

GOMEZ NEEDS FOOD SUPPLIES

Has Thirty Thousand Armed Men.

CAN INCREASE THIS FORCE

AWAITING THE ARRIVAL OF MORE RIFLES.

Sickness Making Great Inroads Among the Half-Starved Spanish Forces Defending Havana.

Special Dispatch to The Call.

NEW YORK, June 18.—Captain Rafael Conte of the Cuban army has arrived at the headquarters of the Cuban Junta in this city with dispatches from General Gomez. He was accompanied by a lieutenant of the army of liberation.

Captain Conte and his companion left Gomez in Las Villas. The general then had with him a bodyguard of only sixty men—a cavalry escort. There was little food in the region where Gomez was making his headquarters, so he did not mass any large number of men there, but had them spread over a large extent of territory and directed their movements from his headquarters. He has all the necessary arrangements made for the concentration of the troops when the proper time comes, but keeps them scattered and employed in a guerrilla warfare meantime, so that they may find food.

The captain claims that Gomez can concentrate 30,000 armed men in a short time at any point in the region. There are several thousand more men who are attached to Gomez's army, and are only waiting for arms to be available for defensive or offensive operations.

Gomez is now especially desirous of receiving arms and food. It is understood a definite plan for the co-operation of the United States troops, when the time for such co-operation arrives, has been arranged between the general and the War Department at Washington.

Captain Conte says that from information received from Gomez's spies it is known that in all the garrisoned towns held by the Spanish sickness is making great ravages among the troops. The hospitals in Havana are so crowded with sick that proper medical attention cannot be given them, and the number of dead increases every day.

The coal supply of Havana is nearly exhausted, and what there is left has been taken in charge by Blanco, who has his officers supervise its consumption. The electric lighting company recently received an order to shut off its dynamo at 9 o'clock, so that the coal might be husbanded. After the hour at which the electric light works shut down Havana is now in darkness.

INSTRUCTIONS TO REVENUE COLLECTORS

How Stamps Are to Be Issued and Distributed Under the New Law.

WASHINGTON, June 18.—The following circular of instructions has been issued to Collectors of Internal Revenue:

The revenue act of June 13, 1898, providing stamp taxes on the documents, articles and things enumerated in schedules A and B, and on the sale of real estate, has been put into effect after July 1, 1898. The public demand for information relative to the mode of procuring, affixing and canceling said stamps, the manner in which they are to be cancelled, and the stamps to be cancelled, is such that you give the same the widest publicity possible. Adhesive stamps of the following denominations will be ready for sale on or about July 1, 1898, for use on proprietary stamps, schedule B, 1/2, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 25 and 50 cents. The stamps to be cancelled, schedule B, 1/2, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 25, 50 and 100 cents. These stamps may be sold to any person, whether for use on proprietary stamps, schedule B, or on the stamps to be cancelled, and when purchased in quantities of \$100 or more in value at one time, a discount of 1 per cent is allowed.

Whenever practicable, but one stamp should be placed upon the document, article, or where any one stamp will not denote the tax, as few stamps as possible should be affixed. Proprietary stamps must be affixed conspicuously on the outside of the article or package, and where practicable, so that the opening of the article or package will disclose the stamps. All such stamps must be plainly marked when affixed, and the collector, with a hand stamp the initials of the party or firm who paid the tax and the year when made.

Collectors should make orders at once for proprietary and documentary stamps in quantities, and of the denominations desired, for two months' supply. Stamps for checks and drafts will be impinged upon the paper or in the corners of the documents. The stamps to be cancelled, schedule B, 1/2, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 25, 50 and 100 cents. These stamps may be used on the bank checks, drafts, etc. Private dies for printing proprietary stamps will be prepared and sold to the proprietors as they desire them and comply with the provisions of Section 9 of the act of June 13, 1898. All dies and dies and applications for stamps must be submitted to this office through collectors. All dies and dies and applications for stamps must be submitted to this office through collectors. All dies and dies and applications for stamps must be submitted to this office through collectors.

Collectors will retain applications for private dies and stamps therefrom until regulations prescribing methods and means of securing the same are issued. The regulations relative to the stamp provision of the revenue act approved by the Senate, will be issued and distributed in a few days.

SHOT HIS OLD SWEETHEART.

Soldier Knott Journeys a Long Distance to Wreak Vengeance.

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., June 18.—Emma Oakland, a woman barber in this city, was shot and seriously wounded by John Knott, a private in Company D, Seventh Illinois Infantry.

The shooting had been planned, and Knott traveled 1500 miles to accomplish his purpose. Knott arrived in the city direct from Camp Alger, Va., where his regiment is located. Calling at the barber shop he stepped on Miss Oakland's foot. She addressed her by her name and asked her to shave him. She refused. They talked for a few minutes in a cruel, breaking engagement. He said if she died he would soon follow her.

Smuggled Opium Captured.

HONOLULU (via Victoria), June 18.—The authorities have captured a part of the opium cargo taken to this country by the schooner Labrador, which is now on the beach at Waikeka Maui. There are 1500 lbs in the lot.

Fire in the Potrero.

The family of Charles O'Connell, living at 1533 Fifth avenue, South, had a narrow escape from being burned to death yesterday morning. At about 2 o'clock Mrs. O'Connell was awakened by a strong smell of smoke in the house. Rushing down stairs she found that the walls of the kitchen, directly under the bedroom, were blazing. With the assistance of neighbors the fire was extinguished before much damage had been done.

Advances made on furniture and pianos, with or without removal. 4, Noonan, 1017-1023 Mission.

GROWN WEARY OF THE WAR

Spanish Merchants Cry for Peace.

PETITION THE GOVERNMENT

BELIEVE IT FOOLY TO KEEP UP THE FIGHT.

Press of Madrid Continues to Call Upon the Ministry to Bring the Struggle to an End.

Special Dispatch to The Call.

NEW YORK, June 18.—A dispatch to the Herald from Madrid says: An allocation of the Government by the powerful council general of Catalonia, which represents the mercantile intelligence of Spain, calling for peace, has created a deep impression here, all the more on account of the logical and practical reasonings with which the council considers America's conduct unjust, yet does not justify Spain in continuing an unequal combat, which is bound to result in overwhelming ruin.

"It is better," it says, "to submit to an imposition, heavy though it be, than to carry on a terrible war with thousands of disasters. The matter will not be any more glorious after we have been ruined and the lives of thousands of our soldiers lost."

The allocation ends with a call for immediate peace. The endless objections raised in the Cortes to the taxation necessary for the continuation of the war are met by the governmental organ, El Diario. It says:

"The country neither asked for nor wants war. It understands neither its origin nor its issue, and on that account shows neither enthusiasm of any kind nor does it respond by its attitude to the responsibilities which the situation imposes upon the Government. It refuses sacrifices which would willingly be accepted under other circumstances. With such a sentiment existing it is impossible to ask the Government to prolong a war for which the country can do little or nothing, and to provide the necessary resources. Without money we cannot have war."

The Epoca, whose seriousness is above question, says: "In our opinion the Diario reflects with thorough exactitude the position of the Government."

The Epoca cannot understand how the Government vacillates as to which course to take. It says: "The country can do little or nothing, according to the consensus of matured opinions which have been gathered, that peace at the present moment, when the entire world gives full recognition to Spanish valor and bravery, is highly opportune under the circumstances, which may not be so good again."

STARVATION FACING THE SPANISH SOLDIERS

Fearful Conditions at Santiago Revealed in a Communication Taken From a Messenger.

CAMP McALLA, Outer Harbor of Guantanamo, June 17 (per the Associated Press Dispatch Boat Wanda, via Kingston, Jamaica, June 18).—The following intercepted report from the Spanish military commander at Guantanamo was taken from the body of an unfortunate messenger who attempted to pass the Cuban lines. It gives the official Spanish version of the attack of the American fleet in the capture of the outer harbor of Guantanamo a week ago, and discloses the fact that starvation is facing the Spanish troops in Eastern Cuba. This is verified by extracts already telegraphed taken from a recent issue of a newspaper of Santiago de Cuba and from the fact that a number of Spanish regular soldiers have surrendered to Captain McCalla, offering as a reason for doing so the necessity of obtaining food. The letter reads:

CAIMANERA, June 13.—To the commanding general of the military division of Santiago de Cuba: At dawn on Sunday seven ships appeared before the port of Caimanera and fired grape shot, and the Cayo Toro, until they set fire to the fort of the Playa del Este, where the houses of the pilots, which were occupied by a detachment of American sailors, were destroyed. The total loss of the detachment was 50 killed in the afternoon. As the Playa del Este had only two men, the detachment could do nothing before six ships firing on them from the bay. The detachment retired into Managua and to Cuzco Hill, where they remain to-day, making sallies on the beach. From that day the ships occupied Santa Catalina, observing the movements of ships, which occupy all the outer port with war transports, a variable number of smaller ships, and other vessels of war and armed merchant ships. The total loss never less than four.

I have only specially in mind the vigilant gunboat, Magnei is in the fall on them where damage can be done. I remain in Caimanera and will only leave when it is necessary. I have not been able to antagonize the American ships with rifle fire. Forts Sandoval and Cayo Toro fired their pieces until they were short of ammunition, but their effectiveness was interfered with by the shortness of their range, or when the ships retired to the center of the channel and took up a position in the middle of the bay. Sandoval has not over seven rounds of armor-piercing projectiles and Caimanera's battery did not reserve its fire until the ships entered the channel, which is where its guns reach. I am told that the insurgent forces at Baracoa have come down to Signabos, being apparently greatly pleased at nothing the American squadron has taken possession of the outer bay as if for a base of operations, the American ships having anchored in the bay, and their shells falling on them where damage can be done.

I am continuing to serve out the portions of everything and in that way I shall be able to reach to the end of the month only, especially in respect to some past. We are equally short of quinine in the hospitals. However, I have taken possession of the private drug stores and will have enough until the end of the month. The town is suffering from privation.

On Saturday we had only twenty wounded. At Craigo Morro the cabin-house was riddled with shell, but it still stands, and if the Americans abandon the port, which I doubt, everything possible will be done to re-establish communication, to which end I have everything ready.

To-day there is in the harbor a large armored vessel, the Oregon, and seven more vessels, with a large transport, the St. Paul, which appears to be a store ship. They patrol the Playa with armed launches. I returned to Caimanera after seeing the bearer of the dispatch start. He is worthy of my confidence. A messenger of brigade he has rendered me great service. By sea I have a ready youth, who has served in the navy and who volunteered to go. I earnestly recommend him to your Excellency, should he arrive.

PELIX PARRIA, Commanding Section Brigade, Eastern Military Division of Cuba.

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