

WANTS NO TROUBLE.

CAREFUL NOT TO PROVOKE UNCLE SAM

Wants to be Friendly—Aggression Must Come From This Country—Spanish Still Rejoicing Over the Maceo Report—More Fortifications for Havana.

MADRID, Dec. 12.—The present Spanish cabinet and the leaders of all political parties agree that Spain must continue to avoid giving America the slightest pretext for taking offense and that Spain should maintain her present friendly disposition towards America in official relations, so that the whole responsibility of a rupture, if brought about by the intervention threatened in Cuba, should rest entirely with the United States.

There is no abatement of the manifestations of joy at the death of Antonio Maceo. The queen regent received an ovation at the opera last night. She sent an aide-de-camp to congratulate the wife of Major Crispin, the officer who commanded the Spanish troops in the engagement with the insurgents near Punta Brava, during which the Cuban leader is declared to have met his death and Federico Gomez, the son of Maximiliano Gomez, committed suicide rather than abandon the body of his chief.

More Protection for Havana. HAVANA, Dec. 12.—The work of strengthening the fortifications about Havana is being pushed with noticeable energy. Guns are being placed on the heights around the city, all pointing toward the sea.

La Lucha subjects the Spanish minister at Washington, Senor Dupuy de Lome, to a scathing criticism for his failure to correct the press exaggeration in its accounts and false reports of the actual situation here.

Maceo's Death Still Doubtful. NEW YORK, Dec. 12.—Delegate Thomas Estrada Palma, when asked whether the additional information regarding General Maceo's death had in any way influenced his former opinion as to the veracity of the news, said: "Not in the least. I cannot accept the reports so far published as conclusive evidence of General Maceo's death."

REST AND RELAXATION. President Cleveland Will Spend Next Week Hunting in South Carolina. WASHINGTON, Dec. 12.—President Cleveland, feeling the need of rest after the hard work and close attention incident to the Venezuela question and the preparation of his annual message to Congress, accompanied by Captain R. D. Evans of the navy, Captain Lambert of the Fifth lighthouse district, and Dr. O'Reilly, will leave here tomorrow or Sunday morning by rail for Georgetown, S. C., where they will be met by a lighthouse tender, probably the Wisteria, and taken down Winyah bay to a clubhouse, where the party will be the guests of General Alexander.

His Was a Foolish Suicide. COLUMBIA, Mo., Dec. 12.—An unknown man jumped from the east-bound train No. 2 of the Missouri, Kansas and Texas railway last night, while going at the rate of forty miles an hour, and was instantly killed.

Thirty-two Years in Building. NEW YORK, Dec. 12.—One more for sizable addition to the navy of the United States was made yesterday when the monitor ram Puritan was formally put in commission at the Brooklyn navy yard. It is thirty-two years since the keel of the Puritan was laid, and four years since she was launched.

FOR A NEW TARIFF BILL

Republicans to Begin Work on It at Once—Programme Mapped Out.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12.—The ways and means committee of the house will begin work before the holiday recess of congress upon the tariff bill, which is to be the chief feature in the policy of the incoming administration, and will endeavor to perfect the bill so that it may be presented to the house of the Fifty-fifth congress early in the special session which President McKinley will summon for revising the tariff laws.

This program was formally decided upon last night by a conference of the Republican members of the committee held in General Grosvenor's rooms at the Cochran hotel.

There will be no sub-committee given charge of the measure, but the full Republican contingent will work together, although the various members will devote their attention to the particular schedules with which they are most familiar.

General Grosvenor and Mr. Dingley it is understood, conveyed the views of the President-elect upon the program to their colleagues.

FOUR HUNDRED LIVES

Lloyd Steamer Sailer Wrecked in Spain—All on Board Drowned.

LONDON, Dec. 12.—A special dispatch from Berlin says that the Lloyd steamer Sailer was wrecked Monday night during a severe gale four miles north of Villageria, Spain, and two and one-half miles from land.

The steamer struck during a dense fog and a storm on a ledge of rocks about two and one-half miles off Cape Carubedo, on her way from this place to Villa Garcia, where she was to ship another lot of steerage passengers, bound for Buenos Ayres.

The Sailer was an old vessel, which the North German Lloyd company had agreed to sell to an Italian firm trading between Italy and American ports, but owing to a slight disagreement as to terms the deal was not completed, and the steamer was sent on another voyage.

Both Sides Poor Shots. OLATHE, Kan., Dec. 12.—At 5 o'clock this morning Policemen Hays and Rochester saw three burglars in the pasture drilling into the safe. A fusillade of shots followed.

Mrs. Morris Wins Her Suit. TOPEKA, Kan., Dec. 12.—The jury in the case of Mrs. Daisy Morris vs. the Western Union Telegraph company, on trial in the Federal court since yesterday, returned a verdict this morning of \$4,500 in favor of the plaintiff.

Hanged Himself in Jail. LAWRENCE, Kan., Dec. 12.—Henry Filger, who was arrested yesterday morning by the Lawrence police for stealing a mule, committed suicide last evening in the city jail by hanging himself.

To Satisfy Reciprocity. OTTAWA, Ont., Dec. 12.—Sir Richard Cartwright will leave in a few days for Washington to ascertain whether President-elect McKinley will enter into reciprocity negotiations with Canada.

NOTED WOMEN DIE BY GAS

Mrs. and Miss Cooper Kill Themselves—San Francisco Shocked.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 12.—Mrs. Sarah B. Cooper and her daughter, Harriet Cooper, were found dead in their home in this city this morning with the gas turned on and every evidence of suicide.

Mrs. Cooper was president of the City Kindergarten association, president of the Women's Press association, president of the Woman's Suffrage association, and prominent as an officer of the Woman's Christian Temperance union, while her daughter was deputy kindergarten superintendent.

The Coopers had lived entirely alone for thirty years here, except for a Chinese cook who had been in their employ for twenty years. He has not yet been found, but it is expected that he can throw some light on the tragedy.

Mrs. Cooper formerly resided in New Orleans and acted as nurse during the war. Her husband and other children died in New Orleans, the former, it is said, also by his own hand.

In her will Mrs. Cooper said that her stated intention to commit suicide would afford sufficient proof to render unnecessary a coroner's investigation, and asked that the bodies should not be taken to the morgue.

GOLD DEMOCRATS.

Their Organization to Be Continued—All Democrats Invited to Join.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Dec. 12.—Leaders of the National Democratic party were in session here all day yesterday. The meeting closed last night with a banquet, at which Henry Watterson was the principal orator.

The committee decided not to issue an address at the present time, but gave out a statement, which is, in part, as follows:

The National Democracy will permanently maintain its organization in full vigor in the states in which party machinery already exists, and will endeavor to perfect organizations in those states in which such do not now exist. It is the unanimous opinion of the members of the committee that any alliance between the Democrats who have been opposed to the Chicago platform and the Republicans is entirely impracticable.

Maria Barberi Acquitted. NEW YORK, Dec. 12.—The jury in the case of Maria Barberi, the Italian girl who killed her faithless lover, has returned a verdict of not guilty.

Three Babies Incinerated. IRWIN, Pa., Dec. 12.—Yesterday afternoon, while John Pallingwey and his wife were away from the house, three of the children, aged 4 months, 4 and 6 years, while playing with an oil can in front of the grate, all caught fire and before help arrived were all burned to death.

Paper Trust is a Reality. NEW YORK, Dec. 12.—The conferences that have been in progress for ten days between the principal manufacturers of white newspaper have resulted in a practical agreement of all concerned to pool interests and to deal with consumers only through a general agency, which is to be established in this city.

Spaniards Killed in a Bad Structure. MADRID, Dec. 12.—A dispatch from Jerez de la Frontera announces that a large building has collapsed there, burying over 100 persons. Eleven bodies have been recovered.

CASTELLAR'S OPINION

THINKS THE MESSAGE FAVORABLE TO SPAIN

The Spanish Statesman Thinks the President's Annual is Merely Calculated to Arrest the Impatience of the Jingoites in This Country.

MADRID, Dec. 14.—Senor Emilio Castellar, the noted Spanish republican leader, gives the following statement of his opinion of that part of President Cleveland's message which refers to the Cuban question: "I do not consider the President's message unfavorable to Spain, because the attitude of Mr. Cleveland reminds me of that of General Grant in 1873, only that Mr. Cleveland reads 1873, only that the insurgents and the jingo elements in the United States. His silence on Cuban independence and his opposition to recognition of belligerency shows really honest, correct, statesmanlike conduct. So far as his official disposition toward Spain, I persist in believing that the more reasonable, the far-sighted element of the American people, the old Puritan stock, will give us fair play. I approve the temporizing attitude of Mr. Cleveland in the first part of his message. I consider his reply to the party resolution of the American congress last winter as a damper for the insurgents. In the latter part of the message undoubtedly there are unpalatable declarations, against which all patriotic Spaniards protest—for instance, what he says about the sale of Cuba, the inaccurate statements concerning the situation in the colony and the conduct of our forces and generals. But we must distinguish in the latter part of the message between the purely hypothetical surmises as to what America would deem herself justified in doing if Spain were impotent to crush the insurrection promptly, and the friendly advice and suggestions volunteered by Mr. Cleveland when he recommends and even offers to cooperate in obliging the Cubans to accept autonomy or home rule, which we ourselves offered them a large installment of in the law which the Cortes passed last year. We must be practical and understand that this part of the message is calculated merely to arrest the impatience of the public in the United States and to check once for all any European power attempting to interfere with the policy of the new world. Mr. Cleveland thus gains time and allows us to expect that he will remain friendly to the end of his term of office."

THE PROTESTS DENIED

Sensational Washington Story a Fake—Report is All Fiction.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 14.—An emphatic and positive denial is made at the state department of the published report that Mustapha Bey, the Turkish minister, by direction of the sultan, has entered a protest against the language of the President's message to Congress in its treatment of the Turkish question. The report is characterized as "pure fiction," and it is pointed out that Mustapha Bey did not make a call on Secretary Olney on the day on which he is alleged to have signified to the secretary of state the deep displeasure of the sultan. It is probably true that the government of Turkey was far from pleased at what Mr. Cleveland had to say concerning Turkey. But the rules of international law on this point are now so well settled that it is regarded as altogether improbable that official attention would be paid to the words. The communications of the executive to other nations have no concern and international law is clear on this point, which arose in a famous case between Austria and the United States, in which it was clearly made manifest that Austria could not notice references to Hungary made in a Presidential message.

AMERICAN VOLUNTEERS.

Bullington Booth's Model the Constitution—Stars and Stripes the Banner.

NEW YORK, Dec. 14.—Commander-in-Chief Bullington Booth and his staff field officers of the Volunteers of America have draughted a constitution for the organization, following the spirit of the constitution of the United States, removing entirely any semblance of autocratic power and avoiding any possibility of theological discussion, the theological tenets being such as will be readily accepted by all evangelical bodies with whom it is the desire of the Volunteers to cooperate in all Christian work. The stars and stripes have been adopted as the banner of the organization.

Ten Years Each for Footpads.

SALINA, Kan., Dec. 14.—Andrew Johnson and Edward Manning have been sentenced to ten years each in the penitentiary for holding up three boys here last August, from whom they secured \$7,000. Johnson is said to have served five years in the Iowa penitentiary for burglary. He claims to be a printer of Kansas City. Manning is 59 years old and is known to the tramp fraternity throughout the West as "Denver Red."

The Proposed Army Appropriation.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 14.—The army appropriation bill for the fiscal year of 1898 has been completed by the House military affairs committee, and Chairman Hull expects to call it up early next week. The amount is \$23,122,400, \$156,000 less than for the current year and \$716,000 below the estimates, the reduction being due to provision for average instead of full legal strength. The principal reductions in estimates are in pay, subsistence and the quartermaster's department. A provision is embodied to turn over to the interior department the hospital at Hct Springs, Ark.

ADDRESS TO SILVER MEN.

Advice by Chairman Lane—Give the Republicans a Chance.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 14.—Charles D. Lane, chairman of the national bimetallic party, has issued the following address:

"San Francisco, Dec. 10, 1896. To the Bimetallists of the United States: The contest of 1896, which for some months has engaged public attention, was determined at the ballot box upon the 3d vote in favor of the Republican candidate.

"While the supporters of Mr. Bryan and the great principles which he espoused have no reason to regret the efforts made in his behalf, and which we will renew when occasion requires it, it is only the part of wisdom to accept with the utmost good faith the decision of the American people upon this or any other question submitted to their deliberative judgment, which is always sure in the end to be correctly decided by that tribunal.

"Our position was met and antagonized by the combined wealth of two continents. It was sought to be obscured by feigned issues, opprobrious epithets, dishonest methods and partisan zeal. Every intrigue which wealth could insure or ingenuity suggest was brought to requisition. The debtor class was threatened by its creditors, the laboring class by its employers and the patrons of savings banks and insurance companies were made the victims of unscrupulous demagogues, who declared that their investments in these institutions were to be sacrificed if free coinage of silver should be accomplished as the result of the election. These methods of political warfare were as dishonest and unjust as the advantage gained is fleeting and destined to ultimate defeat. No success secured by misrepresentation can have more than a temporary lodgment in the hearts of a generous and right thinking people and the result of this election will prove in the end a more signal victory for those who went down in apparent defeat than for those who are now flushed with apparent victory.

"But the election has been accomplished, and it is now the duty of every citizen to accept the result in a spirit of patriotism, unshaded by partisan rancor and unembarrassed by factions agitated of the issues which have just been fought out. While we as bimetallics still adhere to the conviction that there can be no permanent relief to the people based upon the single gold standard, and that time will demonstrate the accuracy of our position we at the same time regard it as a duty enjoined upon every citizen to do everything in his power to assist the President-elect in every effort to promote the welfare of the people by any policy which he may consider will accomplish that result.

"To this end we earnestly advise all our friends and coadjutors throughout the United States to suspend active agitation of the subject of free coinage of silver further than a simple mobilizing of the free silver clubs throughout the union and the keeping up of the club rolls for future service. By this means we shall furnish to our adversaries every opportunity to fulfill the promises which they made to the people during the campaign of restoring to the United States that measure of prosperity which its resources and commercial standing entitles it to enjoy among the nations of the earth, and if it shall be demonstrated that the incoming administration shall be able to accomplish this result of the people, we shall have no reason to regret the outcome of the issue at the polls. But if, on the contrary, we are furnished only with broken pledges and the old makeshift of issuing bonds, the vain attempt to keep up our credit by running farther into debt, is again resorted to, we promise to renew the struggle until bimetallicism shall become an accomplished fact in the United States.

"As national chairman of the Bimetallic party I call upon all of its forces throughout the United States, regardless of past party affiliations, to accept the result with dignity and forbearance and to join in upholding the hands of Major McKinley as president of the United States and to support him in all of his efforts to increase the prosperity and wellbeing of the citizens of this republic, but in no manner to abate their eagerness in the cause of free coinage, so that when it shall be again necessary to assert the principle we may be in better condition from the standpoint of organization than was possible in the recent struggle. It is an old adage that 'Truth, crushed to earth, will rise again,' and believing as we do, that bimetallicism is the only refuge for the struggling people, we shall stand entrenched behind this principle and shall await with anxiety the first opportunity to establish it as an American policy."

Creedon in Nine Rounds.

NEW YORK, Dec. 14.—At the Broadway Athletic club, Dan Creedon of Australia outfought and outpointed Dick O'Brien of Boston in nine rounds. From the beginning of the bout until the referee interfered and stopped the mill, when the ninth round had nearly expired, the work of both men was very rapid, and they worked so hard that during the last three rounds one good blow would have settled the contest. Creedon was undoubtedly the better man.

Double Suicide in Boston.

BOSTON, Dec. 14.—Mary L. Collins and Samuel P. Putnam, of Chicago were found dead to-day upon the floor of a room occupied by the woman. The gas was turned on. The woman was 29 years of age and the man about 50. An investigation is now being made by the police.

Santa Fe Case is Argued.

LEAVENWORTH, Kan., Dec. 14.—The case in which the destiny of the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe railroad is at stake was argued before Judge Louis Myers in the district court yesterday. When the lawyers had finished their arguments Judge Myers announced that he would take the case under advisement and render his decision December 28, at Oskaloosa.

GOV. SMITH IMPUGNED.

Ex-Clerk Redding Makes Sensational Statements About the Home Manager.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 14.—William F. Redding, an inmate of the Hampton, Va., Soldiers' home, who was the clerk of Governor Smith of the Leavenworth home from 1889 to 1892, appeared to-day before the House committee investigating the Leavenworth home and testified that he drew the contract with the Leslie Keeley institute, by which cures of the morphine and alcohol habits were to be administered to the inmates. By the terms of the contract, \$10 was to be charged for the cure of the morphine habit and \$8 for the alcohol habit.

Redding swore that on one occasion Governor Smith told him, when it was suggested that the temperance societies should give him a medal for his activity in pushing the Keeley cures, that he did not want a medal, what he wanted was "the \$1,000." This was when negotiations with the institute were pending. He also testified that Governor Smith raised the same charge to inmates for the administration of the cure to \$20, although the contract price was \$8. He said that Governor Smith took the cure himself, and that subsequently he (Redding) saw Smith under the influence of liquor. He testified that Governor Smith frequently went to Excelsior Springs and remained for several days.

Redding testified to various minor incidents tending to show Governor Smith's arbitrary and oppressive treatment of the inmates. He attributed his removal from a position he held at the Northwestern home to Governor Smith's influence. He was the only witness to-day.

HER BEQUEST DECLINED.

Howard University Refused to Accept Gift of Dr. Caroline Winslow's Body.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 14.—Dr. Caroline Brown Winslow, the noted woman physician, who died this week, left a will bequeathing her body to Howard university to be carefully dissected by a woman medical student for the purpose of advancing her knowledge of anatomy. After that she desired that the several parts of her skeleton should be wired together for the use of the Minor normal school of the district founded by her friend, Myrtilla Minor, the skeleton to occupy the place in the school the founder designed that her skeleton should occupy.

Dr. Winslow desired this disposition of her body because the laws of the country require that every medical student shall obtain and dissect one human body before he or she can graduate or receive a diploma, and because there are no methods provided by which said bodies can be legally obtained except by bequest or sale by the owner, previous to death.

It is understood that the university declined to receive the body and it was cremated and the ashes will be interred.

RETURNS TO HAVANA.

Captain General Weyler Again in the Cuban Capital—Greeted by Throngs.

HAVANA, Dec. 14.—Captain General Weyler arrived once more in this city at 5 o'clock last evening on horseback, accompanied by Lieutenant Colonel Escrivano and others of his staff, and by a cavalry escort. The streets of Havana were thronged with people and the houses of the town had been gaily decorated with bunting in anticipation of the captain general's return. The Plaza Armeria in front of the captain general's palace was packed with a vast concourse of people.

Captain General Weyler made a brief address, in the course of which he said: "I have only directed. The army has done all." Various delegations, both civil and military, were received later by General Weyler at the palace, and they offered their congratulations upon the outcome of his operations in Pinar del Rio.

CHAIRMEN NAMED.

Lieutenant Governor-Elect Harvey Announces Five Committee Chiefs.

TOPEKA, Kan., Dec. 14.—Lieutenant Governor-Elect Harvey, president of the senate, caused surprise to-day by making the announcement of his selection of the chairmen of five important senate committees as follows: Ways and means, ex-Governor L. D. Lewelling of Wichita; judiciary, W. B. Crossen of Miami county; railroads, ex-Congressman W. A. Harris of Leavenworth county; fees and salaries, H. G. Jumper of Osage county; agriculture and irrigation, L. P. King of Cowley county.

Counterfeit Gold Pieces in St. Louis.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Dec. 14.—Well executed counterfeit pieces of \$5 gold coins are being circulated here. The only rough work is in the milling, the edges being irregular and thicker than on the genuine pieces. The metal, however, is soft, wears easily and the color clearly indicates plating. Seven of the spurious coins were taken yesterday to the office of Assistant United States Attorney Wayne by persons who accepted them as good.

A Reporter in Contempt.

FRANKFORT, Ky., Dec. 14.—Frank G. Robbins of Cincinnati, who has been here assisting E. G. Burkam of the Times-Star in court of appeals work, was arrested to-day for contempt of court. It is claimed that he clandestinely secured means for eavesdropping in the court's consultations, and gave out the decision in the Walling case to the Times-Star over an hour before it was announced by the court.

Topeka, Kan., Dec. 14.—When the members of the State Reform Press Association met in this city on January 12 to dispose of Steinberger as president, they will probably discover that no such organization exists. It has been dissolved by the president, and the National Reform Press Association has been notified to revoke its charter. The association was composed of the editors of the Populist papers in Kansas, about 100 in number, and was a subordinate to the national association. The editors will likely hold the meeting, but they will have to reorganize, and will not be recognized by the national association.