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“EITHER VICTORY OR DEATH”

THE MANIFESTO SENT OUT BY CUBAN ASSEMBLY.

MAIN ISSUES AUTONOMIC DECREE

Cuba and Porto Rico Are Included In the Royal Grant—Anxiety Is Allayed.

The Cuban constituent assembly, which met recently at Camaguey to model the constitution and elect a president, issued a manifesto which reached the office of the Cuban minister in New York Friday.

The document is dated at Lahaya, October 18, 1897, and is signed by Domingo Mendez Capote, as president of the assembly.

The document says that the assembly before adjourning deemed it its duty to proclaim, among other things: “No special laws, no political reform or autonomy, nothing, in short, that the Spanish government may be able to grant that means Spanish sovereignty over Cuba shall be acceptable to the Cubans as a settlement of war.”

“Independence or death is and shall be the unalterable and sacred motto of the Cubans.

“The Cubans have not resorted to arms in order to obtain any political measures which does not once and for all solve the question. That is the reason we will accept nothing short of absolute independence.

“It is our purpose to constitute an independent state, orderly, prosperous and happy, over the ruin of a worsted colony.

“We are firmly determined to carry war until victory or death crowns our effort.”

AUTONOMY GRANTED.

Decrees for Cuba and Porto Rico Given Out by Spanish Government.

Advices from Madrid state that the Real Gazette published Saturday morning the royal decrees granting autonomy to Cuba and Porto Rico, thus moving the anxiety that had begun to be expected on all sides as the result of the government's reticent and unexplained delay.

Article 1 explains the principles of the future governments of the two islands.

Article 2 decrees that the government of each island shall be composed of an insular parliament, divided into chambers, while a governor representing the home government shall exercise in its name the supreme authority.

Article 3 declares that the faculty of making laws of colonial affairs rests with the insular chambers and the governor general.

Article 4 directs that the insular representation shall be composed of corporations with equal powers: chamber of representatives and a council of administration.

Article 5 provides that the council of administration shall consist of thirty-five members, of whom eight shall be elected and seventeen nominated by the government.

Article 6 provides that the members of the council of administration must be Spaniards, thirty-five years of age, who were born in the island or who resided there continuously for five years. It specifies numerous officials, such as senators, presidents of courts and of chambers of commerce and other bodies as eligible to election to the council.

Article 7 to 14 inclusive deal with nominations and the conditions of election to councils.

Article 15 empowers the throne or the governor general to convoke, suspend or dissolve the chambers with obligation on to reassemble them within three months.

CONSTANTINOPLE THREATENED.

Powers Have Decided That Turks Must Evacuate Crete.

The Rome correspondent of the London Daily Chronicle says:

“The report is confirmed that the powers have decided to blockade Constantinople in case Turkey refuses to withdraw her troops from Crete and to accept a European governor of the island.”

HIGHBINDERS MUST GET OUT.

Russian Merchants of San Francisco Combine Against them.

The San Francisco Chronicle says that the Chinese merchants of that city have combined to suppress the numerous highbinder societies. These business men have formed a compact not to submit to further blackmail, and without their usual aid, the highbinders will proceed to leave the city or go to work.

Over twenty highbinder societies are affected by this arrangement and the exact membership of these societies is not known, it is expected to be in the neighborhood of 1,600.

NITROGLYCERIN CAUSES DISASTER

Force of the Explosion Is Felt For Ten Miles Around.

An explosion of nitroglycerin occurred half a mile west of Chesterfield, Ind., at a late hour Thursday night.

Persons one mile away were lifted from their feet by the concussion, and the jar was perceptibly felt for ten miles. Fire followed the explosion, but the flames were quickly extinguished.

Sixty quarts of nitroglycerin had been hauled there for the purpose of shooting a gas well. The explosive was placed in a large zinc tub, located at the end of the steam exhaust pipe, for the purpose of thawing out the mixture. It is the theory that the tub became heated. A hole ten feet long and several in depth was torn in the earth, and the engine was blown to pieces.

Two drillers had a remarkable escape. They were standing within thirty feet of the scene of the accident, and were hurled twenty feet by the force of the explosion, but with the exception of a few bruises they escaped unhurt.

MINERS RESUME WORK.

Twelve Thousand Diggers in Illinois Enter the Pits Again.

The coal mining strike in the northern Illinois district ended Friday. Twelve thousand men have gone back to work in the Coal City, Braidwood, Carbon Hill, Spring Valley, Bodin, Seatonville, La Salle and Oglesby fields.

One thousand men remain out at Streator, the only point where miners and operators have not agreed. A settlement there is expected within a short time.

The victory is with the miners, although they have not won all they asked for.

The strike had been on since July 4th. It started as a part of the general strike ordered by the United Mine Workers of America. The Pennsylvania and Ohio miners settled their differences early in September. In Indiana work was resumed about the same time. The 30,000 miners of Illinois refused to ratify the terms of the agreement made at Columbus, O., and continued the strike.

TO GEORGIA FARMERS.

Commissioner of Agriculture Nesbitt Addresses a Timely Letter.

After carefully summing up the situation, Commissioner Nesbitt of Georgia has decided that the farmers of the south must vary from the rule of old and change their plans of farming so far as the cotton crop is concerned.

Commissioner Nesbitt says the farmers cannot raise large quantities of cotton at 5 cents and expect to pay the expenses of the farm alone from the sale of the cotton crop. He tells the farmers they must plow deeper and depend more upon nature's bountiful hand and buy less fertilizers. Instead of devoting all their acres to cotton, they should sow other crops which will sustain the stock as well as bring in ready cash to the market.

He warns the farmers of the south of the evil results of a burdensome cotton crop, and advises them to plant fewer acres in cotton and to plant more corn, peas and similar rotating crops.

WOMEN BARRED OUT.

Methodist Minister Did Not Approve of Female Preaching.

A Chattanooga dispatch states that a female revivalist, Mrs. Harris, has concluded a revival at Hillsboro, Ala., a few miles east of Courtland, on the Memphis and Charleston railroad. Large congregations attended the services, including many of the adjacent counties, going forty and fifty miles to hear her.

The meeting was commenced in the Methodist Episcopal church, south, by authority of the board of stewards, but Rev. Anson West, presiding elder of the Decatur district, learning of the use of this church by a female revivalist, went to Hillsboro and overruled the action of the board, interrupted the proceedings and caused a considerable flurry by officially closing the doors of the church to women preachers.

The affair has created great consternation among the Methodists and it will be taken to the district conference.

Mrs. Harris is the widow of the late Robert Lee Harris, a noted evangelist of his time.

RUSSIA'S WARNING UNBEEDED.

Turkey Proceeds to Invest 1,500,000 Marks in Large Guns.

Advices from Constantinople state that in spite of the protest of the Russian government which recently intimated to the Porte that if any considerable part of the indemnity paid by Greece should be devoted to the extension of the Ottoman armament the Russian government would insist upon a payment of the arrears of the Russo-Turkish indemnity, long overdue, Turkey has placed with Herr Krupp, the great German gunmaker, an order for 150 large cannon at a total value of 1,500,000 marks.

PREACHERS ON THE RACK.

SENSATION SPRUNG IN THE NORTH GEORGIA CONFERENCE.

“CHARACTER” QUESTION THE CAUSE

Three Prominent Ministers “Held Up.” Committee Will Make a Full Investigation.

Friday was a day of rather sensational developments at the North Georgia Methodist conference, in session at Athens.

It started off when Bishop Galloway, in his address to the class of young ministers about to be ordained as deacons, said that their characters had been passed on by all the members of the conference, and that it was the duty of those members to jealously guard those characters, and say nothing that would injure their reputations. Bishop Galloway declared that gossip was the worst enemy the conference had. This was taken to mean a reference to certain members of the conference.

Then Rev. J. A. Timmerman, whose circulars concerning the condition of the conference have caused so much comment, arose on a question of privilege, and read a statement in which he said that his object in sending out the circulars was to bring about the investigation of rumors and charges that were going the rounds, and not because he knew or believed them to be true.

The conference decided that all such matters should take the regular course and could be brought up when the twentieth question was propounded by Bishop Galloway.

When the call of the twentieth question was started at the afternoon session, it was soon made manifest that bombs were to be exploded in the conference. This question refers to the character of the ministers, and as each minister's name is called his character can be arrested if charges are to be investigated or protected.

When the name of Rev. John W. Heidt, presiding elder of South Atlanta district, was called, Rev. E. M. Stanton arose and arrested his character. When the name of Rev. Ellison E. Cook, presiding elder of the Dalton district, was reached, Rev. E. M. Stanton arrested his character. Rev. C. C. Carey arose when the name of Rev. J. T. Gibson, pastor of Walker street Methodist church of Atlanta was called and arrested his character.

The name of Rev. Walker Lewis of Atlanta was called, and Rev. C. C. Cary arose to make some remarks presumably about the recent controversy between him and Dr. Lewis over the published letter of Mrs. Felton.

Bishop Galloway would not allow Mr. Cary to proceed with any statement unless he wished to arrest the character of Dr. Lewis. The character of Dr. Lewis was passed without objection.

Committees were appointed, to whom the cases of these three prominent ministers were referred. The ministers holding up the character of these three preachers would not talk for publication, as they are to appear before the committees.

What the Charges Are.

It is learned, however, that the charges that will be investigated concerning Revs. Heidt and Cook are that they will not pay their debts, and that the charge concerning Rev. Mr. Gibson is that he has been imprudent with women. The committees to whom have been referred these charges will investigate them thoroughly. They are made up of the very strongest men in the conference and the results of investigation will be watched with interest.

Nothing in the Charges.

One of the oldest members of the conference stated that he had investigated these charges to the very bottom and found nothing in them but idle gossip. Nevertheless they have been made and the conference will settle them in the usual way. If the committees find there is nothing in them that will be the last of them. If they are found to be of sufficient weight to warrant investigation by the conference it will be made.

ARBITRATION NOT WANTED.

Irishmen Send a Long Petition to the United States Senate.

A petition to the senators of the United States was issued from the headquarters of the Irish National Alliance in New York Friday against the adoption of the proposed general treaty of arbitration with England.

The petition will be circulated by the various councils of the alliance throughout this country, the Ancient Order of Hibernians and other Irish-American societies.

The petition says that the advocates of the arbitration treaty here are the modern American Tories, descendants of the men who would have hanged Washington.

GOV. ELLERBE A CANDIDATE.

He Announces for Re-Election—Defends Dispensary Law.

A Columbia special says: Governor Ellerbe has declared his candidacy for re-election as governor of South Carolina, and in advance of his annual message to the general assembly, he has seen fit to present his views in regard to the liquor question. He also strongly expresses himself in regard to criticisms that had been made of his official acts. He gave out an interview Wednesday night in regard to a statement in a Charleston paper that he had told Newbold not to surrender, the governor says:

“I am getting heartily sick and tired of such dirty flings and insinuations. It seems that a gentleman has no protection, but has to submit to such slanderous insinuations.

“There seems to be a common understanding on the part of certain people to destroy the dispensary law, and they take advantage of all unfortunate occurrences to use them against the law. Since I have been governor I have tried fearlessly to perform my official duties, and will not be swayed by idle clamor or senseless criticism.

“The most difficult problem that confronts us today is that of the liquor traffic. The dispensary, I think, is the best solution of the question, but as the courts have decided that the dispensary is not a police regulation, I am in favor of amending the law so as to make it a police regulation by eliminating the profit feature, and, if necessary, not sell it as a beverage, but only for medicinal and sacramental purposes.

“Those who advocate high license have surely not read carefully the decisions of the courts, for in the case of Scott vs. Donald, the court advanced the view that the state could prohibit, they could inspect, but could do no more. If the dispensary is not a police regulation, and the state cannot control the liquor under the dispensary law, it certainly cannot under high license. Besides, under a high license system it would, in a few months, degenerate into the open barroom.

“I propose to go before the people on my record, and, if necessary, to advocate the policy just outlined. Some of my enemies have said I might be re-elected because of the unwritten law to give a governor two terms. I want it understood that no one need keep out of the race on this account, and I would not have it as a mere matter of precedent if my efforts did not warrant an endorsement.

“If I cannot refute the numerous charges that have been made against me, and cannot show to the people that I have honestly and faithfully tried to discharge the duties of the office, I do not care to be re-elected.”

CHINA APPEALS.

She Asks Russia to Intercede in the Trouble With Germany.

According to a Washington dispatch to the New York Herald, China has appealed to Russia to oust Germany from her territory, as the result of the occupation by a German force of a part of the Shan Tung peninsula.

The Russian legation in Peking is in charge of the secretary, Count Cassini, the minister having been transferred to Washington as the diplomatic representative of Russia. The negotiations on the subject are being conducted in St. Petersburg.

Notwithstanding the efforts of the Chinese government to get Germany to name a date when she could withdraw her forces, the German government has taken no step in the matter and the fear is expressed in the eastern and European diplomatic circles that her occupation, if not of a permanent character now, is simply a preliminary to it.

WILL REMOVE FROM WACO.

Baylor University May Follow Baptist Headquarters to Dallas.

A special from Dallas, Texas, says: As a result of the Brann-Baylor university sensations and the tragedies following them, culminating in the deaths of the two Harris brothers, official announcement has been made that the managers of the state headquarters of the Baptist church for Texas have ordered the headquarters removed from Waco to Dallas and that the business of the church will be conducted from that city, dating from December 1st.

A rumor is in circulation that Baylor university, probably the most important protestant institution of education in Texas, is to be removed from Waco.

NAIL MEN COMBINE.

Affection of Entire Iron Trade Will Be the Result.

Information from reliable sources in Cleveland, Ohio, is to the effect that at the protracted meeting in New York city during the past week, attended by nearly all the big producers of wire, wire nails and rods in the country, an agreement to consolidate was virtually reached, only one concern remaining to be induced to go in.

The combination will be the largest ever attempted, and will affect the entire iron trade. In order to avoid the fate of the old wire nail pool, the rod mills will be included as well as a number of steel producing concerns.

TERMS ARE OFFERED CUBANS

A MONEY CONSIDERATION WAS IN THE BARGAIN.

INSURGENTS REFUSE TO ACCEPT.

Pando Commissioned By Blanco to Carry Out Program But Made Dismal Failure.

A special of Monday from Havana, via Key West, says: General Pando, as recently cabled by the Associated Press, started by train from this city on Saturday last in order, according to official announcement, to take charge of the campaign against the insurgents. He was accompanied by his full staff and was escorted by a company of artillery. But it is stated on very good authority that General Pando has been commissioned by Marshal Blanco, the captain-general, to enter into communication with the insurgent leaders with the view of arranging for peace.

This statement is based on accurate knowledge of all the facts in the case. General Pando did not leave until he had taken steps calculated to further the object which Marshal Blanco has in view. General Pando, after a consultation with the captain-general, first brought about the release from confinement of Damian Caballero, who has been confined on the Isle of Pines for some time past, for, it is alleged, acting as spy for the insurgents and bringing about a disaster of the Spanish troops at Cacao.

General Pando's peace emissary was also furnished official documents empowering him to act for the Spanish commander, and from Manzanillo Caballero made his way secretly to the Jiguani hills, where General Rabi has his headquarters. General Pando instructed Caballero to offer General Rabi a high rank in the Spanish army and a large sum of money to be distributed among the other insurgent leaders of that part of Cuba and in addition a large amount of money for himself in the event of his succeeding in arranging terms for peace.

Besides this, Caballero was instructed to inform the insurgent leaders that the Spanish authorities undertook to honestly establish the new autonomist regime if the leaders of the insurgents would accept the proposition made them. Although Caballero has not returned from Santiago de Cuba, confidential advices which have reached the Spanish officials at Havana seem to indicate that Caballero has so far been unsuccessful. It is understood that General Rabi has replied that he believes a successful ending of the war in favor of the insurgents is approaching; that the Cubans with the aid of the United States will gain their independence and that, therefore, he prefers to continue fighting the Spaniards till the final victory is won.

Caballero also negotiated with General Duvalon, the French leader of the insurgents. There seems to be no intimation as to the result of Caballero's negotiations with General Duvalon, although it may be judged from the attitude assumed by General Rabi that the peace negotiations are likely to fall flat in Santiago de Cuba.

Insurgents Are Reluctant. In some quarters it is believed that the reluctance to accept the overtures of General Pando is due to the fact that the insurgents are anticipating some strong steps in their favor when the United States congress meets. It is generally admitted that General Pando is somewhat mortified with the non-success of his plans up to the present, and has so informed the three ex-insurgent leaders referred to.

He directly gave them to understand that he was of the opinion that they were opposed to the sovereignty of Spain over Cuba, and had no desire to assist the Spanish authorities in their efforts to bring about a peaceful settlement of the troubles. The Cubans protested that they were sincere and repeated the excuses they had already made for their non-compliance with the requests of the Spanish general. The latter, although somewhat disappointed, it is understood will continue his efforts to come to an understanding with the insurgents, and the military authorities believe that the best way to do this is to inflict on the enemy a signal defeat which General Pando hopes to accomplish.

THANKFUL FOR DEATH SENTENCE.

Cyrus Not Anxious To Die, But Wanted To Be Polite.

In the superior court at Atlanta, Ga., Tuesday, Tom Cyrus, colored, was sentenced by Judge Candler to die on the scaffold December 22.

The prisoner received his sentence with a calmness that was amazing, and when his doom was pronounced he bowed and said: “Thank you.”

It was the first time in the annals of Fulton county that a judge was ever thanked for imposing the death penalty.

When asked by a reporter if he was really glad to die, Cyrus replied: “Oh, no, but I wanted to be polite to his honor.”

SOUTHERN PROGRESS.

Report of New Industries Established During the Week.

The movement in manufactured products is active for the season and business generally, as reported by correspondents among prominent southern manufacturers and dealers shows a healthy increase.

The iron market is firm with but little change as to prices. The demand shows the falling off incident to the season, but the mills are well filled with business that will keep them busy until the spring trade opens. The Shelby, Ala., Iron Co. will put No. 1 furnace in blast Nov. 22 and the Watts Steel and Iron Syndicate will blow in furnace No. 1 at Middlesboro, Ky., December 1. The Dayton, Tenn., Coal and Iron Co. are repairing their furnaces and will put both plants in blast at an early date.

Southern cotton manufacturers report an encouraging volume of trade, and at most points the southern lumber business is more active than for several years past.

Among the most important new industries reported for the past week are the following: Electric light plants at Bessemer, Ala., and Harriman, Tenn.; an extensive fertilizer factory at Columbus, Ga.; the Berkely Chemical Co., capital, \$500,000, at Charleston, S. C.; a flouring mill at Conway, Ark.; and ice factories at Gainesville, Fla., and Waycross, Ga.; the Fairmount Land Co., capital, \$50,000, Norfolk, Va.; the Charleston Land and Mining Co., capital, \$500,000, Charleston, W. Va.; and the Kitson Hydro-Carbon Light Co., capital, \$50,000, Birmingham.

The Sloss Iron and Steel Co., of Birmingham, will develop iron mines at Leeds; gas generator works will be erected at Dallas, Texas; an 80-ton oil mill at Meridian, Miss.; a tannery at Morristown, Tenn.; and a \$150,000 cigar and tobacco manufacturing company at Port Tampa, Fla.

The Campbell Lumber Co., capital, \$25,000, has been chartered at Temple, Texas, and other woodworking plants will be established at Ball Play, Ala., Fulton, Ark., Pensacola, Fla., Ashland, Ky., and Harrisburg, Ark.—Tradesman (Chattanooga, Tenn.)

THORN TRIAL RESUMED.

The Great Interest Manifested by the Public Unabated.

A New York dispatch says: Martin Thorn, indicted with Mrs. Augusta Thorn for the murder of Wm. Guildensuppe, was again placed on trial Monday in the criminal branch of the Queen's county supreme court at Long Island City. Thorn's first trial, which was begun two weeks ago was interrupted, and had to be abandoned on account of Juror Larson becoming seriously ill.

There was a repetition of the scenes which marked the opening of the first trial. The main floor and galleries of the courtroom were crowded with lawyers, talesmen and reporters and newspaper artists. Deputies were stationed at all entrances to the courtroom and no persons were allowed to enter without a pass.

PIONEER MERCHANT DIES.

John Ryan, Sr., Was a Great Factor in the Upbuilding of Atlanta.

John Ryan, Sr., pioneer citizen and retired merchant of Atlanta, Ga., died at his residence in that city Monday morning.

In his death Atlanta loses one of those staunch old citizens whose energy and industry, at the time when the place was little more than a village, resulted in the great city which is now known as the Gate City of the south. It was the industrious example of these pioneers which has been followed by their successors that has won for Atlanta her reputation for energy. They laid the foundation of the city which has risen from the ashes of Marthasville.

FEVER AMONG SOLDIERS.

Three Privates at Fort Barancas Are Down With Yellow Jack.

A special from Pensacola, Fla., says: Three privates in the first artillery are now in the hospital at Fort Barancas with yellow fever. Trained nurses have been sent from Pensacola to attend them and they are all reported to be doing nicely.

The opinion is gaining ground that the present infection originated at the fort from the tearing down during the past summer of the old hospital in which many yellow fever patients were treated years ago.

EXPRESSMEN MEET.

Regular Annual Election of Directors and Officers at Savannah.

The 35th annual meeting of the Southern Express company was held at Savannah, Ga., Monday. The following directors were re-elected: H. B. Plant, New York; M. J. O'Brien, Augusta; M. F. Plant, New York; C. L. Loop, Chattanooga; H. Sandford, New York; Hugh Dempsey, Augusta; D. F. Jack, Augusta; officers, H. B. Plant, president; M. J. O'Brien, vice president and general manager; M. F. Plant, vice president; George H. Tilley, secretary and treasurer; T. W. Leary, of Chattanooga, assistant general manager; F. G. DuBignon, of Savannah, general counsel.