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Gomez and Maceo at the Head of Insurgents Making for ene Capital.

General de Campos.

HAVANA, Dec. 26.—Since the arrival commander of the Spanish forces in Cuba has been in frequent conference ized rock were found. He took up and Sir Philip Currie, the British am-

Commander of the Spanish forces in Cuba has been in frequent conference with leading military and naval officials here, civil authorities and the leaders of different political parties.

News from the iront seems to be interrupted both by rail and telegraph, or in any case no information is obtainable concerning the movements of the insured gents to-day. This was the state off affairs late this afternoon, and although the Captain General upon his arrival here announced that he Spanish troops in Matanzas occupied advantageous positions and that the Carbans would either be compelled to fight a pitched battle in that province or surrender. It is not generally believed here that the march of Gomez and Macco were really retreating the government, would not be slow in making piblic every item of reserved their of the hitherto triumphant march of insurgents from the province of Havans in spite of numerous columns of Spanish troops in the territory traversed. The last news of the movements of the Spanish columns was that they were heading for Guanabana, the last headquarters evacuated by Campos, situated near Matanzas. The fact is also that many announcements of the defeat and retreat of the hiserycarts have been made, and it will require strong information to make any body here believe it to be a fact. When the insurgents first entered Santa Clara, it was announced they had been deleated with years loss and had been delea

and since then they have apparently pushed onward with little or no interruption. On the other hand, Campos has actually retreated from Santa Clara to Cienfuegos, Palmillas, Colon, Jovellanos, Guanaba, Matanzas, and finally to Havana. The absence of news of the movements of the insurgents is causing some anxiety among and Maceo are in possession of the railroads and telegraph lines, and that it was with difficulty that Campos succeeded in reaching Havana last night.

Active preparations are being made here for the defence of

the city and for forwarding to the front all the troops which can be spared. It is understood the Span-ish columns in the rear of the insurgent army have been ordered to concentrate as quickly as possible about the frontier of Matanzas, and every effort is to be made to prevent the reto be made to prevent the re-treat of the Cubans into Santa Clara. While these preparations are being made to apparantly stop the insurgents from escaping back into Santa Clara, the land fortifications of certai Havana are receiving attention day and night. A number of additional earthworks have been thrown up and these are being completed and supplied with guns as rapidly as possible. Thema azinesare being plentifully supplied with ammunition and the outposts of the Spanish troops around Havana are being strengthened. Throughout the night and all day there has been an air of hurry and anxiety about the different headquarters here which does not seem to indicate that the supreme authorities are satisfied that the insurgents are retreating and if military activity goes for anything the most determined efforts are being made

to prevent a surprise.

The insurgents, when last heard from, were well to the westward of Matanzas and threatening the capture of the rail-way lines. Shortly afterwards all news from the front was suddenly shut off and from the front was suddenly shut off and a few hours later the Captain-General arrived here, after having been driven from town to town before the victorious insurgents. There is considerable speculation here as to the actual number of men under command of Gomez and Macso. The highest estimates place it at 12,000 men, while the lowest estimate is 5,000. It is to be presumed, however, that Gomez and Maceo may have 10,000 men, as they are known to have been joined by large numbers since entering the province of Matanzas. The insurgents have also been plentifully supplied with ammunition, said to have been stored for their use at different points and hidden for months past.

en for months past. In order to enable as many troops as possible to be sent to the front all the marines and sailors who could be spared from the Spanish fleet have been landed and the former are now doing duty as and the former are now doing duty as artillerymen wherever their services are needed. The volunteers are under arms and every male inhabitant capable of doing active service or finding somebody else to do it for him has been or is being called upon to bear

posing the defences of Havana, and when the brilliant achievement of Gomes and Maceo in passing through the many Spanish columns, said to number from 40,000 to 80,000 men, in the provinces of Santa Clars and Matanzas is taken into consideration, there is some justification for the belief of the friends of the insurgent cause that it will not be long before Rebels Exceedingly Hopeful Despite

the Declarations of Captain

Cause that it will not be long before Gomes are outside of Hayana. This, however, is ridiculed by the Spanish authorities here, who claim that the insurgents' movement has received a decided check.

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Kharput Massacre—Russia Declines

to Take Part in Effective Accided check.

### GOLDEN ALBERNI.

ALBERNI, Dec. 25.—(Special)—A proshere last night of Captain General Mar- pector reports the discovery of a new tinez de Campos from Matanzas, the creek two miles west of Coleman creek on

THE PRAIRIE PROVINCE.

WINNIPEG, Dec. 27.—(Special)—P.
C. McIntyre has been re-nominated as the Greenway government candidate in North Winnipeg. It is probable that all the Winnipeg constituencies will return the old members by acclamation on nomination day, if Labor candidates are not brought out. A trades and labor convention will be held to-morrow labor convention will be held to-morrow that is a present the convention of the sulfan. The lewelers of Stamboul, fearing a commotion, closed their shops for the whole day.

## MONTREAL MATTERS.

MONTREAL, Dec. 27 .- (Special)-It is understood that R. S. White during the coming week will be appointed collector of customs for the port of Montreal.

Charles M. Haves, the new general manager of the Grand Trunk railway, who is hourly expected from St. Louis, will assume charge of the company's affairs on Wednesday next. James McShane, Liberal, was to-day elected to represent Montreal Centre at Ottawa. Mr. McShane has been con-

nected with this constituency for many years as a ward politician, and as its representative in the city council and provincial legislature. He was known by the electioneers as "the People's Jimmy," and in view of all the sinister influences at work his return was almost certain from the moment he entered the

## MANITOBA ELECTIONS.

WINNIPEG, Dec. 26. (Special)-There was a general scattering of members of the legislature and prospective candidates to their constituencies to-day to prepare for the election. The Conservatives of Winnipeg have decided to contest two of the city co stituencies, but there will be no opposition to Hon. J. D. Cameron in South Winnipeg. Wm. Miller has been chosen as the Conservative candidate for Turtle Mountain to contest, that constituency against the tive candidate for Turtle Mountain to contest that constituency against the Greenway government candidate. Each day continues to bring in more and more encouraging news for the Conservatives. Throughout the province there is a marked rally and there is no doubt that a strong fight will be made at the polls on January 15.

## LORD ABERDEEN, TOO.

While the Times was crowding out its while the Times was crowding out its telegraphic news yesterday to print in capital letters stale reports from the Eastern papers published on those days when having said so before they did not feel called upon to repeat that Hon. E. G. Prior had been made a member of the cabinet as well as a controller, the telegraph operators found time to receive the following message:

"OTTAWA, Dec. 26. Hon. E. G. Prior, Victoria: "His Excellency informed me last night that he had signed a minute of council approving of your appointment as a member of the cabinet and privy

## "CHARLES HIBBERT TUPPER." CARDWELL ELECTION.

TORONTO, Dec. 26 .- (Special)-The to else to do it for him has been tal figures for the polling at the Cardor is being called upon to bear arms. A conservative estimate of the force at dictation here of the captain general estimates that he has 20,000 regulars and about 40,000 volunteers. But the Spanish regulars and volunteers are scattered over a large expanse of forts and fortifications compals. tal figures for the polling at the Card-

Stirring Up the Savage

tion Against Turkey.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Dec. 26.—The repre sentatives of the powers have entered a protest before the commission which

urbances.

It is reported from Marash that slight gold nuggets take from \$50 to \$150. disturbances have occurred between the Mussulmans and Christians,
Advices from the Island of Crete say
there have been no fresh disturbances

As an outcome of the meeting of the ambassadors to concert means to prevent the massacres of the inhabitants of Zeitoun, for which the palace thirsts, and which it attempts to justify by publishing mendacious statements of atrocities committed by the Zeitounlis, Baron Calice, the Austrian ambassador.

was put upon the government's shoulders, had never vacillated in any particular, but, from March last, when it was the government's duty to speak, he had continued, steadily and steadfastly, on one course, and the government was going to solve the question, and that right soon. (Cheers.) Who dragged the matter into the political arena? The men who blew hot and cold; the men discovered the inciplent blaze and tinguished it. who were in one direction to-day and another to-morrow; the men who, when the first bye-elections took place, after March, hid their heads and skulked in their tents. Sir Charles referred to Mr. Laurier's

proposition regarding a commission, and quoted from the Liberal leader's speeches to show that he did not believe in commissions, except as a means of putting off the evil day. There was no one, contended Sir Charles, who could say that the government was not pledged up to the handle to introduce and enact remediate the contended of the contende the handle to introduce and enact remedial legislation on the lines of the remedial order of March last. Having quoted from the divergent speeches of Sir Richard Cartwright in Cardwell, on Tuesday and Wednesday last, he said that the remedial order stood from March to July, and none of the Liberal supporters ever dared to indict the government for July, and none of the Liberal supporter ever dared to indict the government to having passed it. The Conservative came out of that session with many growl and criticism; but this commission was opening the eyes of a goo many people, and, coupled with the language of Sir Richard Cartwright, meant good bye to remedial legislation so far as the Liberals were concerned if the Ottawa House of Commons.

## WINNIPEG WIRINGS.

WINNIPEG, Dec. 27 .- (Special)-Chas Chamberlain, who was sentenced to imprisonment for three years at Stoney Mountain last year for impersonation at the Dominion election here, has been

released.

The street railway company, it is understood, will flatly retuse to carry out the city council's demands as to the running of cars, and an interesting legal struggle is promised.

The Kadi of Moosh Charged With Christmas Robberies at Vancouver-Successful School Examinations at talt Spring Island.

> Mining Machinery for the Canadian Pacific Company To Drain

VANCOUVER. VANCOUVER, Dec. 26.—Several robberies took place on Christmas night,

recall of the Kadi of Moosh, who is accused of inciting the Mussulmans to dis-

VANCOUVER, Dec. 27.—Further re of burgiaries are coming in. Capt. Mc-Leod's residence was entered by thieves, who had evidently watched the place, Advices from Beyrout report a severe fight between Turkish troops and Druses near Zurtch. The Druses lost 1,220 killed, while only 70 Turks were killed and 50 wounded.

Rome, Dec. 26.—A dispatch from Aleppo says that the town of Zeitoun, Rome, Dec. 26.—A dispatch from Aleppo says that the town of Zeitoun, which has been held by the insurgent Armenians for some time has been captured by the Turkish troops. The inhabitants fied to the mountains.

London, Dec. 26.—The Daily News has a minutely detailed letter describing the Kharput massacre, the writer of which declares that the evidence leaves no doubt that there was a well understood plan, ordered directly from the Yildiz palace, to plunder and burn all the American buildings, and to render the further stay of the missionaries impossible.

A dispatch to the Times from Constantinople, under date of December 25, and the gang were evidently led by someone who knew every "crib" that was to be cracked, and knew by sight the people in it.

NEW WESTMINSTER, Dec. 27 .- An attempt was made by a fire bug to set the

## SALT SPRING ISLAND.

BEAVER POINT, Dec. 23.-The friends and parents of the pupils at Beaver Point school, Salt Spring, who attended the public examination were agreeably surprised at the splendid preparations made to receive them. Not only had Santa Claus remembered the children, but Claus remembered the children, but almost every other individual in the Beaver Point neighborhood had been put on the list. The examination, particularly in reading and arithmetic, was conducted by Mr. Kirkendall with tact and thoroughness. The proceedings were interspersed with recitations by the children, some of which provoked not a little merriment. The school term was brought to a close by the interesting ceremony of disburdening the Christmas tree of its treasures to the satisfaction of all concerned.

## AINS WORTH.

Woodbury creek, has arrived.

The last contract of 200 feet on the Highland is nearly completed and is close upon 600 feet in length. The last 50 feet has been run through a fine chute of galena ore, quite solid in places.

The last snow covers the ground slear. The last snow covers the ground clear down to the lake shore, so that laden ore sieds can go all the way without transferring. The output of the Skyline will probably be increased materially from

From Nov. 11 to Dec. 10, one month, From Nev. II to Dec. 10, one month, a profit of about \$100 to the man employed was made on the No. I. Fity-six tons were sent to the smelter and 150 tons of concentrating ore extracted. The Mile Point lessees have begun shipping to the Pilot Bay smelter.

J. E. Boss and Jack Robertson sampled several mines of the camp during their recent visit, and it is said Mr.

# Boss and associates propose to build a smelter next year which will treat and save the contents of all kinds of ores. The 3-inch pipe siphon which Clark and Van Hook rigged up to drain Loon lake last year has been working continuously since the 16th of January last, and in that time has lowered the lake about twenty feet. This body of water is about half a mile in length by 300 feet in width.

in width.

Three leads run through the Lady of the Lake ground, each one showing up well on the surface. One shipment netted \$76,50 per ton.

For a couple of years rock has been found in this camp, some samples of which assayed over \$22 per ton gold. A quantity sent East for analysis was propused sulphide of Mangapase or manounced sulphide of Manganese or mangan blende. There are said to be some large veins of it here that have been

The new compressor of the Center Star was put in motion this week and is now in perfect running order, supplying power to three Ingersoll-Sargeant drills with reserve for four more. It is certainly not unreasonable to suppose the Center Star will have 250,000 tone of ore in sight by Angust worth not far from \$5,000,000.

The seriougness of the ore blockade which has existed at Rossland for three weeks is not fully understood or appreciated. The three shipping mines the War Eagle, Le Roi and Josie, have not been able to realize a dollar on their output during that period. The trouble has caused the War Eagle and Josie to shut down except in the prosecution of development work, since they have no adequate bins or sheds for the storing of ore, while the Le Roi has taken out its neal tonnage, which has been put under dorsely will be approved and a copy handed to sach of the governments interested, according to treaty, on New Year's Day. The Passamannaody bay boundary will be reported on at the same time.

Presumably the Victoria Times will claim Cardwell as a Liberal victory. Despite the strenuous efforts of Sir Richard Cartwright, Mr. Edgar and others their candidate only polled about one-sixth of the total vote polled. Had it not been for a disgraceful roorbach issued since the nomination of Mr. Willoughby he would have been elected. Parliament will meet next Thursday.

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of 4,000 feet.

A number of settlers from Nebraska and Texas have taken up land at Tobacco Plains and will put in a large ditch for

Captain Armstrong is building a large steamboat at Libby, Montans, to run between Jennings and Fort Steele. There will be three, and possibly four, steam-boats plying on the upper Kootenay next

The Nip and Tuck placer claim on Wild Horse creek, lately purchased by Mr. Foster, has been leased to an American syndicate for ten years.

The North Star has about 1,200 tons on the dump, which will be hauled to the Kootenay river ready for shipment in the spring.

R. L. T. Galbraith has sold his interest in the Moyea group to a Montreal syndi-James Brady, of the Thunder Hill

## Mining company, is examining the pro-perty as to future operations. TORONTO TOPICS.

TORONTO, Dec. 27.—(Special)—A letter received from Rev. V. C. Hart, Methodist missionary to China, states that at (From the Nelson Tribune.)

All the machinery, comprising Pelton wheel, compressor, and power drills, Chuen, the scene of the destruction of for the Canadian Paris. for the Canadian Pacific company at Woodbury creek, has arrived.

The last contract of 200 feet on the Highland is nearly completed and is new viceroy of which province has been taking severe measures against the rioters and has thereby become very unpopular. No further trouble is appre-

popular. No further trouble is appre-heided, however.

The condition of Mr. Bunting of the Mail-Empire is serious. He is very low.

In Trinity church last night, for the first time in the history of the Anglican church in Ontario, two young ladies were consecrated by the Bishop of Tor-cents to the office and work of deacon-

The World's Fair Tests showed no baking powder so pure or so great in leav-

Manitoba's Final Reply on t School Question Received by the

OTTAWA, Dec. 26.—The government has received the final reply of Manitoba on the school question. Informati text of the reply has been made pub The new compressor of the Center there. On the Premier being asked if he Star was put in motion this week and is would furnish a copy of the reply for the

issued since the nomination of Milloughby he would have been elected. Parliament will meet next Thursday but the business of the session will be commenced until the following we

OTTAWA, Dec. 27.—The Canadian Ca-sette will to-morrow contain the follow-ing announcements:

Hasquiot.

The British Columbia artillery will hereafter be officially designated as the B. C. Regiment of Garrison Artillery.

The Premier received many letters and telegrants to day on the occasion of his seventy-second birthday. The Privy Council staff presented him with a magnificent bouquet.

The Canadian deep water-ways commissioners met here to-day to discuss their plan of procedure. They will spend some days examining the records in the Canals department.

## MANITOBA ELECTIONS.

Winnipeg, Dec. 27.—Special)—Hon, Joseph Martin, M.P. for Winnipeg, left for the Pacific Coast last night. Being interviewed before departing. Mr. Martin said: "I think Hon. Mr. Greentin said: "I think Hon. Mr. Greenway's government will sweep the province. There is hardly any doubt but that the electors are almost a unit on the school question, which is the main issue. In my opinion the result will have little effect on the school legislation the Dominion government propose to bring in. The Ottawa cabinet is well aware of the temper of the people of Manitoba, and if they ever intended to bring in a remedial bill, the fact that this province is overwhelmingly opposed to it, will have as little effect in changing its provisions as the water on a duck's back."

## NEWS OF THE DOMINION.

(Special to the Colonist.) CLINTON, Dec. 27.—There is talk here of Dr. Forester, a Patron and a popular farmer, becoming the McCarthyite candidate in West Huron. Mr. Forester has been a Liberal all, his life and his entrance in the field would probably shatter the chances of M. C. Cameron, the ex-Liberal member.

Tweed, Dec. 27.—Freddy Breen, aged 10, was drowned in the lake while skating on the ice.

MONTREAL, Dec. 24.-A warrant has been issued charging Mr. Bousquet, ex-cashier of La Banque du Peuple, with conspiracy to defraud, but it is not sup-posed it will ever be executed in this