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### General Helped Bring On War with Spain.

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[Chicago Tribune Press Service.]

MADRID, Spain, Oct. 20.—Gen. Valeriano Weyler, who earned the title of "butcher" in America 83 years ago for his ruthless campaign against the Cuban rebels and who played a leading part in the entrance of the United States in the Spanish-American war, died here today at the age of 92 years.

Humbled in spirit with the passing years, Gen. Weyler died on an army cot in a tiny, bare room in his residence here. Two chairs and a plain deal table were the only other furniture in the death chamber, and a portrait of the king and a wooden cross the only decorations. His three sons, a daughter and a priest were at the bedside.

Gen. Weyler in a scribbled note last Friday directed a simple, private funeral with no military honors and with only his children and adjutants present.

"Honors Worth Nothing."

"In my time I have seen much of the honors of the world," he wrote, "and I know they are worth nothing."

Consequently, it appears probable he will be buried without pomp or ceremony tomorrow in the family plot at San Lorenzo cemetery, where his wife and a daughter are buried. Spanish law requires burial within 24 hours after death. Before the old warrior's wish became known it had been

attached at the Spanish legation at Washington.

Gen. Weyler had years of experience with rebellion. In 1868 he was sent to Cuba to help quell the first uprising. He supported the ruling house of Spain in the Carlist uprising and in 1888 he was sent to the Philippines to put down a native uprising. As captain general of Catalonia he terrorized the anarchists and socialists.

When Marshal Campos, whose treatment of the Cuban rebels was considered too conciliatory, was recalled in 1896, Gen. Weyler was sent in his place and immediately inaugurated a reign of suppression.

Massed Thousands in Camps.

He formed concentration camps and forced thousands of natives to live massed together within prescribed distances of military centers. It is said that more than 200,000 Cubans died

of starvation and disease during this period of concentration. For infringements of his stern rule hundreds were shot down.

The storm of indignation throughout the United States forced his recall in October, 1897. Gen. Weyler defended his actions in a book, in which he declared that he "first asked for their submission," before he had any persons killed. Spain welcomed him as a hero.

One bit of tenderness was shown in Gen. Weyler's life. When he was stationed at Majorca he fell in love with an ignorant peasant girl named Teresa Santacana. He married her before his soldiers, and sent her into a convent to learn the social amenities of Spanish official life before introducing her into the society of his fellow officers' critical wives and mothers.

planned to give him a state funeral with highest military honors.

Gen. Weyler's fortune is estimated to be about \$200,000, which his sons and daughter will share.

#### "THE CUBAN BUTCHER."

Gen. Valeriano Weyler, whose merciless tactics in his attempted suppression of the Cuban rebellion of 1896 won him the name of "The Cuban Butcher," and who was a factor in the precipitation of the Spanish-American war, was born on the island of Majorca in 1838. His grandfather went to Spain with the German army under Joseph Bonaparte and Marshal Soult early in the nineteenth century, and remained there when that army was driven out, retaining the German name of Weyler.

Valeriano Weyler entered military school at Toledo at the age of 15 and was brought up in the tradition of Cortez and Pizarro, the brutal and ruthless generals of old Imperial Spain.

Served in U. S. During Civil War.

During the civil war in the United States, Gen. Weyler was a military



**SPANIARD WHO HELPED CAUSE WAR DIES AT 92.**

Gen. Valeriano Weyler, dean of Spanish army, whose rule in Cuba helped to induce American intervention, passes away.

[International Photo.]

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