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CAME NEAR TO WAR

Spanish Threat to Fire on an American Vessel Makes Things Lively.

Philustering Expeditions Supplying Insurgents With Munitions of War.

An Answer to Cleveland's Threat to Interfere on Behalf of the Cubans.

Key West, Fla., Oct. 20.—If the Spanish authorities had taken Senor Ingle Fernandez from the Ward line steamer Vigilancia, while that vessel was in Havana harbor last Friday, United States warships would immediately have been ordered to Havana to enforce a demand for reparation and war between this country and Spain would undoubtedly have resulted. For three hours last Friday, the United States and Spain were on the brink of war and the threatening situation was only relieved when the Spanish authorities ignominiously backed down and allowed the Vigilancia to proceed to sea with Fernandez on board. A letter received here from a correspondent in Havana, who is close to Consul-General Lee, gives a dramatic account of the episode. According to the letter when the Vigilancia put into Havana the Spanish authorities demanded the surrender of Senor Ingle Fernandez, a Mexican, who was on board the vessel. The Spaniards alleged that Fernandez was not a Mexican but a subject of Spain. Captain John McIntosh, of the Vigilancia, refused to surrender Fernandez. Then the Spanish authorities told Capt. McIntosh that if the Vigilancia attempted to go to sea with Fernandez on board she would be sunk by the guns of Moro Castle. Capt. McIntosh immediately laid the matter before Consul-General Lee, who complimented the captain on his bravery and told him to take the Vigilancia to sea when he pleased. Consul-General Lee was enraged at the threat to the Vigilancia, and is reported to have said to Capt. McIntosh: "If the guns of Moro Castle sink your ship, American warships will be bombarding Havana within a week." Capt. McIntosh returned to the Vigilancia and Consul Lee informed Capt. General Weyler that the vessel was going to sea and if any attempt was made to take off Fernandez, or if the vessel was fired upon, Spain must take the consequence. General Weyler immediately summoned the cabinet and while the council was considering the matter the Vigilancia began to weigh anchor. The Spanish officials on board protested, but Capt. McIntosh said: "Damn your objections, my ship has been cleared and my consul told me to go to sea. I am going and dare you to prevent me. Get off my ship." and with that he roughly shoved the Spaniards into the waiting boats, and the Vigilancia, flying the stars and stripes, started for the mouth of the harbor, which is commanded by the guns of Moro Castle. All was excitement in Havana and the quay and house tops were lined with hundreds of persons, who expected the Vigilancia would be fired upon. Consul General Lee himself watched the Vigilancia through a glass. In the meantime signals were being exchanged between General Weyler's palace and Moro Castle, and in the latter place were signs of great excitement. Slowly the Vigilancia entered the mouth of the harbor and it was noticed that the guns of Moro Castle were turned on the ship. The Vigilancia repeatedly signalled Moro Castle: "I am going to sea," but no answer came from the fort until the vessel was in blue water and the Spaniards ran up the signal which means "good-bye."

Another expedition is undoubtedly off for Cuba. On Saturday night the steamer Cura, in tow, loaded with 200 tons of coal in sacks, left here on a wrecking voyage, but it is now believed she met the steamer Three Friends at Looe-ward Key, about eighty miles from here, and transferred the coal and about eighty tons of dynamite. Dr. Castino and C. Sihan, who have been on former filibustering voyages in the Three Friends, arrived in the city Friday very mysteriously and left on the Mascote Saturday night for Tampa. A large crowd of Cubans accompanied them. While federal officers have been searching for the Dauntless since she landed the munitions in Cuba which were taken on Palma beach about ten days ago, that vessel has been busily engaged in landing more arms and ammunition and men for the insurgents. She made her second landing on Tuesday of last week and it is said she is now on her third trip to the island. The Dauntless got the arms from a small island at the lower end of Turtle harbor, where the Cubans have established a storehouse for supplies. The munitions, which were landed and stored, are taken to the island by sailing vessels. It is also reported here that the tug "Comet" of Perth Amboy, N.J., Captain, which stopped at St. Augustin, Fla. last Thursday and was searched by the collector and United States marshal, has instructions to go to the supply station and load for Cuba. A revenue cut-

CAUSE OF THE BOOM

Interview With a European Broker Who Does a Large Business in Wheat.

Speculators and Consumers Rushed In and Sent the Prices Flying Up.

Prospects of a Famine in India Also Had Something to Do With It.

London, Oct. 20.—At Baltic ports today wheat opened 6d. under yesterday's closing price, but the prices stiffened later, the holders demanding yesterday's top prices. There was little doing however. A representative of the Associated Press had an interview today with a broker who does one of the largest businesses in wheat on this side of the Atlantic, in regard to the situation. He said in substance: "In half, the natural half, of the speculative course, we have only followed the lead set by the United States, where speculators are very active. A year of scarcity, in spite of the fact that England had a seven million bushel crop, has induced speculators to rush in. Russia is poor and Australia is practically nil, but what is of greater moment, consumers having large advance milling contracts also rushed in to secure supplies, even at top prices, which today are 20 per cent. higher than last week. The California wheat sent to India is as yet only a drop in the bucket, but the moral effect of this movement and the effect of the coming famine in India has been very great. Of course, if rain falls quantities of California wheat will not be wanted. But I doubt this, and coupled with the victory's grave telegrams, it naturally affords speculators the real elements of uncertainty which they delight in. Still this does not account for more than half the rise. The balance is a solid advance, owing to the shortness of supplies. We shall follow the States closely by however, and also the speculators who force the market. A rise of 6d. in wheat has at all times been in advance of a rise in wheat, and the demand for steamers is most brisk. The closing of the sea of Azoff early in December will free a number of vessels to load elsewhere, though at present the Azoff boats are loading as rapidly as possible." New York, Oct. 20.—There was almost as much excitement on the produce exchange when it opened this morning as when it opened yesterday. December wheat opened at 84 1/2, this morning, dropped quickly to 84 and then rose to 84 1/2. Dispatches to New York report that the crev of the government cruiser Osprey were fired on while near Liscombe, N. S., while looking up fishermen who were contravening the close season. Several of the men were hit by shot, but none seriously. A searching inquiry has been ordered. Returns have been received by the commissioner of agriculture that the latest shipments of butter from the Northwest creameries realized within half a cent a pound of the best Danish.

BOLD MAIL ROBBERY

Quietly Appropriated a Letter Pouch From a Railway Station.

Kansas City, Mo., Oct. 20.—A daring robber of mails has been arrested here by the postal authorities. Last night C. H. Hamilton, alias Wallace, appeared at the Union depot wearing brass buttons and the uniform of a railway mail agent. He stepped boldly up to a truck standing under the depot sheds loaded with mail sacks, pulled down a letter pouch and throwing it across his arm stepped into the waiting room. There he placed the pouch under his overcoat hung upon his arm and walked into the street, not knowing he was shadowed. Shortly afterwards Hamilton was arrested at an hotel. He had cut open the sack and was going through the letters which it contained when the officers broke into the room. He had extracted several small sums of money.

NINETY YEARS AGO

Anniversary of the Battle of Trafalgar Celebrated To-Day by Patriotic Britaners.

French Papers Think That It Was to Offset the Czar's Visit to Paris.

While There Are Others Who Think That It is Just a Quiet Hint to Germany.

London, Oct. 31.—A quiet celebration, which, according to the French newspapers, was designed as an offset to the visit of the Czar and Czarina to Paris, occurred in Trafalgar Square here today. It was the anniversary of the battle of Trafalgar, fought Oct. 21, 1805, when the British fleet composed of twenty-seven vessels under Admiral Nelson, defeated the combined French and Spanish fleets under Admiral Villeneuve and two Spanish admirals off Cape Trafalgar, south of Spain. During the past few days crowds of people have assembled daily about the square watching the "steepie jacks" engaged upon the work of decorating the Nelson column, and to-day the monument presented quite a gay appearance. The shaft was prettily entwined with garlands of laurel leaves, and the naturally grim appearance of the lions was considerably modified by the laurel leaves with which they were covered. In addition the plinth of the monument was bristled beneath beautiful floral wreaths sent by the Naval League, a patriotic organization formed to stir up public sentiment as to the needs of the British navy, from political clubs, ironclads and other war vessels, veteran officers and patriotic associations. One wreath attracted particular attention. It was inscribed "From the daughters and grandsons of a midshipman aboard the Neptune at the battle of Trafalgar." While the celebration to-day was regarded by the newspapers of France as being in line with the significant hint in connection with the Czar's visit to France, it is looked upon in certain circles here as being more in the nature of a hint to Germany that Great Britain, in spite of the weakness of her army in early history, has been able to make herself respected in the past, for there is no doubt that the Czar's visit to Paris and the Czar's visit to London, which has recently had any political event or utterance for years past. Canada sent two wreaths to be deposited at the foot of the Nelson column. One came from the Toronto British Navy League and the other from the Victoria Lodge, Sons of England Benevolent Society of Ontario, who state in a letter which accompanies the wreath, "We take a deep and loving interest in the past history and present doings of Old England." London, Oct. 21.—A dispatch from Pekin says Li Hung Chang has arrived at Peking and will shortly present his report to the Emperor. The Daily News learns that the Colonial cable conference has been indefinitely postponed. The Exchange Telegraph Company announces that the British parliament will reassemble on Jan. 25. It is stated that the Emperor and Empress of Germany will visit the Czar next summer.

FROM THE CAPITAL

Case of Adams vs. McBeath Before the Full Court of Canada To-Day.

Contract With Dominion Note Company to be Cancelled by the Government.

Ottawa, Oct. 20.—The case of Adams vs. McBeath from British Columbia, was before the supreme court to-day. This is a dispute about a will.

Hon. Mr. Tarte leaves to-morrow. Messrs Morrison and Bourassa, M.P.s. will accompany him. Dr. C. J. Fagan, of New Westminster, will likely be made public analyst. Mr. Morrison secured his appointment. The minister of finance has taken steps to cancel the contract of the British American Bank Note Company for printing Dominion notes, etc. Tenders have been asked from those in the trade for a five years' contract from July 1st, 1897. The contract amounts to about \$100,000 per annum. Second Lieut. Harold Hyde Baker has resigned his commission in the British Columbia artillery. Second Lieut. Bennett, Burnet, Forin, Lte. C. G. Johnson, Bennett, Worsnop and C. G. Johnson have been granted first class certificates of proficiency. Thomas Moffat, the leading produce merchant of Cape Town, writes to the Minister of Trade and Commerce urging the establishment of a direct line of steamers between Canada and Cape Colony. He says the result will be a great improvement in the trade, which at present is going to New York. The Minister of Agriculture will visit the Maritime Provinces at the end of the month and address three meetings of farmers in Prince Edward Island. Commander Spain reports that the crew of the government cruiser Osprey were fired on while near Liscombe, N. S., while looking up fishermen who were contravening the close season. Several of the men were hit by shot, but none seriously. A searching inquiry has been ordered. Returns have been received by the commissioner of agriculture that the latest shipments of butter from the Northwest creameries realized within half a cent a pound of the best Danish.

BIG DIAMOND ROBBERY

Over Four Thousand Dollars in Stones Missing.

San Francisco, Oct. 19.—Diamonds to the value of \$4000 and gold coin amounting to \$180, were stolen from the residence of Hermann Braunschweiger, the liquor merchant, 1600 McAllister street, between the hours of 9 o'clock in the morning and 6 at night Monday a week ago.

The Braunschweigers occupy a large mansion at the northeast corner of McAllister and Devisadero streets. On the day in question the family all left the house to spend the day with friends and the servants were in the rear. Upon her return Mrs. Braunschweiger discovered her loss. The matter was placed in the hands of a private detective but at his suggestion was also reported to the police some days later. There is no clue to the thief.

A LIBERAL VICTORY

Mr. Auld Receives a Handsome Majority in South Essex.

Funeral of the Montreal Firemen Who Lost Their Lives Last Week.

Windsor, Ont., Oct. 20.—Despite the very bitter fight waged against him by the Conservatives, Mr. Auld, the Liberal candidate, was to-day elected as member of the Ontario legislature for South Essex, the seat made vacant by the death of Hon. W. D. Barbour. The contest was the hottest that had ever taken place in the county, and the Conservatives were hopeful of winning. Mr. Auld's majority was 1,000. Woodstock, Oct. 20.—In the police court the preliminary hearing of a case against Mrs. Gardner and William McCama was held in connection with the death of the former's husband. It was concluded by both the prisoners being committed to stand their trial at the next sittings on a charge of murder. All the parties in the case are colored. Woodstock, Oct. 20.—Mayor Knight has received a letter from the Ontario Legislative Council, announcing the death of his son Merle in Guatemala, where he had gone to superintend the construction of a railway. Belleville, Oct. 20.—Druggist Yeoman, who perished in the fire in his store yesterday, carried \$5,000 on his life. He leaves no children, but a widow. Montreal, Oct. 20.—The funeral of three firemen, Laporte, King and Charpentier, who lost their lives at the Gilmour fire, took place to-day and was a very impressive affair. Toronto, Oct. 20.—Malcolm Nicoll was killed at Blenheim by falling off a load of wood and being run over. London, Oct. 20.—William Rogers, a farmer, forty years old, living in Belmont in Dorchester township, committed suicide last night in a shocking manner. He prepared for the deed by providing himself with a revolver and a razor. He evidently emptied the contents of the revolver into his body, but finding that he had not touched a vital spot cut a terrible gash in his throat with the razor, which must have caused almost instant death. Blighted affections and financial troubles are as signed as his reasons for self-destruction. Vancouver, Oct. 20.—Seid Sank Kee, the six-year-old son of Seid Sing Kow, Chinese interpreter for the C.P.R., was poisoned to-day accidentally by taking strong medicine, intended for an adult. The child lived for several hours after taking the medicine.

AN ABSCONDER SUICIDES

Shortage Alleged to Amount to Half a Million.

Bureau, Wis., Oct. 21.—A dispatch has been received here from the coroner of Fredricksburg, W. Va., stating that W. T. Rumbusch, the absconding banker of this city had committed suicide there. Rumbusch was engaged in the banking and abstract business. He disappeared October 10th, forgeries amounting to between \$300,000 and \$500,000 being charged to him.

SIFTON NOMINATED

Requested by Liberals and McCarthyites to Run for Brandon.

Winnipeg, Oct. 20.—At the Liberal-McCarthyite convention held at Souris, Man., to-day, Hon. Clifford Sifton, attorney-general, was nominated as candidate to succeed Dalton McCarthy, who resigned the seat for Brandon. Mr. Sifton in his speech said he would accept the nomination provided the terms of settlement of the school question, to be announced in a few days, were acceptable to the people of Manitoba. He will give his answer to a committee.

MARRIED A TITLE

Another American Heiress Finds a Husband in Europe.

Paris, Oct. 20.—Miss Mary Gwendoline Caldwell, founder of the divinity college at the Catholic University at Washington, D.C., was married yesterday at St. Joseph's church, Avenue Here, to Marquis des Montiers Merinville, Bishop Spalding, of Peoria, Ill., guardian and administrator of the estate of Miss Caldwell, assisted by Father Cork, officiated.

SULTAN BROUGHT TO TIME

Has Promised to Carry Out Reforms in Armenia.

Constantinople, Oct. 20.—At an audience which the Russian ambassador, M. Dehelihoff had with the Sultan on Saturday, the latter expressed his firm intention of carrying out the reforms decided upon for the better administration of Armenia. M. Dehelihoff leaves the city shortly for Russia in order to make a personal report to the Czar on the situation of affairs here. The Catholic Armenian patriarch, it is announced, received a letter from the Armenian revolution army committee demanding \$1,500 and threatening that unless the money be sent he will meet the fate of other Armenians who refused the demands of the committee.

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TOLD BY CABLE

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