gomez. The insurgents left ten men killed. The troops pursuing the enemy captured a quantity of arms, ammunition, dynamite caps, etc. The wounded had one man killed, Lieut. Wolgastrafen, and twenty-four soldiers wounded. Gen. Rivera and chief of staff, Col. Bacallao, were brought in prisoners at San Cristobal, Pinar del Rio, last evening. Lieut. Terry, adjutant of Gen. Rivera, who was made prisoner at the same time, died on his way to San Cristobal. He was wounded by the explosion of a Spanish shell during the engagement at Cabazadas.

RUIZ SENTENCED. BALTIMORE, Md., March 28.—Dr. Joseph J. Ruiz, convicted of filibustering, was sentenced in the United States court today to jail for eighteen months and fined \$50. Ball was refused pending an appeal.

GOMEZ LETTER. McKinley Asked to Protest Against Barbary. CHICAGO, March 29.—The Record tomorrow will contain a letter from Gen. Gomez, written to President McKinley and containing a copy of one written February 9 to President Cleveland. The Record's copy was sent by C. E. Crosby, the correspondent reported killed during a battle near Arroyo Blanco. The original letter to President Cleveland either went astray or was suppressed by the recipient. To President McKinley Gen. Gomez says: "In the field near Sancti Spiritus, March 1, 1897: "The Hon. William McKinley, President of the United States: Sir—Gen. Weyler has arrived in the district of Sancti Spiritus with a number of his army. He comes not to fight nor to oppose his strength to the forces with which I defend these parts, but as a sanguinary and cruel general, who will avoid combat and spread crime and desolation everywhere. He comes to murder the peasants in the fields, to kill the children and to drive our persecuted and out-

VASSOS' ACTS

In Effect a Declaration of War

THE IRISH MEMBERS CHEER

WHEN THE ADMIRAL'S DISPATCHES ARE READ

The Insurgents Following Up Their Success and Turkey Mobilizing a Formidable Army

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LONDON, March 29.—Replying to various questions in the house of commons today, regarding the Cretan situation, the parliamentary secretary for the foreign office, Mr. George N. Curzon, said that the best answer to them was contained in the dispatches from the British admiral in Cretan waters, which he read. After reciting the known incidents of the attack and capture of Malaxa and the evacuation of the blockhouses, which, the admiral says, were due to the two cannon reserved by the Greek troops being operated against it, he said: "At this critical juncture of this great struggle have caused much pain to the heart of an old and unfortunate father, but nothing has made me suffer so much as the horrors which I recite unless it is to see that you remain indifferent to them.

"Say to the Spaniards that they may struggle with us and treat us as they please, but that the most respect the pacific population; that they must not outrage women nor butcher innocent children.

"You have a high and beautiful precedent for such action. Read the sadly famous proclamation of the Spanish General Balmaceda of 1869, proclaiming practically the reproduction of this war, and remember the honorable and high-minded protest that the secretary of state formulated against it.

"The American people march legitimately at the head of the western continent, and they should not longer tolerate the cold and systematic assassination of defenseless Americans, lest history impute to them a participation in these atrocities.

"I am a high example that I have indicated above. Your conduct, furthermore, will be based solidly on the Monroe doctrine, for this cannot refer only to usurpation of American territories, and not to the defense of the people of America against European ambitions. It cannot mean to protect American soil and leave its helpless dwellers exposed to the cruelties of a sanguinary and despotic European power. It must extend to the defense of the principles which animate modern civilization and form an integral part of its nature and life of the American people.

"Crown your honorable history of statesmanship with a noble act of Christian charity. Say to Spain that murder must stop; that cruelty must cease, and put the stamp of your authority on what you say. Thousands of hearts will call down eternal benedictions on your memory and God, the supremely merciful, will see in it the most meritorious work of your entire life. I am your humble servant.

M. GOMEZ

A SPANISH MUTINY. JACKSONVILLE, Fla., March 29.—Passengers arriving here from Havana state that a rumor is in general circulation there to the effect that the crew of one of the Spanish cruisers mutinied a few days ago and took possession of the ship, turning it over to the insurgents, who have already begun to make captures of small Spanish war vessels of the coast guard. The Spanish officials deny the story, but it has received corroboration from other sources.

HAVANA, March 29.—Gen. Hernandez Velasco left San Cristobal under secret orders at noon last Saturday, with the Castilla Reina battalion and two field pieces and pitched his camp amid the Brujitos hills. The insurgents attacked the regulars from the very outset of the advance. Yesterday the Spanish column marched upon Perico Poso, where Gen. Ruis Rivera awaited them in a strongly entrenched position.

Rivera opened fire immediately on seeing the head of the column. Lieut. Rio advanced with the extreme vanguard, Major Sanchez Dornal leading another division under the protection of a battery, which shelled the trenches held by Rivera, who was already wounded in the thigh.

One company of the Reina cavalry galloped forward, capturing the trenches and seizing as prisoners five men who lay severely mutilated by the shells. Col. Bacallao, on learning that Rivera had been wounded, hurried to the trenches and begged the soldiers to kill him. Bacallao and Col. Bacallao were taken into the presence of Gen. Velasco, who shook hands with Rivera and introduced him to the officers of his staff, giving instructions that the first thing to be done was to give him surgical attention. Lieut. Terry and Col. Bacallao were also wounded in a fight at the same place on the 15th inst.

Gen. Rivera, speaking of the Spanish soldiers, said: "They have treated me very carefully."

He complained much of the pain in his wounds.

Captain-General Weyler received the news of Rivera's capture at Cienfuegos, where the intelligence was loudly cheered. The captain-general is reported as "satisfied" with the result and has received cablegrams of congratulations from the Spanish minister of war and the Spanish premier, who congratulated him in the name of the queen of Spain.

Velasco will be honored with a title. Lieut. Perry died from his wounds. He was a naturalized American.

Sherman Still Sick. WASHINGTON, March 29.—Secretary Sherman, who is suffering with neuralgia rheumatism, affecting his legs, was not at the state department today, but was reported to be working on state matters at home. He hopes to be at his desk tomorrow.

WARLIKE WORK

LONDON, March 29.—A dispatch to the Daily Mail from Larissa today says that the soldiers there are being armed with rifles and ammunition. It is no uncommon sight to see lads of 13 and 14 fully equipped.

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The Helena Wins a Bounty—The Iowa Ready. NEW LONDON, Conn., March 29.—The new United States gunboat Helena left this harbor at 6:45 this morning for an official speed trial over a measured course in the sound. Helena succeeded in making 15.8 knots an hour over the entire course. This gives the Newport News Shipbuilding and Dry Dock company a bonus of about \$56,000, which in proportion to the contract cost of the ship is the largest bonus ever paid. The trial was satisfactory in every respect.

PHILADELPHIA, March 29.—The big battleship Iowa sailed at 6:30 this morning from Cramps shipyard for Brooklyn. The great sea-fighter was saluted by craft of every kind as she slowly floated down the Delaware river. She will go into drydock to have her bottom scraped and painted. At 4 o'clock Saturday afternoon the big vessel will sail for Boston where, on Wednesday, the official trial will take place.

SOPIA, March 29.—A semi-official statement is published denying absolutely the assertion attributed to Premier Deljanov, that Bulgaria and Serbia had entered into an agreement with Greece to the effect that so soon as the latter declares war against the Turkish government they will take action looking to the partition of Macedonia. The statement concludes: "The government adheres entirely to a peaceful policy and places the fullest confidence in

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