

NOW FOR THE FAIR FOR FREE CUBA.

It Will Be Formally Opened in Madison Square Garden To-night.

Many Attractive Features, and Not Least Among Them Will Be the Journal Booth.

GOMEZ SENDS HIS BATTLE SWORD.

Offers it in Exchange for the Jewelled One, and That Will Be Used in the Fight for Liberty.

Madison Square Garden was a scene of confusion yesterday. All day long and far into the night, from floor to roof, the banging of hammers and the humming of saws mingled with the laughter of the happy-hearted women working in the cause of liberty.

The flower booth, in the charge of Mrs. Barrett Van Anken, is a very bower of fairyland. An arbor of delicate pink, it is covered with small and roses of white, red and yellow.

Another beautifully arranged feature of the fair is the Cuban gypsy camp, designed and sketched by the lady in charge of it, Mrs. Rose L. Jennings.

THE FAIR COMMITTEE OF THE GRAND CUBAN-AMERICAN FAIR. MADISON SQUARE GARDEN, MAY 25th TO 26th, 1896.

To the Editor of the Journal.

I take pleasure in informing you that in return for the beautiful and valuable sword which you have dedicated to General Maximo Gomez...

Fac-simile of the Letter in which General Gomez's Battle Sword is Offered to the Journal.

"Deyo" will make up the rest of the gypsy camp. Not the least interesting of the many exhibits will be the Journal booth, made up entirely of the many attractive posters that this paper has issued within the last half year.

Quite unexpectedly the Journal has been honored by the veteran Cuban leader. This letter was received yesterday:

I take pleasure in informing you that in return for the beautiful and valuable sword which you have dedicated to General Maximo Gomez, he is now sending one of his battle swords to be presented to you.

With full appreciation for the great honor paid this paper by the Cuban Commander-in-Chief, the Journal accepts the gift and donates it to the fair to be voted to the most popular military officer in America, regular army or National Guard.

All day yesterday Fifingham Lawrence, of the Ninth New York, drilled a corps of fifty guards, dressed as Cuban soldiers, and armed with machetes, who will look after the valuable goods at the Garden and keep the crowds in order.



They Are Working in the Cause of Cuban Liberty.

In the work of preparing the Cuban-American fair, which will be opened in Madison Square Garden to-day, these women have been most energetic. Mrs. Aristides Agramonte is in charge of the Cuban Bohio, or native hut. Mrs. William F. Coxford is the head of the military booth, which will be in the charge of the Daughters of the Revolution.

Fidel G. Pizarra, Tomas Estrada Palma and General Daniel E. Sickles will make the opening addresses to-night.

The old firm of Shepard Knapp & Co., of Sixth avenue and Thirteenth street, supplied the Journal booth with rugs and office furniture. This was their useful donation to the fair.

DISASTROUS VOYAGE ENDS

Scourged by Fire and Minus Her Captain, the Old Filibuster Horsa Reaches Port.

When the British steamship Horsa, once a noted filibuster, but now a fruiter, reached this port yesterday from Port Morant, Jamaica, she had completed one of the most exciting voyages in her history.

From her bridge a little forward of the

SNEAKING EXCISE SLEUTHS DENOUNCED.

Magistrate Crane Teaches a Lesson to a New and Overzealous Policeman.

Officer Tells a Bartender He Has a Sick Wife and Gets Some Whiskey.

THEN DRAGS HIM TO THE STATION.

Justice Roundly Scores Such Methods and Gives the Liquor Seller a Chance to Prove His Story in Court.

Magistrate Crane, in Yorkville Police Court, yesterday delivered a caustic lecture on the over zeal of the police in looking for violations of the Liquor Tax law.

The policeman whose case occasioned the criticism is John T. Conway, of the Twenty-second Precinct. He has only been on the force two weeks, and from the first he started out to earn a reputation for strict attention to duty.

When the case was called the bartender said he was cleaning up when Conway appeared and asked for beer. This was refused. Conway, he said, then told a pitiful story about being the father of six children and that his wife was sick and needed some whiskey badly.

TRIES TO DIE WHILE DELIRIOUS.

A Convalescent from Pneumonia Cuts His Throat with Glass.

Charles Peterson, who boards at No. 400 East One Hundred and Sixty-Fourth street, cut his throat early yesterday morning in the delirium that precedes convalescence from pneumonia.

BODY FOUND ON THE BEACH.

Unknown Probably Fell Overboard and Was Killed by a Steamer's Paddle.

The body of an unknown man, apparently a laborer about fifty years old, clad only in a coarse cotton undershirt and a pair of congress galloppers, was found yesterday at North Beach, L. I.

EVERY TAXPAYER TO OWN "L" STOCK.

It is Suggested That Father Knickerbocker Acquire the Entire System.

New Yorkers Would Then Ride in Their Own Cars and Run Them as They Pleased.

BIG PRICE CHEAP IN THE END.

Commissioner Inman Says the Project is One That Has Occurred to Himself and His Colleagues.

If the will of the Rapid Transit Commissioners prevails Russell Sage and George Gould will not have a corner on rapid transit even if it does appear that the underground road has been finally killed by the decision of the Appellate Division of the Supreme Court.

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cent dividends on its capital stock, or \$1,800,000. Therefore, according to the export calculators who want New York to go into the transportation business, the city could buy the "L" lines at as high a price as either Gould or Sage would have the presumption to ask. It could pay for them with low interest bearing bonds, considered as good as gold on the market, and would have a neat balance on the difference between the dividends and interest on the cost.

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some expression was obtained from the people. "The Commission will decide what immediate steps to take to-morrow. If the underground road is still wanted, the Legislature can amend the law at its next session as to take the power from the Appellate Division of the Supreme Court to veto the scheme. In the meantime, if it can be done, I am in favor of new 'L' lines being laid out, and then being offered for sale at auction."

NO TALK OF RESIGNATIONS. "Is there any possibility of the present Rapid Transit Commissioners resigning because of the decision?" he was asked. "We will decide that to-morrow. I haven't heard anything said about resigning."

It is now understood that the new power that the Metropolitan Traction Company expects to use in operating its lines is compressed air. Chief Engineer F. S. Pearson, of the Metropolitan Traction Company, has gone to Europe to investigate the Paris system, and when he returns he may have a motor that will revolutionize

the surface transit system of Manhattan Island. If the Metropolitan Traction Company should adopt the system it would equip nearly all the surface cars in the city with motors. The principal surface line not controlled by the Traction Company is the Fourth and Madison avenue line, belonging to the New York & Harlem Railway, and negotiations are pending for the lease of it.

LABORERS FEAR THE COURT.

Central Union Sees Liberty Menaced in the Rapid Transit Tunnel Decision.

The Central Labor Union, which voices the opinions of sixty thousand workmen, is in arms against the decision of the Appellate Division of the Supreme Court regarding the rapid transit underground road. The following resolutions, which provoked a stormy discussion and passed at the meeting of that body yesterday, were proposed by Daniel Harris, of Cigar Makers' Union No. 144:

Resolved, That the Central Labor Union does hereby solemnly declare that it was a monstrous crime and a precedent terribly menacing to our free institutions if this judicial decision were permitted to permanently thwart the will of the people, as expressed both by their representatives and themselves.

Resolved, That the Central Labor Union does hereby recommend to the Rapid Transit Commissioners early action looking toward such modification of plans as will enable them to proceed with the construction of the rapid transit railway, which by law and the irrevocable will of the people it is their bounden duty to build.

Applause followed the reading of the resolutions, but Delegate McBeth, of the Plasterers' Union, said: "We have no right to question the decision of the Appellate Court."

A storm of "Bahs!" followed, but the delegate proceeded: "I consider the decision a just and fair one. This underground scheme would cost more than \$50,000,000. The Capitol at Albany was to cost \$8,000,000 or \$10,000,000. It has cost \$22,000,000 up to date, and is not completed yet. The Brooklyn Bridge was to cost \$8,000,000, and it cost \$16,000,000."

There were other protests, but the majority for the resolutions was overwhelming. TWO MONTHS MORE FOR LANG. Lieutenant's Leave Extended and He May Go to a Western Post.

Mattewan, N. Y., May 24.—Lieutenant C. E. Lang, second artillery, U. S. A., has received word from the Government that his leave of absence has been extended to four months on account of illness. Since the Army Board refused to retire Lieutenant Lang, thus frustrating the efforts to freeze him out of the army for marrying the daughter of a common soldier at West Point, he has been living on a furlough at Glenham, near this place. The news of the disposition taken by the Government was joyfully received at the Lang home.

Lang's health is somewhat improved since he has been on a two months' furlough. He expects by October to be ready to return to the army, where he will probably be assigned to a Western military post.

Punch Bowl for Cruiser Raleigh.

Raleigh, N. C., May 24.—A committee appointed by Governor Carr to select a gift for the cruiser Raleigh from the people of North Carolina has chosen a punch bowl. It will be of silver. On one side will be an etching of the cruiser and on the other the inscription: "From the people of North Carolina to the Cruiser Raleigh, 1896." The testimonial will cost \$1,000 and will be presented at Southport.

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