

PRESIDENT MCKINLEY GREETED DUC D'ARCOS

The Spanish Minister Presents
His Credentials.

He Says He Comes to Renew Relations of Friendship.

Formal Resumption of Diplomatic
Interchange between Republic
and Kingdom.

The duc d'Arcos presented his credentials as the Minister of Spain to the United States to President McKinley yesterday at 11 o'clock. This ceremony marked the

VINDICATED AFTER DEATH.

Charges Against the Late Colonel
Stotsenburg Refuted.

The Assistant Secretary of War has just received from General Otis full reports concerning the charges preferred by relatives and friends of enlisted men of the First Nebraska Volunteers against Col. John H. Stotsenburg, commanding said regiment. These charges embraced allegations of ill-treatment of the men of his command, and were accompanied by a resolution of the House of Representatives of the Nebraska Legislature, requesting a complete and thorough investigation of the matter.

General Otis, in response to the directions of the War Department, immediately set on foot an investigation. The inspector General assigned to the duty states in his report that he personally interviewed every officer of the Nebraska Regiment on duty with it, and all other officers detached from it who were accessible, and announced the substance of the charges and the resolution to each company and the band, that he also visited for the same purpose the several hospitals and invited

AN ENSIGN PRAISED BY ADMIRAL DEWEY

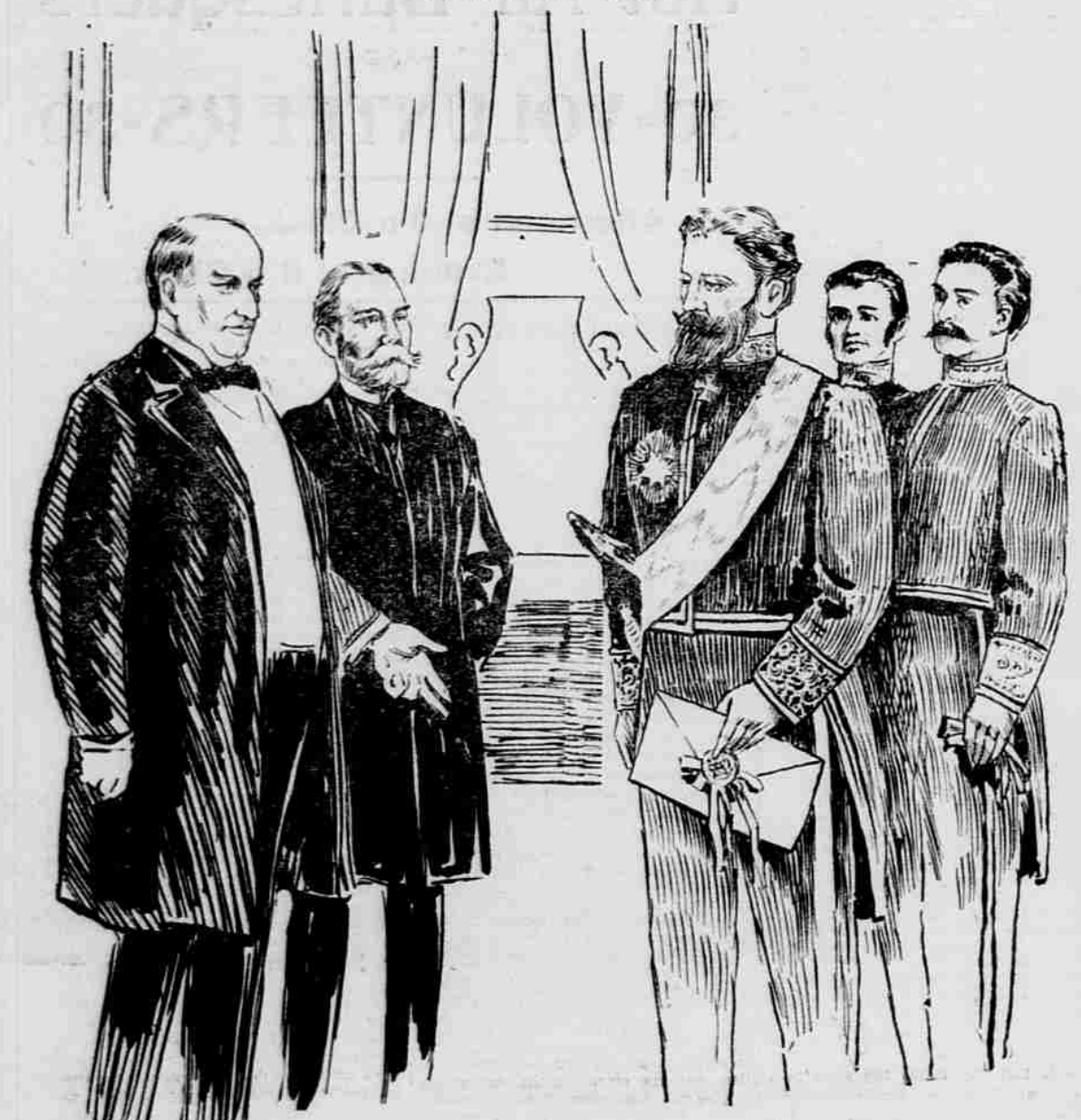
Cleland Davis, of the Helena,
May Be Advanced.

He Commanded an Automatic Gun
in the Land Operations.

General Otis Commends the Service
Performed on the Firing Line
by the Young Naval Officer.

The Navy Department yesterday made public the letter of Admiral Dewey recommending that Ensign Cleland Davis, of the gunboat Helena be advanced ten numbers

PEACE AT LAST.



RECEPTION OF THE SPANISH MINISTER BY PRESIDENT MCKINLEY.

formal restoration of diplomatic relations between the United States and Spain.

The ceremony attending the presentation of the credentials of the Spanish Minister, Duke d'Arcos, to President McKinley, was a simple and cordial one, in order to avoid any embarrassment.

The new Minister, accompanied by his attaché, Senor Pastor and Riano, drove to the State Department about 10:30 o'clock and called on the Secretary of State, Secretary Hay's carriage, with the coachman and footman, attended in the uniform worn only on state occasions, waited at the south entrance of the State, War, and Navy Building until the four gentlemen came down the steps to be driven to the White House. The Secretary of State and the duc d'Arcos took seats in Mr. Hay's carriage, while the attaché drove in the one which had conveyed the Spanish delegation to the State Department.

The duc d'Arcos was attired in full dress uniform, made of black broadcloth, elaborately trimmed in gold and red velvet. He wore a sash and sword and several medals on his left breast. The attaché was also attired in full dress uniform, but less elaborately. The duc d'Arcos was introduced to the President by Secretary Hay, who also presented the Spanish delegation to the State Department.

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all officers and men to express their sentiments freely as to the merits of the charges, and their personal opinions of Colonel Stotsenburg. It appears from the report of the Inspector General that his investigations into this subject were thorough in the extreme. Some officers made written replies, others dictated their testimony which was afterward approved by them.

The sentiments of the enlisted men were committed to writing, and subsequently read and approved by them. The consensus of opinion as obtained from these general sources completely exonerates Colonel Stotsenburg from the odium cast upon him by these charges, which under the strong light of impartial investigation dissolve themselves into complaints of a character naturally resulting from men unaccustomed to strict army discipline and methods, and in a foreign land, where their environment perhaps rendered them peculiarly susceptible to the feeling that they were being treated harshly and without regard to their well-being.

The Inspector in his conclusion states that he has seen an overwhelming majority of the officers and men of the regiment, either directly or by natural inference, strongly condemn and refute the charges, and cordially endorse Colonel Stotsenburg's administration, both as battalion and regimental commander, and that not one officer or enlisted man expressed the opinion that it would be for the best interests of the regiment to relieve him from its command. Finally he states that "the charges, therefore, receiving practically no support or sympathy from the men in whose interest or on whose behalf they have been preferred, fail to the ground."

Major General MacArthur, commanding the division in which the First Nebraska Volunteers were serving, states that at one time the condition of the regiment was a matter of deep concern at his headquarters; that the almost total absence of any useful system of military training had gradually reduced this regiment to such a condition that it became necessary to emphasize in repeated communications, the necessity of some effective remedial action. General MacArthur says that under the intelligent and strictly professional administration of Colonel Stotsenburg all cause of complaint was quickly eradicated, and that the greatest pleasure to testify from personal knowledge that at an inspection and review held shortly before the opening of hostilities the regiment presented the most attractive and inspiring appearance. The men showed in their bearing the evidence of fine military training, and the camp and surroundings indicated the most careful hygienic supervision.

In transmitting the matter to headquarters the general concludes his report in these words: "Recruited from a hardy and valiant race this regiment will return to Nebraska an honor to the State and nation, results arising largely from Colonel Stotsenburg's energetic and zealous command."

General Otis in forwarding to the department the report of the investigation remarks that the First Nebraska Regiment is a most excellent organization, and the State may well feel proud of it. Colonel Stotsenburg's efforts have in a great measure made it what it is.

"I could not ask to serve under a better officer than Colonel Stotsenburg," "We always take the lead in going out for a scrap," "I would rather have him than any other colonel we know of on the island," and "I think that Colonel Stotsenburg has treated us as an officer and a gentleman."

It is proper to add, however, that the following endorsement was placed by the Assistant Secretary of War on the request of the Governor of Nebraska for Colonel Stotsenburg's relief from the command of the First Nebraska Volunteers: "John M. Stotsenburg, Colonel of the First Nebraska Volunteers, was killed in battle at the head of his command, while leading a successful charge on the entrenchments of the enemy on April 23, 1899, at Quingue, P. I."

for meritorious conduct with the land forces in the Luzon campaign. The reports on which the recommendation was based were made public also.

Ensign Davis participated in the operations of MacArthur's division, in command of a Colt automatic gun. He was accompanied by the regular crew of the gun, Corporal Thomas Francis Prendergast, Private Howard Major Buckley, and Private Joseph Melvin, all of the marine guard of the Helena. Ensign Davis' report contains favorable comments on the working of the automatic gun, which are of particular interest on account of the failure of a similar piece of ordnance to work in Samoa during the engagement in which Lieutenant Lansdale and Ensign Monaghan were killed.

Admiral Dewey's Report.

In his report Admiral Dewey says:

"Ensign Davis was a volunteer for this duty ashore with the army. He was engaged in all actions against the insurgents that took place on the northern front of the island between February 27 and April 4, 1899. I therefore commend him to the department, and recommend that he be advanced ten numbers in his grade."

The report of Major Richard W. Young, Utah Battery, chief of artillery of MacArthur's second division, was submitted also. It is endorsed by General MacArthur as follows: "I have personal knowledge of the matter referred to within by Major Young, and take great pleasure in expressing strong concurrence in all he says of the professional skill and personal gallantry of Ensign Davis, which came repeatedly under my personal observation."

Ensign Davis' services are thus described by Major Young: "February 27, by General MacArthur's direction, he reported to me for assignment with a Colt's automatic gun and a detachment of three marines. From that date until March 23 he was stationed at Calocan, where on several occasions he materially assisted in quieting the firing of the insurgents. March 25, with his gun and detachment, he accompanied the artillery in the forward movement toward the Tulaheh River. The gun was employed against the enemy about noon of that day near Cabalaban, and toward evening a scouting party of about twenty-five dismounted cavalry from the Fourth regiment had developed the enemy in considerable force strongly entrenched behind very elaborate works on the right or west bank of the Tulaheh. The cavalry suffered severely, about 25 per cent of their number being wounded or killed, when a Utah gun and Ensign Davis with the automatic gun were ordered forward and brought into position behind a fence screen within 125 yards of the enemy trenches. During the approach to the position, the time consumed in removing obstacles and in preparation to fire, the detachments were under a vicious fire, which was redoubled as soon as the guns opened. The enemy was, however, soon silenced, the automatic gun having contributed largely to the result."

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