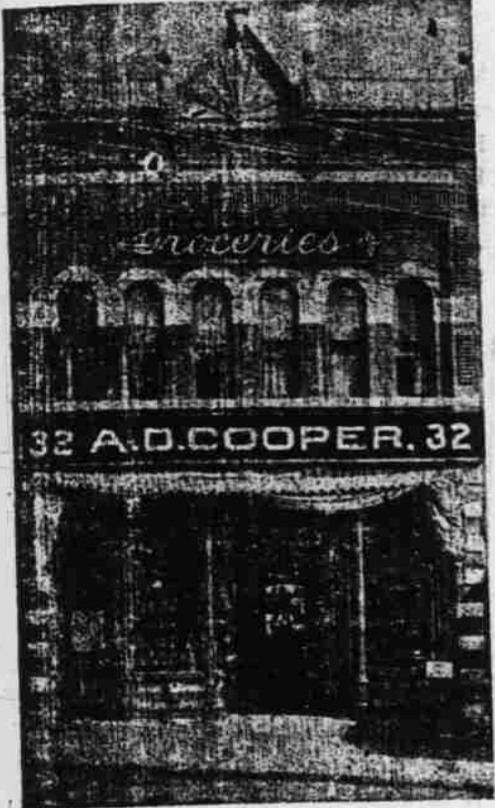


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Cubans Seem Determined to Resist Brooke.

BITTER FEELING PREVAIL

Insurgent Soldiers Declare They Have Been Miserably Fooled by the Americans and Refuse to Give Up Their Guns For a Paltry \$75.

HAVANA, May 16.—The situation here has become most alarming. To all appearances the Cubans are about to make armed manifestations against the United States and its mode of governing the island, although the conservative element still hopes for peaceful arrangements.

This state of affairs, which was brought abruptly to a head last Saturday by a partial quarrel between General Gomez and Governor General Brooke, has been forming for the last two months. The first move has been made by the army. It will probably be supported by many Cubans. The army, which is really represented—although many dispute this authority—by General Gomez, is particularly bitter against Governor General Brooke and his policy.

The soldiers declare they have been miserably fooled and treated by the Americans. They look upon the exchange of a gun for \$75 as an ignominious transaction for them, as they have not even had the honor of being asked to surrender their arms.

Some persons say the determination of the army not to surrender arms is an outcome of General Gomez's refusal to sanction General Gomez's plan for a Cuban militia. At the Cuban headquarters the statement is indignantly denied, in particular by General Gomez, who, however, refuses to discuss the present situation. One of Gomez's most prominent officers said:

"General Gomez was brought to this city through the influence of Mr. Porter. He was told at that time he was wanted in Havana to help General Brooke establish a government. The Cubans which would have no other basis than freedom and independence. He was miserably fooled.

"He has been ridiculed for the manner in which he has been treated by Brooke. He has, on account of his intimacy with the American general, lost popularity with Cubans, who say he has been a traitor to their cause.

"This was part of Brooke's scheme. He wished to render Gomez useless in order that he might with further ease follow out his orders from Washington.

"Gomez and his men are disliked and unpopular today. He has no influence. A recommendation from him does not count for anything. He has been exchanged and President McKinley.

"After he has done this, the general will probably leave the island. He is not a penny. He lives on charity. In fact we are all doing the same. Gomez was forced to dismiss his staff, as he did not even have the funds to pay them. He is all looking for work. One colonel has been made a policeman with a salary of \$82 a month. All Gomez's enemies have splendid positions, while his officers and men starve.

BROOKE TO REMAIN FIRM.

No Overt Act by the Cuban Disturbers Will Be Tolerated.

WASHINGTON, May 18.—General Brooke has not reported to the war department any serious situation in Cuba, and it is not believed at the department that any alarm need be felt regarding the condition of affairs.

One thing is certain, however, that the policy of the president to clothe the officers in command in the islands with plenary powers to deal with situations as they arise and hold such officers responsible.

The confidence of the war department in General Brooke was strengthened by the report of the assembly of the Cuban army, which had been held in Havana. It is said to have been the policy of the president to clothe the officers in command in the islands with plenary powers to deal with situations as they arise and hold such officers responsible.

Communications to the department regarding the situation are not given to the public, but the officials understand that the source of the present trouble is that the "generals" of the Cuban army are disappointed because they are not likely to realize as much out of the money appropriated for the assembly as they think they should. These "generals" all believe that they would secure a proportion of the money equal to their rank and their own estimate of their services.

The whole trouble regarding the payment of the money and the delay may be traced directly to these officers, who, as members of the assembly or as representatives of Gomez, have constantly raised obstacles in the way of a peaceful disarmament of the Cubans and the settlement of the affairs of the island.

One thing is assured beyond all other considerations: The United States will remain for the present in absolute control of the island and the orders of the government will be sustained by the government at Washington.

Suit Against the Central. MACON, May 16.—Mrs. Pearl Perkins has filed suit in the city court against the Central railroad for \$25,000 damages for the death of her husband, an employe of the road, who was killed while coupling cars. Plaintiff claims that her husband's wages were her only means of support.

New Line For the Southern. CHATTANOOGA, May 16.—The Southern railway today took charge of the Northern Alabama railroad, a trade for which was closed several days ago. The road extends from Sheffield, Ala., to Parrish, Ala., and is 101 miles long.

New Primary Election Bill. MONTGOMERY, Ala., May 13.—After several days of endeavor, the committee of the whole in the house reported favorably the Davis bill providing a primary election law for Alabama, and it passed the house.

Contest Between Orators. TUSCALOOSA, Ala., May 13.—J. T. Moore, representing the University of Georgia, won the medal in the intercollegiate oratorical contest here. His subject was "Southern Chivalry."

VETERANS IN CHARLESTON.

Annual Reunion of the Old Confederates on Historic Ground.

CHARLESTON, May 10.—The United Confederate veterans met in reunion Wednesday morning. The gathering was called to order by General C. I. Walker.

General John B. Gordon, commander-in-chief, was then introduced. Noman probably ever received such enthusiastic demonstrations.

When quiet was finally restored General Gordon delivered an eloquent speech, at the conclusion of which Mrs. Jefferson Davis and Mrs. Stonewall Jackson were introduced. As Mrs. Jackson stepped to the platform the veterans went wild with enthusiasm.

"I am going to shake her hand, comrades," cried General Gordon. "I am going to hug her," and he caught her in his arms and pressed her to his bosom. A spirited and almost hysterical discussion followed the introduction of resolutions accepting the offer of the federal government to care for Confederate graves. J. M. Easton of North Carolina declared the line was indelibly drawn between the graves of the north and south. The matter was finally referred to the committee on resolutions.

The annual parade occurred in the afternoon. Ten thousand veterans were in line.

The feature of the second day's session of the reunion was an address by General Joe Wheeler, whom General Gordon introduced as "the hero of Sand Springs and the wizard of the Confederacy."

The local chapter of the Daughters of the Confederacy gave the United Confederate veterans a magnificent flag. Impressive memorial services were held for Winnie Davis.

The veterans adjourned Friday after receiving the address of the commanding officer, General Gordon, and selecting Louisville as the next meeting place.

There was another sensational debate over the proposition to accept the aid in the care of Confederate graves. Resolutions were finally adopted almost unanimously welcoming any legislative having for its object the care of graves of Confederates buried in the north, but reserving to southern women the sacred trust of caring for all interred in the south.

KILLING AT EDWARDSVILLE.

Former United States Deputy Shot by the Town Marshal.

EDWARDSVILLE, Ala., May 12.—D. R. Burgess, a former United States deputy marshal, was shot five times and instantly killed by Town Marshal A. C. Sorrells. There was an old grudge between the two men.

Sorrells was employed by Burgess when the latter was deputy marshal and there was a serious misunderstanding about the pay. Sorrells resigned and was elected town marshal. Charges were filed against Burgess later and he lost his place, charging it to Sorrells, it is said.

The trouble last night originated when Sorrells threatened the arrest of a drunken man. Burgess went into a nearby saloon and thinking he had gone for a gun Sorrells shot him as he stepped and turned at the door.

Sorrells then went up the street to the courthouse, firing a pistol once or twice as he went.

At last reports he was in the court-house and the building was surrounded by a number of friends and neighbors, as Sorrells is also very popular further and further trouble is feared.

LIBRARIAN ELET OFFICERS.

LITURIA SPRINGS, Ga., May 12.—The American Library association, which yesterday adjourned from Atlanta to Lituria Springs, Ga., elected the following officers: President, Reuben G. Thwaites of Madison, Wis.; vice presidents, Edwin H. Anderson of Pittsburg, Pa.; Dr. Ernest O. Richardson of Princeton, N. J.; secretary, Miss Mary W. Plummer of Brooklyn, N. Y.; recorder, Henry J. Carr of Scranton, Pa.; treasurer, Miss Helen E. Haines of Brooklyn, N. Y.; trustee of endowment fund, John M. Gleason of Baltimore, Md.

Damage Suit For \$50,000. ATLANTA, May 12.—The damage suit of Mrs. Marie E. Wiswall, widow of the late Herbert Wiswall, against L. De Givie, proprietor of the Grand and Columbia theaters, is on trial before Judge H. M. Reid of the first division of the city court. Mrs. Wiswall asks for \$50,000 damages on account of the death of her husband, which she claims is due to the fire at the Grand theater on the night of November 18, 1897, down the steps of the Atlanta Opera House building leading from the sidewalk to the basement.

Lumber Men in Convention. MACON, May 12.—The lumber men of the state went into session here today at 12 o'clock. The meeting is being held behind closed doors and no information as to the character of the session can be learned. It is thought, however, that a combination will be formed. Officers will be elected this afternoon. Another meeting will be held tomorrow.

Naval Reserves Put to Sea. BRUNSWICK, Ga., May 12.—The United States auxiliary cruiser "Frisco," in command of Captain McKenzie, arrived here today. It is reported that the vessel is to be used as a reserve, representing that branch of the state volunteers. They left for sea, to be gone a week cruising with daily instructions in gunnery and practical seamanship.

A Nursery For Huntsville. HUNTSVILLE, Ala., May 12.—The main office of the Helke-Moss nursery, the largest industry of its kind in the world, will be removed from Chicago to this city. The nursery is located near Huntsville and is owned by a local company. The present main office will be converted into a branch office.

Large Fire at Gainesville. GAINESVILLE, Ga., May 12.—Fire originated in the building owned by Messrs. Pryor & Mundy, at the corner of Bradford and Broad streets, and the buildings of Pryor & Mundy, Martin & Hunt and Mrs. J. B. Thornton were consumed. The loss is estimated at \$13,000.

Son of a Mayor Succeeded. RALEIGH, May 5.—Robert Gatlin, aged 22 years, son of the mayor, John Gatlin, and grandson of the late Bartholemew F. Moore, committed suicide here by shooting himself.

A Boy Accidentally Killed. THOMASVILLE, Ga., May 6.—Benjamin, the 13-year-old son of C. B. Griffin, a well known engineer on the Plant system, was almost instantly killed here by the accidental discharge of a pistol which he had in an inside pocket of his coat.

AGED POSTMASTER JAILED.

John Walker Accused of Illegally Using R. V. Stamps.

COLUMBIA, S. C., May 13.—John C. Walker, postmaster at Ninety-Six, S. C., has been lodged in jail to await trial at the October term of the United States court. The direct charge is "using and disposing of revenue stamps in the payment of debts and purchase of merchandise."

Walker is 65 years old; has always been a Republican and an associate of the Tolberts. Last year a shortage of \$320 was found in his accounts. The difference was made up by his son, who borrowed the money from various men, including Tolbert, and Walker was allowed to retain his place.

A short time ago Walker received a notice that Miss Annie Henderson, a cousin of the Tolberts, had been selected to succeed him. Just the day before the inspector was to examine the books the postoffice was destroyed by fire, nothing being saved. Detectives were put to work and the arrest of Walker is the result. The first fruits of their work.

In his testimony before the commissioner Walker claimed to have let Tolbert have \$300 worth of stamps that he had not paid for.

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