

CUBAN PATRIOT LEADER.

Col. Figueroa Says the Insurgents are Well Organized and Drilled.

TAMPA, Fla., April 2.—In an interview with the Times Union correspondent to-night Col. F. Figueroa, leader of the Cuban patriots in Tampa and the recognized head of the movement in this section, said: "The latest news I have from Cuba is that Gen. Maceo landed a force of men on the island, together with 3,000 rifles, ammunition and army stores. But at what point the landing was effected I am not informed. He has a large force with thirty-seven officers, and his men are well drilled and disciplined. Gen. Maceo captured a convoy, taking several hundred men prisoners, besides securing one hundred mules and a large lot of valuable ammunition of war. This is the latest fact. I know there are all sorts of rumors flying about, but what I have stated are simple facts as they exist according to our very best information. I would advise very little credence to be placed in highly colored and sensational newspaper reports. We shall learn more fully just what is being done upon the arrival of the steamer from Havana to-morrow."

Gonzales Quesada, secretary of the Cuban movement in the United States, who is the guest of Col. Figueroa and Ebrico Collozo, a Cuban leader from New York also here, express the same opinion substantially as Col. Figueroa. Col. Figueroa, Secretary Quesada, Enrique Collozo and Dr. Domingos will go to Jacksonville Wednesday and will address a meeting on Thursday night.

A Rebel Band Defeated.

HAVANA, April 2.—A dispatch from Victoria de Las Tunas, in Santiago Province, says that a rebel band of sixty men, under Capote, have been put to flight by troops a few miles from the city. The troops are still in pursuit.

SAM SMALL APOLOGIZES.

He Had Published a Sensational Story Reflecting on a Minister's Wife.

NORFOLK, Va., April 2.—On Saturday the Pilot, edited by Rev. Samuel W. Small, printed a special from Onancock, Va., seriously reflecting on the wife of Rev. Mr. Reamy, a Baptist minister at that place and a young man named Quibby.

To-day the young man and the minister have been in Norfolk, and steps have been taken to bring a suit for libel against the Pilot. Yesterday editor Small made the most abject apology for the publication, having learned there was no foundation for the story.

The feeling throughout this section is very bitter against the Pilot. The Baptist Ministers' Association today adopted resolutions strongly denouncing the paper.

The story, it is said, was sent to the Pilot by a Presbyterian minister on the Eastern shore, who confesses the authorship and apologizes for his mistake.

Editor Marshall Re-commissioned.

WASHINGTON, April 2.—The President to-day re-commissioned the following postmasters whose offices, formerly fourth class, have now become presidential: Sidney B. Conner, Live Oak, Fla.; Wm. F. Marshall, Gastonia, N. C.

William Martin Aiken, the new supervising architect of the Treasury Department, qualified at the Treasury this morning and at once entered upon the duties of his office.

A Postoffice Robbed.

SOUTH OMAHA, Neb., April 2.—The postoffice was broken open last night and robbed of over \$3,000 in cash, registered letters and stamps. The safe was drilled and the lock picked, and after its contents had been rifled it was locked and the combination changed.

He Is Here With Blood In His Eye.

Greensboro Record. Richmond Pearson was here yesterday on his way to Raleigh, where he goes to ascertain who in blazes did really get up and bring to a passage that new mortgage law, which he fears is destined to play havoc with his prospects for reelection in '96. Those who talked with him say he had blood in his eye and believed the whole thing was a put up job and if the guilty party can be found he proposes to take a hand in prosecuting them.

Low Rates on the Southern.

The Southern Railway has made very low rates on account of the following occasions:

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To Baltimore and return, to the meeting of the Baptist Young People's Union of America, a rate of one limited first-class fare for the round trip. Tickets to be sold July 16-17, good to return until August 5th.

To Boston, Mass., and return for the Tri-ennial Conclave of Knights Templar, one limited first class fare for the round trip. Tickets to be sold August 22-25, good to return until September 10th.

To Denver, Col., and return on account of the National Educational Association, a rate of one limited first class fare, plus two dollars, for the round trip. Tickets will be sold July 3, 4 and 5, and can be extended until September 1st.

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