

MADE A BOLD STAND

Cubans Dislodged After a Terrible Battle.

HEAVY LOSS ON BOTH SIDES

Great Activity at the Navy-Yard in Philadelphia—Spaniards Are Uneasy.

KEY WEST, Dec. 5.—A most important and terrible battle is reported in a private letter to have occurred at Palacios, in the province of Pinar del Rio. It is said that great forces of insurgents, strongly fortified at Torro Heights, were attacked by a Spanish column. Fierce fighting, cannonading and musketry, continued all day, the insurgents bravely defending their stronghold. The troops were unable to capture the fortifications that day, and both sides sustained a great loss. The next day, the Spanish columns were reinforced by General Ynciau, who renewed the attack. The troops were determined to take the stronghold, and, simultaneously advanced on the fortifications. The insurgents were finally dislodged from their position, their loss being fully 200. It is said the Spanish troops lost 600.

The steamer Triton, which was expected to leave today, was hurriedly dispatched yesterday to Bahia Honda. On this account, many believe the reports widely circulated to the effect that sounds of musketry and artillery were heard in that vicinity. In official circles, it is claimed that no news of an engagement has been received.

Reports from all parts of Pinar del Rio indicate that great mortality followed the recent epidemics, which are spreading throughout that section. Of all the diseases epidemic in nature, cholera seems to be the only one which has not visited that section.

Colonel Aldea recently had a fight with the rebel leaders at Perico. The loss of the insurgents at the present writing is unknown. Two officers and thirty-six privates connected with the Spanish forces were wounded.

The insurgents near Baracoa succeeded in capturing the pilerdriver Provenir and four of her crew. This boat was loaded with groceries destined for the troops at Vessel's bay.

The recent report of the attack of the insurgents upon Guanabacoa is said to have been a false alarm.

Broke Through the Trocha.
JACKSONVILLE, Fla., Dec. 5.—A Citizen special from Key West says:

A Spanish officer who passed through on the Olivette tonight reports that General Maceo, with a band of 600 men, succeeded in breaking through the trocha, and will meet General Gomez in Havana province. Maceo left General Rio Rivera in charge of his forces in Pinar del Rio province. Maceo goes to get the assistance of Gomez to help the insurgent army in Pinar del Rio.

From passengers on the Olivette, details of the successful raid of the insurgents on Guanabaco, across the bay from Havana, were received. The raid took place on Tuesday night, and the Spanish outposts near Havana and Marino have been attacked nightly since. The greatest excitement still exists in Havana, and in the suburbs of the city. In Tuesday's raid, the insurgents captured a large number of pack mules and a dozen horses, and a large quantity of munitions of war. About 45 houses were burned. The commander has been severely reprimanded for his feeble resistance. Hundreds of families are leaving Guanabaco for Havana.

The Bennington's Mission.
SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 5.—The United States steamer Bennington is preparing to sail for Salvador. Her mission is one of survey of the coast near the mouth of

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the Choletna river, with the view of the construction near there of a sea pier and docks by a San Francisco commercial company. The Bennington's officers expect to spend the next four months in the ceaseless roll that is found near the coast by all shipping going to Central American ports, where the breakers will not permit of an anchorage near shore.

WEYLER SURROUNDED.

Maceo Now Has the Spaniard Where He Wants Him.

JACKSONVILLE, Fla., Dec. 6.—A Citizen special from Key West says:

The steamer Whitney brought Havana news this morning in relation to Maceo and Weyler. Passengers state that Weyler himself is now encamped 10 miles from Artemisa, and his army is scattered along the trocha, and through the Pinar del Rio district. When Maceo retreated from Weyler in his first campaign, his plan was to surprise Weyler at the first opportunity, and now Maceo has his army on either side of Weyler and they are having daily skirmishes.

Weyler is completely surrounded, and if he shall attempt to move he will be compelled to go to Artemisa. Small bands have crossed the trocha into Havana, district, and are attacking the outposts and villages of that province.

Insurgents numbering 7000 are encamped in Havana province, 20 miles from Havana, and will go to Maceo's assistance when needed.

Spies in Havana are keeping the insurgents posted as to the movements of the Spanish troops. A movement is on foot to capture Weyler if he shall attempt to go to Havana by rail. Firemen and volunteers in Havana are being sent to Weyler's relief. Heretofore, these troops were used in the defense of the city.

Since Tuesday's raid on Guanabacoa, the city has been attacked almost every night, and Thursday night, 250 Cuban cavalry rode for two hours throughout the city. The damage done amounts to 37 houses burned and a large quantity of supplies and ammunition seized. A large number of mules loaded and ready to leave the city were also taken.

CHAPMAN WILL SURRENDER.

Case Will Be Taken Before the Supreme Court Immediately.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 5.—District Attorney Birney was informed today by Mr. Wilson, of counsel for Elverton Chapman, convicted of refusing to answer certain inquiries by the senate sugar-trust investigation committee, that Chapman will surrender himself to the custody of the marshal of the District of Columbia early next week Tuesday, Mr. Birney thinks, but not later than Wednesday in any event, he was informed. Immediately after the surrender of Mr. Chapman he will apply to one of the justices of the United States supreme court for his discharge through habeas corpus proceedings. Mr. Chapman will submit that the statute under which he was convicted is unconstitutional, and in that way his counsel hopes to have the supreme court pass upon the question. His case is a test one, on which prosecution of the other witnesses will depend.

OREGON IN THE CABINET.

Our Delegation Trying to Agree on a Man.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 5.—Senator McBride and Representative Hermann arrived from Canton today. Representative Ellis has been here a day or two. Senator Mitchell will be here Monday

morning. It is possible Oregon may be considered for a cabinet position, and when the delegation meets an effort will be made to agree upon a man. The only trouble seems to be that whoever is presented will meet with opposition at home. California is torn up by factional fights, and will not get a cabinet place. The chances are against the Pacific coast getting representation because of the lack of harmony in the Republican states. McKinley spoke very kindly of Oregon when the delegation visited him at Canton. He said he remembered that Oregon, in two national conventions, was for him when he had no opportunity of being nominated, and had always been loyal to him.

MORE CABINET TALK.

Dingley, Bliss and Payne Said to Be Slated for Positions.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 5.—The arrival of many prominent Republicans in the city, many of whom have recently been at Canton, has caused an unusual amount of cabinet talk, some of which assumed quite definite character today.

One senator, who is high in the councils of his party, stated that three positions seemed to be well settled, and that Dingley of Maine, now chairman of the ways and means committee, seemed to be slated for the secretary of the treasury. Mr. Dingley, it was said, has the matter under consideration. The other two men who are considered quite sure of cabinet places were Cornelius N. Bliss, of New York, for secretary of the navy, and Henry C. Payne, of Wisconsin, for postmaster-general of secretary of the interior.

Fighting in Havana's Suburbs.

JACKSONVILLE, Fla., Dec. 6.—Sharp firing has been heard again today in Havana from the neighborhood of Guanabacoa and other suburbs of that section, and all Havana is excited over the occurrence.

Over 500 refugees have passed into the city during the past five days from that section, fearing their lives during the fights between the soldiers and insurgents.

Nearly all the Havana volunteers have gone to the front, but as fast as they remove the guerrillas in one place, they encounter them in another, making a succession of running fights all within five to ten miles of the city. About 100 soldiers have been killed or wounded so far in these engagements.

Changes in the Navy.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 5.—Captain Chas. D. Evans has been relieved of the command of the battleship Indiana and ordered to Washington as a member of the fighting board. Captain H. C. Taylor has been detached from the naval war college and ordered to command the Indiana. Commander J. McGowan has been ordered to command the naval training station at Newport in place of Commander F. W. Dickins, who is ordered to Washington as assistant to the chief of the navigation bureau.

Launch of New Gunboats.

BATH, Me., Dec. 5.—The gunboats Vicksburg and Newport were launched from the yards of the Bath iron works this afternoon before an immense crowd. The Vicksburg went into the water at 12:25 o'clock. The Newport followed 20 minutes later. The launchings were successful in every respect.

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