

A HERO'S STORY
OF TORTURE
IN CUBA.

Banished to Spain, Captain Lopez Escaped to New York.

WIFE AND SON WITH HIM
Escaping at Cadiz, They Crossed the Pyrenees on Foot.

BEGGED ALMS BY THE WAY.

Before Banishment They Were All Maltreated in Cuban Prisons.

WERE ARRESTED ON SUSPICION.

Weyler Tried in Vain to Coerce Them Into Revealing Secrets, but Failed in the Effort.

The most astonishing tale of Spanish cruelty, barbarous torture and of heroic Cuban endurance that has yet been told was unfolded to the Journal yesterday by Captain Alfonso Lopez, who, with his wife and ten-year-old boy, arrived here from France, Monday, on La Bretagne.

Senior Lopez was the leader of the Cuban Junta at Havana, just as General Tomas Estrada Palma is his head in this city. No more important diplomatic post is in the gift of the Cuban Republic than that which was entrusted to Senior Lopez, and no one of the patriots was more fit to occupy it than he. Young, of brilliant mind, learned in the law and a social leader, Alfonso Lopez sacrificed all to take up the cause of the Cubans.

He was a man of great wealth and possessed of many large plantations on the fruitful island. His sweet-faced wife, who was Susanna Maria Josefa Garcia, was known as the belle of the island of Cuba. Senior Lopez is thirty-seven years old. He is five feet six inches tall. The terrible hardships and tortures to which he was subjected have thinned his hair with silver and turned his brown face.

Lopez and Wife in Prison.
Alfonso Lopez de Santa Marina was arrested by the agents of General Weyler on April 10 in Matanzas, and put into a dungeon in the Castle San Savarino. His young wife was also taken and was subjected to the greatest indignities. She was put in a small cell with fallen women, rogues and the lowest creatures of humanity.

The soldiers insulted her every day, and threatened what she dreaded more than death if she refused to give up her husband's secrets of state. Still she maintained a heroic silence, and finally was allowed to go, only to be rearrested.

"Where is my dear husband?" she asked. "No need to inquire for him," Weyler answered; "we will kill him, if he does not give up his secrets soon."

Finally, the captain was put in the common town jail. A most unhealthy place, where he would have died had he not chosen the alternative of going willingly to the Cabanas and remain "incommunicado."

This awful loneliness continued for twenty-two days.

Tortured with a Bowstring.
"During this time I was tortured beyond description," said Captain Lopez. "One of the many agonies I endured was the awful bow-string—the most frightful torture I can imagine. It squeezes the brain. But my brain was being squeezed by the fear that my child would be cut to pieces and my wife's honor snatched from her by those brutes."

"After they had wantonly destroyed all my furniture and personal property they removed me to that terrible Moro Castle, where I was a fellow prisoner with the men of the Compeltor. Afterward I was taken from there to the police station in the filthy Black Maria. During all this time, although apparently good care was being taken of me, I was subjected to the most tantalizing treatment."

Tortures of Tantalus.
"One example of the depths of their littleness is this: One Sergeant Barcelo, No. 233 of the Second Company of Police, placed a glass of beautiful sparkling water just out of my reach through the bars of my cell, and I had not had a drop of water for days and days. My parched tongue drove to the roof of my mouth as I gazed for the water that I could not get."
"Ha! Ha!" laughed the brutal wretch, "man on, rebel. You will die of thirst!"
"This is the man who took a leading part in the tortures of Matanzas," said the captain, "and he was not known by the Spanish authorities that he was a leader in the Junta."

Released and Departed.
Senior Lopez was originally arrested on suspicion of being implicated with an American in planning to lead a force of insurgents into Matanzas. He was also—on general principle—charged with general sedition, although it was not known by the Spanish authorities that he was a leader in the Junta.

Bribed Police and Escaped.
"We succeeded in escaping at Cadiz," said Captain Lopez, "by bribing the police with what little money the Spanish soldiers had not stolen from us on our way over. For this they supplied us with false passports for Seville, which every one in Spain



Obtained a Divorce in Brooklyn From the Duc d'Auxy.

LOST HIGH TITLES
IN DIVORCE MILL.

Three Noted Women Separated from Their Husbands by Law.

ALL HAD FAMOUS NAMES.

Princesse de Chimay, Countess Cowley and the Duchesse d'Auxy.

Decrees of Divorce.

Prince de Chimay vs. Princesse de Chimay; application for divorce; decree granted with alimony and custody of children.

Lady Violet, Countess Cowley, vs. Henry Arthur Mornington Wellesley, Earl Cowley; application for divorce; decree granted.

Charlotte Lucille de Cazenave, Duchesse d'Auxy, vs. Arthur Charles Eugene Edouard, Duc and Marquis d'Auxy; application for divorce; decree granted with custody of children.

It is not every day that a Prince, a Duchess and a Countess are granted divorces. It happened yesterday and has set a new record in the history of sensational divorce suits.

Over in Charleroi, Belgium, the Prince de Chimay was formally separated from his erratic wife, who eloped last Summer with Jansel Rigo, the Hungarian gypsy musician.

In Brooklyn a decree of separation was granted to Charlotte Lucille de Cazenave, Duchesse d'Auxy, from Arthur Charles Eugene Edouard, Duc and Marquis d'Auxy.

In London Countess Cowley was granted a divorce from her husband, Earl Cowley, whom she charged with impropriety with an unknown woman.

Of all these divorce suits, that of the Countess Cowley is the most interesting, both because of her husband's erratic career and the famous family from which he comes. Countess Cowley was Lady Violet Neville, the youngest daughter of the first Marquis of Abergavenny, the descendant of Warwick, the "king maker." Abergavenny was made a Marquis by Lord Beaconsfield, who was his close friend, and who took him for one of the character in "Lothair."

Henry Arthur Mornington Wellesley, Earl Cowley is a grandnephew of the great Duke of Wellington, and though he is still a young man, attracted public attention some years ago when, as Viscount Dangan, he was sued for breach of promise by Phyllis Broughton, who was then an actress at the Gaiety Theatre. The young Viscount compromised the case for \$25,000. He was a boon companion of Lord Dunlop, now the Earl of Clonemarty, who married Belle Bliton. Shortly after settling his trouble with the pretty actress, she married a major in the British army, and Earl Cowley married Lady Violet Neville.

It was not long after the marriage before there were rumors of family jars. In a little while more, the name of the Earl was frequently connected with that of Mrs. Charles Harrington. Then Earl Cowley and the Countess separated, and in a short time she brought suit, alleging desertion and infidelity.

The Earl Fought the Case.
Earl Cowley at once began to defend the suit vigorously. He denied both charges and said that, instead of deserting his wife, he had been agreed between them that they should live apart. He claimed, too, that while he was a friend of Mrs. Harrington and frequently called upon her, his re-

BRAVE ACT WHILE
ELEVATOR FELL.

Conductor Shuman's Nerve Saved Seven from a Terrible Death.

SHOT DOWN SEVEN FLOORS.

Six Others Caught a Bar Overhead in the Cage, He Clung to the Brake.

When an electric elevator in the New York Life building, at No. 346 Broadway, dropped yesterday afternoon from the seventh floor, the conductor retained his coolness. Seven men were being shot downward in the cage to almost certain death, out though the car was far beyond his control, this man—Fred Shuman—did what he could to lessen its sickening flight. It is due to his courage that the men shut in the falling cage were not killed.

Eyes were injured. They are:

Kauff, Paul, laborer, aged 43, of No. 638 East Ninth street; cuts on legs.

Lange, John, 30, marble worker, address unknown; injured internally; went home.

Rian, John, laborer, aged 37, of No. 101 West Thirty-sixth street; contusion of leg.

Shumann, Fred, laborer, aged 30, of No. 300 Van Brunt street, Brooklyn; cut on legs.

Zahn, Henry, aged 41, laborer, of No. 414 Fifth street, Brooklyn, contusion of right arm.

The others on the elevator at the time of the accident, and who miraculously escaped injury, were August Anderson, of Elizabeth, N. J., and William Brown, of No. 94 Fourth place, Brooklyn. It could not be learned which one of these men was the conductor.

The building in which the accident occurred is the new home of the New York Life Insurance Company, and is in course of construction. The elevator is a temporary one used solely for the purpose of carrying workmen and small material between the floors and the cellar.

Just as the elevator reached the seventh floor at 4:30 yesterday the conductor threw the lever to one side, intending to stop. The stop was of very short duration—hardly time to think—when the huge cage began descending rapidly. The fuse had burned out. Hardly time to think as the elevator shot swiftly downward! So sudden was the terrible transition from safety to peril, and yet the conductor did think. Moreover, he was as quick to act.

While the car dropped he applied the brake. It lessened the speed of the car, although to stop its descent was beyond hope. With tremendous force the elevator struck the bottom of the well, one hundred feet below.

As it began its downward course, Paul Knuth shouted, "She's falling, boys!" and immediately all the men jumped in the direction of the top of the car and grasped the beams above the top of the car and hung on until the car struck the bottom of the well. The force of this blow broke their grasp, and all were hurled to the bottom of the cage.

There was 1,300 pounds of marble slabs on the car, and in the rebound one slab flew up into the air and came down over the back, injuring him internally. The crash was heard for blocks around, and an immense crowd soon gathered at the scene.

WOMAN FIREBUG
TRIES SUICIDE.

Mrs. Beach Attempted to Hang Herself in Her Cell.

ARRESTED FOR ARSON.

Police Accuse Her of Firing a Tenement House Which She Leased.

WERE ALONE IN THE PLACE.

A Blaze Was Started in a Closet and the Gas Pipes in the House Were Tamped With.

A woman incendiary, if the suspicion is true! This is how she looks: Elizabeth Beach, slender, scarcely 5 feet 5 inches in height, with thin features, deep set eyes, low forehead and ears almost without lobes. Mrs. Beach tried to kill herself in a cell in the East One Hundred and Twenty-sixth street station shortly before midnight last night. She was slowly choking to death when Matron Liza Maloney, who was making her rounds, discovered her.

Her apron strings were tied tightly around the iron bars of the cell door, and as she pulled and pulled the strings tightened around her neck until she was black

WILL GREET WALES
IN ROYAL STYLE.

Bayard Makes Elaborate Plans for the Banquet To-night.

NOTABLES TO BE PRESENT.

Besides the Prince, Salisbury and Others Will Be at the Dinner.

DECORATIONS AT THE HOUSE.

Flags of America and Britain to Ornament the Walls—Rare Flowers and Palms at the Entrance.

London, Feb. 2.—Ambassador Bayard's dinner to the Prince of Wales to-morrow is beginning to frighten the authorities lest it be considered as a boom of the Ambassador on the same lines as the now famous blunder of the Daily Telegraph. Indeed, official personages request me to state that, while the Prince of Wales thus specially honors the Ambassador, both wish the ceremony to pass off as quietly as possible. This is hardly to be expected, since the novelty of the affair has



Her Husband, Prince de Chimay, Gets a Divorce in Belgium.

In the face, her tongue hanging far out of her mouth.

The matron, who has a key to the cell, quickly unlocked the door, cut the strings and saved the woman's life. Dr. Taylor, who responded with an ambulance from the Harlem Hospital, said the woman would be all right in a short while.

She is under arrest and she is suspected of having tried to burn the three-story and basement dwelling house, No. 2430 Second avenue, last evening. She has a lease of the premises, but does not live there, as she occupies rooms with her husband, Thomas, at No. 2205 Third avenue.

She and her husband were in the tenement house all of yesterday afternoon, and collected the money due them for rent. The husband is credited with being an agent for a fire insurance company.

Peach, who was intoxicated, and had been drinking with his wife all the afternoon, went out for a can of beer. When he returned smoke was already oozing out of the windows, but he staggered on into the house.

Policeman Daniels saw the smoke and summoned the firemen. They found that a fire had been started in a closet full of clothes and light articles of women's wear in a bedroom in which Mrs. Peach had been alone while her husband was out buying the can of beer. It is believed by the police that she started the fire.

The flames had ignited the garments when the firemen reached the spot, were licking up the woodwork and spreading fast, but they were soon extinguished and the damage was trifling.

Maudlin, but still sensible enough to try to make her escape by the front stairway, Mrs. Peach was arrested, and so was her

OLNEY AND DE LOME TALK.

Secret Meeting at the Spanish Legation, at Which the Cuban "Reforms" Are Discussed.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 2.—Secretary Olney spent some time this afternoon closeted with Minister De Lome at the Spanish legation going over the latest draft of the Cuban reform scheme, which has just been received from Madrid. Senior De Lome is still suffering from the grippe, but the fact that the reform scheme is to be approved by the Ministerial Council at Madrid on Thursday and announced on Friday made it imperative that Secretary Olney should have an opportunity to fully scrutinize the latest draft before its promulgation.

No information was obtained from either the Legation or the State Department as to the exact character of the changes from the law of 1895, but they will undoubtedly follow closely the lines recently indicated in the Journal, with promises of future reforms, dependent on the pacification of the island.

General amnesty, conditioned on acceptance of the new programme within a certain time, it is understood, is to be used to break the ranks of the insurgents.

HURRICANE COMING.

Warning Signals Ordered Up, and the Storm Has Already Done Considerable Damage in the Suburbs.

Though the snowfall in this city, which lasted throughout the early afternoon and evening yesterday, was only registered as two inches, it caused serious annoyance in town and drifted in outlying districts so as to interfere seriously with electric and steam cars.

Staten Island trolley service was utterly disorganized, and in some places cars could only force their way through the drifts by rushing at them with their power combined in couples.

The gale lashed the Southern Jersey coast so that the meadows around Cape May were flooded with salt water blown in from the northeast, interrupting the traffic on branch railway lines.

At Egg Harbor City the storm carried away fences, wires, small trees, big branches and old shanties, while the streets were flooded. Great Egg Harbor River overflowed, and water and ice swirled over the drawbridge until it became impassable. Train service was so hampered that unless the storm abated this morning, great damage was reported from the surrounding farm districts. At Elizabeth traffic on electric and steam roads was much delayed, and similar reports were received from other quarters.

At 11 o'clock to-night the Weather Bureau in this city received the following from the Chief Signal Officer in Washington:

"Change to hurricane signals at Breakwater, Reedy Island, Atlantic City, Sandy Hook, New York, New Haven, Montauk Point, Newport section, Narragansett section and Woodshole section. The storm which is now central near Norfolk is moving northeast, and is likely to cause winds of a hurricane velocity along the South, New England and Middle Atlantic coasts."

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MURDERER
BUTLER
TRAPPED.

Australian Fiend Caught on the Vessel Swanhilda.

WAS TAKEN BY SURPRISE.

Seized by Detectives, Shackled and Tied with a Rope.

CLAIMS HE IS INNOCENT.

The Multi-Murderer Calls Himself After One of His Victims.

San Francisco, Cal., Feb. 2.—Frank Butler, the multi-murderer of Australia, was arrested here early this morning. He was taken completely by surprise and offered no resistance.

The ship Swanhilda, on which Butler was working as one of the crew, was sighted at 5 o'clock, and a tug signalled to the waiting officers that the long expected vessel had arrived, and that Murderer Butler was aboard. The revenue cutter Hartley, with detectives aboard, put off just before daylight.

When the Swanhilda was reached the crew was lined up on the presence of examination by quarantine officers. Australian detectives Egan and Silver, disguised, stood beside the Port Physician. When Butler was reached in the line of sailors the detectives sprang forward and plied his arms. The warrant was then read and the prisoner handcuffed, and with a rope about his waist he was taken aboard the Hartley and afterward turned over to the local police.

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Divorced by Husband, Earl Cowley, in London.

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