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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 buttle which must end in either his own cal corpse, dead beyond hope of resur-

in treasury management for which had been fixed. Quay is arraigned. No victim stands forth as a suitor for redress; the name father the litigious attack. The case may, as he alieges, be political wholly in their caucus to nominate officers of an attempt to effect a political purposed by resort to trickery in litigation. ing of the session, pledging their sup-Be that as it may, the counter charges strike to the root of the foundation This action will be an earnest to the rights of civilization. The substance of Senator Quay's affidavit is that the tives of the party in the legislature to machinery of the district attorney's do their work with expedition and with office has been used to set up a case the annoyances and humiliation of a will receive consideration at their criminal trial on manufactured evi- hands." dence, before a prejudiced and interested judge, on a charge without warrant in law, under circumstances which are calculated to defer the eventual triumph of justice until the immediate political purposes of the conspirators against him should have been consum-

This is an arraignment of the courts of Philadelphia which, if sustained, must convict those responsible for the conditions alleged of being the meanest and most dangerous knaves unhung. This charge if established makes thing ever insinuated against Quay. If prostitution of the courts has taken men are at a premium just now, place is made by a senator of the United States under oath against a tribunal heretofore among the most respected in the land. It is a challenge the most mild, the most defiant, we can recall. It is a trumpet call to a battle of political life or death and there can be no compromise until it is decided clearly and finally. By this daring move Senator Quay puts the case against him in a fleree new light and dares his enemies to come on. They must now crush him absolutely or be crushed no jess absolutely themselves.

Colonel Bryan has as good a right as any other colonel of volunteers to resign from the service now that the war is over. Nothing will be gained by denying Eryan fair play,

An American Enterprise.

It is as plain as day that if the Nicar ngua canal shall ever be built the United Statse must build it, and own and control it. The canal must be built by our government primarily as an American enterprise secondarily as a work of civilization. To no other power would a completed canal across the isthmus of Darien mean so much as to the United States. The commerce t the United States would be its puremeant feeder in times of peace, and, in time of war its value and importance to us could be supreme. The Washington Star well says: "American centrol of the Nicaragua canal will means to the one enterprise of worldwide moment over here the protection and superintendence of the one western power capable of thoroughly discharging so great a task."

The difficulties in the way of this enterprise are formidable, but not insuperable. Nicaragua will sell us a strip of land wide enough to include and protect the canal. We assume that she will do this if we offer a sufficiently persuasive price. We need the land and can afford to pay well for it. The Clayton-Bulwer treaty which pledges us to a partnership with England in the paying off of the insurgent army, the building and control of the canal the policy of wisdom will be to advance can probably be abrogated by friendly negotiation. It is an old treaty, negotiated when conditions were radically different from what they are today, and if Great Britain is sincercly friendly she will not get unfairly in holding us to a hard bargain which cripples us without doing her any good. The fact that a number of leading English journals and public men openly advocute abrogation offers encouragement to the belief that frank overtures on. our part would not be misinterpreted. The main fact cannot be overlooked In any toroign capital that the Nicaragua canal is peculiarly an American cuterprise for which the American nation must assume undivided responsibility. If we take the risks and put up the cash we must have control of the benefits. We may guarantee the canal's neutrality or even go so far in encession to rivals as to forego the privilens of preferentials toils, but the created for Pallington Booth, and the anal from start to finish must be un- ladies hereafter are to wear uniforms der American management, must be on of cadet gray and bonnets of a more

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

The opinion has been expressed that be death of General Garcia extinsuished all hope of a Cuban republic Not necessarily. If there are in Cuba the elements of stable independence one nan's loss will not be fatal. On the contrary, the removal of Carcia'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. Nevertheless the death of Gercia is a loss to civilization and one which Cuba was in ill condition to suffer.

A Business Session.

The remedy proposed by Senator higher court is the beginning of a legal Magee for a long and loquacious legislative session seems feasible and adepolitical extinction or that of his con- quate. He says he proposes to intro federated assallants. The names of the duce before the caucus which is to de latter, with the exception of ex-Judge cide upon the organization of the house Clordon, have not yet appeared in the a resolution pledging the session to adrecords; but they are not secret to the journ in three months. "One great intelligence of the people. If it shall reason why legislative sessions have appear or final hearing that the ma- been prolonged," says he, 'has been bechinery of the law has been used to cause of the difficulty in agreeing upon continue the campaign against Quay a time for final adjournment. This matunsuccessfully fought by John Wana- ter has generally not been taken up maker, the Philadelphia Press and the until the session has been well ad-Business Men's league in the open vanced and a great number of bills stems of politics, then before the case have been introduced. When the effort is disposed or either Quay or Wann- has been made to fix the date of admaker must be converted into a politi- Journment the members whose bills have been low down in the calendar have united to postpone action. As a Let us not forget the significance of consequence many of the sessions have the posue in its present aspect. The been long drawn out. When this has ase against Quay does not charge that happened much vicious legislation has the commonwealth of Pennsylvania or been forced through simply because any man in it ever lost to the amount important laws could not be passed of a single penny through the practices until after the time for adjournment

"The effectual way to avoid all this will be for the Republicans, who will of no individual of standing appears to control and be responsible for the work of the legislature, to pass resolutions the senate and house, held at the open port to adjournment at a fixed time people of the purpose of the representathe least possible expense to the state, against him, to railroad him through and that only meritorious legislation

It will be a good thing for the Republican party and for the people if Senator Magee will put his plan into effect. He will be one of the responsible leaders at Harrisburg, Circumstances are shaping to put him in position very largely to act as the director of the regenerative forces within the party. If he will stand forward there will be no tack of others to respect his leadership and give it potency.

It transpires that the report which redited General Wheeler with intendrespectable by comparison the worst ing to resign from congress was untrue. He has not yet decided. But it is true that wealth and influence can strong pressure is being exerted to inreach into the sanctuary of justice and | duce him to remain in congress where by craft and cunning turn the mechan- his counsel will be especially valuable ism of the judiciary into a machinery in the consideration of measures for of persecution and oppression, then no army reorganization. There are genman is safe. The charge that such a erals in plenty, but first class congress-

The Race Issue in Cuba

The row at Havana, growing out of he desire of the Cuban population to close the maces of amusement out of respect to the death of General Garcia. s interesting mainly as showing the sympathies of the native population It will be remembered that General Fitzhugh Lee, a year ago, said he nev er met a Cuban who was not, in secret at least. In sympathy with the insurrection and it looks as if he knew ahat he was talking about. The insurgents are as certain to dominate in Cuba after Spanish military control has ceased as the sen is certain to

It must be said in behalf of the Spaniards that under conditions of great delicacy they have succeeded becond all expectations to keeping the seare during the interval between the signing of the protocol and the oc cupation by American troops. Of open friction there has been far less than might reasonably have been anticipated in view of the peculiar circumstanex existing throughout the island. Nor have the Cubans been altogether wanting in self-restraint. When we considor the broad gulf of hatred that separates these two elements, and take into account the strong temptation of the one element to exult and of the other to exhibit vindictive destructiveness during the remaining moments of power, the fact that so little bloodshed and rioting has occurred entitles both factions to high praise.

With Spain eliminated, the first requisite of good order will obviously be the disarming of the insurgents and the enlistment of the better classes among them in the United States ser-There cannot be two sets of uniforms in Cuba without trouble While the United States is responsible before the world there can be none other then the American uniform. If to secure this imperative end it shall be come necessary to advance money for it. Money thus advanced will form a legitimate charge upon the island.

The management of the Panaina Canal company suddenly recovering consciousness, now blandly inform congress that it will soon have in operation the ditch which de Lesseps projected, after which there will, of course, be no necessity for a canal across Ni-Of course not. Still, concaragua. gress will do wisely to go right ahead,

The news from Maine is that Senator Hale must satisfy the legislature that he is not against expansion or full of a re-election. It would be a good thing for Maine if Hale were accorded a va-

The army reorganization sentiment has reached the "American Volun-The title of general has been teers."

attractive design. When the Volunteer lassic begins to resemble the tailormade girl it is probable that her power for influence will increase.

Mendez Capote, the vice president of the Cuban insurgent republic, has seen elected dean of the Havana Bar association, a fact which gives a clew 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 statesman-

Almost everybody seems disposed to have a finger in the Chinese ple except the Chinese,

Although peace is but the powder mills continue to exhibit Spanish sympathies,

TOLD BY THE STARS.

Daily Horoscope Drawn by Ajacchus, The Tribune Astrologer. Astrolabe Cast: 1.49 a. m., for Tuesday December 12, 1808.

64 (3) 15. A citild born on this day will notice that in nine cases out of ten the literary mud thrower sooner or later is buried in his

own dirt. The unsuccessful man avers that life is lottery; but the successful is always ertain 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 sculement often demongrates that it is possible for a man to have too much credit.

wars to be very much in the position of a last year's bleyele champion. The honest man is never suspicious un til his fingers have been scorehed.

Senator Bbly Mason since the war ap-

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 Curr Says the Youth's Companion: in Cuer-last winter eight cents a day sufficed to keep a reconcentrado alive. Consul Gen-cral Lee distributed money for a time to the people who needed it but he found that in spite of the eight cents they were still starving. He investigated a little. Then he cabled to Washington: "Don't send cash. Send corn meal and codish." The living skeletons had been spending The living skeletons had been spending money sent to keep them from stary-for tickets in the Royal Lottery of Cuba. This hoary swindle was once known as the Royal Hanaya Lottery, and whole tickets cost \$1) apiece. Later years have brought the cost down to a hard-times basis. The price of tickets is a lollar, and there are a quarter of a miliion of them. A drawing is supposed to take place every ten days, the capital prize being \$50.00, and the other prizes prize being \$30.00, and the other prizes aggregating \$100.000 more. The man who has drawn a capital prize is yet to be discovered. Nevertheless, the lottery has been nopular. Its little red tickets are spread over the Island like so many small-pox pustules. Gomex's soldiers sclaced their empty stomachs with dreams of the wonders to be wrought by the notal-pered silns of paper that wave tracked. bered slips of paper that were incked away in their ragged trousers. So did Hance's men. Even today, half the beg-gars in Havann sell the tickets. The other half buy them, But the lottery thieves are nervous and unhappy. They there's are nervous and unhappy. They have always paid a subsidy to the rown of Spain, amounting to one-quarter of their gross receipts, and they would willingly continue that bribe to the new Cuban government; but they fear that the ces that are to prevall in Cuba will be distinctly unfavorable to their scheme. And they are right. There is ample room for the Royal Lottery of Cuba in the grave that holds the extinct infamy which bailed from Louislann

According to Carlos de Quesada, a Chiugo Cuban, there were many parties to the conspiracy which resulted in the theft of the De Lome letter. "In the first place, the junta had worked trusted agents into the employ of the Spanish le-gation. These clerks kept us posted on all matters which they could, but that was not enough. So it was arranged that a woman was to start up a flirtation with Senor de Lome and endeavor to gain his confidence. At that time I was in Washington under a fictitious name as gentleman from Venezuela. My duty was to watch some of the people whom we thought to be our friends and to sound certain people and enlist them in our cause. The woman selected to ensure De Lome was a Miss Millburn. She is very clever and attractive, and is now in New York. Do Lome was attacked on his weak point. He yielded, and confided many things to her which he should not. When Canalcias came to this country, he was, of course, watched every minute. Through the influence of friends the junta managed to get a Cuban as a waiter into the hotel where he was stopping. He was supposed to be a Venezuelear. As he spoke Spanish he was naturally assigned to walt on De Lome. When the Spanish minister write that letter the junte was promptly informed that a letter, contents unknown had been written to them. wn, had been written to Cana-The letter reached us desination hotel, but it never got to Canalejus The Venezuelan walter took it out of the package of letters and turned it over the junta. It was given out that the let er was stolen in Hayana to avoid trouble with the United States postal authorities. Secretary or State Day saw it before it was published." It is only fair to add that this story is flatly denied by the Cuban representatives at Washington.

Those who have advocated government outrol of telegraphs in the United States will be interested in the experiment which the government will conduct in Porto Rice and Cuba. The lines established by the Spanish authorities are now being operated by the war department of the United States. The military control of the circs is to be continued until a civil goveriment bus been established, and considerable interest is expressed as to the disposition of the lines eventually. The enforced object lesson in federal management is to have considerable influence, it is expected, no and con in the agitation for like control in the United States proper. The cost for muintenance and long delayed condits is at the present time more than the income from the times in six months from the first of January it is expected by the Utilea Press that some interesting data as to the profit in the insular wire service may be furinsular wire service may be fur

Ex-flovernor Roswell P. Flewer, if-Extrovering Roswell P. Flower, in-though a Democrat, is an expansionate and an optimist. He believes the United States is on the eye of a period of un-precedented prosperity. Says he: "Our manufacturing industries are well established, and we have no trouble in Inding a market for our overproduction. Take the iron and steel industries as an instance. In 1870 we imported \$70.00,000 worth of steel and iron, and exported only \$12,000,000 to \$14,000,000 worth. Today the figures are completely reversed, and from our ore beds and mills and foundries we export to every part of the globe. In nearly every branch of industry we are today selfers, where fifteen or twenty years ago we were buyers. The whole commercial world is at our feet. The ner results of 1897-28 bring to our credit the stunendous sum of \$5,000,006,000. That has come to us in gold and in securities setter than gold. During 1895-96 the halance of trade was only slightly in our favor, so it is no exaggeration to say that we have at least \$1,600,000,000 more capital

than we had three years ago, ' The mout! of November last shows a greater amount of exports than the same mouth 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 bave never known. This \$1,000,000,000 I speak of furnishes a safe basis tor \$4,000. XXXXXX of credit. This is an expansion of finance that few people ever dreamed of and very few can appreciate."

There were 8,000 fewer births in France is 1897 than in 1896. In military and colonial circles the apprehension caused y this decrease is further emphasized by he discovery that the French population ontains a smaller number of men and comen of what are termed the able odled ages, namely, from fifteen to fifty ve years in the case of men, and to forty five in the case of women, than it did thirty years ago. The number of men capable of bearing arms, which has be n stationary for forty years, shows a slight falling off, even after due allowance is made for loss of territory. These figures, just published by the ministry of commerce, are being taken seriously to heart by the colonial party, whose desire to acquire new fields in Africa and Asia nevertheless as keen as ever.

Vice President Hobart says he is a diect gainer financially by the late war, nd the reason he smilingly gives for this tatement is a decidedly novel one. From ils coming to Washington up to the break of the war an average of 100 babies a month were named after him, or at least their fond parents so informed him by letter, generally coupled with requests of the usual order. In this particular di-rection his value has fallen off considerably, for the youngsters novadays, whose purents want to start them off under the Dewey, Schley, Roosevelt and Hobzon and all the rest of the recent heroes o

By winning the six-day bicycle race in New York, beating the record and mar-rying Miss Hanson, Charles W. Miller will clear at least \$3,500. In addition to this a new contract is waiting for him to sign for a salaried position with the manufac turer whose bicycle he rode in the race. These figures do not include one week's engagement at a New York theater. As closely as can be figured out Miller's work for the week will have enriched him dur-ing the year by \$7,000.

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 \$195,305,-490, against \$25,201,000 for the eieven months of 1897, and \$104,232,500 for the same months of 1896. This explains the teady increase in insurance rates.

TRACTION ENTERPRISE

From the Philadelphia Ledger. The action of the Traction company is adding one-third to the capacity of its winter cars means that the time of ex-periment has passed, and that the trolley car has come to stay. This is especially true of the suburban travel. Every year sees the volume of suburban travel, which was formerly given to the summer cars to a very much greater extent than the winter ones going on after the summer season has ended, and requiring more and more cars every winter. People wno live from six to a dozen miles from the cen ter of the city, and who formerly depended on the steam roads to carry them back and forth, now patronize the trolley whenever they find it more convenien to do so than to either walk some distance to a station or wait for a train. They will continue to do this in greater numbers every year, if they have proper accommodations; but one of the surest ways for the company to kill the goose that is laying golden eggs is to refuse to heat the cars. People will go a long way and wait a long time to ride in a comfortable steam car, in preference to taking an uncomfortable trolley, the temperature of which is that of out doors,

ANTI-EXPANSION IN 1803.

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 incorporation * * * into the Union, I would rather see it given to France pain, or to any other nation of the earth pon the more condition that no citizen of the United States should ever settle with-in its limits, tuan to see the territory sold \$100,006,000, and we retain the sover

The above sentence is not from a inti-Philippine speech by Carl Schurz of Tharles Eliot Norton. It was spoken by Senator Samuel White, of Delaware, is the United States senate on November 2 1863, and the territory he wanted to exlude Americans from and give to Franor Spain was that part of the continent now partly included in the states of Louislana Arkansas Missouri Minnesota, Kansas and Nebraska.

THE CASE AGAINST QUAY.

from the Philadelphia Times. This case will be heard by the Suprem ourt ten days before the senatorial elec-ion, and Senator Quay has challenged us adversaries to a battle that must userly unhorse him unless he shall mair ain his appalling accusations. They are either true or false; there can be no mid-dle ground on this issue between him and his foes involved in the presecutions. He has summoned the extreme remedy of the law that is presumed to se appealed only when the studied perversion stice confronts our courts; and if it ball fail to sustain the isone he has mus sefore the Supreme court he must reti-rom the senatorial contest, not only is eated but dishonored. If he shall so ain his charges. like dishonor must at ech to his foes,

THE REAL SITUATION. From the Washington Post (Ind.).

We started out to conquer a peace, hieving that object we were compelled to conquer ships, forts, men and island Spain could have prevented our conquests by evacuating Cuba. But, by refusing to io that, she compelled us to hit her in he but dury that prompted this nation is seize the Philippines. It is not greed, but duty that compels us to hold them.

INFORMATION WANTED.

ouisville Courier-Journal (Rep.). Mr. Knauk, an American, white rating Thanksgiving Day in a Berli restaurant, said something about a "call's head," and was instantly arrested by the police for "lese maleste." If a man cal-not speak of a call's head in a German restaurant without being arrested for disrespect to the kaiser what would the; do to a fellow if he ordered a squain?



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