TELEGRAPHIC.

RUMORS NOT NEWS.

Various Rumors Concerning the Progress of the Cuban War.

MILITARY ACTIVITY IN HAVANA.

Every Male Inhabitant Called Upon to Take Up Arms Against the Insurgents.

HAVANA, Dec. 26.—Since the arrival here last night of Capt.-Gen. Martinez de Campos from Matanzas, he has been in conference with leading military and naval officers, the civil dignitaries and the leaders of the different political parties. They seemed at the palace last night, and in the course of a number of patriotic speeches pledged their unconditional support to the government in its efforts to suppress the insurrection, and promised to do everything possible in the way of moral and actual assistance.

Senor Galves, president of the autonomist party, during the course of a speech, which was warmly applauded, advised the captain general not to expose himself in the fire of the insurgents, who, the speaker claimed, made war against the lives and property of civilians, never making a stand long enough to cause an engagement between the troops, and adopting all methods of savage warfare.

Senor Galves also stated that, in spite of the supreme effort made by the insurgent army, they had not heard of the capture of any town, the majority of the enemy being confined to small villages and the plantations of the island. He compared the army of Gomez and Maceo to "wandering tribes of Tartars," and expressed the opinion that the raid of the Cubans into the province of Matanzas, where they has done so much injury to crops, would turn out to be the worst for them in the long run, as the field, cleared of standing cane, are now much better suited for military operations.

News from the front seems to be interrupted by rail and telegraph, and no details were obtainable concerning the movements of the insurgents. The captain general, upon his arrival here, announced that the Spanish troops in Matanzas occupied advantageous positions, and that the Cubans would either be compelled to fight a pitched battle in that province or surrender.

It is not generally believed, however, that the march of Gomez and Maceo has really been stopped and that they are in retreat. In support of this, it is said that if Maceo and Gomez were retreating, the government would not be slow in making public every item of news obtainable concerning this feature of the Bilberis thousand march of the insurgents from the province of Puerto Principe and the province of Santa Clara and the province of Matanzas and to the vicinity of the borders of the province of Havana, in spite of the numerous columns of Spanish troops in the territory traversed.

The last news from the Spanish columns was that they were heading for Guanabacoa, the headquarters recently evacuated by Campos, situated not far from Matanzas.

The fact is that so many announcements have been made of the defeat and retreat of the insurgents, that it will require something confirmatory to make anybody here believe that such is an actual fact. When the insurgents first entered the province of Santa Clara, it was announced that they had been defeated, with great loss, and had retreated across the border. But the last news received from the front was that the Cuban army was threatening Placetas, more than half way between the border and the capital, Santa Clara, and since then they have apparently pushed onward with little or no interruption. The absence of news from the insurgents is causing some anxiety among their friends here, but they claim that Gomez and Maceo are in possession of the railroad and telegraph lines, and that it was with difficulty that Campos succeeded in reaching Havana last night. Be that as it may, the only news obtainable is that furnished by rumor, and if the authorities are in possession of any additional facts, all such matter is carefully suppressed.

In the meanwhile active preparations are being made here for the defense and forwarding to the front of all troops which can be spared. It is understood that the Spanish columns in the rear of the insurgent army have been ordered to concentrate as quickly as possible to the frontier of Matanzas, and that every effort is being made to prevent the retreat of the Cubans in Santa Clara. While these preparations are being made apparently to stop the insurgents from escaping back into Santa Clara, the land fortifications of Havana are receiving attention day and night. A number of additional earthworks have been thrown up during the last month, also, and these are being hastily completed and supplied with guns as rapidly as possible. The magazines are plentifully supplied with ammunition, and the outposts of the Spanish troops around Havana are being strengthened and more securely fortified.

Throughout the night and all day there has been an air of hurry and anxiety at the different headquarters here, which does not seem to indicate that the supreme authorities are in any way satisfied that the insurgents are scattering, and if military activity goes for anything, the most determined efforts were being made to prevent a surprise.

The highest estimates have it that the Cuban army numbers 12,000 men, while the lowest is 6,000. It is to be presumed, however, that Gomez and Maceo may have 10,000 men with them, as they are known to have been joined by large numbers of adherents since they approached the province of Matanzas. The insurgents are also plentifully supplied with ammunition, said to have been stored for their use at different points and accumulated and hidden for months past.

In order to enable as many troops as possible to be sent to the front, all the marines and sailors who could be spared from the Spanish fleet have been landed, and the former are now doing duty as artillerymen wherever their services are needed. All the volunteers available are under arms, and every male inhabitant capable of doing active service is being called upon to bear arms.

BOTH PARTIES AGREE.

A Thorough Understanding Between Cleveland and Congress.

CHICAGO, Dec. 26.—A special to the Post from Washington says:

A thorough understanding is believed to have been arrived at between the President and the leaders of both parties in Congress, by the terms of which the executive will approve the tariff bill. His consent to this is said to have been obtained by an agreement on the part of the Republican managers to make the bill an emergency measure, but limiting its operation to a period of about two years and a half, until August, 1898. The President argued that such limitation would amount to a practical admission of the ultimate sufficiency of the Gorman-Wilson act from a revenue point of view. The Republicans were not so sanguine by the thought that they could extend the period to suit themselves as soon as a Republican successor to President Cleveland is installed in the White House.

Another provision of the understanding alluded to is a pledge on the part of the Republicans to do their best to push the bond bill. This bill is along the lines laid down in the President's message and the report of Secretary Carlisle, and provides for short-term emergency bonds. By making it a Republican measure, Sewell's hope are entertained at the White House that it may get through the Senate. This consummation is extremely doubtful, however, for the survey has been made that, scrambled in the towels of the bill, is a scheme to begin the retirement of the outstanding paper money of the government.

GOULD'S TAXABLE PROPERTY.

Report of the Appraiser Who Has Been Trying to Find Out.

NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—Since March, 1893, Lawyer David McClure, who was appointed appraiser in the matter of the taxation of the Jay Gould estate, has been working on his final report. He called it yesterday with Assistant Tax Assessor Casey, in the surrogate's office. The lawyer's work consisted in ascertaining the value of the estate which will be taxable—under the transfer act of 1892.

The report contains the testator's will in which the four executors, George J., Edwin, Howard and Helen M. Gould, were each left an annuity of $18,000 for life as acting executors and trustees and making the total property taxable under what is known as the collateral inheritance tax act, $72,615,625.05. The report also states that the life interest of the four executors would make a total of $618,737, which must be deducted from the principal, and be exempt from taxation. It is figured that the state taxes would amount to about $2,000,000, except for the forethought of the late Jay Gould, in fixing life annuities of $18,000 per year upon each one of his four executors.

According to Lawyer McClure's report, the Gould family is now taxed $574,000. At the time of the probating of the will, they paid $500,000, receiving a rebate of five per cent. The executors of the estate now assert that the value of the securities is placed entirely too high and refuse to pay. They will no doubt appeal from the final report of the appraiser as submitted to the surrogate, and in the event of an adverse decision, carry the case to the court of appeals. In that event years of litigation can be looked for.

On the other hand the state is not entirely satisfied with the report. It is claimed that the expenses and commissions should not be deducted from the principal and thus be exempt from taxation. It is likely that the state will appeal if the Gould receive a favorable decision from the surrogate.

Wheelmen's Records Accepted.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 27.—Chairman Gibson, of the League of American Wheelmen, announces the following records accepted:

Half mile, class A, unpaced, flying start against time by Harry C. Clark, Denver, :59 seconds, Nov. 23.

Two miles, class A, unpaced, standing start against time, Harry Clark, Denver, 4:01 1-5, Nov. 21.

Three miles, class A, unpaced, flying start against time, Harry Clark, Denver, 7:15, Nov. 21.

Four miles, class A, unpaced, standing start against time, Harry Clark, Denver, 8:37, Nov. 21.

Five miles, class A, unpaced, standing start against time by Harry Clark, Denver, 12:12, Nov. 21.

LOOKS FORMIDABLE.

A European Alliance Formed by a Newspaper Correspondent.

LONDON, Dec. 26.—A New York dispatch to the Daily News says: There is a rumor that Secretary Olney has sent a private telegram to Lord Salisbury assuring him that the passage of the committee bill was not to be construed as a hostile act.

The Daily News says editorially on this: There is nothing incredible or surprising in such an announcement. On the contrary it would be highly honorable in Mr. Olney.

The Daily News says further: Our Vienna correspondent has reason to believe that Lord Salisbury is negotiating with France and Holland, as owners of American colonies, to join in a protest against President Cleveland's action, which has already been condemned by Spain. We should be inclined to doubt the wisdom of any European alliance to meet demands which have not been supported by one and other opinion in America.

The Vienna correspondent of the Daily News says that Spain has already notified the British government of its opposition to President Cleveland; that it believes four states, Great Britain, France, Spain and Holland, will form a quadruple alliance to protect their American possessions from the United States.

Soldiers Kill Their Officers.

NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—A special to the Journal from Salvador says: "The soldiers in garrison at Sonsonal have been disaffected for a long time because their arrears are unpaid, and on the 19th Colonel Rivers ordered a soldier to be flogged, gagged and bound, the soldier dying under the lash. Thereupon forty Colonel Rivers and twenty-four officers to stand in line and shot them.

"The soldiers left the bodies of their victims lying where they fell, and under command of Corporal Rosa, they marched towards the coast yelling "Viva la revolucion, viva Antonio Lizeta."

It is believed these men are now near the coast, awaiting the arrival of Lizeta's corp.

Fruit Dealers Ask for Time.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 26.—The Foster Brothers company, the largest dealers in dried fruits on the Pacific coast, announced tonight that they are unable to meet their payments, and have asked their creditors for further time. The firm is unable to state the amount of liabilities and assets, but as the company's business during the present year amounted to a million and a half the amounts are probably large. Investments in fruit lands and warehouses are said to be the cause of the embarrassment.

Holiday Recess of the House.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 26.—After the second recess bill has been disposed of tomorrow night, the House will do little business until Monday, January 6th, and will practically have its holiday recess, of which it has been partly deprived, next week.

Hayward's Body.

MINNEAPOLIS, Dec. 26.—The body of Harry T. Hayward, the murderer of Catherine Ging, was taken from the vault at Lakewood cemetery tonight and shipped to Chicago to be cremated. The relatives of the dead man were haunted by fears that it would be stolen by body snatchers.

Cannot Pass Through.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 26.—An attempt was made by several members of the House to secure a caucus of Republicans on the bond bill immediately after the session tonight. The petition was started by several New York Republicans, and the necessary number of names, fifteen, was secured. The leaders discouraged the plan, however, and Mr. Reed, of New York, at the request of Speaker Reed, it is said, induced several signers to withdraw their names, so the movement fell through.

Importers and Tariff Changes.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 26.—Local importers, alarmed over tariff changes, are withdrawing their goods from bond as quickly as possible. There is in bond at present goods valued at $2,000,000. Importers are trying to withdraw all these imports before the provisions of the new bill take effect. The new bill has disturbed local importers, who do not accept the latest decision of the collector of customs that the new tariff will not effect goods in bond.

Fatal Collision in Nebraska.

OMAHA, Neb., Dec. 26.—A special to the Bee from Seward, Neb., says: The eastbound Burlington passenger collided with a west-bound freight this afternoon. Engineer Hoel of the freight was instantly killed. The passenger engineer was seriously injured. Two passengers, a little girl and an old man, were dangerously hurt, the child being frightfully burned by being thrown under a stove. Other passengers were injured.

Denver's Festival in September.

DENVER, Colo., Dec. 26.—The Eisteddfod people have fixed upon September 1, 2 and 3, 1896, as the date for their great musical festival in Denver, and they are already seeking railroad concessions so as to insure an enormous gathering.

Tariff and Gold Exports.

CHICAGO, Dec. 26.—A special from Washington to the Inter-ocean says:

The investigations which the Republican members of the ways and means committee have made into the workings of the new tariff law developed one of the most important facts in its bearing on the gold exports, one which has not been much considered in this connection. It is found that the imports of the first year under the new tax amount to over $100,000,000 in excess of those under the last year of the McKinley law, and that the exports were $75,000,000 less, the real distribution against the United States amounting to $175,000,000 in gold.

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MEN'S SUITS—Blue, black and tan colored Cheviots and fancy worsted mixtures, handsomely tailored and trimmed; worth $15, $18 and $20; our price

$10.00

Men's Overcoats.

We have a very large lot of solids and ends in Men's Overcoats that we are closing out at actual cost, from $5 to $12. They are worth just as much as they were last week, when we made a profit on them, but there are only one or two of a kind and they go at actual cost to make room for full lines of new goods.

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$3.50

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$7.50

BOYS' OVERCOATS, ages 3 to 14, Chinchilla and South Cheviots, good lining and properly made; worth $4, $4.50 and $5; our price

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