

WEYLER WAS AFRAID

That, Say the Cubans, is Why He Returned to Havana so soon.

Second Trial of Mellon and the Competitor Crew is About Completed.

Jacksonville, Fla., Nov. 23.—A special telegram to the World says: "A cipher cablegram from Havana to-night to the Cuban leader here says General Weyler has been forced to return to Havana and the city is in great confusion. Weyler gives no excuse, it is said, except that it is too hot and unhealthy to stay any longer. It is openly asserted in Havana that Weyler became frightened because Maceo set a price upon his head or capture. Weyler's scouts also informed him that Maceo might make an attempt on Havana and the Spanish general retreated in hot haste to the protection of his place." It is also stated in the cablegram that Weyler's recall is assured now as the Spanish government is incensed against him for dilatory tactics. The Cubans here are jubilant, for they think this will have a favorable effect upon the United States Congress.

A dispatch to the World from Havana, Nov. 20, via Barton, Fla., Nov. 20, says: "The competitor prisoners have been tried by court martial in the fortress La Cabana in spite of General Lee's official protest, filed just before he left Havana. The exception taken by the prisoners was overruled by the naval courts. General Lee's note was pigeon-holed and the officials here are in a state of disapproval. The competitor crew and Mr. Mellon, the American newspaper correspondent have again been tried by a drumhead court within the walls of a Spanish fortress, where, according to Captain General Weyler's orders, no representative of the United States consulate may enter. The prisoners were not allowed either an interpreter or a counsel. Those party acquainted with Spanish were compelled to interpret for the others. So quietly was the affair conducted that Judge Sani said the Spanish does not yet know the result. Weyler was verbally ordered on November 17, which day Mellon, Mass. De. V. was arrested. These General Ferran, were forced by the naval Judge Fernandez to sign statements admitting their complicity in the filibustering expedition which the competitor is alleged to have brought under Monzon and La-horde to the Finar del Rio coast. This written evidence is now under consideration by the court. Judge Sani said the decision may now be rendered any moment. It is expected that all the members of the party, whose American citizenship has not been clearly proved will be shot."

New York, Nov. 24.—Captain-General Weyler's statement that he will wait until after Christmas before he strikes the death blow at the insurgents is recorded by the Cubans here as an admission that he can do nothing against the insurgents in their present invulnerable position. "It is certainly a showing of weakness," said Delegate Palma, "and explains his return to Havana." Weyler has been commended by the Spanish government to take the field and wipe out the last vestiges of the rebellion. His return, discomfited and unsuccessful, is not only indicative of defeat, but an indication that he may be recalled.

SEVERAL LIVES LOST

And Serious Damage Done in Cowliiz Valley, Wash.

Chehalis, Wash., Nov. 23.—Additional particulars of the flood on the upper Cowliiz valley and the eastern end of this county came in yesterday, but they are all meagre, and probably give but a faint idea of the great losses that have been sustained. A letter to L. A. Davis from his wife at Cora states that great damage has been done in that vicinity. It states that the mail carrier has just informed her that A. L. Brown, his wife and five children were drowned in the Cowliiz. It also states that his house and barn were swept away, and the conclusion is that the family were seated in their home when the flood burst upon it, and swept them away.

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ARRESTED BY BOERS.

Staff of Johannesburg Critic Arrested and Subsequently Discharged.

CABLE FROM LONDON

Line of Steamships to Run Between Calais and New Orleans.

Italian Immigration to South America is on the Increase.

London, Nov. 24.—The failure is announced of Webster & Bonnie, warehousemen. Liabilities are estimated at £180,000, assets £120,000.

The Pall Mall Gazette this afternoon publishes a dispatch from Calais, France, saying that plans are being arranged to establish a line of steamships to run between New Orleans and Calais to carry grain, cotton and general merchandise.

Italian immigration to South America is increasing. On Saturday and Sunday 3,000 persons started for La Plata, and 350 for the United States, while 3,000 start for Argentine Republic this week.

La Paix, of Paris, announces that the text of the treaty signed at Paris by President Fevre and the Czar will be published shortly.

The death of General Riva Palacio, the Mexican minister to Spain, is announced from Madrid. He had been sick for some time past and died at his residence there yesterday.

At the election of a member of the chamber of deputies for Bordeaux the Socialist candidate, M. Parrel, defeated M. De Crais, formerly ambassador to Vienna, but M. Parrel died suddenly while the poll was being declared.

The Hamburger Nachrichten, Bismarck's organ, flatly accuses England of trying to kindle a European blaze under the pretext of helping the Armenians. The Nachrichten says further that England, with inconceivable blindness, is trying to ally herself with the Armenians.

Mr. Thomas F. Bayard, United States ambassador, and Mrs. Bayard, were commanded to-day to visit Windsor Castle on Thursday next to dine with the Queen. Mr. and Mrs. Bayard will also sleep at the castle that night and Mr. Bayard in consequence has been obliged to cancel his engagement to preside at the Thanksgiving dinner of the American colony here.

A dispatch from Cork says: "The Most Rev. Wm. Fitzgerald, D. D., the Roman Catholic bishop at Ross, died suddenly yesterday. He was consecrated Nov. 11, 1871."

COBDEN CLUB

Report Presented at the Annual Meeting This Morning.

London, Nov. 24.—The annual meeting of the Cobden Club took place this morning, Lord Farrer presiding. The committee's report for 1895-6 was read. It speaks of the tendency of the Conservatives in the direction of protection and the need of increased zeal upon the part of the Cobdenites. Continuing, the report quotes Canadian and other colonial statesmen against the plan of Mr. Joseph Chamberlain, secretary of state for the colonies, for the establishment of an Imperial Zollverein and denounces the cattle bill of last session as a measure of protection. It regards the Canadian election as most encouraging to free traders and expresses the hope that the circumstances under which the battle was fought in the United States "will avert injury to international trade which might otherwise have been expected from the election of McKinley."

HOW TO CURE BITTENS COLIC.

I suffered for weeks with colic and pain in my stomach caused by biliousness and had to take medicine all the while until I used Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy which cured me. I have since recommended it to a good many people. Mrs. F. Butler, Fairhaven, Conn. Persons who are subject to bilious colic can ward off the attack by taking this remedy as soon as the first symptoms appear. Sold by all druggists. Langley & Henderson Bros., wholesale agents, Victoria and Vancouver.

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THE DUTY ON OPIUM

Speculation as to Whether McKinley Would Raise the Duty to the Old Figure.

Would Revive Smuggling Between British Columbia and the United States.

With the coming change of administration at Washington City a good many matters of importance to this coast are being discussed, and one is whether or not Mr. McKinley and his congress will put up the duty on opium, says the Seattle Times. When Cleveland went into the office four years ago and for a year or so after he was in office, there was a great deal of smuggling in progress. In fact smuggling on Puget Sound was at its zenith, for it was then that the old Haytian Republic gang was at work, and when such men as Special Treasury Agent Mulkey and Collector of Customs Jim Lotan of Portland were getting big money for allowing Chinamen and opium to be landed. Coblenz and Billy Meredith, who were then Chinese inspectors, and D. A. McKean, three of the best opium men in the world, were working full blast ever had; on the coast, were in the harness at the time and they were making big arrests all the while. One of Meredith's last acts was to capture the little Yelga and a boat load of Chinamen down near Olympia. The Victoria opium factories were working full blast and very little opium from the Orient was finding its way into this country. The Chinamen who smoke it and use it for other purposes, could get British Columbia opium at such a low price that they did not care to put up big money to bring the better drug from China and pay an enormous duty on it. Thousands of dollars were made by smuggling opium into the United States the year before the Democratic tariff went into effect.

Since that time there has been but little opium smuggled into the United States. The Democratic tariff reduced the duty on the stuff to such an extent that it did not pay to smuggle. The Victoria factories are not what they used to be. Some opium is manufactured, but not in such large quantities as it used to be, and very little of it comes to the United States. The local Chinamen say that since the tariff went into effect they have bought their opium from China and paid duty on it. It costs a big price, but it is better stuff, and then they are not liable to have it seized by a government officer.

DOESN'T AGREE WITH THEM.

Oscar Wilde and Mrs. Maybrick Suffering From Imprisonment.

London, Nov. 23.—From a high official connected with Her Majesty's prison at Wormwood Scrubs, the Associated Press is furnished the following account of the prisoners, Mrs. Maybrick and Oscar Wilde.

"For any one who knew Mrs. Maybrick as I did, before her incarceration, she would not now be recognized. She is a complete mental and physical wreck. I wish to say right here that this condition is not due to prison confinement. While she is not insane her condition borders closely upon it. She has not been at Wormwood Scrubs for many months, but is now in the smaller prison at Aylesbury, in Buckinghamshire. It is found that prisoners in her mental state require as much change and consistent with prison regulations, and for this reason, she has been an inmate of so many prisons.

THEY SLASHED EACH OTHER.

Cleveland's Foreign Population Have a Little War.

Cleveland, Nov. 24.—Almost the entire Slav and Hungarian population, living on Franklin Avenue hill, with the exception of the women and babies, turned out en masse last night in an effort to cut, stab and slash each other's heads. It was the bloodiest battle of the year around the river front and Columbus street districts. Blood of the combatants dyes the road and makes the scene of the battle a revolting spectacle. Fully forty men from the start to finish engaged in the terrible encounter. As far as can be learned at least twenty persons were more or less seriously injured, but only two will probably die.

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COLUMBIA-WESTERN

Tenders Called for the Construction of the Trail Penitentiary Railway.

Some of the Recent Strikes That Have Been Made in Kootenay.

Nelson and Fort Sheppard Company Put Their Additions on The Market.

Rossland, B. C. Nov. 24.—The Columbia and Western Railway Company has advertised for bids for the construction of a narrow or a standard gauge line from Trail to Penitentiary, the section from Trail to Rossland to be completed and in operation in ninety days. In case the tenders for the standard gauge road are accepted the present road from Trail to Rossland will be standardized.

The Red Eagle claim in the South Belt, adjoining the Mayflower has surprised everybody with an assay of \$90 in gold. It is not expected that there is much of this grade of ore, but all assays to date from surface workings have run over \$50. The last few shifts of work on the California has greatly improved the showing in the main tunnel, the whole face of which is now in \$18 ore. The Mascot, belonging to the Big Three Company, is also looking up. Assays from a new shaft yesterday went \$48. The Palo Alto shaft now shows ten inches of high grade ore, the rest of the shaft averaging \$8 per ton. This satisfies everyone here that the Palo Alto will make a mine.

UNDERGROUND RAILWAYS.

Two Deep Level Tunnels Under London for Electric Trains.

London, Nov. 23.—A meeting of the Metropolitan District Railway Stockholders' Association was held here in furtherance of the project for constructing two deep level tunnels for the up and down service of the express electric trains between Ealing Court and Mansion House. The stockholders have endorsed the action of their directors in approving the scheme, and the necessary powers will be asked for at the coming session of Parliament. That they will be granted is a foregone conclusion.

PROVING THAT TRUE HONESTY AND TRUE PHILANTHROPY STILL EXIST.

If any man who is weak, nervous and debilitated, or who is suffering from any of the various troubles resulting from youthful folly, excess or overwork, will take heart and write to me, I will send him confidentially and free of charge the plan pursued by which I was completely restored to perfect health and manhood, after years of suffering from Nervous Debility, Loss of Vigor and Organic Weakness.

CASTOR OIL

For Infants and Children.

What Great Britain Wins by Venezuelan Settlement.

Berlin, Nov. 24.—The Fremdenblatt discussing the settlement of the Venezuelan question, says: "Lord Salisbury acted cleverly in directing the policy of Great Britain to again bring about friendly relations with the United States. His consent to always submit certain disputes of two Anglo-Saxon nations to arbitration, emphasizes a sentiment of kinship. Therein lies the sagacity of the British action. Great Britain does not wish to have an enemy in the United States and the price she pays therefore is not great."

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