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Terrible Suffering Among the Poor of the City of Havana.

STARVATION ON EVERY HAND

At Mozoro Insane Asylum, Where Formerly There Were 800 Patients, Now Only 120 are Left, the Others Having Died of Starvation and Disease.

New York, Dec. 19.—A dispatch to the World from Havana says: The distributing of the relief ship Comal's cargo will begin Tuesday under the direction of Lieutenant Lange, of the First Louisiana volunteers. Food supplies to the amount of one hundred and fifty tons have been landed, and arrangements will be made with local committees for distribution among the poor of Havana.

The World correspondent accompanied Lieutenant Lange on a tour of the city to ascertain the actual condition of the necessitous poor. At the Mozoro insane asylum, a horrible state of affairs was discovered. One hundred and twenty inmates, emaciated and showing every sign of starvation, are confined there. Six months ago there were 800 in this asylum, but death and starvation has reduced them to about one-seventh of the original number. The Spanish government withdrew its grant, and although money was raised for the institution, corrupt officials embezzled most of it, leaving the patients destitute. A large quantity of the Comal's food has been handed over to them.

Several tenement-houses near the Parado, the fashionable drive of the city, were visited. There, crowded in filthy rooms over livery stables, the stench from which filled the atmosphere, lived more than twenty families. All kinds of sickness were found, and lying in a corner of one room were two persons with yellow fever. They had no medical attention, were without even the common necessities of life, and judging from their condition had but a few hours to live.

Other inmates were similarly destitute and suffering from disease bred by filth and hunger. Pinched and wan, they blessed the approach of the American relief with its hope of some alleviation of their misery.

THE SHOT WAS A FATAL ONE

Man Who Ran Amuck at Garfield Died By His Own Hand.

Garfield, Wash., Dec. 18.—Elmer Rumley, the young man from Medford, Or., who ended a wild spree by shooting himself through the head last night at 8 o'clock, died two hours later without regaining consciousness. In the afternoon he received a letter. He told his chums that his best girl had gone back on him and that it meant to get on a big drunk; that he would take the town if was the last thing he ever did. True to his promise, he got crazy drunk, and, with revolver in hand, went up and down the streets cursing and swearing, sticking his gun in the face of passers by, creating a general panic. About 7:30 he started for the house of Jay North, an old Medford acquaintance, with whom he had recently had trouble over a settlement. When he appeared at the door gun in hand, Mr. North with the assistance of his wife, closed the door and bolted it. Mr. North ran out the back way for help. He returned with his brother-in-law, O. H. Johnson. When

Uncle Sam Banker for the World.

Chicago, Dec. 19.—A special from Washington, D. C., says: There are seers who predict that Uncle Sam will become the banker for the world. Two old world governments, Russia and

Japan, have turned their faces to the United States in search of loans. Russia at least has had agents sound American financiers. This is the first time any foreign nations have sought to float great national loans in America, and the wise men think it is the beginning of the new era.

It may be said on authority that Japan needs the money ostensibly to meet a deficit in her revenues produced by heavy expenditures for land and sea armament, and also to assist her in the establishment of a national industry bank. That is Japan's official explanation of her needs. In diplomatic circles it is shrewdly suspected that Japan is preparing herself with an ultimate struggle with Russia, and has been hurried by the activity of Russia in borrowing \$55,500,000 to replace her artillery with rapid firing guns.

It was learned at one of the legations today that the loan recently made in France is only one-fourth of what Russia actually needs, and that Russia has come to this country for assistance, because she failed to get all she wished from France. It is presumed that Japan and Russia between them will want \$400,000,000.

Stuck Fast on a Reef.

SANTIAGO DE CUBA, Dec. 18.—While the United States cruiser Cincinnati was leaving port about sunset yesterday, she ran full speed upon a rock clearly defined in the charts, but not buoyed. Last September General Wood considering that the absence of a buoy there might lead to some accident, anchored a small one, the first ever placed there, but the Bessie, on entering the harbor one night, carried it away, and since then there has been no buoy to mark the location of the rock.

The Cincinnati probably is not seriously damaged, as she is not making water. For the last 24 hours the government collier Southern and the Mayflower have been engaged in an effort to pull her off. Thus far they have been unsuccessful, but it is hoped they will have better luck tonight at high tide. The principal risk now is tearing a hole in the cruiser's bottom, while she is pulling off.

One Killed, Three Fatally Scalded.

NEW YORK, Dec. 19.—A dispatch to the Herald from Havana says: A terrible explosion shook the little steamer Fanita early Sunday morning, when some steam pipes in the boiler room blew out, killing one man and fatally scalding three others.

The steamer was at anchor, ready to go out in the morning. Three men were at work upon the machinery, when Chief Engineer A. E. Geer went into the boiler room. Geer had been drinking. By mistake or accident he opened a stopcock, turning the full pressure of steam into pipes that had been found defective. Instantly there came a terrible explosion, that wrecked the room, instantly killing Geer. John Wiley, assistant, William Green, a fireman, and Peter Walsh, a machinist, were so scalded that they are all dying at the Reina Mercedes hospital.

Will Bury the Remains.

LONG CREEK, Or., Dec. 16.—The county court has authorized the sending of a party over to California gulch on the north fork of the John Day river, to bury the remains of the aged miner, Jeff Hudson, who died several weeks ago. About 15 or 20 miles of the distance will have to be made on snowshoes.

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within 50 feet of the front door, Rumley, who was still standing there, shot at them, Johnson replying with two shots, neither of which took effect. Rumley then turned his weapon on himself, sending a bullet into his brain just above the right ear. The coroner's jury returned a verdict that he came to his death at the hands of parties unknown, and attached the blame to no one.

A COLOMBIAN OUTRAGE

Two Americans Unjustly Imprisoned and Kept in Surveillance for Two Years on Suspicion of Murder.

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 10.—Charles Nelson and H. K. Spring have just reached this city from the United States of Colombia, where for two years they were held under surveillance without being granted a trial, on a charge of having killed Jason Hubbard, the 27th of August 1896.

They were both from Colton, and went to South America and entered the employ of Hubbard, whose dead body was found on the date mentioned with a rifle by its side. It was thought that he had accidentally shot himself, but Nelson and Spring were arrested on suspicion and imprisoned for twenty-five days, when they were released on bail. They could not leave the country, but November 4th their bondsmen secured their release, and they at once started for home. There was no evidence to connect them with the death of Hubbard.

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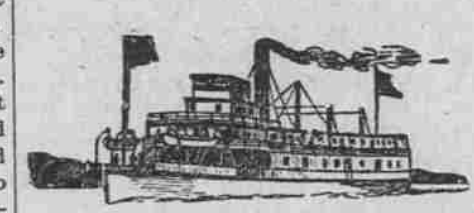
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