

ALLEGED PLOT OF CUBANS. Ambitious Generals Seeking to Establish a Monarchy.

LUDLOW ON THE WATCH. Promoters of the Plan Are Said to Have Been Working at It with Secrecy—The Cubans, It is Alleged, Chafe Under Military Rule. Outlaws Captured Near Santa Gertruluis—Celebrating the Fourth in Havana.

Havana, July 4.—Rumors of a plot on foot, in which it is said certain Cuban generals are endeavoring to establish a monarchy, are causing some uneasiness here in military circles and a strict watch is being kept on those suspected of complicity in the affair.

The Cuban general referred to is understood to deny that he is the head of a party with such objects, but there is considerable evidence that such a movement is on foot. He is the officer who has recently reported to Governor General Brooke for collecting 300,000 pesos from a Spanish merchant on the ground that it was an assessment for a fund devoted to driving out the interlopers.

General Ludlow has been made aware of his successful attempts to collect money from gambling houses under threats to use his influence to have them closed. It is believed now that he is more interested in making money than in starting a party.

Desire the New Railway. It is asserted that no fewer than 20,000 Cubans will sign the petition to President McKinley recently sent for signature to the principal cities of the eastern provinces by those interested in the construction of the proposed central railway to Santiago.

Laucha Under Military Rule. In an editorial today based upon the foregoing declaration of the Republic, we see it as an argument against the continuance of a military administration of civil affairs.

wants of a military machine which must work with regularity." The mayor of San Jose de Los Rios has telegraphed Brigadier General Wilson that a party of twenty-one outlaws has been captured near San Gertruluis.

Celebrating the Fourth. The streets of Havana were today ablaze with bunting in honor of America's Independence day. Flags of all nations were flying, with American flags largely predominating and the Cuban colors a good second.

MANILA'S FIRST FOURTH OF JULY. The Ever Glorious Celebrated in Good Style by Americans, Filipinos and Spaniards—Speech by Oscar F. Williams.

Manila, July 4.—There was a great celebration of the Fourth here today, with fireworks, bands, speeches and decorations everywhere, all nationalities participating. The foreign guests and consulates including the Spanish and the United States, were in the city.

General Ludlow Watching Him. General Ludlow has been made aware of his successful attempts to collect money from gambling houses under threats to use his influence to have them closed.

FIRE AT MEMPHIS. The Former Headquarters of General Grant Destroyed.

Memphis, Tenn., July 4.—Fire broke out in the headquarters of the Memphis Paper at the corner of Gayoso and Front streets late this afternoon and caused the loss of one life, the fatal injury of an ex-fire chief, Cleary, and the serious injury of Alastair, chief of about \$50,000.

MATTHEWS ON EXPANSION. One Bostonian Who Realizes the Government's Responsibilities.

Boston, July 4.—The Fourth of July was celebrated much as usual, with a parade, band concerts, games and fireworks.

Toy Cannon Accident. Harrisburg, July 4.—The right hand of George Hower, a Pennsylvania railroad engineer, was blown off this afternoon by the premature explosion of a small cannon.

DEATHS OF A DAY. Bedford, Pa., July 4.—Loy McMillen, of Pittsburgh, one of the chief operators of the Western Union Telegraph office in that city, died here today.

GERMANY'S DECISION ON ARBITRATION. WILL NOT ACCEPT THE OBLIGATORY PRINCIPLE.

Article 10 of the Russian Proposal Struck Out and Replaced by a Provision Declaring That Arbitration Should Be Optional Except in Case of Conventions Between the Powers—Accepted as a Compromise.

The Hague, July 4.—At a meeting this afternoon of the arbitration committee, the question whether arbitration should be obligatory or optional was raised and drew a categorical declaration from the German delegates, to the effect that he had received formal instructions not to accept the principle of obligatory arbitration.

LARGE COAL DEAL. Ten Thousand Acres Change Hands at Uniontown.

Pittsburg, July 4.—One of the largest coal deals ever made along the Monongahela river has just been closed at Uniontown. The deal involves about \$1,200,000 cash and 10,000 acres of coal, extending from Erie and Landing to Big Whiteley creek, Greene county.

DREYFUS VISIT HIS BROTHER. Always Accompanied by an Officer on Guard.

Reims, France, July 4.—Matthew Dreyfus paid his first visit to his brother this afternoon. The interview lasting half an hour, the brothers threw themselves into each other's arms.

DEATH OF KAPOITANI. The Widow of the Late King Kalakaua, of Hawaii, Passes Away.

Honolulu, July 4.—The steamship Coptic arrived late last night from Hong Kong and Yokohama via Honolulu. She brings news of the death at Honolulu on June 24 of Dowager Queen Kapoitani, widow of the late King Kalakaua.

OVATIONS FOR MILES. The General Is Received with Enthusiasm in Ohio.

Mansfield, O., July 4.—General Nelson A. Miles, who arrived here yesterday as the guest of Hon. John Sherman, to whom the general is related by marriage, was the orator of the day at the celebration of the Fourth of July at Sherman-Hoeman park.

Buildings Burned. Memphis, July 4.—Fire here this evening destroyed half a block of buildings.

Jubilee a Financial Failure. Cincinnati, July 4.—Although the Golden Jubilee Association of the North American Steamship was a great success here last week from a musical standpoint, the local committee now finds a deficit of \$5,000 with the great hall still unfinished.

Signal Boy Killed. Plymouth, Eng., July 4.—A fishery marred the naval celebration of the Fourth. When a signal boy ascended to the masthead of the British cruiser Argonaut to place the stars and stripes on the hull-yard, the lad fell to the ship's deck and was killed.

WALKED OUT IN HER SLEEP. Young Woman Said to Be of Pittsburgh Created a Sensation at Atlantic City.

Atlantic City, N. J., July 3.—In a scanty garb an extremely attractive young woman, said to be Miss Belle English, of Pittsburgh, took a stroll on the boardwalk this morning.

HEADLESS BODY FOUND IN RIVER. Man's Remains Were Cut and Hacked in Terrible Manner.

The Discovery Was Made by Three Boys, Who Were Bathing in the Susquehanna River at Kingston. Investigations of the Coroner and Police Have Failed to Unearth the Slightest Clue to the Identity of the Victim—No Doubt That It Is a Case of Murder.

PACKED INTO SMALL SACK. Special to the Scranton Tribune.

Wilkes-Barre, Pa., July 4.—Three boys bathing in the Susquehanna, just below Kingston, this afternoon found the headless and hacked body of a large, powerful built man encased in an ordinary sized meal sack.

MOVE AGAINST BANANA TRUST. 165 Fruit Growers of Honduras Enter into a Combine to Fight It.

New Orleans, La., July 4.—Louis Bier, United States consular agent at Cuba, Honduras, arrived here yesterday with the power of attorney for 165 of the leading fruit growers of Honduras, and in their name signed a contract with the Bluefields company which is fighting the fruit trust.

BAD AIM OF VENGEANCE. In Attempting to Pay an Old Score Merzeirio Kills an Innocent Party.

New York, July 4.—The throat of Theodore Merzeirio was cut a year ago by Paolo Angolino during a card party. Merzeirio, though near dead, refused to tell who cut him, saying: "I will take my own vengeance."

WASHINGTON WAS SCARED. Handy with His Gun, Yet Had a Dread of Lynchers.

Harrisburg, July 4.—Harry Walker, of Hagerstown, Md., a colored waiter, was shot and probably fatally wounded today in Washington by James Washington, colored, of Steelton.

Pennsylvania State Teachers. Gettysburg, Pa., July 4.—The Pennsylvania State Teachers' association convened here today.

Races at Lancaster. Lancaster, Pa., July 4.—A three days' race meeting opened at McGowan's park today and the attendance was the largest seen at races here in years.

Elthelbert the Winner. New York, July 4.—At Sheepshead Bay track today the rich Rhoades stakes for three-year-olds was won easily by a dozen lengths by Elthelbert, with Lathurte second.

THE NEWS THIS MORNING. Weather Indications Today: SHOWERS, COOLER.

- 1 General—Alleged Cuban Plot to Found a Monarchy.
2 Work of the Peace Congress.
3 Headless Body Found in the River at Kingston.
4 Local—Convention of Letter Carriers.
5 Internal Revenue Report.
6 Editorial.
7 News and Comment.
8 Local—How the Fourth Was Celebrated.
9 Y. M. C. A. Secures a Site for a New Building.
10 Local—West Scranton and Suburban.
11 Tammany Celebrates Independence Day.
12 News Round About Scranton.
13 Local—Annual Games of the Colonians.

WHBELMEN AT PHILADELPHIA. A Largely Attended Race Meet—The Events Sanctioned by the National Cycling Association.

Philadelphia, July 4.—The feature of the largely attended bicycle race meet held under the auspices of the National Cycling Association this afternoon on the Woodlands Park track, was the one mile heat race between Owen Kimble, of Louisville, Ky.; Earl Kiser, Dayton, O.; and H. B. Freeman, Portland, Oregon, which was won by Kimble in two straight heats.

RECEPTIONS AT LONDON. Mr. and Mrs. Choate Receive Well Known Americans.

London, July 4.—Joseph H. Choate, the United States ambassador and Mrs. Choate celebrated the day with receptions in the United States embassy and at their residences.

ELECTRIC CAR COLLISION. Fourteen Persons Are Injured. Four Are in the Hospital.

Wilmington, Del., July 4.—Two heavily loaded electric cars collided today on the Wilmington and Chester railway near Bellevue, a short distance from here.

CAMP SEXTON DEDICATED. Thousands Witness the G. A. R. Ceremony at Philadelphia.

Philadelphia, July 4.—Camp James A. Sexton, which will be the tented home of 10,000 veterans of the Grand Army of the Republic next September, was formally dedicated tonight by the raising of a large American flag.

IN GAY PAREE. Celebration of the Fourth by American Citizens.

Paris, July 4.—There was a grand reception this afternoon at the United States embassy, which was beautifully decorated with flowers, tropical plants and flags.

MAJOR HARDING'S CONDITION. Special to the Scranton Tribune.

Wilkes-Barre, July 4.—The condition of Major Harding, of Pittston, who is in the hospital in this city, is unchanged. It is not thought that he can recover.

Boarding House Tragedy. New York, July 4.—Lewis DeWitt was shot and killed today by Nicholas Epaski at his boarding house in Yonkers.

Mrs. McKinley Better. Washington, July 4.—Mrs. McKinley's condition continues favorable tonight, her physician reports her as being better.

BUILDINGS AND HORSES BURNED. Destructive Fire at Pine Street Yesterday Afternoon. LOSS WILL REACH \$18,000.

Boys Shooting Fire Crackers Set Fire to Straw Inside the Barn of Jones Brothers, Between Dix and Lee Courts—The Flames Were Communicated to the Barn and Spread with Great Rapidity—Ten Horses Were Burned to Death in the Flames—Firemen Made a Gallant Battle.

A very disastrous fire, which in its earliest moments threatened to do awful damage, broke out at about 4.50 o'clock yesterday afternoon in the barn owned and occupied by Jones Bros., the ten merchants, between Dix and Lee courts in the block bounded by Pine street on the north, Washington avenue on the west, Olive street on the south and Adams avenue on the east.

The flames spread to the adjoining buildings almost immediately and before the firemen had the blaze under control there were nine other buildings, both large and small, in flames. The total damage done as far as could be estimated last night was about \$18,000. Ten horses owned by Jones Brothers were burned to death.

The Fire Discovered. The flames were first discovered at 4.50 o'clock by the young daughter of Patrolman McMullen, who lives in the neighborhood.

The Jones' barn was a two-story frame structure about 75 feet long and 40 feet wide, running between Dix and Lee courts and just behind the residences at 518 and 520 Pine street. On Dix court just behind the barn was a long two-story frame structure about 50x75 feet, owned by Hess Brothers and occupied on the second floor by E. G. Davis as a pattern and cabinet-making shop.

Behind the Jones barn on Lee court was a series of three stables owned by Hess Brothers. They were occupied by the following parties: Alex. Patterson, John Blawie and Miles Hines. Next to these were two two-story houses occupied by colored families. The one nearest the barns was occupied by John Lane and the other one by Mrs. Eleanor Lane and Mrs. Sim Emory.

Ten Horses Burned. The basement floor of the Jones barn was occupied by the horses, of whom there were twelve in the barn at the time.

The fire had enveloped the entire building when the firemen arrived and the flames were rolling out from the sides of the structure and licking the sides of the adjoining buildings. The first to catch fire was the barn in the rear of Dr. C. W. Roberts' residence, on Washington avenue, and owned by himself and brother, County Commissioner S. W. Roberts. The Hess Brothers' building took fire a few moments later, as did also the barn on Lee court.

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WEATHER FORECAST. Washington, July 4.—Forecast for Wednesday: For eastern Pennsylvania, sun, showers and not so warm; probable showers Thursday; light to fresh to southeast winds.