

## GERMANS SHELL PUERTO CABELLO

### People at a Loss to Understand Cause of Firing.

### COMMORE WAS POLITE.

**Sends a Letter Telling Why He Took  
The Action He Did—Wanted to  
Show His Authority.**

Puerto Cabello, Jan. 15.—The German cruiser "Vesta" at sunset last night fired a shell at La Vigia, the fort crowning the hills behind this port. The shell, which was fired because men were believed to be in the fort, exploded without causing damage.

The people of Puerto Cabello were at a loss to understand the action of the German cruiser. Early this morning, however, Commodore Scherer sent the following communication to the Venezuelan authorities through William K. Volkmar, acting American consul here.

"Referring to my letter of the ninth instant, I have to inform you that I fired a shell yesterday at Fort La Vigia because, against my explicit prohibition, the presence has been observed there of unauthorized persons. Judging from reports these persons were soldiers."

The statement of the German commodore that there were unauthorized persons in the fort is denied by the authorities here.

**English Coal Merchants Indifferent.**

New York, Jan. 15.—The coal merchants of London have received with indifference the news that Congress has passed a bill for a tariff on coal. It is not expected that there will be a consequence in the increased demand from the English colonies, but at the moment shipments to the United States ports are proceeding with the same regularity as has been witnessed since the truce in the coal strike. For the last week, according to a rough estimate provided by a large coal contractor, from 120,000 to 140,000 tons have been shipped each week to America from Great Britain.

**LA BELLE MUST DIE.**

**Supreme Court Was Equally Divided  
On His Appeal.**

Ottawa, Ont., Jan. 15.—At a special sitting of the supreme court yesterday an application was made for leave to appeal the case of La Belle, sentenced to be executed in the Yukon for murder to the court there. The court was equally divided, three in favor of a postponement to get the record here, and three opposed to any appeal.

La Belle is under sentence to be hanged on Tuesday and there will not be time to file the record here, and La Belle must die.

**BRIGANDAGE NOT REBELLION**

**That is the Great Trouble in Kwangsi Province.**

New York, Jan. 15.—In reference to reports of serious rebellion on the Kwangsi province a dispatch to the Times from Shanghai, by way of London, says that the native press states that the province governor Wang Chi Ching, supposedly permits an increase of brigandage, magnifying the operations of the local banditti into a serious rebellion with the deliberate purpose of afterward involving the assistance of the French troops.

Stress is laid upon the governor's former record in the Nanyang province and elsewhere, and his notorious capacity for venality. His recent decree by the French government does not escape comment.

The dispatch also announces that in response to the memorial presented to the throne by Viceroy Yuan Shih Kih, Shing is permitted to retain control of the government telegraph system to allow of his winding up the financial year.

**Oldest Person in Texas Dead.**

Paris, Tex., Jan. 15.—Zilpha Dockery, a colored woman, said to have been the oldest person in Texas, is dead at Hattiesville, this county, aged 106 years.

**May Not Use Kipling's Poems.**

San Francisco, Jan. 15.—Rudyard Kipling has declined to permit the Ladies Relief society of Oakland to use his poems containing excerpts from his works. The society, which has been asked for the financial benefit of the Old Ladies Home at Alhambra, has declined to use the poems as well as the professors of the University of California who have revised the chosen quotations, are much annoyed at Mr. Kipling's curt refusal to permit the consumption of his charitable work.

**Belgian Volunteer Army Bill.**

New York, Jan. 15.—The application of the volunteering clauses of the new army reform bill has not yielded the results anticipated by the government, says a dispatch to the Times from Brussels via London.

The number of volunteer applicants who would receive a franc daily, like the regulars has been far below the estimate and more than half of those applicants were disqualified on physical grounds. The reason for the failure, the dispatch adds, is the inadequate pay.

**To Make Plants Flower in Winter.**

New York, Jan. 15.—An account of the fertilization of plants, a new process by which plants naturally flowering in the spring are made to produce blossoms during the previous autumn, is called by the London correspondent of the Times.

The process is simple. The plants are stored in a small incandescent tank. This tank is placed in a small room, and the tank has been securely fastened, the other is allowed to evaporate for a period of 48 hours. During this time the plants shed their leaves and may be described as being in a state of intoxication.

After this period the plants are exposed to the air for another period of 48 hours. This in turn is followed by which the plants are taken to an ordinary forcing house and within three or four weeks begin to flower freely.

**A STRANGE MANIA.**

Mississippi Man Sends Money Orders to President and Others.

Albany, N. Y., Jan. 15.—A man who calls himself Sam Sanders and is reported to reside in Lexington, Miss., has been flooding the local postoffice with money orders for five cents and upward, made payable to President Roosevelt, Senator Platt, Senator Dewey, Senator Murphy, ex-Gov. Hill, and others. The money orders, the late President McKinley, and the late

## FOR WOMEN

### Much That Every Woman Desires to Know About Sanative Antiseptic Cleansing And About Curing Ulcerative Pains and Weaknesses.

Too much stress cannot be placed on the great value of Cuticura Soap, Ointment and Pills in the antiseptic cleansing of the mucous surfaces and of the blood and circulating fluids, thus affording pure, sweet and economical local and constitutional treatment for weakening discharges, ulcerations, inflammations, itching, irritations, relaxations, displacements, pains and irregularities peculiar to females. Hence the Cuticura remedies have a wonderful influence in restoring health, strength and beauty to weary women, who have been prematurely aged and invigorated by these distressing ailments, as well as such sympathetic afflictions as anemia, chlorosis, hysteria, nervousness and debility.

Women from the very first have fully appreciated the purity and sweetness of the power to afford immediate relief, the certainty of speedy and permanent cure, the absolute safety and great economy which have made the Cuticura Soap, Ointment and Pills the standard skin cures and humor remedies of the civilized world.

Millions of the world's best people use Cuticura Soap, assisted by Cuticura Ointment, for preserving purifying and beautifying the skin, for cleansing the scalp of crusts, scales and dandruff, and the stopping of falling hair, for softening, whitening and soothing the rough and sore hands, for the form of baths for itching irritations, inflammations and ulcerative weaknesses, and for many sanative antiseptic purposes which readily suggest themselves, as well as for all the purposes of the toilet, bath and nursery.

Speaker Thomas B. Reed. The amount of each order was five cents with the exception of one sent to David B. Hill for one dollar, intended as a retainer in a legal case and received by Mr. Hill yesterday. Mr. Hill and the other recipients ignored the order.

The postoffice officials have been annoyed by this man for the past two or three years, and several years ago Postmaster-General Anslinger notified the postmaster at Lexington, Miss., to stop issuing money orders for such small amounts to Sanders. This had desired effect until a few days ago when a money order sent by Sanders and issued to David B. Hill was received in this city from Pickens, Miss.

It is believed that Sanders must have had some trouble with the authorities at the above named postoffice in Mississippi, for he journeyed to Ebeaux, Miss., about 40 miles distant from the other places mentioned, to send the latest orders.

**Louisville Packing Plant Sold.**

Louisville, Ky., Jan. 15.—The Herald today says: The plants of the Louisville Packing company has been sold to a syndicate of capitalists for about \$200,000. The title to the property is now being examined and the transfer is expected to take place in a few days. The purchasers of the plant are Capt. S. S. Brown and Col. J. P. Brainerd of Pittsburgh, Henry Raul of Indianapolis, and a number of local capitalists.

The plant will be operated in connection with large stockyards.

**Water for Pueblo Steel Works.**

Pueblo, Colo., Jan. 15.—In view of last year's drought, the Colorado Fuel and Iron company has been securing water for the Pueblo steel works. Practically all the water rights along St. Charles creek were bought up and three great reservoirs built and for some time engineers have been laying out a big ditch and pipe line from Fremont county to the steel works, and today the purchase of water rights covering 5,000 acres of land was completed.

**The Acre Expedition.**

New York, Jan. 15.—The first battalion of the Acre expedition will start tomorrow, says a Herald dispatch from La Paz, Bolivia. The expedition, under the minister of war, will leave on Monday. President Frando with the third will start next Thursday.

**NATIONAL BOARD OF TRADE.**

**Urges Ratification of Cuban Reciprocity Treaty.**

Washington, Jan. 15.—The thirty-third annual convention of the National board of trade came to an end today with the adoption of the Cuban reciprocity treaty as the most important topic introduced today. It was brought to the attention of the board by the report of the committee, which submitted the following resolutions:

"Resolved, That the National board of trade urges legislation on the part of the national Congress regarding reciprocal trade relations along the lines laid down by the late President McKinley in his last address at Buffalo and President Roosevelt in his recent message to Congress, including the ratification of the treaty with France and the other treaties negotiated under the administration of President McKinley, now pending in the senate; and further urges the negotiation of treaties on the same line with Germany and other countries."

"Resolved, That the National board of trade respectfully urges that the Hay-Bond treaty of reciprocity with Newfoundland be ratified by the senate of the United States."

"Resolved, That as a step in this direction the National board of trade respectfully urges that the United States should authorize the president to remove duties upon certain coal, and in return for a similar action by the Dominion of Canada with regard to coal from the United States."

The report was adopted unanimously.

**Electing Senators by Direct Vote.**

Springfield, Ill., Jan. 15.—By a stately party vote the senate today referred to the judiciary committee the house resolution instructing and pledging the United States senator to favor a measure providing for the election of United States senators by a direct vote of the people.

**Otero Doubts About Omnibus Bill.**

Santa Fe, N. M., Jan. 15.—Gov. Otero, who has just returned from Washington with his family, is doubtful as to the omnibus bill becoming a law. He opposes the proposition to unite Arizona and New Mexico into one state but favors the passage of the omnibus bill, which he says has the majority of votes in the senate if it can only be brought to a vote.

**Brakeman H. F. Weick Dead.**

Laramie, Wyo., Jan. 15.—H. F. Weick, the brakeman who was hurt in the Union Pacific wreck near here Sunday night, is dead from the effects of his injuries. Weick was 50 years of age. He was from Fall City, Neb.

**Serious Coasting Accident.**

Scranton, Jan. 15.—Eight young persons coasting on a long sled on the Mulberry street hill last night were hurled against a telegraph pole by the sled's striking a smaller sled. All were seriously injured and three of them will probably die.

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## CHAMPIONS WHO MET REVERSES.

Also Something of Some of Those  
Who Have Been Knocked Out.

JEFF AND O'BRIEN ESCAPED

Some Interesting Facts Brought Out  
Since Champion Lost to Jack  
Munroe at Butte.

What is the matter with those fellows up in Butte? They have not sent out a statement concerning Jack Munroe for about three days. Since he managed to stay four rounds with Jeffries, the wires from Butte have been kept hot with all kinds of stories concerning the fight. He was advertised everywhere as the man who knocked Jeffries down and had him nearly out. The big fellow has kept quiet about the affair until the eve of his departure with Fitzsimmons and Billy Armstrong for Denver. They left last night. Jeffries has made a statement in which he declares that he went up against a "brave game" in Butte, and denounces Munroe as an easy mark for any fairly good middleweight in the ring. The fact that Munroe is getting more advertising just now than is the champion and all because he managed by hugging, running away and going down in less than two minutes. The Butte affair has had the effect of calling to mind instances of champions meeting reversals in bouts after a guarantee had been offered to their opponents to give a limited number of rounds. They are as follows:

1832—Tug Wilson stayed four rounds with John L. Sullivan in New York and won \$1,000 thereby.

1881—Patsy Cardif bested Sullivan in six rounds at Minneapolis, but it was found Sullivan had broken his arm in the contest.

1890—Fitzsimmons lost to Hall in four rounds in Australia. Fitz was champion at the time and always claimed the bout was a fake.

1890—Peter Jackson, heavyweight champion of Australia, lost \$100 by Gus Lambert staying four rounds with him in New York.

1890—Bobby Burns stayed four rounds with George Dixon at Providence.

1891—Billy Ross stayed four rounds with George Dixon in Philadelphia.

1894—George Dixon was knocked out for the only time in his career by the Kentucky Rosebud in the second round of a three-round sparring exhibition at Philadelphia.

1898—Jim Corbett caught a tarrier in the shape of Tom Sharkey. The sailor lasted four rounds with him in San Francisco.

1901—Terry McGovern was put away by Joe Tippman in a stage bout at Baltimore.

1902—James J. Jeffries lost decision to Jack Munroe at Butte, Mont.

It might be interesting to note at this time a few of the champions who have experienced the knockout blow. Champion Jeffries and Jack O'Brien, known as Philadelphia Jack O'Brien, have escaped that unpleasantness so far, although the latter was forced to give up some years ago to Young Peter Jackson in a fight on the coast. The list of noted boxers who have made the trip to dreamland with the assistance of a hard punch is as follows:

Jim Corbett—By Jim Jeffries at Coney Island, April 11, 1900, in 23 rounds. By Bob Fitzsimmons, at Carson City, March 17, 1897, in 14 rounds.

Bob Fitzsimmons—By Jim Jeffries, at Coney Island, June 9, 1899, in 11 rounds. At San Francisco, 15 rounds.

Tom Sharkey—By Gus Ruhlin, at Coney Island, June 26, 1900, in 15 rounds. By Bob Fitzsimmons, at Coney Island, Aug. 24, 1900, in 2 rounds. By Gus Ruhlin, in London, Eng., June 25, 1902, in 11 rounds.

John L. Sullivan—By Jim Corbett, at New Orleans, Sept. 7, 1892, in 21 rounds. Kid McCoy—By Tom Sharkey, at New York, Jan. 19, 1889. By Jack McCormack, at Chicago, Aug. 15, 1899, in 1 round. By Jim Corbett, at New York, Aug. 30, 1900, in 5 rounds.

Tommy Ryan—By Kid McCoy, at Syracuse, N. Y., 1896, in 15 rounds.

Joe Walcott—By Kid Corbett, at San Francisco, Oct. 15, 1901, in 7 rounds.

Joe Gans—By George McFadden, in New York City, April 14, 1899.

Terry McGovern—By Young Corbett, at Hartford, Conn., Nov. 28, 1901, in 2 rounds.

Young Corbett—By Kid Broad, at Denver, March 22, 1902, in 4 rounds.

Harry Forbes—By Terry McGovern, at Brooklyn, Oct. 1, 1888, in 15 rounds. By Terry McGovern, at New York City, Dec. 22, 1899, by Oscar Garhier, at Chicago, in 1 round.

**CLARENCE FORBES WHIPPED.**

Took His Brother Harry's Place  
Against Frank Neils.

San Francisco, Jan. 15.—Clarence Forbes was knocked out in the seventh round tonight by Frank C. Neils. Neils was to have fought Harry Forbes, but the latter was declared not to be in a proper physical condition and his brother was substituted.

**YOUNG FIGHTER DYING.**

McConnell Receives Probable Fatal  
Blow from Spider Welch.

San Francisco, Cal., Jan. 15.—Frank McConnell, a local pugilist, lies in a dying condition at the receiving hospital as a result of injuries received in a fight with Spider Welch at Macdonough's pavilion tonight. It was a fierce battle and in the fourteenth round McConnell was all but out, when Welch landed himself a knockout blow. He dealt the already beaten man a heavy blow on the chin and McConnell went down like a log, his head striking the floor with much force. The usual efforts were made to restore him without avail, and the police, noting the dangerous condition of the unconscious fighter, placed Welch and his seconds under arrest. McConnell was taken to

the hospital, where the surgeons said he was suffering from concussion of the brain and probable fracture of the skull. His condition is precarious. McConnell is about 35 years old and a resident of this city. He graduated from the amateur ranks of pugilism a year ago. Welch is also a local product.

What was to have been the main event of the evening did not take place. Harry Forbes of Chicago and Frankie Neils of San Francisco were scheduled for 20 rounds for the bantam-weight championship. The fight was scheduled for 20 rounds for the bantam-weight championship. The fight was scheduled for 20 rounds for the bantam-weight championship. The fight was scheduled for 20 rounds for the bantam-weight championship.

It was decided to substitute Clarence Forbes, Harry's brother, and Neils consented to a change. They fought a fierce, stubborn battle for six rounds, with many indications pointing to Forbes as the winner. In the middle of the seventh, however, Forbes left and Neils gave Neils a peculiar opportunity to land a knockout blow.

**STIFF KNOCKED OUT.**

Tommy Ryan Turns the Trick Again  
At Kansas City.