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GENERAL GOMEZ

An Alley of Uncle Sam—Will Disband Troops.

Remedios, Santa Clara, Cuba, Feb. 1, via Havana, Feb. 2.—General Maximo Gomez, the commander in chief of the Cuban army, placed himself squarely in position today as an active ally of the United States government in the work of reconstruction of Cuba.

As a result of the conference that Robert P. Porter, the special commissioner of McKinley, has had with Gomez, the latter cabled to McKimley this afternoon assuring him of his co-operation in disbanding the Cuban army and distributing among the Cuban soldiers the \$3,000,000 appropriated for the purpose of enabling them to return to their homes.

General Gomez also telegraphed to Major General Brooke saying he would accept the latter's invitation to go to Havana.

The success of Mr. Porter's mission greatly simplifies the returning of the military Cubans to the pursuits of peace. In view of Gomez's supposed prior attitude of hostility toward the United States, Mr. Porter came here clothed with absolute authority and the tender of \$3,000,000 was practically a verbal ultimatum. Had it not been accepted no more proposals would have been made.

In brief the compact is as follows: First—The Cuban officers in each province shall assist the American officers in distributing the ranges.

Second—That these officers shall at once meet at some convenient point and devise when and where the settlements are to be made, and arrange any other details.

Third—That the sums paid to the Americans shall not be regarded as part payment of salary or wages due for service rendered, but to facilitate the disbandment of the army as a relief of suffering and as an aid in getting the people to work.

Fourth—The Cubans shall surrender their arms to the Cuban assembly or to its representatives.

Fifth—The committee on distribution shall use its best endeavors to distribute it among the popu-

lation so that all may secure work. Sixth—That the \$3,000,000 shall be placed subject to the order of General Brooke and that action in the matter shall be immediate.

General Gomez was tendered a public reception this evening and Mr. Porter was among those present. When Mr. Porter arrived here last week he was accompanied by Senor Gonzalez Quesada, the special commissioner of the Cuban junta at Washington; Captain Bell of General Brooke's staff; Lieutenant Hanna, of General Wood's staff, and a correspondent of the Associated Press.

General Gomez had gone to his camp this morning, but he returned accompanied by his staff and 50 horsemen on various kinds of mounts. They rode past the hotel where Mr. Porter was stopping, around the plaza and into a side street to the Cuban headquarters. General Gomez was seen by Senor Quesada this afternoon and, after an hour's conference, Mr. Porter, accompanied by Senor Quesada, Captain Campbell and Lieutenant Hanna, was received by General Gomez in his parlor up one flight of stairs and in the presence of his staff.

The old general wore no insignia of his rank. He was dressed in a linen coat and dark trousers and had a silk handkerchief over his coat collar. He also wore a black tie and showed a heavy silver watch and chain with a cross attached to it.

The Cuban commander was cordial in answering Mr. Porter's questions and referring to the change for the better which had taken place in Cuba since he was here in September. He also laid stress on the fact that some people were asking where was Cuba's promised liberty.

"The answer to this," said Mr. Porter, "is that Cuba now has commercial and industrial liberty and that President McKinley has directed me, in framing the Cuban tariff, to make no discriminations in favor of the United States in the manner that Spain favored herself. Cuba is free today to buy in the cheapest market. The people are returning to the pursuits of peace and our military government will

give way to civil government as fast as possible."

Grazing on Reserves.

The Oregonian of Feb. 2, published the following from its regular Washington correspondent: Numerous communications have been received at the interior department from sheep and woolgrowers throughout Oregon and Washington requesting information regarding the forthcoming regulations of the general land office relative to grazing on the different forest reserves of those two states.

Oregon and Washington have been peculiarly favored with regard to the privilege of sheepgrazing within the forest reserves, as the practice is absolutely prohibited in all other states and territories which contain forest reserves. In California last year the troops were called upon to drive the flocks from the Yosemite reservation, the special agents supervising the work. In all, there were driven from the reservation in the neighborhood of 325,000 sheep, mostly animals that, because of the drought, had sought pasturage in the reserve.

In Utah the legislature has received memorials requesting that the privilege to use the pastures be extended to woolgrowers, and such matters have received more or less attention in other Western states. From what can be now learned, it would seem to be probable that when a change is made, the privileges now allowed in Oregon and Washington will be extended to other states and territories with restrictions, so that grazing will be permitted, but in limited sections of the reserves and on certain specific conditions. The department and the general land office, under which the matter comes directly, have been disposed to be generous and conservative in regard to the woolgrowers of the Northwest, and that stand is to be maintained in the present instance, with regard to all sections.

The commissioner states that he feels disposed to allow this grazing where the forest cover will be reasonably protected by proper provisions of law. In some instances, however, it will be impracticable to allow grazing in certain localities.

In cases where the forest cover is of vital importance to the water supply, and where so many towns and cities depend upon the streams flowing from the mountain ranges within the forest reserves, as in the vicinity of Los Angeles, Cal., a restrictive surveillance will be enforced, and all applications for permission to graze within such reserves have been and will be promptly denied. The same precautions are to be observed with regard to Bull Run on the reservation of that name, from which the water supply of Portland is obtained.

Laws Applying To Newspapers.

The courts have decided that the following are the laws that apply to newspapers:

1. Subscribers who do not give express notice to the contrary are considered as wishing to renew their subscriptions.
2. If subscribers order the discontinuation of their periodicals, the publisher may continue to send them until all arrearages are paid.
3. If subscribers neglect or refuse to take their periodicals from the postoffice to which they are directed, they are responsible until they have settled their bills and ordered them discontinued.
4. If subscribers move to other places, without informing the publisher, and the papers are sent to the former address, they are responsible.
5. The courts have decided that refusing to take periodicals from the postoffice, without giving notice, is prima facie evidence of fraud.
6. If subscribers pay in advance they are bound to give notice at the end of the time if they do not wish to continue taking it, otherwise the publisher is authorized to send it and the subscriber will be responsible until an express notice with payment of all arrearages is sent to the publisher.

The last postal laws are such that newspaper publishers can arrest any fraud who takes a paper and refuses to pay for it. Under the law the man who allows his subscription to run along for some time unpaid, and then orders it discontinued, or orders the postmaster to mark it "refused" and have a postal card sent notifying the publisher, leaves himself liable to arrest or fine, the same as for theft.—From Press and Printer.

Egan Dismissed from Army.

Chicago, Jan. 27.—A special to the Times Herald from Washington says: Dismissal from the military service of the United States without any recommendation for clemency is the verdict passed by the court-martial upon Commissary General Egan for his recent virulent attack upon Major General Miles. The verdict was reached within 45 minutes after the trial ended today.

Notwithstanding the nature of the court's conclusion, the president can exercise clemency if he so desires and General Egan's friends will urge that his punishment be confined to relieving him of the duties of commissary general of subsistence and to a detail to garrison duty.

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