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CUBA IS MENACED

Threatened With Claims By European Powers—Collection By War-Ships May Follow Our Withdrawal.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 25.—Germany's claim for the damages to her subjects in Cuba during the insurrection and the war between the United States and Spain will be followed, it is said, by like claims from Great Britain and other European powers.

The administration has established a precedent in declining to recognize the claims of Porto Rico against Cuba for its part of the Spanish war debt. Consequently no war claims, based upon conditions in Cuba before or since the withdrawal of Spain from the island, will be entertained by this country.

The subject, however, promises to assume great importance when the Cubans establish their right to independence by forming a stable government, and being released eventually from the supervision and fostering care of the United States.

The members of the constitutional convention in Cuba unquestionably will consider the responsibility that must follow relief from the guardianship of the power which has opened the way for Cuba's freedom.

It is the intention of the president solemnly to grant the Cubans their independence, according to the pledges made before the civilized world, but there are responsibilities not to be lightly assumed or cast aside.

It is held that there must be vested somewhere responsibility for encroachments upon the rights of foreign subjects in Cuba. In the enforcement of claims against Cuba that may arise, foreign powers may feel impelled to send warships in Cuban ports, demanding payment without condition, and serious consequences might result from inability or failure to settle. The question might arise as to how far this government could interfere, the complete independence of Cuba being established.

It is recalled that in the Corinto affair, which happened during Cleveland's administration, a British war vessel threatened bombardment if payment of the money demanded were not made within a certain number of hours, and it was then held that this was not a violation of

the Monroe doctrine, since it was not the seizing of territory, although a British force landed and occupied the custom house and public offices, and appointed a governor of the port.

Either this government will have to take the responsibility for the acts of Cuba which affect the interests of foreign subjects, or else we shall have to permit her to take the consequences, whatever they may be.

Under the principle of the Monroe doctrine, it is said, we would have no right to interfere, unless an attempt were made by a foreign power to seize territory. In that event this government would probably become involved in a war, though the Cuban government might be at fault.

A Village Blacksmith Saved His Little Son's Life.

Mr. H. H. Black, the well-known blacksmith at Grahamsville, Sullivan Co., N. Y., says: "Our little son, five years old, has always been subject to croup, and so bad have the attacks been that we have feared many times that he would die. We have had the doctor and used many medicines, but Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is now our sole reliance. It seems to dissolve the tough mucus and by giving frequent doses when the croupy symptoms appear we have found that the dreaded croup is cured before it gets settled." There is no danger in giving this remedy for it contains no opium or other injurious drug and may be given as confidently to a babe as to an adult. For sale by Blakeley, the druggist.

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Had Money Hidden In Shoe.

FOREST GROVE, Or., Dec. 29.—David Keen put \$40.56 into the toe of one of his shoes last night and placed it on his back porch for safe-keeping. To his surprise, this morning, when he went for the money, he found only 56 cents, and a note which read: "I will divide, nice moonshine, good-bye." The thief also took a G. A. R. coat. Mr. Keen is a cripple and an industrious, hard-working man. The loss is a very heavy one.

THE STORY OF NEGROS

How One of the Philippine Islands Became Our Territory—The Stars and Stripes Raised in Bold Defiance of Aguinaldo.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 23.—The story of Negros makes the most pleasant reading that has come out of the Philippines in a long time. It tells how one important island not merely accepted but sought earnestly American authority. It is a record of unbroken allegiance under trying temptation. It is a revelation of what betrayal of confidence would have been the hauling down of the stars and stripes. It traces evolution of home rule through experimental stages to a degree of success agreeably surprising. It furnishes encouragement for hope of ultimate "benevolent assimilation" throughout the archipelago. The chronology of the transition of Negros from Spanish possession to American territory speaks for itself:

November 2, 1898.—In cable dispatches from Paris published in Manila it was "officially stated that, in compliance with the instructions of the president, American commissioners have demanded absolute cession of the Philippines.

November 6, 1898.—The Negrenos, until then patient under Spanish domination, revolted, compelled complete surrender of Spanish garrisons and set up a provisional government in control of the entire island, the Spaniards being allowed to leave without arms.

November 12, 1898.—Jose Ereneta, duly authorized commissioner of the provisional government of Negros, appeared on the cruiser Charleston, only representative of American authority in that part of the archipelago, and presented resolutions of his government asking that the stars and stripes be raised and that the United States receive the allegiance of Negros by occupying the capital at Bacolod. Capt. Glass was obliged to decline, his instructions not warranting him in going so far.

February 12, 1899.—Seven days after the outbreak in front of Manila and the opening of hostilities by Aguinaldo, the provisional government of Negros raised the stars and stripes at Bacolod and proclaimed allegiance to the United States. This was within a week of the ratification of the treaty with Spain. No American troops were nearer than Ilo Ilo, whither the Negrenos sent a commission urging the American commander to come and receive their formal declaration of loyalty and to protect them from invasion by the Tagalos, who were threatening. Unable to secure action at Ilo Ilo, the Negrenos commission went on to Manila in their determination to obtain recognition as part of the United States.

March 4, 1899.—The first American troops reached Bacolod and found the American flag floating. A battalion of native troops enlisted under the provisional government, 200 strong, was sworn into the United States service, and "down to the present hour they have been faithful and not a single desertion or traitorous act has marked their record."

More in detail this transition of Negros is worth telling. The bare chronology fails to convey an adequate idea of adverse circumstances under which the Negrenos gave evidence of their desire to become Americans. The enthusiastic welcome given to the army which landed in Porto Rico pales beside the efforts of the inhabitants of Negros to get under "Old Glory." The official report of an army officer is hardly the place where one would expect to find a charming narrative, but Brig. Gen. Smith has tied up in red tape a version of the story of Negros which can not be improved upon.

Many Insurgents Captured.

MANILA, Dec. 30.—Today brought many reports of captures of insurgents as the result of scouting throughout Luzon. The Americans in this work sustained no casualties. A detachment of the Fourth regiment captured sixty in the province of Cavite. General Wheaton reports having captured and burned Gremori's camp in the peninsula,

near San Antonio.

General Funston reports that five insurgents were killed and several captured near Gayan.

General Smith wires that the proclamation of the governor-general has had good results in his district.

Near Moroines yesterday a dozen insurgents were killed and eight wounded.

General Grant telegraphs that he has detachments covering the lower portion of Mount Arayat, in the hope of catching Alejandro. He says that last Friday a detachment of the Forty-first infantry raided the camp of the insurgent leader and secured some of his papers.

Near Alajada today Captain Mendoza, with thirty men of Sandico's command, surrendered.

Detachments of the Eleventh and Ninth Cavalry killed twelve insurgents and destroyed several camps in the Camparines district.

Caught By a Prairie Fire.

WICHITA, Kan., Dec. 29.—Gottlieb Stacker and his entire family, moving from Stillwater, O. T., to Rogers, Mills county, were caught while asleep in their wagon in a prairie fire last night. A 17-month-old baby was roasted to death and a boy will die. A young lady will lose both limbs, and no hopes are entertained of saving the mother's life. In their roasted condition and the eyes and hair of their horses burnt out, they reached a dug-out owned by Dennis Carr, a few miles south. The prairie fire was fanned by a wind traveling 60 miles an hour.

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Two Men Killed in Runaway.

VICTORIA, B. C., Dec. 29.—John and Andrew Muir, sons of John Muir, a pioneer farmer of Sooke, were killed this afternoon. They were riding on a load of straw, when the team ran away, throwing them off. Their bodies were found within a short distance of one another.

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Harney County Cattle Ranges.
BERS, Dec. 29.—A few cattlemen hereabouts find it necessary to feed their stock fodder, although the number of cattle is not considerable. This has been a very mild winter in this section, and the open range was never known to be so good. Stein mountain sheepmen report that they have not yet found it necessary to feed their flocks. The sheep are doing well on the range. The only complaint they voice is of the scarcity of snow, which has held herds off unwatered ranges where grass is abundant.

Sheepmen who have been engaged in the business in Harney county for years state they have never seen a more prolific growth of grass than that which has marked this winter.

Heavy owners of hay lands in Harney valley express anxiety about water for irrigation purposes next year. The fall of deep snow has been so long delayed that they fear the supply of water in Silvie river will not be equal to the demands their meadows will make upon it.

Little permanent snow has fallen in the high mountains about the river's head, though the season for a "cold snap" cannot be said to be past.

Old Woodburn Feud Revived.
WOODBURN, Or., Dec. 29.—John C. Waterbury today swore to complaints against all saloon-keepers in Woodburn, for the crime of keeping on their premises slot machines. A long series of suits is promised and the old feud between the Prohibitionists and the anti-Prohibitionists is on in full force.

Story of a Slave.
To be bound hand and foot for years by the chains of disease is the worst form of slavery. George D. Williams, of Manchester, Mich., tells how such a slave was made free. He says: "My wife has been so helpless for five years that she could not turn over in bed alone. After using two bottles of Electric Bitters, she is wonderfully improved and able to do her own work." This supreme remedy for female diseases quickly cures nervousness, sleeplessness, melancholy, headache, backache, fainting and dizzy spells. This miracle working medicine is a godsend to weak, sickly, run down people. Every bottle guaranteed. Only 50 cents. Sold by Blakeley, the Druggist.

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