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WASHINGTON NEWS.

STARTLING WAR RUMORS ARE NOT WARRANTED.

Spain Finds No Fault With This Country. Light Infantry Celebration. Washington's Death Rate. Inaugural Preparations.

WASHINGTON, D. C., December 31.—The recent reports that the Spanish government was endeavoring to secure the cooperation of the great European powers to prevent by force, if necessary, the intervention of the United States in the Cuban insurrection, have no better authority than many other startling rumors that have been industriously circulated during the past few months.

There is authority for the statement that the Spanish government is, generally speaking, entirely satisfied with the attitude of the United States with reference to the Cuban revolt.

The governments at Washington and Madrid understand each other thoroughly, and the firm and dignified position of President Cleveland, not only preserving a strict neutrality between the contending forces, but in publicly announcing his purpose to do so, furnishes the strongest proof to the Spanish ministry that the intention of this country is to take no step that could be regarded as unfriendly or tending in any way to embarrass the Spanish crown.

If additional evidence were needed to assure the world that Spain can find no fault with the attitude of the Washington government, it will be found in the notification which the Madrid foreign office has made to the Spanish diplomatic representatives in Great Britain and on the continent.

Through advices which reached the State Department it is learned that a report to that portion of the President's recent message to Congress relating to the Cuban situation had been translated and copies were sent to the Spanish minister at the various European capitals, with the added statement that the Spanish government was entirely satisfied with the President's utterances.

In these circumstances the reports which convey the impression that Spain is testing the friendship of the European powers with a view to securing their assistance in preventing an anticipated intervention on the part of this Government, are pronounced absurd. This is especially the case when it is remembered that the greater part of Cuba is now in peaceful condition, that in many provinces the crops are being planted and that abundant reasons exist for believing that a successful revolt in the island against the Spanish government cannot be much longer continued.

It is the unwritten law in the Washington Light Infantry to celebrate the Christmas holidays in a way that contributes to the pleasure of the little folks, the children of the members of the corps and their friends and relatives. This regular annual function took place at the armory of the corps, and there was in attendance a large number of the members of the organization and a host of little ones, their guests for the evening.

The death rate of the city during the last week was 18.2 per thousand inhabitants. The average rate for the last month and this up to date was 17.3. This is six per cent per thousand below the annual average of the city, which is 23.5.

The sixth annual report of the Washington Board of Trade has come from the printers. It contains more of pertinent interest to the citizens of Washington than any departmental report yet published, inasmuch as it shows what has been accomplished by the business men of the city toward its advancement along all the lines of municipal achievement.

Residents and merchants along the line of march of the inaugural parade will be given an opportunity to participate in a unique feature of the decorative display, and one which was effectively operated in Chicago and New York on flag day. Chairman Wine, of the street decorations committee, at a very largely-attended meeting held last night in the Board of Trade rooms, announced that an appropriation had been secured for the purchase of 50,000 small paper flags, for use in the windows along Pennsylvania avenue. These small copies of "Old Glory" will be sent direct from the manufacturers to certain prominent business men whose stores are along the line of march. They will distribute them in due season. Inasmuch as it is intended that the decorations and the illuminations committees shall act in unison where there is opportunity to secure better effects, it will be stipulated with those who receive the flags that they illuminate the rooms in which the flags appear at the windows. Thus, the emblems will serve in a double capacity.

News is surely alive. HAYANA.—"Macno is Alive" is the Cuban joyful cry. Information coming into the city shows that the rumor of his death was spread in order to stir him, as he was badly wounded. He is convalescing at the Siguanay Hospital.

Mr. E. M. Conrad, a teacher of Holston, Va., was shot by her husband, who afterward committed suicide.

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STAMBOULOFF'S ASSASSINS.

Two of the Prisoners Sentenced to Three Years Imprisonment.—The Third Acquitted.

SOFIA, Bulgaria.—Naum Tuffekchieff and Atzoff, two of the prisoners charged with assassinating ex-Premier Stambouloff, were sentenced to three years imprisonment, the time which they have been under arrest to be counted in the sentence. Boni Geogeff was acquitted.

Tuffekchieff was an employe in the auditing department of the ministry of public works and a brother of Dimitri Tuffekchieff, who died in prison, it is asserted by the enemies of M. Stambouloff, as a result of tortures inflicted by order of M. Belcheff, the minister of finance, who was assassinated in the streets on March 23, 1901, in the presence of M. Stambouloff, for whom he was mistaken.

Atzoff was the coachman who drove J. Stambouloff from the Union Club to his spot where he was murderously assaulted on July 13, 1905, resulting in his death on July 18, of the same year.

Geogeff was a former servant of Major Panitz, who was executed at the instance of M. Stambouloff for conspiring against the government.

The procurator-general, summing up this morning in the prosecution of the alleged assassins, dwelt upon the importance of the trial to the whole civilized world and insisted that political considerations should be rigidly excluded in considering the verdict.

Counsel for the defense again submitted that the condemnation of the accused would serve no useful purpose, pointing to the fact that the friends of the late M. Stambouloff did not regard the prisoner as the real culprits and adding that, therefore, his friends would continue to seek means of vengeance against the presumptive assassin.

Fire in the jewelry store of Theodor A. Starr, in Fifth avenue, New York, caused damage to building and stock to the amount of \$30,000.

C. E. Fuller, a business man of Emporia, Kans., has disappeared, leaving behind several thousand dollars in debts. Fuller was well known in the racing world.

Gov. Bradley, of Kentucky, has issued a proclamation of \$250 for the arrest and conviction of each, any, or all of the Owensboro mob that lynched the negro.

John Rippey, a farm hand living near Salem, Ind., was shot and killed by Louisville, Ky., detectives, who were in search of an escaped prisoner. The officers are now in jail at Salem.

The factory of the Nelsonville Sewer Pipe Company, Nelsonville, Ohio, was burned, throwing 150 men out of employment for the winter. Loss fully \$100,000, partly covered by insurance.

The Commercial Club, of Omaha, Neb., met and determined to organize a company to build and operate a big sugar factory in or near Omaha. It is estimated that the plant will cost in the neighborhood of \$200,000.

War between Colorado cattlemen and Utah sheep men in Colorado has been averted. The Utah sheepmen have decided not to invade Colorado. They were under a misapprehension as to when Gov. McIntyre's quarantine proclamation became null.

Alonso W. Thornton, accused of swindling by means of drafts on banks in which he had no deposits, is under arrest in New York. The prisoner, it is charged, represented that he was interested with Vice President-elect Garret A. Hobart in an advertising venture.

THE COTTON MARKETS.

December 31. Liverpool market has been very dull, but the close was 1 to 2-64 higher for futures.

New York has not done business, but the market there has been very steady all day and the final quotation is 6.93 for January.

The markets will all be closed till January 4th, and today's business was more in "evening up" than putting out new lines. Present prices are not considered high and the market would do better if we could have a sharp falling off in receipts.

New Haven market has been quiet at 6.15.

THE MARKETS. Chicago, December 31. Wheat, close, 1.23. Corn, close, 1.02. May Wheat, 1.25. May Corn, 1.05.

STATE NEWS.

BLOOD HOUNDS FOLLOW TRAIN ROBBERS.

Trail Lost in Woods. Sixty Populists in Legislature. Senatorial Fight. In Broughton-Young Contest. Former Gains Votes.

RALPH, N. C., December 31.—Blood hounds followed the trail of the train wreckers two miles, but lost it in the woods, owing to the rain. The wreckers were white men, one wore number five shoes.

Hal Ayer says that there will be certainly sixty Populists in the Legislature. Oliver H. Dockery will be here next week to participate in the Senatorial fight.

Marshall Mott is here in conference with Otto Wilson. N. B. Broughton who contests Jim Young's seat in the Legislature has gained 25 votes in the recount of the vote now in progress, which was ordered by Justice Walter Clark.

IRRIGATION SCHEME.

Cody's Plan to Reclaim 300,000 Acres of Arid Land.

CHICAGO.—Col. W. F. Cody is in Chicago on his way to New York in the interest of what he says is the most extensive irrigation scheme in the world. Besides Col. Cody, others interested in the scheme are Nate Salisbury, his manager and partner; George Bleistola, publisher of the Buffalo Courier; Ramsey Brothers of Buffalo, Proprietor Gearans of the Iroquois Hotel of that city; E. V. Foote of New York, and Edward S. Stokes.

These men secured a concession of 300,000 acres of arid land from the Government, on condition that they would irrigate it within the next five years. To do this \$2,000,000 capital was guaranteed and they are having a canal 150 miles in length dug from the Shoshone River about 100 miles back from the river in Wyoming, and on a lateral line with it.

From the main canal a number of small trenches are dug, and water flowing into these subirrigates the soil. The plan of the company is to induce emigrants to settle upon the land and then sell it to them at a nominal price.

Col. Cody announces that he now has 2,000 acres ready for cultivation. A town has been laid off in the center of the reserve, and when it is populated it will be known as Cody.

SKIRMISHING WITH CUBANS.

HAVANA.—Dispatches received from General Bosch, dated December 29, say that he arrived safely on that date at Sayamo, Province of Santiago de Cuba, with a convoy of provisions, &c., loaded on one hundred ox carts and one hundred mules. After leaving Veguita the convoy experienced stormy weather on the road and had several skirmishes with the insurgents, who, however, would not accept any real engagement with the Spanish troops.

News has been received that the local column of troops in Matanzas met the insurgent band of Sololengo at the farm of Abreu, in the Jaguey Grande district. There was a fight and the insurgents were dispersed, leaving fifteen killed and one wounded, who died afterward. The troops took fourteen arms and twenty-five saddle horses. A corporal belonging to the column was wounded.

During the trial of a divorce case in a St. Louis court, Jacob Fischel, the defendant, attempted to kill his wife, who is the plaintiff. He opened fire with a revolver, one bullet taking effect in Mrs. Fischel's arm, a second striking her uncle, and a third grazing her attorney's arm.

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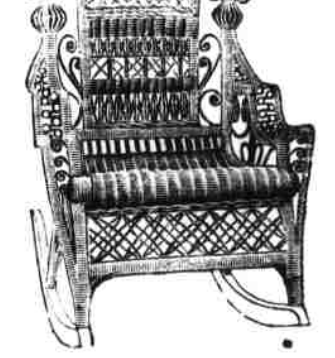
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