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To-day's Venezuelan Army Would Amaze Gen. Castro

If the Ex-President Should Invade His Former Domain He Would Encounter Modern Troops.

was too indifferent to the graft in his government that diverted millions of dollars to the pockets of his friends that might have been used in legitimate governmental improvements.

President Gomez in his four years in office has brought about a new era in Venezuela, and the revenues of the government are now being devoted to their proper purpose.

"It is not," said Colonel McGill, "because the Venezuelans are a warlike people that they are building up their armed forces, but because they need peace."

Venezuela's progress and the happiness and prosperity of her people have been affected by the many insurrections. All that is now ended. The new army and navy will make impossible the conditions of the past."

Colonel McGill's mission here is to make vast purchases for the new Venezuelan army. That is, he selects from samples submitted what is needed, and the actual buying is done by Pedro R. Rincones, Jr.



PRESIDENT GOMEZ REVIEWING THE TROOPS.

exit from Venezuela the country has undergone a change that might easily make him feel a stranger in a strange land, and all in such a quiet, unostentatious way that the news could hardly have travelled to the ears of the ex-patriated men now sojourning—perhaps somewhat restlessly—in the Canary Islands.

The country of Bolivar always has been an essentially military nation; first in the long struggle against Spain for independence and practically ever since to repel the encroachments on its territory by Venezuela's adjoining neighbor, Colombia, besides being constantly on the watch for signals for the beginning of an internecine strife whose purpose was the forcible deposing of the constituted government.

A fine example of this was the revolution started by General Castro in 1896. He began his attack on the government of President Ignacio Andrade with sixty "Andinos," natives of the State of Los Andes. This small band of "roughnecks" grew as they marched and pillaged their way to Caracas, until General Castro had a real army—in point of numbers—belonging to him when they reached the gates of the capital.

But no more of this, if President Gomez can prevent it or discourage it, and he and his government are making prodigious efforts along the most modern lines to do so.

General Gomez as Vice-President under former President Castro learned many lessons that the former Chief Executive failed to comprehend or in his arrogant pride refused to learn. Castro was a fighter. His enemies make no effort to deny that fact.

As to the army that he maintained, its personnel, its discipline and its equipment, they were the subjects of jest and ridicule, as much by Venezuelans themselves as by foreigners.

capable of accommodating ships of large tonnage, which will be of great use when the Panama Canal is open.

"But, of course, we realize that we still have much to learn, and to give future officers of the Venezuelan army the advantages of the most thorough military knowledge and training we have sent cadets to West Point for study and to the military academies of Germany, Chile, Peru and Colombia.

"Then, too, our curriculum includes a thorough physical training, as well as military, and to this end we have established gymnasia, the soldiers, too, being put through a thorough course in gymnastics.

"The Venezuelan horses are somewhat too small for our purpose, and we have decided to use American mounts for our cavalry. Mr. Rincones has placed an order for sixty horses, which are to be used as a trial. If they prove satisfactory, we will buy about six hundred American horses. The subject of a suitable uniform has been given much thought, and it has been decided that a gray khaki is best for our troops.

And out of all this disorganization the armed force of Venezuela is emerging as a real, scientific modern army. A truly wonderful change is being worked by President Gomez, considering the conditions that previously existed. But he is a believer in the theory that the most certain way to prevent war is to be well armed for it. Castro might have thought so, too, but he had too much self-assurance to bother about his army, and he

positive sublimate. This has given good satisfaction with nearly all kinds of fruit and vegetables, and should it become clouded or dim can be renewed. Must be handled with caution, as it is rank poison.

At the thought of eating such a concoction any one would be justified in exclaiming "Shades of Dr. Wiley!" (If a living man has a shade, but fortunately for the farm men the ladies do not expect these formulae to be eaten. Far from it. These formulae are for preserving the best specimens of fruit for display purposes. This is the kind of thing we see in the show windows of the people who try to sell us farm land.

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fairly planned for the autumn weeks will keep them busy. Lakewood has become known as one of the most select health and recreation resorts in the Northern and Eastern sections of the United States.

FARM WOMEN IN COUNCIL

To Hold Second International Congress Next Week.

She may or she may not be a suffragette; she may or she may not be vitally interested in the problems of overworked tenements and underpaid streets that confront her city slater, but the farm woman of to-day is wide awake and up to date in all matters pertaining to the farm.

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tion and hygiene are important in the country, too. They have learned that the rural life leads to be swatted as forcibly as his afflicted cousin. They have discovered that the woman who lives in a small community must have broad interests and enlightened views of modern questions just as much as she who lives in the metropolis, if she is to remain normal and happy.

The congress will discuss all sorts of things that concern women on the farm. A great many of the topics would be equally appropriate for any group of women, since women are still women wherever found, and those who live on a farm are, after all, in the words of the immortal Tommy Atkins, "Most remarkable like you."

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