

DEAD ON THE FIELD

Maceo's Life at Last Offered Up for Cuba Libre.

YOUNG GOMEZ SHARES HIS FATE

The Spaniards Are Encouraged, as Well They May Be, at This Unexpected Turn.

HAVANA, Dec. 8.—It is stated in most positive terms by the Spanish authorities that Antonio Maceo, the great insurgent leader, and the heart and soul of the Cuban cause has been killed in Havana province, after having effected the passage of the western trocha, near Mariel, at its northern extremity. With Maceo died the youth Francisco Gomez, son of Maximino Gomez, who accompanied the mulatto general on his passage of the trocha. Most explicit details of the finding of the corpse of the fallen leader of the Cubans, and of the facts relied upon for the identification, are at hand through the report of the Spanish commander, Major Cirujada, who contested the passage of the trocha unsuccessfully on December 4th (last Friday), with Maceo, and who sustained another conflict yesterday with the forces under the insurgent leader.

It was in a reconnaissance, after the latter engagement, that the Spaniards found the two corpses, not separated in death, which they identified as those of Antonio Maceo and Francisco Gomez. The authorities now permit the publication of Major Cirujada's report of the engagement with Maceo, on December 4, when he forced the trocha, and which was a fearful combat. This is the first official admission that Maceo brought with him across the trocha a considerably equipped following, and fought a hot engagement to effect his passage.

After the Cubans had passed into Havana province the Spanish commander effected a fresh concentration in that province and awaited the arrival of Maceo. He had received a confidential information of the proposed movements of the Cubans, and arranged his forces accordingly. He had, in addition, received a detailed description of the horse Maceo was to ride, as well as of companions.

The expected battle occurred yesterday, but no details of the engagement are given for publication here.

After the fight, the Spanish troops made a reconnaissance of the ground previously held by the Cubans. Here were found the two corpses, lying together, and, indeed, almost locked in the embrace of death. The one body was that of a mulatto, a stout man with gray, crisp, curling hair, and the other that of a slender, dark haired youth. Both men were dressed in white linen duck suits. When the linen was removed from the corpse of the elder of the two it was found to have underneath it a fine undershirt, with the initials "A. M." upon it. The pair of black silk socks on this body contained the same initials, worked in red ink. There was a gold ring on the finger containing on the inner rim the engraved inscription:

"Antonio y Maria."

A revolver, with an ivory handle and marked, together with a small gold-mounted telescope, was also found on the body. The head of the younger man's body was resting upon the body of the first. There were found on it a silver watch, an ammunition bag and several handkerchiefs bearing the initials, "F. G."

BOLTERS ARE OUT.

Silver Senators Refuse to Attend the Caucus.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8.—The most noticeable feature of the Republican senatorial caucus today as seen from the outside, was the absence of the men who bolted the nomination of McKinley because of the gold-standard platform. Those absent on this account were: Dubois, Pettigrew, Mantle, Cannon, Squire and Teller. All except Teller were in the city and were invited to attend the caucus.

That their absent was intentional was clearly shown by the following letter read soon after the caucus was called to order by Senator Sherman:

"WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 8.—To Hon. John Sherman, chairman of the caucus of Republican senators—Sir: I hereby respectfully present my resignation as secretary of the caucus of Republican senators. I also resign my position as member and secretary of the Republican advisory or "steering" committee of the senate. Very truly yours, FRED T. DUBOIS.

Duboiss' resignation was received without comment. On motion of Lodge, Wilson, of Washington, was chosen secretary. Shoup was placed on the steering committee in the place vacated by his colleague. This committee was also enlarged by the addition of Hansbrough, of North Dakota.

The Dingley tariff bill was referred to the steering committee, with instructions to investigate as to the likelihood of getting the bill through and devise means to that end if possible. It was the prevailing opinion that the best policy demanded the passage of the bill, but the opinion seemed to be quite general that this was not within possibility.

Gear brought up the Pacific railroad bill. It was referred to the steering committee. After Lodge explained the status of the immigration bill, the caucus also declared for an international agreement on silver by agreeing to the following resolution introduced by Wolcott:

"Resolved, That a special committee of five members of this caucus be appointed to recommend some plan whereby legislation may be had in this session of congress looking to an international conference with the leading commercial nations of the world on the promotion of binetalism."

COLUMBIAN BELL RELEASED.

It Will be Shipped to Baltimore Today.

CHICAGO, Dec. 8.—The Columbian liberty bell has finally been taken from its resting place in Evanston and will probably be shipped to Baltimore today. Workmen representing the McShane Manufacturing Company, of Baltimore, have loaded the bell on a heavy truck ready to be hauled away.

George Knapp, who has acted as custodian since 1893, has been holding it to satisfy a claim of \$6000 due him for wages as custodian. The McShane Manufacturing Company replevined the bell and then failed to remove it. It was levied upon by E. A. Sillig, of Chicago, to satisfy claims against Mr. Knapp for rent due Sellig. A receiver was appointed and then discharged by the court, the bell going back into the hands of the sheriff. Finally the McShane Company replevined from the sheriff through the coroner. The bell weighs 13,000 pounds.

A Child's Horrible Death.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 8.—Eddie Matthews died last night of the result of burns received in a fire at his home on Sutter street. The latter has been ill for some time. A nurse has been attending her and looking out for the two children, Eddie and May. Yesterday morning the children awoke and the nurse dressed them. Both were then seated at the kitchen table to await their morning meal. It was still dark and an oil lamp was standing lighted upon the table. The mother called to the nurse who responded to the summons and then the accident occurred. Eddie pulled at the table cloth, the lamp fell upon his clothes and they were in flames in a moment. They blazed up and the poor child ran to his mother's room. The sick woman got out of her bed and after a great effort extinguished the flames, but her boy had been fearfully burned about the face, chest and arms.

Cuban Question Considered.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7.—The senate committee on foreign relations today discussed the Cuban situation, but did not take any action. The discussion was of a general character. While there was recognition of the importance of some action, there was considerable division of opinion as to what course should be pursued. Senator Mills advocated active intervention by the United States government with armies. Cameron also gave notice of his purpose to press for decided action by this government.

The friends of Cuba, who are largely the majority in the committee, express the opinion that the Cubans are holding their own, which under any circumstances is a decided gain.

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THE STORY IS DOUBTED

Story that Maceo was Killed is Thought a Fake.

MACEO'S AND GOMEZ' ARMIES JOIN

The News of Maceo's Death is Officially Confirmed by Duke Tetuan, who Knows Nothing About It.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9.—Senator de Lome, the Spanish minister, has received a cable dispatch from Havana which seems to bear out the press report of the death of Antonio Maceo and young Gomez. As the cable was sent last night before the press reports it lacks many details of the latter. De Lome expects fresh advices from the government at Havana.

Second Secretary Diaz Albertini, the only member of the junta now in the city, expressed the opinion that the story had no basis of truth and was sent out for the sole purpose of influencing and if possible defeating action by the congress of the United States.

"It is really amusing to learn," he said, "that Maceo wore silk socks containing his initials worked in red silk, and that his linen and that of the younger Gomez was also marked with initials. Neither of these men has worn linen shirts and silk socks in many days. Then notice the letter to young Gomez. A Cuban in writing to his child never signs his name as this letter was signed, 'M. Gomez.' This is a cold formality a Cuban never employs. He would have signed 'Your Father.' The whole story is a feeble and transparent attempt to delay action by congress and nothing else. The United States, and Spaniards too, will soon learn that Maceo is very much alive."

Tetuan Confirms It.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9.—Senator Dupuy de Lome, the Spanish minister, today received the following cablegram from Madrid, from Duke Tetuan, minister of state for Spain:

"Confirm officially the news of the death of the insurgent leader, Antonio Maceo, in a glorious battle for our troops, and also the suicide of the son of Maximino Gomez."

MACEO'S ARMY JOINS GOMEZ.

A Concerted Advance Upon Havana is Being Made.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9.—Diplomatic and military attaches are stirred up over the dispatches just received from Cuba. The advices stated that Maceo's army had executed a brilliant flank movement, crossed the trocha, practically without difficulty, and was now co-operating with Gomez in the advance on Havana.

It is admitted on all sides that the situation is critical in the extreme, for if there is bloodshed in the outskirts of Havana the president will be forced to intervene to protect American interests. It is rumored that Consul-General Lee had intended to stay here to appear before the congressional committee on foreign affairs, but was obliged to return to Havana in all haste, owing to intimations received from the assistant consul-general.

Cuban residents in this city have stated all along that Weyler was being led into a trap, and they now intimate that the jaws are closing. It is not believed here that the insurgent forces led by Gomez could by any possibility capture Havana without artillery, but their presence in its immediate vicinity would undoubtedly create a reign of terror in the city, and particularly if Weyler is absent. Spaniards say that Weyler has a perfect line of communication by sea and cannot be cut off, but they admit that he may be in the mountains and his return delayed temporarily through ignorance of the movements of the insurgents. Cautious opinions are heard from other official sources that the least to be expected is the failure of Weyler's campaign.

It is the general belief among some persons familiar with the Cuban war that a more or less certain date has been fixed by President Cleveland for the successful conclusion of the Spanish campaign, and that the president was contemplating intervention whenever it should be demonstrated that the insurgents could not be crushed.

DINGLEY BILL COMES UP.

It Was Soon Dropped, However, With Nothing Accomplished.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9.—Allen of Nebraska moved the consideration of the Dingley bill in the senate today, and the motion was carried; ayes, 35; noes, 21. Several Democrats and Populists voted to take up the bill. The vote to take up

the bill was as follows: Ayes—Republican—Aldrich, Cameron, Chandler, Clarke, Davis, Elkins, Frye, Gallinger, Gear, Hale, Hansbrough, Hoar, Lodge, McMillan, Mitchell, (Or.), Morrill, Nelson, Perkins, Platt, Pritchard, Quay, Sherman, Wolcott. Democrats—Gordon, Morgan, Murphy, Pugh, Roach, Smith. Populists—Allen, Butler, Kyle, Peffer, Stewart. Independent—Pettigrew. Total, 25.

Noes—Republicans—Baker, Carter, 2. Democrats—Blackburn, Blanchard, Daniel, Faulkner, Gibson, Gorman, Harris, Hill, Jones, (Ark.), Martin, Mills, Palmer, Pasco, Turple, Vest, Walthall. Independent—Cannon, Dubois, Mantle. Total, 21.

During the discussion over the bill, Allen said he made the motion to demonstrate that the Populists are not standing in the way of revenue legislation. He addressed himself to Senator Aldrich and there was a colloquy between them. Aldrich asked Allen if he would vote for the bill as it came from the house. Allen replied that he would not, but the bill could be put in shape to receive his vote and the votes of other senators not members of the Republican party.

TO RECOGNIZE CUBA.

Three Radical Resolutions Introduced in the Senate.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9.—Senator Cameron (Pa.) today introduced the following resolution:

"Resolved, By the senate and house of representatives that the independence of the republic of Cuba should be and the same is hereby acknowledged by the United States of America."

"Resolved, That the United States should use its friendly offices with the government of Spain to bring about the close of the war between Spain and Cuba."

Mills (Tex.) followed the Cameron resolution at once by the following:

"Resolved, That the president of the United States is hereby directed to take possession of the island of Cuba with the military and naval forces of the United States and hold the same until the people of Cuba can organize a government deriving its powers from the consent of the governed and arm and equip such military and naval forces as may become necessary to secure them against invasion."

The Mills resolution was referred to the foreign relations committee.

Mr. Call (Fla.) followed with a resolution recognizing the republic of Cuba. The resolution has already been published.

EASTERN QUESTION TO BE SETTLED

European Powers Have Reached an Agreement.

LONDON, Dec. 9.—The Birmingham Post today confirms the repeated statements on the same subject cabled by the Associated Press during the past two months in saying that it learns from a high quarter that an understanding has been arrived at between Great Britain, Russia and France for the settlement of the so-called Eastern question, which has for generations been troubling the statesmen of Europe.

The Post adds that the Russian Black sea fleet and the British and French Mediterranean fleets will shortly be mobilized in contiguity to the Bosphorus and Dardanelles in order to enforce, if necessary, the reforms which the embassies of the three powers are about to present to the sultan, and to which the other signers of the Berlin treaty—Germany, Austria and Italy—have consented. To this end it is asserted the allied fleets may force a passage of the straits of the Dardanelles.

A Young Man Drowned.

ASTORIA, Or., Dec. 9.—Word was received from Chadwell this morning that a young man, of the name Olsen, employed on a milk ranch near that place, drowned in the Lewis and Clark river Monday evening last. It seems that Olsen took a skiff Monday afternoon and started for the ranch of W. J. Ingalls, after milk, but was not again seen. A search the following day resulted in the discovery of the capsized skiff, while a mile farther down the river the empty milk cans were found floating toward the bay. The river was dragged today, but so far the body has not been recovered.

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CULLOM IS FOR CUBA

It Is Time, He Says, to Terminate Spanish Control.

HE OFFERS A BOLD RESOLUTION

Defending the Termination of Spain's Control of the Gateway of the Gulf of Mexico.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 10.—Public interest in the Cuban question was shown today by a full attendance in the galleries of the senate to hear the speech of Senator Cullom, of which he had given notice. Before he was recognized for a speech, petitions for the recognition of the independence of Cuba were presented.

Cullom began by saying that while he was not disposed to criticize President Cleveland, he had hoped for a more positive expression of the true American continental policy for him. Cullom spoke of the record of Spain for cruelty and oppression, both in the treatment of her own people at home up to the present century and in her policy toward the provinces on this continent.

Spain continued to be, he said, what she had always been, a robber nation. The time had come, he declared, for this nation to announce the speedy termination of Spanish control of the island at the gateway of the Mexican gulf, necessary alike to the welfare of these islands and the people of the United States. The Cubans could never be conquered and the war of extermination most stop.

Cuba is already lost to Spain, Cullom claimed. "The American people were coming to consider the Cuban situation as a great political continental question. It was the duty of the United States to use its power to declare that no 'charnel-house of ruin' shall be continued in West Indian waters."

"We shall not claim Cuba as a reward for saving her from the slaughter," said Cullom, "but free Cuba is the reward. Means must be found to settle the Cuban question speedily, and if other means fail we may consider properly the fair purchase of Cuba."

The senator received close attention throughout. He offered a resolution declaring that the "extinction of Spanish title and the termination of Spanish control of the islands at the gateway of the Gulf of Mexico are necessary."

SEABORG WANTS HIS MONEY BACK.

The Wealthy Canner Sues His Former Wife.

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 10.—The Times this morning says that B. A. Seaborg, a rich canner of Ilwaco, now seeks to recover some of the wealth he lavished upon his ex-wife, from whom he has just been divorced, and brings an action against Etta Owens Seaborg and Gny B. Barham to recover certain money, stock and real estate.

The complaint recites that at the time of the marriage plaintiff transferred to his wife a certificate of stock of the Aberdeen Packing Company of the value of \$5000; on September 30, 1896, plaintiff gave her a house and lot at 1406 West Seventh street, and \$2000 with which to furnish the house; that defendant did not buy the furniture, but "held out" the \$2000 for her own use; that plaintiff is worth \$100,000 and defendant was worth nothing when he married her.

It is also alleged that defendant married plaintiff not in good faith, or with the intention of becoming a true or honest wife to plaintiff, or because of any regard of affection for him, but solely because of defendant's regard and affection for plaintiff's money and property; that on or about November 14, 1896, she dropped her mask, disclosed her true character and deserted plaintiff and notified him by means of a letter that at the time the agreement of marriage was made she was and had been maintaining illicit relations with Guy B. Barham, nephew of Congressman Barham, who resigned his place as police commissioner of Los Angeles just before the Seaborg divorce was granted.

Plaintiff alleges that the woman has transferred some part of the property to Barham for the purpose of concealing it, and he also sues Barham for damages for breaking up his "happy home," and asks damages of \$50,000.

ROLLING MILLS WORKMEN STRIKE

A Proposal to Cut Wages Is the Cause.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 10.—A cut in the wages of skilled workmen in the Pacific rolling mills at the Potrero has caused a strike which has practically suspended all operations in the big iron manufactory. About fifty men walked



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out and their action cut off the means of employment of about fifty others. It is believed that some time today a compromise will be effected, and the wheels of industry set in motion again.

The most important factor in the strike is that the men were informed that they had been working for over a week under a new schedule of rates of which they were ignorant. There are no indications of any trouble of a violent nature. In the first place, there are no iron-workers of this class on the coast, and the places of the strikers could only be filled by an importation from the East. This is not likely to take place, as the Eastern workmen receive as good wages as the men here did before the cut.

The strikers are looking forward to an early settlement, because they understand that the rolling mill has a contract to get out a large quantity of extra large street-car rails for a company in Los Angeles.

AFFIRMED AND DENIED.

Antonio Maceo's Fate Still Involved in Doubt.

KEY WEST, Dec. 10.—It is learned positively that the report of the deaths of young Maceo and Gomez are false. Both are believed to be near Mariel, while Weyler is near San Cristobal, searching for Maceo. It is thought the latter will co-operate with Gomez, and then an advance on Havana is looked for.

Havana Dispatch Confirms the News of Maceo's Death.

HAVANA, Dec. 10.—Dr. Maxim Zertuchar, the personal physician of Antonio Maceo, has surrendered to Colonel Lort, the Spanish commander at San Felipe, this province. The doctor confirms the announcement that Maceo was killed on December 7, near Punta Brava, in an engagement between the insurgents and the Spanish column commanded by Major Cirujada.

Dr. Zertuchaw was shot in the chin, the bullet breaking his jaw and passing out near the neck and shoulders. A second bullet wounded him in the abdomen.

PREPARING THE WAY.

Progress of Senate Movement Toward International Binetalism.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 10.—Senator Sherman, chairman of the Republican caucus, today announced the membership committee provided for under Senator Wolcott's resolution to prepare the way for an international agreement on silver. Wolcott was made chairman, and Senators Hoar, Chandler and Gear appointed as the other members.

Senator Wolcott said today he would call the committee together not later than Monday next and proceed immediately to frame a bill with the hope of securing legislation at the present session of congress that would enable McKinley to succeed with his efforts in behalf of silver immediately after inauguration.

Immigration Bill Comes Up.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 10.—The senate took up the immigration bill this afternoon. Mr. Gibson moved that the question go over until the first Monday in January, which occasioned a sharp debate.

IN THE HOUSE.

Catron Land Bill Comes Up and is Defeated.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 10.—The Catron land bill was defeated in the house today. The bill sought to allow aliens to acquire title to real property in territories under mortgage foreclosure, but provided that they must dispose of such title within ten years.

The objects, Catron said, was to enable the people in territories to get the benefits of foreign capital. Hepburn (Ia.) arraigned the Populists for supporting this bill after declaring against alien ownership.

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