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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 Maximo 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 his 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."

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ROLTERS 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 herby 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.

Dubois' 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 bimetalism.

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. Silligg, of Chicago, to satisfy claims against Mr. Knapp for rent due Silligg. 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.

HOW HE GOT HIS ZITHER.

A Missourian Sent Abroad for an Instrument with Funny Results.

A musical instrument dealer tells a good story at the expense of a musically-inclined and wealthy resident of the little Missouri town of Hermann, says the St. Louis Globe-Democrat. Some time ago he wanted a fine zither and searched the local market for one that would suit him. The time he spent was of sufficient value to pay for an ordinary instrument, and yet he did not succeed in getting anything that quite satisfied him. Confident that there was nothing in this country that would answer, he wrote to European dealers, and finally ordered one that he thought would go ahead of anything ever seen in this section.

His friends were all posted and awaited the arrival of the instrument in anxious expectancy. It came a few days ago, and the package was carefully opened in the presence of half a dozen admiring friends. The zither was a beauty, there was no mistaking that, but on a closer examination there was the maker's stamp indelibly placed on the frame, and it read: "Washington, Mo., U. S. A.," a neighboring town of Hermann. The gentleman might have saved \$50, in addition to the express and import charges, and have avoided all the waiting which he had to endure. But he would never have been satisfied.

The zither is an expensive instrument and difficult to manufacture, being very delicate and requiring the best of material and most skillful of workmen, but dealers say it is a fact that the manufacturers of this country make the best ones placed on the market. There are but three factories in this country, one in this state and two in the east. Their instruments are largely sold in Europe, some of them without being branded, and then sent back to this country at prices 100 per cent. above what they should be. The ocean trips may improve them, but the Hermann gentleman cannot see just where it comes in.

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