

# TELEGRAPHIC. CUBANS ADVANCING.

A Victory Claimed for the Insurgents  
Near Cardenas.

## VALOROUS NEWSPAPER MEN.

General Campos Unable to Check the Progress of the Rebel Army—  
The Country in Ruins.

HAVANA, Dec. 25.—(Cronaca, 100, by the Associated Press)—Fusilero corps reached here today from Matanzas of the rapid advance of the insurgent army, numbering about 12,000 men, on Havana, after having run through the provinces of Sancti Spiritus and into the province of Matanzas, in spite of the efforts of Captain General Martinez de Campos and about 8,000 troops at his disposal.

The reported important battle yesterday between the Spanish and Cuban and the insurgents at Cotoce plantation, twelve miles from Cardenas, did not appear to have been a severe engagement. The Spanish forces do not appear to have suffered the loss of one body. The American consul, who was present, however, was soon quoted as to the authenticity of the report, as follows: "It is known to us that the arrival of the insurgents and Christians resulted in the massacre of the Spaniards at Matanzas on December 17th."

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CONVENTIONAL. Dec. 25.—(Via telegraph, London, 1 Dec. 23)—A wire from the Times says: "From London report that a severe night battle place between the Turks and Dervishes took place on December 23rd, and the Dervishes 1,000 killed, while only seventy Turks were killed and 800 wounded."

Representatives of the powers yesterday entered a protest before the committee which controls the execution of the reforms, and Mr. Philip Kerr, the British ambassador, delivered the final result of the trial of M. Sadiq, who is accused of aiding the Moslems in their disturbances.

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ANTHRONIUM, Dec. 25.—(Via telegraph, London, 1 Dec. 23)—The Turkish Legation issued to the Sublime Porte the following telegram yesterday:

"An Armenian priest belonging to the revolutionary committee, was shot dead by the Christians. His white sash, representing the cause of the northern各省 of Armenia, was found on him."

**RUSIA TO THE RESCUE.**

We expect to lead Italy to the United States.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 25.—Great interest was excited in official circles here today by the publication to the Washington Post, under a New York date, of a statement to the effect that the government had decided to lend the United States navy to Russia to help defend the Black Sea against the Turks. It was also stated that the British government had agreed to loan its fleet to Russia.

At times both the Spanish and the insurgents were surrounded by walls of flame, and the smoke was so dense over certain portions of the ground suggested that the Cubans and the troops were unable to move, but kept holding away at open spaces, wasting great amounts of time.

Thus far this indecisive fight has been more noted upon the part of the troops than on the side of the insurgents, but the latter have shown themselves to be men of mettle.

At 10 o'clock this morning the rebels, following their inactivity, seemed to melt away into the woods as the troops got within fighting distance of them, and nearly all the firing was very long range, although the rebels were in very close proximity to the Spanish fortifications.

This style of fighting is termed a retreat of the insurgents, but as they succeeded in accomplishing their intent, holding the Spaniards in check, and fell to the ground badly wounded. The shot was not aimed directly at the Spanish commander.

The correspondent of Correspondencia, Madrid, says that the Spanish commander, General Esteban, was decorated with the Order of Alfonso XII for gallant conduct at the battle of Laredo, de la Mora, and it may be added that several other newspapermen have displayed a good deal of pluck with the captain-general under his command.

Camps has issued a circular to his supporters in the ranks of the insurgents, but he is rapidly learning to dominate them.

In spite of all the valor Spanish commanders display, the Cubans are marching through his ranks with but few skirmishes here and there, but he is not yet able to concentrate enough of these forces sufficient to draw the enemy into a pitched battle. When Camps establishes headquarters and lays out a plan of battle, the Cubans assets by the same means.

He is allowing the Cubans to get by him and nearer and nearer to Havana, only for the purpose of eventually capturing them in rear and scattering them to all points of the compass. This sounds plausible enough, but the insurgents are destroying all buildings, railways and plantations before them. The route they have taken is marked with a hundred wrecks of steamships, boats and barges, and the Spanish will have a very difficult task to push on after their scattered enemies. Besides, within two weeks Camps has changed his headquarters from Santiago to Chimalhuacan, from Chimalhuacan to Puebla, from Puebla to Cuernavaca, from Cuernavaca to Leobardo, and from Leobardo to Guadalajara, where he slept last night. All these changes were direct results of the enemy, in the hope, it is true, of bringing about a pitched battle.

**THE TURKISH OUTRAGES.**

**MURSES AT MARGH.—FIGHT WITH SPANIARDS.**

LONDON, Dec. 25.—The Daily News says a military force of 1,000 men, under the command of General Diaz, reached Margh yesterday and fought a sharp battle with the rebels.

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**FALLING OF WOMB.**

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