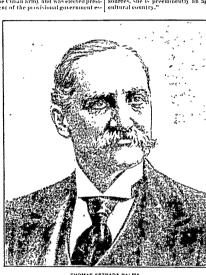
Thomas Estrada Palma 🗻 The First President of Cuba

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In consultation with Presider Roosevelt, Governor General Woo who came from Havana to Washing ton for that especial purpose, and hadviers, it has been arranged with the Cuban of President-elect Palm and the establishment of the Cuban of May, when the United States force will be withdrawn from the island once and the Cuban given full court of their government. In regard to b policy in administering the affaires, the island, President Palma says:
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for Spanish-Nuerican boys, which met with marked success, until the duties of the Cuban junta called him to New York.

Such in rapid outline is the history of the man who has been called to guide Cuba's ship of state on the troubled, uncertain seas of national political life. Now it is easy to point out the special qualifications, which fit Mr. Talma for his duties. His tracks, his long resistant of the land of the land of the land and the land and string of the long and dreadful struggle through which Cuba has passed, his freedom from any bias as the result of his opportunity to study events from a distance and to clearly judge the services which the United States has rendered the island, his management of the affairs of the Cuban junta at New York and his calm, clear judgment in avoiding complications and indiscretions which would have compromised the cause of Cuba, these circumstances all regions of the control of the Cuban pinta at wax york was seen that a new republic was to be established in the island under the protection and supervision of the United States, it was but natural for Americans to conclude that the first president of Cuba would be picked from the military herees, and Gens. Gomez and Maceo were both thought of in this connection. But the former declared he had no ambilion for political office, and as time went on il became apparent and as time went on il became apparent and as the went on il became apparent which we desired he had no ambilion for political office, and as time went on il became apparent and as the west wisted his old friend in his home at Central Valley and secured his consent to become a candidate, and his election followed.

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