

TO REDUCE CUBA TO ASHES

Rather Than Surrender to the Rebels.—Insurgents Generally Get the Best of it.

Havana, Sept. 15.—Reports reach here of another big battle fought near the sugar estate of Pedro, in Pinar del Rio Province, between Maj. Moreno, of the government troops, and Juan Martinez, who was on the staff of Gen. Maceo.

From all details obtainable the rebels were defeated. They were encamped on the estate, which is owned by a loyalist, and through him the troops were notified. The estate is almost surrounded by the river Cristobal.

The field pieces were used, and the rebels who were surprised and virtually between two fires, were panic-stricken and could not be controlled.

Of the 300 men in the band there were only 50 or 60 who escaped. Martinez was among the wounded, but his men carried him away.

In other provinces the rebels were in better luck. In the fight near Guaremas, in Matanzas Province, the Cubans, under Enrique Junco, were victorious, and the troops commanded by Gen. Molina were defeated. The engagement lasted several hours, and the Spanish were forced to retreat, the losses being fifty men, among which were three commissioned officers.

Gen. Weyler is heedless of the condition of the desolated provinces. Instead of trying to remedy the situation he has issued orders to destroy utterly many towns in Santa Clara Province, all in the neighborhood of the City of Cienfuegos.

The only reason he gives for this barbarity, which will leave homeless thousands of people, is that the Spanish troops can not defend those places against the raids of the insurgents. It is the beginning of Weyler's policy to reduce Cuba to ashes before surrendering it to the Cubans.

Current Tariff Information.

From Cleveland, Ohio.—President A. J. Moxham, of the Johnson Steel Company, who is now in England, has just received orders for 20,000 tons of steel rails for electric roads in Ireland. This is probably the largest order of steel rails for electric railway purposes ever shipped out of this country, and the fact that they are sent to the very doors of England is one of the notable features of the affairs. Moxham has obtained a freight rate of \$3 a ton from the works to Ireland. The Johnson company underbid not only other American mills nearer the seaboard, but English mills as well.

From Vancouver, B. C.—"Advises from Tokio say that Japan is about to place a contract in America for the rails and material required for the 1,200 miles of railroad which is to be constructed in Formosa."

From "An Act to provide revenue for the Government and to encourage the industries of the United States," commonly known as the Dingley law, it is learned that to prevent the shipment of English rails to the United States a protective duty of seven twentieths of one cent per pound, or \$7.84 a ton is required.

How curious a thing it is that the only market in which American manufacturers need protection is their home market.—New York Journal

Revolution is Tearing Up the Government of Guatemala.

Guatemala City, Sept. 16.—It is stated that 3,000 rebels attacked the city of Quezaltenango the morning of September 13, since which time fighting has been going on almost continuously. The fall of the city is inevitable unless the garrison, which consists of less than 1,000 men, is speedily reinforced.

It is stated that Gen. Prospero Morales, until a few months ago Minister of War in the present Cabinet, heads the revolution. With him are Gen. Fuentes Barrios, a brother-in-law of President Barrios, and Feliciano Aguilar. These three men were candidates for president to succeed Barrios, and when the President declared himself Dictator they rebelled. The rebel force is now 5,000 and is growing.

BRIBERY TRIAL ON

Hot Time Over the Kentucky Legislative Bribery Case.

Frankfort, Ky., Sept. 16.—Thos. Tanner, indicted with Hunter, Wilson and Franks for alleged attempt to bribe members of the Legislature, sprung the first sensation in the Dr. Hunter indictments by engaging in a street fight with James T. Larkin, a Hunter detective.

Larkin pointed out a man who he said was Hunter's detective. Tanner expressed himself with great contempt, insinuating that Larkin was employed in such service. Larkin replied that Tanner lied. Tanner reached and, catching Larkin by the head, proceeded to strike him several blows in the face. They were separated.

Judge Cantrill had the Hunter indictments called at 9 o'clock.

The principal witnesses are here among them Senator Wm. J. DeWee, ex Senator J. C. L. Blackburn, Representative Green Garrett, W. H. Lyons, J. W. Prewitt, J. H. Gilliam, Curtis S. Dodson, Walker Wilkins, Senators Wm. Dingus and George Nell.

Ex Senator Blackburn and Senator Goebel have been permitted to go to their homes counsel for Dr. Hunter, stating that in the event their testimony is wanted they will be notified.

It is not believed Blackburn will be asked to go on the stand. Both sides insist that they are ready for trial and the case will go to the jury.

There is a possibility of the indictments against Gaines and Turner, on whose testimony Hunter was indicted, being dismissed and the parties being used as commonwealth witnesses.

A large crowd of politicians from all parts of the State have come to witness the trial. It promises to be sensational in the extreme.

GREAT DAY AT SEDALIA'S FAIR.

Bryan Was There and Made a Speech, and So Did Stone and Other Bright Lights.

Sedalia, Mo., Sept. 15.—William J. Bryan delivered an address this afternoon at the Pettis County Fair, which is now being held here.

There are six excursion trains over the Missouri Pacific, five over the Missouri, Kansas and Texas, and two over the Sedalia, Warsaw and Southwestern road.

The Missouri Pacific had forwarded 100 coaches to Kansas City, Rich Hill, Versailles, Chamois, Lexington and Marshall. Fully 100 persons were crowded into each coach.

A committee of 15 Sedalia democrats met Mr. Bryan at Warrensburg. He was escorted from Kansas City by the Bryan Free Silver Club of that city, 500 strong, and reached here at 11:30 a. m. No less than 8,000 cheered as he came out on the platform.

A procession was formed at the Union Depot, and Mr. Bryan was driven to the residence of Senator Yeater, where he dined and remained until 3 p. m. In the carriage with Mr. Bryan was Senator F. M. Cookrell, ex-Gov. W. J. Stone and Dr. J. W. McClure, Secretary of the Fair Association. In the second carriage were Gov. Stephens, Sam B. Cook, Harvey W. Salmon and Senator Charles E. Yeater. Bryan was driven by four black horses.

By the noon hour upwards of 15,000 visitors had been brought to the city by train. The surrounding country had furnished 5,000 more, and when Mr. Bryan commenced his speech at Association Park he was faced by between 25,000 and 35,000 people. The opening races were witnessed by probably 15,000 people and absorbed attention from other features of the fair.

Senator J. B. Foraker will speak Thursday, and as the same excursion trains will be run, the republicans predict as large an attendance at the fair as on Bryan Day.

Beauty is Blood Deep.

Clean blood means a clean skin. No beauty without it. Cascarets, Candy Cathartic clean your blood and keep it clean, by stirring up the lazy liver and driving all impurities from the body. Begin today to banish pimples, boils, blotches, blackheads, and that sickly bilious complexion by taking Cascarets, beauty for ten cents. All druggists, satisfaction guaranteed 10c, 25c, 50c.

\$5.15 to St. Louis.

Tickets on sale Sept. 9, 14, 16, 21, 23, 28 and 30, and Oct. 5, 7, 12, 14, 19 and 21. E. C. VANDEVOORT.

TWO DEAD.

Wabash Passenger Crashed Into a Freight.

Standing at a Switch at Keytesville Mo.—Postal Clerk Gains Met Instant Death.—Fireman Smith Was Horribly Crushed.

Night passenger No. 15 on the Wabash, which left St. Louis at 9 p. m. Wednesday, and freight train No. 98, which left Kansas City at 1:45 p. m. Wednesday, met in a head-on collision at Keytesville, Mo., at 2:45 Thursday morning. Two men were killed, two tramps seriously injured, and both engines, the mail car and two boxcars wrecked.

The accident occurred at the west end of the switch at Keytesville. The freight train had orders to go into the siding here and await the passenger at 2:45. It was a minute later and had stopped to enter the switch when the passenger came dashing up and hit the engine of the freight at almost full speed.

Both engineers and the fireman of the passenger jumped, saving themselves. Fireman W. B. Smith of the freight waited too long, and was crushed to death under his engine. Both engines were smashed. Two of the freight cars were splintered and derailed. The mail car was crushed and thrown from the track. Mail clerk Edward Gaines and two tramps, William Clark and Paul Street, who had boarded the front end of the mail car at Salisbury, were caught in the wreck. Gaines was killed almost instantly. The two tramps were seriously but not fatally hurt.

Found.

At Trimble's drug store, a marvelous cure for all kidney complaints, nervous exhaustion and female weakness. It is Foley's Kidney Cure.

Bonfield, Ill., Aug. 14, 1895. "I am subject to cramps and colic, and have used many remedies, but find Foley's Colic Cure beats them all." W. L. YEATS. At Trimble's drug store.

A Bride Tortured.

Lehigh, I. T., Sept. 15.—At Coal Gate two weeks ago Martin Ross married a daughter of Nelson Winters. They had frequent quarrels in which he beat her with his fists, clubs and guns.

One week ago he pounded her over the head with a Winchester and fractured her skull. He then placed a rope about her neck and hung her up to a rafter in the house, placed a can of powder beneath her and started a fuse. The powder failed to explode. He then carried her to the woods, where he kept her for several days without anything to eat. Her parents, discovering her absence, summoned assistance and began a search, which resulted in her discovery Monday. Ross was hurried off to Atoka to prevent lynching. His wife will die.

Knit Goods Soar.

New York, Sept. 16.—Three hundred members of the wool knit goods trade, from all parts of the country, the National Association of Knit Goods Manufacturers, were present at the meeting here to advance manufactured goods 33 to 50 per cent. A. B. Valentine, president of the association, was in the chair.

Resolutions were adopted that the selling price be based on the cost and figured on the price of raw material or yarn at the time of sale; that, according to the relative amount of wool and cotton used, an immediate advance is necessary from 15 to 40 per cent to recover the increased cost of knit goods, and that, if necessary to carry out the above resolutions, "we will curtail production even to the stoppage our mills."

All for Silver.

Akron (O.) Dem. The annual reunion of the Freyman family was held at the home of Benjamin Fredericks, on Sherbondy hill, last Thursday. The grounds were covered with tents and tables, where 122 members of the family were treated to all kinds of eatables.

The reunion was attended by members of the family from both Ohio and Illinois. The oldest member present was Joel Freyman of Homer, O. He was 93 years old, and as lively as any. Entertainment was furnished by music and recitations volunteered by those present.

Before the company disbanded a straw vote was taken by Henry Mueller, with the following result: Voters present, forty-nine; for silver forty-six; for gold, one; doubtful, two.

LYNCING.—THREATS AGAINST THE STAFFELBACK FAMILY.

Two Girls and a Peddler Foully Murdered. Their Bodies Thrown Down a Shaft.

Joplin, Mo., Sept. 15.—The lynch spirit, so strong in Columbus, just over the line in Kansas at the trial yesterday at the Staffelbacks, has not yet broken out in deeds.

The Staffelback family consists of three sons, mother and step-father and the wife of one of the sons. They were tried for the murder of Frank Galbreath last July, whom they killed and robbed, then threw his body into an old abandoned mining shaft near by. George Staffelback broke down and confessed all yesterday, and his wife directed the officers to another old mining shaft, where three other victims of this murderous family were thrown. One of these was a peddler, whom the Staffelbacks murdered and robbed two years ago.

Two girls were inmates of the Staffelback house at the time, and witnessed the murder of the peddler. Two weeks later Mike and Ed Staffelback, their lovers, fell into a quarrel with these girls, and Mike choked one to death. The other girl tried to defend her, when Ed Staffelback crushed her skull with a pistol.

The dead girls were then wrapped in sheets and thrown under the bed until late at night, when the bodies were thrown into the shaft with the peddler.

These ghastly sights were witnessed by George and Cora Staffelback, and were told on the witness stand. Pumps were at once put into the old shaft preparatory to making a search for the bodies. A woman's waist, a man's vest and drawers were fished out. Clinging to the drawers were particles of decayed flesh and skin.

Standing about these shafts watching the work are several hundred determined men who propose wreaking summary vengeance upon these murderers as soon as the mouldering remains prove the truth of George and Cora Staffelback's confessions.

It is also said that other mysterious disappearances will be traced to the Staffelbacks, whose crimes are supposed to have exceeded those of the Benders.

A Sound Liver Makes a Well Man

Are you Bilious, constipated or troubled with Jaundice, Sick Headache, bad taste in the mouth, foul breath, coated tongue, dyspepsia, indigestion, hot dry skin, pain in the back and between the shoulders, chills and fever, &c. If you have any of these symptoms, your liver is out of order and your blood is slowly being poisoned because your liver does not act properly. Herbine will cure all disorder of the liver, stomach or bowels. It has no equal as a liver medicine. Price 75 cents. Free trial bottles at H. L. Tucker's drugstore. 44 17

Indians Poison Fish.

Siloam Springs, Ark., Sept. 15.—Indians from all parts of the Cherokee strip have been gathering for several days on the Illinois river at a point west of here for their annual fish poisoning which occurs tomorrow. Each Indian brings one bushel of buckeye roots, which experienced Cherokees take and at early dawn commence pulverizing, putting in gunny-sacks and placing in the river. A juice is formed by the water washing through the roots, which kills or intoxicates thousands of fish for miles below, after which they are easily taken with gigs, spars and by hand, being thrown into canoes and then taken by the squaws, cleaned and cooked. This feast lasts as long as the fish hold out, and the Indians make merry with their queer games and plays, which are always witnessed by large crowds of white citizens.

Going Down Hill.

People suffering from Kidney Diseases feel a gradual but steady loss of strength and vitality. They should lose no time in trying Foley's Kidney Cure, a Guaranteed Preparation. At J. A. Trimble's drug store.

Little Rock, Ark., Sept. 16.—H. L. Farrian, formerly of this city, died at Fort Smith, last night, after having lived a month with his neck broken.

Removal.

We take pleasure in announcing that after this date Parks Sure cure will remove all traces of rheumatism, kidney troubles and liver complaint from the user. It is the only medicine that is guaranteed to cure these diseases or no day. Parks' sure cure is sold by H. L. Tucker.

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FLOODS IN THE ORIENT.

Whole Villages Swept Off By Floods—Many Lives Lost.

Tacoma, Wash., Sept. 15.—The Northern Pacific line steamer Tacoma arrived to day, bringing Oriental advices up to August 27.

Heavy floods are reported from Takata, Naoyetzen. At Naoyetzen nine persons were carried out to sea on the roofs of houses. They were picked up by the steamer Talwau Mau.

The drouth at Matsui is reported to be so serious that persons along the coast there are using salt water for cooking purposes.

By the recent floods in Nylogita Prefecture over 100 houses have been destroyed and 56 lives lost in the Nishima district of the prefecture.

Over 40 houses were swept away and 40 lives were lost in the village of Matsugasaki, Sao district.

By the swelling of the Agono River, 1,300 houses in San Jose Machi and 700 houses in the village of Ichinokido were submerged.

At Izumozaki one shrine, four temples and half a score of dwellings have been crushed by landslides from the mountains, five lives have been lost and 10 persons severely wounded.

Ladies Can Wear Shoes

One size smaller after using Allen's Foot-Ease. A powder to be shaken into the shoes. It makes tight or new shoes feel easy; gives instant relief to corns and bunions. It's the greatest comfort discovery of the age. Cures and prevents swollen feet, blisters, callous and sore spots. Allen's Foot-Ease is a certain cure for sweating, hot, aching feet. At all druggists and shoe stores, 25c. Trial package FREE by mail. Address, Allen S. Olmsted, Le Roy, N. Y.

Row in a Lunatic Asylum.

Nevada, Mo., Sept. 16.—Judge D. P. Stratton to-day granted a temporary order of restraint against the board of managers of State Lunatic Asylum No. 3 and Superintendent J. F. Robinson and Steward J. S. Grosshart. The petition was filed by L. L. Scott, attorney for a taxpayer and in bond, upon the allegation that the contract awarded to Miller & Young of St. Louis for a light plant at \$69,000 was in excess of the sum appropriated by the State Legislature for the purchase and operation of the plant. The temporary order requires the defendants to appear before Judge Stratton at Lamar on September 24, to show cause why the temporary order should not be made permanent.

What's the Use of Talking

About colds and coughs in the summer time. You may have a tickling cough or a little cold or baby may have the croup and when it comes you ought to know that Parks' cough Syrup is the best cure for it. Sold by H. L. Tucker.

Chicago, Illinois, Sept. 16.—Mrs. Nellie Baird, 44 North Clark, committed suicide this morning by leaping from the fourth-story balcony of the building to the street below. Her husband is being held pending the inquest.

CASTORIA

For Infants and Children.

The famous signature of *Chas. H. Fletcher* is on every wrapper.

PRAYERS FOR A RAIN.

Illinois, Indiana, Iowa and Parts of Ohio Parched.

Chicago, Ill., Sept. 15.—Illinois, Indiana and Iowa are parched. Until last evening Kansas was in the same condition, but rain came. Weather Bureau men say grateful showers are due in the other States in a few days.

In Southern Illinois the temperature has averaged 90 degrees for fourteen days. Northern Illinois and Chicago are having an unusually hot period for so late in the season. Corn is being destroyed in all the Egyptian country and no such record has been made in heat and drought since the September of 1879.

The Saugamon, Mackinaw and Vermilion rivers are nearly dry and the cattle on a thousand hills are dying for want of water.

In Indiana no drop of moisture has fallen for two months, the corn is being burned to death, the pastures are as inflammable as powder and prairie fires are raging. All over Northern and Eastern Indiana, prayers for rain are being offered. Iowa has averaged nearly 90 degrees for ten days and never in the State's history has there been so much suffering in September. Public schools are closed in many towns, workmen are forced to quit toil and prayers for rain are going up on every hand.

In Ohio also public schools were forced to close during yesterday on account of the extremely hot weather.

Michigan, too, is scanning the skies and watching every newspaper and weather bulletin for the promise of a downpour. Farmers are anxious, fruit raisers are downcast and the people of the cities are discouraged.

Wheat Crop Moving Seaward.

Portland, Ore., Sept. 16.—The wheat crop of 1897 is moving seaward at a rate that is breaking all previous efforts. Within the past seven days five cargoes, totalling 481,737 bushels, valued at \$331,512 have cleared from Portland and are now on the way to England. A cargo of flour cleared for the Orient included 19,188 barrels, valued at \$87,830, bringing the value of wheat and wheat products for the week up to over \$500,000.

Reports have been coming from the grain districts north of Snake river this week have been of a very discouraging nature. Many tracts of splendid wheat have been a total loss.