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STIRRING DAY IN HAVANA

Changing of Flags in Cuba Passes Without Disorder.

THE GOLD AND CRIMSON LOOK DOWN

Farewell of Castellanos—Several Cuban Generals Took Part in the Ceremonies—General Brooke's Reception.

Havana, Jan. 3.—The sovereignty of Cuba passed from Spain to the United States at noon Sunday.

The form of the transfer was simple, consisting of only an exchange of speeches in the salon of the palace, the hauling down of the Spanish flag and the raising in its stead of the flag of the United States on the flagstaffs on the palace roof.

No crowd was permitted to gather in the streets in the vicinity of the palace to witness the epoch-making function. At 9 o'clock, a guard, composed of the Second battalion of the Tenth infantry, marched into the Plaza de Armas, under command of Captain Van Vleet, and formed around the square.

With the guard was the band of the Second Illinois regiment, which had been selected for the occasion as the best band in the Seventh army corps. With the band were the buglers of the Eighth and Tenth infantry.

At 11:55, Major-General Lee, military governor of the province of Havana, with his staff, joined General Brooke. The latter then crossed the street to the palace, General Lee on one side of him, and General Chaffee on the other, followed by the other American generals and the Cuban officers.

As soon as all were in, the Spanish troops formed a column of fours and marched around the right side of the plaza to the docks, while the band of the Second Illinois volunteers played the Spanish royal march.

As Captain-General Castellanos was escorted to the wharf to take his departure the band played the Spanish royal march. General Castellanos thanked the generals accompanying him and as he stepped into the launch he wept. Crowds of Spaniards all dressed in black, gathered upon the sea wall and silently watched the fleet pass out. Men and women wept together.

TRANSFERRED TO DENVER.

General Merriam Will Command Department of the Colorado.

San Francisco, Jan. 3.—Major-General Henry C. Merriam, who is now in San Francisco in command of the departments of California and the Columbia, is to be transferred to the department of the Colorado.

Fall Five Hundred Feet.

Ishpeming, Mich., Jan. 3.—A cave accident in the Lake Superior mine today caused the death of six Finnish miners and serious injuries to three more. The dead are: Matti Tamminen, Takko Mikkala, J. H. Kujanpa, J. W. Paavai, Alfred Sinna and Gust W. Johnson.

Red Key, Ind., Jan. 3.—An explosion of gas, followed by fire, at the Ohio & Indiana Pipe Line Company's compressing station near here caused a loss estimated at \$100,000.

When a young woman gets a new hat she is never satisfied until the man she loves most and the girl she hates most have both seen it.

PROSPEROUS TO THE END.

The Old Year Goes Out With Business Booming.

New York, Jan. 2.—Bradstreet's says: Concisely stated, the reports received as to the year's business in all sections of the country point to an unprecedented volume of domestic and export trade, which is reflected in bank clearances that break the high record of 1893.

But the close of the year finds an improvement even in these directions, and returns as to retail trade and particularly holiday business, are strikingly good in all sections. Best reports as to distributive trade naturally come from the grain-growing sections of the country, which were the first to meet an improvement resulting from free foreign demand for our cereals, but indications are not wanting that this improvement is gradually percolating throughout the entire business community, and coupled with the unprecedented export trade in manufactured goods, and the fact that we are selling \$2 worth abroad for every dollar's worth we buy, renders possible the gains reported in distributive trade of 1898 over 1897, ranging from 10 to 40 per cent, with likewise good exports from the manufacturing centers, excepting the textile industries already mentioned.

The export trade of the country for the year, as above intimated, is the heaviest ever known, and will probably exceed \$1,250,000 in value, thus being nearly double the imports. Our export trade in manufactured goods, it must be observed, is the heaviest ever known, and for the first time in our country's history exceeded the value of imports of similar goods.

There were 11,938 failures in the United States in 1898, involving liabilities of \$141,137,117, a decrease from 1897 in number of 11.3 per cent, and in liabilities of 9.5 per cent. Compared with 1896 and 1895, the proportion of decrease shown is even larger, as compared with 1896, failures were fewer by 25 per cent, and liabilities smaller by 64 per cent. Decreases are also shown when compared with 1891, a year of large trade, but of numerous and costly failures; but compared with 1892 there is an increase shown of 13 per cent in number, and 20 per cent in liabilities.

TEN THOUSAND DROWNED

Another Awful Calamity Occurred at Hankow.

Victoria, B. C., Jan. 3.—The steamers Victoria and Yamaguchi Maru have arrived with news from the Orient up to December 15.

Another serious calamity, writes the Hankow correspondent of the North China Daily News, has befallen the people of Hankow; about 10,000 of the inhabitants have met death by drowning. About noon December 3 half the storehouses extending along the edge of the river Han suddenly broke away and tumbled into the water on top of all the boats there.

News comes of more murders of missionaries. The Japanese Herald says an English missionary has been murdered by natives and soldiers at Teing Ping. A French missionary has been burned to death at Swatow, and a German missionary has been mortally injured in Shan Tung. The murder of an American missionary, Mrs. Butterfield, of Central China, is reported.

Advices state that since the attack on the Russian troops at Andijan some time back, discontent and dissatisfaction have been rife throughout the province. This feeling has assumed such proportions that the Russian authorities have already strengthened their garrisons. They have, moreover, occupied the larger villages in force, and dispersed the civil by a military administration. Not more than 200 or 300 fanatics were engaged in the attack on the Russians, yet more than 1,200 men were arrested on suspicion and flogged in order to extort information. Not only were the actual malefactors punished, but their relatives of all degrees were also imprisoned. In addition to this, a fine of 300,000 roubles has been inflicted on the district.

A Prosperous Year.

Washington, Jan. 3.—The published statement of the government receipts and expenditures shows that during the half year ending December 31, the receipts aggregated \$245,961,890, against \$207,760,574, for the same period last year. According to the treasury these receipts are the largest since 1866, when they reached \$558,032,620, for the entire fiscal year, and 1897, when they amounted to \$490,634,010.

Disastrous San Francisco Fire.

San Francisco, Jan. 3.—Fire which started early tonight in the business building at 917 Stevenson street caused a loss of \$50,000 before it was extinguished. Of this amount about \$40,000 falls on the Krough Manufacturing Company, makers of pumps and hydraulic machinery. The San Francisco artistic metal works, which occupied part of the structure, were totally destroyed, the loss being placed at \$10,000. The origin of the fire is unknown.

THREE KILLED, ONE INJURED

Result of a Desperate Fight at Seaside.

TRAGEDY CAUSED BY A FIRE

Charles Willard Murdered Sheriff Williams and Deputy Lamers, and Was Shot by Deputy Miller.

Seaside, Or., Jan. 2.—The burning of the Fulton cottage, at this place, last Wednesday morning, culminated this afternoon in the bloodiest tragedy in the history of this county, as a result of which three men are cold in death and one other is badly wounded. The dead are: Sheriff J. W. Williams, Deputy Sheriff James Lamers and Charles Willard.

Deputy Sheriff A. E. Miller was shot in the leg.

It was considered certain by every one that the burning of the cottage was for the purpose of concealing a robbery, and suspicion pointed to Charles Willard as the guilty person, particularly as he was seen a short time after the fire coming from the locality with a wheelbarrow load of goods.

Acting on the suspicion then aroused Sheriff Williams this morning secured a search warrant, and in company with Senator C. W. Fulton and others, went to Seaside to search Willard's premises, and also all the cottages of which he had charge during the winter season.

About 3 o'clock this afternoon, Sheriff Williams, Senator Fulton and Deputies A. E. Miller and James Lamers, the two latter being residents of Seaside, went to the cottage of Mrs. Susie Lewiston, where Willard was living, to search it.

On rapping at the door they were answered immediately by Willard, who told them to wait until he dressed, but from subsequent events it is certain he wanted time to get his guns ready for action. After a few moments he opened the door, and on being told what was wanted, told the sheriff, in a polite manner, that he was welcome to search any of the residences in his charge.

Leaving Fulton, Lamers and the sheriff in the house, he picked up his rifle, and telling Miller to follow him, he started for John L. Carlson's cottage which he had in charge, and which he said some one had endeavored to break into. There they were soon afterwards joined by Williams and Fulton. The latter asked Willard to come back to the Lewiston cottage. He made no objection.

It was on nearing the cottage the second time that the tragedy occurred. Senator Fulton had identified some shotgun cartridges in the house as belonging to him, and began questioning Willard as to where he got possession of them. This nettled Willard, although he answered that a friend had given them to him, and he began to get ugly.

Fulton and Miller went inside the cottage, leaving Willard, Sheriff Williams and Lamers standing outside. They had just proceeded to the rear room when two shots were heard in quick succession, and on running to the door, Sheriff Williams was seen to throw up his hands and fall backward over the bank. In front of the house were Willard and Lamers, in a desperate hand-to-hand struggle, although the latter had been shot through the right groin and was fast growing faint, and his assailant was fighting with the desperation of a demon. Fulton sprang at Willard's head, and pulling him to the ground jumped on his face. Miller wrenched the rifle from his hand, threw it on the ground, and taking out his revolver beat the desperado over the head.

Senator Fulton, in the meantime, picked up the rifle and told Willard to remain quiet, or he would kill him. The latter, however, watched his opportunity, and jumping to his feet started to run away, when Fulton fired, missing him the first time, but striking him in the face the second time, carrying away the greater portion of his mouth and nose. Willard fell, apparently dead, and Fulton started to obtain help to care for the injured men, leaving Miller on guard with the rifle in hand. Miller stepped back to aid Lamers, who was lying on the ground desperately wounded, when Willard was noticed to be fumbling with his belt. Quicker than a flash he drew a revolver and fired three bullets, the first one hitting Miller in the left leg, just below the hip. Miller returned the fire with the rifle, the first bullet inflicting a flesh wound in Willard's shoulder, and the second hitting him in the left side, near the groin, killing him instantly.

By this time help had arrived, and an examination was made of the injured men. Sheriff Williams was found to have been shot through the right breast, and although his pulse was beating feebly when examined, he showed no further signs of life. Lamers was shot in the right groin, and he lived about 30 minutes after being removed to Grimes' hotel. Miller, the other deputy, was wounded in the leg, but his wound is not of a serious nature.

Discarded Woman's Deed.

Los Angeles, Cal., Jan. 2.—George P. King, chief deputy in the office of City Engineer Dockweiler, was shot and probably fatally wounded this evening by Theresa Kerr, whom he had cast off.

Extradition Treaty With Brazil.

New York, Jan. 2.—A dispatch to the Herald from Rio de Janeiro states that the Brazilian congress has approved a treaty of extradition with the United States.

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