

THE Star, on the day following the reported death of General Manuel Gonzales, said :

General Manuel Gonzales, the bravest soldier of Mexico, President Diaz's predecessor in the office of chief magistrate, and a man beloved by the people, died yesterday at a ripe old age. He was a leader in the cause of freedom in his native country, and his name will ever be linked with that of Diaz in the annals of Mexico.

Yesterday, when the *Star* learned that General Gonzales was still alive, it rendered this opinion of him :

* * * Now that General Gonzales is not dead, it is to be hoped that the feelings of his friends will not be hurt by a statement of the truth. General Manuel Gonzales in his prime was a Mexican thief of the worst description. He belonged to the old school of professional revolutionists, who were simply bandits. * * * He smilingly admits to American visitors that he is a thief, and explains that every other Mexican is the counterpart of himself.

The respect for the dead that kept the *Star* from making "a statement of the truth" at first is simply admirable.

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