

# ESTRADA PALMA

## ASKED QUESTIONS

**As to His Programme if Elected President of Cuba.**

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Havana, Aug. 28.—The committee recently appointed by prominent revolutionary leaders to address a letter to Senor T. Estrada Palma, asking for a more specific statement from him regarding the programme he would follow if elected president of the Cuban republic, designated Juan Gualberto Gomez to draft the communication. He says the letter is in the nature of advice to Senor Palma, suggesting that he should make declarations on certain points of policy.

"The letter suggests to Senor Palma," continued Senor Gomez, "that he should declare that some clauses of the Platt amendment are objectionable to the Cubans, and should pledge himself, in case an opportunity arise, to work toward changing these in harmony with the United States government.

"With reference to the payment of the Cuban army, the letter advises Senor Palma to declare that all claims will be thoroughly examined before they are recognized.

"He is also invited to declare that Cuba cannot afford to grant very liberal tariff concessions to the United States for some time, as she needs the customs revenues, being unable at present to raise internal taxes."

Before the letter is forwarded it will be discussed by others who formed part of the assembly of revolutionists who appointed the committee.

**Cuban Competition Would Not Hurt.**

Havana, Aug. 28.—Gustav Bock, in the course of a report to the Cigar Manufacturers' Union, regarding the outlook of the cigar and tobacco industry, expresses the opinion that there is no danger to be apprehended from American competition so far as Cuban cigars are concerned. He takes the ground that, even if Cuba sent all her cigars to the United States—and she produced 200,000,000 last year—this could not seriously affect the American producers and manufacturers, who, last year, sold 5,500,000,000 cigars in the United States. Even if Cuba were to more than double her present output and to send all to the United States, this would not change the situation.

Mr. Bock points out also that the tobacco soil in Cuba is limited and that the American grower has the advantage of the Cuban grower in view of the fact that the cost of production of tobacco is greater in Cuba than in the United States.

**Inoculation Against Yellow Fever.**

Havana, Aug. 28.—A nonimmune has been inoculated with the serum which Dr. Caldas, the Brazilian expert, alleges to be a preventive of yellow fever and has been bitten by two infected mosquitoes. The period of inoculation is from four or five days.

Major Harvard, the chief surgeon, discussing the Caldas and other experiments, says that the yellow fever commission and himself have carefully considered the question of applying infected mosquitoes to nonimmunes and have reached the conclusion that in view of all the circumstances, the fact that persons voluntarily undergo the experiments, and also the importance of the matter from a scientific point of view, the experiments are justifiable.

**Notorious Bandit Killed.**

Havana, Aug. 28.—Lino Lima, the notorious bandit, for whose capture, dead or alive, the military government offered a reward of \$1,000, has been killed at Macurijes (Corral Falso), in the province of Matanzas. The police assisted the rural guard and four other bandits were captured at the same time. The body of Lima will be photographed for the purpose of identification.

Lima's operations in the provinces of Matanzas and Havana had greatly exasperated the military authorities. For several months there was a standing reward of \$500 for his head. During the latter part of July he sent word to the authorities that he would surrender for \$500, provided he were allowed to leave the island. Upon receipt of this offer the reward was doubled, and urgent instructions were sent to General Rodriguez, a rural guard, to capture Lima. Finally the bandit's mother asked Acting Governor General Scott to promise to pardon him if he surrendered. The reply was that if he gave himself up he would be tried as a bandit, and if he remained at large he would be hunted down and killed if necessary.