

# CUBA GREET'S CASTRO LIKE A CONQUEROR

**Cheering Crowds Welcome the  
Venezuelan as He Lands  
at Havana.**

**ZELAYA AT SAME HOTEL**

**But Presence of Nicaraguan ex-Presi-  
dent Is Only Coincidence,  
Says Castro.**

Special Cable to THE NEW YORK TIMES.

HAVANA, Feb. 26.—Had Cipriano Castro been a conquering hero returning to his own country he could not have been received with much greater enthusiasm than the Habañeros displayed this morning on his arrival from New York aboard the steamship Saratoga, nor could "the tiger of the Andes" have enjoyed himself more.

Fourteen tugs and launches crowded around the incoming steamer, and when Castro appeared and, taking off his cap, shouted "Viva Cuba Libre!" Havana's municipal band responded with the Venezuelan national air and hundreds broke into cheers.

Clad in white flannels and jauntily swinging a silver-headed cane, the ex-dictator seemed to be in his element. He made speeches on board the Saratoga and on the wharf, and later, when his automobile, with a band of fifty instruments in front of it, passed the statue of the Cuban patriot Marti he got down from the machine, took off his cap, and spoke again to a cheering crowd.

Castro was met by Gumersindo Rivas, the partner of Manuel Silveira, who has been called the representative of the German and French capitalists interested in putting Castro again in power. Rivas hardly leaves his side. It is impossible to speak to the Venezuelan except in Riva's presence.

Castro said he had no intention of starting a revolution, and that his visit to Cuba was merely for the purpose of seeing the country and visiting old friends.

Despite his remark when embarking at New York that he did not know ex-President Zelaya of Nicaragua, he admitted to-day that he had received a cablegram from Zelaya, announcing his arrival in Havana, but he denied that the simultaneous arrival of Zelaya and himself in the same city and at the same hotel had any significance, being a mere coincidence. He asserted that he would not return to Venezuela unless his country called him. When asked to explain "Called," he said, "called legally."

Many Venezuelans who gathered at the wharf hailed him as their future President and his country's savior.

As was foreshadowed in these dispatches weeks ago, the Cuban immigration authorities did not interpose a single obstacle to Castro's landing. No question was asked and he was the first passenger allowed to land. His baggage was not inspected, and he received generally the courtesies exclusively shown to diplomats.

Castro will leave here for New York on Saturday.

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## **Resumen:**

Artículo de **The New York Times**, del 27 de febrero de 1913, titulado “*Cuba recibe a Castro como a un Conquistador*”. Cipriano Castro, apodado por el periodista “el tigre de los Andes” fue recibido con mucho entusiasmo por los habaneros y por muchos venezolanos que se congregaron en los muelles esa mañana a su llegada de Nueva York a bordo del vapor Saratoga. Castro apareció en la cubierta y tomando su gorra gritó “Viva Cuba libre”, a lo que la banda municipal de La Habana respondió con el himno nacional de Venezuela. Posteriormente cuando su automóvil pasó por la estatua de Martí, se bajó del auto, se sacó la gorra y habló frente a la multitud emocionada. Manifestó que la simultánea llegada a la Habana del ex presidente de Nicaragua Zelaya, era una mera coincidencia. Las autoridades de inmigración cubanas no pusieron ningún obstáculo a su desembarco ni inspeccionaron su equipaje, otorgándosele las cortesías destinadas exclusivamente a los diplomáticos