

EXPENSE OF THE CUBAN WAR

IT COSTS SPAIN THE SUM OF TWELVE MILLION DOLLARS MONTHLY.

SPAIN ANXIOUS TO END THE CONTEST

It Is Believed Spanish Officials Will Take Advantage of the Good Offices of Uncle Sam—War News From Cuba.

New York, Dec. 25.—A Madrid special to the World says:

It is rumored that Gen. Weyler has abandoned fresh operations against the insurgents, with a view of feeling his way to preparing the ground for finishing the present Cuban war like the past insurrections in Cuba, where money and unofficial negotiations proved more telling arguments than force of arms, directly the insurgents saw no more hope of foreign aid. It is also believed in diplomatic circles that Spain will take advantage of the dispositions of President Cleveland and Secretary Olney to negotiate quietly and directly with the United States to secure American neutrality by granting discriminating concessions in the contemplated Cuban tariff and fair promises of colonial autonomy before the accession of McKinley. One of the principal reasons of the Spanish government for insisting upon Weyler making a decisive attempt to clear the provinces of Pinar del Rio, Havana and Matanzas within a few weeks is the urgent necessity for scoring a military success before Spain has one more to appeal to the foreign markets for fresh loans when she shall have exhausted the money obtained by the recent interior loan, which will be on March 3, next year.

The expenses of the war in Cuba are \$12,000,000 monthly, and in the Philippines at least \$4,000,000. Up to the present time the Spanish treasury has assisted the Cuban treasury by guaranteeing advances made by foreign and native bankers upon Cuban bonds and by pledging the sources of imperial revenue for the recent \$80,000,000 loan. At the moment the Cuban treasury is in a very straitened condition, and the taxpayers will be asked to provide in the shape of additional taxation \$26,000,000 annually for the interest and sinking fund of \$250,000,000 thus raised to meet only in part the expense of the Cuban war up to March, 1897, and which costs the Cuban budget and the Cuban taxpayers could not possibly undertake to pay, even if the war were soon terminated, considering that their budgets showed deficits averaging \$5,000,000 annually before the present insurrection.

DELGADO'S CASE.

Washington, Dec. 25.—Enrique Delgado has not been executed by the Spanish authorities in Cuba and he will be treated with all of the leniency conditions under which his arrest warrants. This news is the first result of the inquiry the state department has made into the case at the instance of the New York Mail and Express, which has employed him as a correspondent. The news is very gratifying to Delgado's friends who feared that he might have been summarily executed. He is now under arrest and while it is probable that he may remain in jail for some time while his case is under investigation, it is not believed here that he will be severely punished in the end.

THEY NEED A LEADER.

New York, Dec. 25.—A special copy-righted dispatch to the World from William Shaw Bowen, its Havana correspondent, says:

The bullets that ended the earthly career of Antonio Maceo, the Cuban patriot leader, bored their way straight to the heart of the rebellion.

The insurgent bands that roam through the province of Pinar del Rio are scattered now. They need a leader in whom they can have confidence. They need the magic and the magnetism of a brave commander.

I met Gen. Melquillo, the military head of the district and had a long and interesting talk with him. He had just returned from a fortnight's expedition through his territory. He said that he found no insurgents save a few groups of four or five. "Most of the rebels," he said, "have hidden their arms and are positioned as pacifists."

Gen. Melquillo paid a generous tribute to Maceo. "His death," he says "was a terrible blow to the rebellion. His followers sacrificed their homes in their devotion to him. His white adherents are worthless as fighting men. I found much suffering among the people of the hills. In many cases young children brought into camp were so nearly starved that they could not retain solid food."

A HARD FIGHT REPORTED.

Havana, Dec. 25.—Maj. Barber reports that the battalion of Cutnos had a hard fight near Telichea with the insurgent bands under Felice Alvarez, Alberto and Barreto. Lieut. Freire was mortally wounded and afterwards died. The insurgents left four dead upon the field and carried away many others. They also abandoned a large number of arms and ammunition. A prisoner who was captured says that there were thirty-seven insurgents killed. The Spanish also captured nine Mauser rifles and twenty-one Remingtons, which had been left on the field, and nearly 100 horses. The insurgent dead were carried to the town of Quintana for identification. Among them were Capt. Eusebio Rosas and Lieut. Ballejo.

Inquiries in official quarters by the correspondent of the Associated Press elicited a denial of the story published in the United States that the filibustering steamer Three Friends fired upon a Spanish coast guard steamer and a Spanish gunboat, which attempted to chase it while running in the San Juan river to land its cargo of arms and ammunition.

GERMANY WANTS A HAND.

London, Dec. 25.—The Times Paris correspondent says:

The Washington government has been confidentially informed, although in very friendly terms, that the European powers would not remain passive should the United States recognize or encourage the Cuban insurgents. If my information is correct, an ultimatum has been given to Germany quite ready, even now, to take Spain's side should the United States show a disposition officially to side with the rebels.

RUSSO-CHINESE TREATY.

London, Dec. 25.—A Times dispatch from St. Petersburg, says:

was founded a year ago by the directors of the Russian international bank. The treaty is dated September 8. The Russo-Chinese bank formed the railway company which an imperial ordinance recently sanctioned under the name of the Eastern Railway company, with a capital of 5,000,000 roubles, to construct and work a railway from the western frontier of Hei-Lung-Chiang to the eastern frontier of Kirin, in Manchuria, to connect with branches of the Siberian railroad, it is being also provided that the holders of the shares must be either Russians or Chinese.

The Russians will fully guarantee the capital and in the further obligations to be issued as required, reserving to themselves the right of taking them upon payment of the company of a price to be mutually agreed upon.

China obtains nominal control by appointing the president, but the real chief will be the vice president, appointed by Russia. China may purchase the railway after thirty-six years or take possession without payment at the end of eighty years. Goods in transit will be free of all Chinese taxes and Russian goods will be likewise favored.

COMMERCIAL MATTERS.

ASSIGNED.

Bastrop, Tex., Dec. 25.—(Special).—Mr. Robt. Gill, a merchant of this place, assigned, with C. M. Price as trustee, to the amount of \$8500.

DEED OF TRUST.

Crockett, Tex., Dec. 25.—(Special).—W. H. Edwards, dealer in general merchandise, filed a deed of trust today for preferred creditors to the amount of \$1000. Assets and liabilities not known. W. M. Edwards trustee.

RECEIVERSHIP CASE.

Gatesville, Tex., Dec. 25.—(Special).—After motion and counter motion before Judge Strangan to vacate the receivership in the L. A. Reese case, the receiver has opened up the stock for sale till Monday, the 28th, when the argument will be made as to permanency of the receivership.

IN A RECEIVER'S HANDS.

Victoria, Tex., Dec. 25.—(Special).—The Daily and Weekly Review has been placed in the hands of a receiver, Mr. J. D. Mitchell has been appointed receiver.

CHRISTMAS ACCIDENTS.

Galveston, Tex., Dec. 25.—(Special).—Three serious and several minor accidents were the features of Galveston's Christmas.

George Schmidt, a screwman, was cut in the abdomen tonight in a saloon. Jack Lally, another screwman, was held by the police, but says he knows nothing about the cutting. The hospital people can't tell how serious the wound is.

Humphrey D. Boyd, proprietor of a saloon, held a cannon firecracker in his hand while it exploded. His hand was blown off, necessitating amputation at the wrist.

James Green, colored, was badly burned while trying to light a gasoline stove.

LIL ARRIVES IN BOSTON.

Boston, Mass., Dec. 24.—Ex-Queen Lilikalaiani of Hawaii arrived from New York tonight and was met at the Park station by William Lee of the publishing firm of Lee & Shepard, together with his wife and daughter. After cordial greetings the party were driven to the Parker house, where the ex-queen will have a spacious suite of rooms.

There was a dead silence in the house when the men put up their fists and Maher rushed across the ring almost to O'Donnell's feet.

A TRAGEDIAN'S GIFT.

Cincinnati, Ohio, Dec. 25.—Thomas W. Keene, who is playing an engagement at the Walnut Street theater, was presented with a loving cup tonight, the presentation was on the stage at the second act. Mr. Charles B. Hannaford was the spokesman, to whom Mr. Keene responded. The cup was inscribed with the names of the members of the company and business staff. It is silver, gilded inside and provided with three handles.

YALE GLEE CLUB.

St. Louis, Mo., Dec. 25.—The Yale Glee and Banjo club, entertained a large and select audience at their concert here tonight. G. G. Schreiber, J. W. Wadsworth, W. J. Lapham and E. H. Brewer made the hits of the evening in their various specialties. The Banjo club had the stage for an hour and was given a royal welcome.

THE HERO WAS KILLED.

Cincinnati, Ohio, Dec. 25.—Lewis Krotzman, lost his life today saying that of another man. At the intersection of the street and an alley, Krotzman was caught by a horse running away with a buggy in which Dr. Hosier was seated. He checked the horse so that the doctor escaped unscathed but was pushed into an excavation in the street and trampled to death by the frantic animal.

FOUND DEAD.

Holland, Tex., Dec. 25.—(Special).—This morning Jesse Bryant of Vilas was found dead in that place, a pistol or Winchester ball having passed through him. D. T. Taylor is under arrest.

Cookville, Tex., Dec. 25.—(Special).—The residence of Dr. C. L. Gregory was consumed by fire. Loss on house and contents, \$1500; insurance, \$800.

A SPLIT TREATMENT.

Sydney, N. S. W., Dec. 25.—Hon. Sir John Forrest, premier of West Australia, has requested Hon. G. H. Reid, premier of New South Wales, to postpone the federal convention until the end of 1897. Mr. Reid objects to this and it is feared that it means the splitting of the federal movement.

FARMER ASSASSINATED.

Lexington, Tex., Dec. 25.—(Special).—N. C. Cunningham, respected farmer of this county, was waylaid and killed about three miles from town late yesterday evening. Posse and hounds are scouring the country for the unknown murderer.

DIED SUDDENLY.

New York, Dec. 25.—John Drake Townsend, the well known lawyer, died suddenly at a Christmas dinner tonight.

THE MIKADO'S MESSAGE.

Yokohama, Dec. 25.—The speech from the throne at the opening of parliament declares that Japan's relations with foreign states are increasing in cordiality and announces that the work of revising the treaties is nearly completed. Continuing, the speech says that the national defense requires perfection in proportion with the financial resources of the empire, and concludes with recognition of the Formosa situation and the general welfare of the Japanese people should receive the attention of parliament.

JUST LIKE A MOTHER-IN-LAW.

Chicago, Dec. 25.—Henry L. Becker, an attorney, and son-in-law of ex-Congressman William L. Johnson, was arrested today, charged with embezzling \$24,000. The complainant is Becker's mother-in-law, who says that he appropriated the money while managing her estate.

KNOCKED O'DONNELL OUT.

PETER MAHER, THE IRISH HEAVYWEIGHT, WON IN TWENTY-SEVEN SECONDS.

AUSTRALIAN CLEARLY OUTGLASSED.

It Was Maher's Fight From the Start. Football Referee Roughly Handled at Little Rock—Yale Eleven Defeated the Nashville Team.

New York, Dec. 25.—It just took twenty-seven seconds of time for Peter Maher, the Irish heavy-weight pugilist, to again demonstrate his superiority in ring tactics and hard hitting qualities over Steve O'Donnell, the Australian boxer, in the arena of the Greater New York Athletic club at Coney island. Both men were in excellent condition and trained to the hour and each of them were confident, but Maher's backers made him a hot favorite by laying odds ranging from 3 to 5 on the Irishman's chances of winning. From the outset Maher never left the result in doubt. He rushed at O'Donnell the moment the referee called time and O'Donnell assumed the defensive. The big Australian led his left for Maher's body, but the Irishman blocked the blow with his right hand and eye. Maher sent his left to the chin, and swung again with his left on the face. He put O'Donnell to the floor a second later with a left on the chin, and after the Australian regained his feet Maher landed a left smash on the jaw, following it quickly with a right hook, which sent O'Donnell down on a heap. Steve rolled over on his back in a helpless condition and the referee slowly counted him out. The big Irishman stood about twelve feet away from his fallen opponent while the referee was counting off the seconds and as soon as he reached the number of twenty-seven, shout went up from the 1800 people who watched the brief encounter and the band played "The Wearing of the Green" in honor of the victor.

Thirteen months ago Maher and O'Donnell met at the Empire Athletic club, L. I., and on that occasion Maher knocked out the Australian in sixty-three seconds. Since that time O'Donnell and his followers have frequently said that Steve would not rest contented until he had another try at Peter.

O'Donnell was the first to enter the ring. He climbed through the ropes at 3:30 o'clock, clad in a heavy cotton bath robe. His seconds were Sam Fitzpatrick, Billy Madden, Mike Butler and Gus Ruhlman, the Canton, Ohio, giant. When Maher emerged from his dressing room five minutes later a cheer went up which he returned by a shout of defiance. He entered the ring Maher bowed to the audience and the warm welcome extended to him and he never looked better in his life. He was escorted by Peter Lowrey of Dublin; Pete Burns of Harlem, his sparring partner, and Jack Quinn of Brooklyn.

When weighed, tipped the scales at 177 1/2 pounds and O'Donnell turned the beam at 181. The men shook hands at 3:46 and Referee Alec Brown lost no time in bringing them together.

There was a dead silence in the house when the men put up their fists and Maher rushed across the ring almost to O'Donnell's feet.

Both sparred for a few seconds and O'Donnell led his left for the body, but Maher blocked the blow with his right glove. Peter jabbed his left hand on the chin and landed a heavy left swing on the face. This staggered O'Donnell and he seemed unable to avoid Peter's rushes. Maher sent O'Donnell to the floor with a hard left on the chin and the Australian stayed down four seconds. As soon as he got to his feet O'Donnell assumed a defensive attitude, but Peter quickly sent his left once more on the chin and as O'Donnell was falling he caught him quickly with a right hook, knocking the Australian down and out.

O'Donnell was counted out according to the rules and Sam Fitzpatrick and Madden, assisted by Lowrey, carried him to his corner.

As soon as it was seen that the Irishman had won, a tremendous shout went up and the spectators rose as one man to cheer their feet and hats, caps and umbrellas were thrown into the air. The official timer told the announcer that the time of the contest was ninety seconds, but John J. Quinn of Pittsburg, who was keeping time for Maher, as well as many others who held watches on the contest, declared the actual time to be twenty-seven seconds.

Before the spectators left the house it was announced that in all probability the next contest to be brought off in the Greater New York club would be between Peter Maher and Tom Sharkey.

Maher will leave for Pittsburg tomorrow and tomorrow night he will spar with Joe Choyanski at that place.

REFEREE ROUGHLY HANDLED.

Little Rock, Ark., Dec. 25.—A football game this afternoon played at West End park between the Memphis Athletic team and the Little Rock Athletics, resulted in a riot, in which the referee and several Memphis players were roughly handled by the followers of the Little Rock team.

After the game Harris left the house and on turning in he found that his wife and child were in a compromising position. Harris shot Medley five times and was shot twice by Medley. The latter died at once and Harris can not recover.

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Score—Yale, 20; Nashville Athletic club, 6.

SAN ANTONIO FOOTBALL.

San Antonio, Tex., Dec. 25.—(Special).—The local football team got another defeat added to its discredit today. Galveston winning by a score of 4 to 0.

Though it was close, the game was devoid of brilliant playing. Just before the end of the first half, San Antonio had the ball within a foot of Galveston's goal line, but lost on a fumble and within five minutes of the close the ball was back in the hands of the victors. The game was full of rough playing and blows between the opposing players were several times exchanged.

WELSH MUSICAL CONTEST.

Pittsburg, Pa., Dec. 25.—The opening of the annual Welsh Eisteddfod at old city hall this afternoon was a success both in music and attendance. About 400 singers from other cities are present. The contests of the first day were not concluded until after 1 a. m. Hon. John Jarrett presided and Professor D. W. Minkley acted as referee and adjudicator. Among the prizes awarded tonight were: Bass solo—Thomas Davis of Homestead; tenor and basso duo—John Walters and Levi Webb of McKeesport; piano solos, Miss Margaret Rust of McKeesport and tenor solo—Zachariah Webb, McKeesport.

The song of the evening was rendered by Miss B. Morgan, a late arrival from Wales. Her solo, "Dear Heart," captured the audience and she was compelled to respond to repeated encores. The principal event of the session was the chorus contest entered into by clubs from Cleveland, Girard and Ada, Ohio; from Homestead and Pittsburg, Pa. The prizes given for this work were \$100 for first, \$50 for second. The competition was very spirited and the music rendered by the clubs was of a high order.

San Francisco, Dec. 25.—Although the weather was anything but promising for outdoor sport the bicycle races at the Velodrome this afternoon were witnessed by the largest crowd ever seen at a local cycling meet.

Sensational time was made by two tandem teams in exhibition work. Dixon and Lees ran a half mile in 55 seconds, setting a full record in the American amateur record, and the record for the amateur tandem mile was brought down to 1:57 4/5 by Kroeit and Tantau.

WESTON PERAMBULATING.

New York, Dec. 25.—Edward Payson Weston, the 58-year-old pedestrian, tonight began a 24-hour tramp in an effort to equal his record of 117 miles. His track is built around the ice in a big skating rink.

At 2 o'clock Saturday morning, four hours after the start, Weston had covered twenty miles.

A NEW YEAR'S GIFT HERALDED.

The measureless popularity of Hostetter's Stomach Bitters has been the growth of more than a third of a century. As in the past, the coming new year will be ushered in by the appearance of a fresh Almanac, clearly setting forth the latest news and offering the most reliable of world wide fame. It is well worth perusal. Absolute accuracy in the astronomical calculations and calendar will, as before, be valuable characteristics, while the reading matter will include statistics, humor and general information, accompanied by a few excellent illustrations. The Almanac is issued from the publishing department of The Ho-tetter Company at Pittsburg, and will be printed on the presses in English, German, French, Welsh, Norwegian, Swedish, Holland, Bohemian and Spanish. All druggists and country dealers furnish it without cost.

MEXICAN MATTERS.

Interest in the Football Game—An Important Decision.

Mexico City, Dec. 25.—The second federal district court has issued a decision suspending the sentence of the first district judge, who a few days ago decreed an embargo of the entire property of the Monterey and Mexican Gulf railway in the interest and protection of American creditors and required the Beltrami trustees to deposit \$4,000,000 as a line, to make a deposit of \$4,000,000 for the protection of all claims against the company. There is a possibility, hardly a probability, that the second district judge may revoke his sentence and in case he does not, this sensational case must go to the supreme court of the nation.

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DIED IN GREAT AGONY.

Corpus Christi, Tex., Dec. 25.—(Special).—A 5-year-old Mexican girl died in great agony from injuries received two days ago by falling into a furnace.

TO ATTEND A WEDDING.

Washington, Dec. 25.—Vice-President and Mrs. Stevenson and their daughter left today for St. Louis, where they will be present at the wedding of Miss Julia Scott, niece of Mrs. Stevenson, to Mr. Carl Vrooman of Baltimore, which event occurs Monday evening in St. Louis. Miss Stevenson will be bridesmaid for her cousin.

MINING MAN KILLED.

St. Paul, Dec. 25.—A Butte, Mont., special says: At a shooting scrape at the Southern Cross mine, in Deer Lodge county, D. A. Reilly, the well known mining man, was shot through the heart his slayer, also received a bullet in his right hand. McIntyre, immediately after the shooting, went to Anaconda and gave himself up to the authorities and had his wound dressed. McIntyre refused to say anything after being locked up except that he shot in self-defense, and would prove it when the proper time came.

PROVIDED FOR THE POOR.

Cleveland, O., Dec. 25.—The Salvation Army kept open house for the poor today in a large vacant store room of a new block on St. Clair street. Provisions had been liberally donated for the purpose and a good Christmas dinner was served. More than 2000 men, women and children of the "submerged Tenth" enjoyed the hospitality of the army.

MRS. DORSEY DEAD.

Washington, Dec. 25.—Mrs. Anna Hanson Dorsey, the pioneer of Catholic literature in this country, died here today, aged 83 years. She was an old resident of Washington and was a daughter of the late Rev. Wm. McKenny, a chaplain in the United States navy. She was honored with personal letters from Pope Pius IX and also from Pope Leo. A few years ago Cardinal Gibbons paid public tribute to her work and its influence in a testimonial sent her in behalf of himself and the hierarchy in America. The University of Notre Dame bestowed upon her the "Latare Medal." Mrs. Dorsey's works number about thirty.

SHOT AND KILLED.

Dallas, Tex., Dec. 25.—(Special).—F. M. McDuff, a colored man about 30 years old, was shot and killed on the sidewalk in front of his own home at 4:30 tonight. Two young negroes were creating a disturbance in the street. McDuff stepped out to quiet it. The neighbors heard the report of a pistol, and rushing out found McDuff lying on the sidewalk. He had been shot through the brain. He was a special policeman and was unpopular with a certain class of his own race. When found he had his right hand on his pistol.

AGED ACTOR DEAD.

Boston, Mass., Dec. 25.—Wyseman Marshall, an old-time actor and dramatic instructor, died at his home on Pineknay street this morning, after a protracted illness, aged 80 years.

SHOT TWICE.

Campbell, Tex., Dec. 25.—(Special).—Joe Taylor was shot twice today, one ball taking effect in the neck, the other in the side. The wounds are dangerous.

SENATOR THURSTON

Thinks There Will Be an Extra Session of Congress—Pacific Road Bill.

Omaha, Neb., Dec. 25.—Senator John M. Thurston spent Christmas day with his family in this city.

"I think there will be no tariff or financial legislation at this session of congress," said the senator. "I am satisfied, however, that there will be an extra session of congress called to consider these matters soon after the advent of the republican administration, probably about March 15. It is pretty certain that there will be a new tariff bill by July 1."

"Do you think the government will foreclose its lien on the Union Pacific at an early date?"

"It is altogether probable that the attorney general will appear early in January for the government in the pending suits and ask for a foreclosure of the government's lien. The president will not wait for congress to act in this matter."

"Congress may or may not pass the funding bill," he said; "Of course, if it should, that would end the foreclosure proceedings; if it does not, the foreclosure will go on. The truth is that I have not taken a great interest in this matter and do not feel fully posted. I know that an opposite opinion prevails, but what I've said is a fact, nevertheless."

"Do you think that the passage of the funding bill by the present congress is probable?"

"I think it is likely to pass the house. In the senate probably a majority of the members are in favor of it, still it may not pass. The time is so short and the press of matters is so urgent that it is hardly likely to pass, though it might be passed there more time. I believe the government will get less for its interests through this means than by the other."

TWO FIRES.

Marshall, Tex., Dec. 25.—(Special).—A fire occurred at the saloon of Joe Newman last night, doing considerable damage to the stock, but the fire department extinguished it before it did the building much harm.

Another fire occurred at the Cumberland Presbyterian church where a Christmas tree was being held. The drapery caught from the candles, and were consumed. Rev. and Mrs. Oakley and Judge Prendergast had their hands slightly burned trying to extinguish the fire.

M'KINLEY'S CHRISTMAS.

Ate Turkey at His Mother's Home. Sleigh Riding Indulged In.

Canton, O., Dec. 25.—Ideal Christmas weather prevailed in Canton today. President-elect McKinley and his household made the most of the opportunities offered. No thought was given to business during the day. Private Secretary Boyle joined his wife and daughter at Columbus. Hon. Jos. P. Smith went to his home in Urbana and others of the cabinet spent the morning at their homes.

The greater part