

WEYLER HAS FAILED

No Easy Task to Crush the Cuban Rebellion.

IS FALLING BACK ON ARTEMISIA.

Hundreds of His Troops Being Sick or Wounded—General Gomez Moving Into Santa Clara Province, With the Intention of Threatening Havana—Rumors of an Armistice—Other Cuban War News.

KEY WEST, Fla., Nov. 23.—Advices from Havana by the steamer Olivette confirm the statement that Captain General Weyler has utterly failed in his campaign against Maceo in Pinar del Rio province.

No exact news is obtainable in regard to the movements of Maceo, but reports received in Havana agree that the Cuban chief has divided his forces into numerous bands, which are continually harassing the Spaniards and inflicting considerable loss. Maceo has given strict orders for his men not to engage in a pitched battle, as the supply of ammunition is short.

Weyler's troops have suffered great hardships since the campaign was begun, owing to the bad weather and continual attacks of the insurgent bands. In consequence of the hardships of the campaign 1,700 sick Spanish soldiers have been sent to Camalana. Over half the members of Weyler's staff are ill and have been sent back to Havana. Weyler is falling back, and will establish headquarters at Artemisia.

The feeling is bitter in Havana against Weyler, because of his failure to crush Maceo, and it is openly stated that he will be succeeded by General Pando as soon as the latter arrives with reinforcements.

The outlook for Spain is considered most gloomy, and many Havana business men are openly saying that the mother country ought to let the island go. The insurgents are very active in the province east of Havana, and are steadily working their way westward.

A train which left Cardenas was forced to return because of the great number of insurgents crossing the track. These insurgents are said to be the advance guard of General Gomez, who is now reported in Santa Clara province with 14,000 men and steadily marching westward. It is believed in Havana that Gomez intends to effect a concentration of a large number of insurgents near Havana.

Reports received in Havana from Santiago de Cuba state that the town of Victoria de Las Tunis in that province is beleaguered by a strong force of insurgents. This is one of the most important places in the province, and the Spaniards have a great quantity of munitions and hospital supplies stored there.

SPANISH-CUBAN ARMISTICE.

Uncle Sam May Offer a Peaceful Solution of the Trouble.

NEW YORK, Nov. 23.—A special to The Herald from Washington says: "Appreciating that the return of General Weyler from his present campaign without making any headway against Maceo's force will greatly aggravate an already critical situation in Cuba, officials and diplomats in Washington, have been earnestly discussing for several days various plans for relieving the situation."

"The question of a Spanish-Cuban armistice has been widely discussed. If the conditions will admit, there is every reason to believe the administration will exercise its good offices to bring about an armistice in the event that affairs become more critical because of an unsuccessful campaign against Maceo."

"It is understood that one form of peaceful intervention which Consul General Lee has proposed to the authorities here contemplates the use of the good offices of the United States to bring about a modus vivendi for a sufficient time to enable negotiations to be conducted for securing the independence of Cuba by purchase, the United States guaranteeing the payment of the debt. General Lee has not advised the immediate adoption of this plan, believing there would have to be a change in the situation before it could be put into practical effect."

Wouldn't Convict Them.

NEW YORK, Nov. 23.—The jury in the case of Emilio Nunez of the Cuban junta and Captain Dickma of the steamer Laurada, who were accused of violating the neutrality in engaging in a hostile expedition to Cuba, reported a disagreement in the United States district court Saturday, and were discharged. It is understood that the jury, which was out all night, stood five for conviction and seven for acquittal.

May Return For His Health.

MADRID, Nov. 23.—While it is officially denied that Captain General Weyler will shortly return to Spain from Cuba, the semi-official Epoca admits that he will possibly return, "owing to the unhealthy season."

WEYLER INTERVIEWED.

These Dispatches Come From Havana and Are Spanish Censorship News.

HAVANA, Nov. 23.—The first definite news from Captain General Weyler since he has taken the field in person in Pinar del Rio was secured by the correspondent of El Liberal of Madrid in an interview with the captain general at Jaca, near San Cristobal Saturday.

General Weyler asserted that he was highly pleased with the results of his campaign in Pinar del Rio so far. He announced that he expected to remain

to conduct active operations in Pinar del Rio province for 15 or 20 days longer, adding:

"Wait until Christmas. By that date we shall have dealt a mortal blow to the revolution."

When asked about the whereabouts of Antonio Maceo, General Weyler replied that he was southwest of the railway line and that he always avoided an engagement with the Spanish troops even when he occupied an advantageous position.

In closing the interview General Weyler praised the deportment of the troops in his command. He also expressed delight with the success of Spain's internal loan.

Important news from the south coast of Pinar del Rio is now awaited in view of General Weyler's new movements in that region.

FIRST DEGREE MURDER.

William Haas, the Boy Murderer of Cincinnati, Condemned to Die.

CINCINNATI, Nov. 23.—William Haas, the boy murderer, who killed Mrs. Brader, the wife of a farmer at Covedale, a settlement back of Price Hill, last July, has been found guilty of murder in the first degree, the penalty of which is death.

This decision was handed down by Judges Evans and Wilson in the criminal court Saturday, they having jointly heard the evidence in the case, and fixed the degree of Haas' crime, he having entered a plea of guilty to the indictment for murder found against him.

There is a statutory provision in the criminal code of this state which provides that in case of a person coming into open court and pleading guilty to the killing of another, the presiding judge shall hear all the evidence in the case, and decide upon the degree of homicide he is guilty of. This provision places upon the presiding judge a responsibility crushing in its weight as an avalanche, and heavier to a conscientious man than a mountain of granite.

Judge Evans accordingly called to his assistant Judge Moses F. Wilson, and the two heard the evidence and together framed the verdict which will lead the youthful murderer to the chair at Columbus where death will come to him on the swift wings of electricity, as the result of his terrible crime.

In this Haas will have the distinction of being the first in this state to be executed under the legislative enactment doing away with hanging and providing for the infliction of the death penalty by the more modern electric chair.

FEAR ANOTHER BRITISH RAID.

France and Germany Alarmed Over a British Expedition in West Africa.

LONDON, Nov. 23.—A great deal of excitement has been aroused in West African circles by a mysterious expedition, which is being arranged by the Royal Niger company, which has massed 1,000 native troops at Lokoya, on the river Niger, and at Ibe, on the Benue, while about 30 British officers have sailed to take command of this force.

The trouble in the Empire Sokoloto, which is the largest and most populous in all the Soudan, and which is under the control of the Niger company, calls attention to the career of the remarkable negro adventurer Rabah, who, from being a slave of Zobeir Pasha, has become chieftain of the Central Soudan, having conquered sultanate after sultanate. He lives in barbaric splendor, and it is reported that he now intends to invade the empire of Kokoto, which, being within the British sphere, probably led to the formation of their expedition.

THE TOLLGATE RAIDERS.

Five More Poles Chopped Down in One Night in Kentucky.

VERSAILLES, Ky., Nov. 23.—Five more tollgates in Woodford county were chopped down shortly after midnight Saturday morning. At the gate on Troy turnpike, near Versailles, Allen Jeff, the toll receiver, was called out by the mob, which demanded that he furnish the axes for the lawless work. Jeff was warned not to put back the pole under penalty of death.

Every effort is being made to capture the raiders. The authorities are at work on several clues, which, it is thought, will lead to the arrest of one or more of the guilty parties. A reward of \$3,000 has been posted for the arrest of the raiders. All the turnpikes have resumed the collection of toll, and several of the officials are receiving communications in consequence.

WILL REQUIRE A REQUISITION.

Detectives Clark and Bevin Not Willing to Go to Williamson, W. Va.

WILLIAMSON, W. Va., Nov. 23.—Detectives Clark and Bevin were expected here today to answer for the killing of Anderson and James Mounts last week while the former were attempting to arrest Anderson Mounts.

Owing to the feeling against the officers by the friends of Mounts, neither of them would leave Pineville, Ky., and cross the state line. It was decided to secure requisition papers at Charleston tomorrow on the governor of Kentucky, when the officers will be brought here for a preliminary hearing.

Lorena, the 2-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Rogers of Quincy, Ills., while playing with her 5-year-old cousin, Nellie Reddick, was struck by a knitting needle in the hands of the latter, inflicting a wound which caused death. The needle penetrated the base of the brain.

On Island creek, W. Va., Mrs. Cynthia Belcher, widow, was awakened by persons attempting to enter her house. She fired two balls from a Winchester through the front door, and the robbers made a hasty retreat. They were tracked more than a mile by bloodstains along the highway.

BRIDGE WENT DOWN

Hayride Party Meet With Death and Disaster.

A DOZEN YOUNG PEOPLE INJURED

Horses, Wagon and Occupants Fell Fifteen Feet into Six Feet of Water—Not One of the Party Escaped Injury—One of the Victims Dead and Others May Die. Names of the Injured.

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., Nov. 23.—A party of a dozen young people who left Ensley City early Saturday night in a wagon for a hay ride had their merriment transformed into death and disaster before they had proceeded a mile on their journey.

Ten days ago a new bridge was completed across Village creek near Ensley City. While crossing this structure it gave way, precipitating the wagon and its load of human freight 15 feet below into the water. Not a person in the vehicle escaped uninjured.

William Shannon, aged 20, was hurt about the head, which caused concussion of the brain, from which he died yesterday.

Miss Margie Hartigan was seriously injured about the head, and her back was sprained. It is feared she will die.

Charlie Earns had his scalp cut open for two inches and received internal injuries which may result seriously.

C. L. Shannon, head badly cut. G. G. Campbell, horribly bruised about face and body.

Ed Blackburn, arm broken. Samuel Brown, leg and head cut. Miss Ella Jones, cut and bruised in head and shoulders.

Miss Lulu Williams, bruised. Miss Annie Williams, face badly cut. Miss Nellie Blackburn, bruised. Eph Bowie, colored, driver, back sprained.

The cause of the accident was that the stringers of the bridge were too short and by constant jarring they gradually worked off the sills. The jar of the wagon caused them to fall, letting the entire span down.

The water in the creek was six feet deep, so that but for the timely work of those least injured, the young ladies and those most seriously hurt would have drowned.

The coroner is investigating. There is talk of suits for damages against the city.

WELL KNOWN ACTOR DEAD.

W. A. Mestayer Dies in New York After Several Months' Illness.

NEW YORK, Nov. 23.—After several months' illness, W. A. Mestayer, the well known actor, died Saturday night of Bright's disease. Mestayer was a man widely respected by the theatrical profession of the United States. After several years' good work at the California theater with the late John McCullough he came to New York under an engagement with E. E. Rice and played under his management in all the principal burlesques produced by that manager for several years.

Mr. Mestayer wrote, in conjunction with James Barton Key, "The Tourists in a Pullman Palace Car" which made him quite a fortune. This piece was followed by other works including "We, Us & Co.," "Tobogganing" and "The Grab Bag."

About 10 years ago Mr. Mestayer married Theresa Vaughn who has been fulfilling an engagement at the Boston museum. She arrived in this city last night.

The funeral services will be held in the "Little Church Around the Corner."

HUMAN HOLOCAUST.

Five Children Burned to Death While Their Parents Were at a Dance.

HAMILTON, Mo., Nov. 23.—Five children of Mr. and Mrs. Snyder Neal, living five miles north of the city, were burned to death late Saturday night. The Neal dwelling was burned while the parents were attending a dance. When they reached the burning building the father saw his 11-year-old girl lying, burning, in the front door, clasping her 3-year-old brother in her arms. The flames prevented rescue. The father fell in a swoon and has been a raving maniac ever since.

Nora, 9 years old, is the only survivor of the fire. She says that the children at home, Callie, 13; Hattie, 11; Willie, 7; Clarence, 5; Julian, 3, and herself retired at the usual hour in an upstairs chamber. The next she knew the fire was coming through the floor and the building was enveloped in flames. She says that all six were aroused. She rushed to a second story window and jumped to the ground, calling to the others to follow, as the fire had cut off escape by the stairway. It is thought the fire was caused by an incendiary.

CHURCH FRACTIONS FIGHT.

A Pitched Battle in Which a Score of People Are Injured.

BAY CITY, Mich., Nov. 23.—The two factions which have been dividing St. Stanislaus Polish Catholic congregation for the past six months came together yesterday in a pitched battle, in which clubs and missiles were used and nearly a score injured. The church was crowded at 9 o'clock mass when the trouble began.

Fr. Bogacki, successor of Fr. Matkowski, the former priest, whose actions had divided the church and led to hostilities originally scored the anti-Matkowski faction for purchasing a cemetery of their own, saying they would be

cut off from all the offices of the church. After the services, when Fr. Bogacki started for his house, he was forced back into the church by the crowd. A squad of police tried to rush the priest from the church to the parsonage. A battle ensued, many heads were broken by the officers' clubs. The priest was pushed back and finally toward night was escorted away from the premises.

GEORGE W. G. FERRIS DEAD.

He Conceived and Built the World's Fair Famous Ferris Wheel.

PITTSBURG, Nov. 23.—George W. G. Ferris, who conceived and built the



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world famous Ferris wheel at the world's fair in Chicago, died at the Mercy hospital in this city at 11 o'clock Sunday morning of typhoid fever. His illness has been brief and it was only Friday that he was taken to the hospital. The attending physicians say his system was greatly run down by overwork. His wife came here from Canton, O., Saturday that she might be with her husband in his dying moments.

George Ferris was born at Galesburg, Ill., Feb. 14, 1859. When very young the family removed to Carson City, Nev., and it was there that the young wheel builder spent the years of his early boyhood. In 1876 he came east. He began a course at the Rensselaer Polytechnic institute of New York city in that year. In 1881 he graduated with high honors. In 1883 he accepted a position with the Louisville Bridge company of Louisville, Ky.

It was while with that company he first visited Pittsburg. He came here to superintend the construction of the structural staff to be used in the Louisville and Nashville railroad bridge at Henderson, Ky. After the completion of the contract Mr. Ferris engaged in the inspection of structural work on his own account.

In 1887, while pursuing that vocation independently, the firm of G. W. G. Ferris & Company of Pittsburg was established. The concern still exists.

In 1886 he was married to Miss Beatty of Canton, O. It was in 1892 that Mr. Ferris conceived the idea of the wonderful Ferris wheel that has attracted the attention of all the people of the world, and which will go down in history as one of the greatest wonders of the century. The monster passenger wheel, conceived by Mr. Ferris, was built under his personal supervision in this city.

ARBUCKLE'S REMAINS.

Funeral Services Held in New York, but the Burial Will Take Place in Denver.

NEW YORK, Nov. 23.—The funeral services over the remains of Frank P. Arbuckle, the millionaire mine owner of Denver, who was found dead last Thursday morning on Eighth avenue, took place yesterday in St. Chrysostom's Protestant Episcopal chapel.

Rev. Thomas H. Sill, the rector of the chapel officiated, assisted by the Rev. Dr. Rich, pastor of the church of which the deceased was a member in Denver.

The services were simple and brief. The more elaborate services will be held in Denver when the remains reach there.

Mrs. Arbuckle, who arrived in this city early in the morning accompanied by the nephew of the deceased, Robert I. Porter, was present. Richard Arbuckle, the dead man's brother, and Colonel and Mrs. Frederick Feige, whose guest Mr. Arbuckle was during his stay here, were also in attendance.

After the services the remains were placed in the receiving vault of the chapel and will be taken to Denver later in the week by the widow and relatives.

TOWN COMPLETELY WRECKED.

Hamilton, Washington, Entirely Destroyed by the Recent Flood.

SEATTLE, Wash., Nov. 23.—Probably the town in Skagit county to suffer most by the flood of the Skagit river was Hamilton. The town is a complete wreck. The big brick store building of Barker & Fontaine is a heap of ruins and the goods are buried under the fall of the walls.

Everything is in a horrible shape. The streets are washed out, sidewalks gone and the town is filled with trees, stumps and rubbish. No lives were lost.

The water was in every house in the lower part of the town and some of the people were prisoners upstairs until Sunday noon, when they were taken off in boats.

The track of the Seattle and Northern railway between Wooley and Hamilton had been almost completely destroyed and it will probably be two weeks before the road is in good working condition again. The loss to up river ranches will be heavy as considerable stock was lost.

Ingersoll Not Dangerously Ill.

NEW YORK, Nov. 23.—Colonel Robert G. Ingersoll, who suffered from an attack of sciatica during a recent trip through Illinois, reached his home in this city yesterday. His doctor informed him that rest is all that is needed to bring him back to perfect health. In order to obtain perfect quiet, Colonel Ingersoll has canceled all of his lecture engagements.

A man should never lose his temper, for the reason that he is very apt at such a time to tell his friends the truth.—Acheson Globe.

AN OCEAN DISASTER.

Steamer San Benito Wrecked Off the Pacific Coast.

FORTY-FOUR MEN ON BOARD.

Five Drowned, Thirteen Saved and Twenty-Six Are Still in the Rigging of the Wrecked Vessel—A High Sea Raging and a Rescue Impossible at This Time—Names of the Drowned.

POINT ARENA, Cal., Nov. 23.—The steamer San Benito, bound from Tacoma to San Francisco, went ashore seven miles north of Point Arena Sunday morning. The steamer struck on a sandbar and broke in two. The San Benito carried 44 men, and during the severe storm Saturday night must have lost her bearings. The wind blew terrifically and a heavy sea was running. The vessel struck about 1 o'clock in the morning and an hour later broke just aft the smokestack.

Boats were lowered but one capsized immediately with five men in it, four of whom were drowned. Another boat with four of the crew capsized nine times, losing two men. Three men, by heroic means, reached shore. Daylight found the rest of the crew clinging to the rigging. Such a heavy sea is running that it is impossible to render assistance.

The Drowned are:

- O. W. Scott, first assistant engineer.
- F. Condon, second engineer.
- M. Pendergast, fireman.
- John Sheridan, messenger boy.
- One seaman.
- Thirteen saved so far.
- Captain Smith and 25 others still in the rigging.

The steamer Point Arena reached the scene at 11 o'clock yesterday morning and sent out a boat and by great bravery and skilled seamanship rescued seven men, in making a second trip the boat was almost swamped and was compelled to abandon all efforts on account of the great breakers washing over the wreck. A sailor was washed overboard and reached shore almost dead. He was revived by a doctor on the beach.

At 4 o'clock in the afternoon a sailor jumped overboard and attempted to swim ashore with a line. The shoulder straps of his life preserver broke and the man went down.

Lighthouse Keeper Brown and an Indian named Larazus, William Comprey and Al Cunningham manned a boat and made two heroic efforts to connect the wreck with the shore with a line, but were unsuccessful.

The steamers Point Arena and Alcazar are off the wreck but can render no assistance until the sea calms.

Both parts of the ship are fast in the sand 50 feet apart. The sailors claim the accident was on account of the fog horn not blowing but the night was clear and the light could be seen many miles.

LAKE STEAMER BURNED.

After Five Hours Fighting the Flames the Crew Had to Abandon the Vessel.

HOGGTON, Mich., Nov. 23.—The steamer B. W. Arnold, on fire and abandoned by her crew, went ashore near the Salmon Trout river in Lake Superior Sunday morning. The Arnold left Duluth Thursday with a cargo of 800,000 feet of lumber, bound for Chicago, having in tow the schooner Mowatt, also lumber-laden. When off Ontonagon, Saturday, about noon, fire was discovered in the deck load in the forward part of the steamer.

The crew fought the fire bravely, and every possible effort was made to save the vessel. The work of the crew was ineffectual, however, and after five hours' battling with the flames, they were compelled to flee before the heat, which became unbearable. The crew then boarded the schooner, cut the towline and the burning steamer was allowed to drift away. She was owned by the Mills Transportation company of Marysville, Mich. Her valuation is placed at \$45,000.

KENTUCKY LEGISLATURE.

It Is Likely to Be Called in Extra Session by Governor Bradley.

FRANKFORT, Ky., Nov. 23.—Prominent politicians are visiting Governor Bradley daily with reference to calling an extra session of the legislature. The state affairs need legislation, but there is a division of opinion as to the effect of an extra session on the senatorship.

If no extra session is held Governor Bradley will appoint a successor to Senator Blackburn, March 4, to serve till the next legislature is elected. As the governor is prominently mentioned for the senatorship himself the situation is an embarrassing one to him. There are a half dozen other prominent Republican candidates and Senator Blackburn will continue to fight to the last, while the friends of Secretary Carlisle are watching the situation. It is the general opinion that there will be an extra session and that there will be another senatorial fight here this winter.

Eleven persons, members of the families of Lee Shaw and J. E. Fowler, were poisoned in Dickson county, Tenn., by eating poisoned souse meat which had been cooked in a brass vessel. Physicians had to work vigorously with the patients, and several of them are yet very sick and not out of danger.

Jeremiah Gallatin, a widower, who lives near Massillon, O., left home to engage some corn huskers. When he returned he found his domestic establishment absolutely bereft of furniture, carpets and food, and the only remaining vestiges were a few decrepit chairs.