

# INSURGENTS STILL BUSY

## They Are Doing Much Damages in the Vicinity of Matanzas.

### THEIR SYMPATHIZERS IN HAVANA.

#### A Turn of the Tide in Favor of the Revolutionists Seems Not Improbable in the Cuban Capital—Spain's Futile Efforts to Suppress the Rebels.

HAVANA, Jan. 1.—The most conflicting reports are in circulation again regarding the movements of the insurgent forces under Generals Gomez, Maceo, Bandera and others. The Spanish officials continue to claim that the insurgents are in retreat and that the Spanish troops are pursuing them out of the province of Matanzas. But the friends of the insurgents point to the fact that even the authorities here were compelled on Monday and yesterday to admit that detachments, at least, of the insurgents are still in the vicinity of the city of Matanzas, and that they are still doing damage.

On Tuesday it was reported from Camaricoa, fifteen miles from Matanzas, that insurgents, said to number 2,000 men, were moving in that vicinity, which would indicate the determination of the insurgent commanders to capture Matanzas, although it has hitherto been the opinion that the advance command was the main aim of Gomez in pushing forward so rapidly through the province of Santa Clara and into the province of Matanzas. Even the Spanish commanders admitted this possibility for a time, and after the engagement near Coliseo they claimed that this plain of campaign had been broken up by the success of the Spanish troops and that the Cuban commanders had been turned back, and would either have to surrender or else seek refuge in the province of Santa Clara. Since then the Spanish generals have apparently been displaying considerable activity. All the reinforcements possible have been pushed to the front from this place and from any other available point.

Quintin Bandera, the third in command of the Cuban forces, at the head of a strong column of insurgents, said to number several thousand men, is said to be near Manzanillo, half way between Union de Reyes and Jaguay Grande, where the Spaniards claim Gomez is retreating or has retreated into Santa Clara. Now, if it is true that the Spaniards are pursuing Gomez through Jaguay Grande and Santa Clara, the insurgents commanded by Quintin Bandera are behind the pursuing Spanish columns, and between them and their base of supplies at Union de Reyes, not a very pleasant position for the Spanish troops to be in.

Finally, it is asserted upon good authority that Lopez, another of the important insurgent commanders, is moving in the direction of Clara, north of Sabanailla and westward of Union de Reyes.

If the railroad station at Cabezas, announced to have been burned, is that of the quite important town of Cabezas, southward and westward of the port of Matanzas, then the insurgents are away on the other side of Union de Reyes, and have passed Matanzas, going in the direction northward, of Jaguay, and southward of Guines, two important towns within a short distance of Havana.

Adherents of the insurgent cause here assert that Gomez and Maceo have simply been collecting the necessary supplies of men and ammunition, preparatory to a final movement forward upon Havana. Indeed, there are rumors here that the insurgents have been awaiting supplies of ammunition, etc., which should now be within their reach, and that it will be "on to Havana" within a few days.

There is no doubt that the authorities here, while expressing great confidence of being able to repel an insurgent attack upon Havana, are not quite so certain of being able to suppress a popular uprising should there be an outbreak here in favor of the insurgents. The wonderfully successful march of the insurgents through the island of Cuba and the utterly unsuccessful attempts made by the Spanish commanders, backed by the picked troops of Spain, to stop their progress, have won for the insurgent cause sympathizers, if not adherents, in circles and quarters hitherto entirely loyal and extremely unlikely to favor the republican administration of this island. What was impossible a month or so ago looks to be quite possible, if not probable, at present—a turn of the tide in favor of the Cubans in all but the strictly official and high conservative circles.

It is reported here today that additional reinforcement of troops have been urgently requested from Spain, that some of them have already sailed, and that the captain general is very anxious that they should arrive here in the shortest time possible, in order to take part in the defense of Havana, it being understood that every man who could be spared has been hurried to the front.

Atlanta Exposition Ended.  
ATLANTA, Jan. 1.—The last day of the exposition was clear and bright, and there was a good crowd in attendance. Last night the work of packing up the exhibits began, and today they are being prepared for shipment. Mr. Luman, chairman of the finance committee, said that the exposition, when all the debts were paid, will have cost the city of Atlanta about \$200,000, or less than 10 per cent. of the money expended on the enterprise. This includes the original subscription and the appropriation made by the city. The result is regarded as very satisfactory.

Governor Hastings Off for His Health.  
HARRISBURG, Jan. 1.—Governor Hastings left last night for Ashville, N. C., for the benefit of his health. He has been suffering from nervous prostration for several weeks, and his condition is such that if he does not take a prolonged rest it is feared there will be serious results. He is accompanied by his family physician. They will be gone three or four weeks.

Italian Murderer Captured.  
WILMINGTON, Del., Jan. 1.—The Italian arrested here for killing a man at Manauk, yesterday practically admitted the deed, and was taken to Philadelphia for trial. He had given the name of Michael Sofia, but he proved to be Pierangelo Mambredi, whom the Philadelphia authorities have been looking for.

Destitution at White Bay.  
ST. JOHN'S, N. E., Jan. 1.—Incoming steamers bring reports of much destitution at White Bay. The people are subsisting on sea birds and seals, while others are eating the seed potatoes reserved for next spring's crop. The government is urged to take measures to relieve them, or death may result in many cases.

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# A CONFLICT INEVITABLE.

## Armed Britons Have Invaded the Transvaal Territory.

### ADVANCING UPON JOHANNESBURG.

#### President Kruger Orders That a Further Advance Shall be Prevented by Force on Arms Secretary Chamberlain Orders the British Force to Retreat.

BRILIN, Jan. 1.—An alarming telegram has been received here from Pretoria, Transvaal, which states that an armed force of the British South Africa company, numbering 800 men, with six Maxim guns and other artillery pieces, is reported to have invaded the Transvaal territory. A telegram from Pretoria further states that the British force has already reached the vicinity of Kruger's army and is advancing upon Johannesburg. On learning of the news President Kruger, of Transvaal, ordered that a further advance of the invaders should be prevented by force of arms, and he issued a proclamation calling upon all burghers to defend the country. An armed conflict as a result of the appeal is inevitable.

LONDON, Jan. 1.—A dispatch to The Times from Cape Town says: "Consequent upon a letter signed by the leading inhabitants of Johannesburg, which was sent to Dr. Jameson, at Mafeking, on Saturday, Dr. Jameson on Sunday crossed the Transvaal frontier near Mafeking with 700 men. It is known that he passed Molmani at 2 o'clock on Monday morning. No further direct news has been received from Transvaal. The letter to Dr. Jameson was dated Dec. 28, and read: "Matters in this state have become so critical that we are assured that at no distant period there will be a conflict between the government and the Uitlander population. The position of thousands of Englishmen and of others is rapidly becoming intolerable. The letter then proceeds to complain that the government virtually compels Uitlanders to pay the whole revenue of the country, while denying them representation, and proceeds: "Every public act betrays the most positive hostility not only to everything English, but to the neighboring states. The internal policy of the government has incensed not only the Uitlanders, but a large number of Boers, while its external policy has exasperated the neighboring states to the extent of endangering the peace and independence and the preservation of the republic. The people here only desire fair play and the maintenance of independence and the presence of those public liberties without which life is not worth living. The government denies these things and violates the national sense of Englishmen at every turn. "We must consider what must be the condition of things in the event of an armed conflict. Thousands of unarmed men, women and children of our race will be at the mercy of the well armed Boers, while property of enormous value will be in the greatest peril. We all feel that we are justified in taking any steps to prevent the shedding of blood and to insure the protection of our rights. "It is under these circumstances that we feel constrained to invoke your aid. Should a disturbance arise here the circumstances are so extreme that we cannot but believe that you, and the men under you, will not fail to come to our rescue. We guarantee any expense you may reasonably incur in helping us, and ask you to believe that nothing but the sternest necessity has prompted this appeal."

Mr. Chamberlain, secretary of state for the colonies, indicates that no adequate justification exists for Dr. Jameson's apparent breach of the law of nations. It was known in official circles on Monday that in the course of the day Mr. Chamberlain had wired to Dr. Jameson, ordering him to return without delay to the company's territory. It is believed that the Boer forces have been mobilized under General Joubert, and that an explosion is possible at any moment. Mr. Chamberlain is believed to have addressed himself to President Kruger as clearly and as firmly as to Dr. Jameson. He called upon the Boer leader to do his utmost to prevent hostilities, and has offered Great Britain's aid to promote a peaceful settlement.

The Times, in an editorial, thinks that the letter hardly justified Dr. Jameson's startling move. "But it will be necessary," it says, "to wait for further news before judging his action. If he were satisfied that nothing but immediate and decisive intervention on his part could save a great British community from armed violence, his conduct will be approved here." The Chronicle calls Dr. Jameson's action "political recklessness." The Standard says it is "most regrettable," and The Daily News declares that "it may give a death blow to British interests." Other papers express similar views.

Suicide to Avoid a Trial. WEST CHESTER, Pa., Jan. 1.—In fear of appearing in court as a defendant in a suit of an unusual character, Lewis R. Clayton, a popular young man of Thornbury township, this county, committed suicide yesterday by shooting himself in the head. He was about 27 years of age and was popular with everybody in the neighborhood. Clayton was charged with having shot at George Sharples, of Dilworthtown, one night recently, and the case was nearing trial.

Boy Train Wreckers Sentenced. BIRMGHAM, Conn., Jan. 1.—Fred Houbert, aged 11, and Peter Graham, aged 12, the boys who put an iron wedge in the frog at North Bridgeport to "see the cars jump," were yesterday sentenced to the Connecticut School for Boys until their majority. Willie Neagle, aged 11, who was arrested for complicity, was discharged. The wedge placed in the frog nearly wrecked a milk train.

Local Option Fight in Ohio. SPRINGFIELD, O., Jan. 1.—The state anti-saloon league is making preparations for a big fight in the coming legislative session. The organization will try to secure the passage of the Haskell bill, which extends local option to villages, towns and cities. The league has thirty men, all good speakers, at work now in different parts of the state, and has raised \$40,000 for its campaign.

The Duchess in Excellent Health. ROME, Jan. 1.—Inquiries were made last night by a representative of the Associated Press as to the health of the young Duchess of Marlborough, formerly Miss Consuelo Vanderbilt, of New York, reported seriously ill with typhoid fever. It has been learned that she is in excellent health. The duke and duchess leave here tomorrow.

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