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## WARNING TO WEYLER

Will Kill all Spaniards, If Weyler Persists.

SO DECLARES GENERAL RIVERA

The story of the Fight and Flight of the Steamer Three Friends Was a Story, and that Only.

NEW YORK, Dec. 26.—A special from Key West to the World says:

Steamship passengers say that General Rivera, who is in command of the army of Maceo, has sent a formal warning to General Weyler, General Rivera notified the Spanish captain-general that if he persisted in his threats to kill pacificos found in the country, the Cubans will make reprisals on all Spaniards whom they may capture.

General Weyler is affecting to disregard the warning. Those near him however, say he will not dare to carry out his ideas as ruthlessly as he intended. His guerrillas still have full authority to capture or to kill pacificos in the country and to force their families into the garrisoned towns. As the troops in such places have little extra food and the residents none to spare, this order lays a great hardship upon the poor country folk. Hundreds will soon be starving.

General Rivera is moving out of his entrenchments. All indications point to an important engagement soon.

General Weyler has visited various points on the trocha and San Christobal. He is always accompanied by a large force.

There is skirmishing daily along the trocha and on the outskirts of Artemisa. A battle has been fought in Santa Clara province between guerilla bands. The Cubans forced the Spanish to retire into Remedios with heavy loss.

Regia, across the bay from Havana, was attacked again last night almost under the guns of the fortress. Several houses were burned and a running fight maintained for two hours.

The fighting around the city greatly alarms the residents. The troops' night-watch in the suburbs have been doubled.

## THE THREE FRIENDS' EXPERIENCE.

Story of Her Fight With Spanish Warships Denied in Havana.

CINCINNATI, Dec. 25.—A special to the Commercial-Tribune from Key West says: Much comment was made today in Havana over the report cabled from New York that the filibustering steamer Three Friends had been fired on by Spanish cruisers, and that the steamer had disabled a Spanish gunboat. This report is positively denied in official circles, who affirm that nothing of the kind occurred, but that the story is made from whole cloth. It is admitted that the steamer landed on the south side of the island. It is further admitted that only a part of the cargo was secured by Gomez, the Spanish coast guard having captured a good portion. The Three Friends is here, lying under the guns of the Raleigh. Captain Lewis refuses to say anything about the trip, save that he had been after derelicts. As to the story of a fight, he professes ignorance. None of the crew can be induced to speak of the affair. The vessel does not bear any mark of a conflict, and the report is doubted here.

HAVANA, Dec. 25.—Inquiries in official quarters by the correspondent of the Associated Press elicited a denial of the story published in the United States, that the filibustering steamer Three Friends fired upon a Spanish guard steamer and a Spanish gunboat.

The Sultan Threatened.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Dec. 25.—When the French and Italian ambassadors protested to the sultan, against Mazar Bey, who is held responsible for the Salvador murder, being included in the general amnesty, they requested their respective governments to send fleets to Alexandria. This step was taken in view of a possible miscarriage of justice which France and Italy are resolved shall not happen. All the ambassadors refused the porte's request that all foreign vessels be searched for arms.

Married Bliss Was Brief.

DENVER, Dec. 25.—Advices received from Routt county today indicate that a

sheep war is likely to break out any day. Over 250 armed cattlemen are in the two camps on Snake river, determined to drive all the sheep out of Routt county and establish the Colorado-Wyoming and Colorado-Utah boundaries as a dead line over which the sheep may not pass.

An Overdue Steamship.

BOSTON, Dec. 24.—No news has been received from the overdue Allan line steamship Scandinavia. The Scandinavia is a three-masted iron steamer of 2100 tons, built at Glasgow. She carried no passengers. She had a crew of forty-four and a miscellaneous cargo. The Allan line agents express confidence that the steamer will report safely.

The Strike Is Ended.

BOSTON, Dec. 25.—What threatened to be the most extensive strike in the history of this city was averted by the action of the supreme council of the Motormen and Conductor's Union, when, after a protracted session, the strike was declared off at 12:30 a. m. This morning traffic was resumed on all lines.

Caused His Boy's Death.

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 25.—While leaving the Santa Fe train at the First-street depot in a drunken condition, Mason Birkley stumbled, fell and threw his 6-year-old boy, Harry, under the moving train. The child was crushed to death.

A Fine Church Burned.

WILKESBARRE, Pa., Dec. 25.—Fire destroyed St. Stephen's Episcopal church, one of the largest edifices of this city, early this morning. The Westmoreland Club, adjoining, was gutted. The cause of the fire is unknown. The loss is \$200,000.

LIVING MASTODONS.

Alaska Indians Declare That the Mammoth Animals Still Exist.

In conversation with a gentleman, formerly of Denver, who came out this fall with a party of miners, we learned that the existence of living mastodons near the headwaters of the White river was not the mere fabrication of the Northern furriers, but that the stick Indians had positively told him that not later than five years ago such animals had been seen by them, says a writer in the Alaska news. One of the Indians said that while hunting one day in that unknown section he came across an immense track, sunk to a depth of several inches in the moss, and from the description as the Indian marked it out to him in the sand, it much resembled an elephant's track, and was larger around than a barrel. Upon striking it, the Indian followed up this curious trail, which to all appearances was fresh, and tracking from one immense stride to the other for a distance of several miles, he came in full view of his game. And what game! The hunter gave one look, then turned and fled as though pursued by the evil one.

These Indians as a class are the bravest of hunters, and with no other weapons than the spear will attack and slay the St. Elias grizzly. But the immense proportions of this new kind of game both startled and filled the hunter, brave as he was, with great fear, and he imagined his only safety lay in swift and immediate flight. He described it as being larger than Harper's (the post trader's) store, with great, shining, yellowish tusks and mouth large enough to swallow him at a single gulp. He said the animal was undoubtedly the same as were the huge bones scattered over that section. If such an animal is now in existence, and other Indians, and also Mr. Harper, have confirmed the report, they inhabit a section of very high altitude, and one but rarely visited by human beings, and these only Indians. We also have no reason to doubt the Indian's tale, for at no very distant period the Yukon country was inhabited by these animals, and hundreds of their massive skeletons found strewn along the creeks are silent but truthful witnesses.

A tired stomach is very much like a sprained ankle. If you suffer from any of the symptoms of dyspepsia, your stomach is tired. It needs a crutch. We must relieve it of all work for a time, or until it is restored to its natural strength. To do this successfully, we must use a food which is already digested outside of the body, and which will aid the digestion of other foods that may be taken with it. Such a product is the Shaker Digestive Cordial.

The Shakers have utilized the digestive principles present in plants for the manufacture of this article, and its success has been truly phenomenal. You can try it for the nominal sum of 10 cents, as sample bottles are sold by all druggists at this price.

Laxol is the best medicine for children. Doctors recommend it in place of Castor Oil.

## WE REMEMBER MACEO

The Texans Answer to a Demand for Surrender.

AS AT THE ALAMO, ALL ARE KILLED

Surrounded by Overwhelming Numbers—They Sell Their Lives Dearly—Their Last Cry, "Vive Cuba Libre."

NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—A special to the World from Key West, says:

The Lone Star company, of the Patriot Army of West Cuba, consisting of 15 Texas sharpshooters, perished to a man after battling more than five hours against vastly superior Spanish forces in Pinar del Rio province, killing double their own number and wounding probably as many more. Havana officials are jubilant, passengers say, over the news of this victory.

A Cuban band was observed near Pinar del Rio city Thursday morning and General Melquiz sent two squads of cavalry to attack it. After a running fight, the band, which proved to be composed of the 15 Texans, was chased into a "bottle," a bit of hummock having one opening. The Texans, seeing they were in a hole, retreated to the further end and fortified themselves behind some boulders. The Spanish troopers dismounted and surrounded them, pouring in a fire from both sides. The brave Texans replied and kept up the fight for more than five hours. By that time, six of the 15 had been killed and four wounded, while 25 Spaniards had bit the dust and 10 or more were wounded.

A flag of truce was sent in by the Spanish, and the Texans were called on to surrender, but the Americans refused, shouting, "We remember Maceo."

This infuriated the Spaniards, and they fought with renewed fierceness. Twice they charged, but the rapid firing of the brave little band drove them back. By getting on a high ridge behind the Texan's position, the Spaniards were enabled to kill all but two of those left. Those two gallantly continued to fight and held off the enemy an hour longer. Then, overcome by thirst and enfeebled by loss of blood, flowing from a dozen wounds, they were cut to pieces by the Spanish, who finally dashed up as the Texans cried, "Vive Cuba libre."

FIT TO SUCCEED MACEO.

General Rivera Scored a Victory Over Weyler.

CINCINNATI, Dec. 25.—A special to the Commercial Tribune from Key West says:

Reports from Havana tonight are that an attack was made on one of General Rivera's foothill forts yesterday by some of Weyler's forces, and that the Spanish were repulsed, the big dynamite gun belonging to General Rivera's command securing the victory for the insurgents. It is said over 50 men were lost on the Spanish side, and few in the Cuban ranks. All information is refused in Havana, where the officials say no such engagement took place. As the report came through the regular Cuban channels, it is believed here.

Colonel San Martin's column has been burning houses and destroying plantations all through the section south and west of Artemisa, as far out as they dared venture.

During the past week over 400 houses and many plantations have been destroyed, 400 head of cattle secured, and a number of tobacco fields and cane patches laid waste. Weyler's orders are to spare nothing. A number of pacificos, it is reported, offered resistance to the taking of their cattle, saying their families would starve, and they were killed. Over 25 such instances of murder were recorded.

General Rivera's forces are increasing, and he has had accessions to his stock of arms and ammunition this week, an expedition having landed on the south side of the island from Honduras or Mexico, it is presumed.

An American correspondent, name not given, has succeeded in getting through the Spanish lines and joining Rivera.

COAL MINES ON FIRE.

Valuable Property in Nova Scotia Seems to be Doomed.

HALIFAX, N. S. Dec. 26.—About 5 o'clock Thursday the coal mines of Springhill were discovered to be on fire. The fire originated in a pipeway on the east slope of the 800-foot level, and soon ate into the 300-foot.

When Government Inspector Gilpin arrived fire was issuing from every opening of the mine. Two cupolas were burned and a bankhead had to be torn away. The miners tried to stop up

every airway. Gilpin had to call the men from this work, as it was attended with great risk. The flames shot 100 feet into the air, the reflection being visible at Amherst.

The extent of the fire is not known, but most disastrous consequences are feared. The loss of the east slope is believed to be complete. At 4 p. m., Friday, the slope was reached all right, but the men will have hard work to save it. Five years ago 130 lives were lost by an explosion in these mines.

It is likely the most serious damages will be confined to the east slope, in which the fire started. It seems to be burning itself out. The loss will be enormous.

The fire will cause great destitution among the miners, as, even if the fire does not spread through the entire mine, it is considered doubtful if work can be resumed during the winter.

An Immense Blast Fired.

SAN DIEGO, Dec. 28.—The Southern California Mountain Water Company fired the largest blast at Morena dam in the history of the state. The amount of rock dislodged was 150,000 tons. Giant and black powder was used. All the deposits of powder which were placed in tunnels at different levels in the hills were connected by electric wires, which completed a circuit.

STATE OF OHIO, CITY OF TOLEDO, Lucas County, ss.

Frank J. Cheney makes oath that he is the senior partner of the firm of F. J. Cheney & Co., doing business in the City of Toledo, County and state aforesaid, and that said firm will pay the sum of One Hundred Dollars for each and every case of Catarrh that cannot be cured by the use of Hall's Catarrh Cure.

FRANK J. CHENEY.

Sworn to before me and subscribed in my presence, this 6th day of December, A. D. 1896.

A. W. GLEASON, Notary Public.

Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally and acts directly on the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. Send for testimonials, free.

F. J. CHENEY & Co., Toledo, O. Sold by Druggists, 75c. No. 3-11

Crusier Russia Again Afloat.

CRONSTADT, Dec. 28.—The armored cruiser Russia, of 12,130 tons displacement, the largest vessel in the Russian navy, which ran on a sandbank in the beginning of November and has been frozen in ever since, has been floated after fifty-one days of incessant labor with steam icebreakers.

Buckley's Astringent Salve.

The best salve in the world for cuts, bruises, sores, ulcers, salt rheum, fever sores, tetter, chapped hands, chilblains, corns, and all skin eruptions, and positively cures piles, or no pay required. It is guaranteed to give perfect satisfaction, or money refunded. Price 25 cents per box. For sale by Blakeley and Houghton, druggists.

You'll be surprised when you try Hoe Cake soap, and wish we had told you sooner. It is made by patented process.

Artichokes for Sale.

The undersigned has for sale the mammoth Jerusalem artichokes, and can furnish any amount of seed at \$1 per bushel. H. ECKENBERGER, declr-1m Bake Oven, Or.

Refrigerator Line.

Attention of shippers is called to the new refrigerator line operated by the Oregon Railway & Navigation Company between Portland, Huntington, Spokane and intermediate points, leaving Portland on train 22, Wednesdays and Saturdays. E. E. LYTLE, Agent.

Do not fail to call on Dr. Lannerberg, the eye specialist, and have your eyes examined free of charge. If you suffer with headache or nervousness you undoubtedly have imperfect vision that, if corrected, will benefit you for life. Office in the Vogt block.

Anyone desiring their chimneys cleaned can have it done by calling upon or addressing Mr. Ike Peary or James Hogan, The Dalles or telephone to No. 88. o17-1f

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DOUGLAS ALLEN, Prop.

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ELY BROTHERS, 56 Warren St., New York City.

Rev. John Reid, Jr., of Great Falls, Mont., recommended Ely's Cream Balm to me. I can emphasize his statement, "It is a positive cure for catarrh if used as directed."—Rev. Francis W. Poole, Pastor Central Pres. Church, Helena, Mont.

Ely's Cream Balm is the acknowledged cure for catarrh and contains no mercury nor any injurious drug. Price, 50 cents.

## ACCEPTS OUR OFFICES

Spain Asks the United States to Act as Mediator.

DE LOME AND OLNEY HAVE AGREED

The Subject Will Be Laid Before Congress When It Convenes—The Proposed Reforms.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—The post will say tomorrow:

It has been learned from an authentic source that Secretary Olney and Senor Dupuy de Lome have practically terminated the negotiations of the Cuban question, which are to be submitted to congress when it convenes, January 5. The terms of the agreement are based on recent official communications from Premier Canovas addressed to the secretary of state.

The premier states clearly the terms which Spain will accord to the insurgents, and practically asks the United States to propose these conditions to her rebellious subjects. In return for our good offices, Spain assures this government she sincerely deprecates the great commercial loss which we have sustained on account of the Cuban disturbances. She assures us she is even now considering a reciprocity treaty which will deal mainly with Cuban products, and which will be framed in such advantageous terms toward this government that our losses, both in commerce and in the destruction of American property in Cuba, will be most generously compensated.

Premier Canovas says Spain cannot, as a self-respecting and respected nation, stand before the world as having been coerced into measures by the United States. She has freely granted all she now offers, and that in the face of a rebellion. But she accepts the good offices of the United States to act as mediator, and to guarantee to the insurgents amnesty and the enforcement of the new reform law which she is about to proclaim in Cuba.

The form of government offered is, the Spanish statesman declares, the limit of independence which can be granted to a province by any nation without absolutely severing the bonds of union with the mother country. Autonomy as enjoyed by the Canadians can never be granted in Cuba. What Spain is willing to grant the insurgents, if they lay down their arms, and what she asks the United States to guarantee, is an act which provides for a council of administration which shall control all matters pertaining to the commerce of the West Indies and all estimates upon the general taxation and expenditures of the island, as well as its general home government.

THE SULTAN MUST YIELD.

Or He Will Be Neither Caliph Nor Khedive.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Dec. 28.—The Russian ambassador on Saturday, acting in concert with representatives of Great Britain, France, Italy, Germany and Austria, had an audience with the sultan, Abdul Hamid, one of many such interviews within the past year, on the same subject, the better administration of affairs in the Turkish empire.

The Russian diplomat began by warning the sultan and the Turkish government that if the revenues ceded for payment of the Turkish debt were touched, European control of the finances of the empire would become inevitable. M. de Nelidoff, the Russian ambassador, further informed the sultan that the czar guaranteed his personal safety and engaged himself to maintain the sultan's supremacy in the event of severe measures being necessary upon the part of the powers. The sultan, however, remained obdurate, refusing to consent to any measure of control, financial or otherwise, by the powers.

The Russian ambassador said the condition of the Turkish empire placed the throne and the caliphate in imminent peril. Thereupon Abdul Hamid remarked impressively:

"I may be the last of the caliphs, but I will never become a second khedive." In addition to these warnings, M. de Nelidoff sent a note to the Turkish government and to the palace. The utmost significance is attached to it in diplomatic circles. He pointed out in precise terms the necessity for the sultan following the advice of the powers and acting in complete agreement with their plans for improving the situation, warning them once more that the sultan's refusal to do so involves the most disagreeable consequences.

The ambassadors of the powers will meet again to discuss the situation, and

will reassemble in future twice a week until they complete their recommendations to the sultan and his advisers. The envoys acting together will henceforth maintain the strictest secrecy regarding their deliberations and the action taken or contemplated, and will not even inform the envoys of other powers of the decisions reached.

These latest steps upon the part of the powers are once again reported to have produced a profound impression at Kiosk and in pursuance of the issuance of an amnesty decree the Armenian prisoners in Asia Minor and this city and vicinity are being released daily in batches of fifteen.

JUSTICE IN THE CHINESE EMPIRE

Pirates and Counterfeiters Promptly Beheaded.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 28.—According to the latest advices from the Orient Li Ka Chuek, superintendent of the Canton police, on November 28, seized a large number of counterfeit coins. The chief coiner, Cheng Tang, and his confederates, Chan Mui, Tse Sang and others, were arrested. An imperial decree from Peking commanded the immediate decapitation of the three named offenders, and enjoins the viceroy to deal with the others as he thinks necessary according to law, as a warning to the people. The officials who effected the seizure were all promoted in rank.

The Canton viceroy reported in another memorial the capture of two notorious pirate junks. In effecting the capture one military officer lost his life. A decree was issued on the 19th of November authorizing the execution of the captives and ordering the officials concerned in the capture to be promoted in rank and that the matter of the military officer having lost his life be referred to the board concerned for rewards and posthumous honors.

There Is Nothing So Good.

There is nothing just as good as Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, Coughs and Colds, so demand it and do not permit the dealer to sell you some substitute. He will not claim there is anything better, but in order to make more profit he may claim something else to be just as good. You want Dr. King's New Discovery because you know it to be safe and reliable, and guaranteed to do good or money refunded. For Coughs, Colds, Consumption and for all affections of Throat, Chest and Lungs, there is nothing so good as Dr. King's New Discovery. Trial bottle free at Blakeley & Houghton's Drug Store. Regular size 50 cents and \$1.00. (2)

Germany Would Advise Spain.

LONDON, Dec. 28.—The Chronicle's Berlin correspondence reports that Germany has offered no advice to the United States or to Spain in regard to Cuba. Germany would prefer to see Cuba in the hands of Spain, the correspondent says, and in the event of affairs becoming acute would advise Spain to grant such concessions as would enable her to retain the island.

Something to Know.

It may be worth something to know that the very best medicine for restoring the tired out nervous system to a healthy vigor is Electric Bitters. This medicine is purely vegetable, acts by giving tone to the nerve centres in the stomach, gently stimulates the Liver and Kidneys, and aids these organs in throwing off impurities in the blood. Electric Bitters improves the appetite, aids digestion and is pronounced by those who have tried it as the very best blood purifier and nerve tonic. Try it. Sold for 50c or \$1.00 per bottle at Blakeley & Houghton's Drug Store. (2)

Cash in Your Checks.

All county warrants registered prior to July 12, 1892, will be paid at my office. Interest ceases after Dec. 5, 1896.

C. L. PHILLIPS,

County Treasurer.