THE COMPETITOR PRISONERS

Tell a Story of Horrible Sufferings in a Spanish Prison.

Tortured in a Most Excruciating Way in an Endeavor to Extort Confession—From Robust Men They Were Reduced So as to Appear Little Better Than Skeletons—The British Consul's Interference Saved Them from Being Shot.

New York, Nov. 25.—The six Competitor prisoners, who arrived the other day on the steamer Saratoga from Cuba, where they had been held in the cabanas Fortress for filibustering, tell a terrible tale of torture. They are Captain Alfredo Laborde, Ona Melton, a newspaper correspondent; William Leavitt, Charles Barnett, William Gildea, and Julio y Quesada.

Dragged down physically by bad food, brutal treatment and even excruciating torture, they also are broken mentally. Their wan, sallow faces do not tell the story of their more than eighteen months in a Spanish prison nearly as eloquently as their timid manner and halting words.

Of the five prisoners, Captain Alfredo Laborde of New Orleans seemed to have suffered the least, until he showed the marks of the "swivel" on his wrists. He is also partially paralyzed. Two years ago he was a robust man. He is shrunken now, but his excellent constitution helped him through. He speaks brokenly, but has a story of wrong to tell.

"They tortured me," he exclaimed vehemently, "me and him (pointing to Ona Melton, the newspaper correspondent). But I was tortured the worst.

"They said I must confess—when I had nothing to confess. The instrument they used I call a Spanish 'swivel,' but it has another name. My hands were placed together, strong thongs were twisted around my wrists, and a stick or iron bar was inserted between the thongs.

"Then the bar was turned and turned, tightening the rope, until it cut through the skin and into the flesh. Every turn was added torture until it seemed the bones must break. That was more than a year ago, but these marks I will carry to my grave. See my bracelets?"

They were there—broad, red marks, that seemed scarcely healed.

"Several times," continued Captain Laborde, "I shrieked 'I am an American citizen. I demand protection.'"

"'Say that you are an American again,' they answered, 'and we'll kill you.'"

This recalled the Virginius affair, when Sir Lambert Lorrain, commander of a British gunboat, demanded that the executions be stopped in Santiago de Cuba. "Oh," sneered the Spanish officer in charge, "we have killed all the Englishmen. We are only shooting Americans now."

New Form of Cruelty.

Captain Laborde sighed at this recollection, and resumed:

"But that torture was not nearly so bad as another they practiced on us. That was to crook the elbows back and run a stick between them and the back, pinning them there. Sometimes they would take ropes instead of a stick and draw the elbows back so tightly it seemed my back would break.

"I am by no means a young man, and to sit in this position was awful. If I could not bend my back far enough, a big soldier would take me by the shoulders and put his knee in the small of my back and bend me until he was satisfied. I am now partly paralyzed as a result."

Melton, who was standing opposite the cabin table, nodded sorrowfully.

"How about the seizure of the Competitor?" was asked.

"That story has all been told," said the captain. "Filibusters captured our boat and landed their arms. It was after that the Spanish came up. They are bad shots. They fired at us in boats and in the water, and not a man was hit. Had there been one sharpshooter among them we would all have been killed, as they had us completely at their mercy."

"Where will you go now, and what will you do?"

"I do not know what I will do, except to try and recover my health."

That was the answer they all gave. In fact, they are able to do nothing now, so completely are they broken in health and spirits.

"I shall live with my brother, Edward Laborde, in No. 58 West 93rd-street, for the present," said Captain Laborde. "After that I do not know. My wife is in Key West. I had to leave my children in Cuba—five of them."

"Aren't you afraid to talk so freely, with your children in the power of the Spanish?"

"No, not now. There was a time when I would have been afraid to open my mouth. But General Lee and the English consul have changed all this. It was the interference of Consul-General Ramon Williams that obtained better treatment for us after our first harsh experience.

"Besides, you know the Cubans are very strong. I hope they will win their cause. The Spanish soldiers are poorly dressed, badly fed, and many scarcely paid at all. They are complaining bitterly. But Captain-General Blanco may change this result of the policy of the hated Weyler. We had better sources of knowledge of war affairs than you have here. What they were I dare not tell you. But I am away from there now, and only hope to get my scattered family together."

Wasted to a Shadow.

Captain Laborde's brother and many Cubans and representatives of the Junta met him and the other four released prisoners at the Ward line pier.

Ona Melton of Kansas, the correspondent, was the sorriest sight of that pitiful lot. His clothes were shabby, and hung on his shrunken form as if he were a scarecrow. His toes were peeping from a pair of poor slippers. His hat, as with the others, he had made in prison.

"Our first treatment," said Melton, "was bad, but later it became better. When I went in I weighed more than 160 pounds. Now I scarcely weigh 100 pounds. The worst time was when we were incommunicado for six days. They wouldn't even allow the American consul to see us.

"When we were condemned to be shot we were locked up in the navy prison. The cells were 6 feet by 12 feet, and vile. Three were in one cell and two in another. We fed we were as good as dead men.

"That so-called court martial and trial was a sham. They would not permit me to choose a man to present our case. It evidently was determined that we should die. When we asked for a representative they handed us the list of Spanish navy officers. As one was as bad as the other, we had no choice, and selected the first name we came to. I don't even remember what it was.

"Then we sent for him to put him on our case. He listened impatiently for just one minute, then turned his back to us. That was the only time we saw him before he went to the court martial—to assist in condemning us, no doubt.

"I don't understand why Dr. Vedia was not released with us. He was not on the list, and I heard he had been taken to Spain—instead of being released. I don't know what they are going to do with him. He is a Spanish subject, and they say he is a filibuster. I am sorry for him."

Glad to Get Away.

"When did you leave Havana?"

"Just as quick as we could after we got out of that horrible Cabanas. We were liberated on Thursday evening. On Friday morning we sailed on the Saratoga. General Lee was kind to us. One consideration for our release was that we should never venture on Cuban or Spanish soil—in other words we were banished."

William Leavitt, with a scraggy growth of blond beard, hollow cheeks and a cough acquired in a cell, made a fit companion for Melton. Neither had any idea of the future, except that he was free. Months may build up their shattered constitutions; years cannot restore them.

Leavitt still seemed fearful of telling his story, though he insisted he had nothing to fear from Spain.

"Even when we got out of the cells on Thursday night," he said, "we did not believe we were free. The jailers hated us, and, of course, we were treated badly.

Condemned Without Trial.

"I was not tried with the other prisoners. When the Spanish came upon us a man named Benoit and I took to a boat. They poured a fire after us, but they are bad marksmen, and didn't even hit the boat. I was captured on shore about a week later. So was Benoit. He was taken to Havana, and I don't know what became of him.

"The Spaniards were uncertain of my identity, and I was treated better than the others—that is, I was not tortured or abused. I was no court-martialed—in fact, I never had a trial. I lay in that frightful prison without even a hearing all those months, and my health is completely gone. We never had an airing, and were kept with ordinary convicts. Though I never had a hearing, I was condemned to die with the rest. I do not know what I will do or can do. The Captain is the only one who has had a suit of clothes in two years. No wonder we make a sad appearance."

Vedia Missing.

William Gildea, a naturalized American, and Charles Barnett, an Englishman, the remaining two of the Competitor crew, told much the same story.

"Laborde and Melton were the most abused," said Barnett. "I don't know why. I guess the Spanish thought they could learn something. We are all puzzled about the fate of Dr. Vedia. He was to be freed with us, but they took him away. From the moment we left our cells until we boarded the ship we were watched by Spanish soldiers, and they put us on the steamer. I was glad to lose sight of them. After all our trials we owe our lives to this Government and its representatives."

Julio Ortega y Quesada, nephew of the secretary of the Cuban Junta, was on board the Saratoga with his mother. He was in charge of a hospital corps in Pinar del Rio, and when out gathering herbs was captured. "The Spanish tied me and beat me terribly," he said, "because I would not betray my companions. I was kept in prison for six months and condemned to be shot on Nov. 7. I was pardoned by General Blanco through fear that I might tell of what I knew.

Talks of Treachery.

"While with the hospital corps I learned that two Spanish generals—one a brigadier-general—and General Arolas worked for my release. They feared me, and are either base cowards or desire to hold their positions.

"They were in constant communication with the insurgent generals, and wrote letters, which I saw, asking that the Spanish soldiers be not attacked in districts controlled by them. In return the insurgents were to be permitted to cross Weyler's boasted trocha at will. The proposition was accepted, and the Spanish generals were thus enabled to communicate constantly with Generals Maceo and Garcia."

Gonzales Quesada said he believed Blanco pardoned the boy because his father had been Blanco's physician. Young Quesada was a student in a New York college.

Joseph A. Springer, the United States vice-consul to Cuba, was also on the Saratoga, but hurried away to his home, and would not talk of the Competitor affair.

FIRE IN THE HAY BUNKER.

The Johnston Liner Barrowmore Endangered by a Careless Coal Trimmer.

Boston, Nov. 25.—A brisk fire was discovered in the hold of the Johnston Line steamship Barrowmore, which was to sail to-day with a cargo of cattle and general merchandise for London at 4 o'clock this morning. The fire started in the hay bunker, just abaft the funnel, from a lighted cannic which a coal trimmer accidentally dropped through the hatch. For a time the flames threatened to do extensive damage to the vessel, but the firemen who responded to the alarms, which were given from the pier at which the steamer was lying, succeeded in confining the flames to the hay bunkers, and except for water and smoke damage the loss will be chiefly to that part of the cargo. It will be necessary, however, to make a thorough inspection of the vessel, her machinery and freight before the exact extent of the damage can be determined. This work was begun as soon as the flames had been put out, this forenoon.

Farewell to Missionaries.

The Canadian Church Missionary Association held a farewell meeting Wednesday in Wycliffe College, to bid godspeed to the Rev. Arthur and Mrs. Lea, who are leaving for Japan. Mr. N. W. Hoyles occupied the chair. Addresses of farewell were given by Rev. H. C. Dixon, Mr. W. H. Frost and the chairman. Mr. Lea, outgoing missionary, replied. He believed Japan called louder for workers than any other country, and stated that by the grace of God he would make the Gospel known in the Orient. The service closed with singing "We shall meet again."

The Bicycle Tax.

Editor World: Ten out of twenty-six bicycle enthusiasts have favored tagging and taxing on the principle of a compromise of better roads. These are men who take a wheel seriously and cannot get sufficient bother and trouble out of it. Of the thousands who use the wheel as a convenience not one in five hundred would favor the tax. Clubs represent only a small and restless element of the wheel world. The great majority want simply to be let alone and have no time to dance attendance at the City Hall. If bothered they will protest on election day.

One of Them.

Double Celebration in Gotham.

New York, Nov. 25.—New Yorkers have the advantage of celebrating two holidays in one. This is not only "Thanksgiving Day," but also "Evacuation Day," the day which celebrated the departure from New York of the British troops. Evacuation Day is a local holiday and is generally observed by the old guard and the local militia.

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COUNTY AND SUBURBAN NEWS.

Toronto Junction, Nov. 25.—(Special.)—A head-on collision occurred on the Suburban Electric Railway on Wednesday at the bend between Keele-street and Western-avenue, by which the vestibules of Weston car No. 4 and Lambton car No. 3 were badly stayed in. Both cars were going at ordinary speed. Why neither of them stopped it is hard to say. The motormen blame the brakes for not working properly, and reversing the motors did not diminish the speed at all. I. Stoneman, conductor on the Weston car, was thrown through the glass door and severely cut and Motorman Gourville had his face gashed with flying glass. Fortunately there were only a few passengers on board, none of whom were hurt.

A meeting of the bondholders with the Toronto Junction Town Council took place on Wednesday at the office of Osler & Hammond in the city. It was anticipated that the bonded debt difficulty of the town would be ameliorated to an extent tantamount to a settlement, a ratification of which would be asked at the approaching session of the Legislature; but nothing definite was the outcome of the conference, and the matter remains in statu quo. The bondholders suggest giving the town a reduction of interest for eight years, beginning with 1½ per cent. the first year and gradually increasing the rate of interest to 4½ per cent. in the eighth year. This, the council declined. The exemption privileges for most of the factories in town will have run out in eight years, and to accept the offer of the bondholders would be equivalent to asking the incoming factories to pay the accumulated debts of a departed population, vanished boomsters and extravagant improvements long since gone to decay. Such a settlement would not restore confidence in the town and would be a great deterrent to the location of factories in the future. The present manufacturing and aerial prosperity of the Junction is due to the influx of artisans from the city who have been compelled to reside here by cancellation of the suburban trains and by the recent location of new industries. To hamper the factories would be to empty the houses and make matters worse than they were three years ago. The council looks to an arrangement for a longer period of time, to a time when prosperity may be reasonably considered permanent, and when an advantageous settlement has established confidence and helped materially strengthen the finances of the town. They ask for 20 years, paying 1 per cent. for the first five years, 1½ for the next five, 2 during the succeeding five, increasing the amount year by year until 4½ per cent. is reached, so that in 45 years the town will have paid an average of about 3½ per cent. per annum.

It now transpires that the man who was sandbagged on Dundas-street Sunday evening is Mr. Patrick Sullivan of 247 Claremont-street, who since the affray has been lying in bed with broken ribs and a badly shattered constitution. His wife, Mrs. Sullivan, has sworn out information against Dennis Herbert, 284 Claremont-street; James Brennan, 5 St. Matthias-place, and William Hurd, 16 Claremont-street, charging them with knocking her husband down and stealing his watch and $8. Wednesday, Chief of Police Boyce and Constable Carland arrested Hurd. Brennan walked to headquarters to inquire about him and was arrested, and Herbert gave himself up. They all deny having had anything to do with the case and come up for trial on Wednesday.

A representation of the Underwriters tested the local fire brigade on Wednesday by an alarm from the corner of Western-avenue. The brigade proved their efficiency.

North Toronto.

The second annual smoker of Sherwood Lodge, S.O.E., held at Forester hall on Tuesday evening, was an extremely pleasant and enjoyable one. The chair was taken by Bro. T. Moore of Simcoe, who happened to be in town. Vocal contributions were rendered by Bros. Lawrence, Partridge, Jones, Martin Phillips and others.

County Councillor Gibson has left on a short tour of Western Ontario and the neighboring Republic.

Foreman Bulmer of the Metropolitan sustained serious injuries on Tuesday through falling from a ladder while working at the Glen Grove waiting room.

Messrs. W. Doel, J. Ramsay and W. Loudon appeared before the Court of Revision, held to consider the new sidewalk on Victoria-avenue last evening, and objected to the work proceeding. The court were willing to partly acquiesce in the demands of the complainants, but Solicitor Weverett advised that no change could now be made in the improvement or the bylaw would be liable to be upset.

A Thanksgiving service was held at Christ Church, Deer Park, Wednesday, the congregation filling the church. The choir, under the direction of Professor Arlidge, sang very effectively the anthem, "Ye Shall Dwell in the Land." A solo by a son of the choirmaster was very well rendered. The service was participated in by the rector, Rev. T. W. Paterson, and Rev. Dr. Hodgkin, the sermon being preached by Rev. Canon Sweeney, in the absence of Bishop Sullivan, who is at present indisposed.

Richmond Hill.

Master Guy from Southern France is visiting at the home of Postmaster Teefy.

Mr. Fields, a student of Trinity College, will preach at St. Mary's (Episcopal) church on Sunday evening.

The addition of the new stoves in the Metropolitan cars has called for encomiums on the management of the road.

Mr. F. W. Jackes has purchased a farm at Newtonbrook, formerly owned by Mr. Alf Gordon, for $6000. The farm comprises about 105 acres.

On Sunday next Free Will offering services will be held at the Methodist Church. Rev. E. E. Scott will preach at both morning and evening services.

York County News.

The East York Reformers will hold their annual meeting at Webber's Hall, Unionville, on Monday, Dec. 15, at 3 p.m. The Markham Township Reform Association will meet the same day at 1 p.m. at the same place.

The Markham Township Council has granted $25 towards a public library at Thornhill.

Peter Byer of Markham raised 1015 bushels of corn on seven acres of ground.

H. C. Marr of Markham spent Thanksgiving Day with his brother at Parkhill.

Grace Church Sunday school, Markham, will hold an entertainment on Dec. 3.

Rev. C. L. Melrvine, gold medalist in oratory at Albert College, Belleville, will preach in the Methodist Church, Wexford, on Sunday, Dec. 28.

The eleventh annual mass meetings of the East York Farmers' Institute will be held on Dec. 4 in Temperance Hall, Wexford, and on the following Monday in Unionville.

D. Byer, the curer of cancers, has removed from Markham to Mountjoy, about one mile north of the village of Unionville.

Rev. Leo Williams preaches his farewell sermon at Lloydtown and Kettleby on Sunday.

Fifty-four head of cattle were added to Postmaster-General Mulock's farm on Saturday. They will be fattened for the English market.

The annual entertainment of Aurora Methodist Church was held on Thanksgiving Day. Addresses were given by Rev. J. W. Stewart on "The Christian's Place on Prohibition," by Rev. A. R. Sanderson on "The Church's Claims on the Community," and by Ald. Preston on "The Preacher's Place in Politics."

Weston band, a recent acquisition to the village, very generous at all times, is asking the Village Council for a grant. They propose to give full value for any appreciation the village solons may bestow upon them.

Two special cars, taxed to their utmost, carried a large number of Westonites to the city cars last night. They were going to the I.O.G.T. concert at the Pavilion.

King Township Council meets at Trent's Hotel, Nobleton, on Saturday.

T. H. Brunton of Newmarket has been raised to the honorary rank of captain and paymaster of the 12th Battalion, York Rangers.

A Barnardo boy who works for Mr. Charles Watson, Con. 2, East York, became very much annoyed at a horse he was driving, which had a habit of letting its tongue hang out of its mouth. He cut its tongue off with a pocket knife, and as a consequence the horse had to be killed.

A Kettleby housewife wrapped her son's fur overcoat in paper and put it in the parlor stove to keep it safe from moths. It is safe now, for her daughters had answered a dozen of her letters they desired to dispose of, and they set fire to them in the stove.

East Toronto.

A contingent of the Salvation Army will hold a meeting in the Y.M.C.A. hall this evening. An address will be delivered by Mrs. Reid on "Rescue." A brass band will be in attendance. It is the intention of the Army to hold regular meetings in the hall for a time.

Mr. J. W. Moyes expresses his intention of paying a personal visit to the electors of East Toronto in the near future.

The charge of shooting and maliciously wounding, preferred against George Beatty, will be heard by Magistrates Ormerod and Richardson in the court house in the city to-day at 2 p.m.

About 5 o'clock last evening an unknown man called at the residence of Constable Tidsberry and alleged that he had been robbed and slugged. He was unable to give any information as to the persons who had apparently struck him in the face and caused some bad wounds. The matter is being investigated.

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The Transfer Books will be closed from the 16th to the 30th November next, both days inclusive.

By order of the Board.
GEORGE P. REID,
O23, 30, N11, 26 General Manager.

THE BANK OF TORONTO.

DIVIDEND NO. 83.

NOTICE is hereby given that a Dividend of five per cent. for the current half-year, being at the rate of ten per cent. per annum, upon the paid-up capital of the Bank, has this day been declared, and that the same will be payable at the Bank and its Branches on and after Wednesday, the

The First Day of December Next.

The Transfer Books will be closed from the sixteenth to the thirtieth days of November, both days included.

By order of the Board.

D. COUTSON, General Manager.

The Bank of Toronto, Toronto, 27th October, 1897. 50559

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