

Real Causes of Cuba's Revolt.

Any one who will take the pains to summarize the wrongs borne by the Cubans during the last two decades will be inclined to wonder, not that the islanders should revolt, but that they did not revolt long ago.

Spain, the government of which is, as Lowell said, the worst known instance of the spoils system, has established as its Cuban ministers and agents men who have not hesitated to aggravate the injustices already done in the shape of inordinate taxes. The island has been kept full of petty Spanish officers, the deputies of tyranny. It is estimated that from 1878 until the present time about \$300,000,000 has been taken from the appropriations for military expenses, and in the present instance many millions more are required from the Cuban treasury to enable the continuance of the warfare. To add to these grievances the Cuban custom house is systematically defrauded yearly by the Spanish politicians, who practically keep themselves and their office-holding friends on the \$11,000,000 annually embezzled in this way. The government seems to take good care that no Cuban native should hold any but a subordinate and poorly paid position in the civil service. These conditions are furthermore aggravated by the discrimination practiced against Cuba's principal products, for by a law designed to protect certain Spanish monopolies the Cuban producer is prohibited from selling either sugar or tobacco in Spain and must look for foreign markets as he can. To emphasize this feature of the island people's condition, they are forced, on the other hand, to buy their supplies from the parent country.

Certainly all this is in itself enough to justify the indignant uprising of the Cubans, but it is only part of the story of aggression and injustice which is continued throughout almost every feature of Spain's dealing with her island dependency. The political Spanish party, in union constitutional, is in control of the government and dominates the courts, and justice is dealt out with careful discrimination as to the politics of the subject. The other high powers are engaged in conducting the preposterous financing by which a people of 1,500,000 have come to have a debt of \$300,000,000. Now that the revolt has materialized the conditions exacted from the islanders are even more severe, for by the ruling of the Spanish government all insurgents are "bandits," to be treated as such and shot down on sight, while the Cubans not actively engaged in revolt are liable to have their homes seized and searched on any pretext and at any time.

These, in brief, are some of the causes which have led to the Cuban insurrection, and they show clearly enough how much the revolt is primarily due to injustice and not to a merely patriotic desire for independence, commendable as that desire would be. The Cubans are fighting for practical reasons as well as for sentiment, and there is only too much justification for thinking that the full extent of these reasons has not been disclosed.—Chicago Record.

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Widow of the Late Journalist Will Pass the Remainder of Her Days Amid Congenial Surroundings—The Mansion in Detail.

Washington Correspondence. HE middle of October will see a new addition to the many famous widows who have chosen the capital for their home, and the loss of Philadelphia will be Washington's gain, for at that date Mrs. Childs will take up her permanent residence in this city.

Being possessed of great wealth it was natural that Mrs. Childs should select the capital, and it is now about seven months since the building has begun to rise from its foundations. The situation is a fine one, being in the center of the block on K street, just between Fifteenth and Sixteenth streets, and in a most fashionable neighborhood, but an equally convenient one to the central part of the city. The White House is only three blocks



MRS. G. W. CHILDS.

away, on the next square are the homes of Quay, Madame Bonaparte and Secretary Hoke Smith, while on the same square and just at the left of the Childs house is the huge home of Senator Hale. To the right are the houses of the first secretary of the Argentine legation and the spacious grounds of the home of Representative Hitt.

The house is four stories high, counting the cellar, which is a most commodious one. The material is a small, pale yellow brick and the stone work around the bottom is Avondale rock or granite from Pennsylvania. There are about forty rooms in the whole building, and all are in nice proportion. The entrance is on the right side of the mansion and is a large doorway, over which is a pretty carving. Steps lead up to the wide main hall, which is on the second floor. The hall runs almost the entire length of the house, and on it face the rooms of that floor, while from it runs a broad stairway up into the third story. As one enters the hall the first object which catches the eye is an immense open fire-place, over which is a mirror whose frame is of antique oak and whose work about the fire is of redstone.

The largest room in the house is on this floor and it is the library, which extends all across the front of the building. The chamber is in a mahogany known as Baywood, which is a light tint, almost of a cherry shade. The walls are tinted with a sage green, the



THE CHILDS MANSION.

cases, doors, mantel and cornices are of the wood and the effect is very fine. There are huge windows that will make the room a delightful place for reading. Adjoining the library is the parlor, or drawing-room, as it is now called in polite circles. This room is much smaller and cosier than the library and will probably be in a tint of ivory and gold. The grate is set in onyx and the delicate Louis XI. mirror is already in place. This room, when it is tinted and furnished in all the graceful ele-

gances that wealth can command, will be a gem of beauty, and probably one of the most attractive parlors in this city of magnificent homes.

Next to the drawing room is the dining room, which is quite large in dimensions. The tinting of this room will be dark brown with golden trimmings. At one end is a high mantel of dark wood, oak, which has been stained till it is almost black and thus has an air of great antiquity. The top is surmounted by a large mirror. On the left hand is a big buffet of the same wood, on which the silver and china will be displayed, and just opposite is the plate cabinet, also of dark oak, in which the rare pieces of plate will be shown against a background of rich velvet. Adjoining the dining room is the butler's pantry. This apartment is fitted up in unique style.

A dumb waiter descends into the kitchen and all about the rooms are closets and shelves, while around the top of the chamber is a balcony which allows access to a second set of closets up high against the wall. A staircase admits the servant to the china when more is needed and thus all of it is before the eyes of the mistress, but does not occupy the floor of the room. Just at one side is a small closet with a strong steel door—this is the vault for the protection of the handsome silver.

Just below the butler's pantry is the cold-storage room, in which the edibles are kept and into which the ice is put direct from the wagon. This room is on the ground floor, just below all the apartments before described. Here is the huge kitchen with long ranges extending across one side of the room. Next to it is the laundry, which has handsome tiled tubs and a big, tin-lined room in which the clothing can be put when wet and dried by steam.

Across the hall is the lamp room and adjoining is the wine cellar. This is just below the main entrance on the floor above and has around the walls wooden racks with little curves cut in them, so that the bottles will lie safely on their sides. Adjoining is the store room for groceries, and next is the servants' dining room, a large, cool, comfortable chamber. All of the ground or cellar floor is in neat colors, finished in light wood with as much pains as if it were the drawing room. At the back of the house runs an elevator, which is an important feature of the establishment.

On the third floor, that above the parlor and dining rooms, are the chambers of the mistress of the mansion and her guest, Miss Peterson, who is a niece of Mrs. Childs. The first room on this floor is facing the street, and is a beautiful and spacious bath room, finished in the softest and most attractive tints



MISS PETERSON.

of a delicate pink and gold. A gracefully carved mantel is at one side, rich tiling floors a part of the place and the tub is of porcelain and full of gleaming spigots. This is Mrs. Childs' own private bath room. Adjoining is her bed chamber, which is a spacious apartment. It is light and airy and will be finished in delicate tints of the softest shades.

Opening into her bed room is what is known or rather will be known as "Mrs. Childs' den." It is a cosy little room, in which she can spend her time in reading and writing, and just in front of the window is a tiny balcony from which she can look down into Senator Hale's yard. From this "den" one steps into the sitting room of Miss Peterson—a chamber which is much like that of Mrs. Childs' and will also be handsomely furnished. Adjoining this is the bed room of Miss Peterson, and next to that is a bright chamber which will be used as a sewing room.

On the fourth floor are several large, handsome rooms which will be used as guest chambers, and are furnished in luxurious style. At the back of the fine rooms, which face the street, will be the neat and comfortable quarters of the servants.

A small yard is on the left of the mansion and at the back is a pretty stable and carriage house.

It is safe to say that the Childs residence will become one of the sights of the city and the social world will when the next season opens find that the Quaker City has sent to the capital one of its most attractive ornaments. Washington has already within its gates

many famous women, Mrs. General John A. Logan, Mrs. General Phil Sheridan, Mrs. Nellie Grant-Sartoris, Mrs. Blaine and Madame Bonaparte, as well as Mrs. Harriet L. Johnston, among the number.

WING FAT'S WEDDING.

A Notable Function in High Chinese Society in San Francisco.

Wing Fat, a well-known member of the Chinese colony, was married at 5 o'clock Sunday morning to Miss Mow Sing Yu, niece of Li Hoy Hung, president of one of the Six Companies. Last night the bride and groom entertained their friends at dinner at the Hank Fer Low restaurant on Dupont street. Some 200 Chinese and between thirty and forty ladies and gentlemen were present. The bride is a demure little Chinese woman, just 18 years of age. She is but a recent arrival in San Francisco, having come from her Oriental home to marry Mr. Fat, who is the foreman for Louis Meyerstein & Co., and is worth over \$100,000, says San Francisco Examiner. There were but few at the wedding, and the peculiar Chinese ceremony was performed in one of the temples of the Six Companies. When the bridal company arrived at the restaurant last night there was a great display of colored lights and a perfect fusillade of bombs and firecrackers. The banquet room was decorated in brilliant colors and aglow with the light of many Chinese lanterns. The white guests were seated at a different table from the Chinese, and at the table where the latter were seated the groom presided with his bride. Mrs. Fat had on a light green silk costume trimmed with gold brocade and many precious stones. The groom was arrayed in a silk suit suitable to his rank and fortune. The menu was most elaborate and there was nothing to mar the festivities of the evening in the least. The white guests enjoyed the affair as much as any who were present, and the groom was fully equal to the occasion, both in the dignity of his bearing and the manner in which he welcomed the guests in true Oriental style. After the Chinese fashion, the speechmaking and the popping of champagne corks opened up the wedding dinner. Li Hoy Hung, the bride's uncle, made addresses both in Chinese and English. A Chinese dinner of choice and rare dishes was then served. But these many and varied courses did not conclude the repast for to the surprise of many of the Chinese and white guests a dinner cooked and served in the American style followed. Each lady in the party was presented by the bride with a fan, a pair of ivory chopsticks and a Chinese bracelet. Every gentleman received as a memento of the occasion a handsome pipe. At the conclusion of the dinner the guests repaired to one of the Chinese theaters, where a performance by Chinese children was in progress for the entertainment of Mr. and Mrs. Fat. The latter and their relatives together with all the white guests, occupied boxes and seats on the stage.

MORE OR LESS HUMOROUS.

When a fool opens his mouth every one with good eyes can see clear through his head.—Ram's Horn.

The mills of justice not only grind slowly, but they frequently grind up the wrong people.—Elmira Telegram.

Fond parent: "I wish, Bobby, that I could be a little boy again." Bobby: "I wish you could—littler than me."—Tid-Bits.

Teacher: "How did sin come into the world?" The new boy: "The preacher picked out all the things people liked to do and said they were sins."—Indianapolis Journal.

Miss East (at an Oklahoma ball): "Pardon me for treading on your toe, sir." Alkali Ike (gallantly): "Not a-toll, mom! Not a-toll, I assure you. Pardoning me for havin' a toe."—Tid-Bits.

Cholly: "Thought you were going to marry Miss Kostique?" Gussie: "Going to ask her to-night. My chances are about even." "How so, dear boy?" "She must either say 'yes' or 'no.'"—Philadelphia Record.

Doctor: "I felt some slight d-leacy at first in telling you it was tr-lets." Mr. Muehblest: "That is nothing to the delicacy I shall feel in telling you to the nurse who is coming to-morrow."—New York World.

Client: "You have saved my estate. How can I ever recompense you?" Lawyer: "I am disposed to make it easy for you, with several payments, you know. I am willing to take the estate as the first payment."—Detroit Tribune.

Mistress (to cook): "Your name, Mary, and my daughter's being the same makes matters rather confusing. Now, how do you like, say, the name 'Briget'?" Cook: "Sure, mum, it's not me that's particular. I am willing to call the young lady anything you like."—Tid-Bits.

Chummy: "What would you think of a man that always went round talking to himself?" Gruffly: "I should say if he did it to listen to himself he was a fool; if he did it to avoid listening to his friends, he was a genius; and if he did it to save his friends from listening to him he was a philanthropist."—Truth.

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