

## CUBA DESIRES PEACE

Both Spaniards and Natives Tired of War.

EDITOR CORONADO INTERVIEWED

Weyler's Latest Edict—Many Noncombatants Murdered by His Soldiers—More Castle Executions.

NEW YORK, Nov. 19.—Manual M. Coronado, editor of the Cuban patriots paper, La Discusion, published in Havana, who escaped from that city in the last days of October, after General Weyler had ordered his arrest, reached New York this morning. He brought with him important news for the junta in this city, and early this afternoon visited the headquarters. Of his escape he said:

"When I learned by private tips that General Weyler had ordered my arrest, I made immediate preparations for escape. The order was not a surprise. I had secured a disguise in the costume of an ordinary sailor. When my house was surrounded by troops, I hastily shaved off my heavy mustache, and, donning my disguise, which also included a heavy black goatee, I stepped into the house adjoining and made my escape to the street, as I thought, unobserved. It was 2 o'clock in the afternoon. I jumped into a carriage. A alarm was given and the police pursued me in another. I worked an old game. I told my driver to keep ahead, and, watching for an opportunity, jumped from the carriage and walked back on the pavement, mingled with the crowd and made my escape to the country.

"A few days afterward—I prefer not to give dates, I shipped aboard a sailing vessel as a common sailor. The captain knew me, however. We reached New Orleans after an uneventful trip, and I came to New York by rail, arriving this morning."

In reply to a question as to the general feeling of the people living in Cuba, he said, through an interpreter:

"Today we might say that Spain holds Cuba by sheer force of arms. The whole country, Spanish and Cuban alike, desires peace at almost any sacrifice, and although it may seem strange, the Spanish element are quite as pronounced in this feeling as the Cubans, and wish peace and independence for Cuba.

It is thought that Cuba again under Spanish rule would be unable to pay the enormous war debt already incurred or to stand the tremendous tax that would now invariably be imposed by Spain upon Cuba, and another uprising would, under those conditions, follow. Spain would have to expend great sums of money to keep Cuba in submission. The war debt now is estimated at \$500,000,000, and is accumulating at the rate of \$12,000,000 a month.

"If Cuba gains her independence in this struggle, and I hope and maintain that she will, she will start afresh with wonderful possibilities for her. Spain will soon be forced, by lack of funds, to withdraw her troops. The opinion I express is not that of transient Cuban residents, but of merchants and landowners, Spanish as well as Cuban. The Spaniards express this opinion in private only, as public expression would insure their execution as rebels.

"Weyler does as he pleases. His latest edict is that all persons, men, women and children, who are found outside of the Spanish lines, shall be considered rebels and shot as such. This edict was published only in the official gazette in Havana, which circulates among officers and officials only. There was no way in which those outside of these circles could learn of the edict. There is no railroad to Pinar del Rio from Havana, and it is in this province that the edict has cost many lives. Peo-

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They have been taken under this edict are marched outside of the gates of the city and shot down by soldiers. The reports of prisoners captured by Weyler are only the capture of these poor devils.

"The former practice of the Spanish authorities of shooting prisoners in Morro castle and throwing the bodies into the water for sharks, has been stopped, because not long ago several bodies drifted into the bay of Havana. The authorities explained to inquiring citizens that the men had probably drowned. Bullet holes in the head, however, disproved this. The people would welcome anything to hasten the end, not only on account of the loss of property and life, but on account of the massacres."

### EACRE IN ARMENIA.

Armenian Election as Patriarch a Good Omen.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Nov. 19.—Monsignore Maghaki Ormanian's election as the new Armenian patriarch is an excellent sign of peace in the future. An imperial irade will probably be issued tomorrow, approving the election, and the next day the new patriarch will enter upon his functions. He has already decided that religious councils shall take immediate steps to examine the rules of organic law, which will doubtless be modified.

According to their religion, the Armenians belong to the Armenian Gregorian church, which in the year 596 separated from the Greek church at the council of Chalcedon. They have likewise separated from the United Catholic church, and they now recognize as their highest religious authority the patriarch of Etchmianzin in Russia, who bears the title of Catholicos of Sis (Kilikien). The patriarch of Constantinople occupies a most important position, as he is recognized as the representative of the Armenian nation and church at the sublime porte. He is chosen from a body of 140 members of the national assembly, who sit at Constantinople, and this election must be confirmed by the sultan. The inner affairs of the nation are settled by two councils.

The former Gregorian patriarch, Izmirlian, resigned in August, 1896, in consequence of a "round robin," signed by the Armenians at the sublime porte among whom the opinion had gained ground that a fair share of "blood guiltiness" should have been laid at the door of one without whose connivance Armenian intrigues would have been impossible. The political importance of this event consisted in the fact that the sultan always persistently refused to receive Izmirlian.

The Herald's correspondent in Constantinople wrote at the time: "Now that this obstacle to any possible reconciliation has been removed, the prospect of a satisfactory settlement of the Armenian question is confidently looked forward to on all sides, but the sultan's sine qua non is the frank recognition of the resignation of the revolutionary character of the late movement and submission."

Monsignore Bartolomos, late Gregorian bishop of Brusa, was chosen to locum tenens of the Armenian patriarchate on the resignation of Monsignore Izmirlian. The sultan was highly pleased at the choice at the time, and assured him that he would always continue to manifest his good will and solicitude toward his Armenian subjects who remained faithful to the throne.

Monsignore Bartolomos thanked the sultan, saying:

"The Armenian subjects of your ma-

jeity have progressed and prospered in the shelter of your government. The throne of your majesty has been and always will be their refuge. They flee for safety to your mighty and benevolent protection. Loyalty and sincerity have always guided your actions. It is impossible that I myself should deviate from this course."

### HIGHLY MAGNETIZED.

What Happened to a Family from Drinking Impregnated Water.

A remarkable story comes from the upper Yakima country, Washington. Two years ago Peter Stromstadt located on a piece of land near what is now known as Borax Springs, his family consisting of his wife and two children. A few days after his settlement Stromstadt discovered a spring close to the shack he had built, the water of which was strongly impregnated with iron, but not unpalatable. Stromstadt dug and deepened the spring, and since July, 1893, the family has used the water for all domestic purposes.

One night recently a heavy electric storm passed over the cascades, accompanied by vivid displays of lightning. The following day Mrs. Stromstadt, while kindling a fire in the stove, found it almost impossible to separate the stove lifter from her hand. Her husband, hearing her scream, ran to her assistance, when, to his surprise, he found that he, too, experienced great difficulty in detaching any article of iron with which his hands came in contact.

Breakfast was finally prepared and the family sat down to the meal. The children, girls of five or seven years, respectively, drank their milk from tin cups, and upon raising the cups to their mouths found themselves unable to detach the cups from their lips. Stromstadt, who is an intelligent immigrant from Sweden, was nonplussed, and, while unable to account for the wonderful occurrence, nevertheless laughed at his wife's excited declarations that the family was bewitched.

A member of the Portland, Ore., academy of science, to whom the circumstance was related, says that the Stromstadt family has become saturated with iron, which was rendered magnetic by the passage of electricity from the clouds to the earth during the recent electric storm. Stromstadt himself takes the matter philosophically, and aside from the inconvenience of having his head decorated with a fringe of knives, forks and teaspoons, which are attached to him, is inclined to regard the occurrence lightly.

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