

SAY MACEO IS ALIVE

Sensational Rumors Current in Havana.

THE CASE SHROUDED IN MYSTERY

Festivities in the Capital City to Celebrate His Death Have All Been Stopped.

Key West, Fla., Dec. 18.—Passengers arriving here tonight from Havana report that Antonio Maceo is alive and well, and is in the province of Matanzas.

The passengers say that all of the festivities that were going on in Havana to celebrate his death have been ordered stopped, since it has become known that he is alive.

Advices from Havana tonight by the steamer Olivette state that the alleged death of Maceo is still shrouded in mystery, and a majority of the Cubans refuse to believe that the great chief is dead. The body has not been discovered and contradictory statements made by Spaniards lead the Cubans to believe Maceo is still alive. Even the people who live at Punta Brava, where Maceo is said to have been killed, do not credit the story. Dr. Zertucha continues to make conflicting statements. He says now that the knife which the Spaniards have belonged to young Gomez, and not to Maceo. They say this gives either that Maceo is still alive or that if he is dead, his death will not injure the rebellion.

There is a multiplicity of theories current in regard to Maceo. One report in Havana is that the Spanish officer at Cabezas, province of Matanzas, has informed the Havana authorities that Maceo passed that place recently with a large force. Then, too, it is claimed that a letter has been received in Havana from Aguirre, the insurgent leader, dated December 11, in which no mention is made of Maceo's death.

Weyler is now in a quarrel with the marine authorities because of the charge that Maceo passed the trocha in a boat. The marine authorities deny the story positively, and have cabled the facts to Spain. All these contradictory statements render it difficult to believe that Maceo is really dead.

Cincinnati, Dec. 18.—A Commercial-Tribune special from Key West says: The warships Raleigh and Newark came in at noon, having failed to find the Three Friends. The steamer City of Key West was overhauled by the Raleigh as she was creeping along near the shore, but the warship let her alone as soon as she was identified.

The Spanish consul here has been frantically wiring Havana about sending vessels to intercept the expedition, but it is said by the Cubans that the Bermuda and Three Friends can take care of themselves.

The spongers coming in today say that Spanish warships are numerous in the straits between here and Havana, three war vessels and six launches having been sighted.

A PREMATURE EXPLOSION.

Several Men Either Killed or Maimed in a Colorado Town.

Denver, Dec. 18.—A News special from Red Cliff, Colo., says:

Five men either killed outright or terribly maimed, with one other badly wounded, is the probable result of a premature explosion of giant powder in the Molly tunnel at Holy Cross, fifteen miles from here, today. C. A. Trow, bookkeeper for Holy Cross Gold Mining & Milling Company, arrived in Red Cliff by team from the company's works, bringing very unsatisfactory accounts of the accident.

Eleven o'clock in the morning is about the hour at which the day shift of the tunnel fires the first round of holes in the breast. The heavy concussion was heard on the surface at about schedule time, and shortly afterward a man with his face and head terribly out and bruised, and one eye closed, groped his way out of the tunnel and managed to say that a premature explosion had occurred at the breast, and that a number of men were either dead or frightfully maimed. It is known that about eight holes, loaded with from five to seven pounds of giant powder each, are fired at a round, machine drills being used on the bore. Trow did not wait to ascertain the extent of the disaster, but ordered one of the teamsters to drive him to Red Cliff in haste. He was foreman of the shaft. No further details are now obtainable, and probably none will be known until tomorrow.

A Student Cut His Throat.

Nashville, Dec. 18.—Today about 12 o'clock noon, Sterling Turner, of the junior class of Vanderbilt university, committed suicide by cutting his throat with a razor in his room, but the body was not discovered until 3 o'clock by some of his companions, who went to his room, and, failing to get in, forced an entrance, finding him dead in a pool of blood. He was suffering from the effects of overstudy.

Fully one-third of the land in Great Britain is owned by members of the House of Lords.

The Match Factory Explosion.

Manchester, Dec. 18.—The loss of life by the explosion which destroyed the Von Kramer match factory at Aeschafenburg was much greater than previously reported. Fifteen women and girls employed in the main building were killed and many persons in the adjoining building fatally injured.

Electricity is doing wonderful work. We have the trolley pulling millions, and they're commencing to draw people's faces with the telegraph.

Palma, Island of Majorca, Dec. 18.—The American steamship Laurada, from Palermo, has sailed for Gibraltar, where she will take coal for America.

Washington, Dec. 18.—The announcement by cable that the notorious steamship Laurada had sailed directly from Palermo for Gibraltar, instead of going her way to the harbor of Valencia, gave great satisfaction to the officials, who feared that international trouble was about to be caused. It was admitted that, as a matter of law, the Laurada had a right to enter any Spanish port in time of peace.

ARRESTED FOR CONTEMPT.

Warrants Served on a Board of County Commissioners.

Leadville, Colo., Dec. 18.—While the board of commissioners of this (Lake) county were in special session tonight they were arrested by the sheriff on a mandate from the state supreme court, commanding that they be brought before that court to purge themselves of contempt. Judgment for several thousand dollars against the county was recently obtained and affirmed by the supreme court, which thereupon ordered the commissioners to levy a tax of 4 mills to satisfy it. As there was nearly enough money in the county treasury to pay the judgment, the commissioners levied but 1 mill, and, not liking the attorney for the claimant, did not notify him of the fact. When he saw by the official report that the full 4 mills had not been levied, he advised the supreme court of the matter, which caused the action taken tonight. It is said by the county attorney that the board will be ordered to go to Denver in charge of the sheriff.

FOR THE CUBAN ARMY.

Young Men Said to Be Enlisting on the Sound.

Seattle, Dec. 18.—A special to the Post-Intelligencer from Port Angeles says:

The Cuban junta has a representative in this city who has succeeded in recruiting 250 young men for the Cuban army. They are prepared to leave for the East on receiving transportation, which has been promised by the junta. It is authoritatively stated that they will be joined several other companies forming on the Sound. The plan is for them to go to St. Louis, where they will be supplied with arms and six months' provisions. Their destination from that point is kept secret, but they are promised transportation to Cuba. In the event of the success of the insurgents, those who enlist are to receive a tract of land, the amount of which is to depend upon its value, but to be not less than eighty acres. This land is to be supplied by the confiscation of Spanish plantations. Agricultural implements are also promised for working the land.

To Petrify Human Bodies.

Chicago, Dec. 18.—Charles D. and Frank Boydston, of this city, think they have discovered a method of turning human bodies to stone and preserving them forever. In the basement of their establishment there is the body of a young woman who died July 15 last. This body since it was treated by them has turned to stone, or to a substance resembling it, and appears to be imperishable. In an upper room of the establishment is another body of a woman who died August 22, which appears also to have become petrified.

The brothers have been experimenting for years, but the discovery of a process of petrification was in some respects an accident. Eight or ten months ago they began to treat bodies with a preparation which has petrifying properties with such encouraging results that they kept up their experiments.

Veterans to Have Preference.

Washington, Dec. 18.—Senator Mitchell of Oregon, today introduced a bill to amend section 1574 of the revised statutes. That section as passed in 1865, provided that persons honorably discharged from the military or naval service by reason of disability resulting from wounds or sickness incurred in the line of duty shall be preferred for appointment to civil offices, provided they are found to possess business capacity necessary for a proper discharge of the duties. The amendment gives the preference to all honorably discharged persons from the military or naval service without regard to reason for such discharge, provided they have served 90 days or more in the war of the rebellion or any Indian war. Mitchell supported his bill with a brief speech on his motion. It was referred to the committee on civil service retransmission.

Stenberg's Bondsman Withdraws.

Tacoma, Dec. 18.—City Treasurer Stenberg today wrote a letter to his bondsman, asking them to withdraw as his sureties, because he was compelled to pay out \$120,000 on bond, under a decree of court. This was followed by the withdrawal of all the bondsman, which was accepted at the council's special session tonight. The council reduced the treasurer's bond to \$10,000, and skimmished all night for sureties, but could not find them. Under this, the treasurer is liable for only the face of the bond, and can pay out money without hindrance from warrant holders.

Will Have a New Chief.

Spokane, Dec. 18.—Mayor Belt and Chief of Police Hawthorne had some words tonight in the mayor's office, which came near leading to blows. The mayor afterward demanded the resignation of the chief, and the chief refused to resign. The board of commissioners are with the mayor, and the chief will probably be removed at once. The controversy grew out of an order of the mayor for the chief to close the dance halls, which order was not obeyed by the chief.

Killed by a Deputy.

Claremore, I. T., Dec. 18.—While drunk and creating a disturbance in a saloon, Ed Reed, who killed the Crittenden brothers a year ago, was shot and killed by a deputy sheriff. He was a son of the notorious Bell Starr. He had been arrested earlier in the evening for shooting in the saloon and placed under bond, but after his release he returned to the saloon and was flourishing his gun when he was killed with two shots.

The Special Election in Cowlitz.

Kalama, Dec. 18.—At the special election held in Cowlitz county, by order of the governor, to settle the tie between Dr. L. Sims, Republican, and John Hargrave, Populist, Dr. Sims was a candidate, and Dr. Sims had no opposition, although a few Populists voted for Hargrave, thinking he was on the ticket.

The Sanitarian quotes Dr. Enrico Morselli as saying that divorced persons are particularly liable to commit suicide or become mad.

HELP FOR THE CUBANS

Murder of Maceo Arouses the American People.

MANY OFFERS OF ASSISTANCE

Companies of Recruits Being Forwarded From Many States—Filibustering Expeditions.

Washington, Dec. 15.—The headquarters of the Cuban legation in this city was the center of interest to a number of callers today, who had come to express to Senator Quesada their sorrow at the death of General Maceo and to offer their sympathy, and in some cases help for the Cubans. These callers included a number of congressmen, and two senators, whose names the Cuban representative declined to reveal, who told him of their desire to see some action by congress that would be of assistance to the insurgents.

Senator Quesada says he has received during the past few days about fifty letters, many of which come from persons and organizations, offering to send men to assist the Cubans in fighting for liberty. Among the states and cities represented in these letters are Washington, Wyoming, Kansas, Indianapolis, Buffalo, Evansville, Ind., and Waterbury, Conn. Responsive to these letters, Senator Quesada authorizes his former statement that the Cubans have enough men and leaders to gain the cause for which they are fighting. They can avail themselves of 60,000 men, and more if necessary, but what they need is arms and ammunition, and medicine for the sick and wounded.

He says offers of assistance from abroad have been received. The Paris agent of the junta says that not only the Cubans, but the French people, after hearing of the assassination and death of Maceo, are collecting all they can to send an expedition to be called the "Expedition of General Maceo." Senator Quesada states that from San Domingo and Mexico come assurances of contributions to the cause, while the workmen and merchants of Tampa, Fla., say they will give not only 10 per cent of their earnings weekly, but will work three Sundays every month in order to give their wages for free Cuba. The agent at Jacksonville, Fla., writes that the people there can be counted on for a hundred rifles.

There was no information received at the headquarters today other than a telegram from President Estrada Palma, of the Cuban junta, which attributed Maceo's death to assassination, by plot arranged between Ahumada and Dr. Zertucha, which was published yesterday.

The circumstantial accounts of Maceo's death now convince the leaders that there is little doubt that he had been killed, but they express their opinion that this will not interfere with the success of the Cuban arms. Major Mr. de Lome had no additional facts in regard to the death of Maceo to communicate to the press. So far as can be ascertained, the state department has not yet been informed.

Story of the Assassination of Maceo

Havana, Dec. 15.—Further inquiries by the correspondent of the Associated Press have elicited the following additional details, which are positively reliable, of the manner in which Antonio Maceo met his death:

It is known that Maceo expected the insurgent brigadier-general, Sanchez, to concentrate his forces in Havana province, in readiness for Maceo when he should pass the trocha. It happened, however, that in passing the Spanish column commanded by Major Cirujeda, Maceo mistook the force of guerrillas under Peral for Sanchez' vanguard, and found himself among them before he discovered his mistake. At the first volley from the Spanish, Maceo fell wounded. The insurgents taken by surprise commenced a general fire as they retreated and abandoned Maceo in a dying condition. Colonel Feijoo had an engagement at Campo, Florida near Havana, with the concentrated forces of the insurgents which were with Maceo at the time he was killed and which are now following the leaders Aguirre, Castillo, Cardenas, Gallo and Lozo, and which number 1,300 horsemen. Colonel Feijoo again met these forces at Tumbacoque where he inflicted a loss of eighteen killed, their wounded being carried off. The Spanish had nineteen wounded.

Gorsky's Tough Head.

Oakland, Cal., Dec. 14.—Felix Gorsky, a laborer, had a piece of rock driven into his skull by a blast at Leoma Heights quarry this morning, but was not even rendered unconscious. He was knocked down by the blow and the fragment of rock pierced the bone of his skull, but he got up without help and took a car down to the receiving hospital, where he got surgical attention. His case is pronounced one of the strangest ever treated at the hospital, for it was deemed almost impossible, for a man to be hurt so without having raised a fracture or suffered concussion of the brain. Gorsky laughed at the idea of being hurt and announced that he never felt better and was going back to work at once.

Buried With a Mate.

Knox, Ind., Dec. 15.—The body of Ed Fetter, a horsedealer, was found buried with the carcass of a mule Friday, and today Fetter's partner, William Sutherland, was arrested, charged with the murder. The grave had been carefully dug, and the animal's body placed so as to conceal that of the man, in case the grave had been carelessly opened. It is claimed by the authorities that several people are implicated in the crime.

Woman Drove Away Burglars.

Wooster, O., Dec. 15.—At an early hour this morning three masked burglars battered down the door of the farmhouse of Perry Bristow, an aged man living near here. Just as they entered the house, Miss Alice Baxter, Bristow's housekeeper, met them with a lamp in her hand. As one of them attempted to grab her by the throat she struck him in the face with the lamp. She continued to hammer him with the glass handle of the lamp until he beat a retreat, and the two other robbers ran away. One of the three was afterwards arrested.

CONGRESS IN SESSION.

Senate.

Fifth day—Call renewed attention to the Cuban question by three resolutions, one being a bitter denunciation of the manner in which it is alleged General Antonio Maceo had been killed, while under a flag of truce. Other resolutions by Call requested the president to demand the release of United States prisoners at the Spanish penal settlement on the island of Centa, and also asked the secretary of state for a list of Americans held in Spanish prisons. The three resolutions went to the committee on foreign relations. Several spirited political colloquies occurred on the floor during the day. Allen's speech, protesting against intemperate criticisms of populism in Nebraska, led to a passage at arms between him and Hoar, in which the Massachusetts senator declared it was a novel departure for senators to appear as representatives of political parties, instead of representatives of their states.

Sixth day—Senator Morgan, of Alabama, held the attention of the senate and well-filled galleries for an hour today by his earnest advocacy of a strong and decisive policy in dealing with the Cuban question. The prominence of Morgan in the Cuban debate of last session, when he had charge of the Cuban resolutions reported from the committee on foreign relations, gave especial interest to his speech today. He spoke in dispassionate style, although his words had a directness and severity in picturing the horrors existing in Cuba such as is seldom heard in the senate. Mr. Morgan spoke freely of the possibilities of war, welcoming it if necessary to guarantee the protection of American citizens. He asserted that Spain's bankruptcy would prevent the collection of any indemnity for wrongs. The senator questioned the wisdom of the president's position, that granting of belligerent rights would be "untimely."

Seventh day—The session of the senate developed the most eventful and exciting debate that either branch of congress has heard in a long time. It brought forward the recognized leaders of the various parties and elements, including such conspicuous figures as Sherman, Frye, Teller, Gorman, Vest, Aldrich, Platt, Mitchell of Oregon, Chandler, Hale and Allen, in notable statements on the leading questions which have engaged the attention of the country of late. Not only was the line laid down on tariff and finance, but the debate partook of all the pent-up feeling resultant from the national contest. It was dramatic in its intensity, and at all times absorbingly interesting to the crowded galleries and body of senators. The debate came unexpectedly when Vest called up the Allen resolution for consideration of the Dingley bill, in order to make remarks on it. But it remained for Sherman to formally announce that the Dingley bill was dead. He said he could not always speak for his associates, but, in view of what had been said on the floor, he felt that he could safely announce now that the Dingley bill could not be passed, and that it was useless to waste further time on it.

House.

Fifth day—Beyond agreeing to a two weeks' holiday recess, beginning December 22, the proceedings in the house today were almost entirely devoid of public interest. Most of the day was spent in a struggle over the bill of Morse of Massachusetts, to render the laws relating to the sale of intoxicating liquors in the District of Columbia more stringent. The opposition was incited to filibuster against the measure, but it was finally passed. Several minor relief bills were passed. The reported assassination of Maceo, the Cuban patriot, and its effect on the attitude of the country toward the revolutionists, was almost the sole topic of conversation on the floor before the house met, and there was a general expectation that some radically sensational resolutions would be introduced. No resolutions, however, were offered.

Sixth day—The house today entered upon consideration of the Loud bill to amend the law relating to the transmission of second-class mail matter. The bill has been widely discussed in the public press, and met with the most intense opposition from certain quarters. It denies the right of serial novels to admission to the mails at the newspaper rate of one cent per pound; denies to newspapers the sample-copy privilege; prohibits the return of unsold publications at the pound rates and makes some other changes in the present law, designed to correct existing abuses.

Seventh day—Bailey of Texas, created a ripple of excitement in the house today by asking immediate consideration of the resolution to investigate the construction of the battle ship Texas. Dingley of Maine, thought the resolution ought to be considered by the committee on naval affairs before being acted upon; he therefore objected. On motion of Chairman Hull of the committee on military affairs, the house went into committee of the whole for consideration of the army appropriation bill. Several amendments looking to the abandonment of the army and navy hospital at Hot Springs, Ark., and the surrender and transfer of the reservation to the interior department were offered.

Secretary Olney has received cablegrams from the United States legation at Petropolis, Brazil, announcing that Brazil has accepted the rules for the prevention of collisions at sea, framed at the maritime conference held at Washington. The chief-maritime nations of the world have now given assent to the international rules, and they will go into effect July 1, next year, a humane end that has been reached only after protracted negotiations.

Among the recent shipments from North Yakima to Seattle have been quite a number of rabbits of domestic breed. They were slaughtered and frozen.

The delay in beginning the construction work at the new army posts at Seattle, Wash., and Bismarck, N. D., is explained at the war department as being due to the fact that clear titles to the ground for the proposed posts have not yet been given to the government. Until such titles are issued and filed at the war department, the work of construction cannot be undertaken.

NORTHWEST BREVITIES

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ITEMS OF GENERAL INTEREST

From All the Cities and Towns of the Thriving Sister States—Oregon.

The electric plant at Milton has been closed down temporarily.

There are now about 70,000 bushels of wheat in storage in Albany held by farmers.

The Baker City Democrat says that the county jail is the only vacant building in that city at present.

The students of the state university who are musicians have decided to organize a band. Thirteen have already joined.

J. N. Holcomb, of Eagle valley, picked and marketed 100,000 pounds of apples last season. He has also set out 1,000 more fruit trees.

It is reported in Baker City that William White, jr., of Pittsburg, Pa., has secured an option on the Ibeo mine, in the Sumpter district, for \$80,000.

Raising honey in the John Day valley seems to be a very lucrative business. Nearly every rancher has bees and can readily dispose of the surplus product at good figures.

The late grand jury in Baker county failed to find a single indictment at the present term of court. It will be the cheapest term of court for the taxpayers, no doubt, that has been held in the county for years.

The Grande Ronde Lumber Company now has a total of 5,000,000 feet of sawlogs along the Grande Ronde river for the next spring drive. This is about one-half the quantity that will be required for next season's run.

E. Willard purchased last week 100 head of cattle in Eagle valley, Union county, for Portland shipment. He says there are a good many cattle in that vicinity notwithstanding the fact that buyers have been picking up a good many head.

One night last week when train No. 69 was crossing the hill near Blalock, the trainmen were treated to a beautiful sight. A large and very bright meteor was seen falling from the heavens, and when apparently about a mile from the earth seemed to stand suspended for a moment, and then passed on in its northerly flight. The meteor was visible for about five minutes and had the appearance of an immense ball of fire flying through space.

About three weeks ago, says the Blue Mountain Eagle, Mr. Rambo left Long Creek, in Grant county, with his family, for College Place, Wash. He took with him a big tomato. No sooner was the cat free in College Place when he disappeared. He was afterwards seen by several freighters near Pendleton, and arrived in Long Creek soon after, having traveled 140 miles, over a road that had never been before, except when taken out in a wagon.

The town of Waterville now owns its own light and water plant.

Four deer were killed on Hartstein island, in Mason county, last week.

There are about 15,000 bales of 1895 hops stored in Puyallup warehouses.

Tacoma salmon fishermen are now seeking for herring that will be used as bait by the halibut fishermen.

The next jury term of the superior court for Walla Walla will convene January 10 next. An unusually full docket is expected.

The rowboat in which the two young men left Seattle on a hunting excursion has been found. It is now the general opinion that they were drowned.

North river loggers got over 1,500,000 feet of logs below the falls during the late flood, and there is about 1,000,000 feet above the falls to come down.

Ten dozen bob-white quail have been received by the Rod and Gun Club in North Yakima. They will not be turned loose until the winter is fully over and in the meantime they are receiving every attention.

There are now said to be 116 applicants for the office of fish commissioner to one who will get it. It seems incredible that forty-six ministers of the gospel should be among the number, says the Whatcom Revueille.

An order, signed by Secretary of War Lamont, and approved by President Cleveland, has been received at the local land office in Seattle whereby Marrowstone point is reserved for battery purposes for high-power guns. This permanently establishes the point for military purposes.

Robert Hughes and Elias Wilson were out hunting near Blaine last week. Wilson mistook Hughes for a deer and fired at him. The ball struck Hughes in the shoulder, making a painful flesh wound, and, after passing through his shoulder, struck and dented the barrel of his gun. It was a lucky escape, and should prove a lesson to anyone who does not know what he is shooting at when he pulls the trigger.

The tax levy on city property in Seattle for 1897 has been fixed at 11 mills for the old limits, or for the eight wards, and 8 mills for the new limits, or ninth ward.

President Penrose, of Whitman college, has addressed a letter to the people of Walla in reference to the Pearson endowment and calls attention to the necessity of immediate action on the part of those who are interested in seeing Whitman become one of the foremost colleges in the country.

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CLIMATE AND COMFORT.

Either way, whether we are to have a prolonged winter of extreme cold or a mild one, through the dampness and chill neuralgia will find its victims, and a great many imprudent people will find neuralgia. In either case, when it does come, with its racking torture, let's look about for the best that can be done. We need not go far. The reputation of St. Jacobs Oil as a certain cure for neuralgia has gone before it, and it is an established fact that it cures surely, soothes and restores the troubled nerves. To enjoy, therefore, a comfortable winter, whether it is cold or mild, bear in mind that for this complaint one should have the great remedy for pain ready for use. It is by putting off that the ailment grows worse, and the worst cases grow less as soon as it is used.

Progressive Civilization.

A lady recently took into her service a Chinaman, and began to Christianize him. Shortly afterward some silver spoons were missing. Then she taught him the Apostles' Creed, and it was discovered that a valuable piece of plate had been stolen. His benefactress, loath to suspect her new convert, started in to teach him the Ten Commandments. By the time he was able to repeat the First Commandment, the scamp stole her watch. Then the philanthropic lady's son rebelled. "Mother," he exclaimed, "for heaven's sake, don't teach that pig-tailed scoundrel any more, or by the time you've got him to the Tenth Commandment he will have stolen the house and taken the cellar along with it!"

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