

BOATS TURN TABLE

River Fleet Surprised by Rebels Responds with Deadly Effect.

SERGEANT KILLED AND PRIVATE WOUNDED

Insurgents Concealed in Brush on Both Sides Rio Grande River.

GRANT'S MEN SOON PUT NATIVES TO ROUT

Rapid Fire Guns Fill the Jungle with a Hail of Shot.

FIRING MAINTAINED UNTIL ENEMY FLEE

Twenty Filipinos Are Killed and Others Are Wounded in the Half-Hour's Skirmish, Three Miles Above Calumpit.

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ARTILLERYMAN SEES SERVICE

Describes the Rapid Pace at Which the Northern Movement is Being Carried On.

MARYVILLE, Mo., May 15.—The following letter has been received by Mrs. J. T. Linnell from her son, Harry H. Kerr, a member of battery L, Third United States Artillery, which has been brigaded with the Tenth Kansas regiment.

MALOES, April 5.—On Saturday morning we had 141 men in Battery L, now we have ten squads and only eighty-nine men in the whole battery.

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GOMEZ DECLINES TO SERVE

Refuses to Act Longer as Agent of Cuban Army in Payment of Money.

NOTIFIES GENERAL BROOKE OF THE FACT

Climax to the Complications Surrounding the Donation of \$25,000,000 by the United States to the Cuban Soldiers.

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Major Scharmann reiterated his former tender of the officers and regiment to the president should he desire to relieve the First Nebraska now serving in the Philippines, with another volunteer regiment from the Antelope state, but he said he could give no opinion along those lines in view of the fact that it is the intention of the War department to relieve the volunteers now in the island of Luzon with regulars as rapidly as consistent with good order.

Senator Thurston, who secured six additional clerks last week for the Omaha post-office, said they would be selected from the list of clerks who are eligible for appointment and wherever possible would be taken from Nebraska candidates, other things being equal.

General Davis, the new governor general, will resign the order issued, recently giving liberty to the press.

General Gomez expressed sympathy with General Brooke and said he regretted the position he had taken; but the American commander added, if his decision was changed he would proceed to deal with the question later.

It was then mutually agreed that General Gomez will issue tomorrow a manifesto to the Cuban army. This document will be prepared this afternoon and will be submitted to General Brooke, who has been issued General Brooke may make a declaration concerning the manner in which he will proceed. He is determined not to be trifled with.

He has the rolls of the privates and non-commissioned officers who are willing to accept \$15 each of this amount will be offered on the conditions previously laid down. A forcible disarmament of the Cuban troops will be the ultimate procedure, provided the events of the next two or three weeks show that such a course is necessary.

The Society of Strangers of Independence, which is merely the old independent party, which will be under a new name, held an inaugural meeting last night, under the presidency of General Fernando de Frieler Andrade, who acted as president of the assembly at which meeting General Lacerda, Cisneros, Juan Gomez and Leyte Vidal and others were present. The proceedings were devoted to drawing up an agreement that is to be proposed at a meeting to be held this evening.

The night's meeting, which appears today, the promoters say that their call is made upon all who assisted in beginning the revolution, "agents, migrants, deportados, politicians and conspirators," but that none can enter the meeting except as members of the directory.

La Union Espanola publishes today a letter from General Jose Varona to General Gomez, asking if it be true that Marshal Blanco offered independence to the Cubans on condition that they give up their arms to the United States. The paper says that Gomez replied in the affirmative, but wrote to Varona that no answer was given to Blanco, as Spain had deceived the Cubans as often that they could not trust it again.

A second letter from the Cuban government to the United States was received and this also went unanswered. Finally Blanco, according to La Union Espanola, sent a messenger to Gomez to repeat the proposition, but the Cuban commander refused to consider it.

Colonel Reide has caused appointment of an inspector of the forts around Havana preparatory to a report to General Brooke. He says that enormous sums were spent by the Spaniards upon defenses that are now utterly worthless. Cabanra fortresses alone cost originally \$14,000,000, but this of the same is said to be the case with all the rest of the fortresses, including Morro castle. Colonel Reide says that one sharpshooter, stationed on the roof of the Tacón theater, with an ordinary service rifle, could practically render any Havana fort untenable. A single artillery shot could in many instances make a whole wall crumble into dust.

"Generals" Want Lion's Share.

WASHINGTON, May 15.—High officials in the War department were relieved to see the dispatch of the Associated Press read with interest, but did not cause much surprise among army officers, who are well informed about the Cubans, especially those who are known as "soldiers of fortune," and who have been utterly disappointed because the island was not turned over to them immediately after the Spanish surrender.

There is an impression that the intention of General Brooke is to see that the \$25,000,000 is distributed among all the Cuban troops, but this is not in sufficient number, who were evidently expecting to secure a large share of the money.

The belief was expressed that the situation in Cuba is serious and that careful and diplomatic management will be needed. It was stated that no orders would be issued to General Brooke, as he had ample authority to deal with any situation which might arise. There seems to be a belief that General Gomez has contributed to the delay in the payment of the money.

Porto Rican Goes to Stillwater.

WASHINGTON, May 15.—In the case of Rafael Ortiz, a native of Porto Rico, who was found guilty of the murder of Private John Burke, Company C, Forty-seventh New York, at Caguas, Porto Rico, on February 14, 1898, the court has sentenced the prisoner to imprisonment for life, the president has directed that he be confined in the Minnesota state prison at Stillwater.

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CONDITION OF THE WEATHER

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