

SPANISH LIES.

The Comfortable Way They Have of Inventing Victories for Their Arms.

HAVANA, July 7.—Reports have just been received from this city of a battle in the district of Cabanas, Province of Pinar del Rio, on June 22. Gen. Melquizo, with 12,000 men and sixteen field pieces, attacked Maceo, who occupied a position in the Rubi hills with an estimated force of 5,000 men. These hills are quite high and steep, with numerous irregular points.

Maceo resisted the first attack of the Spanish forces as they advanced up the hill until they were within short range. He then took a position on another hill and waited for the advance of the Spaniards. As they advanced he followed the same tactics, until he had occupied six different positions.

The Spanish forces by that time had become so cut to pieces that they broke and retreated. Maceo then charged the columns, and it was only by his being able to bring his numerous field pieces into play that Gen. Melquizo's forces were saved from being completely routed. Maceo captured a large quantity of arms and ammunition.

The Spanish officials reported this battle as a Spanish victory. Gen. Melquizo has been appointed commander in the province of Pinar del Rio. He has issued a proclamation ordering the relatives of all insurgents to join the insurgents in the field. He strictly forbids them taking anything except the clothes they wear. As soon as they get away from the towns they are assassinated. Gen. Melquizo has a record of murdering more pacificos than any other general in the Spanish army.

Col. Pagliery recently published an account of a fight with the insurgents near Rincon, province of Havana, in which he says he routed the insurgents and killed a large number. The facts are Col. Pagliery, with 150 guardia civiles, met the advance guard of insurgent Col. Juan Delgado. A slight skirmish followed; seventeen of the guardia civiles were killed and Col. Pagliery retreated. One of his officers, with several of his troops, joined Col. Delgado's forces.

On June 20 and 21, in the evening, the insurgents attacked the forts of Guanabacoa, entered the city, and fought in Cereia street. This is a city of over 20,000 inhabitants, about four and a half miles from Havana. It is surrounded with forts, and guarded with many volunteers and cannons.

The village of Gaane, in the province of Pinar del Rio, has been occupied and governed by the insurgents for two months. Col. Antonia Varona is in command there. He recently discovered four Spaniards observing people who were giving refreshments to the insurgent troops in order to report them to the Spanish columns. He removed those men to Los Arroyos. The Spaniards are not disturbed if they do not interfere with the insurgents.

On July 2 a reporter of one of the Havana papers sent a dispatch from the trocha saying that 400 men, with officers and two field pieces, had gone over to the insurgents, that Maceo had distributed them among the forces of his Generals, and that the desertion was caused by ill treatment, poor food, and no pay for five months. The censor suppressed the dispatch.

Three hundred and eighty-seven Spanish officers have made application for leave to return to Spain. Some of them ask for leave on account of sickness, but most of them have had enough of fighting.

On June 30 insurgent Gen. Zayas was in Aguilar with 30,000 men. Aguilar is very near the trocha.

On July 3 it was reported that insurgent forces had captured the forts on the Sanado estate, six miles from Puerto Principe.

Maximo Gomez is now reported to be near the city of Santa Clara.

About Newspapers.

A leading statistician has calculated that the annual circulation of newspapers in the world is somewhere in the close neighborhood of 12,000,000,000 copies. "To grasp an idea of this magnitude," says the Buffalo Commercial, "it may be stated that this enormous circulation would cover no less than 10,450 square miles of surface. It is printed on 781,250 tons of paper and if the number 12,000,000,000 represented seconds instead of papers it would take over 383 years for the time to elapse. In lieu of this arrangement we might press and pile them vertically upward to gradually reach our highest mountains. Topping all these, and from the highest Alps, the pile would reach the magnificent altitude of 490,000,000,000 miles. Calculating that the average man spends five minutes reading his paper in the day (this is a very low estimate), we find that the people of the world altogether occupy time equivalent to 100,000 years reading the papers.

BRYAN'S LETTERS TO THE WORLD.

They Reveal Him as a Foe of Trusts and Monopolies.

Letters and telegrams which The World has published from William J. Bryan while he was a member of congress show that upon all the cardinal political questions of the day except silver he has been in sympathy with eastern Democrats and a vigorous as well as eloquent champion of the people's rights.

The World on Friday published extracts from messages which Mr. Bryan had written on silver and bonds. In the letters republished below Mr. Bryan deals with the Sugar Trust, the commission to investigate the Chicago railroad strike, and in a third letter he tells how the Wilson tariff bill was inspired by the Democratic conservative in the senate, but why the house finally accepted the bill as better than nothing.

These letters to The World all give an interesting insight into the character and record of the young man who, at an unprecedentedly early age, has been nominated for President of the United States.

While the Wilson bill was pending in the house and the Sugar Trust was making scandalous efforts to secure a protective tariff in their favor, Mr. Bryan, then a member of the tariff ways and means committee of congress, wrote on July 14, 1894:

"I am for free sugar. The same duty should be laid upon raw and refined sugar. I am not willing to give the Sugar Trust the benefit of a higher duty on refined than on raw sugar. I assume no spirit of prophecy when I assert that the house will not accept a sugar duty as an alternative for the income tax. Should the senate lay a duty, say, of half a cent per pound on raw and refined sugar, that would yield about \$18,000,000 revenue.

"In my opinion, it will not be difficult to reconcile the house to a duty on sugar, even though it somewhat exceed half a cent, provided the income tax be retained. The house is for free sugar and the income tax, but for the income tax under all circumstances."—New York World.

Michigan Republicans Stamped.

A Detroit special to the St. Louis Republic says: A Republican stampede to the Democracy has begun. It is altogether probable that the party organizations will go to pieces and an alliance be formed with the free silver Democrats. Signs of disintegration appeared just after the St. Louis Convention and they reached their climax when Mr. Bryan was nominated at Chicago. To-night clubs in Kent, Inghair and Minister counties telegraph that they are all to secede to Bryan and free silver at their next meetings. Other telegrams marking the bolt to the Democratic cause come from Inscala, Nucomb, Noidland and Grand Traverse. In Jackson County a Republican leader permits himself to be quoted as follows:

"The party which nominated Bryan is not the Democratic party, but a new Democracy, called to the front by demands of the times. There are thousands of Republicans in this county and State who will vote for Bryan and free silver and they come from the laboring and farmer classes."

The new alliance when formed will probably make Mayor Pingree their candidate for Governor. The Mayor is a free silver man and does not try to conceal his liking for Bryan. When the plan became known Republican leaders here declared that the State was practically lost to them. The candidacy of the Mayor, who is uncommonly popular in the State, removes the last hope of retaining it in the Republican column.

Export Statistics for June.

The June statement of the Bureau of Statistics shows that the exports of breadstuffs during the month was \$11,693,164, as compared with \$8,354,040 for June, 1895. For the twelve months the exports amounted to \$133,930,390, a gain of nearly \$24,000,000 over the same period in 1895. The cotton exports for June aggregated \$3,210,160, which is only a slight decrease from June, last year. For the ten months, however, the loss was about \$11,500,000. The mineral oils exports amounted to \$5,288,296, a gain for the month of about \$350,000 and about \$15,500,000 for the year. The provisions also showed a gain for June of about \$3,000,000 and a gain of only about \$450,000 for the year.

Jerseymen Roast Their Delegates.

TRENTON, N. J., July 16.—The Mercer County Democracy at a meeting last night passed resolutions indorsing the nominations made in Chicago, and scored Allen McDermott, United States Senator James Smith, Jr., and the entire New Jersey delegation for "sitting in the convention voiceless." The club is headed by ex-Mayor John H. Brist, who is a silverite.

THE "JOURNAL" FOR BRYAN.

Mr. Hearst's Paper Stands Up Vigorously for the Democratic Platform and Candidate.

NEW YORK, July 12.—The Journal, owned by Wm. R. Hearst, also owner of the San Francisco Examiner, is out for Bryan. In its editorial leader it says:

"The manner in which the opponents of the ticket nominated at Chicago have begun their campaign must arouse the profoundest resentment of every American regardful of the interests and jealous of the honor of this country. The representatives of half the American people have been denounced in delirious language as anarchists, cutthroats and swindlers. Their chosen candidate for the highest office in the Republic has been pictured as a crazy Jacobin or a designing demagogue. Commerce and industry have been threatened with the very panic these alarmists have professed to hear.

"This crusade has been one of reckless misrepresentation from the start. The libelers of the late convention know that the Chicago platform is not anarchical. In most respects it is inspired by enlightened progressiveness.

"Nor is it possible with any more sincerity to call Mr. Bryan a demagogue. He is the very reverse of a demagogue. On the other side we have William McKinley, bound hand, foot and tongue to the most corrupt combination that ever exhibited itself openly in an American Presidential campaign. His election would put the resources of the Government at the disposal of the Hanna syndicate.

"In most respects the superiority of the Democratic candidate is so palpable as to make comparisons needlessly cruel to his opponent. What, then, is the duty of American citizens who desire to secure the best possible government for the Republic during the next four years? Plainly it is to vote for that Presidential candidate who is manifestly best fitted to administer the Government and to settle the financial question through their representatives in Congress. Gold men may vote for gold candidates, silver men for silver candidates and bimetallicists for bimetallicism. But nobody who realizes what is at stake in this campaign can vote to abandon government of the people, by the people, for the people, in favor of government for McKinley, by Hanna, for a candidate."

Just as We Expected.

The New York World prints telegraphic records regarding the result at Chicago from Senators Butler and Pritchard. Both repudiate the Democratic platform and ticket, of course, although Butler says: "The Democratic party has put forward the best ticket and platform it has had in a quarter of a century."

The fact is, Butler is bending all his energies to the election of the Republican ticket. While professing to be for silver, he favors a third ticket which he knows could not carry a single State in November, and whose only purpose can be to take votes from Bryan and thus benefit McKinley. But this is a year when Mr. Butler cannot lead his old followers into the Republican party. Nine-tenths of them are sincere in their advocacy of silver, and they will vote with the Democratic party which is the only party through which free silver coinage can ever be secured.

Pritchard was known to be for the Republican ticket; but with the demagogism characteristic of the man, pretends to be for free silver, while supporting McKinley on a gold standard platform.

Neither Butler nor Pritchard will ever be elected to the United States Senate again.—Wilmington Star.

Bolts McKinley for Bryan.

RICHMOND, Va., July 13.—The first Republican in Virginia to bolt to Bryan and the platform made at Chicago is Maj. Joseph Walker, of Chesterfield. This gentleman is chairman of the Republican District Committee, and a member of the State Committee of the same party. Today he tendered his resignation in both of these organizations, and will vote for Bryan.

Mr. Julian Ruffin, of Hanover county, and other leading Virginia Populists, have expressed their determination to support the Chicago ticket.

Hon. J. Taylor Ellyson, it is believed, will accept the chairmanship of the Democratic State Committee.

Vilas Advises a Bolt.

FOX DOG, Wis., July 16.—Senator Vilas has prepared an address to the Democrats of Wisconsin advising them to bolt the Chicago Convention and co-operate for another convention. He submitted it to General Bragg, who will submit it to the delegates to that convention.

According to the figures of the Chicago Tribune there is, in one way and another, over \$400,000,000 invested in bicycles in this country. The bike is little but is great.

IMMIGRANTS FROM MANY LANDS.

Statistics Concerning Those Who Arrived the Last Fiscal Year.

NEW YORK, July 12.—Dr. Sner, U. S. consul general, gave out the following statistics of immigration for the port of New York:

Immigration during the fiscal year 1895-6, 263,709; increase over year 1884-5, 72,781. Of these 118,636 were immigrants proper, 95,269 came to join the families, and the others had been in the country before. From Austria Hungary came 52,085; Germany, 24,230; Italy, 66,447; Russia, 39,859; Sweden and Norway, 22,978; the United Kingdom, 38,276; and Turkey and Greece, 6,249. There were 31,961 immigrants proper from Italy.

Illiterates among the immigrants came as follows: Hungary, 8,739; Italy, 30,728; Russia, 7,487; Germany, 410; Ireland, 1,430; Sweden and Norway, 217; and Turkey and Greece, 2,092.

The total amount of money brought was \$3,534,399. The average per capita was: Highest, Spain, \$71.62; lowest, Hungary, \$5.69. The average of those from Germany was \$38.31, and those from Ireland \$12.39. The total immigrants deported was 2,724. Of these, 1,368 were Italian, 567 Austrians, 401 Russians, 194 Germans, and twenty Swedes and Norwegians. Among them were 756 excluded as contract laborers, and 1,745 excluded as paupers.

There were 40,538 cases considered by the Board of Special Inquiry, from which 248 appeals were taken and 102 admitted on bonds. There were 1,689 cases treated in the hospital.

Senator Berry Indorses Bryan.

BENTONVILLE, Ark., July 12.—Senator Jas. H. Berry returned home from the Chicago convention to-day. He says that the convention was the greatest in attendance, in earnestness and in enthusiasm that has ever been held in the United States. He believes Mr. Bryan is the strongest candidate that could have been nominated and that he will be supported by the Populist and silver bolting Republicans, and will be triumphantly elected in November. Senator Berry states that the Arkansas delegation stood loyally by Bland until his name was withdrawn by Governor Stone, and that the conduct of Mr. Bland throughout the contest shows him to be the most patriotic and unselfish of citizens, and that he has the love and confidence of the entire Democracy of the whole country.

Sixteen Silver Congressmen in Maryland.

BALTIMORE, Md., July 16.—The silver sentiment is still making headway in the city and State, and no signs of its abatement have appeared. Business men are beginning to awake to the situation, and as the strength of the craze is realized many expressions of alarm are heard. While the majority of the representative business and professional men in Baltimore and elsewhere are advocates of the gold standard, the voters are being converted daily to silver, and in rural communities party lines have been nearly obliterated. The rank and file of the Democratic party will not only tender its enthusiastic support to Bryan and Sewall, but plans are now being outlined to insure the nomination of silver men in the six congressional districts.

Indorsed the Chicago Ticket.

FREDERICKSBURG, Va., July 14.—The Democrats of this city met in convention at the court house tonight to elect delegates to the Congressional Convention, to be held at Cape Charles next Tuesday. There was a large attendance, and resolutions indorsing the Democratic National ticket and Congressman Jones for renomination were enthusiastically adopted. The following delegates were elected: Hon. A. P. Rowe, J. W. Harris, James R. Rawlings, Capt. T. McCracken, George A. Walker, and W. L. Watson; delegate-at-large, A. T. Embrey.

An Argument for Silver.

ANDERSON, Ind., July 12.—Within 24 hours after the nomination of a presidential candidate on a silver platform, the Wright Shovel Company of this city, one of the largest shovel and scoop manufacturers in the country, posted notice that, beginning with tomorrow, they would advance the wages of their grinders and polishers 5 cents on the dozen, making an advance of about 75 cents per day to these workmen. Business is good and the plant will continue throughout the summer season. They ship to all ports.

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