

AFFAIRS IN CUBA.

Gen. Gomez's Declaration Improves and Simplifies the Situation on the Island.

COMMISSIONER R. P. PORTER'S VIEWS.

The Entire Policing of the Island Should Be Done by the Cuban Soldiers Themselves.

The Bulk of the American Soldiers Should Be Taken Out of Cuba by April—Two Regiments in Each Province is Sufficient to Keep Order.

HAVANA, Feb. 4.—Mr. Robert P. Porter before sailing for Miami, Fla., made the following statement: "While the situation here has been improved and simplified by the declaration of Gen. Gomez that he will immediately take part in the pacification of Cuba, the advantage thus gained should be followed up by the American authorities. The entire policing of the island should be done by the Cubans themselves. The real police work is in fact, now in the hands of the Cuban soldiers, and law and order are well maintained. There should not be a moment's delay in the organization and equipment of these civil guards.

The bulk of the American soldiers must be taken out of Cuba by April. There is really no necessity for more than two regiments in each province to serve as a background of support for the Cuban police. In giving the best of these people employment, all the more will be left of the relief fund for those who must be helped back to the land.

The feeling of distrust between the Cubans and the Americans has been temporarily checked by the message of Gen. Gomez to President McKinley and the president's reply through Secretary Hay. If the younger military elements of both armies will now get together and complete the several schemes for policing the provinces which at this moment are awaiting crystallization the problem will be solved. Delay in this work will be fatal. If such men as Gen. Gomez, Gen. Montenegro, of Santa Clara province; Gen. Mayin Rodriguez, of the Province of Pinar del Rio; Gen. Pedro Betancourt, of Matanzas province and others whom I know personally, will assure President McKinley and Gov. Gen. Brooke that law and order will be maintained, their pledge will be carried out at any cost.

"There is too much disposition to discuss minor details. There is too much hesitancy in bringing matters to a head. In the province of Santa Clara Montenegro's admirable policing plan has been already put in operation, and it is one, as Gen. Leonard Wood told me yesterday, which is along right lines. The entire police work in that province, so Maj. Logan, provost marshal, informed me, has been done by Cubans since the evacuation.

"Why not take up at once and dispose of this matter? Things must be kept moving in Cuba or summer will overtake us with too many troops there. Our soldiers themselves fully realize the situation. They frankly say that their chief occupation is to guard each other while their chiefs in Washington, Havana and Remedios are exchanging confidences. The younger officers on both sides should come together and evolve preliminary policing plans and get those into working order without delay. Once this is well done, matters will take care of themselves in Cuba. At least that is my opinion."

A TERRORIZED WOMAN.

She Shoots and Kills a Man Who Tore Off Her Clothing on the Street at Sistersville in the Early Morning.

BELLAIR, O., Feb. 4.—At 8 a. m. Friday morning at Sistersville, W. Va., on the Ohio river, south of this city, a terrible murder occurred. Harry Deffenbaugh, aged 28 years, son of John Deffenbaugh, a teamster, was shot and instantly killed on one of the most prominent streets of the town by Miss Ella Bowen, an attractive young girl, aged 20.

The young man followed her and caught her and tried to tear her clothing from her body, when she drew a .38 caliber revolver and shot him. The bullets took effect in neck, right breast and left side. He died in ten minutes on the sidewalk. The girl claims she was terrorized and did not know what she was doing. She is now in jail. Great excitement prevails.

A Quarrel Ends in Murder.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 4.—W. S. Pardee, assistant secretary of the Pacific States Mutual Savings bank, was shot and probably fatally wounded Friday by Christian Reis, jr. The shooting occurred in Pardee's office. Reis and Pardee quarreled several days ago. Reis' father is a prominent merchant and was city treasurer at one time.

His Resignation Called For.

SAN JUAN DE PORTO RICO, Feb. 4.—Owing to the general dissatisfaction with the conduct of the department of the interior by Dr. Carbone, the secretary of the department, Maj. Gun Henry has called for his resignation, which has been tendered and accepted.

THE SOAPMAKERS.

A Gigantic Combination Forming for the Purpose of Controlling the Output—Capitalization \$90,000,000.

CHICAGO, Feb. 4.—The Record Saturday morning says: New York promoters are interesting eastern capitalists in a plan which contemplates the formation of a gigantic combination to control the American soap output. With \$90,000,000 capital, of which \$40,000,000 will be in preferred stock and \$50,000,000 be common stock, negotiations are pending for the amalgamation of all the important factories in the United States.

Chicago houses whose names figure in the proposed consolidation are said to include James S. Kirk & Co., N. K. Fairbank Co., Armour soap works, Swift & Co., Nelson Morris & Co., and Allen B. Wrisley Co.

Proctor & Gamble, Cincinnati; B. T. Babbitt, Philadelphia; James Pyle & Sons, Colgate & Solon Palmer and the Higgins soap works, New York, are also mentioned.

Acquirement of the properties of the several component companies will come by outright purchase for cash, or by distribution of preferred and common stock to the factories that turn over their plants.

The new company in addition to soap will dominate the market for a number of other products manufactured by the same factories, including perfumes, cosmetics and toilet preparations.

MCKINLEY TO GOMEZ.

The President Thanks the General for His Decision to Co-Operate in the Pacification of Cuba.

HAVANA, Feb. 4.—The following message from President McKinley was received by Robert P. Porter Friday morning and was transmitted to Gen. Maximo Gomez:

"Hon. Robert P. Porter, Havana—The president sends his hearty congratulations and thanks for your dispatch. Convey his cordial greetings to Gen. Gomez and his grateful appreciation of the general's frank and friendly message. The co-operation of Gen. Gomez in the pacification of Cuba will be of the greatest value for both peoples." [Signed,] JOHN HAY, Secretary of State.

MURDER IN A STREET CAR.

Dr. Thomas Wilder Shoots Hugo Wolfert in a Quarrel Over a Seat—The Victim Will Die.

NEW YORK, Feb. 4.—Dr. Thomas Wilder, a retired physician, shot Hugo Wolfert, a cook, in a Lexington avenue car Friday night, inflicting a wound, which, it is said, by the hospital officials, to be fatal. Wolfert, according to the story told to the police, was occupying more room in the car than he was entitled to and refused to make way for a lady. Dr. Wilder gave his seat to the lady and upbraided Wolfert, who struck him. The physician then drew a revolver and shot Wolfert through the breast. Dr. Wilder was arrested.

Woman to Be Electrocutted.

ALBANY, N. Y., Feb. 4.—Under the rules of the court of appeals Friday handed down an order directing the warden of Sing Sing prison to electrocute Mrs. Martha Place, sometime during the week beginning February 20. Mrs. Place killed her step-daughter at their home in Brooklyn. The governor was petitioned by sympathetic women to commute the sentence to imprisonment for life but he has refused to interfere.

Stockmen's Loss by the Cold Weather.

DALLAS, Tex., Feb. 4.—Telegrams from northwestern and western Texas say stockmen in those sections have suffered great losses in their herds by the cold weather of the last month. Cattle have died by the thousands from lack of food and by freezing. In Moore county the losses of cattle have been particularly severe and the country west of San Angelo is full of dead sheep.

The Stars and Stripes Forever.

MONTGOMERY, Ala., Feb. 4.—The house of representatives Friday, without a dissenting vote, adopted a resolution directing that the national flag be hoisted over every schoolhouse in the state, and be kept there floating forever. A few years ago such a resolution would have met with almost unanimous defeat.

Army Stores for Manila.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 4.—The Centennial, with 1,800 tons of army stores, is expected to sail for Manila on Monday. Preparations are now active at the quartermaster's depot to send 3,000 additional tons of army stores, chiefly commissary, to the Philippines, although the method of transportation has not yet been decided upon.

Justice Brewer Honored.

LONDON, Feb. 4.—Davis J. Brewer, associate justice of the United States supreme court, who has been at Paris for the purpose of attending the meeting of the Venezuelan arbitration tribunal, of which he is a member, was given a seat on the bench of the first appeal court here Friday.

Five Persons Injured, Two Fatally.

PITTSBURGH, Pa., Feb. 4.—A natural gas explosion at Sharsburg late Friday afternoon wrecked the residence of Joseph Ackerman and seriously injured five persons, two, it is thought, fatally.

COURT OF INQUIRY

Truth or Falsity of Alleged Statements by Gen. Miles to Be Investigated.

THE BEEF FURNISHED TO THE TROOPS.

The Matter Was Discussed at the Cabinet Meeting But No Definite Decision Was Reached.

Justice to All Concerned It Was Agreed Demanded That the Whole Truth Should Be Brought to Light—Miles Will Not Be Suspended at Present.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 4.—The indications are that a court of inquiry will be ordered to investigate and report upon the truth or falsity of the statements alleged to have been made by Gen. Miles, in which the quality of beef furnished the troops during the late war was brought in question. The matter was discussed at some length at Friday's cabinet meeting, and, although no definite decision was reached, the consensus of opinion was that such a proceeding should be had. It was argued that if the packers who had furnished the beef to the army had fraudulently supplied an article of the character charged by Gen. Miles, the country had a right to know it, and if the charges were without foundation the people had an equal right to know that fact. Justice to all concerned it was agreed demanded that the whole truth be brought to light. It was also agreed that Gen. Miles should not be suspended from his office as commander of the army pending such investigation, as it was not intended that even by inference should be be

THE SAME OLD SENATORIAL CANDIDATE BOBS UP IN VARIOUS STATES.



prejudged of any wrong doing in this connection. It is not believed that any action will be taken, however, until the war investigating commission has made its report, which is expected within the next few days.

The cabinet also discussed the sanitary condition of Havana, and Gen. Brooke will be instructed to proceed as rapidly as possible in his work of renovating the city. The question of the wisdom of digging up the streets to any great extent during the rainy season has been presented for Gen. Brooke's consideration, the view of the cabinet being against it.

It is the expectation that the war investigation commission will submit its report to the president next Monday. No one outside the commission is supposed to know what the nature of that report will be.

The method which is to be adopted, namely, a court of inquiry, to pass upon Gen. Miles' conduct, is taken to indicate a knowledge on the part of the administration of what the report will have to say as bearing upon the Miles charges.

The common impression is that a court of inquiry can be ordered only upon the demand of the officer whose conduct is to be made the subject of discussion. While that is usually the case, there is however, a reserve power in the president to order such a court regardless of the wishes of the officer concerned.

The Senatorial Deadlock in Pennsylvania HARRISBURG, Pa., Feb. 4.—Senator Quay was 14 votes short of the number necessary to elect Friday by the absence without pairs of Senator Higgins (dem.) and Representative Scott and Senator Vare (rep.).

Heavy Snows in Utah.

SALT LAKE, Utah, Feb. 4.—The snowfall in this valley during Thursday and Friday was the heaviest known for many years. Railroad traffic has not been seriously interrupted and all local trains arrived on time Friday.

DISASTROUS HAILSTORM.

A Severe Cyclone Followed, Blowing Down Telegraph Poles, Houses, Railroad Cars, Fences, Etc.

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., Feb. 4.—A heavy hailstorm raged at Morris, in the upper part of this county late Friday afternoon. This seemed to start a cyclone and a swath 300 yards wide was mowed for several miles. Trees, telegraph poles, houses, railroad cars and fences were blown down. Several people are reported injured, but as far as known here Friday night no one was killed. At Dale, a stone quarry camp, 12 houses and a commissary were leveled. Several people were badly injured. Railroad cars were blown off the track and some of them propelled a mile away. One mile above Village Springs the cyclone blew down Lige Bowden's house, seriously injuring him and slightly injuring his family. The storm seemed to break against a mountain at this point and was dissipated.

OMAHA HOTEL QUARANTINED.

Armed Police Stand at Every Door to Prevent People Leaving—Three Cases of Smallpox Discovered.

OMAHA, Neb., Feb. 4.—The spectacle of an entire hotel full of guests being quarantined and armed policemen standing at every door and window to prevent the people escaping was presented in Omaha Friday night.

Friday morning three well defined cases of smallpox were discovered at the Vendome hotel, located in the center of the city. The health department was notified and plans were quickly decided upon for quarantining the place. A squad of armed policemen raced to the scene and when the guests started on their accustomed duties Friday morning they were driven back into the house by force. Traveling men begged to be

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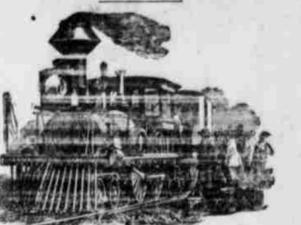
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