

# CUBA

## Three Forts Were Destroyed. Spanish Soldiers Joined the Insurgents—A Guerrilla Raid.

CINCINNATI, Feb. 1.—A Commercial Tribune special from Key West says: A daring attack was made on the trocha west of Artemisa last week. A strong force of insurgents, under Colonel Pedro Bodarz attack Fort No. 16, and after two hours fighting dislodged the garrison. After summoning the fort to surrender, which was refused, Bodarz ordered the dynamite gun to open on it. The first shell flew wide, but the second and third made big gaps in the sides, killing several of the garrison force. A furious infantry fire was maintained, and soon the garrison flew the white flag. They were all paroled. Fifteen of the garrison were killed, while but one Cuban was hurt.

Proceeding on the next fort, the garrison there came over to Bodarz' forces at the first demand, and stated that they wished to fight for Cuba. They were sick at heart of the murderous work which they were obliged to do. There were 100 men, and three officers, with a good supply of ammunition. Both forts were destroyed.

At fort No. 7 a stout resistance was made, but two shots from the dynamite gun compelled them to surrender. The Spanish soldiers were allowed their freedom. This fort was burned also. In all the three forts much ammunition, guns, etc., were secured.

At fort No. 6, a strong Spanish reinforcement had been received, and the Cubans moved off. This leaves the trocha open for any Cuban band that may desire to pass through.

One of Sanguill's guerrilla bands entered a small town, Montrovia, and told the people to move on to San Cristobal at once. The town was then burned. Six men were shot. Sixteen women were taken "prisoners" and turned over to the tender mercies of the men by Captain Mordario. Two of them killed themselves with daggers, rather than suffer the fate in store for them, San Cristobal and Artemisa are now crowded with poor people, compelled to live in the towns garrisoned by Weyler's terrors.

### Weyler's Successor.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 1.—The Madrid dispatch announcing the appointment of Weyler's successor as governor-general of Cuba is considered here as absolutely authentic. A week ago Senor de Lome communicated to Secretary Olney that General Azcarago had been tendered this position, but no definite action had been taken.

All American citizens now in prison in Cuba as suspects will, with few exceptions, be given their release some time during the coming week. This information, it is said, has also been conveyed to the state department by the Spanish legation. The whole competitor crew, it is understood, is included in the amnesty, and there is a possibility that General Julio Sanguill and Louis Semeilan may also be freed.

The state department has for some time been conducting correspondence with the Spanish authorities, negotiating for the release of the imprisoned American citizens. The department has impressed the fact upon the Spanish government that if it would release the imprisoned Americans, it would go a long way toward allaying the feeling in the United States against Spanish rule in Cuba. State department officials have been confident that they could persuade the Spanish government to take this view of the situation, and it is said they have succeeded at last.

Senor de Lome is confined to his room with an attack of grip and could not be interviewed on the above subjects, but it is generally understood that Senor Azcarago has consented to assume the arduous role of Cuban pacificator, and it is thought that this policy will greatly simplify the entanglements with this government.

### Leaders Indicted.

BALTIMORE, Feb. 1.—General Roloff and Dr. Jose Luis, of the Cuban Junta, were indicted by the grand jury on a

charge of beginning, setting on foot and providing with—in the district of Maryland—means for a military expedition against the territory of a foreign power with whom the United States is at peace, to-wit, against the island of Cuba. The crime, it is charged, was committed on July 9, 1895.

A second indictment for conspiracy is found against the men, in which the name of John T. Smith, otherwise known as J. T. South, is included. The witnesses before the jury were Captain John Hudson, of Brooklyn, and John Cronin and John L. Cokney, of this city.

### Official Visit.

MADRID, Feb. 1.—Epoqa says the words dropped by Minister of War Azcarago point to a possibility of an arrangement shortly with the Cuban insurgents. Much importance is attached to the recent visit of United States Minister Taylor to the minister of foreign affairs.

### Reforms.

MADRID, Feb. 1.—It was announced that the Cuban reforms will be signed by the queen regent at a cabinet council Thursday, and that they will be gazetted Friday.

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### CHEMAWA.

The debate, on Friday evening, on the question that the United States should annex Cuba and the Hawaiian Islands, was decided in favor of the affirmative.

Rev. Replage, superintendent of the Friends' mission school on Douglas Island, Alaska, was a visitor at the school, Sunday. He preached an excellent sermon, to the pupils, in the afternoon. He was accompanied by Mr. Rice, of Salem.

Mrs. Amanda Armstrong, of Juneau, Alaska, one of our former pupils, was a visitor at the school for several days. She was accompanied by Mrs. Small, one of our former employees.

Mr. David Parker spent several days at the fair grounds, as the guest of Rev. Scott, pastor of the Friends church.

Mrs. Adair, Miss Charnley and several of the pupils were business visitors, to Salem, Saturday.

D. E. Brewer returned Tuesday from Dungeness, Wash., with seven new pupils for the school. The present attendance is 173 boys and 152 girls. Total 325.

A new tower is being built by W. D. Pugh, of Salem, which when completed will be one of the finest and most substantial in the state.

The school will soon have a first class gymnasium, which will add greatly to the health of the pupils.

Miss Donse, musical instructor, is on the sick list.



It is hard to tell sometimes whether the shopper or the saleswoman feels the effect of shopping the most. Even the pleasant part of it involves standing, waiting, weariness for both of them and more or less hurry and neglect of regular meals and regular habits. This leads to dyspepsia or constipation of both; another link in the chain of indigestion; another link is biliousness; headache is another; then follows backache, drowsiness, dizziness, an irritable temper and the "blues," all links of one chain binding down your energies and making life a burden. The way to throw off the whole trouble at once is to put the bowels and stomach into condition again. Dr. Pierce's Pleasant Pellets do this quicker, more comfortably and more naturally than any other remedy in the world. They actually cure constipation so it stays cured; you don't become a slave to their use; they strengthen the intestines to do their own work, tone the stomach and gently stimulate the liver. They are mild but sure, like Nature itself. Don't let any druggist give you a gripping pill. Insist on having Dr. Pierce's Pleasant Pellets.

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## PARLIAMENT. English Lawmakers at Work.

### Chamberlain's Remarks Cause Great Excitement.

LONDON, Feb. 1.—The conservative newspapers warmly protest against the protracted debate on the address in reply to the speech from the throne at the opening of parliament. They claim the debate was about nothing and that it reduced the house to the level of a provincial debating society. Yesterday's proceedings were the first pieces of practical business, and it is an interesting fact that the government's support yesterday and in Thursday's debate on the action of the board of trade in the dispute between Lord Pearyn and his quarrymen came from the liberal benches. Not a single unofficial Tory defended the government, and the radical organs point to this as indicating a decline in the standard of parliamentary honor of the Tories, and ask what the latter care about, since they apparently care nothing for their own bills, their own word or their own government.

The grave remarks of the secretary of state for the colonies, Joseph Chamberlain, on the situation in South Africa created a deep impression, more especially as they were unexpected. The members assembled in the lobby afterward and discussed the passages of his remarks in which he hinted at dangerous undercurrents in affairs at the Cape, and remarked that his tone in reference to the Transvaal was much sterner than his former utterances on the same subject.

Conservative newspapers praise Chamberlain's attitude, and the Globe expresses the hope that President Kruger will take the warning to heart "for persistence in injury and insult in Boer dealing will only result in the assertion of British supremacy in South Africa." The comments of the other papers point to the committee as expected to rake up evidence of Boer treachery and intrigue.

The house of commons yesterday authorized a loan of £5,500,000 (\$27,500,000) for a military scheme, which the parliamentary secretary for the war office, W. J. Broderick, explained is part of a general scheme for national defense, and includes increased provision for rifle ranges and the acquisition of Salisbury plain for a maneuver ground.

Irish affairs continue in the forefront. The split in the Irish parliamentary party will be complete next week, when the so-called "cast-iron" pledge of Mr. Edward Blake, member for the south division of Langford, adopted on Tuesday last at a meeting of the Irish parliamentary party, not being signed by the Healyites, they will be considered as being expelled from the party.

The substance of Mr. Blake's resolution was that every member of the party should sign a declaration that he did not try before election to maintain himself in parliament with indemnity from the parliamentary fund; that he will not accept indemnity from any fund except that of the Irish national party, and that he is unable to attend to his parliamentary duties without indemnity.

The Dillonites, who had previously caused the adoption of a resolution on Monday providing for the expulsion from the party of any one publicly opposing the decisions reached by a majority of the party in meeting or in parliamentary action of the chairman in behalf of the party, or in supporting a fund to maintain a portion of the party in rivalry to the Irish national federation, are determined to drive the issue to a logical conclusion as they state that healing the breach is an absolute impossibility.

Timothy M. Healy welcomes the result as tending to clarify the position which he believes will ultimately lead to placing John Dillon by Mr. Thomas Sexton at the head of the whole party, with Mr. John Redmond as second choice.

But more serious things threaten the government in the revolt of the Irish landlords. At the convention of the landlords in Dublin on Wednesday last a letter was read from the Duke of Abercorn which stated that the landlords are suffering the most from the present unjust administration of the law, and the Marquis of Londonderry stated that the government bill of 1896 aggravated the hardships and meant entire ruin to Ireland, as tending forcefully to the expatriation of the land owner classes, leaving a pauper proprietary absolutely without capital. The Duke of Abercorn and other speakers demanded the appointment of a royal commission to inquire into the matter.

### Wants Peace.

PRETORIA, South Africa, Feb. 1.—President Kruger, in an interview with J. B. Robinson, the millionaire mineowner, promised a speedy reduction in railroad rates to the gold fields, and said that the schools would henceforth be subsidized by the state, and the medium of instruction would be English.

Referring to the statement made by Chamberlain in the house commons yesterday to the effect that promises of reform made by the President Kruger had not been kept, the president said he would like a definite statement from Chamberlain as to what promises had not been kept.

President Kruger concluded the interview by emphatically declaring that he desired nothing but to maintain peace in the whole of South Africa and afford allens every protection. Long uncaused for disturbances were in opposition to his policy of peace.

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