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"It certainly is."

"Then I'm sure you never told it before."—Buffalo Times.

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LURED TO HIS DEATH.

ANTONIO MACEO THE VICTIM OF SPAIN'S TREACHERY.

Insurgent Commander, with His Staff, Shot Down—Marquis Ahumada Lays the Plot—A Conference Invitation Brings the Rebel to the Shambles.

Led Into a Trap.

Justo Carrillo, a well-known Cuban of Jacksonville, Fla., brother of the Cuban general Carrillo, has received the following letter from a trustworthy correspondent in Havana confirming the reports of the death of Antonio Maceo, and showing that he was killed by treachery:

"Our brave general, Antonio Maceo, and the greater part of his staff have been murdered by the Spaniards. Maj. Cirujeda, acting the part of assassin, with Dr. Maximo Zertucha as an assistant in the horrible drama.

"Convinced that notwithstanding his enormous army he could do nothing against our gallant leader, who had so repeatedly defeated the Spanish generals in Pinar del Rio, Weyler conceived the idea of appealing his beastly instincts by cold-blooded murder, and making the best of the secret relations between Dr. Zertucha and the marquis of Ahumada he planned with the latter his diabolical scheme. Weyler took the field, and in his absence Ahumada proposed, through Zertucha, a conference with Maceo, to take place at a certain point in the province of Havana, with the view of arranging plans for the termination of hostilities. The basis was to be Cuba's independence and a monetary indemnity to Spain, together with certain advantages which should be agreed upon for Spanish commerce and Spanish capital invested there."

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"Aside from the previously referred-to point, it will be seen in general way that the terms of the treaty will stand as to 'clear the land' of all the vexatious

questions which have arisen between the United States and Great Britain. These have been numerous in recent years, and

GREAT PEACE TREATY.

Permanent Court of Arbitration for Anglo-American Affairs.

The negotiations between the United States and Great Britain for a treaty of general arbitration, covering all subjects of difference between the two English-speaking nations, present and prospective, has advanced to a stage of completeness far beyond that which the public has had reason to expect. The purpose of Secretary Olney and Sir Julian Pauncefote is to conclude the negotiations within the next three weeks. All the substantial features of the treaty have been agreed on, and from the present status of the negotiations it is believed the following will be the important terms of the treaty:

"1. A term of five years from the date of the exchange of ratification within which the treaty shall be operative.

"2. A court of arbitration of six members, three to be drawn from the judiciary of the United States and three from the judiciary of Great Britain.

"3. The submission to this tribunal of all differences between the two nations, now pending or to arise within the period of five years, this not to include the Bering Sea question or the Venezuela question, now before independent commissions, but to include the question of the boundary between Alaska and British North America."

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