

CUBA UNDER PEACE.

MINISTER PALMA ON THE FUTURE OF THE ISLAND.

Says First Work After Peace Is Feeding of Natives—Thinks Cubans May Want Annexation Ultimately—Believes Spaniards Should Have No Vote on Annexation.

Tomas Estrada Palma, delegate at large of the Cuban republic, said recently at the office of the Cuban junta in New York city, when asked what steps would be taken by his government upon the declaration of peace: "The first thing to be done by the Cuban patriots in America after the blockade has been raised will be to send immediate relief to the starving Cubans in the field. Money which otherwise would have been spent for arms and ammunition will be devoted to the purchase of food, clothing and medicine for the Cuban soldiers and for their families.

"Without raising the issue of who should govern Cuba, we feel that we will have the hearty co-operation of the United States government in this matter of relieving starvation. That comes first, as a humanitarian necessity. The relief will be sent immediately, with the permission of the American government, and so far as the Cuban republic is concerned, for the present we will follow the custom of old by turning the swords into plowshares and try to get down to actual as well as theoretical peace as speedily as possible."

"What will the government of the republic of Cuba do as a government?" was asked. "The leading men of that government, from President Maso down, have implicit confidence in the declaration of the United States government that it went to war not for the acquisition of Cuba, but to free the island for the Cubans. Personally I believe that it is only a question of time when the people of Cuba will wish annexation, but at the present time there are many, especially among those who went into the field against the Spaniards, whose aim and ambition have been independence. Any policy of the United States which attempted to force annexation before the people were ready might cause considerable internal trouble."

"How soon after the declaration of peace do you think the question of annexation or independence could be brought up?" was asked. "It may take several months for the Spanish government to remove its soldiers from the island. After the Spanish soldiers have gone away there will be left only about 120,000 Spaniards. Many of these might renounce allegiance to the Spanish government. But assuming that there would remain 100,000 Spaniards on the island, that is a small number in comparison with the 1,200,000 native Cubans. While the Spanish troops are being removed I think that the United States government would be wise in consulting unofficially the wishes of the large native population. The American provisional government, which will no doubt be of a military character, can do much toward strengthening the gratitude which the native Cubans already feel for the United States for having freed them from the Spanish yoke. In what way the United States should try to get the opinion of the people of Cuba, whether by popular election or otherwise, is one of the problems which it will have to solve. But no matter in what way the American government goes about it it will always find the native Cubans not only willing but anxious to help the Americans in the solution of the problem."

"If there should be an election on the subject of annexation or independence, do you think the 100,000 Spaniards on the island ought to be allowed to vote?" "Certainly not," replied Mr. Palma. "It is true that they are part of the Cuban population, but their interests have never been with the Cubans. Only on one condition should any native Spaniard be allowed to vote in Cuba on any question, and that is that he should publicly renounce his allegiance to Spain."

"How about protecting the property of the Spaniards in Cuba?" "The honor and dignity of the native Cuban government would compel it to respect the property and persons of all inhabitants, even of the Spaniards." "How about the liberation of prisoners for political offenses?" "That will be the next desire on the part of the native Cubans after food, clothing and medicines have been supplied to the needy. The liberation of political prisoners is something which should come so quickly that we feel confident that the temporary American government on the island will liberate them all before the question of annexation or independence is brought up."

"How about the retention of Spanish officers in civil offices in Cuba?" "The native Cubans, who are as ten to one compared with the Spaniards numerically, would be much more easily governed by anybody but Spaniards. They would have very little faith in the profession of allegiance on the part of a Spanish officeholder.

"And as we know it will be the desire of the American government to rule Cuba temporarily with as much tranquillity as possible, we feel confident

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that after peace has been declared the temporary American government in Cuba will put men in office whose sympathy is with the native Cubans and who stand for the policy of liberty for which the American government went to war. By dismissing from office every native Spaniard and putting in office conservative Cubans all traces of Spanish government, so hateful to the native Cubans, will be removed. We have every confidence that the United States government will eventually turn over the island of Cuba to the people free and independent, and personally I believe that it will not be long after that that Cuba will be one of the many proud states of the Union."—New York Sun.

eral hours before they reached the scene of the tragedy.

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., Aug. 17.—S. T. McCulloch, aged 22, has surrendered to the police here, saying that he is a deserter from the United States army. He says that he was a member of Roosevelt's rough riders and deserted on Aug. 5 at Tampa. McCulloch says that he enlisted at Santa Fe, N. M., and was with that part of Roosevelt's regiment which was left at Tampa.

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., Aug. 18.—Alabama iron operators have already this month sold more iron than in any month of this year. The sales aggregate over 100,000 tons, and inquiries are still active. Southern iron prices have kept pace with the advance in the north, and southern pig is now selling for 25 cents advance, but very little can be gotten at that, the furnaces being sold ahead for several months.

DECATUR, Ala., Aug. 18.—Deputies have captured a gang of counterfeiters who have been operating in this section for some time, and had flooded Decatur with "queer" coin, mostly quarter dollars stamped 1898. The leader of the gang, Albert Larson, with his pals, went under the guise of fishermen. Their plant and tools, with several hundred new coins, were captured about 1 mile up the Tennessee river in a cabin.

AUGUSTA, Ga., Aug. 22.—A unique business enterprise is taking shape in Augusta. The company therefor has been formed. A steamer is to be purchased and made into a floating general store to ply the river and trade between Augusta and Savannah. The plan is not to tie up at either bank, but keep in the middle of the stream, putting out or receiving trade from small boats. It is believed license tax can thus be avoided.

ATLANTA, Aug. 22.—Orders have been sent out from the department of the gulf by General Pennington removing all the troops now at Key West, Fla., and providing them with transports on which they will be taken at once to Montauk Point, L. I. The information which reached the department last week to the effect that several cases of yellow fever had been discovered in Key West was responsible for the action of the government in removing the soldiers.

CHARLESTON, Aug. 20.—Guard Charles M. Caste of the lifesaving station on Sullivan's island was drowned while attempting to save young Edward Schachte, who had ventured out beyond his depth. Schachte's cries for help were heard at the station and Caste was the first man to respond. He swam out to the boy and was bringing him to shore when he was seized by currents

and went down. Schachte was saved by other men from the station. Caste's body was not recovered.

MONTGOMERY, Ala., Aug. 19.—The Democratic state executive committee has adopted a resolution sustaining the appeal of Syd Lyons and others from the action of the First district executive committee in the matter of prescribing qualifications for voters in the approaching primary, and directed the congressional committee to call another primary election in the county to be participated in by all legal voters who professed faith in the principles of the party and agreed to support the nominees of the convention.

ATLANTA, Aug. 19.—The Constitution prints a special from Santiago de Cuba announcing the arrival there of Colonel Ray's immune regiment, which left Savannah several days ago. According to this dispatch, the outrages which have been committed in Santiago by the Second and Fifth volunteer regiments surpass description. The two regiments, it is alleged, appeared to be without control or discipline and broke ranks shortly after reaching the city, going from house to house, committing robbery, murder, rape and arson.

MONTGOMERY, Ala., Aug. 20.—Commissioner of Agriculture Culver, who has just returned from the meeting of the vice presidents of the Southern Cotton Growers' association, brings this information regarding the prospects for the cotton crop in the south this year: Texas prospect is very fine and the indications are for a larger number of bales than ever before; Arkansas prospect fine; Louisiana, Mississippi and Alabama off from continuous rains and rust; Georgia, South Carolina, North Carolina and Tennessee crop fine.

General News Items.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 20.—The president has appointed Charles Hays, Jr., postmaster at Eataw, Ala.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 22.—The Manila cable was repaired and operated by the signal corps of the United States army.

BOMBAY, India, Aug. 18.—The bubonic plague is again epidemic. There were 18 deaths officially reported last week.

INDEPENDENCE, Ia., Aug. 18.—The barn of Peter Roy, 10 miles north of here, was struck by lightning last night. Five sons, the oldest being 16, who were sleeping in the mow, were burned to death.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 19.—United States Minister Hunter of Guatemala cables the state department that General Morales, leader of the revolution, was captured in a cave on Wednesday and died on his way to prison at San Sebastian.

SACRAMENTO, Aug. 18.—Governor Budd has commuted the sentence of John Corbett, who has been serving a five years' sentence at San Quentin for burglary. His term would have expired next Thursday. He is a brother of James Corbett, the pugilist.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 19.—The war department authorities are not alarmed about yellow fever among the troops in the United States, but a close watch is being kept at all points where there is the least danger. The three cases at Key West are the only ones reported in the south and no additional cases have been reported in the last three or four days.

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