

TELEGRAPH NEWS

The Bermuda's Sad Plight.

PHILADELPHIA, April 2.—If the latest advices from Puerto Cortes, which come by private cable, prove trustworthy, the filibustering steamer Bermuda is in a sorry plight. She is reported to have been seized by the government of Honduras for violation of the neutrality laws, and to have suffered the confiscation of her entire cargo of guns, powder, dynamite, m'chetes and other munitions of war intended for the Cubans.

The messages which bring this disheartening news to the Cuban sympathizers explain briefly why the Bermuda failed to land her cargo. They say an attempt was made to land on the southern coast of Cuba, near Cape Corientes, at night. She was discovered, however, by the crews of Spanish gunboats, which, like the Bermuda, had hidden all their lights from view, and were patrolling the very vicinity where she was to have made the landing.

Information as to the exact place of landing had been procured from persons on board the Bermuda, and was cabled to Havana and known to General Weyler before the vessel left Somer's Point, N. J. What has become of the 170 passengers is not known, but it is claimed they were landed on the coast of Pinar del Rio. This is not credited, however, as it is plainly stated in Puerto Cortes that all hands left the vessel there, and none were able to disembark in Cuba. Moreover, it would have been practically useless for them to have landed without the supplies of which General Maceo is so sorely in need. He has now an army of 6000 men poorly armed and practically without food or the opportunity to get any, because of the destruction of all growing crops by fire. The attempt to land was prevented by ordering all of the gunboats from the west coast to the northwestern and southwestern coasts of Cuba, and every part of the coast within the district under control of the insurgents was watched day and night. Representatives of the Spanish government are now on their way to Puerto Cortes with necessary evidence to condemn the Bermuda and her cargo. Captain O'Brien and his crew remain on the vessel, which is constantly guarded to prevent her escape.

Pinar Del Rio Burned.

HAVANA, April 2.—The capture of Pinar del Rio and Santa Clara by the insurgents, who occupied them several hours and left them in flames, is a blow to the Spanish armies. General Pando and General Juarez Valdez, the military governors of the destroyed cities, have been ordered to return to Spain by General Weyler. The captain-general is badly worried over the situation. He thought he had Pinar del Rio so strongly guarded that it was absolutely impossible for Maceo's forces to break in. But in the middle of the night of March 25 they came and literally laid the town in ashes. Of several hundred residences, not more than a couple of dozen were left uninjured.

Failed to Agree.

OTTAWA, April 2.—The government received a telegram from Winnipeg last night stating that the Dominion commissioners and provincial officers have failed to come to terms on the Manitoba school question, and the delegates will return without accomplishing anything. The full proceedings of the conference will not be published until after the arrival of the Dominion officers at Ottawa.

Spain Knows Nothing About It.

NEW YORK, April 1.—A Herald special from Madrid says: At a cabinet meeting Visconde Ernesto secretary to the prime minister, Canovas, inquired about the firing upon an American schooner by a Spanish cruiser. The minister of marine states that he knows nothing of it. Visconde Ernesto says he only knows that a boat sailed into Baracoa without flying a flag. The Spaniards fired a blank shot at the boat, which then hoisted the English colors and passed in.

Spanish Schools Reopened.

MADRID, April 1.—The medical schools of the universities of Madrid, Barcelona, Granada, Valencia and Cadiz, which were closed on account of the anti-American manifestations of the students, have been ordered to reopen.

Cleveland's Letter.

CHICAGO, April 2.—A special to the Times Herald, from New York, says: "President Cleveland has written a letter, stating positively, and without conditions, that he will not, under any circumstances, accept a nomination for a third term. The letter, it is said, was written at least three weeks ago, and is in the charge and care of Secretary Lamont. Plain, clear and concise, it in no wise intimates any doubt of democratic success in the future, or deviation or defection from democratic principles, as expressed by Mr. Cleveland, in the past. It speaks of the party standing firmly by sound money, and declares against the slightest concession to silverism, whether at 16 to 1 or a less ratio. It reiterates all of Mr. Cleveland's positions in favor of tariff reform and for the tariff-for-revenue only lines."

Lamont Denies.

WASHINGTON, April 3.—Secretary Lamont, when asked today concerning the published statement that he had a letter from President Cleveland declining to be again a candidate for the presidency, and urging the democratic party to stand for sound money and abide by its previous position on the tariff question, said the statement is absolutely untrue. Secretary Lamont added: "I have never heard of such a letter."

From another, and unquestionably excellent source, information is learned

that no such letter has been written by the president. The fact that President Cleveland had fully decided not to be a candidate for renomination, and that Secretary Carlisle would go before the Chicago convention as an aspirant for the democratic nomination, on a sound-money platform, was announced exclusively by the Associated Press a few weeks ago, but the matter has not yet gone beyond the lines then indicated.

Rivers And Harbors.

WASHINGTON, April 2.—The river and harbor bill has at last been completed, and will be reported to congress tomorrow. The bill is withheld from the public, but some of the provisions leaked out tonight. It carries a total appropriation of \$9,000,000, and provides for \$50,000,000 work to be done under the continuing contract system, to be paid for by future congresses. The Oregon appropriations follow:

Coos bay, Nestucca jetties	\$95,000
Tillamook bay	17,000
Dredger and dredging inner harbor Coos bay, in addition to \$13,000 on hand	14,300
Columbia river below Tongva point, by way of south channel in front of Astoria	50,000
Upper Columbia river, including Snake river, as far as Astoria	5,000
Lower Willamette river, in front of and below Portland, and Columbia river below Willamette river	50,000
Coquille river	20,000
Mouth of Siuslaw river	25,000
Gauging waters of Columbia river	1,000
Upper Coquille river, between Coquille City and Myrtle Point	10,000
Umpqua river	5,000
Coos river, completing imp.	5,000
Alsea river, completing imp.	3,000
Nestucca river, from town of Woods to ocean, completing imp.	6,000
Willamette and Yamhill rivers, continuing improvement	20,000

In the last named item it is provided that contracts shall be entered into by the secretary of war for materials and work necessary. This will include a lock and dam on the Yamhill. The amount is to be paid for, as appropriations may from time to time be made by law, which are not to exceed \$20,000.

Relief Needed for Armenia.

NEW YORK, April 2.—The National Armenian Relief committee today received the following cablegram, addressed by Miss Clara Barton to the chairman of the committee:

"Constantinople, April 1, 1896. To Spencer Frank, New York: We have just ordered eight physicians and apothecaries with medical supplies for the interior, and another caravan of goods into that terribly afflicted district. All will be there this week. Hubbell's party supplied Aintab and are enroute to Oarfa and beyond. Wistar's party has not reported, they are probably in or near Harpoot. Caravans of supplies are with the expedition. We are making heavy shipments on each steamer. The sublime porte ordered every opportunity to be fairly given for the distribution. Our only hindrance is the slow transportation of steamers, fifteen days apart. The passage to Alexandria, the southern gateway to the interior, is seven days, where caravans commence through snow and mud. It is easy to telegraph money, but the supplies are exhausted and must be carried to them. Mrs. Lee writes 'not a yard of cotton in Marash; small pox, dysentery and typhus.' There are no doctors but those we send. (Signed) Barton."

In addition, there has been received the following from Marash: "There are 12,000 refugees here. The problem of how to help sufferers here and in Zeiton comes upon us, with crushing force. The misery is past human imagination. Cold, famine, smallpox. We are using \$500 a week for food, clothing and bedding, and it is barely inside of starvation rates. Cannot more be sent? Do those who contribute wish us to continue giving at such a low rate? The medicines of the city are exhausted and we have sent for more to Aintab. We forwarded detailed reports of all the moneys used. Tomorrow we will cut down one half of our help for lack of funds. Thousands of pounds are needed to save these people from a miserable death. When will it come?"

In response to these pressing demands the committee today forwarded to Turkey by cable \$10,000. The committee also urges that special Easter offerings, both from churches and individuals, be sent.

Nicaragua Canal Engineering.

WASHINGTON, April 2.—Some features of the engineering work upon the Nicaragua canal were discussed before the house committee on commerce, from the standpoint of engineers experienced in large enterprises. Mr. Lindon W. Bates of Chicago, described the dredging machines and operations on the Chicago drainage canal, and asserted that by the same machinery and method work on the Nicaragua canal would be done for less than the company's estimates. The construction of the canal, he said, would inaugurate a new era for the Pacific coast and greatly increase the earnings of the railways in that section.

Died.

At the Depot Hotel, Thursday, Mrs. Phoebe Helves, wife of Henry Helves of Garing, Neb., died at 1 o'clock, Thursday, from a complication of diseases aggravated by the severe burn she received. Thus ends the misery of this unfortunate woman, a finale that appeals to every humane heart and touches their sympathies in poignant grief. Mrs. Helves was born in Ohio, Nov. 14, 1825, and died April 2, 1896, aged 69 years, 4 months, 19 days. Her remains were buried in the Odd Fellows' cemetery today. The funeral took place from the Depot Hotel at 2 o'clock under the auspices of the Woman's Relief Corps.

A Salzman, the reliable jeweler.

GRACIE PLAISTED.

At the Opera House, April 13th and 14th.

Concerning this company the Oregonian of March 23d, says:

The Gracie Plaisted comic opera company produced "Chanticleer Hall" at Cordray's theater last evening to a crowded house. Portland is decidedly a music-loving community, and whenever anything really meritorious is presented, and of a character light and catchy enough to be appreciated by the average theater-goer, such a representation is sure to catch on and make a walking advertisement of every man and woman in the audience that is sent home in good humor. This result was accomplished last night by the very clever work produced by Miss Plaisted and every one of the talented singers in her company, and the audience generally voiced its approbation by hearty, spontaneous applause, shouts of healthy laughter, repeated encores and double curtain calls that left no room to doubt its genuineness. The comedy was produced with a degree of finish in point of scenery and costumes that showed the great care exercised in its production by John E. Nash, who adapted it from the comic opera of "Dorothy." The quaint old costumes, powdered wigs, square-cut dresses, all of the period of 1740, gave an additional charm to the many pretty pictures presented by the actors in the several scenes of the three very interesting acts.

The music is that of Alfred Cellier, which has made "Dorothy" so famous, adapted by Mr. Nash for his principal singers, with the choruses omitted. It is not a solo opera, but has more ensemble work, duets, trios, quartets, quintets and generally made up of concerted selections that are bright, catchy and full of melody. The comedy is full of music, and, in fact, most of the action centers in musical numbers. The orchestration is by Professor Louis Heine, under whose able baton the opera went with a snap and without a hitch to mark any of its many lively scenes.

The more striking musical numbers in the opera were as follows:

First act—Trio, "Be Wise in Time," Miss Plaisted, Miss Thorne, Miss Ellsworth. Quintet, "Brown October," Miss Plaisted, Miss Thorne, Mr. Delamotte, Mr. Valera and Mr. Makin.

Second act—Minuet dance by the company; quaint old song, "Chaperone," Miss Plaisted. A well known ballad, "Queen of My Heart Tonight," by Mr. Delamotte. "Tally-Ho" ensemble finale, which secured a double encore.

Third act—Peasant dance, by little Nina Cook. "The Bridal song," by Miss Ellsworth.

Birthday Party.

One of the most pleasant events of the season, for the little folks, was the party given by Mr. and Mrs. Fred Page Tustin Thursday evening, the occasion being the eleventh birthday of their son, Master Frank. The house was handsomely decorated and numerous Chinese lanterns added to the brilliancy of the scene. Games, noise, and an elegant supper was the order of the evening, and a happier lot of children would be hard to find any where. Handsome souvenirs were presented each of the young ladies present. Those present were:

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Page-Tustin, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Clark, Mr. and Mrs. C. Y. Benjamin, Mrs. Bales, Mrs. Maddox, Miss Rose Bushey, Vera Haynes, Gertrude East, Agnes Pitchford, Bertha Seibred, Lily Stanton, Emma Seibred, Mamie McCurdy, Minnie McCurdy, Ruth Hamilton, Hannah Wollenberg, Bertha Slocum, Bertha Carlson, Maggie Carlson, Velle Barker, Hattie Barker, Minnie Easton, Myrtle Bales, Bessie Shafer, San Josephson, Milo Atterbury, John Boyd, Fred Chapman, Willie Kennedy, Von Casey, Fred Wollenberg, Clive Willis, Milton Brooks, Ralph Kearney, Charles Pitchford, Walter Josephson, Eddie Morris, Lyle Marsters, Clifford Benson, Harry Benson, Roy Bellows, Johnny Rapp, Tom Carlson, Earle Fickle, Jimmie Porter, Dwight Berry, Frank McKenzie, Artie McKenzie, Ed. McKenzie, and about a dozen others whose names could not be learned.

W. C. T. U.

There will be a Demorest silver medal contest held at the Baptist church, Friday, April 10th. No admission will be charged, but a collection will be taken up to pay for medal. There will be, ten contestants, all young ladies and gentlemen. Come everybody and encourage them by your presence. About the 10th of May we shall hold a gold medal contest here which will be a county affair. All persons holding silver medals in the county will take part.

CLARA BERRY, County Superintendent Demorest Medal Contest Work.

Wants The Earth.

In part of Greater New York on Sunday, one can buy beer but cannot get shaved; where one can get shaved one cannot buy beer. It is a pity that the new metropolis can't embrace all the cities that belong to it. With Newark, Jersey City, Hoboken, Elizabeth, New Rochelle, Mount Vernon and Yonkers left out, it does not represent the real population that should be under one jurisdiction. However, within the geographical limits, there will be enough breeding places of trouble that will tax the health and police control.—N. Y. Dispatch.

God's Regular Army.

On Friday, April 10th, their will be a grand hallelujah blow out at the God's Regular Army barracks, at which there will be good singing and speaking. After the meeting coffee, cake, sandwiches, etc., will be served. The special object of the meeting will be to pay off the standing debt of this corps. Coffee and lunch, 10 cents.

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