

CUBAN ASSEMBLY HAS COLLAPSED.

Votes to Disband the Army and Then Dissolves.

Habana, April 4.—The Cuban military assembly this afternoon voted to disband the army and to dissolve.

The voting was 21 in favor against one opposed.

The muster rolls were left in the possession of the executive committee of the assembly, who will facilitate the preparation of copies for Governor General Brooke.

The army question is considered settled.

"As the shadows of night fall over the city, we finish our work. So is Cuba's future clouded and dark. I take leave of you with sorrow, and my last words are: May Cuba some day be free and independent."

With these words, Gen. Fernando Freyre de Andrade, president of the military assembly, closed its last session at 7 o'clock this evening. The whole meeting was calm and dispassionate. It lasted four hours. Gen. Sanguilly's flights of oratory, in which he likened the members of the assembly to a "band of faithful workers devoted to Cuba's good, but finally vanquished by uncontrollable conditions," were received with applause.

The assembly ordered the disbanding of the army in accordance with Senator Despaignes' motion and passed upon the details and methods of the disbandment. A new executive committee was then appointed to attend the routine work connected with the commission of Cuban officers and this committee will supply to Gen. Brooke the copies of the Cuban muster rolls.

Twenty two members attended the closing session.

Salvator Cisneros, of Puerto Principe, who was chosen president of the Cuban republic at the meeting of the provincial delegates at Puerto Principe, Sept. 23, 1895, and was ultimately succeeded by Senor Bartolome Maso, was the only member to vote against the resolutions to disband and to dissolve. To the very last he declared that, in any event, the resolution to dissolve was unconstitutional and that he would never give up his position until a new assembly had been elected.

Senores Havia and Villalón arrived this morning from Washington and the assembly was convened this afternoon in order to hear their report regarding their efforts in Washington. Not until after an hour's delay was a quorum secured.

Senor Hevia then made a detailed statement of their visit to Washington and the failure of their mission.

A report embodying the substance of Menor Hevia's statement was submitted to the assembly after which Senores Hevia and Villalón expressed themselves as convinced that it would be impossible to get another cent from the United States, or an American authorization to make a loan and that it was equally hopeless to negotiate the loan proposed by Mr. Cohen.

Strangely enough, this recital of the experiences of the commission was not followed by any burst of passionate criticism. Silence reigned, until Gen. Andrade, president of the assembly, said that Senator Despaignes' dissolution motion, with the amendments, would be considered. Then Senor Cisneros raised his dissenting voice, persisting in that attitude until the close of the proceedings, but his declaration was the only feature which prevented the discussion and the decision from being unanimous.

Senor Despaignes' motion called for the disbandment of the army with permission to the soldiers to accept money from the United States. The various amendments had to do with the details of reorganization. After a two hours' discussion the resolution was finally passed.

CUBAN GENERALS MEET AND TAKE ACTION.

Habana, April 7.—The generals met today at Marianao and officially decided to reinstate Gen. Maximo Gomez as commander in chief. They also decided to appoint an executive board of three generals to assist him in distributing the \$3,000,000, in the details of disarming and in the organization of the rural police for the provinces. He will be officially notified of their action and a proclamation will probably be issued to the Cubans.

Four thousand one hundred cans of beef have been destroyed at the Regla warehouse during the last three months without action on the part of the boards of survey, under the direction of Chief Commissary A. L. Smith and in accordance with the regulations allowing such action when the public health is menaced. Some additional thousands of cans have been destroyed after official survey, besides the 10,800 cans that were condemned when Inspector General Breckinridge was here.

About 2 per cent of all the meat handled has been spoiled, and about 10 per cent of the canned tomatoes. There is but little decayed meat in stock now, but there are probably 25,000 cans of tomatoes unfit for consumption, owing to storage in a damp climate. The damp in the holds of the

ships causes corrosion of the tin. The frequent handling involves more or less breakage and fermentation is the result.

No canned meat has been issued to the troops in Cuba, who have invariably been supplied with fresh or refrigerated meat, the canned beef going to the Cuban destitute. From them there has been apparently no complaint, in fact they have been eager to get it.

The recently issued taxation decree lays \$2,000,000 less of imports upon Habana, while still leaving a greater revenue for the city, as none is now applied to the purposes of the general government.

The Regla warehouse beef destroyed by Maj. J. C. Mulliken of the subsistence department, and the beef which will have to be destroyed, formed part of the old Puerto Rico consignment.

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THE WAR IN SAMOA.

AN INTERVIEW WITH ADMIRAL KAUTZ.

Apia, Samoa, March 24, via San Francisco, April 7.—The Associated Press correspondent had an interview with Admiral Kautz yesterday. He spoke quite freely of the situation and considers he has been grossly insulted by the German consul general issuing his counter proclamation. The admiral takes the stand that the Berlin treaty which he is instructed by his government to uphold does not make any provision whatever for a provisional government. His instructions are to carry out the treaty in accordance with the views of a majority of the consular representatives. The admiral is very wrath with the German consul and blames him entirely for the present attitude of the rebels, as the natives were obeying his command to retire to their homes when the German proclamation was issued.

Everybody is anxiously awaiting definite news from the three powers. It is thought that if Germany acknowledges Tanus as king the rebellion will be broken. If not, Admiral Kautz will take stronger measures than hitherto.

There is intense feeling against the Germans here, and they are accused of spying and giving information to the rebels. One Marquardt, who has been drilling the natives, was arrested and sent on board the Falke under the pledge of the German commander that he will not be allowed to land. A half caste named Taylor has been arrested as a spy and is in irons on the Porpoise. H. J. Moore, an American, is confined to his store under suspicion of being a Mataafa sympathizer. Saturday and Sunday were quiet. The Tivoli hotel has been mined in case it becomes necessary to blow it up and two German lights from the shore is the signal to shell it. Sunday a body of native foragers came upon a Mataafa crowd, killing eight and wounding 20 of them when the rebels fled.

For several days the German warship Falke persistently kept in the way so as to incommodate the fire of the British ships. Finally Admiral Kautz compelled her to move inside the harbor entrance out of the way. On March 23—King Tanuafili Malitua was crowned king of Samoa at Mulinu. The ceremony was attended by United States and British representatives. A procession marched through Apia headed by the band of the Philadelphia. The German officials were conspicuous by their absence.

H. M. S. Tauranga arrived today. At present there are on shore 175 men from the Philadelphia and 150 from the Porpoise and Royalist. The Tauranga has a complement of nearly 400 men and this reinforcement will enable the admiral to take offensive measures. So far he has been compelled to act on the defensive in the island operations.

T. B. Rice, Druggist, Greensboro, Ga., writes as follows: "In the past eight years, I have sold more of Dr. Pitts' Garminative than all the soothing syrups, colic drops, and other baby medicines combined." Sold by J. F. W. DeLorme.

Louisville, Ky., April 6.—President Samuel Spencer, Second Vice President W. W. Finley, Third Vice President and General Manager Frank Gannon and other officials of the Southern railroad, left Louisville today for St. Louis over the Air Line. The party was accompanied by Mr. Geo. T. Jarvis, receiver and general manager of the Air Line. It is generally believed that the Air Line will soon be controlled by the Southern.

Santiago, April 6.—There are now twenty two bandits in the Santiago military prison. Major Gen. Wood, the Military Governor, is actively suppressing disturbances from this source. Yesterday four bandits from San Luis, and three from Guantanamo were brought in. There is not a little excitement over the operations of the outlaws, and rumors are in circulation regarding troubles in the district of Holguin, but the present efforts of the military authorities will soon assure safety in all parts of the province.

PROMISES TO FILIPINOS

The Commission Guarantees Them Liberties.

Manila, April 4.—The proclamation of the United States Philippine commissioners, just promulgated, assures the Filipinos of the cordial good will and fraternal feeling of the president and people of the United States. The main object of the American government, apart from the solemn obligations assumed toward the family of nations by the acceptance of the sovereignty over the Philippines, its well being, prosperity and people. The purposes of the American government have been misrepresented by some of the inhabitants of certain islands, in consequence of which the American forces, which are friendly, have been openly attacked without provocation.

The commissioners state that the supremacy of the United States will be maintained, but that the people will be granted the most ample liberty and self government reconcilable with the proper administration of affairs. Civil rights are guaranteed and protected and religious freedom is assured. All will have an equal standing in the eyes of the law. Schools will be established and reforms in all branches of the government will be effected.

Another Story as to The American Troops in The Philippines.

Fort Worth, April 5.—Dr. Chas. V. Harris, of the medical department of the United States army, passed through today en route to Washington on important business with the war department. He comes from the Philippines and says the reports of the excellent health of the American troops false.

He states that many of the soldiers are disheartened at their physical condition and deliberately place themselves as targets for the enemy's guns.

The opinion of Dr. Harris is that if the troops remain in the Philippines any great length of time sickness and death is sure to follow.

Washington, April 7.—The cabinet was in session nearly an hour today. The method of making the payment of \$20,000,000 to Spain was talked over, but no decision was reached. It is expected that the transfer will be made by a draft on the treasury to be delivered to any representative whom the Spanish government may designate. The situation in the Philippines was also discussed and a telegram was read to the effect that Aguinaldo was reorganizing his army north of his late capital.

Philippine Casualties.

Washington, April 5.—The casualties in the Philippines from February 4 to April 4 inclusive, are reported to the adjutant general's office as follows: Killed 184; wounded 965. Total 1,160.

"Our line was advanced by rushes," writes a Kansas soldier in the Philippines, about a recent engagement. "That is, a line fifty or one hundred yards ahead where cover could be had was designated, then the line would go forward at the run, throw ourselves flat on our faces, and fire by volleys until we had gained our breath, then make another rush. This mode of advancing is the strongest point in the new tactics, as I view the matter. Our men are in good fix, and I will guarantee that in the seven consecutive days' fighting they have fired more rounds than the average soldiers in the civil war, and have demonstrated the fact, I think, that the sons of soldiers make as good soldiers as their soldier fathers. I know their enthusiasm is remarkable. We get as many men out to fight as we do at pay day. I get very little sleep, but am well."

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The Washington Post has the following in reference to this matter: "The government's policy toward the numerous chain letter schemes that have flourished throughout the country in recent years, is brought out by two decisions rendered Saturday by Acting Assistant Attorney General Harrison J. Barrett, for the postoffice department, holding them in certain cases to be violations of the lottery laws as dependent upon chance."

Given Hurry Orders.

The Cruiser Detroit to Produced Forthwith to Bluefields.

Washington, April 6.—The cruiser Detroit, which is now lying off La Guayra, Venezuela, has been ordered post haste to Bluefields, Nicaragua, for the protection of American interests in that quarter. On the way she will touch at Port Limon, Costa Rica, where her commander will put himself in communication with the United States consul at that point and where he also may receive further instructions. She is also likely to make a very brief stop at Greytown. Her dispatch under hurry orders is at the urgent request of the state department, to which American residents both at Bluefields and in Costa Rica have appealed for protection of American interests. The arbitrary and extortionate policy adopted by Gen. Torres at Bluefields, who on more than one occasion has made himself persona non grata to this government and whose restoration to power at this time has been followed by acts which American residents resent and protest against, is the main cause of the vessel's dispatch. The state department at the same time has cabled instructions to the United States diplomatic representations at Bluefields to lodge an energetic protest with the Nicaraguan government against the action of Gen. Torres and a disregard of this protest will be followed up by a more positive step on the part of this government. In Costa Rica, the American business men and residents are in trouble as a result of an "obscure" movement. It is understood that the insurgents are levying forced loans on them besides collecting exorbitant and doubtful duties on imports.

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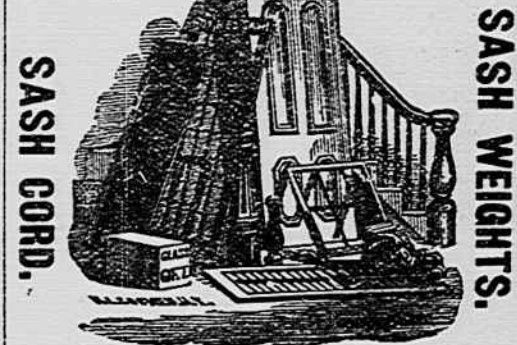
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