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OUTCOME OF THE INSURRECTION DEPENDS ON PINAR DEL RIO

EYES TURNED TO PROVINCIAL CAPITAL

Occupancy of the Southwestern Towns a Preliminany Movement.

Two Thousand Men Under Revolutionary Leaders.

BUT MEN HAVE NEITHER AMMUNITION TO TAKE PINAR DEL DIO OR SUSTAIN A PROLONGED FIGHT — IMPORTERS RUSHING TOBACCO TO UNITED STATES THROUGH TAMPA.

By Associated Press.

Havana, Aug. 24.—All eyes in Cuba are turned towards the provincial capital of Pinar del Rio, for upon the ability of Pino Guerra to capture that city depends the outcome of the insurrection.

The occupancy of the towns in the southwest of Pinar del Rio by the insurgents is considered only preliminary to a movement on Pinar del Rio. The serious question is whether the populations of the captured towns and the thickly settled and rich Vuelta Abajo tobacco region surrounding them will join Guerra's forces. It is undeniable that Guerra is gathering hundreds of veterans.

A detachment of two hundred and fifty Cuban artillerymen have reached Pinar del Rio, and will co-operate with the rural guards and volunteers.

INSURGENTS CANNOT SUSTAIN LONG FIGHT

By Associated Press.

Havana, Aug. 24.—A letter received here from a reliable correspondent who has visited Pino Guerra and San Juan de Martinez, says the insurgent leader's force amounts to two thousand men. He says all the people in that part of the country sympathize with the insurrectionists, but that Guerra has neither ammunition to take Pinar del Rio or to sustain a prolonged fight. The people have plenty of arms, but little ammunition, and no chance of procuring any.

IMPORTERS RUSHING TOBACCO FROM CUBA

By Associated Press.

Tampa, Fla., Aug. 24.—The steamship Gussie arrived from Havana this afternoon loaded to her full capacity with tobacco, which is being rushed out of the island by importers.

Information received from private sources is that President Palma is virtually a prisoner in the palace at Havana, and has not left it for a week.

Reports of the situation on the island are much worse than known to the outside world. It is reported that the revolution has extended into Santa Clara province and Matanzas.

Cargoes of cattle from Tampa are refused owing to business demoralization.

INSURGENT FORCE WAS DISPERSED

By Associated Press.

Havana, Aug. 24.—A force of government artillerymen under command of Captain Pujol to-day occupied San Juan de Martinez without resistance. The insurgents had occupied the town yesterday.

At San Antonio de los Banos, in Havana province, twenty miles southwest of Havana, a detachment of rural guards to-day encountered a band of insurgents. Two insurgents were killed and the remainder dispersed.

RUSSIAN SAPPERS IN OPEN MUTINY

By Associated Press.

Odessa, Aug. 24.—The Eleventh and Twelfth Sapper batalion encamped in the summer camp at Morseovka, near Odessa mutinied assembled at a political meeting singing the Marseillaise and passed a resolution not to fire on the revolutionists.

BANK BREAKER NOW IN EUROPE

By Associated Press.

Madison, Wis., Aug. 24.—A letter from London to relatives of Paul, O., Stensland, president of the Milwaukee Avenue State Bank at Chicago, says that Stensland was in London August 10, but left for Flushing and Southern Europe. He apparently had plenty of money. The letter was written by Mr. Strome, a former Chicago newspaper man.

Woman Arrested for Having Possession of Stolen Goods

By Associated Press.

Savannah Aug. 24.—Mrs. F. F. McDonald also know as Mabel Drain, was arrested today for having in her possession a trunk marked with her name and containing goods worth more than a thousand dollars that were, it is alleged, stolen from the docks of the Ocean Steamship Line. The woman lived in the house of E. C. Tabb, one of the three policemen arrested yesterday on charges of pilfering goods from shipping cases. Tabb, who is out on bond, was rearrested on supplementary charges when the discovery of goods in the trunk was made by detectives.

Nine Men Arrested for the Recent Brownsville Raid

By Associated Press.

Brownsvillt, Texas, Aug. 24.—Last evening four officers and five privates of Company C, Twenty-fifth Infantry were arrested on the charge of being principals in the recent raid which resulted in the killing of a citizen and wounding of a police lieutenant.

This morning after all preparations had been made to remove the negro soldiers to Reno, Oklahoma, a cipher message was received which held three companies pending the arrival of General Bell, who will make a thorough investigation.

Tonight there is a renewal of the precautions taken to see that none of the blacks enter the town.

The Alabama Candidates are Making a Whirlwind Finish

By Associated Press.

Birmingham, Aug. 24.—One of the most spirited campaigns ever witnessed in Alabama will close tomorrow night and the state primary will be held on Monday.

The contest attracting the most attention is between B. B. Comer, of Birmingham, and Lieutenant Governor R. M. Cunningham, of Ensley, for governor. A full ticket of state officers including three justices of the supreme court will be nominated.

Candidates for the big office have been making a whirlwind finish, mass meetings being held all over the state.

REPAIRS WILL BE FINISHED TODAY

And the Margherita Will Be Ready to Proceed on Her Voyage to Marseilles.

Repairs to the propeller of the Austrian steamer Margherita will be completed today unless something unlooked for occurs, and the big steamer with her valuable cargo, will be ready to resume her interrupted voyage to Marseilles.

The loss of the propeller nut has been costly to the Margherita, especially should the salvage suits be decided against her in full, but it is very fortunate that the loss occurred in the gulf in the track of passing vessels and not in mid-ocean.

Divers in the employ of the Gulf Machine Works have been at work for the past two days replacing the nut on the end of the propeller shaft. Working under water with a nut weighing nearly two hundred pounds has proven slow and tedious, but the work is now nearly completed and it is expected that the engines will be tested today, and if so it is hoped that the propeller and shaft will be found in good condition again.

It is expected that the steamer will make bond in the sum of $40,000 demanded by the two libellants some time during today, and when this is completed, and the testimony of the master taken in regard to the case the Margherita will be ready to proceed.

U. S. CONSULATE WAS DESTROYED

By Associated Press.

Washington, Aug. 24.—Robert S. Atkins, the American vice consul at Valparaiso, sent a despatch to the state department today announcing that everything in the consulate in that city was destroyed and no supplies were available.

SALOON MAN SHOT BY WIFE

By Associated Press.

Birmingham, Ala., Aug. 24.—William McVay, a saloon man, was shot and probably fatally wounded by his wife, this afternoon. Mrs. McVay visited the saloon, called McVay out and began firing without a word. The woman threatened bystanders who attempted to interfere. Two bullets took effect and his recovery is very doubtful. Domestic troubles are said to be the cause of the shooting.

CHAS. M. COSTON IMPROVING RAPIDLY

Letter From Mrs. Coston Yesterday Brought This Welcome News.

The many friends in Pensacola and Escambia county of Hon. Chas. M Coston, who has been seriously ill in Virginia, will be pleased to learn that he is now rapidly recovering, and it is expected by those who are with him that he will be able to return to Pensacola some time in October, entirely recovered.

Mrs. Coston, mother of Mr. Coston, yesterday wrote to Mrs. Pinney in this city, that the mountain climate of Wytheville, Va., where they are now residing, is having a very marked effect upon her son and that he is recovering his health very fast. Physicians who have attended him recently believe that he has been suffering from malaria, which is now leaving his system, and that the cool and bracing atmosphere of the Virginia mountains will fully restore him to health within a few weeks.

Mrs. Coston wrote that she expected to return with her son to Pensacola in October.

This will be welcome news to the many friends of Mr. Coston who have made anxious inquiries during the past few weeks regarding his health.

CLAIMS RUSSIA HAS AMPLE FUNDS

By Associated Press.

St. Petersburg, Aug. 24.—Finance Minister Kokovsoff today authorizes The Associated Press to deny reports that Russia intends to enter foreign market for a new loan. He says the government has ample funds for the present year and maintains that there is nothing alarming in the financial situation of Russia.

TRAIN PLUNGED INTO THE RIVER

By Associated Press.

Bristol, Va., Aug. 24.—As the result of a washout a freight train on the Virginia and Southwestern railway ran off a trestle into Mocassin river this morning. The engine and eight cars plunged into the river. The dead: R. E. Bocehr, brakeman; J. A. Cleet, fireman. Engineer Robert Burton was seriously injured.

DOUBLE TRAGEDY AT ANADARKO, OK.

By Associated Press.

Anadarko, Ok., Aug. 24.—Annie Dressbak, aged 16, to-day accidentally shot Newton Mullikin, her cousin, and, believing she had killed him, shot herself. Both will die.

GOOD OFFICES OF UNITED STATES

Would Be Gladly Accepted by the Government of Cuba.

Armed Intervention by this Country Not Expected

UNLESS LARGE AMERICAN INTERESTS IN THE ISLAND ARE JEOPARDIZED—DISTURBERS ATTEMPT TO MAKE REVOLT A PARTY AFFAIR—DECISIVE ENGAGEMENT EXPECTED.

By Associated Press.

Havana, Aug. 24.—In this hour of the government's uncertainty, many eyes are turned instinctively to the United States, not in the expectation of armed intervention which the better informed realize would, except in the doubtful contingency that American interests are jeopardized, be quite impossible, but with the hope that the good offices of her big neighbor, through suggestion or influence, may be used to restore tranquility to the republic. The part that the United States played in bringing about an end of hostilities in the Far East and more happily in the termination of the squabble between Guatemala and San Salvador, has made a lasting impression upon the Cuban mind. The large American commercial interests in the island are expected to exert a strong moral force in support of law and order.

Meantime, confusion exists as to where the lines may be drawn between the friends of the government and the malcontents. The most serious phase of the situation is the attempt of the disturbers to make the revolt a party affair. They claim to represent the sentiment of the Liberal party, which in turn maintains that it numbers a majority of the Cuban people. If these contentions are substantiated, the affair will assume a graver aspect. In this connection the admitted lukewarmness of the rank and file toward the government is significant.

It is believed that a battle will be fought near Pinar del Rio, capital of the province, to-day, if Pino Guerra, leader of the insurgents in that vicinity, carries out his evident purpose of marching on that city. Fired by his bloodless success at San Luis and San Juan ,Guerra is reported to be gathering recruits and threatening the capital. The government has hurried troops to Pinar del Rio, and will, it is believed, take the offensive, forcing a fight with Guerra, if he approaches the city. A decisive engagement is possible before night.

EARLY MORNING FIRE BURNS COTTAGES

Two Were Destroyed and Another Damaged a Block West of Pearl Eagan Home.

A fire, the reflection of which was noticed in the city about 1 o'clock this morning, destroyed two cottages and damaged other near-by buildings. The fire was at a point near the corner of Seventeeth street and Sixth avenue, about one bolck west of the Pearl Eagan home, and two buildings had been destroyed before the fire department reached the scene.

But little information could be secured this morning regarding the fire. Those at the Pearl Eagan home this morning about 1:30 o'clock stated that two of the houses had already burned, but it was thought that a two-story building, which was next ot the burned buildings, could be saved, as the firemen had then arrived and were playing water on the structure. Who occupied the burned buildings, or how the fire originated, could not be learned.

The fire was so far distant that for some time after it was discovered it was thought in the city that it was out of the fire limits. The fire trucks went out, however, and by stretching hose for about two blocks reached the flames and saved some of the buildings.

PRESIDENT ADOPTS THE NEW SPELLING SYSTEM

All Messages and Documents Emanating from White House Will Be in Accordance With Reform Ideas.

By Associated Press.

Oyster Bay, Aug. 24.—President Roosevelt has endorsed the Carnegie spelling reform movement. He issued orders today to Public Printer Stillings that hereafter all messages from the president and all other documents emanating from the White House should be printed in accordance with the recommendation of the spelling reform committee headed by Brander Matthews, professor of English. The committee had published a list of one hundred words in which the spelling is reformed. This list contains such words as "thru" and "tho" as the spelling for "through" and "though."

The president's official sanction of this reform movement is regarded as the most effective and speediest method of inaugurating the new system of spelling throughout the country. Not only will the printed documents emanating from the president utilize the reform spelling, but his correspondence also will be spelled in the new style. Secretary Loeb has sent for the list of one hundred words which have been reformed and on its arrival will immediately order all correspondence of the president and of the executive force of the White House spelled in accordance therewith. As the spelling reform committee shall adopt new reforms, they will be added to the president's list and also to that of the public printer.

While the order of the printer to-day does not contemplate an immediate reform in the spelling of official documents from the executive departments in Washington, it is regarded that more than likely the respective heads of the department will fall in line with the president's ideas and have their official documents printed in the new spelling.

TRAILING THE ESCAPED MEN

Believed that They are Headed for Mobile, and If So, Will Be Captured.

Sheriff Van Pelt and his deputies got the trail of the three escaped prisoners from the county jail yesterday and if they went the route it is now firmly believed they took, it is probable that they will be captured within the next forty-eight hours, or possibly earlier.

Yesterday morning a clue was obtained that the men had left the city in a small boat, a party sailing them down the bay and landing them near the lagoon, where they could walk across the country towards Mobile. This is the point, it is believed, the men are headed for, but telegrams have been sent ahead of them and the sheriff there and his deputies are on the lookout and will watch every point from which they could enter the city.

On the night that the jail delivery occurred and Hollister, McGinnis and Barry made their escape, a boat was missed from its moorings along the eastern water front, and it is claimed that in the early morning of that day the boat was seen beating out past the navy yard. A party there claims to have seen the boat, but paid but little attention to it at the time.

Yesterday the boat was returned to its moorings and the sheriff, who had chartered a launch and was fitting out for a trip along the coast, intending to give chase, changed his plans immediately when he learned of this fact. The balance of the day was spent looking for the young man who brought the boat back to the city and it was expected that he would be found during the night and allowed to make an explaination of what business he had with it. It is said that he stated upon returning that he had been across the bay.

Chief Deputy Sanders who had started for Mobile was notified by wire to return when the sheriff received the latest information.

It is believed that the officers are on the right track as every avenue of escape by roads was closely watched by officers and citizens, and it is hardly possible that the prisoners could have gotten away in any other direction. By water it was different, and it is believed that the men were either landed by friends at some point or else secured a boat themselves and sailed down the bay and may be now en route to Mobile. McGinnis remarked to a fellow prisoner just two days before breaking jail that if he could reach Mobile he would be all right, showing that the plan at that time had been concocted and they were only awaiting a favorable opportunity.

TROOPS ORDERED TO BROWNSVILLE

By Associated Press.

Austin, Texas, Aug. 24.—It is reported that a battalion of the troops at Camp Mabry will leave hurriedly for the Mexican border. The reason is not known positively, but it is rumored there has been a recurrence of trouble at Brownsville and that the troops are to go to that point.

Prominent Physician Dead.

Atlanta, Ga., Aug. 24.—Dr. Hunter Pope Cooper, a leading physician and surgeon of this city, died today after a short illness

NERVY ICE MAN AND FRUIT VENDOR

Have Dealings With Vigilant City Officers and Get Arrested as Result.

The nerve of an ice delivery man yesterday afternoon in delivering a big chunk of ice to the police station and cooling informing Turnkey Kramer that he had no scales when a demand was made that it be weighed, caused his immediate arrest. The man gave his name as Eugene Russell, a driver for the Stratton Ice Works, and he explained to the station house officials that the reason the wagon was not equipped with scales was that it was not an ice wagon, but one used for special delivery, which had brought the station house ice from the factory. His recognizance was taken and he was told to be at the municipal court this morning at 9 o'clock for trial, when he can tell to Recorder Laney how he delivered ice without scales, and could not weigh it when a demand was made.

It seems that an order for twenty-five pounds of ice had been sent in from the station and when the man arrived and brought in the ice he said he had a fifty-pound chunk for the station.

"I didn't order but twenty-five pounds. You have not got fifty pounds there," said the turnkey, as he viewed the piece of ice.

"Where are your scales," he continued, "we will weigh it and see what it weighs. Bring it out here to your wagon. What? Haven't got any scales and delivering ice? Well, that causes your arrest." The man's name was then taken.

Efforts to find a pair of scales at several places near the station proved unsuccessful and the ice was finally taken at fifty pounds.

OFFERED TO SELL SANITARY INSPECTOR DECAYED FRUIT

Sanitary Inspector Sanchez will this morning tell the recorder how a clerk in the fruit store of Vasso Kattach, at the corner of Gregory and Palafox streets, endeavored to sell him a dozen decayed peaches. The inspector had several times during the past few days passed the place of Kattach and noticing the peaches warned him regarding them, telling the Greek that it was against the law to have them for sale as they were unfit to eat. Yesterday he was passing the store and stopped in as another customer entered. He found a clerk there who did not recognize him, and who, thinking he had a customer for the alleged decayed fruit, offered a dozen peaches to him for 15 cents. It is needless to say the Greek was surprised when the badge of the inspector was exhibited. He was later arrested.

NO NEW CASES OF FEVER REPORTED

By Associated Press.

New Orleans, Aug. 24.—There is no change reported in the yellow fever situation at New Iberia. Dr. Irion's official statement says that there are no new cases and that the confidence of surrounding towns has been fully restored.

KNELT IN PRAYER WHEN DEATH WAS NIGH

Horrible Tragedy Enacted Before the Eyes of Hundreds of Pleasure-Seekers.

GROUND TO PIECES

Young Woman Met Awful Death on Railroad Trestle.

FOOT CAUGHT BETWEEN THE TIES AS TRAIN WAS APPROACHING AND, UNABLE TO ESCAPE GIRL FACED DEATH WITH HEROIC CHRISTIAN FORTITUDE.

By Associated Press.

New York, Aug. 24.—A special to the Herald form Wilmington, Del., says:

Kneeling in prayer after she had struggled vainly to free her foot from between the ties of a Baltimore and Ohio railroad trestle, Miss Elizabeth Rothwell, a young woman of this city, was ground to pieces by a freight train yesterday, near Brandywine Springs Park. Her aunt, Mrs. Richard Rothwell, and a young cousin, Richard Rothwell, who were with her at the time, were both injured. There was a farmer's fair at the park and hundreds of persons saw the tragedy.

Miss Rothwell, her aunt and her cousin had gone to the fair together, and were crossing the trestle to take a car home when a whistle warned them that a train was approaching. They turned to run back, but when they saw that they were more than half way across they wheeled about to run in another direction. In doing so Miss Rothwell's right foot slipped between the ties and became firmly wedged. Mrs. Rothwell jumped, alighting on the bank twenty feet below and breaking several bones. The boy was too terrified to move and the engine struck him, tossing him off the trestle. Then Miss Rothwell was killed.

TWO BUILDINGS BEING TORN AWAY

Sites Being Cleared for City Hall and National Bank Buildings.

Workmen in the employ of Chas. H. Turner yesterday commenced demolishing buildings which are on the sites to be occupied by the new city hall and the First National Bank buildings. Forces of men were placed at work tearing away the old structures, and in both instances made good headway, notwithstanding the heat during the day.

The two-story brick building just north of the custom house is to be removed to make room for a modern and up-to-date building to be erected there for the First National Bank. A good start on this work was made during the day.

Opposite the plaza on Jefferson street men were engaged in removing the brick building in the center of the site to be occupied by the city hall. When the brick of this building is removed, which was the only brick structure of the three, the two frame buildings will be torn away and the foundation of the city hall commenced.

TWO KILLED AND SEVERAL INJURED

By Associated Press.

Birmingham, Ala., Aug. 24.—Two wrecks occurred to-day on the Central of Georgia, 60 miles this side of Columbus Will Beard, fireman, and a negro tramp were fatally injured in a freight wreck. Shortly afterwards a passenger train was derailed near the same point. Engineer Kell, Mattie Denson, of Boax, Ala., Mrs. Strickland, of Columbus, Ga., and Fireman Woodson were injured. The engine and cars were badly damaged.

MURDERER CAUGHT AT CANTON, GA.

By Associated Press.

Canton, Ga., Aug. 24.—Henry Greggs, a white man, is held here for the arrival of the sheriff from New Orleans. He is wanted for murder. The governor of Louisiana has offered a reward of seventeen hundred dollars for his capture. It is said he murdered four men.