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WON A GREAT VICTORY

Weyler Said to Have Been Badly Whipped.

HE IS FALLING BACK ON HAVANA

Big Coast-Defense Gun Tested With Satisfactory Results—General Solo of the Insurgents Killed.

HAVANA, Nov. 18.—Little news regarding Captain-General Weyler's operations against the insurgents in Pinar del Rio was allowed to leak out from the palace today. Major Bazan, of the Spanish commander's staff, however, arrived here today from the front. He says the operations are most difficult and adds that the captain-general slept two rainy nights on the ground without blankets, and has been several times without meals. The major further says the captain-general yesterday was between Zorua and Candelaria.

In spite of the fact that weather is greatly improved in Pinar del Rio, and the authorities assert that the health of troops in the field shows an improvement, 700 sick men have already arrived here, and 300 more are expected to reach the city during the day.

Local newspapers are raising popular subscriptions to provide funds to make Christmas presents to the troops. Each newspaper with this object in view will publish a special edition on Christmas night.

A COAST-DEFENSE GUN TESTED.

Destructive Power of the Monster Effectively Proven.

NEW YORK, Nov. 18.—One of the 10-inch steering disappearing guns has been successfully tested at Willet's point. The trial was under the direction of Captain W. A. Crozier, who is one of the inventors of the Buffington-Crozier carriage, upon which the two guns are mounted. The other gun and carriage had been tested at Sandy Hook before they were brought here. Since the two big guns were placed here they have been the pride of the post. The work of mounting them was completed a few days ago.

The projectiles which the guns throw are of steel, with pointed ends, and weigh 575 pounds each. The one used in the test at Willet's point was of the same style and weight, but was made of cast-iron, steel being too expensive, it is said, to be used in practice. The guns are loaded at the breech.

When the projectile was raised by means of a small derrick attachment of the gun and pushed home, a charge of 140 pounds of powder was brought in bags and put into the breech. In a short time everything was in readiness for the first shot. Communication was had with the signal station which had been arranged at Davis island and Sand point to be sure the range was clear before the shot was fired. The gun was aimed at about due east. Sailing vessels were tacking back and forth across the range, and it was some time before the range was reported to be clear. Finally Lieutenant Wheeler shouted that all was ready. The spectators stuffed their ears and braced themselves for the shock. The officers gave the command to fire, and Artillery Sergeant Salvage yanked the lanyard.

There was a deafening report, followed by a loud whistling noise made by the projectile as it shot through the air over the heads of the boatmen who were between the fort and the point at which the officers had figured the ball would strike the water. The smoke soon cleared away, and those on the fort saw

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the great splash made by the projectile when it struck.

With this small charge of powder Lieutenant Wheeler said the velocity was 1,470 feet a second. With the first shot, as with all others, the working of the carriage was perfect. The recoil of the gun caused it to recede, and an instant after the shot was fired the gun was down out of sight behind the ramparts ready to be reloaded. The gun is thirty feet long and weighs thirty-three tons. After being charged and aimed it is easily raised by means of hydraulic power to the crest of the parapet.

The second shot was with 205 pounds of powder. With this the projectile was sent at the rate of 1808 feet a second. The shot was fired in a dead line with Execution lighthouse, but struck water when within a mile of it. The next three shots were made with 238 pounds of powder each. They were directed a little to the south of Execution lighthouse, where they dropped. The projectiles carried about six miles at a velocity of 2014 feet a second.

The officers expressed great satisfaction at the result of the test. Captain Crozier said the ordinance department now has under construction 80 gun carriages of this type for 10 and 12-inch guns, which are already finished. The work on the carriages is being rapidly pushed, and when they are completed the guns will be mounted at various places, including Portland, Me., Boston, Narragansett bay, New London, New York, Philadelphia, Fort Monroe, Washington, Charleston, Pensacola, Mobile and San Francisco.

The Possibility of Bloodshed.

KANSAS CITY, Nov. 18.—Under a Topeka, Kan., date, the Star this evening prints the following:

The turn taken in the Santa Fe receivership case opens the way for a most serious conflict between the federal and state courts. Should the receiver appointed by County Judge Myers finally succeed in qualifying and demand possession of the road, the officers of the latter would refuse to yield, standing on the expectation that Judge Foster, of the federal court, would assume jurisdiction of the case. His authority resisted by the railroad people, the receiver's recourse would be to ask Judge Myers for an order calling on the posse comitatus to help him to take possession of the property. Such an order would authorize the sheriff to summon every male citizen in Jefferson county, if necessary, to put the receiver in possession of the road. Then Judge Foster, presuming that he would assume jurisdiction, would order the United States marshal to appoint an army of special deputies to enforce the processes of his court. Then the sheriff could call upon the government for the state militia, and the United States marshal, in turn, could appeal to the secretary of war for troops, and thus bring on a collision between the state and the federal governments. Nobody looks for anything of this kind to happen, but Assistant Attorney-General Goddard says there is ample room in the case for it, and should the two courts and the parties in interest become stubborn and lose sight of the real merits of the case, a miniature war would result. But it is likely that after a little flurry of excitement, sober second thought will come, and the case will be settled without even coming to a hearing before any court on its merits.

Bacchante Will Remain.

Boston, Nov. 18.—The dancing Bacchante will remain in the public library

court yard. This is the decision reached by the art commissioners yesterday. In explanation of its entire change of front on the question, the commission gives out a statement which says their first judgment was formed by examining a small reproduction of the statue, and Auguste St. Gaudens and Daniel C. French has written to them suggesting that a different conclusion might be reached if the statue itself were viewed in its proper proportions. Mr. McKim brought the Bacchante to Boston for inspection. Public opinion approves the second decision, those who have seen the statue being almost universally in favor of it.

Died at Prayer.

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Nov. 18.—The opening session of the Daughters of Rebekah and grand lodge of Illinois Odd Fellows was sadly interrupted today by the sudden death of Mrs. Mary B. Stevens, of Yale, Ill., the chaplain.

She just commenced a prayer, saying "Our Father," when she dropped to the floor and died of heart disease. Her husband, D. C. Stevens, a prominent merchant, was attending the Odd Fellows' grand lodge session across the hall when notified of his wife's death. Appropriate resolutions were adopted and committees appointed to the body to Yale, after which the session adjourned.

General Solo Killed.

KEY WEST, Nov. 18.—Private advices from the Cuban insurgent lines via Matanzas are that the rebel brigadier-general, Bernardo Solo, has been killed in a skirmish with Spanish guerrillas on the Havana border.

General Solo accompanied Calixto Garcia's expedition to Cuba, joining the personal staff of Maximo Gomez. It is understood that when killed he was in command of a brigade of Oriental recruits, which Gomez had dispatched from Puerto Principe to reinforce General Aguirre's corps, operating around Havana.

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Insurgents Said to Have Won a Great Victory.

TAMPA, Fla., Nov. 18.—Cuban leaders here have received information that the insurgents have just won one of the most important battles fought on the island during the war. The battle was in Pinar del Rio, but no details are given. Cubans here are rejoicing, as this is the first real battle since Weyler took the field.

The Retreat to Havana.

KEY WEST, Fla., Nov. 18.—Passengers from Havana who arrived very late tonight report that General Loque had been wounded in Pinar del Rio.

A report was current in Havana that Captain-General Weyler will return at once to the city. The Spanish merchants and others on Murella street are very indignant over the report.

Stands at the Head.

Aug. J. Bogel, the leading druggist of Shreveport, La., says: "Dr. King's New Discovery is the only thing that cures my cough, and it is the best seller I have." J. F. Campbell, merchant of Safford, Ariz., writes: "Dr. King's New Discovery is all that is claimed for it; it never fails, and is a sure cure for Consumption, Coughs, and Colds. I cannot say enough for its merits." Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, Coughs and Colds is not an experiment. It has been tried for a quarter of a century, and today stands at the head. It never disappoints. Free trial bottles at Blakeley & Houghton's drug store.

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