TELEGRAPHIC.

COMPETITOR TRIAL.

Filibusters at the Mercy of a Spanish Court-Martial.

STATEMENT OF THE PROSECUTOR.

The Story Told By the Prisoners—Death Sentences Asked For.

HAVANA, April 8.—[Copyright, 1896, by the Associated Press.]—The trial by court-martial of the men captured on board the American schooner Competitor, off Key West, Fla., by the Spanish gunboat Mensajera, on April 22nd, began in the court of justice at the navy yard here, shortly before eight o'clock this morning.

The court-martial was composed of Captain Emilio Ruiz, president, and Naval Lieutenants Saturnino Montojo, Antonio Martin, Pasadilla Antonio, Perez Benzan, Edaardo Arias, Salgado Diego, Camino Saplanda, Jose Sevilliano and Carlos Camino.

The prosecutor was Lieut. Miguel Suarez. Before beginning their work the members of the court assembled in the chapel of the navy yard and reverentially witnessed the celebration of mass, going thence directly to the court of justice, where many other officers had assembled. A guard of picked marine infantry soldiers then brought in the prisoners.

The first to enter the courtroom was Alfredo Laborde, who is classed as the leader of the filibustering expedition. After Laborde came Dr. Elias Bedia, a man named John Milton, said to be a native of Kansas, William Gildea, said to be a British subject, and Teodoro and Mata, described as fishermen and classed as witnesses. The prosecutor opened the proceedings by describing in detail the capture of the Competitor. He said that Lieut. Butron, in command of the gunboat Mensajera, was notified by some fishermen on April 25th last that a suspicious looking schooner, apparently a pilot boat, was off Berracos. The Mensajera was headed for that part of the coast, and when within hailing distance of the schooner called upon her to show her colors. The schooner did not do so, and the men on board of her jumped overboard and swam for the shore. Two of the latter were seen to go down, and many others may have been drowned. In addition, two more of the so-called filibusters were killed by the rifle fire of the crew of the gunboat while trying to reach the shore.

The filibusters who were already on land, continued the prosecutor, opened fire on the gunboat, but did not succeed in killing anybody. The schooner was then seized.

Lieutenant Commander Butron confirmed the statements of the prosecutor.

Continuing, Lieutenant Butron said he found on board the captured schooner a number of documents, inscribed and classified; orders from Colonel Museon, an insurgent officer; recommendations from Estrada, the insurgent chief, to Callazo, another insurgent leader; proclamations signed by Laborde, lists of the members of the expedition and of the war material on board, and a permit for the Competitor to be used as a "filibuster." Lieutenant Butron also said that the war material captured consisted of sixty Remington rifles, forty carbines, 200 pounds of dynamite and 60,000 cartridges.

Alfredo Laborde was the first of the prisoners to be examined.

Laborde testified that he was 29 years old and that he came from New Orleans. He said he left Key West with twenty-four passengers, who, at Cape Sable, obliged him to put in toward the shore and forced him to take on board arms, ammunition and explosives, saying that they would transfer this material to a steamer which would meet them at sea.

Col. Museon, Laborde added, landed on the coast of Cuba eventually, and he (Laborde) remained on board the Competitor. He did not fire on the Spanish gunboat, although the men on shore did so. When the prisoner was questioned regarding an insurgent flag found on the schooner, he said it belonged to one of his passengers, a man named Quesada, who was among the drowned.

Dr. Elias Bedia said he was 27 years of age and a medical student. Bedia declared he had repeatedly refused to take part in any expedition to Cuba, and that he merely went on board the schooner Competitor to say good-bye to some friends. But when the schooner left, these friends refused to allow him to go ashore. When they landed on the coast of Cuba, he remained on board the Competitor. He said they did not hoist the national flag.

Teodoro Mata declared he went on board the Competitor in order to see the expedition leave, and that the men on board obliged him to go along. He asserted that not one of the five prisoners in court fired a shot at the gunboat. Continuing, Mata said that at Key West he was considered a spy for the Spanish government, and he further claimed that he had fought with the Spaniards against the insurgents and was known to Gen. Prats.

William Gildea testified that he was, like Mata, compelled by the others on board to accompany the expedition, although he had only gone to see them start.

John Milton declared he also had been compelled against his will to accompany the expedition, which he had gone to see start.

The prosecutor classed all the prisoners as traitors and as assisting in the insurrection. The schooner was classed as a pirate worth about $4,000, and having on board an insurgent flag valued at 1 cent. He denied that Mata could be considered a friend of Spain, as he was treated on board the schooner in the same manner as the other members of the expedition.

As to Laborde, the prosecutor pointed out that he was the man who had signed the proclamation found on board the schooner when he was captured.

The pilot of the Mensajera and the crew of that gunboat declared that at the time the schooner was captured she was not showing any flag.

In his defense Laborde firmly declared he had not written or received the letters and other papers found on board, and that he had not signed the proclamation captured on the schooner. The prosecutor then read the penal record of Laborde, showing him to have been a forger, thief and kidnapper, and produced letters written by him on board the Competitor to persons at Key West, advising them of the arrival of the expedition in Cuba.

Lieut. Butron, recalled, said he could not affirm that the prisoners captured on board the Competitor fired on the gunboat, and the pilot on the Mensajera, also recalled, declared the prisoners had not fired on the war vessel, and asserted that no cartridges had been found in their pockets.

The prosecutor thereupon read the formal act of accusation declaring the prisoners to be filibusters captured in a state of rebellion against the Spanish government and classified the Competitor as being a Key West filibuster found landing arms and ammunition on the coast of Cuba.

Therefore, in the name of the king of Spain, the prosecutor asked that the death sentence be imposed on all the prisoners.

Lieut. Pardo, for the defense, said he did not consider the prisoners should be treated as being all equally guilty. For instance, he said, it seemed clear that Laborde and Bedia were more guilty than Milton and Gildea, and that Milton was only guilty of excessive zeal in trying to obtain information.

The court-martial adjourned for the day shortly after 12 o'clock, without having arrived at a judgment on the cases.

THE CASE WATCHED IN WASHINGTON.

WASHINGTON, May 8.—The proceedings of the Spanish court-martial in the case of men captured on the schooner Competitor are being jealously followed here, and there is ground for the fear that unless the matter is handled with great discretion, it may result in straining the present friendly and amicable relations between the United States and Spain. Strong representations have been made to the state department on the subject, and the department certainly will not fail to intervene if it should appear that at least all the Americans among the captives under trial are not treated with all the privileges accorded by the rules of civilized warfare. An insistence on this point would oblige the department to refuse to sanction the execution of the Americans. And although it is not believed yet, there is a disposition to carry the case to extremes, there is some danger that the Spanish may feel disposed to go further than prudence permits in the effort to discourage American filibustering parties by harsh treatment of those, the first to fall into their hands.

DUBOIS AND FREE SILVER.

A Political Story that Causes Excitement at Boise, Ida.

DENVER, May 8.—A special to the Republican from Boise, Ida., says: The Evening Mail prints a political story tonight that has set political Boise on end. It is to the effect that Senator Dubois has written a letter to Hon. F. A. Fenn of Boise, one of the leading Republicans of the state, in which he states he will not support a Republican Presidential nominee unless he is a free-silver man. The Mail prints the following extract from the letter:

"In the event the St. Louis convention adopts a golding or straddle platform, or nominates a golding or straddle candidate, I shall bolt the convention."

It also gives the following as the substance of another statement in the letter: "I believe that I have sufficient personal following in Idaho, added to the following which I will get from the other parties on the silver movement, to defeat the Republican party in Idaho."

Dubois's friends here are much excited over the declaration. Straight-up Republicans who are expected to go to the Pocatello convention on the 19th inst. say under such a declaration they will bolt the convention there if Dubois's friends succeed in securing the adoption of resolutions indorsing the action of the senator in the Senate. The bolters will elect a set of delegates and send them to St. Louis as a straight Republican delegation for McKinley.

Ada county convention, to be held here tomorrow, will instruct for McKinley.

AIMING AT SALT LAKE CITY.

Rumor of Railroad Extension from the Pacific Coast.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., May 8.—Last evening an important conference was held by Receiver Smith of the Atlantic & Pacific railway and President Woodbury, Mr. Hiebert and Mr. Terry of the California Eastern railway, as the former Nevada Southern is now called. It is a rumor, and apparently a well based one, among railroad men, that Mr. Smith is about to form a combination with the men named in the interest of the Atlantic & Pacific bondholders to aid them in extending their line to Salt Lake City. It is known that he has agreed to give rails enough to extend the line at once fifty miles to Good Springs. This will make the little road one of the most profitable in the country, as it will have all the freight that it can possibly handle. If Mr. Smith can get an outlet to Salt Lake which he can control, it will make the Atlantic & Pacific a big factor in the railway world. Heretofore this road has not commenced or ended anywhere and was nothing more than a link in the Santa Fe system.

THE CUBAN WAR.

An Attack on General Maceo's Position.

HAVANA, May 8.—The campaign in Pinar del Rio has taken an active turn. Gen. Ochando, Capt. Gen. Weyler's chief of staff, gave orders that Gen. Altamira should be sent in pursuit of Antonio Maceo. Complying with these instructions, Gen. Altamira came up with Maceo at the farm of Candelaria at 3 o'clock in the afternoon. The insurgents made a firm stand, and sustained the fire of the troops five hours. Apparently they had no intention of retreating then, but reinforcements under Col. Valcarcel joined Gen. Altamira and the insurgents then began to give back, still stubbornly resisting, however. The march was toward Guayacanan, in a series of skirmishes, from position to position. The insurgents in their flight received the cannon and musketry fire of the troops.

The official report says the troops had seven killed and Capt. Manuel Cerrera and Lieut. Marina, Lieut. Cecilio Gomez and twenty-two soldiers wounded.

VENEZUELA BOUNDARY.

Prof. Burr to Examine Some Dutch Original Documents.

WASHINGTON, May 8.—Prof. George Burr, holding the chair of history at Cornell university, who has been working in Washington under the direction of the Venezuelan boundary committee for the past two months as special historical expert, sails tomorrow from New York for Holland for the purpose of making an examination of the Dutch records bearing upon the boundary controversy. The special reason why the commission desires to have these archives examined is that reference is made to them in a general way in the British Blue book and by historians, without specifically designating the particular documents upon which the statements of the Blue book and of the historians rest. It is therefore deemed important to see the original documents.

With respect to the Spanish archives, no definite action as yet has been taken, as they stand on a somewhat different basis. The Blue book gives extracts from them specifying the volumes from which they are taken. The Venezuelan government is also having prepared translations of a large number of certified copies of documents from these archives, and not until these documents have been presented to the commission and it has had an opportunity to examine them will it be possible to say what course the commission will pursue.

The Bermuda.

PHILADELPHIA, May 8.—Word was received in this city today that the steamer Bermuda, over which there has been considerable anxiety because of the report that she had been chased by a Spanish man-of-war, had reached Truxillo and cleared for Puerto Cortez. Nothing is said as to the landing of any arms and ammunition in Cuba.

Holmes's Will.

NEW YORK, May 9.—Attorney George B. Chamberlain of Chicago, who claims to have first exposed the late H. H. Holmes (and drove him from that city), is at the Astor house. He says Holmes's dying confession will be received by Chief Casement of the Chicago police next week. In this he is supposed to dispose of $500,000, which he made in swindling operations.

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SALT LAKE CITY, May 9, 1896.

Yesterday's Temperature—Minimum 47 Maximum 52.

Tomorrow we look for the temperature to be stationary.

TOMORROW—CARNATIONS all colors, 2,000 to be sold from 1:30 to 2:30 p. m., 2,000 to be sold after 7 p. m., all at 20c per dozen.

SATURDAY—CARNATIONS all colors, 2,000 to be sold from 1:30 to 2:30 p. m., 2,000 to be sold after 7 p. m., all at 20c per dozen.

Clothing.

Saturday is a good day to fix yourself out with a new suit. A gentleman bought one of our tailor made suits last Saturday and paid us $15.00 for it. He came back Monday to thank us and compliment us on the quality and fit of our clothing, stating that he had never bought a ready-made suit before. He declared that the suit he bought was equal to any he had paid his tailor $40 for.

We have this same make of suits in 100 different styles, all in the latest fabrics, cheviots, tweeds, cassimeres, serges, clay worsteds and Thibet cloths. The $12.50, $13.50, $15.00 and $16.50 suits will all be on sale Saturday, tomorrow, May 9th, at $10.75

SATURDAY NIGHT WE OFFER SPECIAL INDUCEMENTS IN LADIES' MEN'S AND CHILDREN'S SHOES. ALSO IN OUR NOTION & FURNISHING GOODS DEPARTMENTS. GLOVES AND HOSIERY.

Don't Make Any Mistake. You Never Had Such a Chance Before $10.75. What a Snap.

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We have notified every wholesale dealer in the United States that we will supply them with soap to give you FREE. Order a good supply of GENUINE DURHAM at once, and insist on getting your soap. One bar of Soap FREE with each pound you buy. Soap is offered for a limited time, so order to-day. Yours very truly,

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Another Hat Happening.

Not forcing the season, but the demand compelled us to fill up with Men's and Boys'

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Extra shelving and room fitted up for our IMMENSE DISPLAY. Big stock of stiff and cassimere Hats from the East in

Easter and Eastern Styles.

Good grades and better. Prices lower than were ever before shown. Try us and be convinced.

100 acres of land at Saltair, south of R. R. track for sale in thirty acre lots or quantities to suit at $12 per acre.

Office at New Paris Home Laundry. Telephone No. 515. Your laundry can be delivered or called for by leaving your address at office of S. P. Teasdel Co.

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Extraordinary Mark Down Sale

Of High Grade Black and Colored Dress Goods

Comprising high class novelties in crepons, wool brocades, silk and wool mixtures and tailor checks at one-half regular value.

Special sale of our $1.50 and $2.00 black silk and wool etamine suitings and crepons at the uniform price of ....$1.50 yd

Our $1.50 and $1.75 fancy dress goods, 46 inches wide, novelty styles, just in, at........98c yd

40 dress patterns of fine imported materials in checks and silk mixtures, worth $6.50 and $7.50 each, your choice for........$4.15 each

We have always made a specialty of storm serges, mohairs and Sicilians. We offer values never before equaled:

44-46 storm serges in black and colors, worth 85c yd for........59c yd

44 inch black mohair, our 90c quality for........59c yd

36 inch black figured mohairs, choice designs, worth 65c for........35c yd

Specials in Silks.

Magnificent black brocadd silk, all the richest, newest and most elaborate designs, have been selling for $2.00 and $2.50 yd, special for $1.25 & $1.50 yd

100 yards black brocaded India taffeta silk, full 24 inch wide, in large and medium designs. These goods are guaranteed not to crock, crash or slip in seams and are generally sold at $1.25, sale price only........74c yd

Our New York Buyer Caught a Skirt Manufacturer Short of Funds

And bought his entire stock at a heavy discount. We shall sell the entire line in

SEVEN LOTS.

LOT 1—Black sateen underskirt, one ruffle, value 60c for........39c

LOT 2—Black sateen underskirt, 2 ruffles, value 85c only........59c

LOT 3—Black sateen underskirt cord trimmed ruffle, value $1.50 only........97c

LOT 4—Black sateen underskirt, umbrella style, cord trimmed ruffle, value $1.65 only........$1.00

LOT 5—Fine black sateen underskirt, deep ruffle, cord trimmed, value $2.25 only........$1.50

LOT 6—Very fine French sateen underskirt, best fast black, only $1.90

LOT 7—The latest "Chameleon Moire," looks like silk, in assorted colors, umbrella style, value $2.50 for only........$1.90

Great Special Sale of Silk Waists.

We offer this week a fine line of wash silk waists, assorted colors, for........$1.40

See this great bargain.

BLACK CHINA SILK WAIST—Elegant quality crushed collar, perfect fitting, value $5.00, special for $3.40

BEAUTIFUL DRESDEN SILK WAISTS, in assorted shades, elegant fitting, value $6.00, special at........4.40

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Twenty words or 1 lines, inserted under this heading, once for 10c, twice for 15c, one week for 50c, one month for $1.00 per line. No ad. taken for less than 10c. Words of more than 5 lines same proportionate rate. Advertise and get results.

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GOOD MILK HAND ON DAIRY FARM. Address P. O. Box [illegible].

ONE OR TWO EXPERIENCED SOLICITORS. Extensive proposition. Address J., this office.

EVERYBODY TO USE FROCKET BROOM [illegible]

GEO. NELSON, BOOT AND SHOE REPAIRER. [illegible]

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GENTS' SUITS CLEANED, PRESSED. [illegible]

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WANTED—EVERYBODY TO ORDER ice cream of [illegible]

J. R. WALKLEY, PAINTING, PAPER hanging, [illegible]

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500 FACES IN CRAYON AT [illegible]

GENTS' CLOTHING CLEANED, PRESSED [illegible]

FIRST CLASS BLACKSMITHING, [illegible]

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AT ONCE, $100 WORTH GENTS' CAST-off clothing. [illegible]

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J. W. CHRISTENSEN & CO., WHOLESALE Produce. [illegible]

TYPEWRITERS BOUGHT, SOLD, EXchanged, cleaned and repaired. [illegible]

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ORCHARD, CHOICEST CLOSE IN [illegible]

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THE LARGEST AND CHEAPEST SEED house in [illegible]

SEEDS, SEEDS, FOR FLOWER OR VEGETABLE garden. [illegible]

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P. J. MORAN—STEAM AND HOT WATER heating and ventilating apparatus. [illegible]

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ALL KINDS OF STOVE REPAIRS AT [illegible]

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ONE LARGE ROOM ON BRIGHAM [illegible]

MASQUERADE COSTUMES CAN BE had of Mrs. M. E. Mullard, [illegible]

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