

# CUBA.

## Women Driven Out of Cuba. Insurgents Boldly Fire Into Weyler's Camp.

JACKSONVILLE, Feb. 6.—A Tampa special says:  
Senorita Clemencia and Consuelo Arango, accompanied by their brother arrived here from Havana en route to some place of safety. These young ladies are sisters of General Paul Arango, who is operating with the insurgents near Havana, and who was with the party who blew up the train near Havana a few days ago. This act so enraged General Weyler that he issued an order for the ladies to leave Cuba or be punished for the crime of their brother against the government. They had with them General Weyler's order of expulsion. They would not make known their destination, but express great satisfaction at being safely away from Cuba.

### Fire Into Weyler's Camp.

HAVANA, Feb. 6.—Advices from Villa Clara, capital of the province of Santa Clara, today, said that General Weyler on his arrival there yesterday, was received by the authorities and crowds of people. The captain-general reviewed the garrison. The soldiers acclaimed him with enthusiasm, and it is stated the Spanish commander's presence at Villa Clara has raised the public spirit considerably.

Since the captain-general entered the province of Santa Clara the column of troops under his command has had several skirmishes with the insurgents, and from Cruces to Villa Clara, the number of these engagements increased. One band of the enemy approached near enough to the column at Rio Sago to fire into the captain-general's camp. The insurgents were dispersed by a squadron of the Paya regiment.

General Gasco, in command of the advance, dispersed another group of insurgents at Quemado Hilario, near the river Sagua.

The troops composing the garrison at Tanamo, province of Santiago de Cuba, have been engaged with the insurgents at Dolorita. They captured an insurgent camp, and continuing the pursuit, engaged the enemy several times. The government force had five men killed and 21 wounded. Later, the same forces, acting with the gunboat Pinzon, at Braderas, where the column was reinforced by a detachment of marines landed for the purpose, completely dispersed the insurgents in the vicinity. The enemy lost over 60 men. On the government side, a lieutenant of marines, Roberto Lopez, and two soldiers were wounded, and in addition one man was killed.

### Slipped Away.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 6.—Although instructions were sent to the officials several days ago, directing them to libel the Three Friends as a pirate no, service, so far as known here, has yet been secured. The failure to carry out the instructions of the departments of justice in this matter is the subject of comment among the officials, and it is not unlikely that it may result in an investigation.

The evidence in the case appears to be that several days ago the collector at Jacksonville reported that the captain of the Three Friends had asked permission to go on a four days' wrecking cruise, and the collector asked for instructions. The treasury officials replied that the request might be granted, provided the vessel carried an officer of the revenue-cutter service, and subscribed to an oath that they would not violate the neutrality laws in any way.

Subsequently, the collector again telegraphed that he had been directed by the United States attorney to hold the vessel until she could be libeled as a pirate, and asking if he should do as directed. Instructions were sent him to do as asked by the United States attorney. The collector, however, permitted her to leave port under the authority of the first telegram. No satisfactory explanation of this has yet been received. The wrecking absence period granted the Three Friends expired, but nothing

has been seen or heard of her. It is thought probable, however that she will return as agreed, but if not, it is believed the collector will be called upon to explain his conduct. As soon as the vessel returns, whether now or later, she will be proceeded against as a pirate, and the trial pushed to a speedy termination.

### In Havana Prisons.

HAVANA, Feb. 6.—The steamer Manuela arrived here last night from the province of Puerto Principe, having on board as prisoners, arrested by order of the governor, Senora Concepcion Agramonte, the mother of Dr. Sanchez Agramonte, the physician of Maximo Gomez; Senora Angela Silva Loperoco, wife of Leader Loperoco; Senora Gabriela Avrona de Miranda, Senora Maria Agula, Senora Eva Adan Rodriguez, an American citizen and wife of the insurgent colonel, Alejandro Rodriguez, now in the province of Santa Clara; the editor of El Pueblo, of Puerto Principe; Senor Eduardo Vale Zequira, and eight other prisoners. They were all escorted to the jail.

### Guanabacoa Burned.

KEY WEST, Feb. 6.—Telegrams have been received here that General Anagruen has burned Guanabacoa, in the suburbs of Havana.

### Independence.

NEW YORK, Feb. 6.—The Herald says: Thomas Estrada Palma, Cuban delegate to the United States, in an interview, said the royal decree proposing the promised reforms in Cuba was a trap for the Cubans and a confession of the weakness of the Spanish cause. He reiterated his emphatic statement that the Cubans would accept independence only. Rather than to allow Spain any voice in the government of Cuba, he said the Cubans would suffer death and the devastation of their island.

"The reforms which I understand have been signed by the queen regent of Spain," Mr. Palma declared "amount to nothing." They are practically the same that were voted before the war broke out. If the Cubans did not then accept them and rose in arms, can they be expected to accept them now, after so much bloodshed and after so many have fallen for the absolute independence of their country?

The only solution possible of the Cuban problem and the only one which Cubans in arms would accept is their independence.

If Spain were confident of ultimate success, do you suppose those so-called reforms would be offered to us? They would not even offer us bread." These expressions are made with the approval of the other members of the junta. Most of them were more bitter in denunciation of the proposed reforms than M. Palma had been.

"There is no autonomy in this scheme," said one of them. "If real autonomy such as Canada has from Great Britain, had been offered us before the war, it would have been accepted. Do you think it would be fair or just to those who have fought and fallen for our independence for us to outrage their memories by accepting such terms as these? It would be a virtual surrender when we are satisfied that our cause has been won.

"After the ten-years war, Spain proposed the Arbazuz treaty" which was founded on practically the same lines as the present scheme and which we spurned on the same ground as we shall reject these reforms. Some of these terms, such as the erection of a local assembly, whose members would be elected by popular vote, sound very well, but let them once be put in operation and it would quickly be seen how much of a vote we would have in the administration of our country."

### Dissatisfied.

NEW YORK, Feb. 6.—A Herald special from San Juan de Porto Rico says:  
Dissatisfaction with the reforms recently granted to the Porto Ricans by Spain is steadily increasing. The autonomists refuse to accept these reforms. They will decline to take any part in the municipal elections about to be held in accordance with the mother country's decree. Porto Rican merchants are complaining of the present situation, and the outlook is regarded as gloomy.

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Throughout the island, particularly in the neighborhood of Mayaguez, a great center of the coffee industry, there have been several recent failures. The Porto Rico coffee crop of 1894-95 was abundant, of admirable quality, and fetched a good price. The present crop is not expected to yield more than one-half the quantity and value of its predecessors.

The currency in Cuba has brought difficulties, traffic is irregular, the market at best uncertain, and as affairs at present stand it may be said with truth that no Porto Rican merchant cares, if he can help it, to risk a Cuban consignee.

Immigration Notes.

The Oregon and Washington Boards are doing good work and should be liberally supported and encouraged. As a result of this work many eastern people are turning their attention to the Pacific Northwest. If the reader has any friends in the east who are likely to come here this year send their names and addresses to the undersigned and I will see that they get a supply of the best literature and full information as to this country.

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# MILLIONAIRE He Hangs on February 16. Crazed With Drink He Slew His Wife and Infant Son.

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo., Feb. 6.—The supreme court overruled the motion for a rehearing in the case of Arthur Duestrow, the St. Louis millionaire murderer who is to be hanged Feb. 16.

The sentence of John Schmidt, convicted with two others of killing B. Atwater of Chicago, at Webster Grove, a suburb of St. Louis, a year ago, was affirmed and the execution fixed for March 10.

It will be a great day for justice if Arthur Duestrow, the millionaire who murdered his wife and child, goes to the gallows on the 16th. For once the goddess can take the bandage from her eyes for after a long and hard fight against the biggest combination of brains and wealth this city has ever beheld, she will see just retribution meted out to one of the most pitiless of murderers.

STORY OF THE CRIME.

Arthur Duestrow, a reputed millionaire and a young man of spendthrift habits, lived in a beautiful home with his wife and 3-year-old son in South Compton avenue. On the evening of February 15, 1894, he shot and instantly killed his son, and fatally wounded his wife, at their home. Mrs. Duestrow died five days later, on February 18, having been unconscious during the whole time after she received the fatal bullets in her head. Duestrow was crazy drunk when he committed the murder. He had intended taking his wife and child out sleigh riding in the evening. Arriving at the house, Duestrow sprang out of the sleigh, leaving it in charge of the driver, and entered the house. Mrs. Duestrow was sitting upstairs in her room sewing, and the little boy, Louis, was playing on the floor beside her.

Katie Hahn, a domestic, was also in the room when Duestrow entered. The girl met him on the stairway, and in reply to a simple question, he began cursing and abusing her, driving her back upstairs into his wife's room. Arriving there, he turned upon his wife, slapped her, and turning upon Katie Hahn, attempted to strike her. Mrs. Duestrow interfered and this action increased Duestrow's anger and, turning, he rained blows upon her, finally picking up the little boy, and going out of the room. Mrs. Duestrow followed him into the hall, imploring him to give the child back to her. With an oath he dropped the boy and drawing a pistol fired two shots into her face. The woman sank unconscious to the floor, and the now thoroughly crazed husband picked up the child, and planning its body to the wall with one hand, fired two shots, one into its head and the other into its breast. The child was killed instantly.

Dropping the dead body of his child, Duestrow rushed out of the house, and made his way through the falling snow to the police station, where he told his story, at the same time claiming that he had attempted to shoot himself.

NO MONEY COULD SAVE HIM.

All the influences that his wealth could set in motion were brought into play to save the murderer. Soon after incarceration he began to play the insanity dodge and has kept it up steadily ever since. The records showing the delays in the trial are interesting, as they show how a rich man's trial can be delayed compared with the rapidity with which a poor man is railroaded to the gallows. On January 19, 1897, three years after the crime was committed, the supreme court decided he should hang February 16.

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