

DESPERATE ENCOUNTERS.

Spanish Forces Decisively Defeated by Cuban Insurgent Generals Cabreco and Maceo.

Brutal Execution—Victory for the Government—Harbor of Havana Blocked by a Wreck.

New York, Sept. 24.—President Palma, of the Cuban revolutionary party in this city, received a very important letter from Cuba to-day. It was written September 14 by a friend of Pedro Rovira, a Spanish private who deserted to the Cuban ranks at Pera Sego, where Campos was defeated. In a later engagement Rovira was captured by Spanish court-martialed and sentenced to receive forty lashes and be shot. The sentence was carried out while Rovira was shouting for Cuban liberty. The Spaniards were greatly incensed against him as he had killed three of their men before being captured. The letter says that all Santiago, where the execution took place, was disgusted with the Spaniards, and then goes on to describe a hard fought battle, in which the Spanish forces lost over 300 men killed and wounded. The letter says: "A man who was sick in hospital at Casimira escaped and told the Spanish that General Jose Maceo was sick in the Casimira hospital and had only thirty men with him. On the 30th of August Maceo heard that 1,200 men and one battalion corps and a squadron of cavalry, with two pieces of artillery, were marching on him. Maceo mounted his horse and from the mountain of Santa Maria reconnoitred the enemy's position. He ordered eight of his men to keep up firing from a bush so as to deceive the Spaniards. Meanwhile he had sent word to his brother, Gen. Antonio Maceo. "On August 31 the Spaniards got hold of Francisco, and General Jose Maceo fortified his few men in a plantation house near the hospital. He wished to guard the right side of the road leading to Bacoalano, which skirted the hospital. The Spaniards were slowly closing in on him when General Cabreco and a Cuban column came to his relief and made the enemy vacate their position. A hot engagement followed, in which the Spaniards regained their position, but were unable to hold it long as Gen. Antonio Maceo suddenly appeared on the scene and with Cabreco and Col. Minnelli, succeeded in wresting it from the Spaniards. The Spaniards now made a brilliant charge, and for the third time they managed to secure the position, but in the engagement the Spanish captain of artillery was mortally wounded, and they slowly withdrew, the Cubans fighting them back. "This battle lasted from 5 a. m. to 1 p. m. It was resumed in the early afternoon, however, and is described as follows: "Gen. Antonio Maceo cleverly turned the Spanish column and gained the pass of Bacoalano. He then massed his troops before the Spanish vanguard, while Gen. J. Maceo got his men in the rear. "A very desperate encounter ensued. It raged until 9 o'clock at night, when it discontinued until dawn the next day, September 1. The Spaniards then commenced retreat until they reached the Igubanabano field, where they were able to use their cavalry, which was impossible on the mountains of Santa Maria. They did not gain any advantage, however, and after burning their provisions they continued to retreat to the mountains, which place they entered in scattered groups. The Spaniards lost over 300 men, 40 horses and a large loss of provisions and munitions of war. "HAVANA, Sept. 23.—Official reports have received here of an important engagement which is said to have resulted disastrously to the insurgents. The report says that troops captured their hospital, medicines, horses, etc. The insurgents took to flight, leaving twenty-four killed. "As the cruiser Barosaguet constitutes a danger to vessels in the Port of Havana, it has been decided to break up the hull of the vessel with dynamite. Divers have refused to work upon the wreck on account of the sharks.

EXCITEMENT IN MEXICO.

CITY OF MEXICO, Sept. 24.—International susceptibilities are being harshly ruffled these days. Some Mexicans hired a coach, put a hand organ by the side of the driver, and went crying "Viva Cuba Libre" and "Death to the Spaniard," creating disturbances. Corrae Espana, the organ of the resident Spanish colony, asked the government to prevent any further insults to Spain, and intimated that demonstrations on the part of the populace against Spain might end in the rupture of the present cordial relations of the two countries. "A Frenchman, hearing the report that Bismark was dead, which has been current here, drank toasts in which he insulted the German people and the ex-chauncer, and was roughly handled by the Germans. "The American minister, Mr. Ransom, and Consul Crittenden request the Protestant missionaries not to issue a daily paper attacking the adoration of the Virgin of Guadalupe, it having been the intention of the missionaries to circulate a paper during the coming coronation of the virgin festivities. "The United States authorities here fear a popular outbreak against missionaries, and say that in such an event the United States government would be placed in an awkward position, as missionaries would be guilty of having aroused the popular passions against them. The missionaries have been receiving threatening letters, threatening them with death.

THEODORE DURRANT.

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 25.—The defence began its case to-day, Eugene Deuprey making the opening statement. His intimation that the murder was committed not by Durrant, but by Rev. John George Gibson, pastor of Emanuel church, made in a significant allusion to the resemblance of the preacher's handwriting with the lettering on the paper enclosing Blanche Lamont's rings, created a marked sensation. The address of Mr. Deuprey began with definitions of the duties of jurors in capital cases. He attacked the new papers for the articles written and published concerning Durrant, and warned the jury against improper deductions from circumstantial evidence. Mr. Deuprey then said: "The district attorney has produced a strong case of circumstantial evidence, which if true would create a strong suspicion of the guilt of the defendant. We claim that beyond strong suspicion the prosecution has failed to go, and contented that with all the testimony introduced, the only issues to be passed on

STOCKS IN NEW YORK.

New York, Sept. 25.—Speculation to-day, while irregular at intervals, was in the main toward a higher level. The volume of business was about up to the recent average and the fluctuations in a number of instances were material. Bar silver 66 1/2; Mexican dollars 45 1/2; silver certificates 67 1/2, no sales.

CABLE NEWS.

Decisive French Victories in Madagascar—Further Hard Fighting in Cuba.

Muscovite and French Bankers in China—The Wheat Crop in Russia.

LONDON, Sept. 25.—Official dispatches from Madagascar have been received in Paris, according to which the French annular guard crossed the Ambehim mountains and met and defeated the whole of the forces of the Hovas with thirty cannon. The attack upon the Hovas was a complete surprise. The French suffered no losses. The troops, who are most enthusiastic over their victory, have arrived at Anteny, which is only forty miles from Antananarivo, the capital of Madagascar. Delegates of the French and Russian banks have gone to Shanghai on business connected with the scheme for the establishment at that place of a Russo-Chinese bank. The capital of the projected bank will be \$4,000,000. The reports which have been published of a Franco-Russian loan for China are without foundation. "The columns of Gen. Col. Romero, consisting of infantry, cavalry and artillery occupied the band of Suezca numbering 600 men at Loma Cruz in the province of Santa Clara. The artillery is said to have done that the Cuban lost two killed and seventeen wounded. "Senor Alforza Penna has been appointed president of the bank of the Republic of Brazil. "The Peruvian chamber of deputies has approved a project that foreign insurance companies must within six months register the amount of their capital which is devoted to Peru, but the minimum must be 1,000,000 soles, of which 30 per cent. must be invested in Peruvian shares. The government is to appoint an inspector of companies. Spanish disputes are subject to the Peruvian courts. "A special meeting of the Royal Victoria Yacht Club has been called for Saturday next, at which the form of the challenge for the America's cup by Mr. Charles J. Ross will be considered. The challenge will probably be dispatched to New York by the steamer sailing on Thursday, October 3. "The thrushings of Russian winter wheat show that the yield this season will be above the average. The wheat in the black soil district of the Caucasus, while on the average in the northern, southern and southwest parts of Russia and in the Volga governments. In other parts of the empire an average yield of winter wheat is expected. The wheat in the southwest, western, eastern and central governments and the Caucasus, and below an average in the black soil steppes districts and in the southern and Volga governments.

THE KUCHENG HORROR.

Statement of a Survivor—The Vegetarians and Their Obligations—Their Objects.

Allowed to Mature and Carry Out Their Plans Despite Repeated Official Warnings.

VANCOUVER, Sept. 25.—(Special)—Mabel C. Hartford, a survivor of the Kucheng horror, arrived yesterday by the steamer Empress of India and left for the East by today's express. Miss Hartford is connected with the Methodist Episcopal mission. She first corrected the erroneous impression that the massacre took place at Kucheng, it being really at a village called Wha-sang, twelve miles distant, and not near Foo Chow, but 100 miles from it. An accurate list of the victims given by her differs somewhat from the published list. The Chinese killed all who belonged to the Church of England mission. Miss Hartford's graphic description of the massacre is more realistic than any yet published. The murderers, in spite of reports to the contrary, were a band sworn to eat no meat, and were known as "Vegetarians," their oath being to kill all foreigners and mandarins. Miss Hartford is considerably out of health, became so painfully depressed over the description of the butchery that the conversation was turned to relieve the strain. Miss Hartford described the Vegetarians as a people who were diller and feared by the better class of Chinamen as well as whites. "The blame of the massacre she alleges lies with the inefficient magistrate at Kucheng and the absolute indifference of the viceroy at Foo Chow. The Vegetarians recruit from the lowest ranks, and one of their objects is to kill if necessary 500 soldiers for the good of the order. Last summer they commenced to lay their plans for the slaughter, and Miss Hartford sent word to the American consul at Foo Chow. The Foo Chow viceroy advised the Ku-cheng magistrate, who raised 500 soldiers to ostensibly protect the Europeans, but really for show. The Vegetarians were not checked in the least, and were never punished for their offences. They were allowed to mature their plans without interruption. In March the Vegetarians threatened to march against the city, but the authorities begged them not to do so and they desisted, but only to more thoroughly mature their plans. When the war ceased a new magistrate was sent to Kucheng who was even more careless than the other one, and the bloodthirsty Vegetarians were soon in control of the city. Miss Hartford is a native of Dover, N.H. She first goes to Minneapolis to visit friends. She was knocked down by a man specially chosen to kill her, and being beaten to death when rescued by Chinese soldiers. "The Hongkong Telegraph of August 29 publishes the following telegram: "FOOCHOW, Aug. 29.—Brief telegraphic information has just reached here to the effect that the persecution of native Christians is in full swing at Kingwa, about 70 miles from Foo Chow, and that the unfortunate converts are being subjected to most atrocious treatment."

WINNIPEG WIRINGS.

WINNIPEG, Sept. 25.—(Special)—Lt.-Governor Chapleau and party, returned this morning from their Western trip. This afternoon Mr. Chapleau visited St. Norbert, and this evening was tendered a welcome by the residents of St. Boniface. In the Northwest assembly at Regina yesterday a motion was adopted by a vote of 15 to 13. "That it is desirable that the parliament of Canada be memorialized to cause a plebiscite on the question of prohibiting the manufacture and sale of liquor in the Territories, to be taken at the time of voting at the next general election of representatives for the Dominion parliament." D. P. Moody, the evangelist, will be invited to hold services here during the coming winter.

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Claims Staked for a Montrealer—Movements of Victoria Capitalists—Coleman Creek.

ALBERNI, Sept. 24, VIA WELLINGTON, Sept. 25.—(Special)—A thirty foot ledge of free milling ore has been struck on Sproat Lake, five miles from town, and miners are engaged in running a drift. "The excitement respecting Coleman Creek continues; the McAllister Co. have sunk four feet in the ledge, and found free gold. A party of Victorians have gone to Coleman Creek to examine the conglomerate. "A telegram from a Montreal capitalist tonight requests that claims be staked for the sender. "Mr. Mallandaine claims to walk over the road for Nanaimo yesterday. Two miles from town he encountered a huge black bear and killed him. Soon after two deer crossed the road, and he killed them also. The meat was packed into town, and roast bear and venison steaks have since been added to the menu of the hotels. "J. O'Reilly and J. L. Thompson are at Coleman Creek. Messrs. Higgins, Wolley and Hepburn are at Alberni, and will go to Coleman on Thursday. "From the Nanaimo Free Press. "A. H. Gleason, one of the largest individual owners of mining claims in the Alberni district, who is interested with Mr. H. Simpson in some of the disputed claims in that country, came down on the stage last night. Hon. D. W. Higgins, he stated, is busily engaged preparing a petition to the government praying for the construction of a road from Alberni to Deboux's hotel, at the mines. The Constanco Mining Company has everything in readiness to sink a shaft upon their property, while the shaft upon the Ni Wat placer claims is already down 42 feet. "The first shipment of ore to the Tacoma Smelter from the Mineral Creek Mining Company's Alberni claim will arrive here some time this evening. There are two and a half tons of ore in all, which will be conveyed to Vancouver by the Cutch to-morrow morning, and from Vancouver to Tacoma by train. This is probably the first shipment of ore ever made in scale as yet made from the Alberni mines.

CANADIAN NEWS.

(Special to the Colonist.) "MORRISBURG, Sept. 25.—The Chrysler's firm monument was unveiled this afternoon in presence of a great crowd. Sir Macenzie Bower and Hon. Mr. Haggart were present. The Premier and his colleague made appropriate addresses. "MONTREAL, Sept. 25.—Hon. Wilfred Laurier, leader of the opposition, stated today that the general elections are fast approaching, and he has lost his voice again and will be compelled to take a long rest. "TORONTO, Sept. 25.—The fifth of Principal Grant's letters from Manitoba is published in to-day's Globe. "MONTREAL, Sept. 25.—An election in St. Ann's division of Montreal to fill the vacancy in the Quebec legislature will take place on October 17, nomination October 5. The vacancy was caused by the death of Alderman Patrick Kennedy, M.P.P.

ANNUAL EXHIBITION.

NORTH AND SOUTH SAANICH AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY. OCTOBER 3 AND 4. Refreshments on the ground. Horse Races on the ground in the evening. Trains leave Hillside avenue. "NOTICE is hereby given that thirty days after date I intend applying to the Honorable the Commissioner of Lands and Works for permission to lease as site for a fishing station, the following described lands situated at the head of the Muchalat Arm, Nootka Sound, to-wit: Commencing at a post marked D.S. Hennessy south west corner on the shore at the head of Muchalat Arm, Nootka Sound, following direction 50 chains; thence southerly 60 chains; thence westerly 60 chains to the boundary line on the Indian Reserve; thence following the boundary line on the Indian Reserve in an easterly direction to the beach; thence following the shore line back to place of commencement. Dated Muchalat Arm, Nootka Sound, Sept. 14th, 1895. 2627-1m D. S. HENNESSY. "NOTICE is hereby given that thirty days after date I intend applying to the Honorable the Commissioner of Lands and Works for permission to lease as site for a fishing station, the following described lands situated at the head of Muchalat Arm, Nootka Sound, and containing fifty acres, more or less; to-wit: Commencing at a post marked Thomas Hooper north east corner on the shore at the head of Muchalat Arm, Nootka Sound, following direction 50 chains; thence southerly 60 chains; thence westerly 60 chains to the boundary line on the Indian Reserve; thence following the boundary line on the Indian Reserve in an easterly direction to the beach; thence following the shore line back to place of commencement. Dated Muchalat Arm, Nootka Sound, Sept. 14th, 1895. 2627-1m W. A. WARD.

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CAPITAL NOTES.

Sir Julian Pannocote to Confer With the Executive Regarding the Sealers' Indemnity. "Wiggins Persists That the Storm Was a Success—Sunday Cars—Convict Hooper. "OTTAWA, Sept. 25.—Sir Julian Pannocote is expected here on Tuesday to confer with Lord Aberdeen and his ministers in reference to the appointment of a commission to assess the amount of damages to which the Canadian sealers are entitled under the Behring sea award. The United States government admit that the British Columbia sealers should receive compensation, but as the Commission will vote the sum of \$425,000 agreed upon by the two governments, they say the amount must now be determined by arbitration. "Prof. Wiggins in an interview to-day still sticks to it that his storm prediction was verified. He says that when the reports upon the Atlantic marine are in it will be seen that the planetary conjunction produced the worst storm for many years. "The father of J. R. Hooper, the wife murderer who is now serving a 25-years' term in St. Vincent's Penitentiary, interviewed Sir C. H. Tupper to-day. The minister promised a careful consideration of the petition which had been sent in. "The Trades and Labor Council are asking the city corporation to submit a by-law to the ratenagers next January on the subject of Sunday cars. "The Canadian association of stationary engineers commenced their sixth annual convention here to-day. "BRITISH SUBJECTS IN HAWAII. "LONDON, Sept. 24.—Mr. Henry Labouchere's Truth prints an article in its issue of this week against the apathy of the British press and parliament in regard to the suffering of British subjects during the revolution in Hawaii, and mentions particularly the case of the Ashford brothers, who were Canadian barristers and who were imprisoned by President Dole's government upon the flimsiest evidence. One of them, Wm. Dreig, was sentenced to thirty years in prison by a military commission in Hawaii out of place at his being part owner of Fanning Island, where it was proposed to land the Canadian Australian cable.

NEWS OF THE PROVINCE.

Departure of the Governor-General for Ottawa—Falding's Case Postponed for a Week.

Death of a Naval Reserve Man—The Mines in the Kootenay District.

WESTMINSTER.

WESTMINSTER, Sept. 25.—W. H. Falding is to be given a week's time to elect as his mode of trial. "The opposition against the bridge seems to be growing, owing to a belief in the declaration that, when completed, it will divert trade to Vancouver. "Port Report: Johnnie, who is serving a four months' sentence for larceny, escaped from the chancery yesterday while employed making improvements at Queen's park. He was not recaptured. "Fire started in the residence of Dr. Wo Yuen, Chinatown, last night, and before it was extinguished had done \$800 worth of damage besides burning the building. The fire was started by careless cigarette smoking in bed. One of the firemen sustained severe injuries by an axe glancing off a building which was being demolished and striking him in the foot. "Word has been received here that the Chilootin country is being rapidly opened up by ranchers. Several large herds of cattle are doing well. Grass is abundant in winter and no fodder is required for cattle over a distance of 300 miles in length. Settlers are rapidly taking up the best land, particularly near the coast outlet.

ATTEMPTED TRAIN WRECKING.

QUEBEC, Sept. 25.—(Press dispatch)—If Hon. Mr. Laurier is still alive it is not the fault of some of his enemies who, it is reported, tried to wreck a passenger train on the Quebec and Lake St. John line, between Chicoutimi and Grand Deschamps, on which the hon. gentleman was to take his passage to go to a political meeting which he had called at Herbyville, on the 13th inst. "Your correspondent is informed that on the date mentioned the only West-bound passenger train was running at slow rate, when it suddenly came to a standstill. The engineer had just succeeded in stopping his train a few feet from an obstruction placed across the track, which would undoubtedly have made a total wreck of the train, had it not been for three passenger cars pretty well loaded with excursionists on their way to Mr. Laurier's meeting at Herbyville. Two stones, one weighing 142 and the other 112 pounds, were strongly fixed with ropes to large pieces of lumber across the track, and the engineer and fireman of the train tried in vain to clear away the obstacles. They called other employees of the same train to their assistance and everything was taken away before the passengers learned of their danger. It is understood that the stones were placed there by the conductor, but the conductor orders that they should keep it quiet so as to enable the authorities to investigate the matter.

MANITOBA POLITICS.

WINNIPEG, Sept. 25.—(Special)—Orders have been given by the Greenway government for the immediate preparation of the provincial voters' lists. Ministers deny that an immediate election will be held, but it is understood that the thing