

WILL IGNORE THE ASSEMBLY

Authorities in Havana Publish Warning to Inhabitants of the Island.

ADHERE TO VETERAN PATRIOTS' CAUSE

General Brooke is Authorized by Washington to Dissolve the History Cuban Military Assembly as He Sees Fit.

HAVANA, March 15.—General Gomez has decided to proceed with the plans agreed upon for distributing the \$3,000,000 to Cuban troops on disbanding, as though the military assembly did not exist.

He conferred for two hours today with General Brooke to details. General Brooke asked Washington several days ago whether in case he dissolved the assembly his action would be approved. The cabinet reply authorized him to dissolve that body if, in his judgment, such an act was necessary.

Havana is much more quiet today and less excitement is noticeable. This is partly due to the fact that the assembly held no meetings. Rumors are current that its self-dissolution is a matter of the early future.

At a meeting this morning the Cuban generals, Diaz, Moberg, Nodarse, Peraza, and others decided to join with General Pedro Betancourt, commander of the Cuban troops in Matanzas, in a public declaration of their position.

Will Side with Gomez. La Ciguatera understands that they will side with General Gomez. The papers continue to print letters and telegrams from all points declaring adherence to the veteran patriots' cause.

There are numerous fresh calls today for the resignation of Civil Governor Mora and Chief of Police Menocal because of their attitude, the result of misunderstanding or otherwise, toward Sunday's parade in honor of General Gomez, and the names of their successors are already suggested.

The United States military authorities publish this statement: "We are officially authorized to say that the president of the United States will not recognize any obligation incurred by the body known as the Cuban assembly, and that all reports to the contrary are absolutely untrue."

There have been six resignations from the assembly since Sunday—Generals at Senora Cepedea, Montenegro, Munoz, Leira, Mola and Tamayo.

Another Demonstration for Gomez. This afternoon's demonstration in favor of Gomez, in which all the patriotic clubs as well as many women and children took part, was better organized than that of Monday, though not so spontaneous.

General thousand people paraded to General Gomez's residence. He made his appearance and addressed them and the procession did not return until after midnight.

Archbishop Chapele, the apostolic delegate to the West Indies, discussed with General Brooke today the situation of the Roman Catholic church in Cuba. He asks nothing except that the church be allowed to retain its property, jurisdiction and rights as an organization under the Spanish law.

To this General Brooke sees no objection, though there are some titles in dispute that may have to come before the courts. The church will continue to control the cemeteries and in cases where those have been taken into the municipal hands the latter will be ordered to give them back.

The archbishop realizes that a certain amount of distrust is felt regarding the church in Cuba and he may suggest to Rome some plan to "Cubanize" the church, gradually recruiting the hierarchy from the Cubans themselves and giving the local Spanish element less authority.

The First Texas and Second Louisiana regiments will go north as soon as transportation can be secured, which will probably be next week.

Duel Does Not Materialize. It is said on good authority that the second of General Alejandro Rodriguez, chief of staff of General Gomez, and Colonel Raoul Arango, a mounted inspector of police, who was called a coward by Rodriguez on Monday for clubbing a woman while dispersing a portion of the parade in Belascoain street, arranged a duel between the two principals, to be fought with pistols today, but the military assembly sent a notification to General Rodriguez and Colonel Arango last night forbidding the duel, which was consequently declared off.

A number of newspaper sellers gathered this morning at the office of a Havana paper which has not criticized the action of the military assembly on Saturday. In terms sufficiently strong to suit the people, and they requested that today's issue contain an article showing that the paper sided with the people; also notifying the management that the newspaper sellers would refuse to sell this paper if the request was not complied with.

Cold Looks for Committee. WASHINGTON, March 15.—The committee which was appointed yesterday by the Cuban military assembly at Havana to come to Washington to receive recognition, it can be stated will not be recognized in any official capacity.

UNIQUE TAX RATES IN PORTO RICO. Owners of Buildings Must Paint and Whitewash Under Penalty.

SAO JUAN, Porto Rico, March 4.—The treasury, or Department of Finance of Porto Rico, which has in charge the collection of taxes in the island, has provided a new system of taxes on property.

Compared with the method of assessment in vogue in the United States, it seems a most complicated affair. Really it is a just method of taxation, according to the Porto Rican standard. In some respects it is somewhat unique. Owners of city and town property in Porto Rico must whitewash and paint their buildings regularly under penalty of a fine.

After July 1 brick kilns that are only and exclusively destined to brick making for the construction of buildings are exempt from taxation. Limekilns established with the same object as the brick kilns above described shall pay no taxes.

Houses shall pay only 8 per cent of the clear rent which each produces, deducting from the gross rent 25 per cent for repairing expenses and other abatements. As to houses inhabited by their owners, their value shall be estimated according to similar houses in the same street.

One-half of this tax shall be paid into the office of collectors of internal revenues for the central treasury and the other half into the depositories of the municipal council, as municipal incomes. Houses whose owners live away from the island shall be taxed 50 per cent over this tax.

Country seats shall not pay any tax, as the rural estates where they are built upon pay their taxes. Villages where the poor reside shall not pay taxes if owned by their dwellers.

Houses situated in first rate streets or locations shall pay 5 cents for every square meter, those in second rate streets or locations 2 1/2 cents and those situated in third rate streets and locations 1 cent for every square meter.

Unbuilt ground lots, whose owners live away from the island, shall be taxed 50 per cent over this tax. The proceeds of the tax on these properties are to be divided as to the tax dwellings. No tax shall be collected from physicians, lawyers, artists, craftsmen or artisans for the practice of their professions or the prosecution of their work as such.

COSTLY FOE OF THE FARMER

Destructive Work of the Hessian Fly in the Grain Fields of the Country.

ITS METHODS OFFICIALLY INVESTIGATED

Results of an Extended Study of the Pest, How it Operates and Means of Destruction—Fire a Safe Cure.

WASHINGTON, March 12.—(Correspondence of The Bee.)—An insect that is able to do a million dollars' worth of damage to the farmers of the United States in a single year may well be regarded as one of the most dangerous and destructive of the many foes against which the agriculturists of this country are compelled to fight for a living.

The noted Hessian fly, which is second to the famous chinch bug in the destruction of crops throughout more than one-half of the grain-growing districts of the United States and its ravages in the wheat fields in other countries have long been known and experienced. Hence the Department of Agriculture has for some time past made this subject a serious study and will soon issue a bulletin, giving an important treatise that will be much sought for by the tillers of the soil.

At present the Hessian fly has a very wide distribution throughout the grain-growing region of Europe and America. There is evidence of it having existed from prehistoric time in the countries of southern Europe adjacent to the Mediterranean sea and was introduced into this country near New York City by the Hessian soldiers during the war of the revolution in 1776 and 1777.

The pest infested the straw used for the soldiers' bedding and soon spread from their camps. Observations showed that the pest was that section into the adjacent territory was approximated at the rate of twenty miles per year.

The facts concerning its distribution throughout the United States are of great importance in connection with the wheat industry, as each year of its spread added continual and greater losses. From the time of its introduction its distribution followed the expansion of the wheat districts associated with the development and settlement of the Mississippi valley.

It is now spreading westward and westward spread seems to have placed its extreme limit in Maine, at Bangor. Southward it has gone as far as the northern part of South Carolina and in its extreme limit in Texas it reaches the Gulf of Mexico. Westward it occurs throughout a good portion of Kansas, the eastern part of Nebraska, and northward, according to Webster, the noted entomologist, it has been found in North Dakota and Minnesota.

On the Pacific coast it has ravaged the wheat crops of California and Oregon to some extent in late years. Scientists believe the dispersal of this insect pest in the wheat-growing districts of Idaho, Washington and other points, where wheat culture is carried on, is due to the fact that it is fortified against by reason of the extended ranges of mountains or stretches of arid land.

Making Its Presence Known. The only way in which the presence of the pest is recognized is by its characteristic breaking down of the wheat after the plant has grown to some considerable height. In feeding upon it the fly punctures the blades and the stem or root of the plant at its base, which causes it to break and die. During the late fall the fly deposits its eggs upon the stubble wheat, on grasses and upon the ground. The larva, having wonderful vitality in extreme cold sections, lies until the middle of April or first of May, when the warm springs around it. It is this brood that plays havoc with the spring wheat, as they mature very soon after hatching. This brood lays its eggs on the stalk and by the time the winter wheat is reaching maturity they have transferred their operations to the wheat. It is this brood that not only a number of broods, from one to possibly five or six, depending upon latitude, but by retardation under conditions peculiar to each year. It has long been known that this pest flourishes best in the wet weather, favors it. Moisture favors the well-being of the larva stage and drought does it no injury.

Besides doing vast damage to the wheat crops each year the Hessian fly prey upon crops of rye, barley and various varieties of grasses. It has been noticed only during the last two years that this pest feeds on grasses and its attacks have been confined exclusively to Canada, where much havoc was played. Prof. Webster says the Hessian fly need be no longer a source of loss under a proper system of agriculture. The best preparation of the farmer, however, to contend with the insect involves for him a thorough knowledge of the conditions of acceleration or retardation of development as affecting the time of appearance of the various broods.

Measure of Destruction. In harvesting the grain in July and August it is recommended by the government that it be cut quite high and the infested stubble field, as a measure to destroy the larvae before it has reached its mature stage. Along with the burning of stubble the chaff and screenings after threshing should likewise be destroyed. In wet weather, when the burning of stubble is impracticable, then it is recommended to use the field roller. By burning and compacting the earth in this manner the puparia in the earth, is prevented. Volunteer wheat at this time should also be mowed under, as it furnishes a hiding place for the insect when all other sources of food are exhausted.

In the winter wheat regions, when early sowing is practical and the crop shows evidence of being infested, it should be sown under at once and another crop put in. Late sowing of fall wheat has been one of the principal resources against Hessian flies and the investigations of the leading entomologists show that they agree in a strong recommendation of this policy.

Webster says "If farmers in the extreme northern part of Indiana and in southern Michigan can sow their wheat with safety about the middle of September and those in the southern part of Michigan and other sections until after the first of October, there will be a retardation of the fly's fall brood. This may be used to advantage throughout the intervening territory. Starting in southern Michigan about the middle of September and passing through the middle of the vicinity of Evansville, Ind. is expected during the first week of October. Taking the latitudes mentioned as a guide, the Hessian fly will reach the extreme south of the territory in about 40 days, and it is to be expected that it will reach the extreme north of the territory in about 100 days.

Another recommendation is the selection of resistant varieties of wheat, which are claimed to be "fly proof." The varieties possessing these qualities are such as have coarse and siliceous stems, that are not easily penetrated by the pest. The underling variety has been considered a favorite of the pest for a century. The Mediterranean wheat has been held in high repute in the United States, as also the Red Cap and Red May.

Age Limit of Enlistment Extended. WASHINGTON, March 14.—An order has been issued by the War department increasing the age limit of enlistment from 30 to 35. The youngest age at which a man can be enlisted is 18 years. The number of the enlistment of troops are very encouraging.

GENERAL WASHINGTON NEWS

Re-Establishment of Camp Meade—Reduction of Clerical Force in War Department.

WASHINGTON, March 15.—The re-establishment of Camp Meade, near Middlebrook, Pa., for the muster out of volunteer troops is being rapidly forwarded.

Today Major Harry Wilkins, chief commissary of subsistence at New York, was ordered to Camp Meade to purchase and have on hand supplies to feed the troops when they reach Camp Meade.

There was a heavy reduction in the clerical force of the War department today, 120 clerks being reduced in grade and fifty-nine being discharged from the government service. The reason was the reduced state of appropriations for their employment.

A party of postal officials, comprising Postmaster General Charles Emory Smith, Fourth Assistant Postmaster General Bristol, Chief Beavers of the salary and allowance division and Clarence E. Dawson, secretary to the postmaster general, left here this afternoon for Cuba, via Tampa.

Frank A. Vanderlip, assistant secretary of the treasury, after several weeks' absence on account of serious illness at his home in Chicago, returned to his duties today, greatly improved in health.

Lieutenant Vitale, military attaché of the Italian embassy, has been granted permission by the War department to accompany troops to Manila and to remain with the army during the campaign in the Philippines. He desires to study the American method of land and sea transportation and to observe campaign methods.

No selection has yet been made of representatives of the United States at the approaching peace conference at The Hague. In addition to some delegates chosen from the War department, the State department, the honor of in part representing the United States probably will be conferred upon some distinguished American.

Postmaster Gordon and Alexander H. Revell of Chicago and Comptroller of the Currency Dawes, constituting the committee on invitation for the Chicago day celebration at Chicago, October 9, today formally invited Secretary of the Navy Long, Postmaster General Charles Emory Smith and Adjutant General Corbin to attend. All accepted and Secretary Long agreed to speak at the banquet.

United States Consul Roosevelt at Brussels has forwarded to the State department a copy of the decree issued by the Belgian government relative to the importation into Belgium of American fruits and plants. It is intended to go into effect today and it is in the view of the State department that Jose scale has been found on American fruits, the importation of such fresh fruits and parts of plants can take place only at Antwerp, Ghent and Ostend.

PENSIONS FOR WESTERN VETERANS. Survivors of the Civil War Remembered by the Government.

WASHINGTON, March 15.—(Special.)—The following western pensions have been issued: Issued of March 1: Nebraska—Original—Luther T. Gaylord, Lincoln, \$12; Thomas H. Ashton, Syracuse, \$10; Tartus L. Glen, Madrid, \$6; Edward D. Hosen, Helen, Kan., \$5; Robert W. Uzzell, Davenport, \$4 to \$8; Restoration—Increase—George E. Slade (deceased), Palmyra, \$16 to \$17; Increase—George W. Pitt, Iowa, \$12 to \$13; Original—George W. Hadley, Wint, \$6; Charles H. Sawyer, Central City, \$10; Donald—Henry A. Silverlat, Sandy, \$4 to \$6; George W. Albert, Dubuque, \$6 to \$10; Increase—John A. Hanson, Reels, \$12 to \$17; James Postson, Ira, \$4 to \$7; Restoration—Edward E. Jones, Denver, \$4 to \$6; William Schwyhart, Stuart, \$10 to \$14; Original widows, etc.—Elisha B. Stratton (deceased), Early, \$12; Delilah McCoy, Hamilton, \$10; Helen Carson, Rockton, \$8; (Increase), special, March 2—Rebecca O. Oils, Manchester, \$20.

Restoration—Increase—(Special, March 2), \$10; Original widows, etc.—Johanna Johnson, Lily, \$8; North Dakota: Original—John B. Oren, Lisbon, \$8; Montana: Original—Edward M. McGrath, Superior, \$10; Home—Original—Original widows, etc.—(Special, March 2), Anna E. Patterson, Kalspell, \$8.

Colorado: Original—William W. Jones, Trinidad, \$10; Increase—Henry H. Ross, Denver, \$14 to \$17.

ORDERS FOR SEVENTH INFANTRY. Will Take Stations in Place of Ninth and Sixteenth Infantries.

WASHINGTON, March 15.—(Special.)—Companies of the Seventh regular infantry have been ordered to take stations vacated by the Ninth and Sixteenth infantries, which regiments are under orders to proceed to the Philippines as a part of the Philippine expedition. The trip from San Francisco. The movement of the Seventh infantry will be arranged as follows: Company C, from Fort Wayne, Mich., to Plattsburg barracks, N. Y.; Company I, from Fort Wayne to Madison, Wis.; Company Y, from Plattsburg to Fort Sheridan, Ill., to Fort Porter, N. Y.; Company L, from Fort Sheridan to Jefferson barracks, Mo.

Deaths in Porto Rico and Cuba. WASHINGTON, March 15.—The following dispatches have reached the War department: SAN JUAN DE PORTO RICO, March 14.—Admiral General Washington. Private Thomas A. Paleghar, Company B, Nineteenth March 13. HENRY, commanding.

GUANAJAMO, March 14.—Adjutant General, Washington: Artillery George Green, Company B, Third volunteer infantry, died March 12 at 5 p. m. of local pneumonia in right lung. RAY, Colonel.

Pertaining to Postoffice. WASHINGTON, March 15.—(Special Telegram.)—Postmaster appointed: Nebraska—David B. Busch, at Cass, Iowa county, vice W. H. Byrd, resigned. Iowa—B. H. Keino, at Sioux, Taylor county, South Dakota—David J. Davis, at East Pierre, Hughes county. An order was issued today establishing a postoffice at Ieawhaw, Taylor county, Iowa, with Perry L. E. Shipley postmaster.

Condition of Well Known Patients. WASHINGTON, March 15.—Senator Jones of Arkansas had a quiet night and his physicians say he is progressing steadily. Excelsior Fletcher of Montana is still in a critical condition, with no change from yesterday.

Congressmen Will Inspect Canal. CHICAGO, March 15.—A special to the Journal from Washington says: "A party of some sixty members of congress, senators and representatives with accompanying invitation extended by the gentlemen representing the Panama canal interests and will inspect the Nicaragua canal Panama canal works. The party will leave New York March 22. This body has nothing to do with the official investigation which will be made by the commission to be appointed by President McKinley.

British Steamer Goes Ashore. BALTIMORE, March 15.—A British steamer which stranded at 3 o'clock this morning off Cape Henry, Virginia station, proves to be the British steamer Brator of London, bound from Baguiri, Cuba, for Sparrows Point, Md., with a full cargo of 3,000 tons of iron ore. During the night the dense fog and its position is regarded as dangerous owing to the high winds and sea.

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SAVES CALIFORNIA CROPS. Rain Which is Worth Millions Visits Large Portion of the State—Prospects Are Fine.

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A light precipitation is reported from Stockton and other points in the San Joaquin valley, with indications of a generous down-pour. The same conditions exist in the Santa Clara valley. In both sections rain is badly needed. Solano and Sonoma counties report a goodly visitation. The crops in these sections are in excellent condition and bounteous harvests of fruit and grain are assured.

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