

## ISTHMIAN DOINGS

### Gen Alban Leads Government Troops Against Liberals Near Panama.

### SOME FIERCE FIGHTING

One Hundred and Fifty Dead and Wounded Are Left Lying Along the Railroad.

United States Marines From the Iowa Are Keeping the Railway Clear.

Colon, Nov. 26.—An armed guard of marines from the United States battleship Iowa has re-established the transit across the isthmus, and details from the Iowa's marines are now protecting each passenger train. There has been fierce fighting at Empire station on the railroad line between Panama and Colon between the insurgents and the troops of the Colombian government, with very heavy losses on both sides.

Sunday morning at 10 o'clock the schooner Clapet and a railroad barge returned to Panama bringing 350 men from Chorrera, being the remainder of General Alban's expedition. Great crowds gathered at the wharf to witness the landing of the soldiers. They were received with bands of music, but the music sounded mournful and the air sounded more like a funeral march than the joyful strains of welcome to a victorious army. General Alban looked his usual and calm self and acted more like a man on whose hands time hangs heavily for want of something to do than one coping with grave responsibilities under trying circumstances.

At 3:30 Sunday afternoon, at the head of several hundred men, General Alban left Panama by train for Empire station, where the Liberals were reported to be in fairly strong numbers. His purpose was to surprise and rout them. The train bearing these troops was held up just before it arrived at Culebra station, owing to the Liberals opening fire on Alban's advance guard. Alban disembarked his men from the train, which returned to Panama. The fighting at Culebra lasted from 4:40 until 9 p. m. The government troops advanced and the fighting was stubborn all along the railroad line until Empire station, a mile and a half distant, was reached. The Liberals retreated slowly, Alban's men following them until the latter eventually reached Matingach station. Here General Alban met and conferred with Captain Perry of the Iowa, who was returning from Colon on an armored train. It is understood that Captain Perry will not allow the railroad to transport troops, consequently General Alban and his men were forced to push ahead on foot. It is said here that they thus reached San Pablo, where the Liberals are in force, and that fighting is taking place there. The Liberals are under the command of General Lugo.

Between the stations of Culebra and Empire over 150 killed and wounded men could be seen along the track. The sight was gruesome. There is no proper Red Cross organization, and the wounded lacked care. The Liberals at Colon declare the majority of the men killed on the line to be Conservative troops and that the rebels are still in force along the railroad.

Three hundred of the Iowa's marines were landed at Panama to protect the property of the railroad and to insure the continuance of transit across the isthmus. In government circles in Panama there is still entire confidence in General Alban, and it is believed there that this Conservative general is able to cope with the present situation and successfully overcome the apparently unsurmountable difficulties before him. It is estimated that the Conservative government has 400 men at Panama. The breastworks on the railroad bridge that leads into Panama, as well as those erected inside the city have been demolished by the government.

**Quick On the Trigger.**  
Madisonville, Ky., Nov. 26.—During a quarrel yesterday William Bradley, a brother of Representative-elect Bradley, was shot by J. W. Hancock, and received two wounds. The shooting was in front of the Wilkins block, and Lonnie Tucker, aged 7 years, and Frank Merriwether, a colored boy, were hit by stray shots but not seriously wounded. It is said that Hancock pulled his revolver first, but that Bradley got the drop on him. They then separated, Hancock went into an adjoining hardware store and shot Bradley as he passed. Bradley has a bad scalp wound and his forehead is almost severed. Hancock assisted last week in serving the papers on the strikers at the Nortonville camp. He insists that Bradley was pursuing him into the hardware store. Hancock has been quarreled weeks ago over politics, and was very bitter toward each other ever since.

**Starving China.**  
Washington, Nov. 26.—The threat-Goodnow, consul-general at Shanghai, reports to the state department that there are over a half million of natives in the valley who will starve this winter unless they get help from outside.

## EXTREME PENALTY

**Death Sentence is Sought Against a Negro Murderer.**  
Indianapolis, Nov. 26.—James Johnson, colored, went to trial in the criminal court yesterday on the charge of murdering Joel Combs, white, in a Haughville street recently. After there had been trouble between white and colored men. There seems little probability that the defense will make any serious attempt to prove him innocent, for Johnson admitted to the officers after he was lodged in jail that he shot Combs. The only real issue for the jury to determine was how great his punishment should be. Prosecutor Ruckelshaus intends to make a strong effort to obtain a verdict of murder in the first degree and a sentence of death.

**Studebaker Still Failing.**  
South Bend, Ind., Nov. 26.—The Hon. Clem Studebaker is failing, his condition since Sunday being far from encouraging. He is weaker than at any time since he became ill. Yesterday afternoon he passed a few hours in sleep, but last night he grew restless. Inquiries concerning his condition are coming from all parts of the country.

**Children Were Alone.**  
Muncie, Ind., Nov. 26.—The 2-year-old daughter of George Branson was burned to death last night, the child's clothing catching fire from a stove. A baby brother who went to the rescue had his hands severely burned. The mother was away from home at the time.

**Wayward Lad Killed.**  
Franklin, Ind., Nov. 26.—Rufus Thompson, son of Philip Thompson of this (Johnson) county, who was expelled from school for unruly conduct, and ran away from home, was killed by the cars at Elizabethtown, Ky.

**Self Defense.**  
Rushville, Ind., Nov. 26.—The trial of Jesse Hilling, indicted for the murder of George Retherford in May last, has resulted in an acquittal, Hilling sustaining a plea of self-defense.

## A BINDING BARGAIN

**Such Is a Common Law Marriage Says U. S. Court of Appeals.**  
St. Louis, Mo., Nov. 26.—The U. S. court of appeals, in reversing the decisions of the United States district court of the Indian Territory and the Indian Territory court of appeals, which were in favor of Rose Pryor, who sued Samuel T. Davis, a wealthy merchant of the Cherokee nation, for alleged breach of promise, decided yesterday that common law marriages are legal.

Miss Pryor, who is also a resident of the Cherokee nation, was a member of the Davis' household. As mistress of the household was a woman known to Miss Pryor as Mrs. Davis. According to Davis, this woman was his wife, with whom he had lived for upward of 20 years. When Rose was 21 years old Davis was alleged to have eloped with her, but for some reason refused to marry her. Miss Pryor considered her affections had been injured to the extent of \$9,500, and filed suit for this amount and won in both the lower courts. She alleged that Davis had told her that he was not legally married to Mrs. Davis and that there was no legal objection to his making her his wife.

In delivering the opinion of the appellate court Judge Adams said: "Marriage is a civil contract and may be made by any persons of different sexes competent to make such contract. While commonly entered into with some ceremony either civil or religious, it may be consummated without any ceremony. If a man and woman, in good faith, agree to become husband and wife, and this agreement is followed by a consistent and notorious cohabitation, the relation of husband and wife is lawfully established."

**Dowieite Sentenced.**  
Victoria, B. C., Nov. 26.—Eugene Brooks, elder of Dowie's Christian Catholic church in Zion, was yesterday found guilty and sentenced to three months without hard labor, for aiding and abetting John Rogers, who was recently found guilty of manslaughter, for not providing his infant children with medical attention when they were suffering from diphtheria, from which they died. Brooks will appeal.

**A Wild Shot.**  
Guthrie, O. T., Nov. 26.—Willard Sharum, a cotton buyer, was placed in jail at Stillwater yesterday, charged with the shooting of Harry Spears, Jack Jones and Eugene Nady at Ripley, O. T. Nady is fatally wounded. It is alleged Sharum lost in a poker game and in attempting to shoot Chas. Crater, the manager of the place, struck the three bystanders.

**A Menace of the Sea.**  
St. Johns, N. F., Nov. 26.—Four large icebergs are visible from this port. They are drifting south in the track of Atlantic shipping. Icebergs have never before been known to pass here so late in the season. Their presence is consequently all the more dangerous to ocean shipmasters, who do not now expect to find icebergs on the Grand Banks.

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## NO BOMBARDMENT

**Colon Will Escape a Shelling Thanks to Uncle Sam.**  
Washington, Nov. 26.—It is pretty well understood here that there is to be no bombardment of Colon by either side. While Commander McCrea was given wide discretionary power and nothing was said to him about stopping the bombardment directly, nevertheless the state department established a precedent in these matters last year when it instructed Mr. Gager to warn some insurgents at Panama that they would not be allowed to bombard that port. If the government troops on the Pinzon should persist in their purpose it is said that the commanders of the various warships at Colon will require that ample time be allowed for the escape from the town of all foreigners and the attacking force, to escape restraint, would be obliged to direct their bombardment with such rare precision as to destroy the insurgent defenses without harming the railroad property, and even without endangering the passage of trains, conditions not possible to be met.

The secretary of the navy has called Captain Perry of the Iowa to assume full command of all the United States naval forces on both sides of the isthmus, in order to insure harmonious operations. Consul-General Gudgeon's last dispatch, which came late yesterday afternoon, was about as follows: "Our troops have arrived at Matingach, one-half of the way across the isthmus. No obstruction and Colombian government seemed to be victorious over the insurgents."

## MEDAL OF HONOR

**Daring Dash of Lieut. Van Schaeck is Commended.**

Manila, Nov. 26.—Second Lieutenant Louis J. VanSchaeck of the Fourth infantry, while scouting with a few men of that regiment, met 150 insurgents who had attacked and sacked the hamlet of Staraca near Cavite. Upon seeing the Filipinos VanSchaeck ordered his men to charge them. The order was obeyed and VanSchaeck, being mounted, reached the insurgents 60 yards in advance of his men. He killed three of them with his rifle point blank at VanSchaeck at four paces, but missed. Lieutenant VanSchaeck was then knocked from his horse. He jumped to his feet and engaged in a hand-to-hand conflict with the enemy, using the butt of his revolver. He sustained two severe wounds, one of which nearly severed his wrist. At this point the lieutenant's men arrived, rescued him and put the insurgents to flight. VanSchaeck is in the military hospital at Manila and is doing well. He has already been recommended for a medal of honor for bravery in a previous engagement.

**Sir Thomas is Willing.**  
London, Nov. 26.—"Should no one else challenge, I am willing seriously to consider making another attempt to lift the cup." This announcement was given out by Sir Thomas Lipton at the banquet given at the Hotel Cecil in his honor last night, and which was attended by more than 400 guests. "It would never do," added Sir Thomas, "to give up when only a pulse-beat came between us and victory."

**Trouble is Settled.**  
Washington, Nov. 26.—The threatened trouble over the boundary line between Chili and the Argentine Republic has been averted, for the present at least. Signor Infante, in charge of the Chilean legation, yesterday conveyed to this government an assurance that the two principals to the boundary questions have just succeeded in reaching an amicable and satisfactory understanding.

**Locked the Children In.**  
Darlington, S. C., Nov. 26.—Limerick Flax, a negro living at Lides Bridge, left his home Sunday night, locking in his three children, the oldest being 11 and the youngest 3 years of age. During the night the house caught fire and all three children were burned to death. The coroner's jury returned a verdict of criminal carelessness.

**Bresci's Accomplice.**  
Milan, Nov. 26.—Louis Grannotti, an accomplice of Bresci, the assassin of King Humbert, was yesterday sentenced to life imprisonment at the assizes. Grannotti has not yet been captured.

## TERSE TELEGRAMS

Jonestown, Miss., was practically wiped out by fire.  
Former Pres. Cleveland is rapidly recovering from his severe cold.  
Mrs. William Smith and babe were burned to death at Granis, Ark.  
Marquis Ito, the Japanese statesman, has arrived at St. Petersburg.  
Lorado Bieker, judge of the Alamo district in Lower California, was assassinated.  
The residence of J. G. Miller burned at Pittsburg and his four daughters perished.  
The river pilots went on strike at Pittsburg, on the eve of heavy shipments of coal by low-bos.  
Pugilist Dick Burge was arrested in London charged with complicity in the Bank of Liverpool fraud.  
The health of Count Tolstoid is improving. His fever and pains have ceased. His appetite has improved and he is sleeping better.  
The boiler in the electric light plant at Brooklyn, Mich., blew up totally wrecking the power plant, the opera house and other buildings.  
Benjamin McKnight, convicted of murdering his wife by beating her to death, was denied a new trial at Sioux City, Ia., and sentenced to 25 years imprisonment.  
The comptroller of the currency has declared an additional dividend of 2 per cent in favor of the creditors of the National bank of Illinois in all 75 per cent on \$11,000,000, the amount of the claims proved.

## THE BONINE TRIAL

**Preliminary Evidence in the Case is Now All In.**

Washington, Nov. 26.—The trial of Mrs. Lola Ida Bonine for the murder of James Seymour Ayres Jr. at the Kenmore hotel last May, began in real earnest yesterday. The preliminary details as to the finding of the body, the location of the furniture, bloodstains, etc., were all in with the conclusion of the testimony of J. F. Drew, the capitol policeman who was on the stand when the court adjourned last Friday. Baker, the man who saw Mrs. Bonine descend the fire escape, Hopkins, who roomed over Ayres and raised the first outcry, Miss Woolams, who roomed under Ayres, and Miss Talless and Miss Minas, who roomed on either side of him, testified. The two latter were regarded as star witnesses, but they testified to no facts not developed at the inquest. Drew testified that there was room enough behind the door of Ayres' room for a man to have been there while the door was opened to admit another person, a contention which the prosecution denies, and also that there were empty cartridges in the sloop-jar in Ayres' room before the pistol with which the shooting was done was emptied by Officer Brady after the tragedy. This would tend to establish the theory of the defense that the pistol belonged to Ayres. Miss Minas testified that Ayres and Mrs. Bonine ate ice-cream and cake in her room the night before the tragedy, and that at that time there was no evidence of ill-feeling between them.

Mrs. Bonine, throughout the trial yesterday, when witnesses described the cries, groans and throat gurgling of the dying man, remained absolutely unmoved.

## A BIG JOB

**Illiteracy in Porto Rico Presents a Serious Problem.**

Washington, Nov. 26.—M. G. Brumbaugh, commissioner of education for Porto Rico, in his annual report, says that 1,000 schools there, good as they are, cannot successfully cope with the tremendous illiteracy and the vast army of children in need of education in Porto Rico. There were 34,000 children in school this year, and the enrollment next year will be 50,000. A large normal school has just been opened at Rio Piedras to meet part of the demand for teachers. An annual appropriation by congress of not less than \$300,000 per annum for 10 years is urged. This, the report says, would equip the island with proper school facilities for 150,000 additional pupils, which with the present enrollment, would make above 66 per cent of the school population of the island.

## Duelling Condemned.

Berlin, Nov. 26.—German newspapers assert that Baron Von Reisswitz has been summarily dismissed from the army by order of Emperor William. Baron Von Reisswitz was colonel of the regiment in which Lieut. Blaskowitz, who was recently killed in a duel with a brother officer, had served. The action was taken because Baron Von Reisswitz did nothing to prevent the duel in which Blaskowitz was killed.

## Advice as to Roasting a Turkey.

"Ninety-nine women out of every hundred, ninety-nine cooks out of every hundred, will bake a turkey with the back to the pan," said a New Orleans man who keeps in touch with the kitchen, "and this is a mistake. A famous French cook I know never thinks of baking a turkey with the breast up. The breast is turned to the bottom of the pan and instead of being dry and tasteless when it is served is richly flavored and as sweet and juicy as one would care to have it. You see, all the fine flavoring of the turkey, the juices of the dressing and all the daintier touches flow down toward the breast of the fowl, and when the white meat is served you get the full benefit of every flavor added during the processes of preparing and baking the turkey, in addition to the distinctive taste of the fowl itself.

"Inconvenient and awkward! Not at all. It is just as easy to cook a turkey in this way as in any other way, and the result is infinitely more satisfactory. It is no trouble to arrange the fowl on the table before carving it, you will find that it will look quite as well as it would if baked in the usual way, and certainly it will taste much better than it would if you baked the breast until it was dry and flavorless." —New Orleans Times-Democrat.

## An Important Question.

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