

CUBANS INVADE MATANZAS

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REPID FIRE FIELD GUNS

And Large Quantities of Ammunition Soon to Be Landed in Matanzas Province by Filibusters.

New York, July 9.—A Herald dispatch from Havana says:

The threatened invasion of Matanzas province by the insurgents has begun. Several large bodies of Cubans have crossed the line from Santa Clara and the strength of the force engaged in the westward movement is estimated at from 400 to 600.

La Cruz and Herbe, who recently crossed the line and from Matanzas, have united with other leaders and there are now five or six platoons, each with a considerable following, moving into Matanzas, where the insurgent forces were ordered to mobilize. Most have been summoned from the plantations around and ordered westward.

Whether the movement was ordered to embarrass General Weyler or to distract attention from General Gomez, who is supposed to be hemmed in by Spanish columns near Sancti Spiritus, is not yet clear. It may do both.

The purpose of the gathering in Matanzas is said to cover the landing of an expedition which is due in that province, and which will furnish the combined forces with some additional arms and cartridges and several rapid-fire field guns.

After resolving this expedition the program mapped out by General Gomez is for an advance across Matanzas province, a junction with the forces in Havana province, and if all goes well, a demonstration near the city of Havana itself.

Quintin Hainber, who recently came from the east with 100 men and who was in Matanzas del Rio two weeks ago, has gone to Matanzas. The entire force of rebels under Castillo in this province is ready to join with those in the eastern province.

Duran and his force of 200 to 300 men may come here from Pinar del Rio to take part in the movement.

General Calixto Garea will remain in Santiago province, but practically all the other leaders of prominence of the insurgent side have been ordered to meet in Matanzas.

Just what opposition the Spanish troops will make to the movement is not certain. The sudden activity in the rebel ranks after the rainy season has well begun shows that they are side to move, despite the muddy condition of the roads, and frequent drenchings which they must receive. Any forced marches of large bodies of Spanish troops to head off the rebel movement must result in heavy losses from sickness, hardship and exposure.

A NEW DISCOVERY.

A Narcotic Made From the Seed of the White Sapote.

City of Mexico, July 9.—Efforts on the part of physicians in charge of the Insane hospital for women to discover some safe narcotic which would produce sleep have resulted in bringing into daily use in that institution a simple remedy prepared from the seed of the white sapote. It produces a tranquil sleep, and since it has been used no deaths have occurred from cerebral congestion at that institution.

Dr. Glover, representing the Berlin house of Blochbroder, in an interview here takes a very favorable view of the future of Mexican business. He has prepared a voluminous work on the subject. His house has been active in negotiating in the past in loan bonds placed in Europe. Some questions have arisen in relation to the organization of a new bank of the state of Mexico, for which a part of the capital was subscribed here and for which the other part was collected in London. It is charged that an important particular in the prospectus issued in London there is some discrepancy from the one used here. It was said today, however, that some arrangement would be effected whereby the bank would be organized and everything made right.

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for the place and ignore the principles enunciated by the national convention. There will be some difference of opinion among those present regarding the advisability of holding the session of the state committee if the committee should not affirm the Chicago platform. There was, however, a unanimity of sentiment in favor of petitioning the committee by mass meetings and clubs to nominate a Bryan man for judge of the Bryan platform.

The silverites appeared to mean business. Former Congressman Hosea Brockwell, of the Elmira district, who was permanent chairman of the Buffalo state convention last year, took a prominent part in the conference. Jay W. Forrest, of Albany, says since the last presidential election a free silver club has been formed in every election district in Albany district. He said the free silver democrats of his county would favor the holding of a state convention if the state committee should nominate a sound money man for judge of the court of appeals and ignore the issues involved in the last national campaign.

THE GUNBOAT HELFNA.

Is at Last in Commission, After Two Months Delay.

New York, July 9.—After a delay of more than two months, the gunboat Helfna, the first of her type, has been put in commission at the Brooklyn navy yard. The vessel has been ordered to be put in active list four times, but these orders were revoked by Secretary of the Navy Long, as there were no men available to make up a crew for the vessel. As soon as the vessel is equipped she will join the ships of the North Atlantic squadron and remain with them until after the summer drill, when she will go to the China station, relieving the old wooden side-wheeler Monocacy.

A MYSTERIOUS AFFAIR.

A Boston Millionaire's Daughter Suddenly Disappears.

Boston, July 8.—The Herald says that pretty Grace Stevenson, aged 25, left her home in Brookline on the evening of April 20 to go on a short errand, and she has never returned. A search throughout the city and vicinity, and examination of the steamship lines, and inquiries directed to all points reached by railroads from Boston failed to reveal the slightest inkling of her whereabouts. She is the daughter of Mr. James Stevenson, the millionaire real estate operator and owner of this city.

DURRAN STILL LIVES.

He Will Not Hang Pending Decision of United States Supreme Court.

San Francisco, July 9.—The reprieve granted Theodore Durrant by Governor Budd expires today, but the murderer of Blanche Lambert and Minnie Williams is in no danger of hanging. It does not matter whether Governor Budd grants a further reprieve or not, as the granting of an appeal by the United States circuit court to the United States Supreme court takes all power out of the state official's hands until the highest federal court renders a decision in the case.

STRIKE IN ILLINOIS.

Springfield, Ill., July 9.—The miners' strike in Illinois is as follows:

All the miners in the Wilmington district, 200 in number, are out. In Springfield district most of the miners are still working, but will meet today. The miners at Stanton and Mount Olive have given out assurances that the Belleville miners would strike, but the Belleville men at their meeting decided to go to work. At Carlinville there is no strike. Vinton and Auburn miners struck a week ago. The miners at Assumption are out, but at Pana and Taylorville are working. At Westville, Vermilion county, the miners are out, but are at work at Danville.

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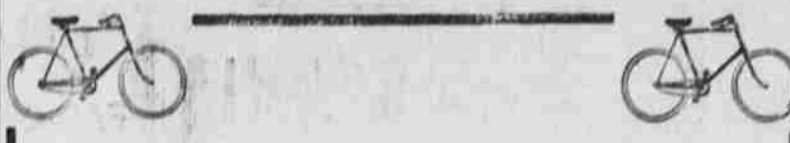
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