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CUBA SOON WILL BE FREE.

Patriots Almost Out of the Grasp of Spain.

INDEPENDENCE IS SURE TO COME.

They Indignantly Reject all Overtures for Autonomy--Intervention by the United States Probable--President McKinley Preparing an Important Message--Hannis Taylor Unsparingly Criticises Spanish Methods--Gen. Weyler Will Be Seized as Soon as He Reaches Shore.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 5.--The full text of the Spanish reply to the note of the United States came to the state department in the last mail, and is now under examination by officials.

It appears that the determination of the Spanish cabinet to court-martial Gen. Weyler, while not directly due to a request of this government, was probably inspired by an intimation from the state department that his utterances were not calculated to smooth the way of negotiations.

The conditions in the two cases, however, are said at the state department to be entirely different. Gen. Weyler, being a Spanish army officer, is amenable to discipline for any interference with the policy of the government, while Mr. Taylor, being a private citizen, is not accountable to his government for his individual utterances.

NEW YORK, Nov. 5.--Chickering hall was crowded tonight with enthusiastic Cubans, who applauded when the speakers declared that Cuba would never accept reforms from Spain, that peace could only come with the evacuation of the island by the Spanish army, and that the Cuban patriots would fight to the death for their independence.

Mr. Taylor, the seal of secrecy having been removed, tells how Senor Castellar tried to persuade the late Premier Canovas to offer genuine reforms to the Cubans, as that otherwise intervention by the United States must follow inevitably.

Mr. Taylor denounces the hollowness and emptiness of the whole shadowy pretense embodied in the royal decree of February, 1897, and after discussing what he believes to be the attitude of Spain's ruling classes, says he sees no solution of the Cuban problem which will end the strife except intervention.

Senor Canalejas was formerly a member of the Spanish cabinet. He comes to sound American feeling and to inform himself by personal observation of the state of affairs in Cuba. Before his conference with the Cubans, Senor Canalejas was unable to obtain an exchange of views with T. Estrada Palma, the Cuban delegate of the Junta.

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COAST DEFENSES MAKE ENGLAND UNEASY.

LONDON, Nov. 5.--All the morning papers comment on the resolutions of the New York Chamber of Commerce, urging the president and the congress of the United States to increase sea coast defenses.

The Cubans continued talking of phase after phase of the autonomy question, and explaining the belief that there is no end to the war short of absolute independence, and their firm conviction that the insurgents will accept nothing else.

The Herald prints the following letter from Maximilian Gomez, general in chief of the Cuban army of liberation, dated at his camp in Sancti Spiritus:

"The enemies of Cuba have circulated in the United States the rumor that I am disposed to accept autonomy as a basis of settlement or solution of the present war. The constitution of Cuba absolutely eschews in its article XI that possibility to be negotiated upon the basis of absolute independence of Cuba.

A dispatch to the New York World from Madrid says: The government has decided to cable the authorities at Havana to begin as soon as possible the trial of the crew of the schooner Competitor before the naval court martial, the decision of which must be confirmed by the Madrid government.

The Commercial Advertiser says this afternoon: The Brooklyn navy yard is active, and work on all the war vessels lying at the wharves of the yard is being pushed forward as rapidly as possible.

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today by the Cubans in this city. It has already been signed by nearly all the leading members of the Cuban colony here, and will be sent for additional signatures to every part of the United States.

Weyler Faces His Own Methods. MADRID, Nov. 5.--The Spanish government, as a result of the deliberation of the ministers over the utterances of Weyler, the former captain general of Cuba, has come to a conclusion to try him by court-martial, no matter where he lands, if he confirms the accuracy of the report of his utterances.

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GOVERNORS AND MAYORS

Tell How Klondike Fever Has Seized the People.

TO COME FROM CITY AND HAMLET.

Letters Sent Out by the Bureau of Information of the Chamber of Commerce Bring Varied and Interesting Replies--Many Officials Take a Personal Interest--One Man Says "If there Is Anything In It, I Will Write What You Want"--A Nebraska Klondike--Good-Will for Seattle.

On the 19th of last month the bureau of information of the Seattle Chamber of Commerce sent out the following circular letter, accompanied by a copy of the Klondike edition of the Post-Intelligencer, which contained a four-column circular letter signed by the members of the committee of the bureau of information:

- To All Governors of States and Mayors of Cities--Dear Sir: The number of letters received here from all parts of the country from persons who state it as their intention to go to Alaska and the Klondike in the spring, including many from your own state, lead us to ask your consideration of this letter.

- 1. How far has the "Klondike fever" affected your city or state? 2. What is your impression as to the number of persons who will start in the spring? 3. Do they appreciate the difficulties and hardships of the trip? 4. Will they be fully prepared for the expense of going? 5. Will they be likely, to any extent, to become a public charge? 6. When will they start? 7. Will there be many women? 8. Where do they expect to outfit? 9. How can they best be reached by an authentic statement of exactly what to expect? 10. Would you be willing to make public a carefully prepared statement, to be approved by public officers, showing the distances, dangers, and probable expense of an Alaskan prospecting journey? 11. In case the expected movement is large, is it your idea that Americans should be advised to go to the Canadian territory, or to the American, the chances for success in either being apparently about the same?

This bureau has been established by the Chamber of Commerce, to answer all questions as to outfitting, cost of transportation and the like from here, which is the chief point for such work, but the character of the questions asked by many who state their intention of going gold-seeking indicates that a large proportion of the inquirers do not realize what they are proposing to undertake.

The governor of Iowa, through his private secretary, writes: "I am instructed by the governor of Iowa to say, in reference to circular received by him of date 1st of October, that the questions asked are of such a nature that answers can at best be only vague."

The following comes from the governor of Indiana: "Your circular letter of 1st inst. has been received, and the same having been referred to the governor, he directs me to inform you that the so-called 'Klondike fever' has affected this city and state in a very marked degree, but the exact extent cannot be stated with any considerable accuracy."

The letters from the mayors are interesting. They come from all parts of the country. They show that people intend to come from Maine, Vermont, Massachusetts, Connecticut, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Maryland, Virginia, North and South Carolina, Florida, Tennessee, Kentucky, Missouri, Texas, Wyoming, California, Montana, Colorado, Ohio, Indiana, Iowa, Illinois, Michigan, Wisconsin, Minnesota and the District of Columbia, with other states yet to hear from.

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