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RUIZ PUT TO DEATH.

The Spanish Envoys Death Confirmed.

A BATTLE NEAR MANZANILLO.

Another Spanish Envoy of Peace Macheded.

HAVANA, Dec. 20.—The general topic of conversation in cafes, theaters and clubs is the result of the visit of Lieutenant Colonel of Engineers Joaquin Ruiz to the headquarters of the insurgent Brigadier-General Aranguen. Colonel Ruiz, who was very popular here, visited Aranguen for the purpose of inducing him to surrender and accept autonomy, promising him in return money and official preference. Ruiz, it is said, offered his services to Blanco for the purpose of inducing Aranguen to surrender to the latter had been formerly employed by Ruiz when he was constructing the Veno waterworks.

After having written to Aranguen, Ruiz left Havana for the insurgent camp Monday last. While Ruiz was at the camp, the insurgent, General Alejandro Rodriguez learned of his visit and went to Aranguen's headquarters, where he ordered Ruiz to be tried by court-martial. Ruiz was defended in his trial by Aranguen and Rafael de Cardenas, the former of whom had pledged his word of honor for Ruiz' safety. It was reported that General Alejandro Rodriguez ordered the execution of the prisoner.

The Russian consul, who is president of the Union Club and a personal friend of Ruiz, who is a member of the same club, visited United States Consul General Lee and asked him to use his influence to save the life of Ruiz. General Lee called privately on Marshal Blanco and stated to him the object of his visit. The governor-general allowed General Lee to intercede in a friendly way. Early yesterday Ernest Torca, an attaché of the American consulate, with young Manuel Chacon, carrying three days' provisions, left for Campo Florida, Havana province, bearing a permit from Marshal Blanco to seek the camp of Aranguen, with a letter from Consul-General Lee. Ruiz was expected, and General Gonzalez Harrojo was asked that he was at liberty. It was asserted that Ruiz would be released upon the condition that the insurgent leader, Candido Villa Dova, exchanged for him, but upon the arrival here of

Torca, it became generally known that Torca's visit did not avail to save the life of Blanco's envoy. Torca says he met outposts of Aranguen's force, and that the chief of the party confirmed the report that on his arrival Colonel Ruiz was met by Aranguen and an escort of 12 men, who received him with warmth. Ruiz urged the party to accept autonomy, and congratulated himself that he would induce them to return with him to Havana. The camp had been prepared for the visit, and seeing Ruiz in his uniform and knowing the object of his visit, they demanded the execution of the proclamation of Gomez and Rodriguez, which orders the infliction of the death penalty on all persons who attempt to induce chiefs of the rebellion to surrender. In compliance with their demands, a court martial was formed and the sentence of death was passed upon Ruiz. Senior Torca adds that Aranguen stood aloof during the trial and allowed the death sentence to be carried out. Colonel Ruiz was executed with a machete.

May Meet Ruiz' Fate. HAVANA, via Key West, Dec. 20.—Reports from Sancti Spiritus state that Seniors Rafael Madrid and Cruz, a brother-in-law of Marcos Garcia, an insurgent chief in the last war, and now civil governor of the province of Santa Clara, have left for the insurgent camps to confer with the leaders to induce them to surrender to the Spanish authorities and to accept autonomy. The insurgents are increasing largely in numbers in the province of Pinar del Rio, Havana and Matanzas. A resident of Pinar del Rio asserts that 1000 pacificos have gone to the insurgent camp.

Battle. HAVANA, Dec. 18.—Official advices from Manzanillo say that a detachment of troops belonging to General Secura's column has been engaged between Manzanillo and Bayamo with an insurgent force. The insurgents are reported to have retired with the loss of seven killed. It is admitted that the troops had several killed and a doctor, a captain and two other officers and 25 soldiers wounded.

INDIAN STOWERS.—Jardener stands and wood baskets. Buren & Hamilton. 20 2t

Strike Ended.

KOKOMO, Ind., Dec. 20.—The plate-glass strike is over, the 1000 men in the Kokomo and Elwood plants having accepted the company's proposition for polishes to be paid for piece work. Both factories will resume operations this week.

WALNUTS.—The finest English walnuts for the holidays, all fresh, and no ones mixed in, at only 10 cents a pound. Strong's Restaurant. 20 3t

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WASHINGTON NEWS.

An Appropriation For Yukoners.

AMPLE AID TO BE SENT MINERS.

Other Matters Before Congress—Adjournment Taken to Jan. 5.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—Both houses of congress passed the joint resolution for the relief of miners in the Yukon valley, Alaska, and in a short time it had received the signature of the president. The appropriations \$200,000, to be expended under direction of the secretary of war in the purchase of supplies for relief in Yukon country of Alaska, and for transportation and distribution supplies, provided that, if the consent of the Canadian government be obtained, the secretary of war may extend the relief into Canadian territory.

The resolution provides that the supplies may be sold in that region at prices as low as the secretary of war, or donated to those unable to pay for them. The secretary of war is authorized to use the United States army in carrying into effect the provisions of the act, to import reindeer and drivers for the transportation of supplies, and to do so under such provisions as are practicable. The secretary is directed, where the work shall have been completed, to sell the reindeer or turn them over to the secretary of the interior, in his discretion, and to make a detailed report to congress at the beginning of the next session of such disbursements made and results accomplished under the act.

MUST BE DELIVERED IN ALASKA.

Secretary Alger is giving much study to the best means of getting supplies to the Yukon, and has decided to ask for bids for the delivery of supplies to Skagway, Yukon Territory, or Chilkat. Already a great deal of rivalry has sprung up among the towns on the Pacific coast for the honor of being the nearest point of delivery of supplies to the Yukon. The secretary is directed, where the work shall have been completed, to sell the reindeer or turn them over to the secretary of the interior, in his discretion, and to make a detailed report to congress at the beginning of the next session of such disbursements made and results accomplished under the act.

Secretary Alger's estimate now is that not less than 3,000,000 pounds of food stores will be required for the expedition. This makes the transportation problem a very serious one. It is estimated that a reindeer carload loaded safely with more than 200 pounds, so that no less than 1000 of these animals would be required as a pack train, if they were the sole reliance.

The following telegram was received by the secretary, and by him referred to General Merriam, at Portland: "Secretary Alger: The Post-Intelligencer and its Alaskan news syndicate have made preparations to send an expedition to Dawson City, leaving Seattle next Tuesday on the steamer Corona, for Skagway. It is well equipped with oxen and dogs, and will be accompanied by Dr. E. B. Fieber. It is a pioneer midwinter expedition, and its services are offered to you for reconnoiter and such other purposes as you may be able to suggest."

EDGAR B. FIEBER. Secretary Alger sent a telegram to General Merriam instructing him to direct the several departments of the army to act as guards for the relief expedition. Captain Brainerd is to devote himself to superintending the selection of stores and equipment, and proper package at Dyea for the trip across the passes. Afterward, he may go across with one of the expeditions. The present idea is that there will be 20 of these parties, each with 1000 men loaded with 1000 tons of food, for which Secretary Alger will advertise immediately, under condition of delivery.

The United States military attaché of the legation at St. ekholm has been called to purchase the reindeer needed for the relief expedition. He is to ship them to Dyea. Mr. Kjellman, the chief herder of the Alaskan reindeer herd, is now in Lapland, where he has been invited to give an opinion on the animals needed.

OTHER MATTERS. The open session of the senate was brief, the time being consumed in the introduction of bills and resolutions, several of which were referred to committees from various departments, being passed. One of the resolutions agreed to increase from \$50,000 to \$62,000 the amount to be expended by the government on the buildings at the trans-Mississippi exposition to be held at Omaha, and reduces by \$12,500 the sum to be expended upon the government display.

Illinois, secured the adoption of a resolution asking the heads of the several departments of the government what positions in their respective departments ought, in their opinion, to be exempted from the operation of the civil service law, and what changes or modifications in the law ought to be made.

Allen introduced a resolution, which was passed, directing the postmaster-general to inform the senate of all railway and steamship mail contracts made by the United States now in force.

Witte presented a resolution, which was agreed to, calling on the president to inform the senate what action had been taken in behalf of J. K. King and Charles W. Nelson, citizens of California, held as prisoners in the republic of Columbia.

Kyle introduced and had passed a resolution calling on the secretary of state for all papers from the Haytian government relating to Bernard Campbell.

THE HOUSE. In the house the conference report on the Klondike bill of measure was presented and agreed to.

The speaker announced several committee changes, including that of George W. Pennington, to succeed Kirkpatrick of Pennsylvania, on Pacific railroads.

Boettelle offered a resolution of profound regret on the death of Cook, of Illinois, and the eulogies were begun. Tributes to the memory of the deceased member were also made by Foss, Henderson, Selknap, Royce, Mann, Brewster, Hopkins, Seymour, Gray, Merrifield, Prince and Peters.

CASTORIA. DALNY WHITEY DRESSES.—Dressing tables, parlor stands and book cases. Be sure to see our new line. Buren & Hamilton. 20 2t

WANTS A PARDON. KANSAS CITY, Dec. 20.—Emmett Dalton, who was captured during an attempt at wholesale bank robbery in Coffeyville, Kan., five years ago, and sentenced to imprisonment for life, is about to apply for a pardon. Judge J. D. McCreary, of this city, who was for five years judge of the district court of Montgomery county, Kansas, and who assisted in the capture of Dalton, has received the following letter: "Dear Sir: When the proper time comes, I shall, as a matter of course, make applications for executive clemency, and would value a letter of recommendation from you very highly, if I think it would have great weight in my case. I shall put forth my best endeavors to merit any favor which may be shown in the way of procuring for me another chance to see something of my life, and give me hope for the future. You may be somewhat surprised at my making this request at this time, but knowing the uncertainties of life, I feel that through some mishap I might not be able to secure you at a later day. You are thoroughly familiar with the facts and circumstances connected with the case, I feel that it would be a useless waste of time to relate them to you now. I believe you can and will help me, without in any way injuring or compromising yourself. Will you kindly write and forward to me such a letter of recommendation addressed to the governor and board of pardons as will do me for future use? Thanking you in advance for any kindness shown in the matter, I am, sincerely yours, EMMETT DALTON."

When Judge McCreary was asked if he would grant the request of the outlaw, he replied: "I certainly could not consistently recommend executive clemency now. What action I might take some years later I cannot now say. There is no question in my mind but that Dalton should be severely punished. In the Dalton case four of the desperadoes and four citizens were killed and a number injured. Emmet Dalton was severely wounded and captured while attempting to assist his brother, Bob, who was fatally wounded, to escape."

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Be sieged by Cubans.

HAVANA, Dec. 20.—A Spanish detachment at Guanamo, on the Cauto river, north of Manzanillo, in the province of Santiago de Cuba, was besieged, according to the official account, from November 8 to November 20 last, and valiantly repelled the insurgents. November 27, a direct attack was made on the fort by a large body of insurgents with two cannon. More than 100 cannon shots made a sieve of the fort and destroyed a factory. Finally, the insurgents got inside the wire fence around the fort, and called upon the garrison to surrender. The garrison still refused to listen to the demand, and with heroic pride, continued the defense.

The insurgents left 26 killed inside the wire fence and a quantity of arms and ammunition, which the garrison used, according to the official account, to prolong its desperate defense. General Alcade, while reconnoitering in the night, lost the column and the bodies of three other insurgent and many graves. During the siege and the attack on the fort, the insurgents lost 150 killed and 200 wounded. The garrison had only six killed and 31 wounded, but the fort was completely destroyed and the garrison had to retreat to the hills. General Alcade, who left Cauto del Embarradero about the same time, and an engagement December 8 at Cauto del Embarradero, lost 20 killed among them two captains, and if wounded among them a doctor and two officers. The insurgents were compelled to abandon their trenches and retired with large loss.

While reconnoitering the extensive zones in that district, General Alcade had one soldier seriously wounded, and a captain slightly wounded. General Pando has ordered the construction of Fort Guanamo. It is situated about half-way between the mouth of the Cauto and Cauto del Embarradero.

The German corvette Stein has arrived here from Port-au-Prince.

Killed by the Overland. OREGON CITY, Dec. 19.—Mrs. Samuel Roake was killed by the train at the Eleventh-street crossing, in this city, Saturday evening.

A few minutes after the southbound overland train had passed, the track-walker, David Close, found the body lying on the tracks near the outside of the easterly, and about 30 feet from the sidewalk crossing at the rear of the Congregational church. Dr. Somers was called, but life was extinct when he reached the place. In the left temple was a triangular-shaped hole as if made by striking a sharp object, and the locomotive pilot. No other injury was discovered. A cloak the woman had worn was found up the track, and it had been fastened by the accident. There was no witness to the accident.

Mrs. Roake left home for church and the train being a few minutes late, she arrived at the crossing just in time to be struck. But the train was clearly in view for a long distance before it reached that point, and it is a mystery how the accident happened.

Mrs. Roake was 37 years of age. She left a husband and four children, and a brother, Joseph Jones. A year ago, in October, Mr. Roake was hurt by one of the city cars. A piece of skull, as large as a half dollar, was removed from his forehead, and his life, he is reported, for some time, but he recovered.

A message was sent to Salem to have the pilot of the locomotive examined for marks of blood, and the uncertainties of life, I feel that through some mishap I might not be able to secure you at a later day. You are thoroughly familiar with the facts and circumstances connected with the case, I feel that it would be a useless waste of time to relate them to you now. I believe you can and will help me, without in any way injuring or compromising yourself. Will you kindly write and forward to me such a letter of recommendation addressed to the governor and board of pardons as will do me for future use? Thanking you in advance for any kindness shown in the matter, I am, sincerely yours, EMMETT DALTON."

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A TERRIBLE MURDER

A New York Baker Torn to Shreds.

BOUND TO AVENGE MURDER

A Mob Forming at Colfax, Wn., to Execute Criminals.

NEW YORK, Dec. 20.—The Herald today says: Circumstances pointing to a murder of unusual horror were recently brought to the attention of District Attorney O'Connell and Captain McKeen, of the detective bureau, the alleged victim in the case having been Peter Doggett, 30 years old, who, if his relatives are correct in their stories, was thrown into a doughnut-vat at 427 West Fifteenth street on August 28 last and literally cut to pieces. Doggett's sister, the police were told by her and her lawyer, has received a letter from her mother in Ireland, in which the writer says that the only witness to the crime is now there.

The letter sets forth that this witness was in the factory of the New York Biscuit Company, where Doggett worked, on the morning of August 28, and saw another man shove him into a mixing machine, the bottom of which was swept by flanges moving at high speed. That Doggett was ground to pieces in the factory, was known, but a coroner's jury on November 15, decided that his death was due to an accident. The letter, which is now in the hands of the district attorney, alleges that during a quarrel with another workman, Doggett was pushed into the vat below.

Lynchings Feared. COLFAX, Dec. 20.—Rumors have been afloat in all parts of Whitman county acting together, and efforts would be made to lynch the men recently captured and accused of the murder of Orville Hayden, of Farmington, Idaho.

Sunday night, it was learned that the sheriff had been called to his home in Okesdale by a telegram announcing the death of his son, and it is believed an attempt will be made to break the jail and get Chadwick Marshall and John McDonald, the two men accused, and lynch them.

It is known that many visitors from different parts of Whitman county, whose business is not announced, have been seen in the streets since Friday. Also many men were asked and asked if they will participate in the lynching.

The jail is not heavily guarded and the storming of the stronghold would be an easy task.

In the same jail are confined Alfred Spry, now on trial for the murder of Marshall Conley, of Sprague, and Jack Leonard, under sentence to be hanged for the murder of Jacob Malquist, at Riparia.

It is morally certain that if one man is lynched, three others will meet the same fate. When Hayden was murdered by highwaymen, the assertion was made that when the assassins were found, lynching would follow, and is the carrying out of this threat that the Colfax people fear.

Says He is Innocent. CHICAGO, Dec. 20.—Chris Merry, charged with the murder of his wife, and James Smith, an alleged accomplice of Merry, arrived here today from Princeton, Ky., where they were arrested. This afternoon they were taken to the home of his wife, whose confession to the murder of Merry, but they stoutly denied any knowledge of Mrs. Merry's death, and were finally placed in jail pending examination on Tuesday.

Wrangfully Convicted. ARKON, O., Dec. 20.—The lawyers of Rome Hotel, the boy who was sentenced to the penitentiary for life a year ago for killing Alvin Stone, his wife and hired hand, say the boy was wrongfully convicted. They assert a confession was extorted from the boy by the detectives, who, according to experts, were irresponsible. The jury felt they knew the real murderer, and have almost enough evidence to convict him. They promise to cause his arrest soon.

Shot. ALPENA, Mich. Dec. 20.—Maurice E. Casey, aged 40 years, a teacher of boxing and a former saloon-keeper of this city, was shot by his wife, who was thought drowned himself. The couple were recently granted a legal separation.

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RUSSIA IN THE ORIENT.

Port Arthur Occupied With China's Consent.

LONDON, Dec. 20.—The correspondent of the Times at Peking says: China approves of the Russian wintering at Port Arthur, being perturbed that this action is taken in the interest of China, a necessity necessitated by the German occupation of Kiao Choo.

A dispatch to the Times from Shanghai says the occupation of Port Arthur by Russia cannot fail to provoke popular indignation in Japan, where public opinion is already excited over the Kiao Choo affair.

According to a dispatch, the Daily Mail from Shanghai, the high officials of the Chinese court have advised the emperor, in view of further complications to remove the route to Nanking (the southern capital). The dispatch says it is reported that overtures have been made to England to exercise protection over the Yangtze valley and the West River, and that numerous rumors are current regarding the activity of the British squadron in the Chinese waters.

The Times, commenting editorially on the situation in China, says: "Instead of the Kaiser's mailed fist, we have Russia's bestial paw. The grasp is not less vigorous and unyielding. Great Britain ought to note courteously to invite China to extend the same privileges to the British fleet at Chusan."

Telegrams from all Continental capitals show that Russian's step at Port Arthur is regarded as tantamount to a permanent occupation, and a reply to Germany's ultimatum.

A well-informed St. Petersburg correspondent says there was an agreement between Russia and Germany, and the latter simply warned Russia when the occupation of Kiao Choo was already decided upon.

The Novoe Vremya pretends that Japan has no cause for complaint, "since China is only giving the same shelter to Russian ships as Japan has hitherto so kindly afforded."

This view is not held in Berlin, where the papers are already talking of the possibility of Prince Henry having to share a mailed fist with Japan, which is supposed to be secretly backed by England. Some of the Berlin papers express anxiety, but most of them welcome the news from Port Arthur as justifying the German position at Kiao Choo, if not as actual evidence that Russia and Germany are acting together.

Enough, Emperor William visited the Russian ambassador Friday night on his return from Kiel, ostensibly to congratulate him on the news from Port Arthur. The visit lasted one hour. There is no doubt now that the emperor and ambassador discussed the Chinese affairs.

The Paris papers, without pretending to be deceived by Russia's innocent explanations, are pleased with the action of the ally of France.

The burden of Viennese comment is: What will England do? The British fleet now in Chinese waters consists of one battleship, six cruisers and eighteen smaller men-of-war.

Fits Changes His Mind. CHICAGO, Dec. 20.—Martin Julian, manager for Bob Fitzsimmons, stated that the lanky champion has changed his mind and will again meet ex-Champion Corbett in the spring.

Fitzsimmons was noncommittal, refusing to confirm or deny the story, and contenting himself with declaring that he has not seen the man who fought Corbett again. Julian's statement was sufficiently emphatic, however, to indicate that he confidently expects the men to meet again.

Determined to Die. SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 20.—William Broad, 69 years old and a native of Holland, cut his throat in the almshouse, late Saturday night, and has died of the wounds. He had previously attempted suicide by stabbing himself with pocket knife 35 or 40 times in the region of the heart.

These wounds are supposed to have been inflicted while Broad was an inmate of the city prison, where he was detained Friday before being sent to the almshouse. He was out of work and had no friends in this city.

Locomotive Exploded. REPTON, Ala., Dec. 20.—On the Bear creek logging road, a locomotive exploded, killing the engineer, John O'Connor, the fireman, Jack Clipper, and two trainmen, John Johnson and Henry Vickery.

Collision. TUCSON, Ariz., Dec. 20.—A Southern Pacific engine, running full speed down the Flagstaff mountain case of Benson, came in collision with a double-header freight, killing instantly Engineer W. J. Patterson, of one freight train, and smashing the locomotive and many of the freight cars.

From the First. "I suffered with headaches and intense attacks of neuralgia and rheumatism. I began taking Hood's Sarsaparilla, though so weak I could take only small doses. I felt better from the very first, and I have an attack of any severity since I began using it." G. A. Sutton, Hillsburst, Wn.

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