

STARTLING STORY ABOUT THE CUBAN JUNTA.

Quesada's Organization Is Accused of Misusing Funds.

ALVAREZ IS AUTHORITY.

The Tale Incidentally Evolves From the Ezeta-Casin Affair.

WAS A DEFENDER OF ANTONIO.

A Havana Report That Out of the \$12,000,000 Collected Only \$800,000 Went for Cuba.

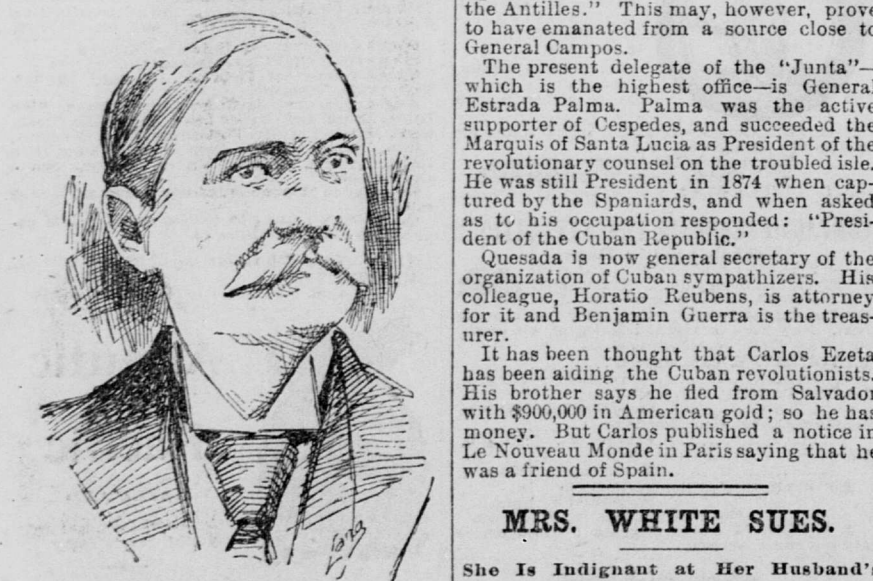
A rather startling story respecting the Cuban "Junta" in New York grows out of the Ezeta affair.

The Barclay Golden, Don Manuel Casin's tug, chartered in "Tio Conso" Ezeta's cause, was not taken out by Captain A. P.



GONZALO DE QUESADA, ANTONIO'S DEFENDER AND SECRETARY OF THE JUNTA.

Hansen during the daylight of yesterday, for last night she was still lying at Mission-street pier No. 2. That it was the intention to start yesterday is shown by Manuel Casin's informing a friendly family that he was going to leave during the day.



Ex-President Palma of Cuba.

ward in the hope that he might possibly accomplish a coup and enable Casin to get back his \$500,000. Ecuadorian politics have entered somewhat into the revolution in progress in that republic and the friendship A. F. Ballen showed toward Antonio while the latter was in this city. There is a story that Ballen's friendship for Ezeta cost him and the former Ecuador Government several thousand dollars.

and blind ward of the Civil Trench Hospital. The management of the Baldwin Theater placed that house at the disposal of the hospital, and yesterday afternoon the benefit bore fruit to the comfortable sum of \$1167.

Most of the entertainment yesterday afternoon was contributed by the De Wolf Hopper company. The schoolroom scene from "Dr. Syntax" was performed, as well as the second act from "Wang," and the good-sized audience that was present warmly applauded both excerpts from the Hopper repertoire.

BISHOP OF THE SOUTH.

The Rev. Dr. Joseph E. Johnson of Detroit Admirably Fitted for the Office. The news of the election by the diocesan convention of Southern California of Rev. Dr. Joseph B. Johnson of Detroit, Mich., for Bishop came in the nature of a pleasant surprise to those interested in the affairs of the episcopalian Church.

Dr. Johnson is described as being a genial and magnetic gentleman, one who is admirably fitted for the high office of Bishop. He has filled for a number of years the pulpit of St. John's Church in Detroit.

THE SHOE CAME IN HANDY.

Exciting Struggle in the Receiving Hospital Inebriate Cell. P. P. Murtha, While Suffering From Delirium Tremens, Attempts to Commit Suicide.

A well-dressed man, who gave the name of P. P. Murtha, and said he was a guest at the Baldwin Hotel, surprised Sergeant Coby at police headquarters yesterday morning by asking to be locked up.

The sergeant sent Murtha with a policeman to the City Prison, where he was booked "for medical attendance only," and then taken to the Receiving Hospital and placed in the inebriate cell.

John Lee, who had accidentally fallen into the bath from the window of the cell on Wednesday night, was in the cell recovering from his involuntary bath. Murtha had been in the cell for about an hour when he unbuttoned his suspenders, tied them around his neck, and then tied the ends around one of the bars.

REPUBLICANS ORGANIZE.

The Fortieth Assembly District Has Put a Permanent Club in the Field. The Republicans of the Fortieth Assembly District met last night at Bear Hall, corner of Fillmore and Post streets, and organized the organization of a permanent political club to be prepared for the next campaign.

About 130 voters signed the clubroll and G. O. Steward was declared permanent chairman after having been elected to the office as one of the temporary occupants for organization.

The present delegate of the "Junta" which is the highest office—is General Estrada Palma. Palma was the active supporter of Cespedes, and succeeded the Marquis of Santa Lucia as President of the revolutionary council on the troubled isle.

Quesada is now general secretary of the organization of Cuban sympathizers. His colleague, Horatio Reubens, is attorney for it and Benjamin Guerra is the treasurer.

MRS. WHITE SUES.

She Is Indignant at Her Husband's Remarks and Now Wants a Divorce. Mrs. Chester White, wife of the naval lieutenant who eloped with a chorus girl a few days ago, has commenced suit for a divorce.

Mrs. White was at first inclined to allow the matter to rest and to let talk of the occurrence die out, but since then her husband has been talking, and talking, too, in a way which showed rather the reverse of remorse for what has taken place, and so she has decided to secure a divorce from him.

What made Mrs. White particularly indignant was a remark of her husband saying that she was aware of his intended departure, and that he wrote to her, while on his way East, a letter such as any husband would write to his wife.

BENEFIT FOR SICK CHILDREN.

The De Wolf Hopper Entertainment Realizes a Considerable Sum. Bright little Mrs. De Wolf Hopper started the idea of giving a benefit for the deaf

TO REDUCE PORT CHARGES

The Permanent Committee Appointed for That Purpose Meets. WILL FIGHT FOR LOW RATES. No Other Port in the Country Suffers Heavier Ship Taxation Than Ours.

The permanent committee appointed last November during the ship-owners' convention to take steps toward lessening the taxation and otherwise alleviating the burdens imposed on the shipping of this port held its first meeting yesterday afternoon in the Chamber of Commerce.

Since the creation of the committee it has been busily organizing, and it settled down to serious business only yesterday. The resolution of the committee read as follows:

That there shall be formed a permanent committee to be called the San Francisco Committee, to consist of two delegates from each of the commercial organizations represented at this conference. The following are the delegates:

Ship-owners' Association of the Pacific Coast—Charles Nelson, ship-owner, 6 California street; George E. Plummer, ship-owner, 54 Stewart street. Chamber of Commerce—E. Thayer, secretary and commission merchant, 28 California street; J. W. McKinnon, shipowner, pier 9, Steuart street.

Board of Trade—T. J. Parson, Del Monte Milling company, 507 Front street; Frank Harold Wellman, Peck & Co., 201-203 Market street. Manufacturers and Producers' Association—George W. Dickie, manager Union Iron Works, Potrero; J. N. Knowles, Arctic Oil Works, 30 California street.

Manufacturers and Employers of California—S. Nickelsburg, Cahn, Nickelsburg & Co., 129 Sansome street; Louis Saroni, Louis Saroni & Co., 505 Front street. Half-million Club—W. L. Merry, Consul-General Nicaragua, 204 Sansome street; Alfred Bonvier, manager Baldwin Theater, 936 Market street.

State Development Committee—William M. Bunker, Daily Report Building, 310 Market street; George W. Dickie, 432 Pine street; J. Richard Freud, J. R. Freud & Co., 816 Market street. Mechanics' Institute—Henry L. Davis, California Wire Works, 810 Pine street; Isaac Upham, Upham & Co., 101 Battery street.

Traffic Association—Hugh Craig, manager, National Insurance company, 205 California street; John T. Doyle, attorney-at-law, 30 Columbia building. The delegates present yesterday were: George E. Plummer, J. E. Thayer, Isaac Upham, J. W. McKinnon, T. J. Parsons, George W. Dickie, J. N. Knowles, S. Nickelsburg, Louis Saroni, William M. Bunker, J. Richard Freud, Henry L. Davis, Isaac Upham and H. Craig.

Mr. Parsons, opening the meeting, said: "We come here, gentlemen, to discuss the tax and duties levied on the shipping of this port. It is a notorious fact that the port of San Francisco, instead of being the cheapest port in the country, is the most expensive. The old order of things that obtained in early days is being carried out, and the condition of things has changed vastly. This is to be a committee for work."

It was moved and seconded that the Fruit Exchange be admitted to the committee and that Isidore Jacobs and Frank Dillon be accepted as delegates from that body. Also the motion was passed that the Produce Exchange be invited to send delegates. The following resolution was submitted by George E. Plummer, and adopted:

Resolved, That there shall be appointed four sub-committees of five members each to which shall be assigned the following subjects: First, they shall investigate the duties levied on the shipping of this port; second, the duties levied on the shipping of this port; third, the duties levied on the shipping of this port; fourth, unspecified matters. The said sub-committees shall investigate and consider the matters assigned to them and shall decide upon and report to the main body what reforms shall be demanded and to what extent the same should be carried out.

The word compulsory, in the committee on compulsory pilotage, was stricken out as not being entirely comprehensive. The following outlined campaign of the committee to be formed was also submitted by Mr. Plummer:

Resolved, That the plan of campaign of this committee shall be as follows: Subscription lists shall be opened and the members of the various associations represented upon this committee shall be asked to contribute a monthly sum the amount of which shall be left to the contributor, but to be paid each month until the adjournment of the California State Legislature of 1897.

might make mistakes by so doing and to make a mistake now would be the greatest error we could commit. Louis Saroni moved that a committee of three be appointed by the chair, that would first investigate and then formulate a plan of action. The motion was carried and William H. Bunker, Hugh Craig and S. Nickelsburg were appointed.

"I do not agree with Mr. Nickelsburg," said Mr. Jacobs, "that we have a quantity of time on our hands. I believe that this organization is similar to those large and powerful associations of the East, where so many commercial pursuits are represented as a unit. I believe that the one who submitted the resolutions was well informed when he suggested engaging the services of a newspaper man, for nothing can be successful unless it be well stated."

"The committee should not scatter its efforts," said the chairman, "nor should it go outside the lines of taking off the burdens of shipping and spend too much time on harbor improvements. We will be more successful if we concentrate on one thing."

KNIGHT'S ATTORNEYSHIP.

The Legality of His Position Argued in the Courts. Rights of the Governor to Appoint Counsel for the Board of Health.

The contest of Demis Spencer for the position now occupied by George A. Knight as attorney for the Board of Health came up on December before Judge Sewall yesterday. The demurrer was filed by the defendant, Knight, to the complaint of Spencer, and was made on general grounds.

Ex-Judge J. J. de Haven appeared for Mr. Knight, and Garret McEnerney, assisted by W. W. Foote, represented Mr. Spencer. Judge de Haven opened the argument with a short explanation of the single point upon which the defendant in the suit rested his case.

The statute creating the attorney for the Board of Health was passed March 31, 1891. Section 1 reads as follows: The office of attorney for the State Board of Health and the Board of Health of the City and County of San Francisco is hereby created; such attorney shall be appointed by the Governor, and shall hold office for four years, and until his successor is elected and qualified.

Judge de Haven argued that the provision in the law that the attorney should hold until his successor was elected meant until he was elected by the people, and as no election of the people was ever held, and as there was no law authorizing one to be held, Mr. Knight would continue in his office indefinitely.

On behalf of Mr. Spencer, Mr. McEnerney argued, first, that the statute created by appointment by the Governor, and that the word "elected" in the act meant "chosen" or "selected" or "appointed," as the case might be, and was only intended at the expiration of the four years to keep the incumbent in office until his successor should be chosen.

It was next claimed by the plaintiff's attorney that even if the Legislature intended that the office should be filled by election, the Legislature did not provide any means for filling it, and that it did not provide means for filling it by election, the Governor would appoint under section 873 of the Political Code, which provides that where no mode is provided by law for filling the office, the Governor shall be the appointing power thereto.

The third and last argument upon this point was that the constitution provided that the Legislature should never fix the term of any office for a longer period than four years, and that a law which said a man should hold four years and thereafter until the Legislature should by law provide a means for filling the office by election, would be unconstitutional and void under the decision in People vs. Perry, 79 Cal., 105, where a law fixing the term of the members of the Board of Health at five years was held to be unconstitutional.

It was further argued on Mr. Spencer's behalf that the office was not abolished. The case was submitted and a decision is expected at an early day. To Open the Cliff House. The Society of Old Friends and the Verein Concordia are to open the new Cliff House with a masquerade. The exact date of this event has not been fixed, but it will be one of the first moonlight nights in February.

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