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Competitor Prisoners Say a Spanish Prison is Not so Terrible a Place After All.

When The Were Telling Their Stories, However, Spanish Soldiers We'e Close at Hand.

Weyler Was About to be Recalled When News of Maceo's Death Reached Madrid.

New York, Dec. 18.-The World today has a copyrighted dispatch from Havana from its correspondent saying he had secured permision from Captain-General Weyler to visit the Competitor prisoners in the Cabanas fortress. The prisoners were extremely glad to see the visitor, according to the World correspondent, who continues as follows: 'I did not visit the prisoners to discuss the merits or demerits of their case, the justice or injustice of their detention or other expectations. What the World's readers will be interested in particularly is how the Competitor's prisoners are cared for by their jailors and ascertain if their is any foundation for the frequent reports circulated throughout the United States that their condition is bad and that the Spanish authorities ill-treated them. Each one of the six men were asked repeated questions and each replied freely, all agreeing in their opinions. Perhaps it will be best to express the views of the prisoners by quoting Melton's remarks regarding his imprisonment: "Aside from the fact that the prison is a prison," he said, confinement is verille

so in my case, legal case against us so do do not know that we have any especial grievance. We are treated as certainly, and in some respects better than the Spanish prisoners are. The officers in charge act towards us like gentlemen. They are kind, and I am sure well disposed towards us. soldiers on guard are good natured and not offensive. There are more prisoners to a cell than is agreeable, but we get along peacefully in our common The food is not what misfortune. like; the cooking is different from what I am accustomed to and I suffer from stomach trouble and dyspepsia. We get the same food as the other prise ers. I prefer the food we used to get.

which was the regular army rations of the Spanish service. That was good enough. The present food comes from by Miss Helen Grant, of Dundee, the prison at Havana and is not so good. I hope the case will be settled I would rather go to Cetua remain here doing nothing but wait, wait, wait."

Captain Labordie said he had been ill in the hospital from some head trouble and was well cared for there. He had no complaint to make of his treatment. The other prisoners agree that they would prefer the Spanish rations they used to have to their present fare.

The World correspondent adds that he noticed a Spanish officer or soldier close to him when he conversed with the prisoners. Several soldiers with rifles were stationed a dozen paces away, but Captain Fernandez thoughtfully withdrew beyond hearing. A special to the World from Madrid,

way of Bayonne, France, says: 'General Maceo's death happened most fortunately for General Weyler. Premier Canovas and the minister of war were so indignant when they heard that General Maceo had crossed the trocha and entered Havana province by land that they determined to recall General Weyler and send Captain-General Marn from Porto Rico. It is an open secret in political, military and diplomatcircles here that anyhow General Weyler will only be allowed to remain n Cuba if he promptly and signally ushes the insurrection in Havana and Pinar del Rio provinces and puts a stop to the abuses, corruption and waste in the commissariat and army contracts which the government has called atten-

who arrived here by steamer from Cuba ast night report that General Pratt wired Captain-General Weyler from the province of Matanzas that he had had an engagement in the province with Antonio Maceo's forces, led by Maceo himself, and upon receipt of the telegram conveying this information all the festivities which were in progress in Havana to celebrate the death of Maceo, were suspended. The passengers further stated that a number of the newspaper representatives, to convince themelves of the report of Maceo's death, went to Punta Brava, in the province of Havana, and one of them had an inerview with the insurgent chief, Bolmro Acosta, who told him the Spanrds, who come to search for Maceo's would not find it. as Maceo was at the head of his army and moving towards Oriento. He also stated that he accompanied Maceo to the province Matanzas, where he left him. after affectionate parting. When he left ceo the latter was suffering from a

slight wound. Paris, Dec. 18.—A manifesto was iblished to-day from the French comnittee to free Cuba, addressed to Cubans, and accusing the Spanish government of the murder of Maceo, 'whose ood," it says, "will fertilize the idea of of the French revolutionists. "who prolaimed the rights of man." M. M. Rochefort, Clovis, Hughes and Ernest

Roche are among the signers. Washington, D. C. Dec. 18.—After lis-

eign relations for a long time this morning the committee agreed to report the Cameron resolution. It is clearly understood that the tendency of the secretary's advice was against precipitate action by the committee but advocates the Cameron resolution. The Cameron resolution follows: "Resolved: by the senate and house of representatives of the United States of America in congress assembled, that the independence of the republic of Cuba be and the same is

The committee changed the Cameron

States of America. Section 2.: The United States should use her friendly offices with the government of Spain to bring to a close the war between Spain and

resolution so as to make it more emphatic. The title was changed to read: "Joint Resolution Acknowledging the In-dependence of the Republic of Cuba." Instead of "The United States should use her friendly offices," the committee made it read: "The United States will" do so. Secretary Olney, it is claimed by members of the committee who favored action in Cuba, did not have any new information to present, and they say the committee know as much about the condition of affairs in Cuba as is known by the state department. Secretary Olney urged that no action be taken at present and pointed out that there was no real government to recognize. The agreement to report the Cameron resolution was reached immediately after Mr. Olney left the committee room, at a quar-ter past twelve o'clock and was arrived at without division or an expressed difference of opinion. The only division was as to the time the resolution should be reported to the senate. Senator Cameron moved that they report Monday next. Senator Sherman suggested that the report should not be put until after the holidays. When the question was put to the committee the Cameron motion prevailed by a large majority.

"JIMTOWN" BURNED.

The Once Prosperous Mining Town Wiped out of Existence.

Sonora, Dec. 18.—The old mining town of Jamestown, famous in California literature as "Jimtown" was almost completely destroyed by fire yesterday. All the buildings were wood. The fire started in a bakery and was unchecked until all but two or three isolated buildings were consumed. "Jimtown" was the supply station for an important group of mines including the well known Rawhide mine. One thousand people are homeless as a result of the fire. The town had no fire department.

TOLD BY CABLE.

London, Dec. 18.—The suit brought by was called in the Edinburgh court ses-

There is good authority for stating that the French embassy at London, which will shortly he relinquished by Baron de Courcel, has been offered to M. Ribot, ex-president of the council and formerly minister of foreign affairs. M. Ribot has not decided yet as to his ac-

ceptance. The Hamburg police have prohibited the strikers from patrolling the port. Men who had been on strike but are now offering to go back to work are being rejected, the employers having decided not to take any of them back until the strike is ended.

You can't be well if your blood is impure, but you may have pure blood and good health by taking Hood's Sarsa-

American News, New York, Dec. 18.-The body of Alexander Hermann, the magician, arrived here yesterday. The funeral will take place from the Masonic temple next Saturday.

John A Field, son of the late Cyrus W. Field, was found acting strange 13 the Forty-Second street car stables last night and locked up. To-day in Yorkville police court James M. Connaugh-Key West, Fla., Dec. 17.—Passengers ton, a lawyer, who appeared for him. said Field had been of unsound mind tals to get the names of Canadian nurses. owing to the Field, Linkley & Wechers failure three years ago and if he was discharged he would be cared for. The magistrate discharged Field and he left

the court with the attorney. Saratoga, N.Y., Dec. 17-The attitude of the strikers on the Champlain Canal improvement at Waterford having become less threatening to-day Sheriff Jones has withdrawn a large number of his deputies. It is believed the new men will not be molested. A similar condition affairs exists among the laborers on the canal between Fort Edward and Fort Ann.

How to Prevent Pneumonia

At this time of the year a cold is very easily contracted, and if left to run its course without the aid of some reliable cough medicine is liable to result in that dread disease, pneumonia. We know of no better remedy to cure a cough or cold than Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. it has always given entire satisfaction .-

Olagah, Ind. Ter. Chief. This is the only remedy that is known to be a certain preventive of pneumonia, Among the many thousands who have

ging to the senate committee on for toria and Vancouver.

To-Morrow the People Will Give the Verdict.

ory Until Some Protestant Constituency is Opened.

Speculation as to When the House Will Meet and What the Business Will be.

Ottawa, Dec. 18. (Special).-Premier Laurier returned last night from the campaign in Cornwall. The whole issue was the school settlement. The most frantic appeals were made by Foster and Caron to the Catholics. Montague did States." not take part. He will work the Protestant constituencies. (By Associated Press.)

The Governor-General is bringing back with him from the West many orders-in-council and papers which have been sent out for his aproval and which he will discuss with his advisers on his return. It is said many of these orders refer to dismissals.

the intention of the government to summon parliament to meet at the earliest possible moment, which will probably to 891,586 francs. It is claimed by M. be the first week in March. It is also de Lesseps that M. Baihaut has already the purpose of the government to go paid 579,000 francs. M. de Lesseps said on next session with a new franchise bill, a civil service bill and a new superannuation bill, in accordance with the promises made. Steps will also be taken to provide the necessary legislat'on

The Canadian Pacific new line to Ottawa will be completed by the middle of next summer. Construction has just ceased for the winter. The curfew law will take effect in

Ottawa on January 1st. The American consul reports that the volume of exports from this district during the year was quite up to the av-

MINNEAPOLIS BOODLERS.

Aldermen Live in Style on Fifteen Hundred a Year.

the grand jury to-day Judge Pond culled attention to the well-defined stories of boodling in the council, pointing out against Mr. James A White, of the firm of J. F. White & Co., of New York, income beyond \$1,500 annual salaries, were able to live in great style and sions to-day and postponed until next spend money freely. Reference was also made to the scandals in regard to contract letting in other municipal boards.

No news has been received of City Clerk Haney, although telegraphic orders for his arrest were sent to all points on the Mexican border. It is believed Gulf port, whence he may sail for Central America.

GOING TO EXTREMES.

Canadian Nurses to be Deported by the

United States Authorities. Buffalo, Dec. 18.—Immigration Inspector de Barry received from Washington last night a new ruling by the secretary of the treasury on the alien labor law. This ruling is on the question raised by the city two years ago whether Canadian trained nurses who come to this country to work in hospitals would do so in violation of the law. When the question was raised before it was held that they could not be interfered. with as they were semi-professional persons. Now the secretary of the treasury, according to the notice received by Mr. Barry last night, has ruled that these nurses can be deported. As soon as Mr. de Barry received the notice of the new ruling he started out to get a list of the Canadian nurses in the hosp. tals. To-day he will visit other hospiemployed in them. Mr. de Barry said last night that all these nurses will be deported. Inspector Estella, of Ogdensburg, is now at Dansville, N.Y., where he went to deport five Canadian nurses employed in the sanitarium there.

RESULT OF THE MASSACRES. Thousands of Children Robbed of Their Parents by the Turks.

Washington, Dec. 17.-The full extent of the Armenian massacres is indi cated in a report to the state department by United States Consul Bergolise, at Erzeroum, wherein he says: "The number of Armenian children un der twelve vears made orphans by the massacres of 1895 is, according to estimates, 50,000. The question of what shall be done with these orphans is re-ceiving the attention of the Christian world. The Armenian board of commissioners is giving the matter seriou-We have used it quite extensively and thought. It has formulated no general plan of relief, although the question of creating orphanages, clothing factories and industrial institutions is under consideration. German charitable societies are preparing to establish indusused it for colds and la grippe, we have trial orphan asylums at Corpha, Ceas-Cuban liberty." It assures the insur-gents of the sympathy of the grandsons resulted in pneumonia. Persons who werth deaconesses of Germany have have weak lungs or have reason to fear made provisions for receiving Armenian attack of pneumonia, shoul keep the an orphans at Smyrna and thirty have been sent there from here. The Brit been sent there from here. The Brit For sale by all druggists. Langley & ish government, or its ambassador at Henderson Bros., wholesale agents, Vic- Constantinople has initiated a move- passenger on the Charmer from Vancoument leading towards settling a number

of widows and their children on the la-land of Cyprus.

SPAIN'S OTHER WAR. Both Sides Have Had Their Say and Captain-General of the Philippines Wauts More Soldiers.

Madrid, Dec. 18.—Four additional battalious of Spanish troops embarked for the Philippine Islands yesterday and General Palavieja, the new cap-tain-general of that colonly, has asked for reinforcements of ten additional

SUCCEEDS HIS FATHER.

Ex-Speaker Crisp's Son Elected in His Father's Old Constituency. Altanta, Ga., Dec. 17.—A special ele-tion held yesterday in the Third con

gressional district to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Charles F. Crisp, resulted in the election of C. R. Crisp, the ex-speaker's son. Mr. Crisp, in response to a telegram from the Atlanta Journal, wired that paper: "I am in favor of the recognition of

PANAMA SCANDAL REVIVED.

Attempt Being Made to Force the Payment of the Fines.

Paris, Dec. 18.—Action has been com-menced by the treasury against M. Bai-haut, Charles de Lesseps and Blondin for the unpaid fine inflicted upon M. Bai-The Free Press says: "From what hant by the assize court in March, 1888, can be gathered in official circles it is in connection with the Panama canal in his own behalf: 'I have explained without reticence my pecuniary position to the treasury, placing at its disposal what I could make up, but I was not in a position to produce the sum of 891,for carrying out the prohibition plebis- 000 francs, which I am very far from possessing. The treasury rejected the offer made on my behalf, and wants to inflict imprisonment on me for default, that is to say, imprisonment for twelve months. I do not understand this per-secution, that I should be imprisoned for the debt of others; a debtor who is simply reputed jointly responsible, who evades not the responsibility, but who without screening himself behind legal arguments, which are neventheless very strong, says: 'Take all I have.' In these circumstances my lawyer pointed out to me that the judgment of the assize court does not sentence me to pay any fine and does not pronounce on me any joint responsibility for the payment of the fine inflicted on M. Baihaut, whose debts

are wrongfully claimed from me." AN UNLIKELY STORY.

A Canadian Tells of His Treatment in a London Asylum. Buffalo, N. Y., Dec. 18.-Just before

noon to-day a man who had the appearance of a prosperous Canadian farmer. entered the editorial room of the Enquirer. He amounced that he had escaped from an insane asylum in Canathat he has gone to Florida or some da. The man said his name was Andrew McCallum, and he hailed last from the asylum at London, Ont. He called at the newspaper office because he had a story to tell. McCallum is a well built man about 46 years of age. Ac- of \$149,595. cording to the story he formerly lived in the township of East Williams, Ont. He says for three years he was a patient in the London insane asylum but made desperate by cruel treatment, broke The remains arrived from Montreal on out a week ago last Wednesday by pick- the morning train. All Methodist mining a lock in one of the doors. He says isters in the city attended the funeral, that while sometimes weak in the head, and many prominent laymen. The serhe was unlawfully detained after being | vices were conducted by the Revs. Dr. cured, through the machinations of his wife, who hoped to gain control of his cett and J. F. Oakley. An eulogy was property, which is situated in London, delivered by Dr. Burwash. Douglas Ont., and St. Louis, Mich. He says church, Montreal, sent a large number the patients are horribly abused by the of floral tributes. Rev. J. C. Speer keepers who set them to fighting and sit | conducted the service at the grave side. by and watch the fun, when the doctors are out of sight. The supervisor, he says, named John O. Donald, countenances and encourages these outrages. McCallum is now staying in Buffalo, his board being paid two weeks in advance at a west side boarding house.

A MESSAGE TO MEN. Proving That True Honesty and True Philanthropy Still Exist.

If any man who is weak, nervous and debilitated, or who is suffering from any of the various troubles resulting from youthful folly, excesses or overwork, will take heart and write to me, I will send him confidentially and free of charge the plan pursued by which I was completely restored to perfect health and manhood, after years of suf-

fering from Nervous Debility, Loss of Vigor and Organic Weakness. I have nothing to sell and therefore want no money, but as I know through my own experience how to sympathize with such sufferers, I am glad to be able to asist any fellow being to a cure. I am well aware of the prevalence of quackery, for I myself was deceived and imposed upon until I nearly lost faith in mankind, but I rejoice to say that I am now perfectly well and happy once more and am desirous therefore to make this certain means of cure known to all. If you will write to me you can tely on being cured and the proud satisfaction of having ben of great service to one in need will be sufficient reward for my trouble. Absolute secrecy is assured. Send 5 o silver to cover postage and address, Mr. George G. Strong. North Rockwood, Mich.

ver last evening.

Exports and Imports Increased During the Last Five Months but the Revenue Dropped.

Result of the Civil Service Examinations Recently Held in Victoria and Vancouver.

Mining Company Seeking, Incorporation-New County Court Judges for Ontario.

Ottawa, Dec. 18 .- (Special)-The official Gazette to-day contains the statement of exports and imports for five months of the fiscal year ending Novemindependence of Cuba by the United ber last. The grand aggregate trade increased in that period by about \$7,-000;000 compared with the same time last year. The imports were \$50,668,-000 compared with \$48,873,000 for the same period in 1895, and the exports were \$68,942,000 compared with \$63,-381,000. The duty, however, dropped in 1896 nearly \$300,000. This was due to the large increase in free goods and drop in dutiable.

Sir Richard Cartwright and Hon. Mr. Tarte returned last night, being summoned by Premier Laurier to attend an important meeting of the cabinet.

Duncan Chisholm, junior judge, has been gazetted for the county of Waterloo, Ontario, in place of Anthony Lacoure, dead. George Henry Frewen Dartnell has been appointed junior judge for the county of Ontario in the place of Zaccheus Burnham, deceased. The Ontario & Kootenay mining com-

seeking incorporation. Frank Colley and Harry W. Welch of Victoria have passed the entrance examination for the civil service. At Vancouver Percy Richard Peele, Duncan R. Reed and Walter S. Shrapnel passed. The capital of the gold mining comwhich over \$256,000,000 is represented by British Columbia companies.

The Liberals of Brant meet this evening to select a candidate to contest the party," at a meeting I ld last evening constituency at he election made neces- in the interest of the Conservative can-

The Canadian Atlantic, Manitoba and of the party kee South Eastern, Calgary and Edmon, ton. Richelien and Lake Memphrema- to oppose the school settlement. The gog railway companies will all apply at next session for an extension of time to complete construction work. The Calgary and Edmonton also wishes to remove its head office at Montreal to

Toronto. Montreal, Dec. 19.—The annual meeting of the Dominion Commercial Travellers' Association will be held this evening. The annual report shows an income for the year of \$34,886, of which \$4642 was paid for working expenses; \$21,746 for benefits, leaving a surplus for the year of \$8497, or a total surplus

Toronto, Dec. 19.—The funeral of the Rev. A. M. Phillips, pastor of Douglas street Methodist church, Montreal, took place this morning from St. Paul's church to Mount Pleasant cemetery.

WHAT WILL SPAIN DO. Europe Comments on the Action of the

Senate Committee. Madrid, Dec. 19.-The decision of the United States senate committee on foreign relations to report Senator Cameron's resolution for the recognition of the requblic of Cuba caused a great sensation here. The papers enlarge upon the significance of the joint, compared with the concurrent resolution, and reproach the government and especially the Spanish minister at Wash. ington for having been over-confident. The ministers here decline to talk on the subject and it is expected a cabi net meeting will be held to-day to discuss the situation.

Paris, Dec. 19 .- A dispatch to the Journal from Madrid quotes the Spanpremier, Senor Canovas del Castillo, as saying Captain-General Weyler intends to authorize the gathering of the

Cuban sugar crop.
London, Dec. 19.—The Evening News, referring to the Cuban situation this afternoon, says: "There is little doub! as to what will be the answer when as strong a nation as America recognizes the rebels, which is decidedly unfriendly and cannot be disguised by the office of good offices. Spain is not strong, but she is high-spirited, and will no doubt see in this action a determination to force a quarrel. We have hope in the firm attitude of President Cleveland and the sober American feeling and that any action of American will not be taken in such a way as to incur re-proach, but it has stirred instead of

healed the strife." The Sun says: "If America recognizes Cuba the fate of Spain's colonial empire and the present monarchy will be decided next year as it is hard to see how Spain can avoid responding to the recognition by declaring war."

After dwelling on the fact that she has only herself to blame by adopting "pizarro methods" in Cuba, the Sun says: "Affairs show that America must henceforth be seriously counted on in the settlement of international questions. whenever the interests or sentiments of

its people are affected."

The St. James Gazette urges Spain to remain calm nd throw the odium of aggression on the other side, adding: "If she keeps quiet the United States will be in an awkward dilemma, having either to allow the recognition to remain an empty demonstration." main an empty demonstration or take an offensive action, and Americans will think twice before assuming the respon-sibility of such hopeless anarchy as the so-called Cuhan republic."

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CORNWALL IN LINE

The Old Tory Stronghold Gives the Liberal Candidate a Good Majority.

First Catholic Constituency to Endorse Premier Laurier's School Settlement.

pany is the name of a new company Result of Sir Adolph Caron's and Mr. Foster's Campaign Speeches.

Cornwall, Dec. 19 .- Sir Adolphe Caron and Hon. George E. Foster, the panies in Canada totals \$290,000,000, of Tory campaigners for Catholic constituencies, made their last frantic and pathetic appeal to the voters of Coruwali and Stormont to stand by the "old constituency at he election made here; and Caron have been allowed to do all the fighting in the constituency, the Ontario leaders way, Cornwall being too near at home settlement has been the war cry of Foster and Caron all through the campaign, but strange to say, at last evening's meeting Mr. Foster complained bitterly because Premier Laurier and Hon. Mr. Scott, at the Liberal meeting defended the settlement instead of devoting their whole time to the tariff.

Toronto, Dec. 19.—Reviewing the campaign and discussing the outlook in Cornwall, the Globe says: "To-day, if this constituency should be won by the Liberals, it will be one of the greatest surprises of the season. In 1801 liergin carried the town of Cornwall by 339 while Snetsinger, Liberal, then and now, carried the township by 121. In June last the situation was complicated by the presence in the field of a l'atron. Bergin then polled 1838; Adams, Patron. 1519, and Snetsinger, 1456. The total number of voters on the list was 5350,** Bulletin:-Snetsinger has a majority of 21 in the town of Cornwall.

Later-Cornwall, Dec. 19 .- Snetsinger has 330 majority, several places to hear from, which will likely increase his majority. Later-Snetsinger has 480 majority

with two places to hear from.



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