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AN AMERICAN IS SENTENCED

Julio Sangully Gets Eight Years and One Day.

SUPREME COURT AT MADRID

On Rehearing Changes the Sentence from Life Imprisonment—Sentence Published Tomorrow.

Havana, December 26.—The reunited tribunal, which judged the proceedings against Julio Sangully, a naturalized American citizen, charged with conspiracy against the Spanish government, met today for the first time since the adjournment for Christmas. The judges decided that Sangully was guilty of a modified qualification of the crime of which he was accused and sentenced him to eight years and one day imprisonment. The sentence will be published next Monday.

Julio Sangully was arrested, with thirty others, including many of the members of well known families of Havana, and confined in Moro Castle. An attempt was made to try him by court martial, but through the efforts of Consul General Eamon G. Williams, Sangully's American citizenship was established and he was given a civil trial. The prosecution attempted to prove that Sangully was the head of the local conspiracy, and the chief instigator of the insurgent movement, and that he had been especially appointed by Jose Marti to assume command of the forces of Matanzas and Santa Clara, which were expected to rise in arms against Spain. The chief evidence produced at the first trial was in the shape of a document alleged to have been signed by Sangully, the text of which, according to the expert government penman, could not be read owing to damage done to the paper. Sangully, however, was found guilty December 2, and sentenced to life imprisonment at hard labor in the mines of Ceuta, Africa. The case was appealed to the supreme court at Madrid. The grounds upon which the United States government intervened in his behalf were that his trial by military tribunal did not accord with the terms of the Spanish-American treaty, and he was granted a new trial by the supreme court.

THE TEN YEAR PLAN.

Some Reasons Why It Should Not Be Discontinued.

Astoria, December 26.—(To the Editor)—The attempt made by a certain class of citizens to abrogate our present equitable, satisfactory and progressive manner of improving streets known as the ten-year plan, is a measure calculated to provoke criticism from every property holder unselfishly interested in the advancement of this city. Under the old system to which it is inferred they desire to return the cost of such improvements was enormous and more or less scandalous attached to every undertaking. City legislation was so carelessly enacted, sometimes not unintentionally, that the cost of extensive improvements, although petitioned for and urged by parties interested were regularly thrown upon the city. Plenty of evidence of this is in painful existence today and the largest part of our city indebtedness is owing to this system and to this kind of legislation. On the other hand many people have been clinched unmercifully for needless and extravagant improvements, amounting practically to confiscation of their property. And to such a system under a pretence that indebtedness might accrue to the city it is desired to return. But what is the real reason? Is it that corruption and jobbing may reign or is it to benefit private individuals? The most charitable conclusion is that it may be the latter.

The present system has given the highest satisfaction. Under its provisions there has been more improvement than during any previous five years. There has been an entire absence of scandal and the amounts paid have left only a reasonable profit to the contractor. When a street is to be improved a district is formed of lands not only abutting and adjacent, but within the district, and on these lands the cost, except crossings, are assessed. Lands abutting on the most, the other lands less. Assessments are made by three assessors duly appointed and sworn after personally inspecting the property and according to benefits conferred. Property owners are notified and expected to meet with the assessors and in this way a just, satisfactory and equitable assessment is made. If an owner is dissatisfied, however, with the conclusion of the assessors, he can appeal to the council, when their report is made to them. The improvement being agreed upon and it not being convenient or possible for an owner to pay in one sum his assessment, he may make and file in writing his application to take advantage of the ten year plan which in effect is to pay in ten equal annual payments, with interest, of course, on the deferred payments. In this way he joins in the enterprise to get advantage while under the old law he would be forced to reconstitute

CUBA AND THE RED CROSS SOCIETY

Proper and Necessary Conditions Must Be Given for Aid Sought.

FORTUNE'S CAUSTIC ANSWER

Takes Pleasure in Publishing Miss Barton's Letter to the World and Appeals to Popular Sympathy.

Jacksonville, Fla., December 26.—A few days ago Joaquin Fortune, the well known Cuban leader in Jacksonville, wrote to Miss Barton, president of the Red Cross Society, asking for assistance in the insurgent wounded in Cuba. A reply has been received from Miss Barton. It is dated Washington, December 20, and says in part: "It is not possible that you will attribute any inactivity on my part to a want of sympathy with, or respect for the all-engrossing subject which you bring before me. I am the last person in all our country who could act independently in a cause so delicate and so national. The proper and necessary conditions given, I trust there will be no lack of sympathy found in the American Red Cross. Hoping for better days for you and all lovers of humanity, I remain, yours, Clara Barton, president of the American Red Cross."

Mr. Fortune wrote a rather caustic letter in reply, saying in part: "Miss Clara Barton, Washington—No, Madame: I am in receipt of your favor of the 20th inst., in answer to my appeal to the American Red Cross in favor of my suffering countrymen in Cuba. It is a conclusion so extraordinary that I am fully warranted in bringing it to the knowledge of the American people that they may know that existing circumstances, of a nature that you do not disclose, make it impossible for the highest institution of charity in this country to offer aid to a neighbor and friend. It is my duty as a Cuban to bring this fact before the American people, that they may decide conscientiously if such circumstances can subsist consistently with American charity and American ideas of religion, and I therefore joyfully publish your letter and my answer, giving both to the press, that this people and their congressional representatives during their holidays may reflect on what these existing circumstances mean, feeling assured that the 70,000,000 who are just and brave and generous will not tolerate conditions against a handful which are neither just nor generous. Joaquin Fortune."

CHRISTMAS IN ASTORIA.

How the Day Was Spent by Citizens Generally.

Christmas was a beautiful day, the weather being sunny and pleasant, and while it was very quietly spent, yet it was a typical Christmas tide. The city was well decorated and the majority of the people celebrated the great festival in a becoming manner.

At Grace Church there was service at 6:30 and 11 a. m., and at 9 o'clock at Holy Innocents' Chapel, East Astoria. The decorations of Grace Church, as usual, were elaborate and beautiful. The music was most excellent, and the sermon by the Rev. Mr. Short was one to be remembered.

At the Roman Catholic Church services were held at 8:30 and 10:30 a. m. At the early service the music was rendered by the young ladies of the convent. The choir at the 10:30 service gave an elaborate rendition of Leonard's Third Mass in E-flat. Mr. Colton sang the offertory, and during the collection the choir sang "Adeste Fideles." Mrs. Cairns at the organ and Mr. Dielman at the organ and organist, Christmas present from his parish. The church was beautifully decorated for the occasion.

The entertainment at the barracks by the Salvation Army in the afternoon was a great success. Refreshments were served to all.

In the evening about 300 Germans, with their little ones, gathered at Foard & Stokes' new hall, where there was a huge Christmas tree, lots of fun, and music. Christmas is the great German feast of the year, and the day is devoted to the little ones. Everyone would have been convinced of this had they seen the happy faces of the children as they slid about on the smooth floor as if on a frozen mill pond.

At Mr. Will Heckard's on the Lewis & Clarke there was a large party in the evening as well as another one at the Chadwell school house.

THE BANKS.

Increase in Cash Despite the Condition of the Times.

New York, December 26.—The New York Financier this week says: "The statement of the associated banks of New York City for the week ending December 26, covers but five business days and reflects above everything else the listless condition incident to the week on the stock exchange and in commercial circles. Despite the calls for currency from this center, which came in after several large failures, the banks report an increase of \$1,397,000 in cash, a gain of \$2,080,000 in legal tenders having been offset by the decrease of \$483,000 in specie. There was an expansion of \$857,300 in loans, which coming after the increase of \$2,512,000 for the week previous and the large gains of the preceding weeks, shows the dullness into which the market has fallen. But the very moderate increase reported was made at an advance in the interest figure, the effect of business in the West and the approaching January settlement period, having operated to raise the rate on both call and time loans. As the total increase of \$45,495,000 since November 7th has been made at constantly reduced quotations, the advance of the current week does not appear logical, although the firmer tone will show no relaxation until after the first of the year. In the meantime the excess of idle money in New York grows with every statement, the surplus reserve of \$34,309,900 now reported being the highest since September 7th, 1895, excepting of course the several weeks preceding the February bond loan, when New York banks were accumulating specie. On September 7, 1895, the loans of the New York banks were \$31,000,000 higher than at present, and deposits were \$51,000,000 lower."

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LUMBERMEN TALK.

Want Protection and Determined to Prove It.

MINNEAPOLIS, MINN., DECEMBER 26.

Representatives of the lumber interests of the northwest met today at the West Hotel in conference with Congressman Tawney, of the ways and means committee; Congressman Fletcher and Congressman-elect Morris, of the Sixth district, over the duty on lumber, which is to be made part of the new tariff bill. In general it seemed that a tax imposed on rough lumber was favored. The meeting was attended by the officers and directors of the Mississippi Valley Lumbermen's Association in a body, in addition to a number of local lumbermen. S. T. McKnight and T. B. Walker, of this city, will attend the hearing of the ways and means committee in Washington, which Congressman Tawney announced for December 31, as representatives of the lumber interests of the Northwest. Lumbermen propose an aggressive campaign to secure protection for their business and after making Congressman Tawney thoroughly familiar with the need for such legislation, demonstrated to him today that they will make a strong fight before the committee for what they are after. In working for legislation the lumber interests have never been so united as in the present case.

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