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Report That Weyler Returned From Fear Not Believed at Washington.

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Report of Summary Courtmartial of Competitor Prisoners Also Doubted.

patch from Jacksonville, Fla., reciting ceived from Havana in which it is discredited here. The Spanish view of the return of General Weyler is entirely different. In the first place it is said that no cipher telegrams can be sent from Havana, except by the representatives of foreign governments to the government they represent. This, it is claimed, would be true of any place in time of war. Again, it is pointed out that General Weyler is not only commander of the troops, but governor general of Cuba, and in Havana there is a large amount of official business needing his attention. It is stated that in the campaign just made, Weyler has been to the strongholds of the insurgents, passed through many towns and destroyed their supplies. From the Spanish point of view the war at present has resolved itself into chasing small bands of insurgents about the country, and it would be absurd for the captain general to place himself at the head of one company or another of these troops, and follow the straggling bands of insurgents from one cover to another. General Campos was quite severely criticized because he absented himself from Havana for such long periods. As to the assertion that General Weyler says it is too hot to fight, it is said that the rainy season has not yet ended in Cuba, and that the movement of troops is still very difficult. From the Spanish standpoint, there is nothing discouraging in the return of General Weyler.

DIFFICULT OF BELIEF.

Washington Authorities Hardly Credit

Reports of Competitor Courtmartial. WASHINGTON, Nov. 25. - The state department has received absolutely no information of any kind from Hayana or elsewhere concerning the report that the Competitor prisoners have been tried in Moro castle by a secret and summary courtmartial. Under these circumstances no statement will be made at the department concerning the report, but in view of the plain provisions of our treaty, and also of the clear requirements of the domestic laws of Spain, the officials are leath to believe that the report is correct. It is pointed out that under the law for public order promulgated in Havana some months ago it is absolutely essential that counsel shall be allowed to prisoners on trial, and that there shall be no secresy in proceedings. Under the protocol of our treaty with Spain, there likewise is a provision for publicity in trials, and for full representation of accused by counsel. It, is believed in view of these provisions of law that the authorities at Havana would not make such a flagrant breach of law as the report alleges.

Examination Is Preliminary.

From further inquiries it is apparent that the reports concerning the Competitor's prisoners are at least based on a misconception of the nature of the present proceedings. They have not yet been placed on trial in the general sense of the word, the facts being that the Spanish authorities are making an investigation of the Competitor cases similar to that provided for under our grand jury system, that is, a sort of

preliminary examination. The consuls and vice consuls of Spain, in this country are investigating the claims of the persons arrested to American citizenship. For instance, one of the men claims to be a resident of Kanencaged in an inquiry as to his citizenship, either by birth or naturalization. From Spanish sources, it is learned that there is no intention of dealing with the Competitor prisoners in harsh or unjust manner.

Steam Launch Blows Up.

CAIRO, Ills., Nov. 25 .- The steam launch Pilot, on which C. B. Bryan, J. M. Mitchell, C. N. Peterson and Daniel O'Daly, all of Chicago, were preparing to take a pleasure trip to New Orleans, blew up here. Mitchell and Bryan were fatally scalded. The other two

Brought to Light by the Suit of Jeron Caldwell Against Charles L. Fai .

San Francisco, Nov. 25.-In the superior court a suit has been brought by Jerom Caldwell of Los Angeles against Charles L. Fair, for the possession of certain letters entrusted to the latter, and which are said to give for the first time the inner history of the

The letters are said to cover remark-

able correspondence between the late deceased Fair and Caldwell, and extended from November 1858, to March 1894. The petition alleges that the plaintiff is the owner of the letters in question, copies of which are set forth in a schedule attached to the complaint; that between Jan. 10 and July 1 the plaintiff, at the request of Charles L. Fair, intrusted the latter with the care and custody of letters, Washington, Nov. 25.—The dis- under defendant's promise that he would return the same on request. The that a cipher telegram has been re- object of the loan was to make a comparative study of the "pencil will" and stated that General Weyler was driven after an examination of these letters to return to Havana through fear, is that the authenticity of the pencil will was admitted. On Nov. 23, so the allegations run, the plaintiff demanded of defendant that he return the letters, but he refused to do so, and in violation of his promise, retains them. It is further alleged that the letters are of a private character, for which reason, it s hard to ascertain their pecuniary value. The complaint, therefore, prays that specific delivery of the letters be compelled.

ROBBED THE HARRISONS.

Burglars Pay a Visit to the Residence of

the Ex-President. INDIANAPOLIS, Nov. 25. - Burglars visited the residence of ex-President Harrison on North Delaware street at 11 o'clock p. m. While Mr. Harrison and the members of the family were in the lower part of the house, the thief or thieves nimbly climbed up on the porch and entered the library window. From there they went into Mrs. Harrison's room, where a gold watch and a small amount of money was secured. It is believed the thieves were frightened away because nothing in the other rooms was disturbed. The watch belonged to Mrs. Harrison's first husband and was highly prized. General Harrison has asked the police to put forth every effort to recover the watch and has offered a reward of \$50 for its return.

MURDERED BY THUGS.

Prominent Illinois Clergyman

Deed in the Street. BLOOMINGTON, Ills., Nov. 25.-Rev. James Miller, pastor of Grace M. E. church of Bloomington, was found murdered and robbed in an alley at Decatur, Ills. The revolver with which the deed had been committed, was lying by the dead man's side. His pockets were rifled and his gold watch, which he is known to have carried, was missing. The murder was evidently committed by footpads. Rev. Miller had written a note to his son, Dr. John Miller in this city, stating that he would visit him and he had evidently just arrived on the Diamond special from Blooming-Being thoroughly acquainted with the city, he had doubtless started to walk to the residence of Dr. Catto. He was found a few feet from the street in the alley in the rear of Dr. Catto's

Rev. Miller was one of the ablest and best known ministers in Illinois. His four years work in Decatur made him a host of friends here and his murder causes profound grief in this city.

Under the New Boer Press Law.

LONDON, Nov. 25.-Mr. Hess, proprietor of the Johannesburg Critic, has received a cable dispatch saying that the whole staff of the paper has been arrested by the Boer authorities, under the provisions of the new press law. JOHANNESBURG, Nov. 25.—The prose-

cution in the case of the Johannesburg Critic, arrested under the provisions of the new press law, having failed to establish the charges made, the prisoners were discharged.

Murderers, Burglars and Rustlers. ELLENDALE, N. D., Nov. 25. -Sheriff Coleman with three deputies escorted six convicts to the penitentiary. They are William Campbell and Frank Barrett, sentenced for life for killing John A. Brown of Oakes; John Rogers, 4 sas, and the consul for that district is years, and Walter Goode 3 years, for cattle stealing; B. M. Johnson, 10 years for burglary, and Tom Kearns, 1 year for shooting.

WHOLESALE AMNESTY.

Nicaragua Grants Pardon to Over Five Hundred Revolutionists.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 25.-The state department is informed that the president of Nicaragua has granted amnesty to over 500 persons implicated in the revolution of last February, and the conspiracy of Sept. 8 last. The members of the rebel government and the principal generals of the defeated forces are not included in the market

WEYLER'S SIDE

The Cuban Captain General Interviewed by a Newspaper Correspondent.

Tried Hard to Find a Few Insurgents, but Was Unable to Locate Them.

The Campaign, He Alleges, Is in a Highly Satisfactory

Condition.

HAVANA, Nov. 25.—The unexpected arrival of Captain General Weyler from the province of Pinar del Rio without having been successful in bringing about an engagement of any importance with the insurgents under Antonio Maceo, is causing considerable comment here, and there are many rumors in circulation. On one side it is asserted that Weyler's return means that he will shortly return to Spain on some plea or other. Notwithstanding this is denied. the impression prevails that there will shortly be important changes here.

La Lucka's correspondent in the field had an interview with the captaingeneral previous to the latter's arrival here from Artemisa and Mariel and it is gathered from the statements the captain general is said to have made that he may not resume personal charge of the operations against the insurgents in Pinar del Rio. In this review the captain general was asked for an expression of opinion as to the course of the campaign, and he said: "I am contented with it. We entered Rubi, hoping to give battle to the combined insurgent forces and you know the result. They went southward, much to our regret. Maceo himself went towards Mocurrias, Mayria, and Corojal da Yaniguas. Nevertheless, our columns, in two divisions, arrived Best Qualities at Reasonwithout firing a single shot and only saw a band of about 15 insurgents in the woods near San Luis.'

Maceo's Whereabouts Unknown. The captain general was then asked

if he knew the whereabouts of Antonio Maceo at present. He answered:

"His whereabouts are not known The truth is that the insurgents were not found in the mountains nor on the plains. Nevertheless, they boast that our troops always fly before them.'

General Weyler was then asked it many cattle remained in the part of Pinar del Rio which he had visited, and he said: "Not many. Only a few bullocks and calves remain. The insurgents have killed or captured most of them and the Spanish columns will finish the rest."

In insurgent circles it is said that leaders claim that the return of the captain general to Havana without Maceo is equivalent to a defeat of the and White flour. bringing about an engagement with Spanish forces, for the latter have completely failed to carry out the programme mapped out by the Spanish commander and he has returned here in every was unsuccessful. It is asserted that the plan of Antonio Maceo was to avoid a of Antonio Maceo was to avoid a general engagement with the Spanish Order your_ troops, as he feels confident that the wearisome campaign being conducted by the Cubans must ultimately exhaust the Spaniards and bring about the concession of all or nearly all the demands of the insurgents.

GOMEZ HEARD FROM.

The Cuban General Has 35,000 Men in His Command.

NEW YORK, Nov. 25 .- The protracted silence of Commander-in-Chief Maximo Gomez of the Cuban army, which had caused considerable anxiety among Cubans here as to his safety, has at last been broken and the junta in this city has received a communication from him.

In this communication, which comes from Las Villas, Santa Clara province. General Gomez says that he has at his command 35,000 well equipped men, and that with these he intends to proceed to Havana province. The commander-in-chief writes that on account of the bad condition of the roads it took this force of men 12 hours to pass a certain point. General Gomez adds that he is in good health, as are his men, and has every hope of victory.

Burleigh Discharged.

SEATTLE, Nov. 25 .- Andrew F. Burleigh has filed a petition with the federal court for his discharge as receiver of the Northern Pacific railway, having closed up the affairs at this end of the old company. Judge Hanford issued an order of discharge.

Bishop Keane Goes to Rome. SAN JOSE, Nov. 25 .- Bishop Keane, former rector of the Catholic university at Washington, has left this city for Rome. His friends here think that he will be made archbishop, perhaps car-

dinal, with residence in Rome. Frank P. Slaven Whipped.

NEW YORK, Nov. 25. - Bob Armstrong of Chicago defeated Frank P. Slavin of Australia in the fourth round. It was pure.y a slugging maten, though advertised as a 20 round grove contest.

Diphtheria Epidemic Abating. PAUL, Nov. 25.—Dr. Hewitt of

Red Wing, secretary of the state board of health, said while at the Hotel Ryan that the recent epidemic of diphtheria at Austin and Owatonna is now under control. "The anti-texme," he added, has worked wenders. It could not, of course, be used as a preventive of the disease, but it is certainly a mary loss

South Dakot a I ducaters Meet. VERMILLION, S. D., Nov. 35 - The Educational association will hold their 14th meeting here Dec. 28 to 51. The meeting promises to be the largest or its kind ever held in the state. . . 'mong the prominent specters on the programme are Saperintendent Frank I Crane, Professor H. E. Kratz, L. L. French, W. W. Girton and others.

The Death of Campanini.

ROME. Nov. 25 -The only particulars obtainable at present regarding the death of ita o Campanian, the great tenor, is that he died at his own home near Parma, severar days ago, after a long ilin -

Over *ix Hui dred Co firmed. WINONA, Minn., Nov. 25 .- The largest class in the history of St. Stanislaus Polish church of Winona was confirmed by Lishop Cotter. Six hundred and fifty candidates were received into the church.

A Few Chinese Ministers.

PERIN, Nov. 25.-Lo Fengle, Wu Ting Fang and Hwang Tsum Hsten have been appointed respectively Chinese ministers to London, Washington and Berlin. Yan Yu, the Chinese minister at Washington has been transferred to St. Petersburg.

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