

CALHOUN OPPOSES ANNEXATION

He Thinks Cuban Assimilation Impossible at Present.

GEN. LEE WARMLY PRAISED

His Sympathy With Cuba—Can See No End to the War, and the Devastation is Growing.

Chicago, June 8.—The Chicago Tribune correspondent, Chas. H. Pepper, telegraphs the following from New York: Special Commissioner W. J. Calhoun, who returned here yesterday from Cuba says that he had formed the impression before leaving the states that negroes and possibly bandits were the chief agents in the insurrection. He had not been there three days before he was convinced of the whole strength of the Cuban people in backing the insurrection. He became satisfied that in reality the struggle of Cuba for the Cuban and that they would fight desperately for independence. Everything he subsequently saw and heard strengthened this belief. Calhoun had heard the reports of pacification by General Weyler and had credited them in some degree. His stay in Cuba destroyed this notion. He could not find the pacification which was reported. Instead he found signs of war everywhere, even at the gates of Havana. The Spanish troops held certain parts of the island as an army of occupation, while the insurgents were making constant and often successful raids. Mr. Calhoun was so impressed with these evidences of actual warfare that he gave out a blunt statement that he could see no end of the war, and that the devastation was growing.

Mr. Calhoun could not discover that any approach to civilized methods of warfare was being made on either side. He was overwhelmed with evidence to show the atrocities committed by the soldiers under Weyler, particularly the guerillas, who form a part of the regular army. Such cases as he was able to investigate personally generally proved to be correctly stated. He also learned it was true that the Red Cross society was not permitted to exercise its offices of mercy between the two contending armies. This refusal was made by the Spanish government.

Mr. Calhoun's personal inquiries and investigations have satisfied him that the starvation and suffering caused by Weyler's reconcentration order were not exaggerated. He saw the scenes of misery at Matanzas, which determined him to look no further into that phase of the war, because he had seen enough.

While Mr. Calhoun did not attach so much importance to belligerency as to other phases of the question, what he saw did not cause him any fears for the administration and by congress. During his stay in Cuba Mr. Calhoun gave a great deal of attention to the financial conditions. He understood perfectly that the hope of the insurgents is to win independence by bankrupting Spain. While he did not see actual bankruptcy, he found that the credit of the peninsula was growing weaker, that faith in its ability to pull through safely was lessening even among Spanish partisans in Havana, and that in watching the future progress of the insurrection, Spain's ability to get money must also be carefully watched. Mr. Calhoun also heard much about the corruption among the favorites of Canovas and Weyler in the payment of the troops and financial arrangements to pay, which were piling up, but he did not follow this branch of the inquiry exhaustively. While not charged with the responsibility of formulating a policy of intervention or of belligerency, Mr. Calhoun returned from Cuba with his mind made up that no encouragement should be given the Cubans to expect annexation to the United States. If Spain will not permit them to purchase their independence and the United States steps in on the grounds of humanity or of commercial interests, or of political conditions, to stop the warfare, in his view it should be with a distinct and specific understanding that it is not a step toward annexation. The assimilation of the mixed population of the island, as he looked at it, would be too much for the United States, at least in the present generation. As a conclusion was stated with much frankness, both to Cubans and Spaniards, and I do not violate any confidence in relating it here. Mr. Calhoun concluded by warmly recommending General Lee, not only for his courage in the Bull case, but for the vigor and promptness with which the consul general acquitted himself in the cases of all American citizens.

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Columbia Bicycles advertisement featuring an image of a bicycle and text: 'It is dangerous as well as expensive to buy a bicycle unless it is built by a manufacturer who won't build poor ones. We cannot afford to build poor ones any more than you can afford to buy them.'

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'The Louvre' advertisement for Astoria's Gorgeous Entertainment Hall, 3 floors, featuring fine music, games, and a magnificent bar.

UNION MEAT COMPANY advertisement for Shield Brand Hams, Bacon, and Strictly Pure Lard, all kinds of canned meats.

Ross, Higgins & Company advertisement for Grocers and Butchers, Astoria and East Astoria, offering choice fresh and salt meats.

HERCULES MARINE GASOLINE ENGINES advertisement featuring an image of a marine engine and text: 'Using gasoline or cheap distillate oil. Engines connected direct with propeller shaft, and no noisy, easily broken bevel gears used in reverse motion.'

San Francisco to Astoria and Portland advertisement for S. S. HOMER, offering regular trips every 14 days.

SEASIDE SAWMILL advertisement for a complete stock of lumber on hand in the rough or dressed.

FACE HUMORS advertisement for CUTICURA, featuring an image of a person's face and text: 'Pimples, blotches, blackheads, red, rough, oily, moist skin, itching, scaly scalp, dry, thin, and falling hair, and baby blemishes prevented by CUTICURA SOAP, the most effective skin purifying and beautifying soap in the world.'

NORTHERN PACIFIC TRANSPORTATION LINES advertisement with a circular logo and text: 'THE ONLY DINING-CAR ROUTE FROM PORTLAND TO THE EAST. THE ONLY ROUTE TO THE YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK.'

Table with columns for LEAVE, PORTLAND, and ARRIVE, listing train schedules for various destinations like Chicago, St. Paul, and Duluth.

EAST VIA SOUTHERN PACIFIC advertisement for the route to the South, listing train schedules and agents.

Direct connection at San Francisco with Occidental & Oriental and Pacific Mail steamship lines for Japan and China.

O.R.&N. advertisement for Pullman and Tourist Sleepers, Free Reclining Chair Cars, and Transcontinental Routes.

Astoria and Columbia River Railroad advertisement with a time card showing train schedules for Astoria, Flavel, and Seaside.

For Delicacy advertisement for the Burlington Route, featuring Pullman dining cars and scenic views.

GO EAST Library Car Route advertisement for the America's Scenic Line, featuring the Great Northern Railway.

Through Palace and Tourist advertisement for sleepers, dining, and library observation cars, with daily trains to St. Paul, Minneapolis, Duluth, and Chicago.

Going East? advertisement for the Three Important Points: St. Paul, Minneapolis, and Duluth.

This Railway Company advertisement for the Burlington Route, highlighting electric berth reading lamps and vestibule trains.

Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul advertisement for steam-heated vestibule trains and Pullman dining cars.

why you should advertisement for the Burlington Route, emphasizing shorter routes and faster service.

BEAVER HILL and GILMAN COAL advertisement for family or steam purposes, with agents Elmore, Sanborn & Co.

SIMMONS' LIVER REGULATOR advertisement for a favorite home remedy for liver, kidney, and stomach ailments.

FOR PURE FOOD advertisement for California Determined to Clean Up Their State, featuring a logo for Simmons' Liver Regulator.

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