

GOMEZ IS NOT SATISFIED

He is Said to Disapprove the Cuban Leaders' Policy

OBJECTS TO SUBMISSION

He Believes It Tends to the Practical Discrediting and Retirement of the Cuban Republic—The General's Resignation Accepted—General Lawton Notifies Washington of the Report Circulated in Santiago.

Santiago de Cuba, Sept. 13.—A report was received by General Lawton last night saying that General Maximo Gomez, the insurgent commander-in-chief, had tendered his resignation of the command of the Cuban army to the Cuban government at Camaguey, and that it had been accepted.

Gomez, it is reported, protested against the Cuban government yielding the control of the affairs of the island to the Americans, and his explanation for resigning was his disapproval of "passive submission to conditions tending to the practical discrediting and retirement of the Cuban Republic."

The Cubans at Santiago were very much excited by the report and there was an animated scene at the San Carlos club this morning when the matter was discussed. The report was disbelieved by many who say that General Gomez' resignation at this time is highly improbable.

Generals Cebreco, Castillo, Pedro, Perez and other insurgent leaders have transferred their commands to General Lawton.

General Perez has 8,000 men in the vicinity of Guantanamo, which he will disband this week by order of General Castillo. There is now a general desire on the part of the Cuban army to disband, as the insurgents have learned that the question of their back pay is not to be considered by the Americans.

Lieutenant Colonel Rowan and Captain Parker, accompanied by Lieutenant Colonel Carlos Garcia, son of General Garcia, and two other Cuban officers arrived here late last night on horseback from Gibara, on the north coast. Colonel Rowan was sent there by General Miles from Porto Rico. He will make observations in Cuba, geographical, climatic and military for the government. He was furnished with guides, horses and provisions by the Cuban commander, Florida, at Gibara, and he visited the Holguin, which is garrisoned by 12,000 Spaniards under General Luque. Good health, generally, prevails among both Cubans and Spaniards in the northern part of the island.

The Spaniards entertained Colonel Rowan and his Cuban companions hospitably.

Gen. Zurlinden, the New Minister of War, May Resign.

Paris, Sept. 13.—The Rappel and the Matin today say that at yesterday's cabinet council the minister of war, General Zurlinden, explained his reasons for opposing a revision of the Dreyfus case.

The premier, M. Brisson, and the minister of education, M. Bourgeois, those papers add, urged General Zurlinden to reconsider his determination, but the president, M. Faure, sided with the minister of war, excited discussion followed and the council was adjourned until this afternoon, when calmness was restored.

M. Bourgeois pointed out the consequences of the further discussion of the matter was adjourned until Saturday.

NO MORE TROOPS TO BE MUSTERED OUT

The Situation Does Not Admit of Further Reduction of the Army. Danger in Philippines.

Washington, Sept. 13.—It was announced today with increased emphasis that there will be no more troops mustered out. The situation does not admit of any further reduction in the army, and efforts are being made to put those volunteers who are retained in the service as near as possible to the footing of the regulars in the matter of drill and discipline. The purpose at the outset, when the muster out began, was to muster out one hundred thousand volunteers. A little over 95,000 have already been mustered out and it is announced positively that there will be no more mustered out, no matter what influence is brought to bear.

REPUBLICAN STATE COMMITTEE MEETS

In Pursuance to Call from Hon. J. P. Elkin the Members Assemble at Hotel Walton, Philadelphia.

Philadelphia, Sept. 12.—In pursuance of a call issued by Hon. J. P. Elkin, chairman of the Republican state committee, a largely attended meeting of the chairmen of the Republican county committees of the state was held at the Hotel Walton this afternoon, 58 of the 67 chairmen answering to the roll call. Letters were received from the remaining chairmen expressing their regret at being unable to attend, two of them having conventions in their counties.

The chairman in his opening remarks said that as the Republican party had always been the party of patriotism and loyalty to the government, he had conceived the idea, during the early days of the campaign, of sending to each county chairman a flag, the emblem of the national government representing so much of union and strength, the raising of which by the chairman to the state, would mark the opening of the campaign in their respective counties.

Mr. Elkin said that since his arrival in Philadelphia this morning his attention had been called to the publicity given to the statement that the organization was now involved in an effort to defeat one of the recent candidates for governor before the state convention, in his efforts to secure the congressional election in his district.

He referred to Hon. Charles W. Stone, and he wanted to particularly and emphatically deny in toto, such statements and brand them as false and malicious in every particular and only conveyed and circulated by the people who are now engaged in an effort to defeat the Republican party. He further wanted to say that as long as he was chairman of the Republican organization, he felt it his duty to make every effort possible to insure the election of all the Republican candidates throughout the state, from governor to county auditor.

The chairman was followed by a stirring and characteristic speech from Galusha A. Grow, who dwelt largely upon the national issues and aroused much enthusiasm among those present. He called attention to the fact that the Republican party, notwithstanding the charges that had been made with malicious intent, had reduced the back debt from \$40,000,000, the legacy left them by the Democrats when they came into power, to less than one and one-quarter millions at the present time. He was strongly and heartily applauded by the audience.

Hon. W. W. Porter, of Philadelphia, candidate for judge of the Superior court, followed by the usual chosen remarks. He in turn was followed by General James W. Latta, the candidate for secretary of internal affairs.

Hon. A. C. Robertson, of Pittsburg, chairman of the Republican county committee of Allegheny county, among other things said he had been a member of several sessions of the legislature, all of which were worse than the last session, about which so much criticism has been made. In fact, he said he did not believe the last session of the legislature had anything to apologize for. "The only reprehensible thing that was done by the last legislature was the placing in nomination of the Hon. John W. Wagoner for United States senator, and he was of the impression that every member of the last legislature who was in any way responsible for this act would require the balance of their lives to do sufficient penance."

After the address of Mr. Robertson a recess was taken until 7 o'clock this evening, when Chairman Elkin invited all of those present to dine with him informally at the Hotel Walton.

STORMY SESSION IN SPANISH SENATE

GENERAL WEYLER IS AGAIN A CONSPICUOUS FIGURE.

Count Almenas Adds the Name of General Linares to the Incompetents Who Should Have Their Saashes Tied Around Their Necks. Cutting Remarks by Senator Gonzales Regarding Cuba.

Madrid, Sept. 13.—General Weyler was conspicuous in another stormy session of the senate today. Count Almenas, who yesterday arraigned Weyler, Blanco and Rivera, as well as Cervera, added the name of General Linares to the "incompetents who should have their saashes tied around their necks instead of around their waists." Weyler and others loudly protested and called for the names of all generals who failed to do their duty. A great tumult ensued. The premier, Senor Sagasta, replying said that neither Senor Canovas Del Castillo nor himself had ruled long enough to change the character of the race, which was the true cause, he claimed, of the disaster to Spain.

"We are," the premier said, "an anaemic country. We were attacked when acting as honest men would. We defended ourselves. I have lost my prestige, but it is not because I believe the path I am following is the best."

General Weyler then made a speech of great violence, provoked such an outburst that the premier had to intervene and called upon the gentleman to explain. General Weyler replied that he had not threatened the government institutions, but only those who attacked the army. The Duke of Tetuan, the former minister for foreign affairs, defended Senor Canovas del Castillo, whereupon Senor Gonzales made another attack upon the premier, declaring that the latter had ruled long enough to change the character of the race, which was the true cause, he claimed, of the disaster to Spain.

Major General Merritt, it is said here, will go to Paris, empowered to ask, in the name of the insurgents, an American protector over them and the Philippine islands.

MIGHT HAVE BEEN HUMBERT.

Luigni's Statement—The Will of Elizabeth.

Geneva, Sept. 13.—Luigni or Luchessi declares that if he had been in Italy he would have struck at King Humbert.

Empress Elizabeth, it is reported, left a will bequeathing her jewels, valued at \$2,500,000, to charities.

The coffin has been closed and nobody not even Emperor Francis Joseph, will see the face again. The body was finally enveloped in a black faille dress, the hair arranged with a diadem over the forehead and hands folded lightly together, holding a cross and a rosary. White roses form a garland around the whole body, concealing the white satin lining of the coffin.

Very few have seen her majesty's features, as her face most of the time has been covered with a white cloth, while a white flowered veil has covered the whole coffin.

GIRL TURNS BURGLAR.

Miss M. L. de Rochard Locked Up on a Serious Charge.

Chicago, Sept. 13.—Miss M. L. de Rochard, a young and pretty French girl, is locked up at Harrison street police station charged with attempted burglary. Monday evening as the clerks of the Fair, a large department store, were leaving the establishment Miss de Rochard entered the store and concealed herself under a counter. She remained there without moving until 2 o'clock this morning, when she made her way into the silk department and packed up \$300 worth of silk, which she intended to carry out when the store should be opened in the morning.

NOEL'S ULTIMATUM.

Edhem Passa Must Deliver. He Ring-leaders in the Recent Massacres.

Candia, Island of Crete, Sept. 13.—Rear Admiral Gerard Noel, commander of the British naval forces in Crete waters, today issued an ultimatum to Edhem Passa, the Turkish military governor of Crete, demanding that within forty-eight hours he should deliver up the ring-leaders of the recent outbreak and massacre, surrender the fort and ramparts commanding the town and disarm the Mussulman troops.

CABINET DISCUSSES MANILA SITUATION

Secrecy is Maintained as to the Action to be Taken in the Matter. The Document Left Open.

Washington, Sept. 13.—At today's cabinet meeting the situation at Manila was discussed at some length, but the principal business was the discussion of the letter of instructions to be given to the commission which will meet in Paris to formulate a treaty of peace with Spain. Several of the members of the cabinet who were taking their vacation were recalled by the president to attend the meeting. The letter of instructions will not be made public, but it is understood that it is comprehensive in character and in addition making plain the general policy of the government on all important points, it covers all the details that can be foreseen and provided for. It is assumed, however, that many questions are likely to arise during the deliberations of the joint commission upon which the American members will require special cable instructions from the president.

Although the document is practically agreed upon as a whole, this matter will be left open until the meeting here of the members of the commission two days hence when a final resolution will be made. It is the president's wish, as expressed to the cabinet members, that nothing concerning the instructions be made public.

Indeed so thoroughly did this understanding obtain among the members of the cabinet that Secretary Day authorized the statement that he had made public nothing of the nature of the instructions to be given to the peace commissioners, the president and the cabinet had decided positively to do all in their power to prevent any publicity to the matter.

AMERICAN MECHANICS. Their Fifty-third Annual Convention at Cleveland.

Cleveland, Sept. 13.—The fifty-third annual convention of the Order of United American Mechanics was called to order here today with National Conventions Ira D. Goff, of Rhode Island, presiding. The report of the secretary showed:

Number of state councils at last report, 19; institutes during year, 1; sub-councils last report, 732; instituted during year, 62; number of members last report, 25,757; admitted during year, 7,124; amount of money in treasury, sub-councils, \$398,494.72; benefits paid during year, \$148,257.44.

READY WITH HIS GUN. A Soldier at San Francisco Shoots a Marksmanship.

San Francisco, Sept. 13.—Walter Rosser, a private of a Tennessee regiment, today shot and killed Henry Hildebrandt, an employe of the Spreckels ice house. Rosser was walking up Market street and seeing the sweet meats exposed to view, it is alleged, started to help himself and was told by Hildebrandt to move on about his business. Rosser, instead of complying, immediately drew his revolver and fired, killing Hildebrandt instantly. Rosser is in jail.

SWORE TO DO THE TOWN. The New Westminster Fire of Incendiary Origin.

New Westminster, B. C., Sept. 13.—It is generally believed that Sunday's fire was of incendiary origin. The police have arrested Jack Shepherd, a farmer, who has stated that he knew the fire would happen. Shepherd is considered mentally unbalanced.

He was recently in jail for a trivial offense and when released swore to "do" the town.

Pennsylvania Pensions. Washington, Sept. 13.—Pensions have been issued as follows for Pennsylvania: Original—Joseph Wolfe, Wyoming, \$3; Richard Vanhook, Sayre, \$5; Reissner, Elias F. Tulker, Moshoppen, \$3; Abram L. Tiffany, Campdown, \$17; Original widows, etc.—Elizabeth Goodman, Axture, \$3.

Colored Odd Fellows' Convention. Altoona, Sept. 13.—The colored Odd Fellows of Pennsylvania are holding a convention here. Fifty delegates represent 150 lodges. At the same time the Grand Household of Ruth is holding its first convention. Both orders gave receptions tonight.

Mr. Bayard Weaker. Dedham, Mass., Sept. 13.—Mr. Bayard passed a restless day and tonight he weakens. He continues to lose steadily, and he cannot survive many more days.

FIRE RAGING IN THE RAVINE SHAFT

NUMBER OF MEN HAD A VERY NARROW ESCAPE.

In the Morning an Explosion of Gas Burned and Injured Six Men More or Less Seriously and in the Evening Another Party of Fire Fighters Were Overcome by Fire Damp. Two of the Men Were Almost Dead When Taken from the Mine.

Special to the Scranton Tribune. Pittston, Pa., Sept. 13.—Two gangs of fire fighters, at different times today, nearly met their doom at the Ravine shaft, and as a result of their terrible experiences six men of one party and two of the other are suffering from more or less serious injuries. The Ravine shaft is located at the upper end of North Main avenue and is operated by the Newton Coal company, owners of the ill-fated Twin shaft.

Last Wednesday company hands working in the third vein, uncovered a bore-hole that led to a lower vein in old workings. Gas poured through the hole and becoming ignited set fire to the coal.

Yesterday morning a gang of men under Fire Boss Christopher McDermott went in to fight the fire. Gas that had accumulated behind them was set off, supposedly by miners passing with naked lamps, and a terrible explosion occurred.

Every man in the party was burned by the flames and injured by the force of the explosion. Fireboss McDermott sustained a bad singeing about the exposed parts of his body, besides painful cuts and bruises. John Mangon, of Cork Lane, had his scalp lacerated and his body severely injured. Charles Carr had three ribs broken, and his skull fractured and was also cut and bruised. Peter Conroy, of Oregon, and two foreigners, sustained cuts and bruises, but were able to walk to their homes. McDermott was assisted to his home on Parsonage street; the other three were taken to the city hospital.

FIRE INTENSIFIED. This second explosion intensified the fire and the company resolved upon making a redoubled effort to conquer it. The Eagle, Mechanics and Niagara hose companies were called into service and their combined supply of hose, coupled together, was dropped down the shaft and carried to the scene of the fire by a gang of the company's employes under Foreman William Halstone.

At 10 o'clock last night this gang was attacked by the deadly black damp. All but two of them, John Halstone, miner of Minooka, brother of the foreman, and William Boukley, tracklayer, of Pittston, succeeded after a desperate struggle in fighting their way to a main air course. Halstone and Boukley fell by the way and unable to help themselves lay in the road gradually being suffocated by the poisonous aftermath.

For a time they were given up as beyond rescue, but their brave comrades risking a terrible death, pushed back into the poison filled road and returned bearing the two almost dead men with them. They were removed to the hospital and will, it is thought, recover.

THE NEWS THIS MORNING

- Weather indications today: Cloudy; Easterly Winds. 1 General-General Gomez Resigns His Command in the Cuban Army. 2 General-Whitney's Weekly News Budget. 3 Local-All Night Session of Knights of Malta. 4 Editorial. Comment of the Press. 5 Local-Statement by Major C. R. Parks. Court Proceedings. 6 Local-West Scranton and Suburban. 7 News Round About Scranton. 8 General-News of a Day from Camp Meade. Anti-Italian Riots in Austria.

MANILA SITUATION IS MORE HOPEFUL

A Better Feeling Prevails Between the Americans and Insurgents—All Anxious to Avoid Conflict.

London, Sept. 14.—The Manila correspondent of the Times, telegraphing Tuesday, says: "A better feeling prevails between the Americans and the insurgents, probably induced through the influence of the insurgent leaders assembled at Malolos. Today Aguinaldo sent an officer to ask permission to move a detachment of troops from Londo, one of the suburbs of Manila. The request was promptly granted, and a large detachment of insurgents evacuated Londo this afternoon, marching through the American lines in the direction of the water works and receiving proper military honors en route. Both parties seem anxious to avoid a conflict."

AGITATING INDEPENDENCE.

Cubans Arrive in Havana and Do Missionary Work. Havana, Sept. 13, 3:20 p. m.—Several well-known Cubans arrived here on Saturday by the Mascote, ostensibly as delegates commissioned by the Cuban junta to facilitate the work of disbanding the Cuban troops.

There is reliable authority, however, for the statement that they are really commissioned to agitate the question of Cuban independence. On Sunday night they were present at a meeting held at the residence of one of the most aristocratic families of Havana and the question of independence was then discussed at length.

GEN. SHAFER'S REPORT. Submitted to the War Department Yesterday. Washington, Sept. 13.—General Shafter today submitted to the war department his report on the Santiago campaign, covering not only the battle of Santiago, but the entire progress of the military invasion of Cuba. The general accompanied by his aide, Captain Milley, came to the department in the morning. General Shafter's report forms about half. After submitting the report, General Shafter conferred for some time with acting Secretary McKelton and General Corbin. It was stated afterward that the report would not be made public for the present, the desire being to place it first in the hands of the president and the cabinet and allow sufficient time for a mature consideration of its contents. After that there is little doubt the material portions of the report will be made public. It is pretty well known, although there is much interest in the view which the commanding general takes of its several features of the campaign.

RED MEN MEET. Reports Made at National Council in Indianapolis. Indianapolis, Sept. 13.—A today's session of the national council of Red Men the financial committee made its report. It showed receipts from all sources, \$1,450; expenditures for all purposes, \$2,545; balance on hand, \$1,095. The permanent fund amounts to \$8,934.91.

Charles C. Conley, great chief of Red Men, in his report showed: Total receipts, \$1,285.28; in trial bills, \$29,152.52; total, \$30,437.80; relief of widows and orphans, \$3,167.23; burial of the dead, \$9,414.52; other expenses, \$492,336.27; investment, \$1,285,282.12; in trial bills, \$29,152.52; total worth, \$1,564,777.10. One year ago the total membership was 155,288. Now it is 162,442.

FOOT BALL PRACTICE. The University of Pennsylvania Warming Up. Philadelphia, Sept. 13.—The preliminary foot ball practice of the University of Pennsylvania was inaugurated today. Only five men reported to George Woodruff, the coach, and the practice indulged in was perfunctory. The players who reported were McCracken, right guard; Overfield, center; Hodges, end; Harrison, sub end; and Coombs, sub quarter back.

Suicide at Shamokin. Shamokin, Pa., Sept. 13.—Robert Davidson, aged 34 years, of Ellensburg, committed suicide in his barn last evening by hanging himself from a rafter. He is survived by a widow and six adult children.

Sick at Santiago. Washington, Sept. 13.—The following is General Lawton's health report: Total sick, 76; total fever, 471; total new cases fever, 12; total returned to duty, 20; deaths, 5. 1st, private Company B, 25; 3rd, private Company B, 12; 3rd, private Company B, 12.

CUBANS ARE SUSPICIOUS

They Can See No Good in Robert Porter's Visit

NO USE FOR SOLDIERS. Rabid Cubans Adopt Resolutions Protesting Against the Encroachment Upon Their Rights by the Establishment of an American Protectorate—The Two Problems, Annexation and Independence, Form the Chief Topic of Conversation.

Havana, Sept. 13.—The presence of Robert P. Porter, who is in Havana on a special commission from the United States government to study the financial and economic aspects of the situation, is regarded with suspicion by the party of free Cuba, as indicating the establishment of an American policy of guardianship.

His efforts and inquiries taken together with the announcement that American troops will be sent later to occupy the island—which had hitherto been doubted by many—have had the effect of provoking protests from the more rabid Cubans who are holding meetings and adopting resolutions against "encroachment upon our rights as citizens of the free and independent republic of Cuba by the establishment of an American protectorate."

Commenting editorially today upon these developments La Lucha says: "It is easy to foresee a clash between the two tendencies, the two forces on the political horizon of Cuba—the sentimental independent party, and a party of practical annexationists. On one side stands the Cuban sentiment, which has struggled for freedom for three years; on the other is arrayed a material interest of the island, which looks first and foremost for the greatest and strongest guarantee, not only that order will be preserved, but that there will be a future development of the island and its carrying out. It is too early yet to predict with which party the victory will be; but the leaders of the national Cuban party should not allow themselves to be carried away by the natural exaltation and fiery temperament of their race. They should proceed with tact and discretion at this juncture; for, otherwise, annexation may become an accomplished fact far sooner than is expected. The leaders should act with prudence and furnish an example for the masses. The Cuban party should in them may result in time in adding to the ranks of the Cuban national party a large proportion of those who have advocated annexation and in carrying with them the great landed and industrial interests of the island."

TWO PROBLEMS. These two problems, independence and annexation, are the chief topics discussed, and the idea of an American protectorate, with military occupation, is nowhere mentioned. Everywhere it is recognized that the choice is between independence and annexation.

Next month, at the headquarters of the so-called Cuban republican government at Cuba, province of Pinar del Rio, representatives of the different corps of the Cuban army will proceed to a presidential election and a definite constitution of the government.

Each army corps will send eight delegates, making a total of 48 electors. There are two separate and distinct tendencies in the Cuban army, one strongly supporting the present government and the other favoring General Maximo Gomez.

Already four presidential nomination tickets are in the field. On the first are the names of Bartolome Messe for president and Mendez Capote for vice president; on the second the name of Mendez Capote for the first place and Jose Miguel Gomez for the second; on the third are Jose Miguel Gomez and Pedro Betancourt; and on the fourth, Calixto Garcia and Jose Miguel Gomez.

At the camp of Jose Miguel Gomez a newspaper called La Nacion has been published for some time. It is described as a strong advocate of "peace and harmony" and carries with it the moral endorsement of General Maximo Gomez, who is known to favor the early disbanding of the Cuban troops to the arts of peace.

General Gomez is still encamped on the Narceia estate at Yaguajay, Santa Clara province.

This afternoon the American and Spanish evacuation commissioners decided that, for the present, they would discuss the more important points to come under their consideration by letter and only meet in joint session later to discuss details. Therefore no joint sessions will be held for some time.

JUMPED INTO NIAGARA. A Philadelphia Brewer Swept Over the Falls. Buffalo, N. Y., Sept. 13.—Peter Schenck, a brewer, from Philadelphia, jumped from the Goat Island bridge at Niagara Falls this morning and his body was swept over the American Falls. Schenck arrived at the Falls last night on a Lehigh Valley train and registered at the New York Central Hotel. This morning he engaged a carriage and went out for a drive. At Goat Island bridge he told the driver he would walk to get a better view of the rapids, and when in the center of the bridge he shouted "Good-bye" and leaped over the bridge.

WEATHER FORECAST. Washington, Sept. 13.—Forecast for Wednesday: For eastern Pennsylvania, increasing clouds, followed by showers at night; westerly by winds. For western Pennsylvania, a rain; fresh to brisk southeasterly winds.