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GOING TO STICK THEM

Barbed Wire Fences for the Insurgents.

RESOLVED TO TEAR MACEO'S PANTS

The Gypsy Would Not Heed the Warning and Is to Meet a Shocking Fate.

NEW YORK, Dec. 11.—The work of strengthening the fortifications about Havana is being pushed with noticeable energy. Guns are being placed on the heights around the city, all pointing toward the sea. The fortifications of the port of Matanzas also are being strengthened.

The government sent 500 laborers to Guanabacoa to construct entrenchments and erect new barricades as a precaution against a fresh insurgent raid. It is understood that the whole town is to be enclosed with a barbed wire fence.

Brigadier-General de Cardenas and Lieutenant-Colonel Raoul Arango, the Cuban leaders to Havana province, reported wounded early in November, are both convalescent. Lieutenant-Colonel Arango was in command ten days ago, and directed the late attack at Guanabacoa, across the bay from Havana.

THE VIEWS OF SPAIN.

Memorial Upon the Cuban Question Being Prepared.

DALLAS, Dec. 11.—The Spanish government will frame a long memorandum on the Cuban question, it is said, in political and diplomatic circles, fully setting forth Spain's views regarding her rights and giving the whole history of the relations between this government and President Cleveland, since the beginning of the revolt. This memorandum will be a sort of indirect reply to the president's message. It will be communicated simultaneously to the American and European governments.

The present Spanish cabinet and the leaders of all political parties agree in thinking that Spain must continue to avoid giving America the slightest pretext for taking offense. They also agree that Spain should maintain her present friendly disposition towards America in official relations, so that the whole responsibility of a rupture, if brought about by the intervention threatened, should rest entirely with the United States.

MACEO IS NOT DEAD.

Cubans Contend That Contrary Reports Are False.

NEW YORK, Dec. 11.—Delegate Tomas Estrada Palma, when asked if the additional information regarding General Maceo's death had in any way influenced his former opinion as to the veracity of the news, said:

"Not in the least. I cannot accept the reports so far published as conclusive evidence of General Maceo's death. I have just received a Key West cable despatch from my agent in Havana, saying: 'Maceo passed the trocha December 6. Report of death absolutely false. You may contradict it upon my responsibility.'" Besides the above telegram, Senor Palma exhibited several other dispatches from places in Europe and America, asking him for information regarding Maceo. Among the cablegrams one received from a wealthy Cuban in Paris, reads: "Cable us about Maceo. I place \$10,000 at your disposal. Let us not dimmy. Go ahead."

Another cable dispatch from Porto Plata, San Domingo, says: "Cubans and sympathizers request further information as to Maceo's fate. Accept assurance of our devotion to the cause. We will place 100 rifles at your disposal."

ELEPHANT TO BE ELECTROCUTED.

Famous "Gypsy" Must Suffer the Death Penalty.

CHICAGO, Dec. 11.—Gypsy, the famous old circus elephant which has killed four keepers, is soon to suffer for her terrible past at the hands of the executioner. The monster, which has for the last several years been running the Harris-Nickel-Plate circus to suit herself, will be wiped off the earth with a stroke of lightning. Mr. Harris believes that Gypsy will be of more use to humanity when made into soap, so the animal will be electrocuted at Tattersall's as soon as a date can be decided upon.

Gypsy is well known all over the United States, and is considered the most dangerous elephant in captivity. She has toured the country with the Harris combination for 10 years and is at present at the winter quarters of the circus. Last winter the animal escaped from its home and caused great excitement on the West Side by running through the streets, damaging everything she came in contact with. Before she was captured Frank Scott, her keeper, was killed, the elephant stepping on him and crushing out his life. Since then she has had a dozen keepers. The men stay a week and resign rather than risk their lives in caring for the animal. Yesterday the last man put in charge of Gypsy threw up his job and the big circus man who is unable to find another keeper, has been poking food into the animal with a clothes pole. Tiring of this, he has decided to turn Gypsy over to science and lightning. Manager Willis, of the Harris show, applied yesterday to the collector for a permit to electrocute the brute, providing the city authorities thought there was enough electricity in the sky. If there is not, he declares he will tap all the trolley wires in the city and send her to her fathers on the rapid-transit plan.

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CANADA WANTS HER FREEDOM.

Sentiment Favoring Independent Government is Spreading.

MONTREAL, Dec. 11.—The strong under-current of sentiment throughout Canada favorable to a separation from Great Britain and the establishment of an independent Canadian republic on this continent has begun to take tangible shape. The organization of independence clubs has been in active progress during the past five or six months and a convention has been called to meet in this city in March next, with the object of federating all groups and clubs of the domain. Until then the chief work will be to group individuals favoring the independence movement throughout Canada; that is, to effect the co-operation of all those who favor national independence by pacific means.

The Associated Press correspondent is informed that the movement is gaining ground rapidly in the rural districts, especially in Port Neuf, Drummond, Granby and the most remote districts. Two organizers are traveling in the interest of Canadian independence clubs throughout the Canadian centers in the United States in the Eastern townships, where the idea seems to meet with great favor. An important meeting was held last night in Montreal. The meeting was secret, but the Associated Press obtained a copy of the by-laws and constitution which were adopted. The preamble, which is perhaps the most important part of the document, reads as follows:

"This association shall be known as the Independence Club of Canada, and shall be composed of all persons desirous of obtaining political liberty and the independence of Canada.

"Its object shall be:
 "First—The study of the Canadian people, and of the resources of the country.

"Second—The encouragement of a true national spirit amongst the population.

"Third—To obtain the liberty and independence of Canada by legitimate and pacific means."

Will Take a Vacation.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 11.—President Cleveland, feeling the need of rest, has arranged an outing, in which he will be accompanied by Captain R. D. Evans, of the navy; Captain Lambertson of the fifth lighthouse district, and Dr. O'Reilly, the president's physician. He will leave here late Saturday night or Sunday morning by rail for Georgetown, S. C., where they will be met by a lighthouse tender and taken down Winyan bay to the club house, where the party will be, the guests of General Alexander. The same club entertained the president and party about two years ago.

Mrs. McKinley at Chicago.

CHICAGO, Dec. 11.—Mrs. William McKinley arrived at Chicago today, accompanied from Canton by Mr. and Mrs. Morse, of San Francisco; and Mr. and Mrs. Lafayette McWilliams, of Chicago. After telegraphing her husband of her safe arrival, she was driven to the McWilliams residence on Lake avenue.

Her visit is for the purpose of securing rest. While here Mr. McKinley will do her Christmas shopping and buy her inaugural gowns. There is a probability of President-elect McKinley coming to Chicago in about a week and accompanying his wife back to Canton; though this is not yet fully decided.

Working in Indiana.

KOKOMO, Ind., Dec. 13.—A stranger, declining to give his name, opened headquarters today to recruit volunteers for the cause of Cuba. He has succeeded in interesting a number of people, and hopes to muster a full company in this vicinity to fight the Spaniards.

A FOUL ASSASSINATION

Maceo Was Murdered Under a Flag of Truce.

LETTERS TO THE CUBAN JUNTA

Deceitful Into a Trap by Spaniards, and Then Shot Down in Cold Blood.

JACKSONVILLE, Fla., Dec. 12.—The Citizen tomorrow will contain the following, relative to the death of Antonio Maceo:

Justo Carrillo, a well-known Cuban of this city, brother of the Cuban general, Carrillo, has received the following letter from a trustworthy correspondent in Havana concerning the reports of the death of Antonio Maceo, and showing he was killed by treachery:

"HAVANA, Dec. 9.—Dear Friend Justo: Odr brave general, Antonio Maceo, and the greater part of his staff have been murdered by the Spaniards, the Spanish major, Cirujeda, acting the part of assassin, with Dr. Maximo Zertucha as an assistant in the horrible drama.

"Convinced that, notwithstanding his enormous army, he could do nothing against our gallant leader, who had so repeatedly defeated the Spanish generals in Pinar del Rio, Weyler conceived the idea of appealing his beastly instincts by cold-blooded murder, and making the best of the secret relations between Dr. Zertucha and the Marquis Ahumada, he planned with the latter his hellish scheme.

"Weyler took the field, and in his absence Ahumada proposed through Zertucha a conference with Maceo, to take place at a certain point in the province of Havana, with a view of arranging plans for the cessation of hostilities. The basis was to be Cuba's independence, and a monetary indemnity to Spain, together with certain advantages that should be agreed upon for Spanish commerce and Spanish capital invested there.

"To carry out the plan, the agreement was that orders should be given to the detachments of troops stationed on the trocha on the section between Mariel and Guanaday, to allow Maceo, with his staff, to pass the military line unmolested. Time was required to mature these arrangements, and to give them all the appearance of truth. Ahumada feigned that before acting he must make them known to Weyler for previous approval.

"This explains Weyler's sudden arrival in Havana and his prompt departure for Pinar del Rio. The conditions and place of meeting having been agreed upon, Maceo crossed the trocha, over the road to Guanajay, without being molested by the forts, but as soon as he arrived at the place decided upon, he and his party were greeted by a tremendous volley from the troops under Major Cirujeda, who lay conveniently in ambush.

"Most of the officers of his staff fell with General Maceo. Zertucha is alive, because he was aware of the scheme and remained in the rear.

"The Spaniards know where the bodies are, but are bent on feigning ignorance to blot out the vestiges of the crime.

"Havana and all Spain are rejoicing because in their stupidity they hope the war may end with the death of this leader. Far from it. The spirit of the Cubans has grown more ardent, and today they are resolved to make every sacrifice before surrendering their arms to their relentless tyrants. In this very province of Havana, in which our army is least and has the least means of defense, the Cubans are operating with greater and greater activity, and not a day passes that we do not hear in this city the firing on Guanabacoa.

"The Spaniards may treacherously murder some of our patriots, but no earthly power can annihilate the spirit of liberty flowing now as ever over the Cuban people."

Joaquin Fortun pointed yesterday to the following facts which, in his opinion, corroborated the statements in the foregoing letter, and indicated that Maceo is really dead:

First—La Lucha published an article last Saturday, in which it was stated that the previous day Major Cirujeda had had an engagement with an insurgent force, and had killed 32 Cubans, not named, at precisely the place in which General Maceo was murdered.

Second—The first dispatch from Havana reporting Maceo's death, which was received on Thursday, stated that Major Cirujeda had previous knowledge of the horse that Maceo was to ride. How did he acquire that knowledge?

glory of the event to the Marquis Ahumada, who has not been away from Havana. Why should not the glory be given exclusively to Major Cirujeda, who had the good fortune, if the encounter was an accident, to come unexpectedly on Maceo's party?

Fourth—From the first, even before convincing proofs had been offered, such assurance was had at the palace as indicated a preconcerted plan.

Fifth—Zertucha's previous conduct, it now appears, is not altogether free from blemish.

Sixth—A manifest contradiction appears between what is said by the authorities in Havana and what the Spanish minister of foreign affairs announces in his confirmatory telegram to Minister de Lome at Washington. The Havana authorities distinctly say they have been unable to secure the body of Maceo, while the telegram from Madrid states the body has been identified. This version was transmitted to Madrid to give the home government full assurance of the fact, while it was later thought best to conceal the truth from Havana in order to conceal the dastardly crime.

A MEETING IN DALLAS.

Texas Ready to Fight for the Freedom of Cuba.

DALLAS, Tex., Dec. 13.—There was a great meeting at the city hall this afternoon in the interest of the freedom of Cuba. Two thousand representative men and a hundred women were present. Andrew Jackson Honston, a son of the hero of San Jacinto, presided, and made a characteristic speech. Addressees were also made by Charles Worth and H. C. Stevenson, and the following resolutions were adopted:

"That this meeting voices the unanimous sentiment of Texas in declaring that Spanish domination in Cuba should be at once ended."

The second resolution embodied the resolution introduced in the senate on the 10th by Senator Mills, and heartily indorses it.

The third resolution reads: "That Texans stand ready to honor any draft made upon them by congress and the president for men and material to end the bloody, cruel and barbarous reign of the Spaniards in Cuba, and erect her into a free American state."

The resolutions were adopted by a rising and unanimous vote. After the meeting, a permanent organization was formed for helping Cuba in every necessary way to throw off the yoke of its oppressor.

Recruits From Illinois.

KANKAKEE, Ill., Dec. 13.—A representative of the Cuban junta has been in this city and vicinity for the past few days, superintending the forwarding of recruits for the insurgent army. Sixty recruits passed through here last night on the Illinois Central. They were gathered in from Chicago and Wisconsin points. During the night twenty-five more arrivals were noted from Streator, Spring Valley and other points, and were furnished transportation to New Orleans. It is probable a number will be enlisted at this point.

Assistance from Idaho.

BOISE, Idaho, Dec. 13.—It is learned that a company is being quietly organized here to go to Cuba to assist the insurgents.

Indignation in Chicago.

CHICAGO, Dec. 14.—Deepest indignation is expressed in Chicago over the latest news from Cuba, which states the manner in which the Cuban insurgent leader, Maceo, was entrapped and killed. It was made the topic of widespread discussion, and today's papers contain interviews with many prominent citizens who are outspoken in their condemnation of General Weyler's course.

The consensus of opinion gathered from these interviews was that a universal sentiment for the cause of the Cuban patriots was aroused, which some think will speedily express itself in definite action by our government. Among those interviewed were Luther Laffin Mills, Levy Mayer, ex-Congressman Adams, S. W. Allerton, Martin A. Ryerson and H. N. Higginbotham.

UNDER POLICE GUARD.

United States Consulate at Havana Likely to Be Attacked.

HAVANA, Dec. 14.—The United States consulate in this city is under a special guard of armed policemen. The precaution is taken by the Spanish authorities, owing to the fact that the indignation expressed by Spanish sympathizers against the United States would find vent in an attack upon the consulate. There have been fresh signs of the hostile feeling against the United States, in view of news from there of the ardent sympathy felt with the insurgents over the death of Antonio Maceo, and the allegations there of the manner in which he was killed.

In the absence of Consul-General Lee, the consulate is in charge of the vice-consul, Joseph A. Springer.

TROUBLE AT KEY WEST

Spaniards Want to Celebrate the Death of Maceo.

CUBANS ARE IN ARMS AGAINST IT

An Extra Session of Congress Has Been Agreed On, and Will Be Called Early in April.

KEY WEST, Fla., Dec. 14.—Much trouble has been experienced here the past 24 hours to prevent trouble between Cubans and Spanish residents, as the latter are bound to celebrate Maceo's death. Small riots occurred, and had it not been for the energetic work of the city officials, bloodshed would have followed.

Cubans here have flags at half-mast and houses are in mourning.

At Ybor City serious trouble is feared. The mayor has sent the chief of police to the scene to take prompt action. A body of Cubans have gone from West Tampa to Ybor City, vowing to take the life of any Spaniard found celebrating the death of Maceo.

THE EXTRA SESSION.

Major McKinley's Views, as Expressed by Mr. Kohlsaat.

NEW YORK, Dec. 14.—H. H. Kohlsaat, of Chicago, who since election has been mentioned as a possible member of the McKinley cabinet, is in the city. Mr. Kohlsaat says he is not looking for a cabinet position, and should not accept such a place if offered to him.

"Mr. McKinley's administration," he said, "will, in my judgment, be the most successful the country has ever had. I have talked with Major McKinley about tariff revision. He is in sympathy with the movement to frame a moderate tariff bill this winter so that it may be ready to be introduced as soon as congress is called together in extra session cannot be avoided. I think the extra session will begin before April, and that a new tariff law will be on the statute books before July 1."

HALLS OF CONGRESS.

Business Transacted by the Nation's Lawmakers.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 14.—Teller of Colorado, was on the floor of the senate today for the first time since the session opened. On his desk was a large basket of flowers, tied with red, white and blue ribbons. The vice-president announced Sherman, Watkins and Mitchell of Wisconsin as a committee to arrange for the coming inauguration of the president-elect, in accordance with a resolution introduced by Sherman.

Blanchard of Louisiana presented the credentials of his successor, Samuel Douglass McEnery, for the term beginning March 4 next.

In presenting the Turkish-Armenian memorial, Gallinger, of New Hampshire, said he fully approved the terms of the memorial, including the statement that the great powers of Christendom should intervene even if it resulted in the dismemberment of the Turkish empire.

Peffer, of Kansas, introduced a comprehensive resolution for the appointment of a commission to investigate and report on the establishment of a permanent monetary system.

The resolution recites that the recent election did not show definitely that the people favored any one of the four monetary policies on which the campaign proceeded, viz., gold monometallic, international bimetallic, silver and gold at 16 to 1, or 16-to-1 ratio supplemented by legal-tender notes. The commission proposed is to consist of one National Democrat, one Republican, one Democrat, and one Populist, these to elect a fifth person of recognized learning in finance. They are to be appointed by the president to sit in New York, Chicago, San Francisco, Denver and New Orleans, to receive \$400 each, and to conclude the investigation within 12 months. The resolution proposes an appropriation of \$5000 for the commission.

Hale, of Maine, offered a concurrent resolution for a holiday recess from December 22 to January 5; referred to the appropriation committee.

Call, of Florida, presented the following: "Resolved, That the killing of General Antonio Maceo, the renowned general in the service of the republic of Cuba, while under a flag of truce and with the assurance of safety from the Spanish captain-general, was a violation of the rules of civilized war, an outrage, base treachery, a murder, cowardly and disgraceful, which demands the execration of every government and all the world,

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whether civilized or savage. "Resolved, That the government which authorizes, permits or fails to punish all parties connected in any way with the guilt of this crime, with the extreme penalty of the law, is an outcast from the family of nations and from the pale of civilization and public law.

"Resolved, That the committee on foreign relations be directed to make an inquiry as to the facts and report to the senate at an early day."

Another resolution by Call requests that the president demand the release of all United States citizens confined in the Spanish penal colony, island of Ceuta, off the coast of Africa. A third resolution from Call asks the secretary of state for a list of all the United States citizens imprisoned in Spanish settlements, etc., with the circumstances of their arrest, charges, conviction, etc. The three resolutions were referred to the committee on foreign relations.

Allen, of Nebraska, was then recognized.

REED HAS A SCHEME.

The Silver Senators Must Place Themselves on Record.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 14.—Speaker Reed has a plan for placing the silver senators on record and showing the country where the blame lies for failure to provide revenue for the government. The only question of success lies in whether the ways and means committee will be able to complete a tariff bill before the end of the present session. Should this be done, Reed, it is said, will push the measure through the house and send it to the senate at once. Then the question will depend upon the alignment of the forces there as to the success of the efforts to provide revenue.

The Dingley committee's hard work will commence this week with the hearings to be granted the wool men. The division of the committee into sections to consider the various schedules will facilitate the work and may result in such progress that the bill will be ready by the middle of February. In that case it is now reported that the house will pass it at once under the skillful hand of Reed and then the senate will have a chance to place itself on record. Undoubtedly the measure will be hung up there. No one believes that the senate will be able, under its rules, to do anything soon with the measure, but the objection will be accomplished.

MORTON TO CLEVELAND.

The Governor's Views Upon the Cuban Question.

NEW YORK, Dec. 14.—Governor Morton, according to a statement published in the Evening World, sent a telegram to President Cleveland yesterday in relation to the critical condition of Cuban affairs and the assassination of General Maceo in particular. The message contained the novel suggestion that President Cleveland invite President-elect McKinley to Washington to discuss the most feasible plan to be followed by the president concerning the attitude of the United States toward Cuba during the remainder of Cleveland's term.

The World article says: "It is not probable that Governor Morton would have proffered his suggestion unless he thought it would be acceptable to President-elect McKinley; indeed, it is said the governor has had some correspondence with the president-elect on the subject."

Spanish Warships on Florida Coast.

CINCINNATI, Dec. 14.—A Commercial Tribune special from Key West says: It is said by spongers coming in that there is an unusually large number of Spanish war vessels lying off the Florida keys; that they go to sea during the day, and at night come close to land, throwing search-lights in all directions. They have been sighted several times by people on shore.

Dances-Moro Stage.

Leaves the Umattila house 8 a. m. Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays.
DOUGLAS ALLEN, Prop.