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Maceo is Dead.

There seems to be no longer any doubt that the Cuban general, Antonio Maceo, is dead.

The press dispatches thus tell of the incident:

It appears that the Marquis of Ahumada, who officiated as Captain General of Cuba during Weyler's absence in the field, sent a letter to General Maceo, inviting the Cuban leader to a conference.

Maceo, never for a moment thinking that treachery was intended, especially as the invitation came from such a prominent Spaniard as the Marquis of Ahumada, immediately returned an answer, saying that he would be glad to meet the Spanish general, and, accompanied only by his staff, he went to the rendezvous, little dreaming of the awful fate in store for him.

On arriving at the trocha the Spanish soldiers there, acting under orders, actually saluted the rebel chieftain as he passed, and after reaching the rendezvous, the Cuban leader was surprised to see, instead of the Marquis of Ahumada, a large body of Spanish soldiers, who seemed to come from every side.

The actions of the Spanish troops were so suspicious that Maceo felt that they had him trapped, and his suspicions were confirmed when a peremptory order came from a splendidly mounted officer to surrender. "Never," was the reply, and hardly had the word been uttered when volley after volley was poured into the little band of patriots who, although hemmed in on all sides, outnumbered almost one hundred to one, struck spurs to their horses, and with cries of "Cuba Libre!" rode gallantly to their death.

Pritchard Badly Needed.

In an interview on the senatorial situation in North Carolina, Senator Thurston, of Nebraska, a member of the national Republican committee, said tonight: "The Republicans seem certain of 42 seats in the next Senate. If Mr. Mantle, of Montana, should act with us, as I hope he will, at least on tariff matters, we will have 43. We would then need at least two more votes, together with the vote of the Vice President, to secure the passage of a tariff act. We hope to secure those two votes from Ky. and North Carolina.

"The members of the national committee, so far as I know their sentiments, are very anxious that a Republican tariff measure should become operative at the beginning of the next fiscal year—July 1st. It seems almost evident that no tariff legislation of a satisfactory character can pass Congress and become law this session. The expectation is that such a law can be passed at an extraordinary session called soon after the 4th of March.

"For myself, I feel that all proposed financial legislation can be and ought to be postponed until this country has a chance to test the effects of the new protective tariff. We are, therefore, not interested very much now about money issues. But it is of the greatest importance to have Senators enough thoroughly committed to the protective policy to secure the passage of a tariff bill."

The Senator then goes on to say that Senator Pritchard is known to be a strong protectionist.—Washington-Dispatch, 15th.

Spain's Explanation.

The Spanish legation here furnishes the following translation of a cablegram received to-night: Madrid, Dec. 15.

To Spanish Minister, Washington:—Maceo's death took place in loyal fight at Punta Brava, and was caused by our soldiers' bullets. This is evidently proved by the letter written by the son of Maximo Gomez, in which he states that he killed himself in order not to abandon the body of his general. The handwriting of the letter has been verified, and also every detail of the fight, time and circumstances, when Maceo and the son of Gomez were wounded. All these details have been published in Europe by telegrams from both Spanish and foreign correspondents.

(Signed.)

TETUAN. The legation attached to the cablegram a note, saying that the Spanish legation at Washington "hopes to discover the origin of the report of Maceo's assassination and to trace it to a certain Cuban residence in Jacksonville, Fla."

The note further says that the presence in Jacksonville of several newspaper correspondents at the time of the reported assassination of Maceo, "explains the whole circulation of the slander."—Washington Dispatch 15th.

Organizing a Military Force.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 11.—An afternoon paper to-day publishes a long story to the effect that a regiment of 1,500 men to fight in Cuba is being raised in the cities of Baltimore, New York, Boston, Washington, and Philadelphia, and that another regiment has already been raised in the States of Virginia and Tennessee. Philadelphia's quota toward the regiment being raised in the eastern cities is given at 300 men, and it is said that about eighty-five men have already been enlisted here. The men are to receive \$25.00 a month pay, and must be American citizens of good reputation. Capt. William H. Hanley is said to be enlisting the Philadelphia battalion.

Capt. Hanley is said to have served eighteen years in the United States Army in the Fourth Infantry, Fourth Artillery, and Second Cavalry. He was discharged from the service in 1885.

Col. Julius H. Rhodes, Pension Agent of Washington, is given as the man under whose directions the regiments are being raised, and it is stated that he has established headquarters at 423 Massachusetts Avenue, Washington, D. C. The battalions of the two regiments are to sail from different points on the Eastern coast, and are to unite on the high seas, where the men will be formally enrolled, and so avoid a violation of the neutrality laws.

Kissed a Negro Revivalist.

The peculiar spectacle of white men and women, in the high state of religious excitement, kneeling at the feet of Amanda Smith, a colored revivalist, and kissing her hands, and the hem of her gown was presented at an independent Methodist church here to-night. The colored woman exhorter came from Philadelphia, and her revival services have been largely attended. She is a fervid exhorter, and to-night worked her auditors up to a frenzy.

At one time every man woman and child in the church were on their feet crying and shouting. Then the score or more of excited people on the mourners' bench crowded about the dark revivalist and knelt while she invoked blessings upon them. It was one of the most remarkable revival scenes ever witnessed.—Baltimore Dispatch, 13th.

It is said that when Gov. Russell is inaugurated in January there will be no inaugural ceremonies and no inaugural address—only a simple swearing in.

Fits Cured advertisement with text and small image of a person.

ANNUAL REPORT OF G. A. BARKLEY, C. S. C.

NORTH CAROLINA, LINCOLN COUNTY. Honorable Chairman and Board of County Commissioners of Lincoln County, N. C. In pursuance with law I herewith filed report of funds in my hands due parties:

Table with columns: Page No., Case, To whom due, Am't. Includes entries like '23 W H Motz vs Caleb Motz'.

The following amounts have been reported by former clerk twice, by the present clerk once, this being fourth report of same.

Table with columns: Page No., Case, To whom due, Am't. Includes entries like '42 St vs Jeff Huffstetler'.

The following amounts due parties reported three times by clerk, once by present clerk this being fifth report of same.

Table with columns: Pp No., Case, To whom due, Am't. Includes entries like '40 St vs Wm Hoke'.

In the following cases of amount paid on costs, a balance on hand, reported once by former clerk, 1 by present clerk this being 3rd report.

Table with columns: Pp No., Case, To whom due, Am't. Includes entries like '28 St vs John Lee'.

The following pro rata costs reported once by former clerk, once by present clerk this being third report of same.

Table with columns: Pp No., Case, To whom due, Am't. Includes entries like '108 Nora Leonard et al vs L A Lockman'.

The following pro rata costs, reported twice by former clerk, once by present clerk this being fourth report of same.

Table with columns: Pp No., Case, To whom due, Am't. Includes entries like '27 State vs J H Auton'.

Upon Judgement Docket No 8 the following amounts due parties, reported once by former clerk, once by present clerk this being third report of same.

Table with columns: Pp No., Case, To whom due, Am't. Includes entries like '127 1787 St vs Beverly Leonhardt'.

The following amounts upon Judgement Docket No. 8 reported twice by former clerk once by present clerk, this being fourth report.

Table with columns: Pp No., Case, To whom due, Am't. Includes entries like '1607 J C Osborne vs N Cook et al'.

The following pro rata costs reported once by the former clerk, once by present clerk this being third report of same.

Table with columns: Pp No., Case, To whom due, Am't. Includes entries like '158 1868 F J Jetton vs Sallie D Cherry et al'.

The following amounts paid to office on settlement of estates, and reported by former clerk once and by present clerk once this being third report of same.

Table with columns: Pp Name of estate, To whom due, Dt. pd to office, Am't. Includes entries like '72 D Fulbright DA Coon ad'r c'ta Mary E Moore'.

Scott's Emulsion advertisement with logo and text describing its benefits.

New York World advertisement: 'THE NEW YORK WORLD THIRICE-A-WEEK EDITION. 18 Pages a Week. 156 Papers a Year.'

NOTICE: Legal notice regarding a case in the Superior Court of Lincoln County.

Lands for Sale and Must be Sold: Advertisement for land sale with terms and conditions.

TO THE PUBLIC: Advertisement for flour and other goods from T. J. Ramsaur & sons.

Racket Store advertisement: 'CHRISTMAS GOODS! We have got the largest line of these goods that we have ever had.'

JENKINS BROS. advertisement: 'THE ONE PRICE CASH STORE. A MERRY CHRISTMAS TIME, a time when hearts expand and purse-strings loosen.'

H. S. Robinson & Company advertisement: 'FATHER OF LOW PRICES. We have been too busy for the last few weeks to write a new advertisement.'

R. M. MICHAL'S advertisement: 'Attention Housekeepers. STOVES JUST RECEIVED AT R. M. MICHAL'S HARDWARE STORE.'