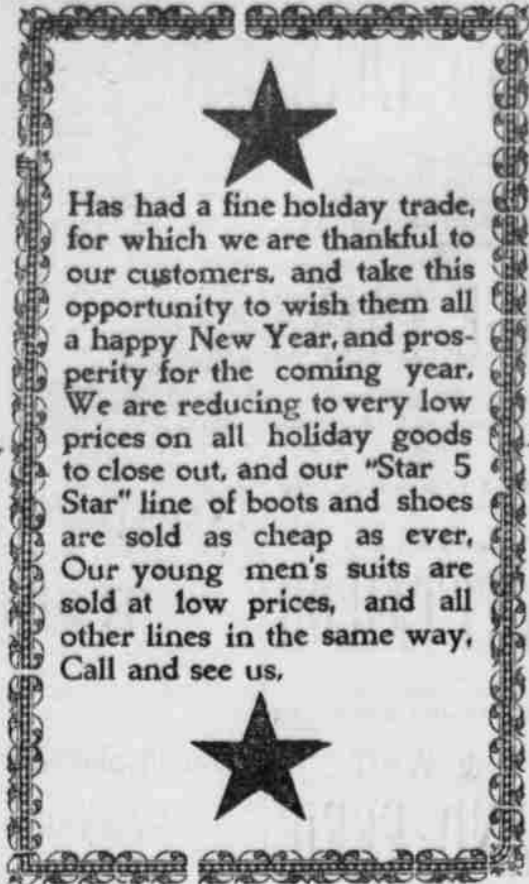


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MACEO

Is Somewhat Disfigured, But Still Alive—He Is Reported as Badly Wounded.

NEW YORK, Jan. 1.—A dispatch to the Herald from Key West, Fla., says: The startling information has reached here by steamer that General Maceo is alive.

Under a strong escort, it is alleged, he was carried to Sigunea hospital, where under the skillful treatment of doctors he is recuperating.

Confirmed.

KEY WEST, Fla., Jan. 1.—The wife of insurgent Colonel Mirabel arrived here on the steamer Olivette, from Havana, en route to Tampa.

Palma Discredits It

NEW YORK, Jan. 1.—A representative of Dr. Palma at the Cuban junta was asked today about the dispatch from Key West, which alleged that Antonio Maceo is alive and in a Cuban hospital recovering from his wounds.

He smiled incredulously, and said: "You can say the Cuban junta believes Maceo dead, and that he died in the manner described in the circular recently printed by the junta.

An April Fool Joke.

HAVANA, Jan. 1.—The correspondent of the Associated Press made inquiries regarding the statements attributed to Senora Mirabel that she was informed before leaving Cuba for the United States that Maceo was alive.

Rivera Wounded.

HAVANA, Jan. 1.—General Rius Rivera, who succeeded Antonio Maceo at the head of the patriot forces in the province of Pinar del Rio, is wounded, according to advices received here from Artemisa.

Private advices received from Colonel Cirujeda say that at the fight which took place near Cayo Rosa the insurgent general, Silvero Sanchez, was among the killed.

Trouble Expected.

PERRY, O. T., Jan. 1.—The report from Washington that Secretary Francis would soon declare the Wichita, Kiowa and Comanche Indian lands open for settlement has caused consternation among the cattlemen, and they will try to prevent early action.

CASTORIA. The doctor says that the patient is in every way recovering.

TARIFF.

Ways and Means Committee Say the Lumbermen Are Claiming for Protection.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 1.—Hearings before the ways and means committee covered wood, pulp paper and books. There were several large delegations present.

Goodyear said that the result of the election had convinced them that protection was to be the policy of the next administration, and the lumbermen demanded a share of that policy.

With a graceful tribute to Senator Frye, Speaker Reed, Chairman Dingley and Mr. Boutelle he announced that it was through them that spruce the great staple product of Maine, had always previous to the present law, remained in the \$2 class.

CHICAGO, Jan. 1.—Thirty-seven Bohemian veterans of the Austrian army have signed their names to a roster of volunteers who are willing to fight for the success of the Cuban insurgents, and have signified their readiness to start at a moment's notice, and, if necessary, to walk the greater part of the way.

McGrath Resigns. INDIANAPOLIS, Jan. 1.—Secretary McGrath, of the American Federation of Labor, resigned last evening.

Official Vote. CHICAGO, Jan. 1.—The official canvass of the vote of Maryland for president was completed. Maryland was the last state to report.

Voluntary Liquidation. BEATRICE, Neb., Jan. 1.—The Farmers & Merchants' bank, a state institution, went into voluntary liquidation.

Attempted Suicide. VICTORIA, B. C., Jan. 1.—Alex Smith, a police officer, lies in the hospital, shot through the lungs, he says, by an enemy, but some hold it is a case of suicide.

REVIEW.

Dun's Annual Statement. Failures Continue to Be a Regular Feature.

NEW YORK, Jan. 1.—R. G. Dunn & Co.'s weekly report of trade says: "There have been more commercial failures in 1896 than in any previous year, except 1893, about 14,890 against 13,197 last year, with liabilities of \$225,000,000 against \$173,196,080 last year, an increase in the number of about 12 per cent, and in liabilities of 29 per cent.

"There has been no monetary pressure to cause the trouble, nor have important western products declined in value. There has evidently been a too liberal assistance given by some fiduciary concerns of speculative operation.

"With iron, cork, wool, cotton and hides all somewhat lower, there is an almost universal confidence that business will soon become larger and safer than for a long time, and several large establishments, among them Yonkers Carpet Works, which employ 7,000 hands when running full time, and the Maryland Steel Co., will now start operations.

ST. PAUL, Jan. 1.—A Grand Forks, North Dakota, special to the Dispatch says: "The directors of the Second National Bank of this city, decided not to open for business. The following notice was posted on the door: "On account of recent heavy withdrawals of deposits and the impossibility of realizing upon our assets, it has been decided upon by our board of directors to suspend. The comptroller has been advised of our action."

Annual Statement. NEW YORK, Jan. 1.—The clearing house statement for the year, shows: Exchange, \$28,870,770,056; decrease, \$971,021,869; balances, \$1,792,686,480; decrease, \$166,394,538.

Firm Suspends. SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 1.—Barrett & Sherwood, the oldest and for a long time the largest retail jewelry firm in California, have failed.

Failure. SPOKANE, WASH., Jan. 1.—W. J. Dunstan, owner of the largest department stores in Spokane, has failed, and the store is in the hands of the sheriff.

St. Louis, Jan. 1.—The dead body of Joseph B. McCullagh, chief editor of the Globe-Democrat, was found dead at 6:30 Thursday morning, lying on the stone pavement beneath the window of his room in the residence of his sister-in-law, Mrs. Kate Manion, at 3837 West Pine street.

SUICIDE.

Leaped to the Pavement. Editor Joseph McCullagh, of Globe-Democrat Dead.

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Joseph B. McCullagh was born in Ireland, and with his brother came to this country in his youth. His first newspaper work was done in Cincinnati as a reporter and correspondent of the Enquirer.

No writings were found in McCullagh's room explaining his act or leaving instructions regarding his affairs.

It is definitely known that McCullagh committed suicide. He had been quite melancholy for five days past.

Just before midnight his sister, Mrs. Manion, went to his room to inquire how he was, and found the gas streaming from the burner, and McCullagh in a semi-conscious condition. She immediately stopped the flow of gas and aroused McCullagh.

Montgomery, Ala., Jan. 1.—George B. Wilkins, vice-president of the Commercial National bank, of Selma, and which failed Tuesday, committed suicide by shooting himself through the head in the Episcopal church at Selma, at four o'clock this morning.

Crack a Bank. MARSHALL, Mo., Jan. 1.—The Bank of Alma, at Alma, Mo., was entered early this morning by burglars, who blew open the vault and secured about \$2,000 in currency.

HOP CULTURE.

Oregon Beats the World. A Leading Industry of the Willamette Valley.

Hop culture has become one of the leading industries of the Willamette valley. While a new business for this state it has grown to such enormous proportions and the quality of the product is so fine that its excellent brewing properties are recognized in all the large hop-consuming countries of the world.

Fifteen years ago there were very few hops grown in Oregon and the total out-put, of the state, did not exceed 5,000 bales of about 200 pounds each, or about 1,000,000 pounds.

When the industry was in its infancy those growers who had embarked in it were uncertain as to their ability to compete with the old and experienced growers of the East, but experience has proven that hops can be grown to better advantage in Oregon than in any other country under the sun.

Fifteen years has brought a great many changes and improvements in the method of handling and curing the crop. The crude drying kiln, made of rough logs with cracks wide enough to admit a man's hand, has given away to the modern improved plastered kiln and the man-killing hand power press is superseded by the latest improved hydraulic and horse power presses.

The rich alluvial soil and mild climate of this state is especially adapted to the culture of hops. This is evidence by the soft silky texture, the golden yellow color and the delicate aroma of the hops grown in Oregon. This fact is appreciated in England, the largest consumer of hops in the world, and at the same time the most critical buyer.

Oregon hops command a price in that country equal to their famous "Kentish Goldens" whose superior quality is acknowledged everywhere. Not alone does the state of Oregon excel in the quality, but it is a larger producer of hops than any other state on the Pacific coast, and is exceeded only by the state of New York.

Judging from the marked increase, in the out-put of this state and the phenomenal success of the Oregon hops, it will only be a few years before

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