

SPANISH EXCESSES

Story of the Outrages on the Three Farrar Brothers, Americans.

THEIR HOUSE FIRED ON AND ROBBED

An Indemnity Demanded and the Matter Now in Consul General Williams' Hands — A Wounded Rebel Executed.

Havana, March 31.—Here is the story of the three brothers Farrar, all American citizens and joint owners of the coffee plantation "Estrella" in Havana province near Alquízar. It does not differ greatly from the experiences of many other owners of estates in the interior, but as those men happen to be Americans and have made sworn statements protesting against the excesses committed by Spanish troops, and demanding damages, the affair has become one of official record, and cannot be brushed away with a general denial. The papers are now in the hands of Consul General Williams, and Miguel Farrar, one of the brothers, has furnished me with a copy of his statement. It is as follows:

Fired on the Dwelling.
"On Saturday, March 31, the dwelling house of the coffee plantation 'Estrella' was the object of wanton attack by the column of Gen. Bernat, operating in that region. The said building received cannon shots of grape and canister, breaking the door, one window, several piazza columns and greatly endangering the lives of the families of my brothers, Don Tasio and Don Luis Farrar, both American citizens, the wife of the former being enciente. There were two small children in the house. From my information it appears that the troops mentioned had sustained fire with a rebel band in the Paz plantations, a quarter of a league from Estrella. The rebels having fled to Pedroso and Buena Esperanza plantations, the government troops advanced toward Estrella, in quite an opposite direction to that taken by the rebels.

Robbed of Jewelry and Clothing.
"On arriving at the borders of Estrella plantation the Spanish columns began firing cannon at the dwelling house, and it was immediately invaded by soldiers, who ransacked it, carrying off from wardrobes all jewelry and men's clothing which they contained as well as a sum of about \$80 in money. They also took away everything found in workmen's dwellings, arresting at the same time twelve of the occupants, whom they conducted to Alquízar as insurgents. It should be observed that the cannons were fired solely at the dwelling house of the owners, although there were twenty other buildings on the plantation and the place was entirely clear of insurgents.

Indemnity Demanded.
"In consideration of all the above, and particularly on account of the danger to which his relatives were exposed, and also for the unjustifiable looting on the part of the regular troops in the service of a constitutional government, the undersigned does most solemnly protest and asks an immediate indemnity for the damage suffered, which he values at \$5,000, as all work has been stopped on the plantation and everything abandoned."

Wounded Rebel Executed.
(From a Staff Correspondent.)

Havana, March 31.—Enrique Aleman was executed in the Cabanas, across the bay from this city, yesterday. He belonged to one of Maceo's bands, which was dispersed. Afterwards he joined a small band of insurgents and was captured in a fight with the troops, in which he was wounded in the arm, in both hands and in the fingers. His right hand was amputated in a hospital. There is no definite news regarding the movements of Maceo, who is in the province of Pinar del Rio. Insurgents have burned Pinar, a small town two leagues from Guanabacoa, province of Havana. They hanged the alcalde, Col. Moncada reports that his command made a reconnoitre in the Siguanea Valley and destroyed 100 houses that the insurgents were using as infirmaries and workshops. In the fighting the rebels lost eight killed, including one bearing the title of "Governor" Castro. A detachment of troops, acting in concert with a gunboat, fought an insurgent force at Rincon, near Cape Cruz. Three rebels were killed, among the number being the leader Cervino, who had just landed with an expedition from Jamaica. The warship Alfonso XII, fired by mistake upon the Spanish coasting steamer Alava of Matanzas. One blank shot and five balls were fired at her, but no damage was done.

J. FRANK CLARK.

Charged with Embezzlement.
Baltimore, March 31.—Maurice Bunnell, aged 34, a bookkeeper for J. W. Bond & Co., stationers on East Baltimore street, is under arrest, charged with embezzling \$1,500. It is stated the amount will likely reach high figures in the thousands, as the peculations have been going on for several years and the investigation of Bunnell's accounts has only begun.

Crocker's Horse Backed for the Derby.
London, March 31.—Richard Crocker's Montauk was backed yesterday to win the Derby at odds of 40 to 1. These odds were taken until the horse stood to win £15,000. Afterwards £3,000 to £100 was accepted twice, with £1,000 to £100 for place. The race will be run on Wednesday, June 3.

The Dolphin Coming Home.
Washington, March 31.—The dispatch boat Dolphin sailed from Tampico, Mexico, yesterday for Key West, enroute to Norfolk.

GOD'S AMERICAN VOLUNTEERS.

Baltimore and Mrs. Booth Meet with a Hearty Reception at Philadelphia. Philadelphia, March 31.—An audience that filled the Academy of Music to overflowing welcomed Ballington Booth and his wife last night at the first meeting held in this city of God's American volunteers. Many of the best people socially in the city were present and they expressed their sympathy with the movement in every possible way. The Booths made very little reference to the trouble with the Salvation army. Mr. Booth did say that he received but two orders from "London," both of which he had obeyed, although he had been accused of disobedience. One of these orders was to resign his command, and a second one followed almost immediately peremptorily directing him to give up the command by 10 o'clock the next day. He also stated that he had been forcibly ejected from the Salvation army headquarters. Mrs. Booth said they had letters which would fully exonerate them, but they were too busy with the work that lay in their hands to further continue the controversy. Quite a substantial sum was realized from the collection that was taken up and the Defender's league, the organization similar to the auxiliary of the Salvation army, was organized and 200 names placed on the roll at five dollars a name.

INTEREST ON B. & O. BONDS.

Announcement That It Will Be Paid on April 1 Came as a Surprise.
Baltimore, March 31.—It was officially announced at the treasury office last night that the interest on the extended 4-1-2 per cent. bonds of the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad company would be paid April 1. The payment of the interest on this issue may mean that all interest charges will be met when due. Considerable uncertainty had been felt among Baltimore & Ohio security holders as to whether or not the interest payments would be made. It was realized that default on April 1 (some of the oldest bonds of the company being included) would mean no hope of getting any returns on other bonds of the corporation and there was, therefore, a good feeling in financial circles when the announcement was made.

EVIDENCE IN A PENSION CASE.

Commissioner Lochran Takes Proceedings Against a Judge and His Clerk.
Washington, March 31.—Solicitor General Conrad yesterday made a motion in the supreme court of the United States for leave to file, on behalf of Pension Commissioner Lochran, a petition for a writ of mandamus against Hon. C. H. Benedict, judge of the district court for the eastern district of New York, and R. L. Benedict, the clerk. It is in order to obtain the evidence of Mathias Figueira, a physician in Brooklyn, who refused to give testimony before a special examiner in a pension case and for whom the judge refused to issue a subpoena.

HAMMOND AT CAPE TOWN.

The American Permitted to Leave the Transvaal Under \$100,000 Bail.
Cape Town, March 31.—John Hays Hammond, the American mining engineer who is one of the members of the Johannesburg reform committee who were arrested on the charge of sedition, arrived here last evening. He was permitted to leave the Transvaal owing to the condition of his health, but before he left his bail was increased to \$100,000.

Herbert Booth To Go to Australia.

Winnipeg, Man., March 31.—Commander Herbert Booth, the head of the Salvation Army in Canada, has arrived here after a farewell tour through the northwest. He says that he is in almost daily communication with Ballington Booth, in an effort to induce him to return to the army. He says that he is going to Australia to relieve Commandant Coombs, who had been his predecessor in Canada.

McKinley First; Reed Second Choice.

Jersey City, March 31.—The republican congressional convention last night elected two delegates to the St. Louis convention. Samuel D. Dickinson and congressman Thomas McEwan were elected. Both are warm advocates of McKinley, with Reed for second choice. The convention declared in favor of the Monroe doctrine, sound money and a high protective tariff, and against free coinage.

An Open Library on Sunday.

Rochester, N. Y., March 31.—The trustees of Reynolds library have decided, in obedience to the wishes of the patrons of the institution, to keep it open on Sunday afternoon. As a consequence, Prof. Howard Osgood, one of the trustees and a member of the faculty of the Baptist theological seminary, has resigned his position.

Flood at Ithaca.

Ithaca, N. Y., March 31.—Ithaca is experiencing the worst flood in its history. The water extends all over the lower portion of the city, and for five miles out a rushing torrent sweeps over the country. The railroad tracks south of Ithaca are washed away and only trains going north can get out of the city.

Situation at Bulawayo Serious.

London, March 31.—Lord Gifford, a director of the British South Africa company, to-day received a cable dispatch from Bulawayo, dated yesterday, saying that the position there was very serious.

For Hunting and Fishing in Maine.

Albany, March 31.—The Pharmacological club of New York city has been incorporated with the secretary of state, to secure desirable grounds in Maine for hunting and fishing.

DRIFTON ITEMS.

Our residents are considerably annoyed by tramps going around from house to house looking for old clothes and something to eat. Many of these travelers are worthy objects of charity, because they are sincere in their efforts to get work, but it is hard to distinguish between the deserving ones and the genuine bums.

Thomas Conaghan, of Freehold, was hurt in No. 1 mines yesterday by having his foot caught between a car and a prop. His ankle was squeezed severely.

John M. Lewis, ex-mine inspector, is now general inspector of mines for the Cross Creek Coal Company. He began work in that capacity yesterday.

Messrs. John Reiffnyder and John Gilshon are wearing broad smiles because their wives presented them with young cooks last week.

Luther C. Smith, at present superintendent of the D. S. & S., yesterday took charge of the Cross Creek Coal Company's business.

J. B. White and family removed to New York city yesterday. Mr. White will act as general manager of the Coxie interests there.

Patrick Carr, who was lying dangerously ill for the past few weeks, is slowly recovering and will soon be able to be around again.

Misses Annabel McGettigan and Mary O'Donnell, of Allentown, called on friends here last week.

Miss Mary Jane Kester is confined to her bed with a severe spell of sickness.

Mrs. A. Wonderlick is spending a few weeks with friends at Pottsville.

The colliers here are working eight hours per day again.

Miss Mary Smith, of Boston, is visiting friends here.

SILK THREADS.

The business of producing silk may be prosecuted with success all over the middle and southern states of this country.

Superstitious persons say that a wart cut off by tying a silk thread round it and drawing the ends tightly will never return.

The silk from cocoons containing male insects is said to be stronger and better than that from cocoons made by females.

In the early machines, electricity was generated by turning a large glass wheel which rubbed against a silken band or cloth.

The canopy of Mohammed's tomb at Mecca is made of the heaviest variety of black silk manufactured especially for this purpose.

During the reign of Justinian Thebes, Corinth and Argos were the leading European centers for the manufacture of silk.

The silken thread is spun from two orifices in the nose of the silk worm, the two threads being united by a gelatinous substance.

Among the spoils taken by Judas Maccabaeus from the Syrians, whom he defeated in battle in the year 166 B. C., was a quantity of silk.

After Napoleon was crowned emperor his imperial toes became so tender that he could wear only new silken stockings. He never wore a pair but three days, then put on another, the discarded stockings becoming the perquisite of his valet.

NOSES OF GREAT MEN.

Mozart had a very large, straight nose.

The nose of Beethoven was large, thick and ill-shaped.

Goethe had a large Roman nose, rather more bent than usual in that type.

The duke of Wellington was blessed with a Roman nose of generous proportions.

Caesar had a large Roman nose. It was, in fact, out of proportion with the rest of his face.

The first duke of Marlborough had a huge Roman nose, the nose of a military conqueror.

A portrait bust of Hannibal, which has come down to us from Roman times, represents him with a strong Roman nose.

Atilla, the Hun, had a nose much larger than was common among his people. It was, however, of the snub variety, the nostrils opening directly forward.

Alexander the Great had a straight nose. It was rather more prominent than usual, and toward the latter part of his short life became red from his dissipated habits.

A Boomerang.
The victim of the subjoined remark is doubtless still pondering as to whether or ignorance or malice prompted it. The person ticket holder happened to have a peasant seated next to him in the train. Noticing that the conductor took up no ticket from his neighbor, the peasant commented on the fact.

"Oh, I travel on my good looks," remarked the other facetiously.

"Then probably you ain't goin' far," observed the peasant.—*Fliegende Blätter.*

Prompt Action.
"John," said his wife, "on our way home from church to-night, Mr. Smith's dog came very near biting mother. As it was he frightened her seriously. I think you ought to do something about it."

"I will," responded John, promptly, "I'll see Smith the first thing in the morning, and if he doesn't want too much for the dog I'll buy him."—*Bay City Chat.*

A Losing Game.
He has lost his heart to-night to her For whose dear hand he sees, And yet when he sees her papa come He still has heart to lose.—*Detroit Tribune.*

RUTHVEN AGAIN ASSAULTED.

The ex-Priest Hit on the Head with a Rock and Shot At.

Seranton, Pa., March 31.—Ex-Priest Ruthven, whose lectures in Seranton have aroused considerable feeling between sections of the Protestants and Catholics, was again assaulted in Providence, a suburb of this city, last night. Ruthven lectured in the Providence Christian church, and as soon as he was seated in the street car opposite the church a large piece of rock was hurled through the window. The rock struck him on the back of the head, inflicting a very serious wound. He was conveyed to his boarding house, where his wound was stitched. The doctors report that he is not in danger. Two or three shots were fired, but none took effect. No one has yet been arrested.

ED PARDRIDGE OUT.

The Millionaire Wheat Pit Plunger Says He Is Through with Speculation.

Chicago, March 31.—Ed Partridge, the millionaire plunger in the wheat pit of the board of trade, and the most conspicuous figure in the speculative line since the days of "Old Hutch," bought 4,000,000 bushels of wheat yesterday and says he will now retire from the market having no further interest in it. He said he was a sick man physically and would have to give up speculating. His appearance bore out his statement as to his ill health. His buying of such an immense line of wheat was merely to cover his short sales, so that he could quit the market even. The market, in consequence, was very much agitated and the price rose from 63½ to 64½ cents a bushel, while the retiring plunger's brokers were clamoring for his four million bushels of short wheat. When they had secured all they wanted the price dropped to 63½.

UNCONSCIOUS HALF AN HOUR.

Leeds, Defeated by Everhardt, Has a Close Call for His Life.

Maspath, L. I., March 31.—Jack Everhardt defeated Horace Leeds last night at the Empire Athletic club. Leeds fell out from weakness after one minute of the fifteenth round. Leeds remained unconscious for more than thirty minutes. The utmost secrecy was observed while Leeds lay in the dressing room. The police kept everyone out. Two physicians worked over him for half an hour before he showed any signs of life. Just at 11:40 Leeds opened his eyes and moved his head. Consciousness returned slowly but surely, and at a few minutes before midnight Leeds was assisted from the club house and taken to New York. It was believed for some time by the physicians and the attendants that the defeated pugilist would never regain consciousness.

IN SESSION ALL NIGHT.

British House of Commons Discusses the Supply Measure.

London, March 31.—The house was in session all night debating the supply. Mr. Balfour declared that the European situation was unchanged, adding that a European war was no nearer and that Great Britain was no more involved in the European arrangement of treaties than she was before the Soudan expedition was decided upon. The supply was finally voted and the house adjourned.

Shipwrecked Seamen Reach Port.

New York, March 31.—Among the passengers who arrived last night on the steamer Trinidad from Bermuda were nine members of the crew of the steamer Volusia, which foundered at sea last week, all hands being rescued by the bark Linda and brought to Bermuda. On the Trinidad were also nine members of the German ship Ida, which put into Bermuda in distress, leaking.

License Vote in Massachusetts Towns.

Springfield, Mass., March 31.—The following is the license vote in yesterday's town meetings held in this vicinity: Chester, yes, 110; noes, 102. Dalton, yes, 167; noes, 274. Richmond, yes, 6; noes, 2. Sheffield, yes, 146; noes, 100. Tyringham, yes, 11; noes, 22. Ware, yes, 607; noes, 391.

NEW YORK MARKETS.

Wheat—Spot light, values firmer. March, 71½c; May, 71½c; June, 70c ¾.

Corn—Spot dull, demand is light. March, 37½c; May, 36c.

Oats—Spot demand light; old prices. March, 24½c; April, 24½c; May, 24½c.

Pork—Spot quiet, and at old prices. Extra prime nominal, short cask, \$10.50@12.00; family, \$10.50@11.00; mess, \$9.75@10.25.

Lard—Contracts lifeless; unchanged. May, \$5.40.

Butter—Demand light; prices steady, and fully up to the previous figures, on account of stock clearing. Creamery, western extras, 32c; State and Pennsylvania, seconds to best, 17@21c; creamery, western seconds, 16a20½c; state dairy, half firkin tubs, fresh, factory, 20c; state dairy, half-firkin tubs, seconds to firsts, 14a18c; western imitation creamery, seconds to firsts 12a17c; western factory, firsts to extras, 12a13½c.

Cheese—Choice to fancy grades are working out at steady prices. State, full cream, large size, September colored, choice, 10½c; September white fancy, 9½@9¾c; large common to choice, 7½@9¼c.

Eggs—Good demand; prices steady. State and Pennsylvania, 11½@11¾c; southern, 10½@11c; western, fresh, 11½@11¾c; duck, 25@27c; geese, 65@70c.

Potatoes—The offerings large and prices steady for choice stock; market weak. State Burbank, per 180 pounds, 50@75c, and state rose and Hebron, per 180 pounds, 75c@90c.

RECENT BOND SALES

Resolutions Providing for Investigation in the Senate To-day.

OPPOSED BY HILL AND PLATT

Bill Passed for a Public Building in Indianapolis To Cost \$2,000,000—Sundry Civil Appropriation Bill in the House.

Washington, March 31.—The resolution in the senate providing for the appointment of a select committee to investigate the recent issue of bonds by the government will be under consideration this afternoon, providing Senator Peffer, its author, can get the required permission. Senators Wolcott and Teller will aid Senator Peffer in having the matter brought up. When the resolution was reached yesterday Senators Hill and Platt objected to its immediate consideration, so the matter was permitted to go over until this afternoon. In the morning hour the bill to approve a compromise and settlement between the United States and the state of Arkansas, arising out of mutual claims for the principal and interest due on state bonds held by the United States and for lands claimed by the state under the swamp lands act and other acts, was taken up and passed after a debate lasting a couple of hours. No other business was transacted except the passage of some bills on the calendar that were unobjectionable—including one for a public building at Indianapolis to cost \$2,000,000.

House of Representatives.
The house to-day is still occupied in the consideration of the sundry civil appropriation bill. Only one amendment has so far been made, appropriating \$100,000 toward the completion of the public building at Newark, N. J. The house agreed to resolutions appointing Bernard R. Greene as successor to the late Gen. Casey in the construction of the new congressional library, and authorized ex-President Harrison to accept medals given to him by Brazil and Spain.

EMERGENCY RATIONS.
A Board Appointed To Fix Upon Proper Food for Soldiers in the Field.

Washington, March 31.—Despite a belief to the contrary, the war department has determined to reopen the question of obtaining an emergency ration for the army, and orders have been issued appointing a board of officers to meet in Washington immediately "to examine the reports of the boards which were convened in the several military departments to consider and recommend a proper ration for troops operating in emergencies." Major-Gen. Miles and Commissary-Gen. Stanton will appear before the board to make suggestions and give views. The board has been directed to make recommendations on the subject and to report upon the minimum amount of articles of food necessary to sustain a soldier in health and activity while in active service in the field for a limited period. The whole subject was considered some time ago by the commissary department and investigations were made and reports written by the principal subsistence officers in the eight military departments. Samples of the emergency rations used by foreign countries have been received at the war department and it is proposed to look into the matter thoroughly.

THE SNYDER INQUEST TO-DAY.
Discoveries of Various Medicines, Supposed To Be Poisonous.

Port Jervis, N. Y., March 31.—At 3 o'clock this afternoon the inquest upon the bodies of Mr. and Mrs. Snyder, alleged to have been poisoned by their daughter, Mrs. Whittaker, will take place. It is ascertained that last Thursday Policeman Harvey, who was detailed by Coroner Harding to exercise surveillance over the daughter, discovered a bottle of white pills in Mrs. Snyder's residence. The coroner has sent the pills to Dr. Witthaus for analysis. Wilton Bennett, Mrs. Whittaker's counsel, will move to set aside the will made by her mother disinheriting her, on the ground of duress. Assistant District Attorney Powell stated to a reporter that the ante-mortem statement of Mrs. Snyder, the contents of which have not as yet been made public, is not of itself sufficient to hold Mrs. Whittaker. In addition to the box of pills above mentioned a number of bottles found in the Snyder house containing medicines have been forwarded to Dr. Witthaus for analysis.

Confirmed by the Senate.
Washington, March 31.—The senate in executive session confirmed the following nominations: Clement J. Dietrich of Maryland, United States consul at Nantes, France. Postmaster: New York—Theodore Smith, Goshen; Charles E. Willis, Homer. Also numerous promotions in the army.

For Embezzlement of a Violin.
Worcester, Mass., March 31.—Anatole Le Cam de Mezillac, instructor of a local French fencing club, who was arrested on a charge of the embezzlement of a violin from Arthur De Vermares of Providence, has been taken to that city.

Maria Barber's Appeal.
Albany, March 31.—The appeal of Maria Barber, the young Italian murderess of New York city, will be argued before the court of appeals on Tuesday, April 7. The court will reconvene on April 6.

Steamer Paris Floated.
New York, March 31.—The American line, steamer Paris, which was ashore southwest of Quickstep buoy, hoisted off at high tide last night.

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