

CUBA'S APPEAL FOR HELP.

A STIRRING ADDRESS TO THE LATIN AMERICAN REPUBLICS.

What the Patriots Have Accomplished Clearly and Elegantly Set Forth—A Powerful Argument for the Recognition of the Independence of Cuba.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 15.—The representatives here of the Latin American countries received yesterday the following message from Salvador Cisneros and Rafael Portuondo y Tamayo, President and Secretary of Foreign Affairs of the Cuban Republic:

To the Latin American Republics: "On Feb. 24, 1895, the Cuban patriots resorted once more to arms in order definitely to break all political ties between Spain and the island of Cuba. By the following September the victorious Cuban troops had surmounted the flag of liberty from the eastern extremity of the island to the boundary of Matanzas province. Three-fourths of the colonial territory was thus raised in arms against Spanish rule, and the inhabitants thereof elected delegates to form a Government as the first expression of their independence."

"At the historical fields of Jimaguayú the Constituent Assembly met, a provisional charter fully adapted to the necessities of a state of war was enacted, and the establishment of the republic of Cuba was declared. The supreme power of the new nation was conferred upon a Government council, made up of a President, a Vice-President, and four secretaries, for the despatch of affairs of War, Finance, Interior, and Foreign Relations. To fill these offices the assembly elected Citizen Salvador Cisneros Retoncado, President; Rafael Portuondo y Tamayo, Vice-President; Roberto Rodríguez, Secretary of War; Severo Pina, Chief of Police; and Rafael Portuondo y Tamayo, Secretary of Finance; Dr. Santiago García Calzadilla, Secretary of the Interior, and Rafael Portuondo y Tamayo, L. D., Secretary of Foreign Affairs. Gen. Máximo Gómez was appointed Commander-in-Chief of the liberating army and Gen. Antonio Maceo, Lieutenant-General of the Army. To represent the republic abroad Citizen Tomás Estrada Palma was appointed as Plenipotentiary Delegate.

"The military success of the revolution, after the accomplishment of these events has been beyond all expectations. With irresistible power our arms invaded the provinces of Matanzas, Havana, and Pinar del Rio; the plans of the Spanish leaders were outwitted, and their troops broken to pieces in such a way that it took the invading army but a few days to reach the western end of the island and effect a final uprising of the people. The advance of the liberating army through the western territory was a triumphal march.

"To military success a political triumph was added, for the inhabitants of the towns hastened to meet and greet our soldiers, and the people's allegiance to our cause was proclaimed in every town and district which were considered to be strongholds of Spain.

"Before such results, which would appear to be wonderful were it not that the reasons which originated them are so obvious, it is impossible not to acknowledge that the influence of our arms is firm, purposeful, and changes their political condition, and their historical development, as the continental Latin American nations have done, to free and independent States; and also because simple proofs have been given by the Cuban patriots in the course of their military operations, and in the Government of the republic, that they are determined to be true to the principles of justice and equity which have moved the inhabitants of Cuba to appeal to arms. In doing so, we feel confident that we shall find in the Latin American nations a moral support toward the termination of the bloody struggle, and that their wisdom will not fail to recognize that above national differences, above language, customs, and creeds are alike. That American solidarity may be preserved, the integrity, quality and prosperity of one of the American countries must be considered to be essential to the welfare of the continent as a whole. The maintenance of peace is something like a common air, which, if it is to be enjoyed, must be preserved by all who breathe it. We appeal, however, except when their conduct may be justified in the eyes and in the conscience of other people, to none ever deny the strength of their motives for thus resorting to such an extreme means in demanding their rights. Such a resort to arms, and the organization imposed upon her by Spain, far from being a source of weakness, has built up the ends of power, impoverishes, degrades, demoralizes her, and keeps the country in a state of confusion and anarchy, which is a menace to its development and civilization.

"Spain denies the Cubans the exercise of the political rights which are theirs. Only three per cent of the inhabitants have the right to vote in the elections. Nothing has been made up, through all sorts of craft of the peninsular impostors, who, consequently, represent Cuba to the Spanish Government, which is a mockery to the Cuban people. The tariff which the Government has framed for Cuba is a thick net, intended to hinder all trade with all countries except Spain. At the end of the nineteenth century, when our industrial necessities required the establishment of a tariff, while the United States, by the adoption of a protective tariff, which was one of the first steps toward the development of her country, is protected by this tariff, some of the peninsular provinces make their will to be protected by the tariff, and the tariff is not enough to sustain them, they resort to fraud at the expense of the insular treasury and commerce.

"A country which does not dispose of the products of her soil, which does not participate in the management of her finances, whose laws are made by a strange country, and whose local authorities are alien, is completely and really a colony. More perfect tyranny never existed nor may it be imagined to exist. With such a regime it is impossible to learn that personal security does not exist in Cuba; that the rights of citizens are not guaranteed, and that the exercise of the duties of its inhabitants a series of economical crises has brought the country to the verge of ruin.

"Only in case the Cuban people had fallen into total degradation, and that the country had advanced and progressed, would any one be justified in believing that they would stand without rebelling against a government which, by its oppressive, ruinous, and demoralizing policy, happily was not content with the spoliation of the Cuban people, but had also been a source of ruin to the Cuban people. The Cuban people have been for over fifty years striving to overthrow Spain's tyranny and have it replaced by a home government, and the amount of \$4,000,000,000, the sum of their struggle will not cease until Spain desists from her rash attempt to hinder and smother the Cuban people, and until she has recognized the independence of Cuba.

"Thus, Cuba has been, and still is, though not through her fault, a source of ruin to the Cuban people. The supreme interests of America, of Louisiana, of the West Indies, of the Gulf of Mexico, and of a bloody field, where American liberty and European despotism are always at war. Such a condition would be an element of prosperity and security for her kindred American nations. Cuba exhausted and ruined would be an easy prey for the United States, and it is therefore in the interest of the Latin American countries to give their support to the Cuban people, and to their struggle with their oppressor so as to hasten the moment for our definite constitution as a nation. Should they decide to use their moral influence in behalf of this great cause, which will prove to be advantageous to themselves, and to the nations which will render a valuable vicinage to Cuba and to the Spanish Republic.

"Now is the proper and opportune moment. On the other hand, the countries of the Latin-American republics were able to maintain, without despondence and without any doubt, their political relations with Spain, and the similarity of origin made easy to establish. Hostile passions were softened, Spain's despotism, and that her odious empire was in becoming independent. The time has come now that the voice will be heard in the Spanish councils as regards the solution of a conflict so identical to that which was faced when the problem of their own political evolution was confronted. In intervening now, Spain, and that an end may be put to such a distraction of life and to the odious empire, they will proclaim anew their adherence to the principle to which they owe their existence, as they have done in the past, and whose response is in the solution of a question which so nearly touches the very World they are. Their good will toward Spain and their sisterly love for her, to make that article of my reputation and standing cannot afford to be made a victim of his bad faith and procedure. The representatives of the company in this city have violated the contract signed by Col. Mapleson and myself, and by legal advice I have protested against the proceeding.

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MAPLESON'S STARS QUIT.

DARCELE AND DE MARCHI WON'T RING FOR HIM ANY MORE.

How He Did Not Fulfill His Guarantees—He Says the Two Owe the Imperial Opera Company \$9,000 Advanced, Yet Demanded Cash Down Each Time They Sang.

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MOUNTAIN GIRL OUTLAW.

Mattie White in Jail on the Charge of Kidnapping an Assassin.

ROME, Ga., Nov. 15.—Mattie White, a comely young girl, who six weeks ago was pardoned from the county chain gang on the earnest appeal of many benevolent people, is now back in jail with the serious charge of instigating the assassination of a young business man.

A few days ago Will Mason was in his way home from the suburbs when he was accosted by a negro, who, ordering him to throw up his hands, shot him dead. The assassin escaped. Certain circumstantial evidence growing out of a chance remark made by a woman led to Mattie White's arrest, and she believed that the assassin was the man whom she was after, because he had testified against her in court.

The girl had testified against her in court, and she had been for two days before she brought her to jail. She is about 20 years old and a mountain beauty. On account of her conduct a short time ago she was sentenced to the chain gang for a year. While there she gave the officials a great deal of trouble. One night she succeeded in lifting a plank from the floor and then went to a friend in the neighborhood, where she obtained all night, returning in the early morning to the cell. She tried it again and was caught, and when asked why she did not stay out, she said that she was pretty well satisfied with her surroundings there. She set out on the night of the murder, and almost immediately the women of Rome joined in requesting a pardon of the Governor.

This was granted, and Mattie soon found herself back in her old haunts in the Lavender Mountains. For several weeks hold-ups have been frequent around the city, and it is now believed that the girl has been at the head of a gang of footpads, who made her home their headquarters.

DYNAMITE USED IN A FEUD.

The House of a Pole Burned Up and Three Persons Injured.

DRETT, Mich., Nov. 15.—The house of Frank Konjo, a Pole, in the Michigan avenue road, a mile outside the city limits, was wrecked by the explosion of two sticks of dynamite about 10 o'clock last night, and three persons were seriously injured, two of them probably fatally. The injured are Frank Konjo, body and legs terribly lacerated, will probably die, Bob Ewers, mortally injured, Joseph Konjo, daughter of Frank Konjo, badly cut and bruised. Seven other persons who were sleeping in the house at the time the explosion occurred escaped injury.

The explosion evidently were the result of a deliberate plot to murder Konjo and his family, and the understanding was that sticks of dynamite had been placed under Josephine's bedroom and the other under that occupied by Konjo, Josephine and Ewers were sitting in Josephine's room when the first explosion occurred, the charge shooting straight up through the ceiling into the kitchen, where it exploded. Josephine and Ewers were taken to the Emergency Hospital, and the doctors have little hope of saving the lives of the two. The explosion was caused by Josephine, whom the Konjos charge with having committed the outrage.

PLUCKY MRS. HEDINGSFELT.

With an Ironing Board She Whacks a Burglar and Beats Him Away.

NEW BATUSKICK, N. J., Nov. 15.—Young Mrs. Julia Hedingsfelt was not a timorous woman, and she will do anything to strike her home. About 1:30 o'clock yesterday morning Mrs. Hedingsfelt, who is the wife of a farmer, and who occupies a flat on the ground floor of 228 Albany street, was awakened by the opening of a kitchen window. The end of an ironing board, which she was using, was protruding into the room, and she saw a man climbing in through the open window. She seized an ironing board and brought it down heavily upon the man's head. He grunted with the plucky woman, but she pushed him out of the window, fastened the shutters, and returned to bed. The burglar did not notify the police until several hours later.

PREPARATION THE POLICY.

The Administration Intends to Be Ready for Any Emergency.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 15.—Many statements respecting the attitude of the Administration on the Cuban question have been circulating in the city, and it is believed that the Administration has been distributed throughout the country. The President has said that he does not anticipate any trouble with Spain over the Cuban situation, and that there is no intention to change the policy respecting the matter. However, it is believed that the Administration is prepared to meet any emergency which may be encountered. Measures of a military nature will be taken if necessary, and it is believed that the Administration is prepared to meet any emergency which may be encountered.

LEFT TO DIE IN HIS CELL.

Federger's Skull Was Fractured; Police Believed Him Drowned.

John Federger, 50 years old, of 22 Hudson Street, New York, was found lying on a plank road in a stable on the Paterson plank road in that town at 4 o'clock yesterday morning. The police, believing that he was intoxicated, locked him up. At 8 o'clock a policeman found him lying on the plank road, and he was taken to the hospital. He died at 10 o'clock. It is believed that he was left to die in his cell.

BIGGEST GRANITE BLOCK.

Trouble in Finding a Route to Ship Versus the Project to New Orleans.

BELLEVILLE, Pa., Nov. 15.—Much inconvenience is experienced in finding a railroad route to New Orleans having bridges high enough for the largest block of granite ever quarried in Vermont. The block, which weighs 1,000 tons, is being shipped to New Orleans. The project to ship the block to New Orleans is being opposed by the Vermont Granite Association, which claims that the block is too large to be shipped by rail.

INDIAN SHOWER IN THE DAYTIME.

Two New Yorkers Arrested in Montreal.

INDIAN SHOWER IN THE DAYTIME. Two New Yorkers Arrested in Montreal. MONTREAL, Nov. 15.—Edwin Oshaldston of New York and Louis E. Weiss, also of New York, were arrested here today charged with grand larceny in Montreal. It is asserted that the arrests were made in connection with the election laws in connection with the appointment of election officials.

ITALY BEATEN IN AFRICA.

Italy Gives Peace by Declaring Menelik's Kingdom to Be Completely Independent.

ROME, Nov. 15.—It is officially reported that King Humbert has received a telegram from Menelik, King of Abyssinia, saying that a treaty of peace between Abyssinia and Italy was signed on Oct. 26. The new convention abrogates the 1889 treaty, by the terms of which Italy claimed a protectorate over Abyssinia, and recognized the complete independence of Ethiopia. Menelik declares free all the Italians taken prisoners by the Abyssinians during the recent campaign, but Italy will have to indemnify him for their support while in captivity. Major Noyah, the special envoy sent to Menelik by Gen. Baldissera, Governor of Erythraea and Commander-in-Chief of the Italian forces in that colony, signed the treaty on behalf of Italy.

MAJOR GLEASON STILL AT LIBERTY.

Mayor Gleason of Long Island City was still at liberty yesterday. No effort was made to arrest him upon the bench warrant issued on Saturday after the grand jury had returned a charge against him.

GOLD 57 IN THE MAJORITY.

SILVER CUTS A SMALL FIGURE IN THE NEXT HOUSE.

There Will Be 207 Republicans, 137 Democrats, and 18 Populists—Five of the Republicans Will Vote for Silver and Two of the Democrats Will Vote for Gold.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 15.—Although the official figures of the recent election have not, in all cases, reached Republican Congressional headquarters, the result of the contests in the various Congressional districts is known with sufficient accuracy to warrant the announcement of a summary of the political divisions in the House of Representatives in the Fifty-fifth Congress. This shows 207 Republicans, 137 Democrats, and 13 Populists.

In making this division the committee have placed among the Populists Messrs. Hartman of Montana, Newlands of Nevada, and Shafter of Colorado, who were elected to the present Congress as Republicans. Also John Baker of Illinois, who was a Republican representative in the Fifty-first Congress. The other Populists come, four from Kansas, three from North Carolina, one from Colorado, one from California.

Upon the question of silver the division is said to be: For free silver, 133; against free silver, 204. Two of the Democrats are opposed to free coinage of silver—Messrs. McLeister of Pennsylvania and Elliott of South Carolina. Five Republicans favor it—Messrs. Hitchcock of California, Broderick and Curtis of Kansas, Tenney of North Carolina, and Beach of Ohio.

Not a single one of the eleven members of the majority of the Ways and Means Committee has a record of opposition to the free coinage of gold. Of the six members of the minority, two were not returned—Messrs. Turner of Georgia and Cobb of Missouri. The minority also lost its leader, ex-Speaker Crisp. However, he was not a candidate for reelection.

PLUCKY MRS. HEDINGSFELT.

With an Ironing Board She Whacks a Burglar and Beats Him Away.

NEW BATUSKICK, N. J., Nov. 15.—Young Mrs. Julia Hedingsfelt was not a timorous woman, and she will do anything to strike her home. About 1:30 o'clock yesterday morning Mrs. Hedingsfelt, who is the wife of a farmer, and who occupies a flat on the ground floor of 228 Albany street, was awakened by the opening of a kitchen window. The end of an ironing board, which she was using, was protruding into the room, and she saw a man climbing in through the open window. She seized an ironing board and brought it down heavily upon the man's head. He grunted with the plucky woman, but she pushed him out of the window, fastened the shutters, and returned to bed. The burglar did not notify the police until several hours later.

PREPARATION THE POLICY.

The Administration Intends to Be Ready for Any Emergency.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 15.—Many statements respecting the attitude of the Administration on the Cuban question have been circulating in the city, and it is believed that the Administration has been distributed throughout the country. The President has said that he does not anticipate any trouble with Spain over the Cuban situation, and that there is no intention to change the policy respecting the matter. However, it is believed that the Administration is prepared to meet any emergency which may be encountered. Measures of a military nature will be taken if necessary, and it is believed that the Administration is prepared to meet any emergency which may be encountered.

LEFT TO DIE IN HIS CELL.

Federger's Skull Was Fractured; Police Believed Him Drowned.

John Federger, 50 years old, of 22 Hudson Street, New York, was found lying on a plank road in a stable on the Paterson plank road in that town at 4 o'clock yesterday morning. The police, believing that he was intoxicated, locked him up. At 8 o'clock a policeman found him lying on the plank road, and he was taken to the hospital. He died at 10 o'clock. It is believed that he was left to die in his cell.

BIGGEST GRANITE BLOCK.

Trouble in Finding a Route to Ship Versus the Project to New Orleans.

BELLEVILLE, Pa., Nov. 15.—Much inconvenience is experienced in finding a railroad route to New Orleans having bridges high enough for the largest block of granite ever quarried in Vermont. The block, which weighs 1,000 tons, is being shipped to New Orleans. The project to ship the block to New Orleans is being opposed by the Vermont Granite Association, which claims that the block is too large to be shipped by rail.

INDIAN SHOWER IN THE DAYTIME.

Two New Yorkers Arrested in Montreal.

INDIAN SHOWER IN THE DAYTIME. Two New Yorkers Arrested in Montreal. MONTREAL, Nov. 15.—Edwin Oshaldston of New York and Louis E. Weiss, also of New York, were arrested here today charged with grand larceny in Montreal. It is asserted that the arrests were made in connection with the election laws in connection with the appointment of election officials.

ITALY BEATEN IN AFRICA.

Italy Gives Peace by Declaring Menelik's Kingdom to Be Completely Independent.