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General Lee is to have a sky-rocket reception in Havana. He deserves one and one is needed to equalize matters.

A Duel to the Death.

The action of Senator Quay through his counsel in appealing to the Supreme court for a writ of certiorari transferring the case against him from the Philadelphia quarter sessions to the higher court is the beginning of a legal battle which must end in either his own political extinction or that of his confederated assailants.

Let us not forget the significance of the issue in its present aspect. The case against Quay does not charge that the commonwealth of Pennsylvania or any man in it ever lost to the amount of a single penny through the practices in treasury management for which Quay is arraigned.

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American soil and under the American flag, and must be as distinctively a national property as the capitol at Washington. In that way alone lies safety.

The opinion has been expressed that the death of General Garcia extinguished all hope of a Cuban republic. Not necessarily. If there are in Cuba the elements of stable independence one man's loss will not be fatal.

The removal of Carria's restraining counsel is more likely to hasten the establishment of an experimental republic, by subtracting an influence which would have held the impatient element in restraint.

A Business Session. The remedy proposed by Senator Magee for a long and unproductive legislative session seems feasible and adequate. He says he proposes to introduce before the caucus which is to decide upon the organization of the house a resolution pledging the session to adjourn in three months.

One great reason why legislative sessions have been prolonged, says he, has been because of the difficulty in agreeing upon a time for final adjournment. This matter has generally not been taken up until the session has been well advanced and a great number of bills have been introduced.

When the effort has been made to fix the date of adjournment the members whose bills have been low down in the calendar have tried to postpone action. As a consequence many of the sessions have been long drawn out.

When this has happened much vicious legislation has been forced through simply because important laws could not be passed until after the time for adjournment had been fixed.

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This action will be an earnest to the people of the purpose of the representatives of the party in the legislature to do their work with expedition and with the least possible expense to the state, and that only meritorious legislation will receive consideration at their hands.

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attractive design. When the Volunteer lassie begins to resemble the tailor-made girl it is probable that her power for influence will increase.

Mendez Capote, the vice president of the Cuban insurgent republic, has been elected dean of the Havana Bar association, a far which gives a view to the element likely to dominate in Cuba.

Certain United States senators appear to be impressed with the idea that one can achieve fame more quickly by exhibiting the propensities of a crank than by a show of statesmanship.

Almost everybody seems disposed to have a flinger in the Chinese pie except the Chinese.

Although peace is in the powder mills continue to exhibit Spanish sympathies.

TOLD BY THE STARS. Daily Horoscope Drawn by Ajacchus, The Tribune Astrologer.

A child born on this day will notice that in the cases out of ten the literary mud thrower sooner or later is buried in his own dirt.

The unsuccessful man avers that life is a lottery; but the successful is always certain that business is "just what you make it."

Our motto should read this year: Peace on earth, good will towards all, save the anti-expansionists.

The day of settlement often demonstrates that it is possible for a man to have too much credit.

Senator Billy Mason since the war appears to be very much in the position of a last year's bicycle champion.

The honest man is never suspicious until his fingers have been scorched.

Ajacchus' Advice. As this is the thirteenth of the month, make no promises that you do not intend to keep. There may be witnesses about.

NEWS AND COMMENT. Says the Youth's Companion: In Cuba last winter eight cents a day sufficed to keep a reconcentrado alive.

From the Philadelphia Ledger. The action of the Traction company in adding one-third to the capacity of its cars means that the time of experiment has passed, and that the trolley car has come to stay.

ANTI-EXPANSION IN 1893. From the New York Tribune. "We have already territory enough, and when I contemplate the evils that may arise to these states from this intended expansion, I would rather see it given to France, to Spain, or to any other nation of the earth, upon the most condition that no citizen of the United States should ever settle within its limits, than to see the territory sold for \$20,000,000 and we retain the sovereignty."

THE CASE AGAINST QUAY. From the Philadelphia Times. This case will be heard by the Supreme court ten days before the senatorial election, and Senator Quay has challenged his adversary in reference to the matter.

THE REAL SITUATION. From the Washington Post (Ind.). We started out to conquer a peace, in achieving that object we were compelled to conquer ships, forts, men and islands. Spain could have prevented our conquests by evacuating Cuba.

INFORMATION WANTED. Louisville Courier-Journal (Rep.). Mr. Knank, an American, while celebrating Thanksgiving Day in a Berlin restaurant, said something about a "bull's head," and was arrested by the police for "lese majeste."

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than we had three years ago. The month of November last shows a greater amount of exports than in any month last year, and so it goes all around. It would seem to me that we are just entering upon an era of prosperity the like of which we have never known.

There were 4,000 fewer births in France in 1897 than in 1896. In military and colonial respect the apprehension caused by this decrease is further emphasized by the discovery that the French population contains a smaller number of men and women of what are termed the child-bearing ages, namely, from fifteen to fifty-five years in the case of men, and to forty-five in the case of women.

Vice President Hobart says he is a direct gainer financially by the late war, and the reason he smilingly gives for this statement is a decidedly novel one. From his coming to Washington up to the outbreak of the war an average of 100 babies a month were named after him, or at least their forefathers so informed him by letter, generally coupled with requests of the usual order.

By winning the six-day bicycle race in New York, beating the record and making a record of his own, Miller will clear at least \$2,500. In addition to this a new contract is waiting for him to sign for a similar position with the manufacturer whose bicycle he rode in the race. These figures do not include one week's engagement at a New York theater.

The fire losses for the first eleven months of the year are in excess of the records for the like periods in the two years previous. The total was \$96,382,798, against \$82,900,000 for the eleven months of 1897, and \$94,232,500 for the same months of 1896. This explains the steady increase in insurance rates.

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