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## GEN. GOMEZ IS POUTING

For That Reason He Has Withdrawn from Remedios

Will Remain There Until the Army Is Paid Off—Cubans Claim That \$40,000,000 Is Needed For That Purpose—West Virginia Syndicate Buys Cuban Town Site—Other Interesting News.

REMEDIOS, Cuba, Jan. 23.—General Maximo Gomez, commander-in-chief of the Cuban army, has withdrawn to this part of the island. As previously cabled he was not invited to be present at the evacuation ceremonies at Havana on January 1, and he is now here nursing his feelings of alleged injury sustained at the hands of our government.

As a salve to the injured feelings of neglect he has been receiving the adulations of the Cuban populace of the various towns through which he has passed. General Gomez remains at the head of the Cuban army. He considers this to be his post until the army is paid off. The amount needed for this purpose, according to the Cubans is \$40,000,000, which would give nearly \$1,000 to each soldier.

General Gomez will soon proceed to Santa Clara. This city is the capital of the province, and was such a hotbed of Spanish sympathy during the Cuban war that Cubans today, in their hour of victory, ignore the town's name and have christened it Villa Clara. Here he follows the same course as adopted at Remedios and Calbarien, namely, the uniting of Spanish and Cuban interests for the immediate establishment of the Cuban republic and the furtherance and growth of the new united party of Cuban independence. This idea is already abroad in the province of Santa Clara and newly established Cuban newspapers are taking it up and giving it a guarded prominence.

General Gomez, as the head of the Cuban army, occupies a position of importance and influence which should not be underestimated. He has his enemies and detractors in this same army, but the fact remains that he is the leader of the one tangible thing the populace of Cuba today possesses upon which they can show the expressions of their joys and satisfaction over the departure of the Spaniards. If the army were disbanded General Gomez, who is primarily a fighter and a man of action, would be without an occupation, unless of course, he can in the meantime organize and establish the new united party of Cuban independence that a political career will open out before him and hold possible honors for his declining years.

## Boys Up a Cuban Townsite.

HAVANA, Jan. 23.—Jeremiah A. Miller, cashier of a prominent bank in Wheeling, W. Va., has purchased for a West Virginia syndicate the site of the ancient town of Cabanas in the province of Pinar del Rio, about forty miles west of Havana. The former owner was Manuel Ortiz. The syndicate purposes to dredge the port, to build warehouses and a railroad and make Cabanas an outlet for the products of Pinar del Rio so as to divert the trade from Havana.

Hannis Taylor, former United States minister to Spain, who is staying at the Hotel Inglaterra, was waited on today by a deputation headed by Domingo Menguez Capote, secretary of the department of government, and Perfecto Lacoste, mayor of Havana, who expressed in the name of their compatriots their high appreciation of Mr. Taylor's services at a critical stage of Cuba's struggle for liberty.

Chief of Police Menocua, ex-Superintendent McCullagh and Colonel John G. Evans, superintendent of the department of corrections, made a number of police appointments today, choosing 120 men, among them fifty members of the old guardia civil. Drills have been begun and the newly-constituted force will take control of the city within the next ten days. One hundred and fifty uniforms have been finished and the rest will be ready by the time they are needed.

## SOLDIER FRESH FROM MANILA.

B. Cecil Jack Arrives Home and Is Kept Busy Answering Questions

B. Cecil Jack, a member of the First Nebraska regiment, arrived in this city on Monday from San Francisco, having landed there January 16, and was discharged, with 180 members of the First. He was kept pretty busy answering questions which were shot at him from all sides by his friends, and the story he tells of his experience since enlisting in the army is quite interesting.

He says his regiment is stationed one mile from the outskirts of Manila, and that the other members from Plattsmouth are well, but are anxious to get away from there, now that the war is over. They left Manila December 18, and the only stop made was at Nagasaki, Japan, at which place a five days' stop was made. This was a very interesting point, he states. It is a city of 50,000 inhabitants, beautifully situated on a bay. He saw two trees in a park there which were planted by General Grant and wife in 1879, during their trip around the world.

The sea was very rough all the time during the trip. The thing of interest

which happened was the exploding of a comet near the ship, which lighted the heavens for miles around, the report being plainly heard by the passengers.

The sanitary condition of Manila is improved considerably from what it was when the soldiers were there, and as a result the soldiers' health is much better. They are also being fed much better than they were. An order, which is rigidly enforced, is that any soldier found drinking water before it has been boiled will be court-martialed, which would give one an idea of the quality of the water. He visited the electric light power house of the city and says the machinery is all of American make and the service is the best he ever saw.

One of the points of interest visited by himself, Charles Searle and another soldier was the city of Malabon, fifteen miles from Manila with 100,000 inhabitants. They saw some old, but beautiful churches, the bell in the tower of one bearing the date 1508. They were the first Americans the natives had ever seen and were looked upon as curiosities, but were royally treated.

The soldiers of Manila are favorable to expansion to a man.

## HIGHLY ENTERTAINING LECTURE.

Dr. Stratton Lectures Under Auspices of the Boys' History Class.

The lecture delivered by Dr. Stratton under the auspices of the Boys' History class Saturday evening on "Boys and Reading" was one of the most interesting which has ever been delivered in this city. The lecture was listened to by a fairly good-sized audience, but not nearly so large as it merited.

Willie Ramsey, president of the club, introduced the speaker with such much as many older ones could. The executive board, consisting of Willie Ramsey, president; L. A. Campbell, vice president; Robert White, secretary, and Wade Windham, treasurer, occupied seats on the platform. The members of the young history class were guests of the boys. The boys, as well as the entire audience, paid strict attention to the speaker.

Dr. Stratton mentioned the class of reading matter which should be used, named many magazines and periodicals as the proper class. The lecture will be of permanent benefit to all who heard it.

About \$15 was cleared out of the lecture, which will be given to the public library, and as this was the boys' initial effort in the way of giving a public entertainment they are quite well pleased with the result.

## TEN SONS IN THE ARMY.

Queen Victoria's Gifts Bring to Light Some Curious Facts.

The gift by Queen Victoria of \$50 and her portrait, which her majesty sent to Mrs. Kevech, of St. Brewster, Cornwall, in appreciation of the service of Mrs. Kevech's seven sons in the army, has had the effect of bringing to light several other cases of large families who have upheld the flag of old England. Whether these cases have been discovered with a view of sharing the queenly reward or merely to show that there "were others" does not seem to be clear, but the fact is that there have been not a few families in which a large number of sons have fought in the same regiment. The Battye brothers are believed to have been the most numerous of any one family of fighters. There were ten of these men, and they were all in the army at one time. Battles took off four, but the others went on fighting, and made good records without meeting disaster. One of them achieved signal distinction, being appointed military knight at Windsor. This was Col. Montague Battye, and his installation took place not long ago. Eight sons were given by Mrs. Margaret Clark, who died at Plymouth in 1817. Seven of these sons entered the naval service of John Bull, the remaining son donning the uniform of a soldier. The navy boys had harder "going" than the one who fought on land, for in an engagement commanded on one side by Admiral Keppel five of the sons were killed in one day.

## The King of the Belgians.

The King of Belgians takes a great deal of outdoor exercise, and particularly so when at Ostend, his favorite resort, and where he has a charming summer palace. Although he suffers from lameness arising from a stiff knee, he usually walks fully twenty miles a day. The cause of his lameness occurred many years ago when he was quite a young man and Queen Victoria was visiting Brussels. Prince Leopold, as he was then, was in command of Her Majesty's escort, for many hours during a heavy down-pour, from which he caught a chill, it settling in his knee, causing permanent lameness.

## Fastest Four-Footed Swimmer.

The otter is the fastest swimming quadruped known. In the water it exhibits an astonishing agility, swimming in a nearly horizontal position with the greatest ease, diving and darting along beneath the surface with a speed equal if not superior to that of many fishes.

## The Sultan's Gold Plate.

Among the sultan's gold plate there are dishes of solid gold of extraordinary size, and there are plates, cups, and saucers, tureens and pitchers, massive and heavy, made of the same precious metal.

## WHITE SLAVES IN HUNGARY.

Hungary Peasants Harassed to Plead Like Beasts of Burden.

From the London Mail: Stephen Varkonyi, the leader of the peasants' revolution which convulsed Hungary during the early months of this year, has just been sentenced to one year's imprisonment for high treason. The movement which was inaugurated by Varkonyi was a revolt against the remnants of serfdom which still exist in some parts of Hungary. In these districts each peasant is compelled to work fifty days in the year for the landowner without pay. These fifty days of compulsory labor are not successive or at fixed intervals, but when the landowner has work to be done he sends a drummer through the village and every male inhabitant is obliged to respond to the summons. Thereupon so many men are selected as required. The landowner almost invariably exacts this labor in the summer, when the peasants' time is most valuable to him. In summer the peasant can earn as much as one shilling a day; in winter not more than fourpence or sixpence. In winter the peasants are compelled to act as beaters in the magnates' hunts for a wage of twopence a day. The occupation is a dangerous one and the time is not counted in the annual fifty days' compulsory labor. The wives of the peasants are required to sweep and scrub the local manor house once a week without pay. Finally, many landowners use the peasants as beasts of burden, harnessing four men to plow instead of two oxen.

Stephen Varkonyi, who instigated the revolt against these degrading conditions of labor, is a sort of Hungarian Wat Tyler. He is the son of poor peasants, was educated in the farmyard and graduated in the fields. He is quite a typical horny handed son of toil, is physically tall, stoutly built, and small eyes, with their suggestion of the Mongolian slit, and has that rough kind of natural humor which appeals to the simple peasant mind. Varkonyi, whose power over the agricultural population of his country is unbounded, is one of the most interesting figures in modern Hungarian life.

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## Hibernation of a Frog.

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## A Verdict of Border Days.

"He died through his own exertion, with some slight assistance from his neighbors," was the verdict of an early day coroner's jury in Ellsworth county, Missouri, after it had heard testimony to the effect that the vigilance committee had made a horse thief climb a ladder against a telegraph pole and jump off with a rope around his neck.

## Smallpox.

Information has been received by the Board of Health that smallpox exists in the country, and that a number of people have been exposed to the disease.

Notice is hereby given that anyone who has been exposed to smallpox or varioloid, if found on the streets of Platts-mouth or in the outskirts of the city, will be arrested and promptly quarantined at the pest house until they are in a fit condition to be released.

F. M. RICHY, Chairman.  
E. D. CUMMINS, M. D., Sec'y.

## The Oldest Dressmaker's Bill.

Most likely the oldest dressmaker's bill in the world has been discovered on a Chaldean tablet, dated 2,800 B. C. It has an entry of "92 pure vestments for the priests." Among the items are "ten white robes of the Temple, eight robes of the house of his lady, ten collars of the house of his lady, ten pair of gold collars, two white robes, and four scented robes." Also "two winders," probably scarfs for binding about the waist.

## Stands at the Head.

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## Christmas with the Danes.

In many countries the Christmas feast formerly lasted from two to three weeks, and it was believed that the angels partook of the earthly food. Denmark, even at this time, considers it obligatory to have breakfast, dinner and supper of distinctive dishes on Christmas. Beefsteak and reindeer cutlets form part of the menu for breakfast. The dinner consists of grod (a soup of oatmeal and rice) roast goose stuffed with apples, and roast pork and beet roots and gherkin pickles.

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