

ARE STILL FIGHTING.

A Colombian Force Had an Engagement With Liberals.

Government Troops Succeeded in Carrying the Entrenchments and Driving the Enemy Out of the Town.

Colon, Colombia, Dec. 17.—(Via Galveston, Tex.)—A schooner which has just arrived here from a town on the Caribbean coast called Nombro de Dies, brings the news that the Colombian government troops to the number of 70, who left Colon a fortnight ago for Viento Frito, had an engagement with the liberal forces at Nombro de Dies last Friday. The liberals numbered 250 men, chiefly recruits from along the coast. They were badly armed, the majority carrying nothing but machetes. They were fairly well entrenched, however. A bloody engagement ensued in which the casualties on both sides amounted to 18 men killed and 40 wounded.

The government troops succeeded in carrying the entrenchments and driving the liberals out of the town back onto the hills behind it. During the engagement the women and children of Nombro de Dies, together with the United States vice consul at Colon, Mr. Hyatt, and other foreigners, sought refuge on a small island facing the scene of the engagement. The government troops are now on their way back to Colon. The gunboat Gen. Pinzon, with 100 troops on board, left here Monday morning for Cocle, where the liberal forces are fairly numerous. She will fairly rid this part of the coast of liberal bands and will also be on the lookout to intercept Gens. Porras and Lorenzo should they attempt to reach any Atlantic port from which it is believed they would probably sail to Costa Rica in quest of reinforcements, ammunition, etc.

THE DANISH WEST INDIES.

They Will Soon Be Ceded to the United States Government.

Washington, Dec. 17.—As a result of the negotiations that have been in progress between Secretary Hay and Mr. Brun, the Danish minister, the last obstacles of substance to the preparation of the treaty of cession whereby the United States will become possessed of the Danish West Indies, have been removed. It is said that the points of difference have been adjusted in a manner to ensure the acceptance of the treaty by the United States senate, and it is even possible that the convention may be laid before that body before the holiday recess. The decision of the supreme court in the insular cases has made easier the preparation of the treaty on satisfactory lines, it is said.

THE MISS STONE ABDUCTION.

Efforts Are Still Being Made to Secure the Lady's Release.

Washington, Dec. 17.—Late advices received at the state department from its agents in Turkey show that they have not remitted their efforts to secure the release of Miss Stone and are again seeking to open up communication with the brigands, with probability of success. It is believed that the kidnapers at last have begun to realize that the sum of \$66,000 now in the hands of Mr. Dickinson, represents all the money that can be secured as ransom.

MRS. MCKINLEY'S CONDITION.

Relatives Have But Little Hope of Her Living Much Longer.

Chicago, Dec. 17.—Relatives of Mrs. McKinley have little hope of her living long, according to a statement made by Lieut. James McKinley, U. S. A., a nephew of the late president. Lieut. McKinley passed through Chicago in company with Gen. S. B. M. Young, the successor of Gen. Shafter, in command at the Presidio. Continuing the lieutenant said: "My aunt in Canton remains in about the same condition that she was immediately after the funeral of the president. There has been no improvement and there seems no hope of any."

Fire in a Female Institution.

Richmond, Va., Dec. 17.—The annex to the Lewisburg, Va., female institute, one of the largest Presbyterian schools in that state, was destroyed by fire Monday night. No one was hurt. The institution has over 100 boarding pupils. The pecuniary loss is not stated.

Sailed For Manila.

San Francisco, Dec. 17.—The transport Hancock sailed Monday for Manila. On board are 21 officers and 653 men of the 15th cavalry, seven officers, 360 recruits, three officers returning to duty, 19 lady passengers and six children, together with hospital corps and signal corps men.

Temporarily Given Up.

New York, Dec. 17.—Park Benjamin, president of the naval arch commission, which has charge of the proposed naval arch and water gate at the battery in this city, announced Monday that the project has been temporarily given up.

Luigi Storti Electrocuted.

Boston, Dec. 17.—Luigi Storti, the murdered of Michele Calucci, in Boston November 7, 1899, was executed by electricity at the state prison in Charlestown at 12:29 o'clock Tuesday morning.

ARGENTINE-CHILIAN TROUBLE.

Both Countries Making Preparations For An Armed Struggle.

Buenos Ayres, Dec. 18.—(Via Galveston.)—The status of the Argentine-Chilian question has not changed. Official circles hold to the belief that a satisfactory solution of the questions in dispute will not be long in presenting itself. The local news agency says it considers the negotiations already have passed their most delicate stage. It has been shown that the cause for war does not exist, though there may in some quarters exist a desire to provoke war.

Both countries, however, are actively preparing for an armed struggle. They are at the present moment in the state which immediately precedes war, and which is having a disastrous effect on the national finances. A decree just issued invites officers of the national guard to join the army "erves which have been mobilized. The work of arming the Argentine transports for war service has begun.

Dispatches received here from Santiago say a prominent official there has declared to his friends that the basis for a pacific and honorable arrangement between Chile and Argentina will be arrived at shortly, leaving the details to be settled later.

The Chilean answer to Argentina's reply to Chili's last note has not yet been received. Hope that the matter will be amicably arranged still prevails here. Senor Concha Subercaseaux, the Chilean minister to Argentina, is doing his utmost to this end.

According to the Tiempo no arrangement of the existing difficulties is possible, if Chili refuses to accept the modifications suggested by Argentina to the two important paragraphs in the original Chilian note.

The railroads of the country have placed 95,000 tons of coal at the disposal of the government. They have also offered to provide transportation facilities for 40,000 men as soon as the former are desired.

COLOMBIA AND VENEZUELA.

Active Hostilities Are About to Begin Between the Two Countries.

Washington, Dec. 18.—Semi-official advices received here indicate that active hostilities are about to begin between Colombia and Venezuela. The delay in proceeding to extremes has been largely caused by the lack of a suitable stock of arms and ammunition by the Colombian government. This is about to be remedied. The news that comes is to the effect that the British steamer Ban Righ, which recently excited suspicion by loading a large cargo of arms in European waters, supposedly intended for the Boers in South Africa, really was chartered by the Colombian government. She is now very near Colon and the advice is to the effect that when her cargo is distributed among the Colombian troops hostilities will begin between Colombia and Venezuela.

THE MINORITY REPORT.

Rr. Adm. Sampson's Attorneys Drawing Up a Protest Against It.

New York, Dec. 18.—Stayton and Campbell, attorneys for Rr. Adm. Sampson, are engaged in drawing up a formal protest against the minority finding of Adm. Dewey in the Schley court of inquiry. Mr. Campbell said Tuesday:

"We are preparing a brief and have until Thursday afternoon to file it. It is based upon the record of the court. Three times, in behalf of Adm. Sampson, there was a tender of evidence to show who was in command at the battle of Santiago. The court ruled that such testimony was inadmissible and the question was not gone into. As a matter of fact Rr. Adm. Sampson's flag was never down at Santiago, and he was in command of the squadron. The question of command at Santiago already has been passed upon by the court of claims, which awarded that honor to Rr. Adm. Sampson."

War Ships Arrive at Havana.

Havana, Dec. 18.—The United States battleships Alabama and Massachusetts arrived here Tuesday. The mayor of Havana and members of the municipal council met the vessels on a tug profusely decorated with Cuban and American flags and escorted them to their moorings.

Colored Cotton Pickers Frozen.

Helena, Ark., Dec. 18.—John Gray and Brugman Jarrett, Negro cotton pickers, were frozen to death near Trenton, their bodies being found Tuesday morning. Night overtook them on their way home, it is supposed, and they lost their way when the blizzard came upon them.

Many Cattle Died on Open Ranges.

Guthrie, O. T., Dec. 18.—Prominent cattlemen from the western part of the territory who are in Guthrie reported many cattle have died on the open ranges for want of food and shelter. The pasturages are short and covered with ice. Another week or cold weather will cause a loss of 50 per cent.

Mail Clerk Instantly Killed.

Marshalltown, Ia., Dec. 18.—Mail Clerk J. F. Carpenter was instantly killed, Engineer Ben Giles was severely injured and seven passengers slightly hurt Tuesday in a collision between passenger and freight trains on the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul railroad near Tama, Ia.

Prisoners Publicly Whipped.

Paris, Tex., Dec. 18.—At the term of the Choctaw district court at Alkchi three defendants, two men and a woman, convicted of different offenses, were publicly whipped.

CAPITAL AND LABOR.

Representative Leaders Hold a Conference in New York.

Plan to Harmonize Divergent Interests in the Labor World to Be Given a Thorough and Practical Test.

New York, Dec. 18.—The conference between the leaders of labor and capital closed Tuesday with a decision to give the plan to harmonize their divergent interests a practical test. It was unanimously agreed that the working details of the scheme shall be perfected by an executive committee of 36 to be chosen in equal numbers from the ranks of organized labor, the great industrial and financial leaders, and such of the public not identified with either of the other two interests.

In the afternoon Chairman Oscar S. Strauss and Secretary Ralph M. Sasley, with Archbishop Ireland, Senator Hanna, Ex-Controller Jas. E. Eckels, Samuel Gompers, President Mitchell of the United Mine Workers; Frank P. Sargent, of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen, and others who had taken part in the conference, met to select the members of the executive committee. After several hours of consultation the following names were announced:

To represent the employers and capitalists: Senator Mark A. Hanna; James A. Chambers, president American Glass Co., Pittsburg; Wm. H. Pfahler, president National Association of Stave Manufacturers; S. R. Callaway, president of the American locomotive works; Lewis Nixon, president and owner of the Crescent ship yard, Elizabethport, N. J.; Chas. M. Schwab, president of the United States steel corporation; P. P. Vreeland, president of the Metropolitan Street Railway Co., New York; Chas. A. Moore, president Machine Manufacturing Co.; John D. Rockefeller, Jr.; E. D. Ripley, president Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe railroad; Marcus M. Marks, president National Association of Clothing Manufacturers; Julius Kruttschnitt, general manager Southern Pacific railroad.

To represent organized labor: Samuel Gompers, president American Federation of Labor; John Mitchell, president United Mine Workers; Frank P. Sargent, grand master Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen; Theo. J. Shaffer, president Amalgamated Association of Iron, Steel and Tin Workers; James Duncan, secretary Granite Cutters' Union; Daniel J. Keefe, president International Association of Longshoremen; Jas. O'Connell, president International Association of Machinists; Martin Fox, president Iron Molders National Union; James E. Lynch, president International Typographical Union; Edward E. Clarke, grand master Brotherhood of Railway Conductors; Henry White, secretary Garment Workers of America; Walter MacArthur, editor Coast Seamen's Journal, San Francisco.

To represent the public: Ex-President Grover Cleveland, Archbishop John Ireland, Bishop Henry C. Potter, Charles Graniers Adams, Boston; Cornelius N. Bliss, ex-secretary of the interior; Chas. W. Eliot, president Harvard university; Franklin McCueghy, Chicago; ex-Controller of the Currency James A. Eckels; John J. McCook, a lawyer of this city; John G. Milburn, Buffalo; Chas. A. Bonaparte, Baltimore.

New York, Dec. 19.—The general committee which was chosen by the conference called to consider plans for healing the differences between the capitalistic and labor interests of the country organized Wednesday, elected officers and issued a general statement of its mission. Senator Marcus A. Hanna was chosen its chairman, with Samuel Gompers first vice chairman. It retains its connection with the National Civic Federation and becomes the industrial department of that organization. The statement which was issued expressed a determination to strive for industrial peace, to aid in establishing rightful relations between those who toil and their employers, to confer and advise with employers and employed when in conflict, to encourage agreements under which labor shall be performed and to arbitrate disputes when both sides to dispute shall ask for such mediation. A determination to avoid discussion of abstract industrial problems was avowed.

Ice in Florida.

Tampa, Fla., Dec. 19.—Although ice was reported within a few miles of this city Wednesday, and notwithstanding a light snowfall, the clearwater section, 30 miles from here, little or no damage was sustained by orange groves and vegetables in this part of the state.

Lord Roberts to Retire.

London, Dec. 19.—Vanity Fair says it hears on excellent authority that Lord Roberts, commander-in-chief of the forces, contemplates leaving the war office in April, and that he will be succeeded by the duke of Connaught.

Hotel Assignment.

New York, Dec. 18.—For the benefit of creditors Charles Jaimes, lessee of the Brevoort house, in Fifth avenue, and the Chastaigneray hotel in Madison avenue, has made an assignment. It is said that the assets will fully cover liabilities.

Rockefeller's Gift.

Chicago, Dec. 18.—The University of Chicago Tuesday was made the recipient of \$1,625,000 in gifts at the hands of friends of the institution. Of this amount John D. Rockefeller gave \$1,250,000.

SUCCUMBED TO CUPID'S WILES.

Engagement of Capt. R. P. Hobson and Miss Eleanor Ludlow Announced.

Springfield, O., Dec. 17.—Capt. Richard P. Hobson, of the Merrimac fame, has succumbed to the wiles of Cupid, and his engagement was announced Monday to Miss Eleanor Ludlow, one of the most beautiful young women in Springfield. Capt. Hobson attended the opening of the new Y. M. C. A. building in this city last fall and while here met Miss Ludlow, who was one of the company having charge of the arrangements for the opening. He has been a frequent visitor in this city since that time, and it was currently reported that he was engaged to be married to Miss Ludlow, but not until Monday was the secret given to the public.

Capt. Hobson arrived in this city Sunday and is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Miller, who gave a dinner Monday night in honor of the bride and bridegroom to be. Miss Ludlow is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Ludlow and is a niece of former Gov. Asa Bushnell. The wedding will take place in February.

Springfield, O., Dec. 18.—Miss Eleanor Ludlow, daughter of Charles Ludlow, a prominent citizen, and niece of ex-Gov. and Mrs. Bushnell, said Tuesday morning: "There is positively no truth in the report of the engagement of Capt. Hobson and myself. You will do me a favor to deny it, and you can not make the statement too emphatic."

SECRETARY HAY ACCEPTS.

Will Deliver the Address in Honor of the Late President McKinley.

Washington, Dec. 17.—The committee designated by the representatives of the two houses of congress appointed to invite Secretary Hay to deliver an address in honor of the late President McKinley, called upon the secretary Monday and secured his consent to perform this distinguished service. Mr. Hay said that while he would have preferred the invitation should be extended to some one else, he would accept because of a sense of duty and also because of the high honor the selection implies. No time for the ceremony was fixed.

GROUND TO PIECES.

Two Prominent Pittsburg Women Killed by a Coal Train.

Pittsburg, Pa., Dec. 17.—Mrs. J. Glover and Mrs. Jessie Powell, both prominent in church and social circles of Rosslyn Heights, were literally ground to pieces. They were returning from a literary tea at the house of Mrs. Dr. Husler, and just in front of their homes they stood on the westbound tracks of the Pan-Handle railroad to let a heavy coal train pass east. A light engine going west struck them, throwing them under the coal train. Their bodies were horribly mangled.

A DIABOLICAL DEED.

Negro Sets Fire to Little Girl's Clothing and She Burns to Death.

Athens, Ga., Dec. 17.—Lella Lambert, an 8-year-old child was burned to death at her home Monday night by an unknown young Negro boy whom she had allowed to enter the house to get warm, during the absence of her parents. When he started to leave he picked up a piece of paper, stuck it in the fire, placed the burning paper under the dress of the little girl and escaped from the house. The child attempted to extinguish the flames, but was unsuccessful. The police are making every effort to find the Negro.

DEATH OF GOV. GREGORY.

He Succumbed to Acute Bright's Disease at His Home in Wickford.

Wickford, R. I., Dec. 17.—William Gregory, governor of Rhode Island and Providence plantations, died at his home here Monday afternoon of acute Bright's disease, following a succession of illnesses. After an indisposition of nearly two months he returned to the state capital last Friday, and his death was the indirect result of a cold. Gov. Gregory was the first governor of the state to die in office for nearly a century and a half.

The Root-Quensberry Wedding.

Carrollton, Mo., Dec. 17.—Mrs. Anna Ray Quensberry, daughter of Robert D. Ray, formerly judge of the state supreme court, and Dr. Orin Root were united in marriage here Monday. Dr. Root is an only brother of Hon. Elihu Root, secretary of war, and professor of mathematics in Hamilton college, New York. Mrs. Quensberry was principal of the Carrollton high school.

State Officials Discharged.

Denver, Col., Dec. 17.—Attorney General C. C. Post, Secretary A. B. Gray, of the state board of assessors, and ten of the 13 members of the board were adjudged in contempt of the supreme court of Colorado; no punishment was inflicted, and they were all discharged.

Transport Warren Leaves Manila.

Washington, Dec. 17.—The war department is in receipt of a cablegram from Manila reporting the sailing of the transport Warren, December 15, with 756 short term enlisted men, and Gens. Robert P. Hughes and Fred Funston.

Sentenced to Death.

Peoria, Ill., Dec. 17.—Joseph Wadsworth Hinkle was Monday sentenced to be hanged on February 14, for the murder of his wife, Artie Hinkle. The condemned man stabbed her to death with an ordinary pocket knife.

CURED BY ST. JACOBS OIL.

Unable to Stand For Months Because of Sprained Ankles.

(From the Cardiff Times.) Among the thousands of voluntary endorsements of the great value of St. Jacobs Oil for sprains, stiffness, and soreness, is that of Mrs. G. Thomas, 4 Alexandra Road, Gelli, Yabrod, near Pontypridd, South Wales, who says: "It is with great pleasure that I add my willing testimony to the invaluable excellence of your celebrated St. Jacobs Oil, as experienced in my own case. I sprained both my ankles in walking down some steps so severely that I was unable to stand for several months. The pain I suffered was most severe, and nothing that I used helped me until I applied St. Jacobs Oil, when it immediately became better. I was in a short time able to go about, and soon after I was quite cured. I am now determined to advise all persons suffering from pains to use this wonderful remedy, which did so much for me. Mrs. Thomas does not enlighten us as to what treatment she pursued during the months she was unable to stand, and during which time she was suffering so much, but we venture to suggest that had she called in any well known medical man he would have at once have prescribed St. Jacobs Oil, for it has conquered pain upwards of fifty years, and doctors know there is nothing so good. The proprietors of St. Jacobs Oil have been awarded twelve gold medals by different international exhibitions as the premium pain-killing remedy of the world. The committees who made the awards were in each instance composed largely of the most eminent medical men obtainable. Mrs. Thomas evidently did not know the high opinion in which St. Jacobs Oil is held by almost every progressive medical man.

He Needed the Bath.

A certain congressman has instructed his outer to say to all undesirable callers that he is in the bath and cannot be seen. One day lately a constituent with a grievance to exploit called every day at the house, but no matter at what hour he presented himself he was invariably informed that the honorable M. C. was bathing. His last visit he timed late in the afternoon, but was again chagrined to learn that Mr. X— was in the bath. Whereupon the disappointed constituent wrote upon his card: "You may succeed, if you persevere, in getting your body clean these days, but if you should spend the rest of your life in a bathtub it would not purify your conscience or your political record."—N. Y. Tribune.

Largest in the World.

Walter Baker & Co., Limited, Dorchester, Mass., are the largest manufacturers of cocoa and chocolate in the world. They received a gold medal from the Paris exposition of last year.

This year they have received three gold medals from the Pan-American exposition at Buffalo.

Their goods are the standard for purity and excellence.

Flattery.

Miss Bragg—I met that wealthy Mr. Weston at the Cadley's last night. "As Nags—Did you, indeed?" "Yes. He sat next to me at dinner, and was pleased to remark upon my birdlike appetite." "Ah! Well, he's a good judge. He owns an ostrich farm, you know."—Philadelphia Press.

Best for the Bowels.

No matter what ails you, headache to a cancer, you will never get well until your bowels are put right. Cascarets help nature, cure you without a gripe or pain, produce easy, natural movements, cost you just 10 cents to start getting your health back. Cascarets Candy Cathartic, the genuine, put up in metal boxes, every tablet has C. C. C. stamped on it. Beware of imitations.

Protection.

"An indefinable sense of danger or of something dreadful about to happen is pursuing me," said young Mr. Dolley. "O, you're all right," replied Spatts. "Laws for the protection of lobsters will be enacted this winter. Cheer up."—Detroit Free Press.

The Handsomest Calendar

of the season (in ten colors) six beautiful heads (on six sheets, 10x12 inches), reproductions of paintings by Moran, issued by General Passenger Department, Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railway, will be sent on receipt of twenty-five cents. Address F. A. Miller, General Passenger Agent, Chicago.

Bill—"Old Skinfint says his first dollar was the hardest to get." Jill—"Yes; and the last is the hardest to give up."—Yonkers Statesman.

Failure is often caused by too long story telling.—Washington (Ia.) Democrat.

SASKATCHEWAN, WESTERN CANADA, IS CALLED THE "GARDEN OF EDEN."

By a Former Resident of Reed City, Michigan.

In a letter to the Reed City, Michigan, Clarion, Mr. James C. Armstrong, of Melford, Saskatchewan, says, writing on 27th May, 1901:

"This is a fine country for a poor man, as he can go out on the hay slews and cut all the hay he needs. He turns his cattle out on the prairie, and when he is not using his horses, he turns them out also. There is such an abundance of food, they never wander away.

"A lady, who has lived here eight years, told me that this was the original 'Garden of Eden.' I certainly would believe it, if we could only find the apple trees. But as it is, we have many varieties of fruit—strawberries, cranberries, saskatoons, huckleberries, red and black currants, dewberries, plums, red and black cherries, and red raspberries. All of these fruits grow wild. Then the flowers that dot the prairies, making them look like a real garden. We have eaten of the wild red currants, and they are equal if not superior to those grown in Michigan. We have sweet corn 7 1/2 inches high. As the western farmers are all done seeding, branding cattle and sheep shearing are now progressing. Wool is only five cents a pound, and many ranchers have on hand last year's clip. I inclose you a potato blossom, slice of new potato, which measured 6 1/2 inches when cut. This is no fairy tale, if we are so much farther than Reed City. It is all facts. Come up and see. This has been truly called the 'Garden of the West.' With fruits and flowers, lakes and streams, fish and fowl, beautiful rivers, tracts of timber and mountains, what more does a man want?"

Information concerning Western Canada will be cheerfully given by communicating with the agent of the Government of Canada, whose advertisement appears elsewhere.

False Hope.

Tess—I heard him say he felt rather enured because you left the gas turned low in the parlor when he called.

Jess—How foolish of him! One needs a dark room to develop a negative.—Albany Journal.

Persons contemplating a journey East or West should be careful that the rates paid for their transportation do not exceed those charged by the Nickel Plate Road.

This company always offers lowest rates and the service is efficient. Careful attention is given to the wants of all first and second class passengers by uniformed colored attendants. The dining car service of the Nickel Plate Road is above criticism and enables the traveler to obtain meals at from thirty-five (35) cents to \$1.00 but no higher.

The Pullman service is the usual high grade standard. Semi-weekly transcontinental tourist cars ply between Atlantic and Pacific Coasts. Confer with nearest agent of the Nickel Plate Road.

Newspapers that print love stories are not so good for pantry shelves; the girl putting them on always stops to read them.—Atchison Globe.

Piso's Cure is the best medicine we ever used for all affections of the throat and lungs.—Wm. O. Endsley, Vanburen, Ind., Feb. 10, 1900.

The more reasons there are why a man should save money the less likely he is to save it.—Atchison Globe.

To Cure a Cold in One Day Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. All Druggists refund money if it fails to cure. 25c.

The way to destroy courage is not to pluck it up.—Chicago Daily News.

PUTNAM FADELESS DYES are the brightest, fastest and easiest to use.

Every man takes off his hat to a banker.—Atchison Globe.

Advertisement for Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound. Includes a portrait of Lydia E. Pinkham and text describing the benefits of her medicine for various ailments.