

EVE OF THE FIGHT. Legislators and Politicians Gathering in Force. SENATOR QUAY IS SAFE.

Survey of the Situation as It Presents Itself the Night Before the House Caucus—all Will Depend on the Attendance Tonight—Farr Boom Safe and Quay Prospect Rosy—Congressman Connell on Mr. Quay's Candidacy—Wanamaker's Abuse Has Helped Him.

Special to The Tribune. Harrisburg, Jan. 1.—Senator Quay's friends tonight are absolutely confident of his re-election. They laugh at the boasts of the opposition that enough Republican legislators will stay out of Tuesday's caucus to prevent a nomination.

THE NEXT LEGISLATURE. Will Assemble in the New Capitol Building Tomorrow.

THE SPEAKERSHIP. There are many Democrats anxious to fuse on the speaker with the independent Republicans and this matter will be discussed at their caucus. Charles B. Spitz, of Berks, is the only avowed candidate on the ground for the Democratic nomination for speaker.

WILL VOTE FOR QUAY. General Gobin Returns from Camp for This Purpose. Lebanon, Pa., Jan. 1.—Brigadier General J. P. S. Gobin returned to his home today on a thirty days' leave of absence from his command in Augusta, Ga., in order to be inaugurated lieutenant governor to which office he was elected last November. He has not yet resigned as state senator from this county, which constitutes the 17th district, and will support Senator Quay's successor if determined upon.

ZERO WEATHER AND NO FUEL. Shutting Off of Natural Gas Leaves Hundreds of Ohioans to Shiver in the Embrace of Jack Frost.

THE CONFEDERATE DEAD. Government Begins the Collection of Significant Information.

FORMIDABLE CENSUS OF A YEAR'S MISHAPS. LOSS OF LIFE FROM DISASTERS DURING YEAR.

Chicago, Jan. 1.—According to statistics compiled by the Tribune, the loss of life from various disasters in this country between Jan. 1 and the morning of Dec. 31, 1888, was 7,945. Casualties were as follows: Fires, 1,570; drownings, 3,710; explosions, 629; mines, 290; falling buildings, etc., 599; cyclones and storms, 502; lightning, 255.

ROOSEVELT SWORN IN. Governor-Elect and Other State Officers Take the Oath.

Very Cold at Wilkes-Barre. The Susquehanna river is ice-bound again today, and the thermometer registered three degrees below zero.

AN AMBASSADOR'S FUNERAL. Impressive Services Over the Remains of Senor Romero.

Washington, Jan. 1.—Public funeral services over the remains of the late Don Matias Romero, the ambassador from Mexico to the United States, who died Friday morning, were held at St. Matthew's church today.

Revolution Against Aguinaldo. American Occupation of Philippines May Be Rendered Easier.

Destitution at Sancti Spiritus. New York, Jan. 1.—R. E. Turner and H. G. Conding, agents for the Cuban Central Relief committee, who left New York Dec. 8 for Sancti Spiritus, Cuba, with a large quantity of relief supplies, have called the committee from Sancti Spiritus as follows: "Ten thousand very hungry women and children here. Two thousand in country near here. Government doing nothing for relief. Will send distribution Sunday with the efficient aid of the local Red Cross. Send more food if possible."

THE NEWS THIS MORNING. Weather Indications Today: Fair; Warmer.

SPAIN'S FLAG COMES DOWN. The Transfer of Sovereignty Is Achieved Without Friction.

STORM VERY SEVERE. Eight Inches of Snow Fell in Philadelphia.

Wanted an Open Door. Berlin, Jan. 1.—The Hamburg chamber of commerce, in its annual report, proposes that the Cuban islands be opened to the commerce of the world on equal conditions like the German and British colonies.

CUBAN GENERALS PRESENT. Everything Moved Along with the Precision of Clock-work and the Formality of the Epoch-making Occasion Was Unbroken by a Single Discord—Spaniards Game to the Last—The Ceremony of Transfer Was One of Marked Simplicity.

Situation at Iloilo Is Very Grave. When the Dispatch Boat Left General Miller Was Preparing to Occupy Town.

Negroes See McKinley. Washington, Jan. 1.—The executive committee of the National Afro-American council, called at the White House yesterday and presented to the president an address in which he was asked to use his good offices in presenting to congress the subject of the recent lynching of colored people in the condition that the negroes may be brought to justice.

WEATHER FORECAST. Washington, Jan. 1.—Forecast for Monday: For Eastern Provinces; a cloudy, fair followed by light snow; a coldness; not so cold; light rain; table winds; becoming easterly.