

UNITED STATES AND CUBA

Relations Discussed by Gen. Wood and Cuban Committee.

**Probable Items of the Agreement—
Cubans, It Is Said, Will Not Ob-
ject to Most Liberal Terms.**

HAVANA, Feb. 15.—Governor General Wood left Havana this afternoon for a two days' rest at Batabano. With him went the special committee appointed by the Cuban Constitutional Convention to draw up a proposition defining the future relations between the United States and the Republic of Cuba. The committee and Gen. Wood will discuss the matter this evening, and the former will probably return to Havana to-morrow.

Judging from the personal opinions of the members of the committee, no objection will be raised on its part to establishing the most liberal relations. Indeed, it seems to be accepted as a matter of course that the United States Government is entitled to ask for assurances as to the stability of the republic. There is an evident disposition to look upon the outline of the proposed relations published Feb. 1 in La Nacion as indicating what is desired by the United States.

La Lucha commented favorably upon the suggestions of La Nacion at the time, and the silence of the Radical press has been significant. The only hitch that is expected to arise between Gen. Wood and the commission in discussing the question is as to the maintenance of naval stations in Cuba by the United States. The other clauses may be somewhat modified, but it is likely that an agreement will be reached whereby Cuba shall not negotiate loans on which she is unable to pay interest and shall not make treaties with other nations prejudicial to the interests of the United States in Cuba or in any way preventing the island's freedom of action. The United States, on the other hand, probably will guarantee peace and the protection of the rights defined by the treaty of Paris, and all rights acquired by military decrees during the period of intervention will be respected.

The special committee will report to the convention early next week. The signing of the Constitution will be made an occasion of importance. It is expected to take place Monday or Tuesday, and the foreign Consuls will be invited to be present.

La Nacion, treating editorially Feb. 1 of the condition of Cuba, said:

"The convention, in our judgment, would do well to adopt the following as the basis of the relation which Cuba is to hold with the United States:

"That the Republic of Cuba will respect and guarantee lives, property, and acquired rights in the same form as the United States guaranteed these in the treaty of Paris.

"That the republic will guarantee rights acquired during the American intervention by law, decree, judgment, or other act of the military government.

"That the republic, for a period of two years after the establishment of independence, will conduct foreign affairs through the United States, will make no treaty with any other nation prejudicial to the United States, and will accept no compromise which might give rise to the occupation of the island or to intervention in its customs.

"That the United States, for a period of two years after the establishment of independence, may occupy forts in Cuba, provided the Cuban flag flies with the American.

"That Cuba will lease to the United States two coaling stations and will give no commercial advantages to any other nation which are not given to the United States, and

"That none of these concessions or promises is to be taken to imply any cessation of the sovereignty of Cuba or any lessening of her complete independence."

NEW HOME FOR Y. M. C. A.

Railroad Branch to Have a Well-Appointed Building in the Bronx.

The Railroad Branch of the Young Men's Christian Association is to have a new home in the Borough of the Bronx. Through a generous gift of Cleveland H. Dodge, President of the Young Men's Christian Association of New York City, a large plot of ground has been purchased on the north side of One Hundred and Fiftieth Street, opposite Spencer Place, and upon this site will be erected the John M. Toucey memorial building, the funds for which were donated by Mrs. Toucey, widow of John M. Toucey, General Manager of the New York Central and Hudson River Railroad Company.

The new structure, which will be a model of its kind, will have a frontage of fifty-four feet on One Hundred and Fiftieth Street and a depth of over sixty-five feet. It will be three stories high above the street, with a basement below. The walls will be of red brick laid in with white mortar and Flemish bond, with elaborate blue-stone trimmings. The basement, which will extend under the entire building, will contain a dining room and a kitchen of the latest design, storerooms, a spacious bathroom fitted with three tubs and two shower baths, a locker room with fifty lockers, and the heating apparatus, fuel, cellars, &c. On the first floor, which will be a few feet off the level of the street, will be located the Secretary's private room, offices and coat rooms, an emergency room for the treatment of injuries by accident, a reading room, and a library, and a large lounging room opening upon a rear porch.

This room will have many novel and attractive features, principal among which will be a large open fireplace surrounded by high-back benches. A chapel hall, with a seating capacity of about 300, and provided with a speaker's platform and ante-room, will occupy the greater portion of the second floor. Two classrooms are so situated that their space may be added to the main hall by sliding doors communicating therewith.

On the third and top floors will be the dormitories, where there will be room for twenty beds, each room having a window opening in the outside hall. The building will be heated by steam, lighted throughout by electricity, and will cost about \$35,000, according to the estimate. It will be completed in August, and the employees of the New York Central and Hudson River Railroad will show their appreciation of the gift by subscribing enough money to furnish the branch from cellar to roof.