

DISASTER FOR CUBANS.

A Spanish Host Falls Upon the Insurgent Government and Puts It to Flight.

The Buildings Burned and Fugitives Pursued Six Miles With Great Loss.

HAVANA, Jan. 21.—According to information from Spanish sources, General Castellano, learning that the insurgent government was established at Esperanza in buildings constructed by the insurgents, 17 leagues from Puerto Principe at the extreme west end of Cubitas ridge, proceeded in that direction with 22,000 infantry, 4,000 cavalry and two field cannon.

After a three days' trying march he forced a difficult position on Tuesday, and overcame the obstinate resistance of 1,000 insurgents, pursuing them more than six miles and burning the houses at Esperanza, including the insurgent government building. On the following day Gen. Castellano found re-armed insurgents, 5,000 strong near Inferno woods, six miles from Esperanza. He routed them after two hours' combat and put them to flight.

The insurgents, under their leader Montague, engaged General Paso at the town of Esperanza, province of Santa Clara. Under cover of darkness they reached some houses, but the garrison repelled the attack and followed the fleeing insurgents outside the town. The insurgents left nine dead. A private despatch from Spanish sources says the attacking insurgents had thirty wounded, and that the garrison's loss was insignificant.

FOUNDERED AT SEA.

Loss of the Steamer "Lord O'Neil"—Crew Barely Escaped With Their Lives.

LIMERICK, Jan. 21.—The steamer Lord O'Neil was lost on Wednesday night and the crew were rescued by the British ship Kinkora from Liverpool. The rush was so great in getting away from the sinking ship that the crew lost everything.

THE WOMEN OF GERMANY.

They May Henceforth Attend University Lectures as Guests and Receive Diplomas.

BERLIN, Jan. 21.—In the reichstag today Prince Schoenach Carleth raised the question of the higher education of women, whereupon Count Posadowsky, the minister of the interior, announced that the authorities had decided that the women henceforth should be allowed to attend university lectures as guests, with the permission of the rector and professors. The minister added that the imperial chancellor, Prince Hohenlohe, was arranging for the federal government's granting women diplomas, and if the arrangement was successful, further measures were probable.

SUBMARINE TRAVELLING.

An Interesting Trip Out of Baltimore Harbor and a Remarkable Conversation.

NEW YORK, Jan. 21.—One of the most remarkable conversations on record took place in this city yesterday. It was carried on over a telephone wire. At one end of the wire was Captain Charles Jacques, superintendent of the Holland submarine boat company, in the New York office of that concern; at the other end of the wire sat Simon Lake in the cabin of the submarine boat Argonaut, eight miles in Baltimore harbor and sixty-five feet under water. A fairly stiff gale was blowing up above, but Mr. Lake's wonderful craft crawled along steadily on its submarine way, saying out its cable as it went and, Mr. Lake's voice could be heard in New York just as clearly as if the speaker was on dry land.

A TEACHER FATALLY THRASHED.

Two of His Pupils Retaliated Upon Him, and Run Risk of Lynching.

ANS, Ills., Jan. 21.—John McGowan, a teacher from Williams county, has died from the injuries inflicted by two pupils, Henry and Scott, 19 and 20 years old respectively. The Jordan boy had been chastised by the teacher, and wayward McGowan while on his way to church and gave him a fatal beating. They were arrested. For a time lynching was feared.

JAPAN BUYS WARSHIPS.

Secures Three That Spain Would Have Liked But Could Not Pay For.

LONDON, Jan. 21.—It is reported that Japan has purchased the Brazilian cruiser Abreu, now building on the Tyne, for £250,000, and has also bought the Brazilian ironclads Deodora and Floriano, which are being constructed in France. Agents of the Spanish government have been in London trying to arrange for the purchase of these vessels, but it is understood they were unable to raise the necessary money.

INSURGENT LEADER KILLED.

Spaniards Give Out Another Story of Disaster to Their Men.

HAVANA, Jan. 21.—Although nothing appears to be known on the subject at Spanish headquarters, persistent rumors were in circulation to-day to the effect that Calisto Garcia, the most important insurgent leader, was killed in the last engagement against the Spanish troops. The local newspapers are requesting the government to pardon all those who have been guilty of offences against the electoral laws.

FROM PEN TO SWORD.

Paris Editors Let Each Other's Blood—Zola Sued by Witnesses He Has Abused.

PARIS, Jan. 21.—M. Vervoort, editor of "Le Jour," and M. Adjalbert, a writer of the "Les Droits de l'Homme," fought a duel with swords to-day on account of a dispute arising out of the Dreyfus case. M. Vervoort sustained three flesh wounds and M. Adjalbert was wounded in the forearm. The seconds stopped the fighting. The Latin quarter was quiet to-day. The police have arrested about fifty suspicious characters. Three experts in handwriting, whom Zola charged with making false reports at the court martial of Major Count Esterhazy, will, it is announced, sue the novelist for 100,000 francs damages.

THE LOAN TO CHINA.

If Made by the British It Will Be at Three Per Cent. With Issue at Par.

PEKIN, Jan. 21.—The prospects of the British loan are not bright. The British and Japan ministers are acting in concert in the matter. The loan will be (if arranged) at three per cent., and will be issued at par. Col. Vernoff will proceed to the camp of Gen. Nicks, at Lantai.

OPERATIONS AT KIAOCHOU.

Location of the German Port Not Yet Decided—Construction of Docks to Be Built.

BERLIN, Jan. 21.—The Berliner Neuest Nachrichten announces that the German warships are still sounding Kiaochou bay, adding that the exact site of the port is not yet fixed, and that the government intends that the construction of the commercial wharves shall be by private companies. It is further stated that one company has already been formed to construct the docks.

A DISORDERLY DEPUTY.

Suspended by the Belgian Chamber He Refuses to Withdraw and Blocks Business.

BRUSSELS, Jan. 21.—There was an exciting scene in the chamber of deputies here to-day. M. Demblon, socialist, violently attacked the president of the house, M. Bernart, accusing him of having received police spies at his house during the term of his premiership. Amid considerable excitement the suspension of M. Demblon was voted by 76 yeas to 27 nays. Then as the deputy refused to withdraw the sitting was suspended.

HUNGRY ITALIANS.

Dearness of Food and Lack of Employment Causing Riots.

ROME, Jan. 21.—In the chamber of deputies to-day the premier, Marquis di Rudini, explained that the recent distress in the Italian provinces were due to the dearness of food and lack of employment owing to the retrenchments in the public expenditures. The troubles were also fomented by agitators, and the government had ordered their severe repression. According to the latest advice the agitation had already ceased, but the government would ask the chamber to vote relief to relieve the distress.

GERMANY'S QUEER ARGUMENT.

Neither Her Treaties Nor Those of China Apply to Kiaochou Since Leased.

BERLIN, Jan. 19.—A significant article in the Cologne Gazette asserts that, according to international law, Kiaochou is German territory, and an attack upon it would enable Emperor William to declare war without consulting the bündersrath. The paper says: "Furthermore, being leased territory in a special sense, it remains as before foreign territory. Therefore commercial and customs treaties between either China and European states or between Germany and other nations have no validity there, and consequently foreign states cannot appeal to the favored nations clauses nor claim the same rights as those granted Germany, while Germany is in a position to regulate the customs and commercial relations quite unreservedly as she thinks fit."

BRITAIN MAY ACT ALONE.

Impotence of the European Concert as to Cretan and Armenian Questions.

LONDON, Jan. 19.—Mr. Chamberlain, secretary of state for the colonies defended the government policy at Liverpool this evening against the attacks of the Liberals, and referring especially to the Armenian and Cretan questions said: "The impotence of the European concert is a discredit to all the powers. The position is becoming intolerable and cannot be allowed to continue indefinitely. Though there would be great risk in taking an alternative course, it may be our right and independence to take isolated action."

PAYING FOR A LYNCHING.

President McKinley Recommends Compensation to the Family of a Mexican Strung Up in California.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 18.—President McKinley to-day sent to the senate a message with a report from the secretary of state relating to the lynching in 1895, at Yreka, Cal., of Louis Morena, a Mexican citizen, and the demand of the Mexican government for indemnity. The President says: "I have recommended the appropriation by congress out of humane considerations and without reference to the questions of liability of the government of the United States in the premises, of the sum of \$2,000, to be paid by the secretary of state to the government of Mexico, to be distributed among the heirs of Louis Morena."

NEWFOUNDLAND SHIPPING.

British Schooner Arrives After a Perilous Passage—"Parkmore" Only Slightly Injured.

St. JOHN, Jan. 18.—The latest report of the Placentia Bay frozen harbor fisheries is that the American fleet of 40 is likely to load this week owing to the severe frost, which will practically conclude the fisheries this year. The British schooner St. Clair, Captain Kandes, from Oporto December 4 for this port, arrived here to-day after a stormy passage. She lost her sails, rigging, bulwarks and deck gear. Her galley boats and skylights were smashed and the cabin was flooded, almost sending her to the bottom. An examination of the hull of the steamer Parkmore, which arrived yesterday after the storm with her steering gear disabled and with other injuries, shows that no damage has been done there and the repairs will probably be completed during the week.

POWER FROM THE SEA.

Thomas Edison the Younger Has a Plan for Putting the Waves to New Work.

NEW YORK, Jan. 17.—Thomas Edison, jr., has invented a machine for utilizing the power of the sea. When the machine is in operation it will be taken out at sea and consist of a pair of gigantic air pumps. The air compressed by these will be used to run dynamos. For \$25,000,000 he can construct a plant, he says, that will furnish 1,000,000 horse-power to supply the entire state of New York. He says that a powerful syndicate has the matter of immediate construction of the plant under consideration. His plans are said to be practically complete. The Edison wave machine is in effect a series of gigantic air pumps. The piston of the machine stands upright on a platform, which is pierced by a long piston rod. Upon the lower part of the piston rod is a big flat float which rests upon the water and is movable by the rise and fall of the sea. A way passing under the float would elevate the piston, powerfully compressing the air already contained in the cylinder. The pressure would be increased directly to the storage tank for compressed air. By an arrangement of oscillators sufficient air would be admitted behind the piston to return it quickly to its position upon the water, where it would be ready to receive the force of the next wave.

BRADSTREET'S REVIEW.

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THE COMING HOST.

Railways Figure on Carrying One Hundred Thousand Across Continent.

CHICAGO, Jan. 18.—The western roads are beginning to modify their estimates of the number of people who will be bound for Yukon in the spring. The business has already begun to move in a small way, but from all the evidence which the roads have been able to gather, the total number of tickets that will be sold on account of the Yukon business will not be over 100,000. The estimates of some of the general passenger agents would double this, but the chances are now that 100,000 will be the outside figure.

NEWS OF THE DOMINION.

Toronto Board of Trade.

TORONTO, Jan. 18.—(Special)—Elias Rogers has been elected president of the board of trade, and W. E. Kemp, vice-president.

Ontario Nominations.

OSHAWA, Jan. 17.—(Special)—John Dryden, Ontario minister of agriculture, was nominated on Saturday by the Liberal convention for South Ontario.

AN EARL ON THE STAGE.

LONDON, Jan. 20.—Mr. Arthur W. Pinner's new four act comedy, "The Lawyer of the Wells," was produced this evening at the Court theatre. It is a brilliant play, full of wit and wit and fully sustaining its author's reputation. The acting was excellent. Miss Irene Van Brugh made a winning appearance as the Earl's wife. It is reported that the large share of this business and will doubtless continue to get it no matter what rates are made by its competitors. The latter have not made any reduced rates as yet, on account of the low rates made by the Canadian Pacific, but say that they will do so as soon as the business is sufficiently large to warrant any cutting of rates.

Smallpox.

NORTH BAY, Jan. 18.—(Special)—Four cases of smallpox are reported as Calender, near here.

Ontario Nominations.

TORONTO, Jan. 18.—(Special)—Hon. R. H. Bannister, for the riding of York, was nominated by the Liberals of Monck, and Robert Ferguson by the Liberals of East Kent.

Mill Accident.

PICTON, Jan. 18.—(Special)—Daniel Bowman of Ballwell mill has been dead found with his head crushed by machinery.

The Heineze Properties.

MONTREAL, Jan. 18.—(Special)—The B. A. Co. has been advised by Mr. Heineze for the purchase of the Trail smelter and railway. Their offer is said to be \$800,000. Mr. Heineze wants \$1,350,000, and the deal is not concluded.

Served Maximilian.

PARIS, Jan. 18.—M. Pierre Leonce de Troyat, who was at the head of the military household of the Emperor Maximilian of Mexico and later was officer of La Liberte and other papers, is dead.

Zola's Defence.

PARIS, Jan. 19.—It is said that Emile Zola has prepared his defence, and will call 250 witnesses, including handwriting experts, when tried for publicly accusing a number of French officers of perjury in connection with the Dreyfus proceedings.

Successful Thieves.

WINNIPEG, Jan. 20.—(Special)—Campbell Bros. and James Robertson's hardware shops were broken into last night, and in each instance the thieves secured about \$10. A former employee of both firms was arrested on suspicion, but no case could be made out against him.

Obituary.

INGERSOLL, Jan. 21.—(Special)—John Morrow, founder and head of the John Morrow machine screw company of this place, died last night after several years illness, aged 65.

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SHELBY BAY, Jan. 21.—Samuel Jamieson, aged 85, an old resident, died this morning.

NEWS OF THE CAPITAL.

A Liberal Member Petitions the Government to Fulfill Their Election Pledges.

Five Months' Session Looked For—United States Soldiers Not to Enter Canada.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

OTTAWA, Jan. 21.—Mr. McMullen, M. P., was here to-day interviewing the ministers and urging them to give effect at the coming session of parliament to their ante-election promises. He expects it to be a five months' session and says if the government do not introduce a bill to abolish superannuation in the civil service, he will. The conference of chief inspectors of weights and measures has terminated. Some important changes in the regulations are recommended. Trade returns for December show an increase in exports of nearly \$6,000,000. The inland revenue report for the past year is out. Mr. Sifton says it is not true that any American soldiers will enter Canadian territory with the Yukon relief expedition. Dr. Borden returned from England to-day.

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LOCAL MANAGER W. CHRISTIE OF THE C. P. R. TELEGRAPHS HAS RECEIVED A WIRE FROM GENERAL MANAGER CHARLES R. HOSMER, ADVISING HIM THAT THE NEW CABLE WHICH IS TO ASSURE UNINTERRUPTED COMMUNICATION BETWEEN VICTORIA AND THE OUTSIDE WORLD, WILL BE SHIPPED FROM ENGLAND ON THE C. P. R. STEAMSHIP TARTAR, SAILING FROM LIVERPOOL FOR THIS PORT ABOUT THE 1ST PROXIMO TO ENTER THE KLONOCK TIDE. ARRANGEMENTS ARE BEING MADE SO THAT THE CABLE WILL BE LAYED ON THE LAYING OF THE CABLE WHEN IT SHALL HAVE ARRIVED.

THERE WAS APPARENTLY NO INTENTION on the part of the Dominion government to ignore Nanaimo's rights when it was arranged a few days ago that free mining licenses for the Yukon should be obtainable from the collectors of customs here and in Vancouver. The fact that the Nanaimo collector had been overlooked, but only until it vigorously voiced complaints reached Ottawa. Mr. McInnes, the representative of the district in the Dominion revenue board, was present yesterday that the omission would immediately be corrected, and Nanaimo be placed in this matter upon an equal footing with the two chief cities of the province.

ANDREW OLSON, "the Big Swede," who came down from the Klondike by the Corona was something of a rough and ready collector of customs here and in Vancouver. He was simply momentarily overlooked, but only until it vigorously voiced complaints reached Ottawa. Mr. McInnes, the representative of the district in the Dominion revenue board, was present yesterday that the omission would immediately be corrected, and Nanaimo be placed in this matter upon an equal footing with the two chief cities of the province.

THE ONLY TALE that dead men tell are ghost stories. The still-house worm destroys more corn than the cut-worm, and a rat will eat a good head prevents a wise man and a pin from going too far. It is a wise child that bears a resemblance to its wealthy relative. The richest man in the world was born with a cent in his pocket, or a railway else. It is said that cigarettes are included in the up-to-date widow's weeds. Girls admire a drooping mustache, especially when it droops their way. Some people get so tired doing nothing that they are never able to do anything else. A sailor always likes to see a lighthouse, but it's different with a theatrical manager. Rome was not built in a day, but there were no justling real-estate boomers in the days of old. It is said that woman, owing to the peculiar construction of her form, is unable to jump—except at an offer of marriage. He—Miss Willing—Clara—I never loved any one but you. Will you be mine? She—But you have proposed to three other girls within a week. I've been told. He—True, darling, but that was simply for practice; I don't intend to appear ridiculous when I proposed to you. "Liquor," said the temperance orator, "causes nearly all the unhappiness there is in this world." "That's right, colonel!" exclaimed a Kentuckian in the back of the hall. "I'm always happy when I can get it."

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A SPECIAL meeting of the Local Council of Women has been convened for Monday afternoon next, the business having reference to the agenda for the national council meeting.

MR. H. McKENZIE, of Alberni, and Miss Helen Macfarlane of this city, but formerly of Toronto, were united in marriage on Thursday evening, Rev. W. Leslie, pastor of St. Andrew's Presbyterian church, tying the nuptial knot.

THE steamer Mischief is under charter to carry a party