

SPAIN'S LAST HOPE

Autonomy Bait Proves to Be a Miserable Failure in Cuba.

IT WILL NOT BRING PEACE Decision of the Conservative Party at Havana.

At a Meeting Held Yesterday in Havana Over Three Hundred Conservative Delegates Decided That Autonomy Will Never Bring Peace to the Island—Reference to President McKinley's Message.

Havana, Dec. 21.—At today's meeting of the Conservative party over 300 delegates, said to represent 80 per cent. of the wealth of the island, were present, and all the speakers agreed that autonomy will not bring peace to the island, as proved by the protest of the members of the Cuban junta of New York and the recent death of Lieutenant Colonel Ruiz and five other Spanish Commissioners who have been killed by the insurgents.

Senor Santos Guzman, a former president of congress, referring to President McKinley's recent message to congress, protested against it as offensive to Spain, to General Weyler and the Spanish army, and holding that it indicated probably early intervention, a "warning to a most haughty nation which will not permit such humiliation."

A message was sent to General Weyler that a mass meeting of the reunited union constitutional party would be held in Havana on Monday, and the party assured the general that it had its support.

It was announced from the palace today that during the last ten days the insurgents have lost 200 men killed and the Spanish troops have captured 17 prisoners, and 69 armed insurgents have surrendered. Among the killed the statement continues are three insurgent leaders and three officers of the insurgent forces.

THE CONVENTION. Washington, Dec. 21.—Under date of Dec. 15, Charles J. Pepper wrote from Havana to the Washington Star in reference to the convention.

WRECK AT ALTOONA. Three Lives Lost and \$75,000 Worth of Damage Done.

Altoona, Pa., Dec. 21.—Three lives were lost and \$75,000 worth of damage was done to property of the Pennsylvania railroad, as a result of last night's freight wreck, which was caused by a runaway train. The dead are: S. Kuster, Hagstraw, Ind.; Charles J. Numer, brakeman; S. C. Corbin, brakeman.

GERMS OF TROUBLE. Investigation of Killing of American Sailors by Japanese Mobs.

Washington, Dec. 21.—The department of state has undertaken an investigation of two very disagreeable incidents that may contain in themselves the germs of serious trouble in the near future.

LIZZIE DEKALB'S FRIGHTFUL TALE

Relates a Plot to Cremate Mrs. Kaiser Alive.

BUT KAISER LOST HIS NERVE

The Carriage Rides Proposed by Clemmer—Scheme to Work the Accident Insurance Companies—The Prisoner Cool and Collected Through the Ordeal.

Norristown, Pa., Dec. 21.—James A. Clemmer, who has taken Charles O. Kaiser's place as the central figure in the murder of Mrs. Kaiser on the night of October 28, 1896, was today given a final hearing before Justice of the Peace Lenthart, and committed to prison to answer at the March term of court for the killing of the woman, Lizzie DeKalb, Clemmer's one-time mistress, was the principal witness against Clemmer, and despite the efforts of the latter's counsel to waive a hearing the justice allowed the "woman in black" to tell the story of her association with Clemmer before, on and after the night of the murder.

ARMOUR WILL LOSE A CLEAR MILLION.

His Marvellous feat of Bringing 4,000,000 Bushels of High Grade Cash Wheat to Chicago—The Letter Deal.

Chicago, Dec. 21.—The Post, commenting on the wheat situation, says that Dec. 21, "settling day" on the board of trade, will witness the culmination of the gigantic Armour-Letter deal.

AN INSURANCE FRIEND.

Before proceeding she told on an occasion when Clemmer had purposely injured himself in order to collect benefits accruing from an accident insurance policy held by him and that on the night of the murder she had told Mrs. Kaiser that she was shot and slightly wounded so that some money could be realized in the same manner.

Princess in Prison.

Princess, Dec. 21.—H. Corriere Della Sera tells a shocking story of ill treatment of Princess de Carini, who is separated from her husband. It appears that with her husband she has been shut up for the last five years by her trustees and she has been treated with the most brutal and inhuman manner.

Murdered by English.

St. Louis, Dec. 21.—Jacob Weimer, aged 65, living on North Broadway, was found dead in his kitchen tonight by his wife, who had spent the afternoon visiting her mother-in-law.

Big Bill Brown Dead.

San Francisco, Dec. 21.—William Brown, known to all lovers of base ball throughout the United States as "Big Bill" Brown, is dead. About two years ago Brown became afflicted with lung trouble.

CIVIL SERVICE LAW DISCUSSED.

Subject of Yesterday's Meeting of the Cabinet—Opinions Are Advanced That Exceptions to the Rule Should Be Made in Many.

Washington, Dec. 21.—Today's cabinet meeting was devoted almost entirely to a discussion of the operation of the civil service law. The resolution adopted by the cabinet last Friday calling upon the executive heads of the several departments of the government for information concerning the application of the civil service law to their departments and for an expression of their opinions as to what, if any, modifications ought to be made in it was the subject directly under discussion.

COL. ARANGUREN WAS NOT SHOT

False Report That the Cuban Leader Was Executed.

THE EXACT FACTS IN THE CASE.

New York, Dec. 21.—The Sun's Havana correspondent has just returned from Campo Florida, Havana province, having spent Saturday and Sunday four miles from there, in the camp of Colonel Nestor Aranguren. Colonel Nestor Aranguren was not shot by General Alejandro Rodriguez, as reported in New York. He ordered his men to shoot Colonel Joaquin Ruiz on Tuesday last, and declares that he did so only to comply with the proclamation issued on Nov. 29 and signed by all the leaders of the Cuban army in the province of Havana, including Aranguren himself.

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WASHINGTON BELLE COMMITS SUICIDE.

Miss Leila Herbert, Daughter of the Ex-Secretary of the Navy, Jumps From a Third Story Window.

Washington, Dec. 21.—Social circles in the capital were shocked today by news of the suicide of Miss Leila Herbert, daughter of the ex-secretary of the navy. She jumped from the third-story window of her father's residence, 3315 New Hampshire avenue, and sustained injuries which almost immediately caused death.

THE MURDER AT DURYEA

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