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MACEO WAS MURDERED

Led to Ambush and Death Through the Treachery of Dr. Zertucha.

MARQUIS AHUMADA THE ASSASSIN.

With Weyler, He Plotted to Lure the Gallant General Into an Ambuscade.

TACTICS THAT WILL CAUSE THE WORLD TO SHUDDER.

The Dashing Cavalry Leader of the Cubans and His Staff Officers Slain by Cowards.

JACKSONVILLE, FLA., Dec. 12.—J. A. Haua, the agent of the Cuban Junta here, has received a letter which confirms the report of the death of Antonio Maceo, but also indicates that the Cuban leader was the victim of a treacherous plot formed by his own physician, Dr. Zertucha, and the Marquis Ahumada, who acts as Captain-General of Havana when Weyler is absent in the field. The letter, which was written by a prominent citizen of Havana, whose name is withheld in order that he may not fall under the displeasure of the Spanish authorities, is as follows:

HAVANA, Dec. 9, 1896.

"*Dear Friend Justo:* We are at present under the sad impression, caused by the death of our brave general, Antonio Maceo, murdered, together with the greater part of his staff, by the Spaniards, acting under the assassin, Major Cirujeda, and as instrumental in this horrible drama Maceo's surgeon, Dr. Maximo Zertucha.

"Convinced as Weyler was that he could do nothing against our gallant general, who so repeatedly defeated the Spanish forces in Pinar del Rio, he conceived the idea of appeasing his beastly instincts by cold-blooded murder, and making the best of the secret relations between Dr. Zertucha and the Marquis of Ahumada, concocted the hellish scheme.

"Weyler took the field and in his absence Ahumada proposed, through Zertucha, a conference with Maceo, to take place at a certain point in the province of Havana, with a view of arranging plans for the cessation of hostilities on the basis of Cuba's independence and a monetary indemnity to Spain, with, moreover, certain advantages that would be agreed upon for Spanish commerce and Spanish capital here invested. To carry out the plans orders had been given to the detachments of troops stationed at the trocha in the section between Mariel and Guanajuaco for Maceo with his staff to pass the military line unmolested. The combinations took time to mature and to give the semblance of truth. Ahumada feigned that before acting he must make known his plans to Weyler for his previous approval; and this explains the sudden arrival of Weyler at Havana and his prompt return to Pinar del Rio.

"Having arranged the conditions and place of meeting Maceo crossed the trocha over the road to Guanajaco without being molested by the forts, but once arrived at the place decided upon he and his party were greeted by tremendous volleys from the forces under Major Cirejuda, lying conveniently in ambush. Most of the officers fell with General Maceo. Zertucha is alive, because he was aware of the scheme, and remained in the rear. The Spaniards know where the bodies are, but are bent on feigning ignorance to blot out the vestiges of the crime.

"Havana and all Spain are rejoicing because in the midst of their stupidity they hope that the war may end with the death of this gallant leader. Far from this, the spirit of the Cubans has grown more ardent, and to-day the latter are resolved to make every sacrifice before laying down their arms to the relentless tyrants, and in this province of Havana, where our army is less numerous and has less means of defense, the Cubans are operating with greater activity than ever, and not a day passes but that we do not hear in this city the firing on Guanabajaco. The Spaniards may treacherously murder some of our patriots, but there is no earthly power that could annihilate the spirit of liberty floating now as ever over the Cuban people."

Speaking of the lettter, Mr. Haua said:

"Maceo is dead, but Cuba will live long. The death of no one man can crush the brave spirit of the patriots of Cuba who are fighting gallantly for liberty. Maceo was not killed fairly or in honest battle, but through the murderous treachery of his physician, Dr. Zertucha, and the acting captain-general of Cuba, the Marquis Ahumada. Thirty-four members of his staff were murdered with him—every man of the staff with the exception of the treacherous Zertucha.

"The Spaniards say," added Mr. Haua, "that they do not know where Maceo's body is. They know full well. They have buried it to cover their treachery to a degree, and will exhume it soon to say, 'Ah, here is the body of Maceo.'

"From to-day Cuba will fight harder than ever before. This will be a sad day for Spain.

"I do not know who will succeed Maceo," said Mr. Haua, "but I think it will be Rios Rivera, a brave and intelligent soldier."

ATLANTA, GA., Dec. 12.—The Constitution's Key West special gives the following account of Maceo's death, indicating his betrayal and implicating Dr. Zertucha:

"Your correspondent is now enabled to state upon the most undoubted authority that the death of Maceo was a premeditated assassination and that the failure to produce his body is because it is mutilated and would shock even Spanish official sensibilities.

"It seems that General Maceo had planned a successful crossing of the trocha and that, taking the sea route with a bodyguard, he was to rejoin his forces east of Mariel. This was accomplished in safety and while standing alone within sight of a line of skirmishers the general was shot down by men in hiding, who were awaiting their victim. His body was then hacked up by the assassins.

"It has been well known for a year past that there was a price set upon Maceo's head, and that Captain-General Weyler's first official act upon reaching the island was to give recognition to the plateodos, bands of freebooters. These men, following in the wake of both armies, would murder and plunder, and when chased down by the indignant Cubans would find protection within the Spanish lines, while the latter would officially deny all knowledge of the murderers.

"A few weeks ago a band of these men attacked a convent in the province of Puerto Principe, which was filled with young girls, who were most shamefully abused. Some of these men were caught by General Lacet, the insurgent leader, and executed, while the greater part of them found protection within Spanish lines. Although the enormity of their crime was known and their victims were convent schoolgirls the criminals were protected from molestation and are to-day free.

"These are the men whom General Weyler has spent hundreds of thousands of dollars to attach to his cause and through whom he has ordered the killing of foreigners whom he dared not call up in court. He has made offers of reward for the assassination of insurgent leaders. For three weeks it has been known in Havana that a clever bribe was out for the surrender of General Maceo. It was to the effect that he held the ticket which called for the grand prize of $50,000 in the Havana lottery, and upon Weyler's departure for the hills several days ago it was breathed about that the man who killed Maceo could have the prize. The story of Maceo's death as told from official sources sustains fully the theory of assassination. General Maceo, instead of crossing the trocha directly with his men, was through some covert influence induced to pass Mariel on boat and to reach his forces on the east side of the death line. There everything was in readiness by the conspirators, and the brave leader fell a victim to the trap into which he had walked. It is considered very singular that Maceo's physician, Maximo Zertucha, was allowed to surrender and is treated with distinction.

"The depression into which the Cubans were thrown upon the first announcement of Maceo's death, now that the fact of his assassination is confirmed, has changed to that of desperate determination."

WHERE IS SPANISH CHIVALRY?

Delegate Palma Speaks of General Maceo's Assassination.

NEW YORK, N. Y., Dec. 12.—The Cuban Junta in this city received the following telegram from their Jacksonville agent, P. A. Huau, this afternoon:

"Received letter from Havana confirming death of Maceo and staff by a combination between Marquis Ahumada, second in command to General Weyler, and Dr. Zertucha. They were murdered."

Delegate Estrada Palma, after the receipt of the above, dictated a statement for the press. It was as follows:

"The news does not surprise me, because the first reports were so contradictory that they read like a mystery. I was inclined to believe that the news was false at first, but that if General Maceo was dead it was through the assassin's knife. It seems now that he has been murdered.

"General Weyler in addressing the crowd from the balcony of his house seemed anxious to shirk credit for the responsibility of Maceo's death when he said that the victory was clearly due to Ahumada. Perhaps his conscience begins to feel remorse. This very act of the Spanish general proves the straits of the Spanish army. They must resort to treachery.

"They did not face Maceo. They stabbed him in the back. Let me ask where is the Spanish chivalry of which they boast so much?"

CONGRESS MAY NOW ACT.

Maceo's Murder Will Not Help the Cause of Spain.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 12.—The news of the alleged assassination of Maceo under the cover of what was practically a flag of truce, is accepted as true at the Cuban legation here, and was received with a thrill of horror by Congressmen who learned of it. If authentic information of Mr. Haua's story should be received from Acting Consul-General Springer in Havana, some immediate action by Congress may be looked for in the coming week.

There are facts in Haua's story which, as the Cubans here believe, fit in with previous reports and make them intelligible. It was regarded as incomprehensible that a rough-and-tumble fighter like Maceo should be killed in silk underwear and with his jewelry on his person, but if he was riding out for a parley nothing would be more natural to a Cuban than to attire himself in his most gorgeous array.

Resolutions of inquiry on the subject will probably be introduced in one or both Houses of Congress Monday next.

PROMPT ACTION DEMANDED.

The United States Should End the Spanish Atrocities.

NEW YORK, N. Y., Dec. 12.—The dispatches telling of the assassination of General Antonio Maceo by the Spanish soldiers have aroused indignation among the friends of Cuba in this city. General Daniel E. Sickles did not hesitate in declaring the affair an outrage.

"If the story of the murder of General Maceo is true," said he, "it warrants prompt action on the part of the United States to put an end to this barbarous kind of warfare. It is in line with other acts of the Spanish and, I think, calls for immediate action."

Chauncey M. Depew said: "If the report be true no language can characterize it. It is simply a cowardly assassination. It is hard to believe that so brave a man as Maceo should meet with such a wretched fate. The confirmation of it will stir the people of this country as nothing else has done since the Cuban rebellion began."

PRAISES HIS "BRAVERY."

The Queen Regent to Shower Honors on Cirujeda, the Assassin.

MADRID, SPAIN, Dec. 12.—The killing of Maceo is likely to result in promotion and other honors for Major Cirujeda, who commanded the Spanish force in the "engagement" in which the rebel leader lost his life. Queen Regent Christina to-day received Major Cirujeda's wife and eldest son.

The Queen Regent spoke warmly in praise of Major Cirujeda's bravery in attacking a largely superior force of rebels, the official dispatches showing that the Spaniards were outnumbered four to one. She promised as a token of her appreciation of Major Cirujeda's action to undertake the expenses of the education of his son.

VETERANS ARE AROUSED.

They Are Ready to March to Cuba and Fight the Traitors.

PITTSBURG, PA., Dec. 12.—When the news of the reported assassination of Maceo, the Cuban leader, was bulletined at the office of the United Associated Presses in Pittsburg this evening they were read by thousands, and Spain was denounced in the most vigorous language.

Sympathy with the Cubans and their cause was aroused to an astonishing degree. A reporter of the Leader visited G. A. R. Post No. 162 in Allegheny to interview some of the representative veterans on the Cuban question.

The post was just adjourning when Commander Brown heard from the reporter the news of Maceo's assassination. He raised his gavel and called the post to order again. The reporter was required to repeat his story.

As they heard the reading of the report of the attack upon Maceo while under the protection of the flag of truce, every one of the fifty grizzled veterans present pressed eagerly forward. The reading finished, there was a moment's silence.

Then Comrade R. C. Miller said firmly and slowly: "If this be true, I am ready to go to Cuba to-morrow."

"Here, too," said others.

"The cowards," hissed many.

A general and earnest talk followed, in which the most intense interest was evidenced. "If this be true we will all go to the aid of the Cubans," shouted a speaker. The answering chorus was, "That's what we will."

The general sentiment prevailing was that the United States should extend immediately a powerful arm to the speedy assistance of the struggling band of patriots in Cuba.

WEYLER IS SATISFIED.

Brutal Butchery and Assassination Please the Captain-General.

HAVANA, CUBA, Dec. 12.—A reporter had an interview this evening with General Weyler, who returned to Havana last night from the province of Pinar del Rio.

When asked concerning his opinion of the campaign in general he said that he was very well satisfied with the course of events and expressed the hope that in a short time there would be a change that would modify some of the aspects of the situation.

He was asked concerning the result of his operations in Pinar del Rio, and replied that he was pleased with the outcome, since the rebels in that province are now broken up into small bands and are rapidly losing ground in the hills, the Spanish forces dislodging them from their hiding places.

Regarding the effects that would be produced in the rebel ranks and among rebel sympathizers by the death of Maceo, the captain-general said it would be demoralizing, since Maceo's prestige among them was very great.

He was filled with the fighting spirit, was a dashing commander and was always ready to give battle to the Spaniards when the time and opportunity suited him. The prestige of a leader was an important factor for the insurgents.

When one disappeared the others were demoralized and disorganization followed; again that would be taken advantage of by the Spanish. General Weyler cited examples of the effect produced in the ranks of the rebels by the death of some of their leaders.

Speaking of Rios Rivera, who it is supposed will succeed Maceo in command of the rebels in Pinar del Rio, General Weyler remarked that he was now at the head of the insurgent parties in that province.

He added that Rivera had no history as a leader of men, nor did he have the capacity to lead his forces. He had reason to believe that Rivera would not resist the Spanish troops very long, and thought it would take about twenty days more to terminate the insurrection in Pinar del Rio.

THOMAS' TOUR IN CUBA.

Says Spain Will Have to Kill All the Insurgents to End the War.

CHICAGO, ILL., Dec. 12.—Charles N. Thomas returned to Chicago from a month's visit in Cuba, where he went to get material for a lecture. He said he was watched day and night by a Spanish detective and traveled as a land agent. He obtained written authority in Havana, which, in addition to his American passport, enabled him to cross the trocha and make his observations, but that 20,000 soldiers whom he passed would have asked nothing better than to kill him with a knife. He asserted that if the Cubans can hold out the year they will never have to win a pitched battle, yellow fever and small-pox doing more deadly work than the army of the insurgents could do with bullets. He estimated Spain's daily expense of conducting the war at $300,000. He added:

"It is liberty or death with the Cubans. Spain will have to crush out the life of every insurgent before she can end the war. No compromise will be accepted now. Only one-sixth of the island is under cultivation. The Cubans, if free, would ask for annexation to the United States, and then the garden spot of the world would be thrown open to American colonists. Cuba could support 10,000,000 people, and under American enterprise would become the greatest wealth-producing spot in the world. Henceforth my voice will be uplifted in the interest of the patriots."

Guardsmen to Aid Cubans.

TOLEDO, OHIO, Dec. 12.—A company is being organized here of members of the Ohio National Guard for service in Cuba. It is said that already fifty men have been enrolled.

Nevada and Statehood.

NEW YORK, N. Y., Dec. 12.—The proposition, seriously set forth by a Chicago newspaper, to suspend the representation of the State of Nevada in Congress because of its incompetency in point of population, just as the rights of the Southern States were suspended during the war, is reluctantly disapproved by the Boston Herald, to which the equity of the action is more apparent than its legal possibility. A better method to settle the Nevada trouble, according to the Herald, would be to agree to the union of Nevada with Utah.

Kearny Street, Looking South, in the Blaze of the New Electric Arc-Lights.

IN QUEST OF SLAYER DUNHAM

Officers Gather at San Diego to Seek for the Murderer.

Belief That They Have Located Him Below the Mexican Boundary.

Plans Carefully Laid to Effect His Capture and Hasten Back.

SAN DIEGO, CAL., Dec. 12.—Detective George E. Gard arrived here this afternoon on a mysterious errand. Deputy United States Marshal Covarrubias has been here for a day or two, and the presence of these officers aroused the curiosity of the local officials. Through one of them, who enjoys the confidence of the up-country officers, it was learned that Sheriff Lyndon of Santa Clara County was expected to arrive here to-morrow, and that a hunt was to be made for Murderer Dunham, the author of the horrible tragedies at Campbell on May 26 last, when the McGlincy family were stricken down. Though the visiting sleuths have kept very silent regarding their quest, and declared when its object became known that they believed Dunham to be hiding in the country north of here, it is known almost to a certainty that they intend to cross the Mexican line. Evidently they believe they have the Campbell fugitive located below the border, and are planning to surprise and capture him and then hasten back with him to American soil. So secret have they kept their movements that it is doubtful whether they have gone through the formality of obtaining permission to pursue the search in Mexico, fearing that such a course might result in a warning reaching Dunham.

Ex-Marshal Gard was asked as to his intentions to-night. He displayed considerable annoyance and asked at once for the name of the officer who had given the thing away. This was not divulged.

"Well," said the detective, "I don't see how they got onto it. I heard from Mr. Lyndon, the Sheriff at San Jose, about Tuesday, in response to a tip I had sent him. I had received word from a friend that Dunham was supposed to be somewhere between San Jose and Los Angeles. So far as I know Mr. Lyndon is not coming down here."

"Which way was Dunham heading?"

"He was about half way between San Jose and Los Angeles."

"Do you deny that you are here after Dunham?"

"Oh, you can't ask me to tell you what I am here for. I really can't do that, you know. I came down here last July and visited Dunham's bee ranch at Dulzura. It was thought that, knowing this country, he might head this way, but I didn't find any signs of him. The business I am on now is a quien sabe case—there might be something in it and there might not. If there is anything in it at all it is a big thing—I will say that much. Now don't ask me any more."

Local officials take this statement with a grain of allowance. When Sheriff Lyndon arrives to-morrow, the party will, they declare, strike southward instead of to the north, and not stop until they are well across the border, possibly on the Lower California peninsula. Having caught their man—if they do take him—they are quite likely to waive the formality of an extradition. There is a possibility that they are acting in conjunction with the Mexican authorities.

That the officers believe that they have a "straight tip," as to the murderer's whereabouts is shown by their actions and the many telegrams received and sent.

Dunham is well acquainted with the mountains of this county, and has a good general knowledge of Lower California. He could have hidden there all the time since his escape without being seen.

MEXICO THEIR DESTINATION.

Sheriff Gard and Party Will Probably Cross the Boundary.

LOS ANGELES, CAL., Dec. 12.—When ex-Marshal Gard left this city and stole to San Diego, where he is at present in company with northern officers who had assembled at the seaside rendezvous just as quietly, he possessed information regarding the whereabouts of James Dunham, the sextuple murderer of Santa Clara County, or Dunham's double. Evidently the detective has laid his plans well for the capture of this man, and within forty-eight hours the success or failure of his mission will be known. Those having personal and friendly relations with Major Gard have known for some time that he and Sheriff Lyndon of San Jose have had a great deal of correspondence respecting the fugitive.

Gard's known sagacity and cleverness, as shown in the plan which resulted in the capture of Evans and Sontag in Fresno County two years ago, and later his exceeding brilliant coup in arresting Evans and Morrell in the former's own house in Visalia, has given him a standing with the constabulary of California which is enjoyed by few detectives. Sheriff Lyndon has never made a move in this part of the State without first consulting Detective Gard.

It is known that Sheriff Lyndon has never relaxed his vigilance nor given up all hope of being able some day to land Dunham in the County Jail at San Jose.

The supposition here is that some one believed to be Dunham has been located below the Mexican line. Evidently the news is of a reliable character, as the active but secret operations would indicate. It has been believed for months that Dunham has been all this time in Mexico. Gard is perfectly familiar with the whole country down there, while he speaks and understands the Spanish language and its shades of Indian dialect.

As has often happened with criminals, Dunham, if in Mexico heretofore, may have tired of life among the peons and taken the chances of returning to California. If so, Gard, who has an able coworker in San Diego, would most likely know it first.

To Drain Laguna de Santa Rosa.

SANTA ROSA, CAL., Dec. 12.—A meeting of prominent residents of the Laguna district was held here to-day to discuss ways and means of draining the stream known as the Laguna de Santa Rosa. Owing to its sluggish flow, the Laguna has become obstructed by large banks of sand and gravel, causing it to overflow each year and ruin thousands of acres of fine land along its banks. I. McClelland presided, and a committee composed of the chairman, J. Peterson, Andrew Frei, C. E. Simons and John Bailiff was appointed to consider a plan and report on Saturday, December 19.

Will Meet in Los Angeles.

LOS ANGELES, CAL., Dec. 12.—The commission which is to decide on the location of a deep sea harbor at Santa Monica or San Pedro, is to meet in this city on Wednesday, the 16th. The Chamber of Commerce tendered the use of its rooms to the commission, and a reply was received omitting to state whether the offer was accepted. The members have engaged quarters at the Westminster Hotel.

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Three arc lamps to each block were hung over the middle of the street and these in connection with the liberal display of electric lights in the shop windows flooded the air with the nearest approach to sunshine that the art of man has been able to produce.

The bringing into full view of the fronts of the principal buildings on the street with their graceful outlines and ornately carved cornices standing embossed in glowing color against the black background of the sky was the most remarkable feature of the new illumination. It was a pleasing revelation to all who saw it. In fact, the general effect was so satisfactory that it will be next to impossible to discontinue the extra lights.

Another noticeable effect of the new illumination will be that all the other business streets will look so gloomy and dingy in comparison that the merchants will clamor for new lights, and the entire business part of the city will put on an up-to-date metropolitan appearance. When that time comes San Francisco will be up in the front rank with New York, Chicago and St. Louis, at least so far as appearances go.

The new lights were displayed also on Post, from Kearny to Grant avenue; on Sutter, from Montgomery to Grant avenue, and on Bush, from Kearny to Grant avenue.

This is only a starter for Kearny street, for on next Saturday evening the lights will be extended to Montgomery avenue, up the avenue to Stockton street and to Pacific street also. Two bands of music will voice the joy of the people and a gala time will be had.

Business men on Stockton street from Pacific to Green, on Fillmore from Sutter to Clay, on Taylor from Eddy to Golden Gate avenue and on Geary from Grant avenue to Kearny have fallen into line and will also illuminate.

The following are names of property-owners who have contributed for lights on Kearny street:

9, Raphael's, clothing.
335, Chris Gundel, meerschaum pipes.
812, A. Anderson, saloon.
820, Browning & Bremer, gunsmiths.
808, Bob Martin, liquors.
834, Charles Maier, boots and shoes.
814, John G. Ils & Co., ranges.
832, H. Sutliff, cigars.
806, loan office.
C. Bonin, Richelieu cigar-store.
211, J. M. Rademaker, saloon.

NEW TO-DAY.

WILD With Eczema

I was a sufferer for eight years from Eczema, but now am entirely cured. The palms of my hands were covered and badly inflamed; little white blisters appeared, then would peel off, leaving a red, smooth surface, which would burn like fire and itch. On the inside of the upper part of my limbs, great red blotches would appear, and as soon as I became warm, the burning and itching would begin. Night after night I would lie awake and scratch, and almost go wild. I got a box of CUTICURA, and a bottle of CUTICURA RESOLVENT, and after a few applications I noticed the redness and inflammation disappear; *before I had used one box there was not a sign of Eczema left.* I can truthfully assert that $2.00 worth of CUTICURA REMEDIES cured me.

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