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NAVARRO REPORTS WHIPPING REBELS

"Completely Routed," Says the Official Report.

MET SEVERE FIGHTING

Unofficial Advices State Federalists Are Beaten.

Statements Regarding Battles in Chihuahua Are Contradictory, but Belief Is that Insurrectos Have Had Better of Engagements—Madero Now "President" of Part of State on the Northern Border.

WHO'S WHO IN MEXICO?

Mexico City—Gen. Navarro reports officially that the rebels have been "completely routed."

El Paso—Mail advices say federal troops are "getting the worst of it" in Chihuahua.

Mexico City—President Diaz says insurrection is now well in hand.

La Junta—"President" Madero says rebels are steadily gaining strength in Chihuahua.

City of Mexico, Dec. 18.—Confirmation has just been received here of the two reported engagements in the state of Chihuahua, the first at Mal Paso and the other at Pedernales. Gen. Navarro has sent the following report to Gen. Hernandez at Chihuahua City:

"According to your instructions, I sent, on Friday, 475 men under Col. Aubert to take possession of Mal Paso to protect the arrival of re-enforcements from Chihuahua. The revolutionists, on the heights bordering the pass, began firing on the troops from all sides. At the same time other rebels made an attack on my own troops at Pedernales. I went immediately to the assistance of Col. Aubert, whom I found resisting the attack well. After a fight lasting two hours, we dislodged the enemy from his position on the hill. Afterward I returned with my own and Col. Aubert's troops to Pedernales.

"There the fighting was intense. The revolutionists numbered more than a thousand and were doing their utmost to keep re-enforcements from joining us. The fighting lasted six hours, and at the end of that time we had routed the enemy completely. They scattered in all directions, making for the hills.

Reports Rebels Killed.

"They left forty-four dead on the field. Doubtless many of their dead were carried away with them. Their wounded, who were numerous, were also carried away. We captured from the rebels thirty-three rifles, six of them Mausers, and much ammunition. We lost two officers and ten privates killed and one officer and twenty-six privates wounded."

Gen. Hernandez telegraphed to President Diaz last night that the troops had won another battle at Ranchovenegas. One soldier and many rebels were killed.

Much surprise is expressed here over the telegram of John Navarro on account of the large number of rebels he says took part in the recent battles. The government is continually trying to minimize the extent of the revolution, for which reason the report that the rebels numbered more than 500 is not generally credited. Gen. Navarro says there were more than 1,000 rebels in the battle at Pedernales.

DE LA BARRA INFORMED REBELS ARE DEFEATED

Senor Francisco Leon de la Barra, the Mexican Ambassador, received a dispatch last night saying that the revolutionists had been defeated by government troops at Pedernales, in the state of Chihuahua.

All organized opposition to the government, the dispatch said, had been broken up in Chihuahua. The rebels, the dispatch added, had scattered and are operating as bands of outlaws.

HERE'S WHERE THE REBELS HAVE THE BETTER OF IT

El Paso, Dec. 18.—That the Mexican federal troops are getting the worst of the fighting in the vicinity of La Junta and Pedernales, in Western Chihuahua, is confirmed.

Gen. Navarro and his men have been gradually driven back in the fighting

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GIRL'S HAT SET AFIRE.

Katie Burns Catches Lighted Cigar with Her Headgear.

Katie Burns, fourteen years old, of 748 Seventh street southeast, narrowly escaped serious injury yesterday afternoon when her hat caught fire from a lighted cigar and was burned. The girl was walking in Pennsylvania avenue, between Sixth and Seventh streets southeast, about 4:30 o'clock, when she heard a crackling noise over her head, and detected the odor of smoke. Putting her hand to her hat, she was astonished to discover the headgear was on fire.

The girl quickly pulled two large hat pins from the hat and threw it to the ground, standing by and watching it quickly consumed by the flames. It is believed a cigar thrown from an upper window fell on the girl's hat and fired the trimmings. She was unhurt, and returned home bareheaded. Police of the Fifth precinct were notified and made an investigation, but were unable to learn who had thrown away the cigar which caused the trouble.

If You Are a Late Sleeper and Have to go New York at night, take the Baltimore & Ohio Pullman drawing-room sleeper, ready at Union Station 10 p. m. You can sleep until 8 next morning.

INJURED WHEN BIPLANE FALLS.

C. GRAHAME-WHITE,
British aviator, holder of the Gordon Bennett trophy, who fell at Dover yesterday.

WEATHER FORECAST.

For the District of Columbia and Virginia—Rain to-day; to-morrow, generally fair and somewhat colder; moderate to brisk southwest to west winds.

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WED BESIDE COFFIN.

Sister of Electrocuted Man Insists Wedding Take Place.

Niagara Falls, N. Y., Dec. 18.—Pretty Leah Updyke, age nineteen, and Fern S. McCoa had planned that Saturday should be their wedding day, but when Miss Updyke's brother Roger was electrocuted in one of the local electrometallurgical plants and brought home dead, fears were entertained that the wedding might have to be postponed, as the dead brother was to be best man.

However, the electrocution was not permitted to delay the tying of the nuptial knot, as the bride believed could her dead brother speak he would say the original plan should be carried out.

So the wedding party gathered in the room of death, where, at the side of the coffin, the wedding vows were pronounced, the officiating clergyman nearly collapsing under the strain. In the afternoon the funeral of the dead man was held, the wedding party being among the mourners.

JUMPS TO DEATH.

Former New York Justice Leaps from Window.

Buffalo, Dec. 18.—Henry F. Allen, seventy-three years old, leaped from a tenth-story window in the Mutual Life Building here this evening and landed on the roof of an adjoining barber shop. His body was broken to bits.

He had suffered from nervous prostration for two weeks. Mr. Allen was born in Gowanda, and came to Buffalo thirty years ago and practiced law.

Gov. Cleveland named him to the State Court of Claims in 1883, and he served until 1890, when he came back to Buffalo and resumed private practice. He leaves a wife and two sons.

GRAHAME-WHITE FALLS WITH AERO

Aviator Seriously Hurt in Flight at Dover.

London, Dec. 18.—Claude Grahame-White had the closest call of his flying career to-day, when he fell seventy feet with his biplane, on the cliffs near Dover. His face was severely cut. He was taken to the Lord Warden Hotel, where for a while he was unconscious, having sustained concussion of the brain. He is better this evening and will probably recover quickly.

Grahame-White and other aviators have had their aeroplanes at Dover for some time, awaiting the cessation of the recent storms to try for Baron de Forest's prize of $20,000 for the longest flight, including a channel crossing. Grahame-White's machine alone escaped damage from last week's gale.

He took it out this morning to test it, with the view to starting for the de Forest prize if the weather was suitable. The aeroplane ascended smoothly, flew inland, and returned down the wind. Suddenly it made a rapid turn to the east, whereupon the wind seemed to overtwirl the machine, which crashed to the ground. Two doctors who happened to be in the crowd helped the aviator from the wreckage and rendered first aid. He was placed in an automobile, whence he waved his hand in response to cheers, but after he was placed in bed at the hotel he became unconscious.

Previous to the accident to Grahame-White, Sopwith, an Englishman, twenty-two years old and almost a tyro at flying, started from Sheppey for the de Forest prize. He crossed the channel and after covering more than 170 miles landed at Beaumont, Belgium, near the French frontier. He was favored by a northwest wind, which, however, so increased in strength later that it induced him to descend. Sopwith had no arrangement for tugs to follow him across the channel, being willing to take the chance of falling into the sea.

SETS AERO RECORD.

Farman Stays in Air More Than Eight Hours.

Paris, Dec. 18.—At Etampes, to-day, Henri Farman flew 463 kilometers in eight hours twelve minutes. He failed to beat Babuteu's distance in the Michelin cup contest, but he secured the time record for his flight.

WALSH ESTATE, $6,000,000.

Denver, Colo., Dec. 18.—Under a final agreement reached yesterday in the claim of the State of Colorado against the estate of the late Thomas F. Walsh, millionaire mine owner, the State will receive $60,000 inheritance tax.

The Walsh estate, according to inventory, is valued at about $6,000,000, of which $3,000,000 is affected by the Colorado inheritance tax law.

BLIND DEAF-MUTE SEEKS TO FURTHER EDUCATION

Sixteen-year-old Girl Has Large Vocabulary and Can Operate a Typewriter—State Asked to Aid Her.

St. Paul, Dec. 18.—Unable to speak, hear, or see since birth, Vera Mabel Gammon, aged sixteen years, of St. Paul, being instructed at the State School for the Blind, at Faribault, Minn., is looked upon by the State board of visitors as the "Minnesota Helen Keller." A bill will be presented to the coming State legislature asking for an appropriation of $1,000 to start the girl's education. Later $1,000 a year will be asked in the form of State aid.

Miss Gammon has been at the Faribault school but three years, yet she writes on the typewriter with skill, has command of a vocabulary of 3,000 words, and recently wrote an essay of 5,000 words.

The first day she went to school she had to be taught the words "call," "bear," and "doll," and it took all day to do it. She writes the hand of the blind and can distinguish speech by the lip movement method. She makes her own clothes, threads her own needle, and is skilled in fancy work.

Her sense of smell is something abnormal. Friends whom she has not seen for months are at once detected by her unusual powers in this line, and while passing down the street in St. Paul at the recent meeting of the educational association she correctly told the nature and business of every building which she passed solely and purely from her sense of smell.

IRISH FIT TO RULE, SAYS CHAMP CLARK

Pays Tribute to Celts in Big Meeting Speech.

CONDON'S DEEDS EXTOLLED

Representative Graham Lauds His Activity for Home Rule, and Pathetic Scene Ensues When Legislator Grasps Hand of Veteran Irish Patriot Once Sentenced to Death.

"The Irish have an active part in the governing of every other country on the fact of the earth, except their own, and I think the people who say that the Irish are not fit to govern themselves have only to look at the results that they are attaining to see their statements disproved. You will find the Irish among the foremost orators, statesmen, soldiers, musicians, and every field of human endeavor," said Representative Champ Clark, of Missouri, in his address at the monster meeting held under auspices of the United Irish League of America at the National Theater last night.

The meeting was held for the benefit of securing funds to carry on the fight in the British Parliament for home rule for Ireland, and was an enthusiastic assemblage.

Question of Religion.

The principal speaker was Representative James Graham, of Illinois, who gave a graphic account of struggles for freedom in Ireland, and said, in his opinion, the cause of much of Ireland's troubles is the question of religion.

A dramatic incident of the evening was when Representative Graham, in a burst of oratory, extolled the deeds of Capt. Edward O'Meagher Condon in the uprising in the mother country, and, after telling the audience of the sentence pronounced upon him by the British court at Manchester, and the words of Capt. Condon, "God help poor Ireland," walked across the stage and grasped the hand of the veteran Irish patriot. Long applause ensued.

Capt. Condon, who was convicted to die with Larkin, O'Brien, and other patriots in Manchester, and who was saved by the intervention of the United States government, told of the struggles of the Irish to regain their liberty, when he was one of the participants, compared with the mode of procedure now in vogue.

Their Aims the Same.

He also gave a brief resume of the events that have transpired since an armed resistance was last tried, and said that although the manner of getting freedom had materially changed, the aims were the same. As to whether the Irish were capable of governing themselves he said:

"The Irish have never interfered between God and man in relation to what manner he serves Him, and this, in my mind, is the highest test of their civilization."

President Gompers of the American Federation of Labor, gave an interesting address on the relation of organized labor toward the movement of home rule for Ireland. He said that the movement had the hearty sympathy of the labor of this country. The best champions in the English Parliament, outside of the Irish leaders, he said, were the forty-three labor members who formed part of that body.

Explains Leagues Purpose.

Michael J. Ryan, president of the league, who was to be one of the speakers, was unable to attend, owing to a death in his family. Thomas J. Donovan, chairman of the executive committee, was substituted in his place and gave a short address on the purpose of the league.

Music was furnished by Mrs. F. J. Rice, Miss Katherine Shaffer, and Mr. and Mrs. Thomas F. McNulty.

EDDY WILL STANDS.

No Contest Planned—Place of Interment Still Unsettled.

If there is to be any contest of the will of the late Mary Baker Eddy, former Senator William E. Chandler, of Vermont, counsel for the heirs of Mrs. Eddy, knows nothing about it. Senator Chandler does not believe that such a contest is in contemplation. Mr. Chandler said he did not think there was any fraudulent or wrongful statement made to the sons when the settlement was made, as has been intimated in some quarters. Mr. Chandler does not believe that the sons or their counsel saw Mrs. Eddy when the settlement was made.

Mr. Chandler said that he had full consultation last week with the Glovers and Dr. Foster—who are concerned as heirs—and with the children, but reached absolutely no conclusion on any point, not even as to the place of interment, which, they understand, it is the son's privilege solely to determine.

POKES GEM INTO TRAP.

Bank Teller, Washing His Hands, Almost Loses Diamond.

Chester, Pa., Dec. 18.—Arthur D. Anderson, receiving teller in one of the local banks, while washing his hands at home this morning noticed an obstruction poked through the wire screen leading to the waste pipe. He then discovered that the largest of three diamond settings in his ring was missing, one valued at $100.

He summoned a plumber, who found the diamond in a trap, after disconnecting the sanitary system and spending three hours in the search.

THREE FALL IN ELEVATOR.

Sixty-foot Drop Only Breaks Leg of One of Its Occupants.

Reading, Pa., Dec. 18.—Three men had a narrow escape from being killed when the friction brake of an engine operating an elevator for hoisting material at the new Berks County Trust Building failed to work.

The elevator dropped sixty feet like a streak, and the three workmen were rendered unconscious, but all escaped serious injury except Morris J. Seitzinger, who had a leg broken.

Mrs. J. E. S. Holland Dead.

Harrisonburg, Va., Dec. 18.—Mrs. J. E. S. Holland, age thirty, member of the prominent Rockingham family, died suddenly last night near Montezuma. She was a daughter of Daniel Shickes, and leaves five small children.

WIDOW OF DIPLOMAT.

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SENORA CRUZ,
Who is prostrated by the death of her husband, the Minister from Chile.

FOUR ELECTRIC CHAIRS AN AD. FOR EVANGELIST

Battle Creek, Mich., Dec. 18.—"It pays to advertise," is the new motto of Rev. Thomas McKinsey, blind street singer and former minister, who recently wrote to four governors of States where the electric chair is in vogue to grant him a ticket to the hereafter.

He no longer fears the poorhouse. He has resumed his street singing, and is doing a big business. The people flock around him in droves to see what manner of man it is who made that strange request of the governors.

BALDWIN DENIES RETURNING MAIL

Says Roosevelt Letters Were Opened and Read.

Baltimore, Dec. 18.—Judge Simeon G. Baldwin, governor-elect of Connecticut, who is the guest for a few days of Theo. Marburg, of this city, in an interview to-night denied that he had ever returned any of Col. Roosevelt's letters to him unopened.

"I wish to correct the statement that appeared in the papers recently, to the effect that I had returned some of Col. Roosevelt's letters to him unopened," said Judge Baldwin. "I have never done such an impolite thing and never intend to. I open all of the mail that is addressed to me and answer everything that needs to be."

"Have you answered any letters of Col. Roosevelt's?" he was asked.

"I do not care to say. Maybe I have and maybe I haven't," replied the judge. "The colonel has been quoted as saying that he has had communication with me since I was elected, but I do not think that I should say anything about that either."

"Has he written to you?"

"He has said so and I have not denied it."

"Will you deny it?"

"I do not think I had better, for it would not be a wise thing for me to do. Not that I fear an argument with Mr. Roosevelt, for I do not. But for certain other personal reasons, I do not think I will deny it just yet. In fact, I have said too much already. Maybe I will talk about Mr. Roosevelt and his communications that he has said he sent me some time later."

BANKER WALSH FAILING.

Leavenworth Officials Worried Over Prisoner's Condition.

Leavenworth, Kans., Dec. 18.—Maj. R. A. McClaughry, warden of the Federal penitentiary, when asked to-night as to the facts about John R. Walsh's condition, replied:

"Walsh is in such a condition that he may die at any time. Again, he may live half a dozen years."

It is said that Walsh is failing rapidly, and that he is not as strong as when brought to the prison.

ENDS HIS LIFE BECAUSE DEAF MUTES VISIT WIFE

Scranton, Pa., Dec. 18.—Adolph Saar, twenty-seven, of South Webster avenue, this evening quarreled with his wife over two deaf mute visitors, and then drove them from the house.

Going upstairs, he drank a quantity of laudanum. As that did not take effect quickly enough, he cut his throat with a razor.

With the blood gushing from the wounds, he then ran into the street and dropped dead.

Diplomat in Auto Mishap.

Paris, Dec. 18.—Col. Tirkoff, of the Russian embassy here, was seriously injured in an automobile accident to-day.

Reduced Christmas Holiday Fares Via Southern Railway.

SENOR CRUZ IS DEAD

War Ship May Convey Body to Chilean Home.

VICTIM OF HEART DISEASE

Funeral Services for Minister Will Be Held at St. Patrick's Church To-morrow—Many Diplomats Call at Legation to Extend Condolences—Wife Prostrated by Death.

Senor Don Alberto Yoacham, charge d'affaires of the Chilean Legation, expects to receive word from his government to-day as to whether he must accept the offer of this government to convey the body of Minister Don Anibal Cruz to his native land aboard a war ship.

The minister died of an acute attack of heart disease yesterday morning at 4 o'clock. Senora Cruz, a physician, and officers of the legation were at his bedside when the end came.

Funeral services will be held in St. Patrick's Catholic Church to-morrow. The hour has not been decided upon. After the services, the body will be placed in a vault until taken to Chile.

Came Here in 1907.

Senor Cruz was forty-five years old. He rendered conspicuous service to his country, and was regarded as one of her foremost men. He was a member of the Chilean Congress and minister of war. He came as minister to this country in 1907.

Last April he left his post temporarily to go to Buenos Ayres, where he was chairman of the delegation representing Chile at the Pan-American conference. The Pan-American Union probably will hold a meeting in this city to-morrow and pass resolutions of regret.

Many friends called at the legation yesterday. Among them were the Italian Ambassador, the French Ambassador, the Spanish Minister, and representatives of the South American republics.

Vacation Called Off.

Senor Don Yoacham will be in charge of the legation for the next few weeks. He had intended leaving Washington this morning for an extended vacation in South America, but has canceled all arrangements for the trip.

Senora Cruz is prostrated, this being the second death in her immediate family. Her uncle, the Chilean Minister to England, died two months ago.

SORE ARMS MAY BE NEEDLESS.

Thousand Vaccinated in Scare Due to Chicken Pox Case.

Wilmington, Del., Dec. 18.—Despite the fact that Dr. A. Robin, a specialist, on Wednesday declared that John W. Vernelson, an electrician employed at the Todd's Cut shops of the Pennsylvania Railroad, had the smallpox, County Physician Bastian to-day announced that the man was suffering merely with chicken pox. Vernelson was vaccinated at the County Hospital, where he had been taken, and the medical fraternity of the city is considerably worked up over the matter.

As a result of this scare more than 850 employes of the railroad company have been vaccinated, together with 200 pupils of St. Patrick's parochial school, who associated with a niece of Vernelson.

CHARLTON CASE UP TO-DAY.

Application for Writ of Habeas Corpus on Court Docket.

New York, Dec. 18.—The habeas corpus proceedings brought on behalf of Porter Charlton, with the object of preventing his extradition to Italy to stand trial for the murder of his wife, at Lake Como, last June, will come up before Judge Rellstab in the United States Circuit Court at Trenton, N. J., to-morrow morning.

Charlton will be taken from the Hudson county jail, in Jersey City, to Trenton.

Two Men Crushed to Death.

South Bethlehem, Pa., Dec. 18.—Christian Karl and Ladislaus Hachkewicz were instantly killed at the Bethlehem Steel Works when two heavy casks filled with sand fell upon them.

ISLAND SINKS

Disappears Into Sea After Severe Quakes.

DEATH TOLL HEAVY

More Than 150 Persons Said to Have Perished.

FEW FAMILIES RESCUED

Following a Series of Violent Earthquake Shocks, Island in Center of Llopango Lagoon, Off Costa Rican Coast, Is Swallowed by Sea—Inhabitants Sound Guns and Give Other Distress Signals, but No Aid Could Be Given by Boatmen on the Mainland.

Port Limon, Costa Rica, Dec. 18.—At least seventy families, variously estimated at from 160 to 170 men, women, and children, were drowned following the sinking of their island home in the center of the Llopango Lagoon, off Salvador, Saturday.

The island slid into the depths of the lagoon, carrying with it nearly all of the inhabitants.

REPUBLIC FEELS SHOCKS.

The sinking of the island is said to have followed a series of earthquake shocks which were felt throughout the republic. The shocks began early in the evening, and grew in frequency and violence as night progressed, until about midnight, when the watchers on shore heard the sounds of guns from the people on the island.

Shortly after that a huge bonfire was lighted on the island, and at about 1 o'clock a boatload of frightened women and children reached the mainland.

The survivors reported that other boats were coming as fast as they could be filled, as the island was slowly sinking under the feet of the inhabitants.

Appeal to Boatmen.

The boatmen of the mainland were appealed to to send aid, but in view of the continued shocks and the steadily increasing violence of the sea in the lagoon, the boatmen were afraid to venture out. Indeed, there was no time.

While they debated, another and more violent tremor shook the mainland, and the fire and other lights on the island vanished. In the morning not a vestige of the island remained. In all, it is estimated that about 170 perished in the catastrophe.

This is not the first time that small islands off the mainland have sunken after earthquake shocks.

The Llopango Lagoon is a lake of Salvador, sotutheast of the city of San Salvador. It is about five and a half miles in length. A minor volcanic cone rose from its waters in January, 1880.

The lagoon is about twenty-five miles from the Pacific coast, in mountainous country.

TRUCE BY TONGS.

Placards in Chinese Quarter Announce Murder Respite.

New York, Dec. 18.—More colors were added to Chinatown house fronts to-night by a squad of Hok-Kah boys, who ran about posting up long red and yellow slips. The notices told the quarter that they must positively abstain from murder from 9 o'clock this evening until the same hour on Christmas Eve.

Reading between the lines, those who gathered in chattering groups understood that they were entitled to go right out and settle all their differences before and after the hours mentioned.

The slips further told that the Chinese consul, acting in unison with twenty-five merchants not members of either of the warring tongs, had succeeded in securing a truce between the On Leongs and the Four Brothers until Christmas Day, when a peace agreement would either be signed or not signed. The placard bore the signature of the consul and the merchants.

At the foot of the placard was written, in order to disarm any local suspicion that the placard was the handiwork of a humorist, the fact that it was truly and seriously desiring that those who read the above words would remember and abide by them.

WATER GONE AND NO BEER.

Drought and Prohibition Place Villagers in Plight.

Whitinsville, Mass., Dec. 17.—Owing to lowness of the water in the town reservoir, it has been pronounced unfit for drinking, and water is being brought in from Uxbridge, by milkmen, and peddled on the streets from 1 cent to 5 cents a gallon. One man disposed of thirty-five cans at 10 cents a can in an hour. A prominent citizen of the town said:

"The only hope of the people of Whitinsville is beer." But Whitinsville is a strictly prohibition village.

In Spencer, farmers are greatly worried over the shortage of water. Cattle are driven more than a mile to the river, where it is necessary to cut holes in the ice before they can drink. Residents drink milk instead of water.

False Teeth "Come Back."

Harrisonburg, Va., Dec. 18.—While sitting in his cozy armchair, warming by the fire, Joseph Gordon, near Strasburg, swallowed his false teeth last night and narrowly escaped strangling to death. A physician was summoned, but the teeth "came back" before the doctor arrived.