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The death in prison of Kest, one of the four defendants in the Russell-Scott criminal libel suit, is likely to have an important effect on the result of the trial. Lady Scott now declares that she relied chiefly on Kest to justify the abominable accusations she made against her son-in-law, and that his death greatly weakens her case. Lady Scott herself is lying ill with a complication of bronchitis and rheumatism. Her health, the order of the trial and its serious possibilities for her having undermined her health. In the first days of her illness Kest dictated a statement concerning the charges against Earl Russell, which will be produced on the resumption of the trial after Christmas. This statement is reported to be a retraction, but as it remains in the hands of the prison authorities, nothing authentic can be ascertained respecting its nature. If it is a retraction, it will bring the suit to a sudden and sensational end.

STEAD'S EXPOSURE A DISAPPOINTMENT

Although W. T. Stead's promised exposure of the inside history of the Jameson raid proves disappointing, it has been admitted to be the best exposure of the Cecil Rhodes scheme that has yet appeared. The Transvaal enterprise, if successful, would not be distasteful to the British government. Mr. Stead was prevented from publishing proofs of this in his possession, but he now asserts that the report will be produced before a Parliamentary committee at the next session, providing to a demonstration that the Colonial Secretary Chamberlain did not countenance the actual raid he conveniently winked at the arrangements for assembling Dr. Jameson's force on the Boer frontier. If this accusation were sustained it would mean impeachment for Chamberlain, but it is doubted if he so singularly straight a man would place himself in so compromising a position. Sir John Lubbock and other officers under Jameson, who were tried with him, will testify in support of these allegations before the committee. Rhodes and Jameson also will be on the witness stand.

The reported opposition in Venezuela to the extradition arrangement is not regarded here as serious as long as the United States government gives no countenance to it. The Chronicle suggests that the Venezuelan irreconcilables probably hope to use the opposition of the treaty as a lever with which to upset President Crespo. There is a practically unanimous feeling among English politicians that the British government has gone to the utmost limit in the concessions in regard to Venezuela. Lord Salisbury would get a solid backing in refusing to accede to any further demand by Venezuela.

SYMPATHY FOR SPAIN FALLS

Nothing that Spaniards have done throughout the Cuban trouble has so thoroughly alienated English sympathy from them as their unflinching determination to delight over the reported death of General Maceo. The cynical brutality with which even the Spanish officers have recited the revolting details of his murder by one of their soldiers engaged in looting corpses, and the statement made apparently with gusto, that the bodies of Maceo and young Gomez were thrown to the dogs and dragged for miles, have conveyed to the English mind a vivid idea of the barbarous spirit which actuated Spaniards on the raid toward the Cubans. Hitherto the reports of Spanish savagery have been received skeptically, but the Spaniards have now shown themselves before the world in a worse light than that in which their enemies had painted them.

SPANIARDS WILL GO ON FIGHTING

Do Not Consider that Maceo's Death Puts an End to the War.

MADRID, Dec. 12.—Those conversant with the plan of the Spanish premier state that since the debate in the Chamber of Deputies the government has not thought of the proposed reforms in Cuba, being solely occupied with providing means for the success of the war. While they consider the death of Antonio Maceo a great blow to the insurgents it is pointed out that some time must elapse before it can be fully felt. When Maceo and Gomez were asked at an earlier period of the insurgents whether they would make their followers to lay down their arms in the event that an autonomy was granted to Cuba they refused and said they would only consent to complete independence and a republican form of government. Spain therefore is convinced that the rebellion must be crushed by force of arms and that to discuss reforms at the present moment would be equivalent to proposing an arrangement with the insurgents which, at most, would secure a peace which would not last six months. It is maintained that so long as the slightest doubt of the superiority of Spain exists in Cuba, the war will continue, but that when her superiority is established Spain will consider the advisability of granting such reforms as she may think necessary.

RUSSIA'S TREATY WITH CHINA

Practically Gives the Czars' Country Control Over Manchuria. (Copyright, 1896, by Associated Press.) LONDON, Dec. 12.—The text of the Russian-Chinese treaty, reproduced here from the North China Daily News, has aroused considerable discussion on all sides and it is regarded as a matter of the greatest importance. Some of the newspapers refuse to believe it authentic, as it would be such a victory for Russian diplomacy. The Spectator today, however, believes it to be exact and says: "No former would have tried so elaborately to protect the pride of China. While securing every Russian object nothing is concealed openly, but Russia is permitted to run a railway to Kyren and is expressly authorized to keep all the troops she pleases to protect the Manchurian stations, and she is also to fortify Port Arthur for China. No glass is required to interpret phrases like these, which completely invest Russia with military control of Manchuria and the Liao Tung peninsula." Continuing, the Spectator says: "The arrangement threatens Japan more than Great Britain, which can resist when her commercial rights are threatened."

Sir Charles Dilke, in a speech, has expressed the opinion that the treaty will place northern China at the feet of Russia and that it is wholly inconsistent with the promises which China made to England, when she left Port Arthur to the favored re-occupation of that fort. Sir Arthur B. Forwood, member of Parliament for the Southwest division of Lancashire, conservative, in a speech yesterday evening, said that probably China would become to Russia what India was to England and that English trade in China will be unimpeded by Russian manufactures. In regard to the doubts expressed as to the actual completion of the treaty, the speaker said he happened to know that Russian government engineers were now in Manchuria studying the proposed railway. The French government, apparently, has at length decided to abolish the penal establishment in New Caledonia, which the Australians have long demanded. The convicts will be sent to Madagascar instead.

OLD STONES PULLED DOWN

Great indignation prevails in antiquarian circles at the news that a number of Druidical remains at Dartmoor have been destroyed, notably a stone avenue and several pit circles on Sherburn common. It appears that the rural council contractors broke up the ruins in order to utilize the pieces of stone in mending the roads.

Edwin A. Abbey, the American artist, in one of those cases that have been commissioned to paint the frescoes of the vacant spaces in the royal exchange.

The announcement that a foreign parcel post will be established in pursuance of the recent act of the congress of the United States is warmly received here; but, there are unpleasant remarks on the alleged narrowness of the policy of confining the transmission of the parcels to American vessels. The Daily Telegraph claims to see in this a characteristic example of "a narrow protectionist spirit," but expresses the opinion that it would be found difficult, if not impossible, in actual experience to limit the post in the "strictly patriotic fashion" its promoters desire.

Sir Edward Lawson, the principal proprietor of the Daily Telegraph, and a large and distinguished shooting party met the prince of Wales at Sir Edward's country place, Hill Barn, Beaconsfield, Buckinghamshire, during the past three days. The party included Baron Russell of Killowen, Sir Henry Irving, Sir Edwin Arnold, Sir John Lubbock, Mr. William Waldorf Astor and the duke of Devonshire.

The statement made by Sir Thomas Sturtevant, chairman of the Peninsula and Oriental Steam Navigation company, to the stockholders of that concern, that trade with the port of London is waning, has attracted attention and is generally endorsed in shipping and mercantile circles. London is declared to be still the chief port of the world, and it is losing its prestige as a distributing center and goods are being taken direct to continental ports. The two chief reasons given are the exorbitant dock charges and the dearth of London labor.

RAILROAD STRIKE AVERTED

The trouble with the Northwestern railroad will probably settle yesterday by the intervention of the Board of Trade. The Northwestern company employees have been agitating for improved conditions, hinting at a strike which would paralyze Christmas traffic unless their demands were conceded. The railway authorities, however, overtook the bull by the horns, and the men engaged in the movement of the men and the recognition of their union, which the company has hitherto ignored. The men claim to have won the victory, but the question of the improvement of their lot is still unsettled. Especial interest and importance is attached to the arbitrary attitude of the railroad officials, and their subsequent change of front, owing to the personnel of the company's stockholders, which includes the marquis of Salisbury, Lord Rosebery, the duke of Norfolk, and other prominent people.

DENIAL FROM GENERAL BLANCO

Ex-President of Venezuela Says He Did Not Give Maceo a Sword. (Copyright, 1896, by Press Publishing Company.) PARIS, Dec. 12.—(New York World Telegram)—Special Telegram—"Je n'ai pas donne aucun couta a Maceo, ni aucun autre Cubain," GUZMAN BLANCO. Translation—"I have not given any knife to Maceo, nor to any other Cuban." "GUZMAN BLANCO." Guzman Blanco is a famous soldier and statesman, and the father-in-law of the duke of Morley. He was president of Venezuela from 1870 to 1882, and a dominating force in Venezuelan affairs until 1888. After Rojas Panto came into power, Blanco left Venezuela. He has resided in Paris for years. His cable dispatch to the World shows another inaccuracy in the Spanish description of articles said to have been found on the bodies of two Cubans, alleged to be bodies of Maceo and Francisco Gomez. Among the articles mentioned was "a hunting knife, twenty-four centimeters in length and an inscription on which indicated was a present from General Guzman Blanco."

Russian Crops Mostly in Good Shape

ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 12.—The Vestnik Faunson says that the winter crops in the southern provinces have been greatly damaged by the drought. It is added that the cereal crops are in a satisfactory condition and that those of the western and northern provinces are in a good condition.

QUEEN'S CHRISTMAS

Victoria Will Have a Family Party in Her Isle of Wight Home.

PRINCESS MAUD WILL GO TO DENMARK

Prince Charles to Take His Wife Home for First Time Since Wedding.

SEAL SKINS BRING BUT POOR PRICES

Prince and Princess of Wales Win Prizes at Northampton Dog Show.

GOSSIP OF THE LONDON THEATERS

Henry Irving's "Richard III" Will Adhere to the Original Text—The Piece Will Be Produced Next Saturday Night.

Copyright, 1896, by the Associated Press. LONDON, Dec. 12.—With mild and rainy weather during the past week, London has been at its worst, and already the exit from the metropolis of distinguished people intent upon enjoying their Christmas holidays is very general. The queen will leave Windsor castle for Osborne next Friday, where she will receive a family party during the Christmas holidays. The party will consist of the duke and duchess of Connaught and the marquis of Lorne and the duchess of Albany and her children. There are to be no festivities of any kind at Osborne during the winter residence of the court. Mr. and Mrs. George N. Curzon were among the queen's guests at Windsor during the week. Prince Charles of Denmark and his wife, Princess Maud of Wales, are going to Copenhagen at the end of the coming week for the first time since their wedding. The delay of Prince Charles in bringing his wife home has caused a great deal of dissatisfaction in Denmark and has aroused much comment, it being even stated that the princess refused to leave her own country. A suite of twenty-five rooms has been decorated and furnished for their reception in the immense palace near Copenhagen of their uncle, the king of Greece.

The fat cattle show at the Agricultural hall, Islington, has been an unusual success. There were 574 entries, exclusive of poultry, and the queen, the prince of Wales, Lord Rosebery and the duke of York were big winners.

STEVENSON SCOTT'S SUCCESSOR

At a meeting held in Edinburgh on Thursday to promote a memorial to the late Robert Louis Stevenson, Lord Rosebery presiding, his lordship alluded to Stevenson as the successor of Sir Walter Scott, and said he desired to see a memorial that testified to Stevenson's passion for Scotland.

The first big sealskin sale of the season occurred on Wednesday. Although the offerings were few, below the usual number, being only 60,000 pairs, there was a great decline, averaging 20 per cent. The price of seal given for this is that the trade in America has not yet recovered from the turmoil of the election and that there was scarcely a buyer or a commission from that country on Wednesday for the really high grade skins which they generally get at any cost.

THEATRICAL GOSSIP

There was a first performance at a matinee at the Court theater on Tuesday of Hurst's comedy, "A Woman's World," which turned out to be a weak and conventional production.

The "Circus Girl," produced on Saturday last at the Gaiety, has been the chief theatrical attraction of the week, and promises to be a great success. The music is catchy and the topical songs are bright and pointed.

Sir Henry Irving has at last definitely decided upon the cast of "Richard III," which will be produced next Saturday night. Sir Henry will adhere strictly to the original text and there will be no alterations, as he commonly accepted Colley Cibber version.

The incidental music which Edward German had expressly composed for George Alexander's revival of "As You Like It" has been a feature of the comedy.

There will be a decided change in the cast of "The Gay Parisienne" next week, December 14. The play has now been running for eight months at the Duke of York's theater and the business is still very large.

There is some talk that Mrs. Patrick Campbell and Forbes Robertson will again join forces, probably on the termination of the actress' engagement in "The Sorrows of Satan," at the Shaftesbury theater, and that they will undertake a revival of "Magda."

The United States ambassador, Mr. Thomas F. Bayard, will distribute the prizes and deliver an address to the students of the Bristol Merchants' Technical college next Thursday.

Mary Elliott Page, the American actress who was under engagement to Charles Houtrey, and who appeared at the St. James theater in "The Prisoner of Zenda," sailed yesterday for Australia, where she will appear in "The Sign of the Cross" and "The Prisoner of Zenda," under the management of Messrs. Williamson and Musgrove.

George Edwards informs the Associated Press that as yet he has not decided upon the personnel of the company with which next season he will tour America. It has not been determined as to the nature of the play which will be given, but in all probability the company will make a tour of the world, appearing in a round of the Gaiety theater's successes. Marie Tempest will undoubtedly be the leading lady of the company.

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DETAILS IN A LETTER FROM CUBA

Brother of General Carillo Tells the Story and Many Incidents in Support of It Are Added.

JACKSONVILLE, Fla., Dec. 12.—The

children tomorrow will contain the following relative to the death of Antonio Maceo: Justo Carillo, a well known Cuban of this city, brother of the Cuban general, Carillo, has received the following letter from a trustworthy correspondent in Havana, concerning the reports of the death of Antonio Maceo, and showing that he was killed by treachery: HAVANA, Dec. 9.—Dear Friend, Justo: Our brave general, Antonio Maceo, and the greater part of his staff have been murdered by the Spaniards. The details of this crime, acting the part of assassin, with Dr. Maximo Zetucha as an assistant in the horrible drama.

LAURADA IN SPANISH WATERS.

AMERICAN Filibustering Vessel Tries to Enter Valencia. MADRID, Dec. 12.—It now transpires that the semi-official statement published by the government organ, El Imparcial, on November 9, that the American Cuban filibustering steamer, Laurada, recently loaded at Messina, Italy, would not touch at Valencia, Spain, but that her cargo was intended for Valencia, Venezuela, was made with the view of causing an excitement which might have been aroused in Spain upon the subject. The circulation of the report that the Laurada's cargo was intended for Valencia, Venezuela, and not for Valencia, Spain, had an additional object in view. Besides causing the feelings aroused at Valencia by the announcement that the mailed filibustering steamer was to put in at that port, the statement regarding the shipment of the cargo to Venezuela was planned for the purpose of giving the Laurada people an opportunity to reconsider their determination to put into the Spanish port of Valencia, the report having been widely circulated that the Laurada was to be taken to Spanish ports with the object of provoking a demonstration and bringing about trouble between the United States and Spain. In the meanwhile it is understood that the Laurada has been fixed for three weeks hence and it is not doubted that it will develop new and sensational facts.

BEHEL HAS A TALE TO TELL.

Herr Bebel, the socialist leader, has announced that at a mass meeting next Tuesday he is going to make interesting revelations regarding the supporters of Von Tausch. The socialists intend to move in the Reichstag to eliminate from the criminal code the so-called spy paragraphs. One of the most sensational articles of the week appeared in the Vorwarts, the socialist organ. It was entitled "Signs of the Times," and in it the rottenness of German political life was exposed and compared with anti-revolutionary speeches in France. The Eulenbergers, Count von Waldsee and the Bismarcks are openly charged with having prompted Von Tausch in his part design. "Five hundred ten copies of the Vorwarts were sold Tuesday before Von Dorze, its editor, was arrested in the streets. The remaining copies of the edition were confiscated. The Vorwarts will be prosecuted for slander.

CONFIRMATORY INCIDENTS.

Joaquin Fontane pointed out yesterday the following facts, which, in his opinion, corroborated the statements in the foregoing letter and indicate that Maceo is really dead: "First—La Lucha published an article last Saturday in which it was stated that on the previous day Major Grijujeda had had an engagement with an insurgent force and had killed thirty-two Cubans, not named, at precisely the place in which General Maceo was murdered. "Second—The first dispatch from Havana regarding Maceo's death, which was received Tuesday, stated that Major Grijujeda had previous knowledge of the horse that General Maceo was to ride. "How did he acquire that knowledge?" "Third—Weyler publicly attributes the glory of the event to the marquis of Ahumada, who has not been away from Havana. Why should not the glory be given exclusively to Major Grijujeda, who had the good fortune, if the encounter was an accident, to come unexpectedly on Maceo's party?" "Fourth—From the first, even before convincing proofs had been offered, such assurance was expressed at the palace as indicated a preconceived plan. "Fifth—Zetucha's previous conduct. It now appears, is not altogether free from blemish. "Sixth—A manifest contradiction appears between what is said by the authorities in Havana and what the Spanish minister of foreign affairs announces in his confirmatory telegram to Minister de Lome at Washington. The Havana authorities distinctly say they have been unable to secure the body of Maceo, while the telegram from Madrid states the body has been identified. This version was transmitted to Madrid to give the home government full assurance of the fact, while it was later thought fit to conceal the truth from the press in Havana in order to conceal the dastardly crime."

MORE DETAILS OF THE MURDER.

CINCINNATI, Dec. 12.—The Commercial-Tribune special from Jacksonville, Fla., says: J. A. Huan, agent of the Cuban Junta in this city, received a long letter this noon from his confidential correspondent in Havana, giving full details of the assassination too foul for civilized nations of the earth to tolerate. "Yes," said Huan, "Maceo is dead, but Cuba will live long. The death of no one man can crush the brave spirit of the patriots of Cuba who are fighting gallantly for liberty."

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