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WILL FIGHT TO THE END.

Hon. Thomas Estrada Palma, delegate of the Cuban Republic to the United States, with headquarters in New York, says that the patriots in Cuba are in the fight to stay and will fight to the end.

He takes a very hopeful view of President Cleveland's message and says he thinks it must be very depressive to Spain as an independent nation. In speaking of autonomy of Cuba as a colony of Spain, which was suggested in the message he says:

"It is an idle talking to speak of autonomy to the Cuban people. They have framed a constitution for a sovereign nation; they have bravely fought for about two years to maintain their independence, shed their blood in torrents, lost their dearest relatives and friends, and forfeited their possessions to that just and noble end.

"In the mean time the hatred of the Cubans, which the Spanish officers and the Spanish government have entertained as evinced by the shooting in cold blood of prisoners of war, in defiance to the laws of civilization and humanity, by the massacres of defenseless people, including women and children, by the over-throwing with suspects of the jails and dungeons, and the deportation of thousands of them to the murderous penal colonies of Africa—all this, a policy of terror, approved by the Queen Regent, a woman, and a lady who professes to be eminently Christian and Catholic, has deepened to such an extent the political abyss reat between Cuba and Spain, that it is absolutely impossible to fill it up with another sort of scheme which does not affirm the absolute independence of the Cuban people.

"Cuba has decided to get rid forever of the Spanish rule, and her people count neither their enemies nor the many patriots which daily succumb to the struggle. They go on, confident in the justice of their cause, the firmness of their resolution, and the protection of God. They realize, of course, that they are, in the very center of free America, left alone to themselves, without a hand outstretched to them; but far from being discouraged, they feel convinced of their ultimate success."

DEATH OF ANTONIO MACCO.

Antonio Macco, the brave Cuban leader, is thought now to be dead. His physician now confirms the report of his death and says he was killed while attempting to cross the Mariel-Artemisa trocha on December 7.

Macco's death is a sad blow to the cause of Cuba. He was the last of six brothers, all of whom died fighting for Cuba's independence. That he was recognized by the Spaniards as their most formidable antagonist was apparent from the herculean efforts made by Weyer to accomplish his defeat.

While it is a sad blow to the patriots who are seeking to free themselves, the great struggle will go on until their independence is gained. Some one will rise up to take Gen. Macco's place. Spain can never again get possession of the island. Cuba's independence and freedom is not far distant.

GOT RICH AND DIED.

An Ohio exchange in speaking of the death of a leading citizen, said: "He was a good collector and possessed the faculty for making money. If he was ever reckless in his expenditures or liberal to a fault in his donation to charitable purposes, or public enterprise, the fact has not become generally known. He got

rich and he died. He was cremated."

On the above the Washington Post commented as follows: "We infer from these touching remarks that the remains of the deceased were incinerated. We also gather the notion from the crematory reflections of the editor that the departed was not a paid in advance subscriber of this particular newspaper."

Is Ireland Ceasing to be Irish?

It is said that in the leading papers of Dublin there are more names that are not Irish than those that are; that Dublin has become a cosmopolitan city like many of those in the United States; that Welsh, Scotch, Spanish, French, German, and Italians jostle each other in the streets and shops. In the professions there are as many whose names suggest foreign parentage as those of Celtic origin, and in the manufacturing districts the Irish people are being crowded out by laborers from other countries. The Irish tongue is spoken in only a few places in Ireland, and the children are being taught English to the exclusion of the mother tongue. This condition of affairs is sure to bring about great changes in the nature of the Irish question. If Ireland is not to be for the Irish, there will be no continuation of the demand for the separation of Ireland from Great Britain.—Sioux City Journal.

Throw a Tumbler at An Attorney.

LOWVILLE, N. V., Dec. 9.—John Hoch, the condemned murderer of Minnie Ingross at Martinsburg in July, 1895, having been refused a new trial by the Court of Appeals, was brought to Lowville today from Auburn prison for sentence by Justice Scripture. He was sentenced to be electrocuted at Auburn prison within the week commencing January 17. As soon as the sentence had been pronounced Hoch seized a heavy tumbler from the judge's bench and hurled it with great force at District Attorney Jacot, striking him over the left eye, making a bad bruise, but not seriously injuring him.

Tobacco Factory Destroyed.

WINSTON, Dec. 9.—The tobacco manufacturing plant of the Brown Brothers Tobacco Company, one of Winston's oldest firms, was destroyed by fire at 3 o'clock this morning, entailing a loss of \$150,000, with \$25,000 insurance. Besides the factory and machinery, 350,000 pounds of manufactured tobacco and 150,000 pounds of leaf were consumed by the flames. The origin of the fire is not known. The firm owns three other large factories and will resume business as soon as machinery can be purchased and put in operation. Two other factories were saved from destruction only by the efficient work of the fire department.

TURNER'S N. C. Almanac for 1897 is upon our table. For over half a century this old reliable Almanac has annually visited the homes of our people and is always a welcome visitor. Its great popularity is due to its reliability, and hence it is known as the "Old Reliable." There is no other to compare with it. "It is the Standard." The Almanac for 1897 is larger and better than ever. We do not know what we would do without Turner's N. C. Almanac. There are Almanacs and Almanacs, but there is but one Standard State Almanac and that is Turner's Almanac which always has the State capitol on its first page. Be sure you get Turner's Almanac. It can be had of merchants, booksellers, druggists and postmasters, or of the publisher, Jas. H. Enniss, Raleigh, N. C. Price, single copy 10 cents, sent postpaid.

DRIVE THEM FROM THE STATE.

The May Davenport Burlesque Co., which has given performances at several places in this state, are "catching it" or all sides.

From reports the company is a disgrace to any opera house in which they show and the citizens of North Carolina would do nothing but right if they were to drive them from the bounds of the state and let the miserable, painted-faced, specimen of women which they have go back to the dens and dives from which they undoubtedly came.

We were told that their show in Oxford (and in all probability it was the same elsewhere) was a lot of vulgarity and rotteness from beginning to end. No such cattle are wanted in Durham and it is well for the company that they skipped here. A thick coat of tar and feathers would be a good thing to remind them that North Carolina does not want any such a show of lowliness in her borders.

FIRST COURT HERE.

Governor Carr has appointed O. H. Atten, of Kinston, to succeed Judge E. T. Boykin, who resigned his seat on the bench a few days ago. Mr. Atten is a young man about 45 years of age and has many friends throughout the entire state who will be glad to hear of his appointment, which goes into effect January 1. He is a brother of Ex-Judge W. R. Allen and graduated at Trinity College. His first court will be held here in Durham beginning Jan. 11.

MR. S. M. SAYFORD, college evangelist, has recently visited the following institutions in North Carolina: Trinity College, University of North Carolina, Davidson College, Agricultural & Mechanical College and Wake Forest College. Although his stay at each institution was very short, the Christian men were very greatly helped and many students entered into a covenant to move forward in their Christian life. Mr. Sayford is in a unique position; representing no organization or movement. He has for the past nine years devoted all his time, and strength to Christian work among the colleges, during which time he has visited more than 300 institutions. God has wonderfully blessed him in this work.

THE twelfth annual issue of the Columbia Pad Calendar has made its appearance in more pleasing form than ever before, having scattered through its daily leaves many charming illustrations, with an appropriate thought or verse for each day in the year. Among the topics are bicycling, outdoor life, and good roads. The cycling fraternity, to say nothing of the general public, has acquired a decidedly friendly feeling for the Columbia Calendar, and its annual advent is always looked forward to with interest and pleasure. The calendar can be obtained for five two-cent stamps by addressing the Calendar Department of the Pope Manufacturing Company at Hartford, Conn.

Dr. Talmage Not to Be Married.

NEW YORK, Dec. 9.—Rev. T. De Witt Talmage today formally denied the report that he is to marry Miss Susie Mangam, of Sing Sing. He said: "Sometimes people guess right and at other times people guess wrong, but on this particular occasion the guessing is wrong and the story is untrue."

At the Mangum residence in Sing Sing emphatic denial was made of the statement that Miss Susie Mangam is engaged to Dr. Talmage.

Low prices will tell and in another column T. J. Lamb, one of our enterprising clothiers, tell what low prices have done for him. His trade has increased wonderfully and he says the sale is still on.

General News.

The New York City Aquarium, which occupies the old Castle Garden building in Battery Park, was thrown open to the public yesterday after numberless postponements.

The committee of the New York Senate inquiring into the operation of the Raines law is giving hearings at Buffalo to representatives of the drug trade who ask a reduction of the tax.

The employees of the Pacific Rolling Mills, at San Francisco, numbering 125 men, are on a strike because of a reduction in wages. The business of the mills has been poor for some months.

George Thomas, a merchant of Grand Junction, Colo., brought on an attack of nose bleeding three weeks ago by lifting a sack of flour. The bleeding continued at intervals in spite of all that the physicians could do for him, and he has just died in a hospital. His weight had become reduced from 180 to about 100 pounds.

"Gross Neglect of Manifest Duty."

Whatever the present congress may do, it cannot evade responsibility or shirk its duty on the assurance that an extra session of the next congress will be called to its work. That duty is plainly to provide revenues to meet all expenses authorized by it, and to take steps toward the permanent settlement of the revenue and tariff questions upon lines clearly indicated by the people in their sovereign capacity. The talk of an extra session at this time, and particularly any preparation for one, is mischievous and uncalled for. It can serve no better purpose than to divide the responsibility of the Fifty-fourth Congress for gross neglect of its manifest duty.—Pittsburg Dispatch.

Australia Short of Wheat.

VANCOUVER, B. C., Dec. 10.—J. S. Larke, the Canadian commissioner in Australia, has furnished the Vancouver board of trade with a statement as to the condition of the Australian crops. He states that the country will have to import over 5,000,000 bushels of wheat this year owing to the failure of the Australian harvest. He says that the bulk will come from America.

Americans Off for War.

DENVER, Col., Dec. 10.—Charles F. Grell and Albert H. West, members of the National Guard of Colorado, have obtained leave of absence, and intend to start for Cuba next Sunday with 200 volunteers, all of whom have had military training to enlist in the insurgent army. Grell says that two hundred men have also been enrolled at Butte.

THE twenty-first Annual State Convention of the Young Men's Christian Association, will meet at Winston Salem, Feb. 19-22. Messrs. W. C. Dowd, Chas. W. Tillet, J. M. Rogers and Geo. B. Hanna, were appointed a committee to arrange a program which will be one of the strongest ever presented. Delegates from all the Young Men's Christian Associations in North Carolina, and all Christian workers will be welcome. All persons interested should correspond with Mr. F. P. Turner, State Secretary, Charlotte, N. C.

Heavy Failure at Norfolk.

NORFOLK, Va., Dec. 11.—John R. Struchiner, a contractor and builder, of Rochester, N. Y., made an assignment here today for the benefit of creditors. His liabilities are about \$50,000, while the assets will amount to fully \$150,000. Inability to realize on outstanding claims caused his assignment. He built the big Consumers' Brewery here, among the assets are included \$70,000 of its paid stock. The company, however, is not affected in any way by the assignment. The creditors are principally banks in Baltimore, Washington, Chicago, and New York. There are preferences.

Something of a Change.

Certainly there is a transformation that must be stupefying to the grave diplomatists of the Old World between the tone of the Tory presses now and a year ago, when we were reminded daily what a trifling task it would be for Britain to blockade our ports, blow our seaboard cities into fragments, and, if need be, repeat the lesson Gen. Ross gave Madison in 1812 by burning down Washington over the insolent heads of the congress that dared send the Venezuelan effort of the British people. Yet it will be remarked that we have not, diplomatically or otherwise, done a single act toward repentance. We have not, so far as official records show, modified one jot or tittle of the Monroe doctrine.—Philadelphia Bulletin.

A COLLEGE FOR WOMEN.

The magnificent gift of one hundred thousand dollars to Trinity College by Mr. W. Duke has placed that institution on a better financial basis than ever heretofore.

But the Methodists of North Carolina should not let the matter stop here but should only use this gift as a "nest egg" and many thousand dollars more should be added inside the next year. It has already been suggested that another one hundred thousand dollars be raised at once and added to the endowment fund.

The terms of the gift are such that women will be allowed in the college in the future and placed on the same footing with the men.

As a matter of especial interest to our Methodist subscribers and of general interest to every Durhamite we publish below the letter of Mr. Duke to Dr. J. C. Kilgo, president of Trinity College, setting forth the terms of the gift, etc. The letter is as follows:

"MY DEAR SIR:—I am much disappointed that the Methodist and friends of Trinity College in North Carolina have failed to respond to my conditional offer of a year ago to a \$50,000 to the endowment of that institution, provided \$75,000 were raised from other sources for a like purpose.

"Realizing the need of the college in this respect, I hereby agree to place at the disposal of the proper authorities of the college, at such time or times during the year 1897 as will be convenient to me, the sum of \$100,000, either in cash or such stocks or other securities as I may choose to turn over; said amount to be added to the permanent endowment of the institution, and to be used for no other purpose; provided, however, that such changes in the laws, rules and regulations governing the college shall be made by those having authority to do so, before the close of 1897, as will open its door to women, placing them in the future on an equal footing with men, enabling them to enjoy all of the rights, privileges and advantages of the college now enjoyed or to be hereafter enjoyed by men; otherwise this offer shall be null and void.

"I am very much pleased with the wise and progressive manner in which the college is now conducted. You have a most excellent faculty, composed of strong, well equipped men of the highest moral and religious character, and too, the student body is deserving of the highest commendation for their extraordinary good behavior and the part they are taking to bring the college up the very highest standard.

"And I feel quite sure, if the present policy is continued, the institution will succeed in a much larger measure in the future than it has in the past.

"I say to you frankly the confidence I have in the present ad-

ministration of the affairs of the college, and the hope that it will be continued along the same lines, has been the main influence in encouraging me to make this offer.

"Congratulating you on the work you are doing, and the success with which your unselfish efforts in behalf of the college has been crowned, etc."

THE TURKS' PROTEST.

It is now stated that the Turkish government is on their "head" about what President Cleveland had to say in regard to the Armenian massacres, and that there is trouble ahead.

A telegram sent out from Washington says: "President Cleveland has been called to account by the Sultan of Turkey. An emphatic protest was made yesterday by the Turkish government against the language used in the president's message to congress respecting the massacre of the Armenians, and the general conduct of the government toward the Christians in the empire."

"The situation is said to threaten the rupture of diplomatic relations between the United States and Turkey.

"Mustapha Bey, the Turkish Minister, it is rumored at the State Department, has intimated that if some amends is not made by the president, he will be obliged to ask for his papers, and will return to Constantinople.

"The deep displeasure of the Sultan was made known to Secretary Coney on Thursday by Mustapha Bey in accordance with a cablegram received by him on Wednesday from his home government.

THEY TAKE THE PREMIUM.

The Salisbury World in speaking of the performance of the May Davenport Company in that city says: "For brazen effrontery, cheeky assumption and bold presumption May Davenport takes the premium. For utter worthlessness and pure rottenness May Davenport's company takes another premium."

This is the same company the HERALD alluded to yesterday and from reports is of the lowest order of common, vulgar variety shows.

Young Woman Outraged.

COLUMBUS, Ga., Dec. 11.—From Seairight, Ala., comes the details of a shocking assault upon Miss Minnie Martin, of this city, while visiting near that place.

The assault was committed by George Dunston, a livery stable man at Seairight. Dunston was employed to convey the young lady in Seairight, where she was to take the Mobile and Girard train to return home. While on the way she says Dunston overpowered her. This section of the country is sparsely populated. More than once he is said to have carried out his diabolical purposes. When he finally agreed to carry her into the town, she was forced to make a promise not to tell what had taken place and to allow him to come to her room at the hotel. When the hotel was reached, the proprietor, Mr. John Rulle, discovered there was something wrong and when the girl was on the ground she told all.

A room was assigned to her. Dunston attempted to enter it and when the proprietor interfered he was badly beaten over the head, after which Dunston left. The report of the outrage spread rapidly and there was much talk of lynching, but the well known desperate and dangerous character of the man who was charged with the crime prevented the carrying out of the threat. He was known to be well armed and succeeded in escaping.

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