

# The Herald.

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## FROM CUBA'S PRESIDENT.

### A Statement Regarding the Aims of the Cubans.

New York, Dec. 6.—A special to the Herald from rebel headquarters, La Matilda plantation, province of Puerto Principe, Cuba, says:

Salvador, Cisneros-Betancourt, the Cuban executive, better known as the Marquis of Santa Lucia, who is here with his entire cabinet, has issued a statement. He says:

"Ours is a republican form of government, based on broad democratic principles and especially suited to the Cuban people. Our government was first organized by the election of four deputies from each of the five army corps, who gave the matter sound and careful consideration, and decided upon all the details of the first form of organization. Upon this occasion General Gomez exhibited his true patriotism and democratic ideas, giving over, as he did, all the extraordinary powers with which he had been invested upon his first landing in the country. This single patriotic act won for Gomez the unbounded respect and admiration of his fellow citizens.

"The officers of the present government were chosen the assembly, which first met for the purpose and for the adoption of a constitution, and it is this government which has appointed as diplomatic agent our delegate plenipotentiary, Thos. Estrada Palma, who is now in the United States. He has, in turn, appointed our sub-delegates to other countries.

"Our government will last, and victory will be with us in the end.

"There is no chance for failure. We have the people of Cuba with us, and our treasury is by no means empty, for the large number of property owners of the island are paying taxes to us.

"Many Spaniards, wishing our respect and protection, are included in this list.

"I am well pleased with the progress of the revolution. When I first took up arms against the government, the Spanish regime tried to ridicule me by saying that an army of 13 beardless youths would not injure the authorities much. But one month later a Spanish stronghold, the village of Alta Garcia, was captured and laid low, the garrison of 100 men at Elmulet was overpowered, a government contingent of 100 men was routed at La Jarga, and the Spanish garrison at San Meronimeo was overpowered.

"We were more powerful at the beginning of this war than we were at any period during that of 1868, while the enemy is all at sea concerning our movements and inside methods.

"General Campos may have the idea that he can whip us, or perhaps he will attempt to deceive the Cubans, as he did in 1878, but in each effort he will be wonderfully mistaken. Complete independence of Cuba is what we are struggling for, and on no other basis will terms of peace be arranged. If Spain would agree to withdraw her troops from the island and accept a money settlement, the amount to be paid

by free Cuba, then all would be well. Otherwise the war will continue to rage with all its attendant horrors.

"I expect that our belligerent rights will be recognized by the United States, and her example will be followed by every other American republic. Ours is the cause of freedom, of justice and of right, and I hope at no distant day to see our flag floating in triumph over our beloved island."

### Both for Appendicitis.

Walcott, N. Y. Dec. 3.—From telegrams received here today it is evident that Mrs. Oliver Dow, of Furnace Village, just north of this town, and her only son, John D. Dow, of Salida, Col., were each operated upon last Wednesday for what was supposed to be appendicitis, the one at her home, the other at a hospital in Colorado Springs, Col. Neither was aware that the other was ill.

Mrs. Dow died at 6:40 o'clock this morning, never having regained consciousness. Dr. Benjamin Wilson, of Rochester, performed the operation, assisted by Drs. J. N. Robertson and E. H. Draper, of this village. When the vermiform appendix was exposed it was found to be perfectly healthy, but a second incision revealed an immense tumor.

In the son's case, according to a telegraphic message, appendicitis was really the disease but his condition is not stated, though it must be serious, as it was not thought best to let him know of his mother's death.

Neither was it deemed advisable to make the father, Jasper E. Dow, aware of his son's condition.

### Had Fun With Mamma.

There is a decided coolness in the bosom of the family of one of my best friends here in town. My friend is a widow and her age is—never mind what—a widow is always just the right age. She has three daughters who are just the

age when girls are most mischievous—of course, you know what age that is. They tease their mother unmercifully, and the one especial thing they torment her most about is her alleged admiration for a handsome middle-aged physician. My friend had a lame shoulder not long ago, and on of the girls suggested painting it with iodine. All three of them helped to do it, and with giggling and tittering and snickering they did their mother up brown. Next day the shoulder was no better, and the doctor was sent for. The shoulder was bared for his inspection, and much to his patient's horrified astonishment, he burst into a laugh. She dismissed him rather unceremoniously, and when the girls came in she told them of his rudeness. Then an idea struck her. She took her handglass to the mirror and looked at that shoulder. There in bold brown iodine was a portrait—labeled and surrounded by bleeding hearts and other St. Valentine's day emblems—of the doctor. The girls are going to wear their last winter's hats again this season.—Washington Post.

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