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## ENERGETIC PROTEST.

General Williams Compelling  
Weyer to Yield

## THE CASE OF THE COMPETITOR.

A Stirring Interview at the Palace and a  
Great Diplomatic Victory for  
Uteca-San.

NEW YORK, May 18.—A special to  
the Herald from Havana says:

The action of General Williams  
is protesting against the methods  
of the trial of the prisoners of the  
so-called Competitor adopted by the  
Spanish authorities is worth more than  
a passing mention.

Before the court martial closed General

Williams' letter of protest was

read. The representative of the

United States quoted the real life ex-

periences of the United States and

Spain under the American flag by

other than by civil laws, adding that

according to the latter they must be

judged by ordinary and not by military

and naval courts, and be permitted to

make a written defense and present wit-

nesses in evidence.

At 10:30 A.M. Judge advocate gen-

eral, which had been suspended by

Admiral Navarro, the chief Com-

mander of the fleet, was informed

that Weyer's protest as without

good ground and out of order, was de-

creed and noted.

Within four hours after the com-

plaint general's decision, its supporters

met in the hall of the admiral's

quarters and the admiral's sealed yes-

terday was unhesitatingly rejected by

the naval chief. The sentence of all five

prisoners to death, in accordance

with the verdict, was annulled, and

parole was granted to each.

Extracting no satisfactory recom-

mendations from the admiral, he turned

to the proceedings in the criminal

court-martial, and after a brief interview

with Captain Weyer,

General Williams, through Minister Tayor,

introducing pressure to bear on the

Spanish minister, was able to get

the admiral to yield his signature to the

order of execution.

"Your orders," said Mr. Wil-

liams, "are given—no instructions are

to issue the sentence of death and

no sentence of death has been issued."

When these arrived he was

immediately at the palace, where a

conference with Captain Weyer

was held.

At 1 P.M. Weyer was admitted

to the emperor's presence, and

he was received by the

emperor and the queen, who

had just come from the

palace.

At 2 P.M. Weyer was ad-

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