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ATROCITIES IN CUBA

Slaughter of Helpless Inhabitants Still Continues.

WHOLESALE ASSASSINATIONS

Insurgent Generals Responsible for Many of the Murders—A Havana Newspaper's Opinion.

TAMPA, Fla., May 26.—A tobacco merchant, who has just returned here from Havana, says of the situation in Cuba: "It goes against the grain to credit all the stories of atrocities which have reached Havana from the interior of Cuba, yet many of these stories are substantially true.

"Every one who has been able to get out into the field of warfare has brought back confirmation of the reports which have crept into the city underground. Some of these slaughters have been wholesale. In some instances they have taken the form of executions without trial of one or two sympathizers with the rebellion. In others they have been simple assassinations.

"These killings are justified on the ground that apparent noncombatants are not such in fact, but are sympathizers with and aiders of the rebellion, or pillagers and destroyers of property. It is easy to justify these acts. No nation has recognized the belligerency of the Cuban rebels. It is only just to say that it is the volunteers, rather than the regular Spanish soldiers who are guilty of these excesses. It is true, also, that the shedding of the blood of noncombatants is not confined to the Spanish troops. In Pinar del Rio there is a revel of death in which Maceo, as well as the Spanish volunteers, is a prime figure. The rebel general dominates in that province, through fear. His orders have gone forth, with the penalty of death attached, and the violation of those edicts has been followed with summary punishments. The insurgents, it is said, hang those whom they condemn, rather than to put them to death with the machete.

"This is the character of the war being waged in Cuba, and it presents the same questions of humanity which led Grant to propose intervention in the revolution of 1868. The Cubans show no signs of yielding. Indeed, they gain strength daily. They flaunt the Spanish at their very defenses on the trocha. Confessedly, General Weyler must bring more men from Spain to enter upon an offensive campaign."

COALING OF WARSHIPS.

Spanish Government Advised to Prepare for an Emergency.

HAVANA, May 26.—Diario El Ejercito, regarded as the organ of the Spanish army in Cuba, in discussing the possibility of war with the United States says:

"We have a greater army than was ever before in Spanish America. Our soldiers are invincible. We have got together an astonishing amount of war material. But, while we have an army more than sufficient to deal with the Yankees, our great warships are in European waters. In case of the opening of hostilities they would have to navigate 3000 miles, and as they must travel at high speed they would use up most of the coal possible to be carried in their bunkers before they could get here."

The paper then points out the difficulty that would be found in coaling warships and suggests the necessity of Spain bringing to Cuba a sufficient supply of coal and the establishment of the coaling vessels within reach of the warships. At present the United States is the only source of coal supply in America.

The intimation that Spain has con-

ceded to the United States an extension of time for tobacco is received with displeasure by Havana tobacco men and Spanish politicians. They say the United States is getting all that is demanded. The rush of tobacco to the United States is now so great that the Algeria is expected to take nearly 10,000 bales, valued at \$1,000,000, to Key West. During the past week fully 30,000 bales were shipped. Shippers here say the United States stock is fully equal to the demand for 18 months.

ENDEAVORS WILL MEET.

A Great Gathering to Be Held at Washington City.

WASHINGTON, May 26.—It seems assured that the Christian Endeavor convention, to be held in this city within two months, will be the greatest gathering of the kind ever held. It will be notable for the number of new features in the program. It is proposed to pay particular attention to evangelistic work during the convention.

The delegates will go forth, as they did at Boston, to the missions and other evangelistic outposts and hold services in the remote and dark corners of the city, as well as in public places where men congregate. For the first time in the history of the annual gatherings, gospel wagons will be used by the delegates.

An entirely new feature of the program will be daily Bible readings in one of the large churches, conducted by some student of recognized ability.

The junior workers' rally, Friday morning with the three-ten sessions, coincident with the three-ten sessions, is one more enlargement. One unique feature will be an open-air demonstration at the foot of the Washington monument. There is room at this place for tens of thousands of people to congregate. After this service it is proposed that the Endeavorers march down Pennsylvania avenue to the capitol, where, with added significance, the good citizenship demonstration will be continued. The last novelty, as well as one of the greatest, will be the first convention of the World's Christian Endeavor Union.

He is a Woman.

HELENA, Mont., May 26.—Several years ago there came to this city a young man who gave his name as Fred Rollins. Today it turns out that he is a woman, and for fourteen years has been masquerading as a man. It is stated that letters addressed to her show that she comes of respectable people in New York, who are very wealthy. Since coming to Helena she has gained the confidence of prominent merchants, who set her up in the oil business here and at Great Falls, but drink caused her the loss of both. She refuses to give her real name. At present she is an inmate of the Salvation Army Rescue Home in this city.

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A BRIDGE GAVE WAY.

And a Crowded Street Car Plunges Into Victoria Harbor.

VICTORIA, B. C., May 26.—A terrible accident occurred here today. A sham fight and review was to take place at Macaulay point, near Esquimalt, this afternoon, and crowds were making their way there by every route. All the tram cars were packed. Shortly before two o'clock two cars left Government street with more than 100 people. The first got over Point Ellice bridge, which crosses Victoria Arm, safely, but when the other was about half way over the middle span of the bridge, about 150 feet in length, gave way, and the car plunged into the water, some 100 feet below. The car was completely submerged, and all on board were drowned, with the exception of some of those who were standing on the platforms and who, escaping injury from falling timbers, managed to save themselves by using the floating rafts of the bridge, and thus got ashore. Numbers of the bodies have already been got up, and the work of identification is proceeding. It is a difficult matter, as a great many of the bodies are those of visitors.

So far as at present known, there are over sixty killed.

When the bridge broke down there were several carriages on it, and these also were precipitated into the water. Superintendent Wilson was driving one of these, and had his five children with him. He succeeded in saving himself and four children. The fifth, a little boy, was wedged between some iron bars and was drowned.



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