THE CUBAN PROBLEMS. A WEEK'S NEWS CONDENSED

Independence and Annexation the Chief Topios Discussed.

THE PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES.

They Are Bartolomo Masso, Mendez Capote, Jose Miguel Gomez and Calixto Garcia-The Election to Take Place at Cubitas Next Month.

Havana, Sept. 14.-The presence of Robert P. Porter, who is in Havana on a special mission from the United States government to study the financial and economic aspects of the situation, is regarded with suspicion by the party of free Cuba, as indicating the establishment of an American policy of guardianship. Mr. Porter is preparing a revision of the Cuban tariff, which will probably be protective of Cuban industries, and is acquainting himself with every detail of local taxation. In this work he is assisted by a capable staff. For the present his efforts are only preliminary, as, until after the definite settlement of peace, it will be impossible to establish the new regime.

But his efforts and inquiries, taken together with the announcement that American troops will be sent later to occupy the city-which had hitherto been doubted by many-have had the effect of provoking protests from the more rabid Cubans, who are holding meetings and adopting resolutions against "encroachment upon our rights as citizens of the free and independent republic of Cuba by the establishment of an American protectorate."

These two problems-independence and annexation-are the chief topics discussed, and the idea of an American protectorate, with military occupation. is nowhere favorably considered. Everywhere it is recognized that the choice is between independence and annexation.

Several well known Cubans arrived here on Saturday by the Mascotte, ostensibly as delegates commissioned by the Cuban junta to facilitate the work of disbanding the Cuban troops. There is reliable authority, however, for the statement that they are really commissioned to agitate the question of Cuban independence. On Sunday night they were present at a meeting held at the residence of one of the most aristocratic families of Havana, and the question of independence was then

discussed at length. Next month at the headquarters of the so-called Cuban republican government at Cubitas, province of Puerto Principe, representatives of the different corps of the Cuban army will proceed to a presidential election and a definite constitution of the government.

Each army corps will send eight delegates, making a total of 48 electors. There are two separate and distinct tendencies in the Cuban army, or ernment and the other favoring Ger eral Maximo Gomet.

president and Mendez Capote for vice president; on the second, the names of Mendez Capote for the first place and Jose Miguel Gemez for the second; on the third are Jose Miguel Gomez and Pedro Betancourt, and on the fourth | 000 worth of property destroyed. Calixto Garcia and Jose Miguel Gomez.

THE DREYFUS SENSATION.

Another Important Arrest Imminent in the Celebrated Case.

Paris, Sept. 14.-Among the rumors a national haval reserve. in circulation regarding the Dreyfus General Wood's enforcement of cleancase is one that an arrest still more liness in Santiago has reduced the sensational than any yet made is im- | death rate from 70 to 40 daily. minent. Another report says that when General Zurlinden, minister of declared that the Philippines insurwar, resigns legal action for revision gents do not want annexation, but inwill be commenced before his successor | dependence. is appointed. General Zurlinden at the last moment begged to be excused at Candia, Crete, 600 men, women and from accompanying President Faure to children were either burned alive or

The frank newspaper assertions that M. Faure is supporting General Zurlinden in opposing revision have created considerable comment and given rise to the notion that there will be no revision while M. Faure is president. Last night four men, armed with

clubs, attacked and severely injured M. Philibert Roget, director of a Dreyfusite paper. One of the four is under ar-

Delaware's Democratic Ticket. Dover, Del., Sept. 14.-The Democratic state convention was held in the court house here yesterday and nominated candidates for congress, state treasurer and state auditor. The convention was a very quiet affair, and was called to order by Chairman John Biggs, who made a stirring speech favoring unity of action in the coming campaign. William T. Records, of Laurel, was elected permanent chairman, and Robert Y. Willwn, of Clayton, was selected as secretary. The nominations were all unanimous, and were as follows: For congress, L. Irving Handy; state treasurer, William M. Ross; state auditor, Dr. L. A. H. Bishop.

Arms For Philippines Insurgents. Manila, Sept. 14.-The American Bark Abbey, with a cargo of arms and ammunition from the United States, which left Canton, ostensibly for Singapore, under heavy bonds, ten days ago, has now, it is said, landed 5,006 rifles and cartridges in Batangas province for the insurgents. The report seems impossible, though it comes from good source. The indications today are that the insurgents intend to comply peaceably with the American request to leave the suburbs of Manila tomorrow.

Steamer Lost, Eighteen Drowned. Seattle, Wash., Sept. 14.—E. B. Wisher, who arrived here yesterday from St. Michael, Alaska, brings confirmation of the report of the loss of the steamer Jessie at the mouth of the Kuskowill river in July with 18 lives. The news was brought to St. Michael by a trader named Ling, who said that only one Indian survived. The bodies of Captain Murphy and Rev. Walsh had been washed ashore. The Jessie carried a party of gold seekers.

mixed. 23@334c.; southern, white. 24@26c.; do. yellow, 26@264c. Oats firmer; No. 2 white, western, 29@254c.; No. 2 western, 29@264c.; No. 2 white, western, 29@264c.; No. 2 w Seattle, Wash., Sept. 14.-E. B. Wish-

Thursday, Sept. 8. Aguinaldo has sent a committee of McKinley.

The international yacht races of next year will take place off New York harbor, beginning Oct. 3.

In a fight for possession of a hall between rival Republican silverites in Colorado Springs, Colo., C. S. Harris was killed. General Wheeler's 17-year-old son

and Lieutenant Kirkpatrick were drowned while bathing at Montauk Point, L. I. On the demand of Sir Claude Mac-

Donald, British ambassador at Pekin, Li Hung Chang has been dismissed from power.

General Miles issues a statement indirectly attacking Secretary Alger's opposition to him (Miles) in the conduct of the war.

Friday, Sept. 9. General Polavieja's new party is growing in Spain, and he may succeed Sagasta as premier.

Brigadier General Mizner, U. S. A. retired, died suddenly in Washington Thursday, aged 63. With the exception of a few details

to guard government property, Camp

Alger is now deserted. Six cases of yellow fever have developed in Colonel Sargent's Fifth "immune" regiment at Santiago. United States Senator Kenney, of

Delaware, has been again indicted for complicity with Boggs in wrecking the

Saturday, Sept. 10. The famous Ocean House, at New-

port, was totally destroyed by fire. Senator George Gray, of Delaware, has consented to act as a peace commissioner at Paris.

Colonel Roosevelt, of the Rough Riders, has been named for governor of New York by the City club. General Cassius M. Clay, of Kentucky, has been divorced from his child wife, Dora Richardson Clay,

The Ladies of the G. A. R., in con vention at Cincinnati, elected Mrs. Agnes Winslow, of Chicago, president. At a meeting held in Poughkeepsie, N. Y., to aid sick soldiers at Camp Wikoff, Captain Evans criticized the government's neglect of its heroes.

Manuel Estrada Cabrera has been elected president of Guatemala. He was vice president under Barrios, and succeeded to the presidency when Barrios was assassinated.

Monday, Sept. 12. Admiral Gervera and 1,700 Spanish prisoners sailed from Portsmouth, N.

H., for Santander, Spain. The auxiliary cruiser Dixle arrived at Baltimore with members of the Maryland naval reserves from Porto Rico. Of the Spanish prisoners recently sent from Guantanamo, Cuba, it is believed that half will die en route to

Spain. The Eighteenth Pennsylvania regiment arrived at Pittsburg from Camp Meade, and received an enthusiastic greeting.

A gasoline explosion on South street, Philadelphia, totally wrecked three buildings and killed five persons, four tial nomination; of one family.

tickets are in the field. In the first are New Westminster, B. C., was flame the names of Bartolomo Masso for swept on Sunday. The whole business portion was destroyed and the people are suffering. Loss, \$3,500,000.

Jerome, Ariz., was completely destroyed by fire Sunday. There are seven known dead, 15 missing and \$750,-

Captain Higginson, of the Massachusetts, has been made a commodore, and Assistant Naval Constructor Richmond P. Hobson a full naval constructor.

Tuesday Sept. 13. A movement in Chicago contemplates

In an interview at Cavite, Aguinaldo

In the recent massacre of Christians

slain on the streets. The Republicans won with decreased majorities in the Maine election. Messrs, Reed, Dingley, Burleigh and Boutelle

were re-elected to congress. In the Spanish senate Count D'Almenas declared that Generals Weyler, Blanco, Linares and Primo de Rivera and Admiral Cervera should be disgraced.

THE PRODUCE MARKETS.

As Reflected by Dealings in Philadel-phia and Baltimore.

Philadelphia, Sept. 13.-Flour without mportant change; winter superfine, \$2.150 2.40; Pennsylvania roller, clear, \$363.25; city mills, extra, \$2.5062.75. Rye flour moved slowly at \$2.75 per barrel for choice Pennsylvania. Wheat strong: No. 2 red, spot and September, 67%@68c. Corn stronger; No. 2 mixed, spot, 344@34%c. No. 2 mixed, September, 34%@34%c.; yellow, for local trade, 36%@37c. quiet; No. 2 white, new, 28c.; No. 2 white, clipped, new, 28½4/29c. Hay barely steady; choice timothy, \$10.50@11 for large bules. Beef dull; beef hams, \$21.50@22. Pork quiet; family, \$12,75@13.25. Lard steady; western steamed, \$5.25. Butter firm; west ern creamery, 141/2@20c.; do. factory, 111/2 614c.; Elgins, 20c.; imitation creamery, 13 (616c.; New York dairy, 13615c.; do. creamery, 144/619c.; fancy Pennsylvania-prints jobbing at 22625c.; do. wholesale. ilc. Cheese steady; large, white, 7%9 74c.: small do., 7%274c.; large, colored, 78074c.; small do., 7%274c.; light skims, 254c.; part skims, 5426c.; full skims, 2021/2c. Eggs firm; New York and Pennsylvania, 17c.; western, fresh, 16%c.; Baltimore, Sept. 13.—Flour dull; western superfine, \$2.25@2.50; do. extra, \$2.65@3; do. family, \$3.2563.65; winter wheat, patent, \$3.7563.95; spring do., \$4.2564.40; spring wheat, straight, \$464.20. Wheat strong and higher; spot, 68%@68%c.; month, 68% 668%c.; October and December, 68@68%c. steamer No. 2 red, 63\\\ 263\\\ 63\\\ 26\\\ 26\\

SPANISH STATESMEN

three Filipinos to interview President Create an Uproarious Session of the Senate.

WEYLER DEFENDS THE GENERALS

Senor Gonzales Declared the Army Had Been Worsted First by the Insurgents and Then by the Americans. Hispano-American Protocol Passed.

Madrid, Sept. 14.-There was another

uproarious session of the senate yes-

terday. Count Almenas, referring to his statement of Monday giving the names of the generals he recently said ought to have their sashes tied around their necks, instead of around their waists, naming Weyler, Blanco and Primo de Rivera, after which he also included Admiral Cervera in the category, said General Linares was also incompetent and ought to be arraigned. Thereupon General Weyler and others loudly protested against these charges, and General Weyler called on Count Almenas to name those generals who were accused of failing to do their duty, and he added, if the accusations were true and the culprits could not be legally punished the generals would take the matter in their own hands

and inflict proper punishment. A great tumult ensued, the senators standing, shouting and threatening each other. The president of the senate vainly strove to restore order and broke his bell in attempting to do so.

When the debate was resumed Senor Gonzales attacked the army. He said it had been worsted first by the insurgents and then by the Americans. The speaker asked what had become of 200,000 men sent to Cuba. He blamed General Weyler and the late premier, Senor Ganovas, asserting that the latter was unimportant while in power and might have done what he pleased.

The premier, Senor Sagasta, replying, said that neither Senor Canovas del Castillo nor himself had ruled long enough to change the character of the race, which was the true cause, he claimed, of the disaster to Spain. "We are," the premier said, "an analmic country. We were attacked when acting as an honest man would. We defended ourselves. I have lost my prestige, but it is because I believe the path I am following is the best."

General Weyler then made a speech of great violence, which provoked such an outburst that the premier had to intervene and called upon the gentleman to explain. General Weyler replied that he had not threatened the government institutions, but only those who had attacked the army.

The Duke of Teutan, the former minister for foreign affairs, defended Senor Canovas del Castillo, whereupon Senor Gonzales made another attack upon the deceased premier, declaring that the latter had foreseen the loss of Cuba and had planned with Senor Sagasta to sign the surrender. The loss of Cuba, Senor Gonzales continued, was a just punishment to those who falled to profit by the doctrine that the colonies should not be governed by oppression. The chamber of deputies yesterday adopted the Hispano-American prote col by 151 votes against 48.

The War Investigators. Washington, Sept. 12.-The president has selected the following gentlemen as a commission to investigate army bureaus, as urged by Secretary of War Alger: Lieutenant General J M. Schofield, U. S. A., retired; Lieutenant General and ex-Senator John B. Gordon, of Georgia; General and ex-Senator Charles F. Manderson, of Nebraska; General Grenville M. Dodge, of New York; Colonel James A. Sexton, of Chicago, the newly elected commander-in-chief of the G. A. R.; ex-Secretary of War Robert T. Lincoin, of Chicago; ex-Secretary of War Daniel S. Lamont, of New York; President D. C. Gilman, of Johns Hopkins university, of Baltimore; Dr. W. W. Keen, surgeon and physician, of Philadelphia.

Officers of the G. A. R. Cincinnati, Sept. 9 .- James A. Sexton, ex-postmaster of Chicago, was last night elected commander in chief of the Grand Army of the Republic. The elections were concluded today, as follows: Senior vice commander-inchief, W. C. Johnson of Cincinnati; junior vice commander-in-chief, David Ross of Delaware; surgeon general, Dr. Pierce of Nebraska; chaptain-in-chief, Colonel Lucas of Indianapolis. The report of the pensions committee, vigorously attacking Commissioner Evans' management of the pension office, was unanimously adopted. The encampment adjourned to meet next year in Philadelphia.

Dewey Wants Warships. Manila, Philippine Islands, Sept. 13 .-Rear Admiral Dewey says he considers the situation critical. It is understood he has asked for an additional cruiser and a battleship. The Spanjards assert that Spain will take a coaling station here, and that Spain will retain the remainder of the islands. The last Spanish garrisons at Hocos and Laguna have surrendered and the whole of the island of Luzon is in the hands of the insurgents, except at

Furioughs For Jewish Soldiers. New York, Sept. 14.-Adjutant General Corbin, of the United States army, has consented, and issued orders that 4.000 Jewish volunteers, who had either joined volunteer regiments or had seen fighting at the front during the late Spanish-American war, should receive furloughs to enable them to participate in the celebrations of the orthodox Jewish congregational union of America.

Manila and Cavite.

New President of the Mormon Church Salt Lake, Utah., |Sept. 14 .-- At a specia meeting of the council of aposties, held yesterday afternoon, Lorenzo Snow was chosen president of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of President Woodruff.

Corea's Rulers Poisoned. Yokohama, Sept. 14.—Telegrams from Seoul, capital of Corea, report that the king of Corea and the crown prince were taken suddenly ill after dinner on Sunday last. Poisoning is suspected. Both are recovering. Eleven courtiers have been arrested.

A PRETTY BURGLAR. Extravagance Led Chicago Girl to

Crime, Inexperience Caused Capture. Chicago, Sept. 14.-Miss M. L. De-Rochared, a young and pretty French girl, is locked up at Harrison street police station, charged with attempted burglary. Monday evening as the clerks of the Fair, a large department store, were leaving the establishment Miss DeRochared entered the store and concealed herself under a counter. She remained there without moving antil 2 o'clock yesterday morning, when she made her way into the silk department and packed up \$300 worth of silk, which she intended to carry out when the store should be opened in the morning. She made too much noise, however, and was caught by two of the watchmen. Her father is said to be a wealthy silk merchant of Paris, France, and she received from him every month a handsome allowance. Extravagant habits and need of money to pay her debts caused her to turn

ITEMS OF STATE NEWS.

Wilkesbarre, Pa., Sept. 12.-Frederick W. Tyrell, one of the most prominent Masons in northeastern Pennsylvania, died yesterday of appendicitis, aged 37. He was division commander of the Sixteenth Masonic district and grand marshal of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Pennsylvania.

Wilkesbarre, Pa., Sept. 10.-Louis Scherer, the young farmer of Hunlock township who was committed to jail on the charge of killing his brother Frank with a pitchfork, was given a habeas corpus hearing before Judge Bennett yesterday and discharged. The judge said it was an injustice to commit the man to jail on the slight evidence of-

Wilkesbarre, Sept. 14.-The trial of Andrew Condish, charged with the murder of his friend, Andrew Sabol, came to an end late yesterday afternoon, when the jury returned a verwith a verdilct of manslaughter and a recommendation to mercy. The two men quarreled while intoxicated, and Condish struck Sabol on the head with a rake, fracturing his skull, from the effects of which he died the next day.

Pittsburg, Sept. 13.-Rev. Dr. I. C. Pershing, one of the best known Methodist Episcopal ministers in the state, died at Cambridge Springs yesterday of pneumonia. Dr. Pershing was born at Johnstown about 65 years ago, and for 26 years was president of the Pittsburg Female college. The deceased was a brother of Judge Cyrus L. Persh ing, who was at one time prominent in Democratic politics and was once the party's candidate for governor.

Lock Haven, Pa. Sept. 10.—The west bound Erle mail train on the Philadelphia and Erie railroad was wrecked yesterday at North Bend, caused by the locomotive jumping the track. Engineer John M. Butler, of Harrisburg, had both legs cut off and died soon after. Fireman John Kutz and Baggage Master Devictor, both of Harrisburg. were also slightly injured. The engine ran a hundred feet on the ties and wen: over on its side, the tender going entirely over the engine. The baggage car turned end over end and landed 20 feet from the track. : Passengers es-

Philadelphia, Sept. 12.—By the explo-ion of 40 gallons of gasoline in the 12. MILITARY SCIENCE theoretical and practical and pr sion of 40 gallons of gasoline in the cellar of a grocery store at 1444 South 13. PREPARATORY D PARTMENT: two street last night surely four and possibly a dozen more lives were lost. As an immediate consequence of the explosion the building where it occurred and those adjoining it on either side collapsed. Five bodies have thus far been recovered from the ruins, as follows: Samuel Schatterstein, keeper of the grocery stores his 16-year-old son, Aaron: Birdie Schatterstein, 9 years; Rebecca Schatterstein, 17; Max Goldberg. 10 months. Schatterstein went down in the cellar with a light, and the gasoline fumes ignited. The search for bodies continues.

Pittsburg, Sept. 12.-The Eighteenth regiment, Pennsylvania volunteers, arrived home from Camp Meade last night about 9 o'clock and were accorded a reception such as has seldom, if ever, been given to any body of men in this city. From the train to the armory of the regiment one solid mass of cheering humanity lined the streets, giving the returning soldiers a most enthusiastic welcome. The welcome home was remarkable in that at least 15,600 people along the Pennsylvania road from Wilmerding into Wilkinsburg bened the track on either side, burning red fire and cheering as the train passed through them on its way

to the city. THE TECHNIS Philadelphia, Sept. 12 .- A. J. Cross, 18. an American both colored man, from Sierra Leone, arrived here yesterday on the Wassland from Liverpool. He comes to protest against foreign aggression in Liberia, which he says the present government is pawning out to the Germans, French and English, against the interest of Americans. He states that recent attacks on Sierra Leone by the natives were caused by the brutality of the foreign police, and that over 1,500 persons were killed by the natives under the charge of a wafrior named Biburra. Many captives were taken, among them being the entire family of D. T. Johnson, of Hot Springs, Ark., who were taken to Liberia by the steamer Laurada.

Scranton, Pa., Sept. 10 .- Lizzie Russell, a 7-year-old girl, was shot and in-stantly killed yesterday by Mary Mo-ran, 14 years of age. The latter in play ran, 14 years of age. The latter in play pointed a self cocking revolver at the Russell girl and pulled the trigger. The bullet severed one of the main arteries, near the heart. The parents of the children are neighbors. In the Moran house, where the accident occurred, an infant child lay dead. The father was arranging to drive to Wilkesburre to consult his brother about the funeral. He had laid the loaded revolver on a shelf, as he intended carrying it for protection during his ride home fast night. The Moran girl was arrested and arraigned before an alderman. The coroner advised the discharge of the girl and she was released.

The Case Against Mrs. Botkin. San Francisco, Sept. 14.-The habear corpus proceedings in the Botkin case was postponed until next Monday. The matter of the extradition will be heard tomorrow by Governor Budd. Chief of Police Lees received a telegram yesterday from Attorney General White, of Delaware, stating that experts had positively identified the writing in the note which was enclosed in the box of bonbons as that of Mrs. Botkin

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