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GENERAL MACEO WAS ASSASSINATED

Lured into Ambush by One of His Own Staff.

MAXIMO ZERTUCHA THE TRAITOR

The Crowning Act of Barbarity in Spain's Inhuman Warfare--General Weyler Readily Consents to Pay a Price for the Death of the Cuban Leader--Butchered in Cold Blood.

New York, Dec. 13.--The Sun today in a special dispatch from Havana publishes the following account of the assassination of General Maceo:

Havana, Dec. 9, via Key West, Dec. 12.--A commissioner from the insurgent camp came to Havana this morning and brought news to the Cuban Junta here that Antonio Maceo, Pancho Gomez, and other members of the staff of Maceo had been assassinated by the Spaniards in accordance with a plan contrived through Dr. Maximo Zertucha, by the Marquis of Ahumada, second in command of Seguido's Cuba, the captain-general of the island of Cuba.

STORY OF THE MURDER.

What the Junta knows about Maceo's murder is the following: Early in November Maceo received a mysterious message which appeared to come from the Marquis of Ahumada, with full authority from General Weyler personally.

"You know what you risk," said Maceo to the messenger. "Any man coming to my camp to bring and propose of peace which is not based on the full independence of the island of Cuba can be sure of being hanged."

"I know it," was the answer, "and I come to offer you an interview with the Marquis of Ahumada, to arrange the terms for the evacuation of the island by the Spanish troops."

At this conference only Brigadier Miro, chief of the staff of Maceo, was present.

"Well," answered Maceo, "go and tell the Marquis of Ahumada that I will consider the thing and give him an answer."

Maceo immediately gathered his staff, and explaining the situation, asked the opinion of his subordinates.

Brigadier Miro expressed his belief that the whole thing was a scheme of the Spaniards to catch Maceo in a trap.

Dr. Maximo Zertucha tried to convince Maceo that it was a very modest and unambitious man, and as brave as he was faithful to his superiors.

Without first knowing the opinion of the other members of his staff, Miro never entered into any kind of treaty.

When this first attempt of the Spanish failed, Weyler returned to Havana to confer with the Marquis of Ahumada.

The sudden return of the butcher to the capital after he started to Pinar del Rio, was a very suspicious circumstance.

Some Spaniards in command of the Spanish forces with the promise that before his return the revolution should be crushed.

He brought with him to Pinar del Rio some Spaniards in the command of police of Havana, because he was sure that Maceo was going to fall into the trap and that he would be able to catch the Cuban general alive.

Barrera's mission as chief of police was to carry Maceo to Havana as a common criminal, bound hand and foot.

Success was achieved in the middle of the time by all the intrepid Spaniards here, who rejected beforehand at the expected event.

That a traitor was rumored among them, and had his highest approval.

CAMPOS SPURNED THE OFFER. It is known that when Captain General Martinez Campos returned to Havana from Bayamo, after the battle of Pinar del Rio, some Spaniards in the capital suggested to him to pay a large sum of money to some traitor in the Cuban ranks to assassinate Gomez or Maceo.

"Even two millions of dollars," was said to Campos, "could be paid for the lives of those two men. Without them the revolution will fall completely in no way suffered from the inroads of heavy buying, as we have kept it up to high water mark by continual buying."

The suggestion was never made again to Campos, but as soon as Weyler landed it was renewed in him. Weyler eagerly agreed, and aimed at Gomez as his first victim, but Gomez is a very suspicious man, and permits to approach him only those in whom he has full confidence.

The only way of assassinating Gomez is in the middle of an engagement by one of his own troops, but then the traitor risks being seen and torn to pieces by the patriots.

When Maceo invaded the province of Pinar del Rio for the second time the second attempt at his assassination was planned, and Maximo Zertucha, the surgeon, was found as the traitor to carry out the crime.

First Barrera, the chief of police, succeeded in communicating with Zertucha. Afterward the traitor had communications with the Marquis of Ahumada, through Colonel Torti, who before the war was an intimate friend of Zertucha, and to whom, as arranged previously, the traitor surrendered yesterday in San Felipe.

The record of Zertucha's life is full of treasons and acts of dishonor. What is inexplicable is how Maceo kept him on his staff for such a long time, notwithstanding all the warnings given him against the man. But Maceo was very noble and Zertucha a great hypocrite. Maceo always said that some

MORGAN IN CONTROL.

He Represents the Majority of Stock in the New York Central.

New York, Dec. 13.--J. P. Morgan, it was said in a report published today, represents a majority of the stock of the New York Central and Hudson River Railway company, and will associate with the Vanderbilt interest in the management.

Mr. Depew said to a representative of the New York Times today: "The Vanderbilts have not had a controlling interest in the New York Central stock since 1880, when William H. Vanderbilt sold \$30,000,000 in stock to English buyers represented by the Morgan house. Mr. W. H. Vanderbilt thought that the ownership of a majority of the shares of the company by one person or family would be to the detriment of the property."

"Though the public used and profited by the railroad it would be more likely to complain of one than many owners. It was deemed advisable to change the ownership among many persons and there is now 15,000 stockholders."

Mr. Morgan, he came into the New York Central, and some he nominated in 1880, when the English sale of shares was made. Mr. Morgan's house continued to represent the English shareholders, and the management has been invaluable. He is a great upholder of credit and his relations with other roads and with the banking world are known by a Vanderbilt's are invaluable to his knowledge of railroad management.

"Mr. Morgan has continued to extend his control over the company. Since the sale of \$30,000,000 of stock to English investors, the capital stock of the company has been increased from \$30,000,000 to \$100,000,000. The English have not increased proportionately to the increase of the company's capital."

As for ambassador to England or secretary of state, or any other position in the administration, Mr. Depew said he had not been offered any such position, and that it was of no use for him to say what he would do.

SPAIN'S DEFENDER.

Jeff Brown, of Key West, Explains How It Might Be Possible That Maceo Was Killed in a Fair Fight.

Jacksonville, Fla., Dec. 13.--Jefferson B. Brown, of Key West, a gentleman who keeps in thorough touch with the Cuban news, does not believe that Maceo was murdered, but that he was killed in a fair fight.

Mr. Brown, who was at the Hotel Pacific last night, enroute home from Galveston, Tex., said:

"If you analyze the report that he was murdered, for several reasons. In the first place, Maceo is no fool, and would not have been led into an ambush on a pretext of negotiating a treaty of peace with General Ahumada; second, in command of the Spanish army of Cuba, and hence not authorized to conduct such negotiations, it being in the province only of the commander-in-chief of the insurgent forces, Maximo Gomez is the only person who should handle such a subject."

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FORECAST OF THE WEEK IN CONGRESS

Papers That Will Be Laid Before the House.

CUBAN AFFAIRS TO THE FRONT

Discussion of the Death of Maceo Indicates a Sentiment in Favor of the Insurgents--The Dingley Bill May Be Considered Again and Military Appropriation Bill Probably Be Found on the Calendar.

Washington, Dec. 13.--Among the papers that will be laid before the house tomorrow, will be the documents in the result of the contest for the full term of the Fifth Louisiana district for the present term of the Fifty-fourth congress, for which Mr. C. J. Boatner holds a certificate as the result of a special election held November 3 last.

Mr. Boatner holds a certificate as the result of a special election held November 3 last. Messrs. Boatner and Bennett were opponents at the election in 1894, at which time Mr. Boatner received a certificate as the result of a special election held November 3 last. Mr. Boatner holds a certificate as the result of a special election held November 3 last.

Cuban affairs are also likely to come to the front at any moment. Mr. Dingley bill, will do so again when a favorable opportunity offers itself. In the house of representatives tomorrow is District of Columbia day under the rules.

The bill defining the rights of the purchasers of the franchise and property of the Atlantic and Pacific Railroad company sold under foreclosure of the mortgage authorized by the act of 1871, will come up, probably on Tuesday.

It is within the power of the house to adjourn on Monday, and it is probable that the house will adjourn on Monday, and it is probable that the house will adjourn on Monday.

The military appropriation bill is expected to be on the calendar on Monday, and it is probable that the house will adjourn on Monday.

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SENATORIAL POSSIBILITIES.



CHARLES EMORY SMITH.

Charles Emory Smith was born in Mansfield, Conn., in 1842. Seven years later his parents removed to Albany and he received his education in the public schools in that city and Union college. During the war he rendered valuable service on the staff of General Hathorn.

M'KINLEY ON THE TARIFF

President-elect Believes That a Bill Should Be Passed That Cannot Be Harmed by the Tinklers.

Canton, O., Dec. 13.--After a week of great activity, Major McKinley enjoyed a restful Sunday. He walked to church in the morning and later on he called at his mother's, where he remained to dinner.

He is believed to have made up his mind to go into the cabinet if offered a place as secretary of the treasury, will be filled before the middle of January.

Major McKinley is giving the problems which confront him due consideration, and he will not permit himself to be hurried. The New York situation is under discussion.

Little else was discussed in Washington today among diplomats and politicians but the tragic death of insurgent General Maceo.

Senator Platt, of Connecticut, said the mendacious character of the news of Cuba for the past six months is so utterly untrustworthy, prevents him from expressing any opinion.

Senator Thurston, of Nebraska, said he would vote to enter the protest of Cuba for the past six months is so utterly untrustworthy, prevents him from expressing any opinion.

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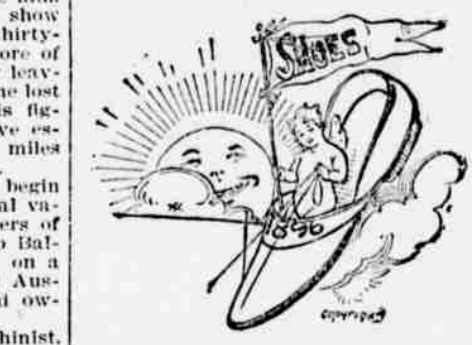
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THE NEWS THIS MORNING.

Weather Indications Today: Cloudy; Cooler Winds.

- 1 General Maceo Was Assassinated. Maximo Will Have a Spirited Week.
2 Secretary Reeder's Biennial Report. Wall Street Review and Markets.
3 Local--Anniversary Sermon at Elm Park by Rev. W. H. Pearce. Compressed Coal Dust as Fuel.
4 Editorial. Casual Mention.
5 Local--Stabbing Affray at Penn Ave. and Center Streets. Popular Volunteer Officers to Leave Scranton.
6 Reminiscences of Conductor Harding.
7 Suburban Happenings.
8 News Up and Down the Valley.