

A TRAP IS SET FOR GOMEZ

Spaniards Forming Three Lines to Crush Him.

OPERATIONS ARE IN MATANZAS

Weyler Expected to Strike a Hard Blow, So That Spain Can Call for Another Loan—Cubans Confident.

Cincinnati, Dec. 28.—A special to the Commercial Tribune from Key West says:

Havana advices are that Gomez's advance guard has captured the town of Las Pasasga, in Santa Clara province, taking the entire garrison and all the stores. A battalion of fresh troops was sent from Havana to Matanzas this morning, to be sent to the front. Great exertions are being made to get a strong force to oppose General Gomez, and three lines are being forced to get the Cubans entangled between them and crushed.

Funds Running Low.

New York, Dec. 28.—A Madrid special to the World says:

It is rumored that General Weyler has delayed fresh operations against the insurgents in order to give time to discover the disposition of banos and their chiefs since the death of Maceo, with a view to feeling his way to prepare the ground for finishing the present Cuban war like the past insurrections in Spain and Cuba, where official negotiations proved more telling arguments than force of arms, directly the insurgents saw no more hope of foreign aid.

It is also believed in diplomatic circles that Spain will take advantage of the disposition of President Cleveland and Secretary Olney to negotiate quickly and directly with the United States to secure a neutrality by granting discriminating concessions in the contemplated Cuban tariff, and fair promises of colonial autonomy before the accession of McKinley.

One of the principal reasons of the Spanish government for insisting upon Weyler making a decisive attempt to clear the provinces of Pinar del Rio, Havana and Matanzas, within a few weeks, is the urgent necessity for scoring a military success before Spain has one more to appeal to the native and foreign markets for fresh loans, when she shall have exhausted the money obtained by the recent interior loan, which will be in March of next year.

At present the minister of the colonies disposes of this cash, and Cuban bonds to the value of about \$5,000,000 only remain out of the proceeds of the loans. The expenses of the war in Cuba are \$12,000,000 monthly, and in the Philippines at least \$4,000,000. Up to the present time, the Spanish treasury has assisted the Cuban treasury by guaranteeing advances made by foreign and native bankers upon Cuban bonds, and by pledging the sources of imperial revenue for the recent \$80,000,000 loan.

The moment is fast approaching when the Spanish parliament and the Spanish taxpayers must be asked to provide, in the shape of additional taxation, \$26,000,000 annually for the interest and sinking fund of \$250,000,000 thus far raised, to meet only in part the expenses of the Cuban war, up to March, 1897, and which the Cuban budget and the Cuban taxpayers could not possibly undertake to pay, even if the war were soon terminated, considering that their budgets showed deficits, averaging \$5,000,000 annually, before the present insurrection.

Rivera Warns Weyler.

New York, Dec. 28.—A special from Key West to the World says:

Steamship passengers say that General Rivera, who is in command of the army of Maceo, has sent a formal warning to General Weyler. General Rivera notified the Spanish captain-general that if he persisted in his threats to kill pacificos found in the country, the Cubans will make reprisals on all Spaniards whom they may capture.

General Weyler is affecting to disregard the warning. Those near him, however, say he will not dare to carry out his ideas as ruthlessly as he intended. His guerrillas still have full authority to capture or to kill pacificos in the country and to force their families into the garrisoned towns. As the troops in such places have little extra food and the residents none to spare, this order lays a great hardship upon the poor country folk. Hundreds will soon be starving.

General Rivera is moving out of his entrenchments. All indications point to an important engagement soon.

General Weyler has visited various points on the trocha and San Cristobal. He is always accompanied by a large force.

There is skirmishing daily along the trocha and on the outskirts of Artemisa.

A battle has been fought in Santa Clara province between guerrilla bands. The Cubans forced the Spanish to retire into Remedios with heavy loss.

Regia, across the bay from Havana, was attacked again last night almost under the guns of the fortress. Several houses were burned and a running fight maintained for two hours.

A Drunkard's Act.

Los Angeles, Cal., Dec. 28.—While leaving the Santa Fe train at the First street depot in a drunken condition, Mason Birkley stumbled, fell and threw his 6-year-old boy Harry under the moving train. The child was crushed to death.

Candlesticks, with chimneys, and having perforations in the bottom of the tray for the admission of air, are made by an Englishman.

A MOB OF BOHEMIANS.

Tried to Lynch a Motorman Who Ran Down a Boy.

Chicago, Dec. 28.—George E. Denmark, 7 years old, was killed by a trolley-car at Troop and Eighteenth streets, this afternoon. Fred Bernier, motorman, was threatened with lynching, for killing the boy, and was with great difficulty rescued from the mob of Bohemians, who, incensed at the terrible accident, surrounded the car and dragged Bernier from the platform, determined to hang him. Patrick Hanley, the conductor, managed to save Bernier from the mob, and then a riot call was sent to the Maxwell street station. The police took charge of the motorman and conductor and locked them up.

After the boy had been killed, Motorman Bernier took refuge in the car, which stood within a few feet of where the accident occurred, and in an instant it was besieged by angry men. He attempted to keep them out by latching the doors on the inside, but they broke the doors in, knocked him down and kicked and beat him for a few moments in a shocking manner. He managed, however, to get away from them, and ran to the door of the drugstore, where he was handed a pistol, and was admitted inside by Mr. Kvitak, the proprietor, before any further harm befell him. The crowd surged around the store and yelled: "Break it in! Kill him!"

It looked for a minute as if the store would be raided, but Mr. Kvitak had made use of the telephone. He called on the Maxwell station first for an ambulance, but by that time matters had got so warm that he requested a patrol wagon. In a few minutes the wagon brought a number of officers, who did all they could to quiet the mob. When some degree of quiet had been restored the police arrested the endangered men and took them to the station. There the men seemed unconcerned, and declined to make a statement.

There were many versions given of the accident. Well-informed people living in the neighborhood said they had been expecting something of the kind for a long time, and were only surprised that it did not happen sooner.

THE SON'S SACRIFICE.

Benton Wilson Went to Prison to Save His Father.

Spokane, Wash., Dec. 28.—Benton Wilson, who went to the penitentiary for a long term of years for murder, came into Spokane last night, and today went to Mica, where his parents live. He had been unexpectedly pardoned.

The circumstances under which Wilson was sent to jail were most peculiar. Two years ago, some small boys unearthed the body of a man that was subsequently identified as that of James Johnson, brother-in-law of Benton Wilson. The body was found two miles from the Wilson homestead. Benton Wilson and his father were arrested and charged with murder. The father was first placed on trial, and the case looked black for him. Perceiving this, Benton arose and confessed to having murdered his brother-in-law. He said Johnson had abused his wife, Wilson's sister; had returned to the farm and had threatened his wife, if she did not come back to the city. Wilson said that he accompanied them to a lonely stretch of woods, and at an opportune moment, fell upon him and clubbed him to death. For this he was sentenced to a long term of years in the penitentiary. It is a case of a son sacrificing his life to save that of his father.

CHARGED WITH SMUGGLING.

American Arrested for Driving Into Prohibited Mexican Territory.

San Diego, Cal., Dec. 28.—Harry Mansur, the American who was arrested several weeks ago by the Mexican customs officials at Tia Juana for alleged infraction of the laws governing the free zone, has been released by the Ensenada authorities and is again at his home on this side. His release was obtained through the intervention of Hon. Anthony Godbe, American vice-consul, and a cash bail was obtained, which allowed Mansur to leave the country.

Mansur said today that his case was temporarily settled, and he did not expect it to come up again for six months or a year. It is probable, the cash bail will be quietly accepted and no further action taken, especially as Mansur's infraction of the law was slight.

Mansur's wife's family lives at Rosario, about two miles south of the free zone. Mansur had often visited them, taking his team and paying no attention to the law, being an old resident and acquainted with the officials. But a new administration of the Tia Juana custom-house, Senor Motavelasco, caused Mansur to be arrested for smuggling a horse into the country, and imposed a heavy fine upon him. Failing to pay the fine, Mansur was arrested and sent to Ensenada to be dealt with by the higher authorities. Since that time until a day or so ago he had been in jail.

A steel fly wheel twenty five feet in diameter and requiring 250 miles of wire in its construction, has been made in Germany.

Oakland, Cal., Dec. 28.—Dr. J. W. Robertson's sanitarium was partly burned this morning. It was occupied by thirty patients, suffering from nervous disorders. The first care was for the patients, many of whom were still in bed. There was great confusion, but they were all safely removed. The house was formerly Livermore college, and while only two stories high, occupies a large area. The damage will be under \$5,000. A defective flue caused the trouble.

A HALF MINUTE FIGHT.

Peter Maher Knocked Out Steve O'Donnell in Short Order.

New York, Dec. 28.—It took just 27 seconds' time for Peter Maher, the Irish pugilist, to again demonstrate his superiority in ring tactics and hard-hitting qualities over Steve O'Donnell, the Australian boxer, in the arena of the Greater New York Athletic Club at Coney Island today. Both men were in excellent condition and trained to the hour. Each of them was confident, but Maher's backers made him a hot favorite, the odds ranging from 3 to 5 to 1 on the Irishman's chances of winning.

O'Donnell was the first to enter the ring. He climbed through the ropes at 3:30 o'clock, clad in a gray-colored bath robe. His seconds were Sam Fitzpatrick, Billy Madden, Mike Butler, and Gus Ruhlin, the Canton, O., giant. When Maher emerged from his dressing room five minutes later a cheer went up which shook the building. As soon as he got into the ring Maher bowed his acknowledgment for the warm welcome extended to him, and he never looked better in his life. He was escorted by Peter Lowry, of Dublin; Peter Burns, of Harlem, his sparring partner, and Jack Quinn, of Brooklyn. Maher weighed 177½ pounds, and O'Donnell 181 pounds. The men shook hands at 3:46, and Referee Aleck Brown lost no time in bringing them together.

There was intense silence when the men put their fists up and Maher rushed across the ring almost to O'Donnell's corner. Both sparred for a few seconds, and O'Donnell led with his left for the body. Maher blocked his blow with his right glove. Peter then jabbed his left hand on the chin and landed a heavy left swing on the face. This staggered O'Donnell, and he seemed to be unable to avoid Maher's rushes. Maher sent O'Donnell to the floor with a hard left on the chin, and the Australian stayed down 4 seconds.

As soon as he got to his feet O'Donnell assumed a defensive attitude, but Maher quickly sent his left once more on the chin, and as O'Donnell was falling caught him quickly with a half-hook, knocking the Australian down. Steve rolled over on his back in a helpless condition, and the referee slowly counted him out. The big Irishman stood about twelve feet away from his fallen opponent while the referee was counting off the seconds, and as soon as the referee tallied ten a tremendous shout went up from 1,800 people who had watched the brief encounter, and the band played "The Wearing of the Green" in honor of the victor.

A Fire in San Francisco.

San Francisco, Dec. 28.—Fire this afternoon destroyed the plant of Francis, Valentine & Co., one of the largest printing firms in this city. The fire broke out in the basement, occupied by the Commercial Light & Power Company, and spread to the first floor, where the Ruswell Bookbinding Company was wiped out. The upper floors were occupied by Francis, Valentine & Co. Their presses, which were insured for \$30,000, were slightly damaged, while the stock and wood cuts were nearly destroyed. The total loss will probably be under \$50,000. Two years ago today the same building was burned. The fire was more disastrous, for the Call was burned out and the building had to be reconstructed. Today Peter McCabe, a fireman, fell from the two-story building adjoining and was badly hurt. No bones were broken, but internal injuries are feared.

Simon Was Despondent.

San Francisco, Dec. 28.—Despondent over his failure to obtain employment, Simon Brauer, a German, 22 years old, attempted to commit suicide early this morning by hanging himself from a timber extending over a tank wall, at the old reservoir on Reservoir hill. He tied one end of a small rope about the timber, the other about his neck and swung himself off the curbing of the well. The rope broke, however, and he fell fifteen feet to the bottom of the well, badly spraining his ankle. Having failed in his attempt to end his life, and becoming frightened by the intense darkness that prevailed in the well, Brauer began to shout lustily for help. He was rescued by Mrs. Margaret Allman at 7 o'clock.

Debs Going to Colorado.

Denver, Dec. 28.—A Terre Haute, Ind., dispatch says: Eugene V. Debs has promised President Boyce, of the Western Federation of Miners, that he will go to Colorado the first of the week to help the Leadville strikers. He will speak in Colorado cities, beginning in Leadville, where a labor demonstration is to be given on his arrival. President Boyce says public opinion is still with the strikers and they can hold out indefinitely. President Boyce received a letter saying \$2,000 had been sent from Butte, Mont., to aid the strikers.

From the Glenmorag.

Astoria, Or., Dec. 28.—Captain Burns came over from Ocean Park, Wash., today and states that the Glenmorag is again in a favorable position to be floated. Her bow is now pointed seaward, and as soon as the tides are favorable she can be taken into deep water with the aid of a tug.

Jumped the Track.

Martin's Ferry, W. Va., Dec. 28.—An engine on the Wheeling & Lake Erie road jumped the track near Warner last night and was demolished. Engineer Jesse Houghton was killed and Fireman Haines was probably fatally injured.

A Ferryboat Founders.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 28.—Many lives have been lost by the capsizing of a ferryboat in the river Dneiper, province of Ekaterinoslav.

A RACE FOR A GIRLDE.

The Contest Between the Overland Telegraph and the Atlantic Cable.

The race-course was between the Old World and the New. The racers were telegraph companies. One was called the "Russian Overland"; the other was the "Atlantic Cable."

The track of the "Russian" lay between New Westminster in British Columbia, and Moscow in Russia. Up through the unexplored Fraser River Valley it was to run, then on through the untracked wilderness of Alaska, across Bering Strait, over the timberless steppes of Arctic Siberia, and along the dreary coast of the Okhotsk Sea to the mouth of the Amoor. There the American racers, called "Western Union," were to give over the race to the Russian telegraph department, which was to make its best time in reaching Moscow.

Western Union said it would cover the ground in about two years. The cost would be about five millions of dollars; but what was five millions of dollars if the prize could be won—an electric girlde of the earth?

The path of the "Atlantic" cable was to be on a tableland some two miles deep in the ocean, reaching from Ireland to Newfoundland.

The summer of 1865 found the world watching this race with great interest. It opened when the fleet of the Russian expedition set sail from San Francisco, northward bound. The "Atlantic" people at the same time were stowing away gigantic coils of cable into the capacious hold of the "Great Eastern"—a new cable some 2,000 miles long.

The Western Union directors were shrewd business men. Five millions of dollars was little in comparison with the benefit they could receive could they get telegraphic communication with Europe, and they then believed that the only way was by land. The public agreed with them nearly unanimously. And so the two projects—the overland and the submarine—were pitted against each other.

A very unequal race it seemed at the outset. The Overland was strong and vigorous. The Atlantic was broken by former failures. The Overland was popular, and had plenty of money back of it; the Atlantic was derided, and "only fools," it was said, "would invest in it."

The fleet of the Russian expedition which sailed from San Francisco in the summer of 1865 was quite a navy. There were ocean steamers, sailing-rigged, coast and river boats, and Russian and American ships of the line, with a promise of a vessel from her Majesty's navy. The expedition was well officered, and about 120 men were enlisted—men of superior ability in every department. The supplies embraced everything that could be needed. Thousands of tons of wire, some 300 miles of cable, insulators, wagons, etc.

August 26, 1866, the Great Eastern landed its cable at Trinity Bay and the whole world was electrified by the news that it worked perfectly—the victory had been won. More than that. The Great Eastern not long afterward picked up the cable lost the year before, and that, too, was soon in working order. Two electric girldes had been clasped around the earth.

The success of the "Atlantic" was defeat for the "Russian." An overland telegraph line could never compete with the submarine cables. The first triumphant "click, click" at Trinity Bay was therefore the death-blow of the Russian scheme, and all work connected with that project was at once abandoned.

But the workers—the brave men facing famine among the wild Chookchees—buried in their lonely huts waiting for some news from their comrades, or straining every nerve to complete their share of the great work—how pathetic that so many of them did not hear what had happened, in some cases for more than a year after the success of the cable!—Jane Marsh Parker in St. Nicholas.

Falls Climbed by Fish.

"Fish can and do manage to pass up stream over falls fifty feet in height," observed an investigator of the subject. "There are hundreds of well-authenticated instances of this in the Columbia river, in Oregon, where salmon, which is a salt-water fish, is found above the falls in the fresh water. There is no other way for them to get up the river except to use the falls as a kind of ladder, and they have been seen while making the ascent. By this I do not mean abrupt falls, but the kind of falls generally seen on Western rivers. The Great falls of the Potomac are an illustration. Though there is an artificial fishway there now, millions of fish managed to get into the upper Potomac during their spawning season before the fishway was constructed."

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"Most Unique," Indeed.

Chief of Police Keefe has in his possession probably the most unique weapon ever seen in the city of Jacksonville. It is a combination double-barreled pistol and bowie, and was used in Missouri by a "Regulator" when that State was going through the throes of the pro and anti slavery discussion.

The blade of the bowie is about twelve inches long, and protrudes from a hilt between two small pistol barrels, each about six inches long. The hilt and the barrels are one and the same. When the hilt is cocked into position, two triggers, concealed in the stock, come forth, and then the weapon is ready for business, with both barrels and twelve inches of cold steel.

A number of men, it is said, belonging to one organization in Missouri, were armed with these weapons, which were secured direct from Paris. This one in particular seems to be almost new.—Florida Times-Union.

Mortar.

The use of brick-dust mortar as a substitute for hydraulic cement is now recommended on the best engineering authority, experiments made with mixtures of brick dust and quicklime showing that blocks of one-half inch in thickness, after immersion in water for four months, bore without crushing, crumbling or splitting, a pressure of 1,500 pounds per square inch. The use of brick dust mixed with lime and sand is said to be generally and successfully practiced in the Spanish dominions, and is stated to be in all respects superior to the best cement in the construction of culverts, drains, tanks, or cisterns.

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