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# EXIT THE SPANIARDS.

Formal Transfer of Cuba to the American Authorities.

The Retiring Captain General Unable to Control His Emotion as He Bade

Farewell to Spanish Control on This Hemisphere Havana, Jan. 2 .- The sovereighty of Cuba passed from Spain to the United States at noon yesterday. The form of the transfer was simple, consisting only of an exchange of speeches in the salon of the palace, the hauling down of the Spanish flag and the raising in its stead of the flag of the United States on the flagstaff on the palace roof. Salutes were fired from the heavy guns of the forts and the warships before and after the change of flags. The

raising of the Stars and Stripes was greeted with cheers by the people who covered the roofs of the buildings around the palace and plaza. No crowd was permitted to gather

in the streets in the vicinity of the palace to witness the epoch making function. At 9 o'clock a guard composed of the Second battalion of the Tenth in-fantry marched into the Plaza De Armas, under command of Captain Van Vliet, and formed around the square. Captain General Castellanos watched them with interest from the balcony of his apartments as they entered the square and were stationed at all the streets approaching the plaza. No one was allowed to enter without a pass, and all the doors of the palace facing the square were ordered to be closed. Only those who could get on the roofs and balconies of houses in the neighborhood saw what was going on before the palace.

Generals Wade and Butler, of the American evacuation commission, were the first to arrive at the palace, where they were met by General Clous and Major Mott. Then followed Generals Brooke and Chaffee and a number of Cuban generals. As they passed along the Spanish troops presented arms and the band played "The Stars and Stripes Forever." Then came General Fitzhugh Lee and his staff, who joined General Brooke.

On entering the palace the American generals went to the salon facing the plaza, which is on the second floor. Here were gathered the members of the captain general's staff, Colonel Gelpi, Lieutenant Colonels Belled, Girauta and Bonitas, Major Priego, Captain Ritenne and Captains Adolfo and Ramon Castellanos, sons of the captain general.

Suddenly Captain General Castellanos entered the salon without ceremony from the left and greeted General Brooke and others. After shaking hands General Brooke sat upon a sofa, while General Castellanos moved towards the group of Cuban generals. British Vice Consul Jerome introduced him to General Maya Rodriguez. Shaking both the hands of the Cuban officer. in the usual Spanish fashion, General Castellanes said:

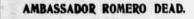
"We have been enemies, but I respect you for your correct attitudes and opinions. I have pleasure in shaking your hand."

General Rodriguez replied: "I thank you, general. I feel sorry for the Spanish army, which has defended the banner it was sworn to defend. I also have pleasure in shaking your hands." At the last stroke of 12 the boom of a gun brought all eves to the point in the room where stood the captain general, who was talking with an American officer. Immediately all was silence. The captain general

and General Castellance responded by bowing and kinsing his hand toward them. At the corner of the plans, with tears in his eyes, he turned to take a final look at the palace. He could see the American generals on the balcony Without a word he turned sharply in the direction of the wharf. At the dock Generals Clous and Chaffee bade him farewell, and the retiring captain general put off for the Spanish transpo Rabat, on which he will proceed to

Matanzas. After the departure of the Spanlards General Brooke held a reception, during which he told the Cuban officers that he would expect their hearty co-operation, which was solemnly pledged.

The parade of the United States troops showed the feeling of the Cuban element of the population. The roofs, the streets, the parks and the wayside in the suburban districts were crowded with curlous, but for the most part silent spectators. Now and again there was a cry of "Viva Los Americanos," followed by a burst of cheering. but there was no general expression of public rejoicing, though Major General Lee, who rode at the head of the column on a gray charger, received a personal ovation along nearly the entire route.



Mexico's Representative in Washington a Victim of Appendicitis. Washington, Jan. 1. - Ambassador Romero, of Mexico, died last Friday as the result of an operation for appendi-



THE LATE SENOR ROMERO.

crtis. He was 62 years old. The remains will be taken to Mexico for interment. The president sent a telegram of condolence to the Mexican governmeat. The president and cabinet attended the funeral services this after-

### AN UNPOPULAR ORDER.

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Santingo's Protest Against Sending Customs Receipts to Havana. Santiago de Cuba, Jan. 3.-An order has been received from Havana which, if enforced, will mean, in the judgment of the commercial slasses here, serious injury to the province. This is a direction to transmit the entire customs receipts each week to Havana. Compliance with such instructions would involve the abandonment of many necessary improvements, especially in the matter of roads and water works. Since the American occupation began these funds have been used for such purposes, and have been the principal means of meeting the necessary expenditures. The Heraldo says that to carry out this order would rob 10,000



Elected on the Opening of the Pennsylvania Legislature.

## DEMOCRATS LOOKING FOR FUSION

They Appoint a Committee to Confer With Independent Republicans-Conflicting Opinions as to Republican Senatorial Caucus.

Harrisburg, Jan. 3 .- The caucus of the Republican members-elect of the house of representatives last night was an extremely harmonious affair. John R. Farr, of Lackawanna, was the choice for speaker, his opponents being Ward R. Bliss, of Delaware, and George M. Hosack, of Allegheny. The names of 130 members were on the caucus roll. and there were six absentees. The vote on the speakership stood: Farr, 88; Hosack, 26; Bliss, 8. The candidates did not vote. Chief Clerk Jere B. Rez, of Huntingdon, and Resident Clerk A. D. Fetterolf, of Montgomery, were unanimonsly re-elected, and a slate committee of 30 was named to select the minor officials. The Republican nominees were promptly elected on the

organization of the house today. Mr. Bliss offered two resolutions designed to expedite the work of the legislature. They were adopted unanimonsly. The first resolution favors adjournment not later than Thursday April 20, and the second urges that the appropriation committee of the house shall report the general appropriation bill to that body on or before March 15, and that notice shall be given to every institution soliciting state aid that the appropriation bills in their behalf must be presented to the legislature not later than the date named.

A caucus of the Democratic members of the house of representatives way held last evening in the supreme court chamber. A resolution was adopted that the nominees for speaker, chief clerk and resident clerk accept the nominations with the understanding that the same be subjected to any changes or substitutions hereafter made by the caucus in arranging a fusion. William L. Creasy, of Columbia, was the unanimous choice of the caucus for speaker. Ralph E. Shaner, of Pottstown, was nominated for chief clerk; George M. Wambaugh, of Harrisburg, for resident clerk, and Peter J. Hughes, of Philadelphia, for reading clerk. The chairman, Mr. Dixon, of Elk, was directed to confer with the chairman of the senate Democratic caucus with reference to selecting the time and place of holding a joint camcus of the senate and house for the nomination of a candidate for United States senator.

Mr. Hasson, of Venango, offered a resolution, which was adopted, that a committee be appointed to confer with a committee representing the independent Republicans-should they appoint such a committee-to arrange for fusion on the organization of the house.

The conference of the Republican members of the senate was also held last evening, at which William P. Snyder, of Chester, was unianimously nominated for president pro tem. Edward W. Smiley, of Venango, was nominated for chief clerk; J. Allen Leeds, of Philadelphia, for reading clerk; John H. Rhey, of Carlisle, for reading clerk, and Samuel B. Cochrane, of Kittanning, for sergeant at arms.

The Democratic senators held their caucus in a committee room in the new capitol. Harvey W. Haines, of York, Cubans of employment, most of whom was nominated for president pro tem.,

## CHAIRMAN DINGLUY'S ILLUSS.

Though Encouraging, He Is Still in a Critical Condition.

Washington, Jan. 3 .- The slight fmprovement in the condition of Representative Nelson Dingley, of Maine, noted yesterday continued during the night, and his family are now hopeful



that the change for the better is permanent. The fever has been slightly reduced and the pulse is a little stronger. One of the atending physicians said this morning that he believed the patient now had a chance to recover. His condition, however, remains critical.

## A WEEK'S NEWS CONDENSED.

Wednesday, Dec. 28.

John P. Cochran, ex-governor of Delaware, died near Middletown, Del., aged 90.

Justin S. Morrill, the veteran senator from Vermont, died of grip in Washington, aged 88.

Miss Mercedes Garcia, daughter of the dead Cuban general, died of consumption at Thomasville, Ga.

Hon. Justin S. Morrill, the veterate United States senator from Vermont, died of pneumonia in Washington, aged? 88 years.

The dry goods store of Henry Wessels, in Baltimøre, was entered by burglars, who blew open the safe and secured \$7,000.

W. A E. Moore, convicted in New York of working the "badger" game on Martin. Mahon, was sentenced to 19 years in Sing Sing prison.

Soteros de Sarantos, a brigand for whom the Greek government offers 5,-000 francs, dead or alive, is under arrest in New York for felonious assault. Thursday, Dec. 29.

It is asserted that Carlist prisoners ins Spanish prisons are being tortured.

Howard J. Reder, judge of the Pennsylvania superior court, died at Easton ... aged 55.

The Island of Guam, just acquired by the United States as a naval station. will have a naval governor.

It is reported that W. K. Vanderbilt, Jr., now a Harvard student, will' marry Miss Virginia Fair, of California. Mrs. Kate Adams died in New York from poison sent through the mails as a gift to a friend, labeled "bromoseltzer."

When the Americans went to take possession of Iloilo, in the Philippines. they found the insurgents had already captured the place.

Harry F. Bailey, cashier of the Colebrook (N. H.) National bank, is under arrest for robbing the bank of \$35,000 .. The bank has suspended.

Rev. Sam Small, the evangelist, now an army chaplain, declares that he will advocate the abolition of army chaplains as a useless expense. At a district school near Clare, Is.,

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the left, taking his position directly in front of his staff.

At this moment the band on the plaza was playing the Spanish national hymn. As the guns at Cabanas fortress ceased firing there was a breathless pause in the salon. Everybody knew that the American flag was being raised on the staff on the roof of the palace by Major Butler, son of General Butler, and that the Stars and Stripes was going up on all the other official staffs in Havana. After this second of silence the band on the plaza played "The Star Spangled Banner," while the guns of the fleet and fortresses began to roar out the national salute of 21 guns.

Immediately Captain General Castel-lanos handed the manuscript of his speech to Captain Hart and began to speak.

Addressing himself to Major General Wade, president of the United States military commission, though he seemed to look at the floor, General Castellanos said:

"Gentlemen: In compliance with the treaty of Paris, the agreement of the military commissioners of the island and the orders of my king, at this moment of noon, Jan. 1, 1899, there ceases in Cuba Spanish sovereignty and begins that of the United States. In conclusion, I declare you in command of the island, with the object that you may exercise it, declaring to you that I will be first in respecting it. Peace having been established between our respective governments, I promise you to give all due respect to the United States government, and I hope that the good relations already existing between our armies will continue until the termination of the evacuation of those under my orders in this territory." After Captain Hart had translated

the address General Wade said to General Brooke: "I transfer this command to you."

Major General Brooke said: "I accept this great trust in behalf of

the government and president of the United States, and (addressing Captain General Castellanos) I wish you and the gallant gentlemen with you a pleasant seturn to your native land. May prosperity attend you and all who are with you."

Generals Brooke and Castellanos then shook hands, after which General Castellanos and staff retired from the throne room. As he bid farewell to his officers General Castellanos said, with tears in his eyes: "Gentlemen, I have been in more battles than I have hairs on my head, and my self possession has

never failed men until today. Adieu, gentlemen, adleu."

Then he moved swiftly toward the stairway, escorted by General Chaffee,

become bandits, having no other re-Robert T. Mason, British consul at Santiago, says it was Spain's practice of monetary centralization which caused most of her troubles in Cuba. General Wood, United States milkary governor of the department, on being asked to express as opinion respecting

the order declined to be interviewed. but it is reported that, without offering any criticism of the policy which dictates the order, be has shown his annoyance at the possibility of a stop being put to the good work being done in the province. The local taxation fund is barely sufficient to meet the expenses of the city. Popular excitement over the order is growing among all classes.

Confederate Graves in the North. Atlanta, Ga., Jan. 3 .- General Clement A. Evans, of this city, who was chairman of the commission appointed by the governor in response to a resolution adopted by the last legislature requiring the members to secure information as to the location of the graves of Confederate soldiers who died in northern military prisons, has sent a copy of their report to General Marcus J. Wright, the agent of the war department. This report is lacking in essential details, but it shows that nearly 22,000 Confederate dead are buried in northern states.

The Deadlock in Delaware.

Dover, Del., Jan. 3 .- The Delaware legislature convened at noon today. and among the most important matters that will be taken up by that body will be the selection of a United States senator to succeed Senator George Gray. The Addicks and anti-Addicks factions were unable to get together in caucus last night, and the session begins with a deadlock, owing to the absence of two members on account of

Toledo, O., Jan. 3.-City Clerk Lem P. Harris is in receipt of a letter from Admiral Dewey, who was invited to end of the mouth. be the guest of honor to open the Ohio centennial on May 1, 1903. The ad-miral expresses his thanks for the honor, and says that while it is impossible for him, at present, to make any definite answer, it would give him much pleasure should circumstances at that time render it possible to accept the invitation.

A Warrant For Zola's Arrest. London, Jan. 3 .- The Daily News says this morning: "In a roundabout manner we hear that the British authori-ties, at the request of the French govand followed by his staff. As he cross-ed the plass the American ladies who were standing in the balcony of the barracks waved their handkerchiefs,

would probably take to the hills and and on today's organization received the complimentary vote of the Democratic senators. The fight for the United States sena-

torship depends largely upon the time of holding the joint Republican caucus. Senator Quay's friends have fixed the meeting for this evening, and if a majority of the Republican legislators at tend his nomination is assured. His managers predict that the caucus will | Havana harbor. be held at the appointed time, and that there is no question of his success. The opposition are just as confident that with violating the banking law. there will be a postponement until after the supreme court disposes of the criminal charges against Quay growing out of the failure of the People's bank, of Philadelphia. If they can bring about a postponement they believe Quay cannot be re-elected.

#### Cuban Soldiers Waiting For Pay.

Havana, Jan. 8 .- The continuance of the Cubans in arms is the most puzzling question connected with the administration of the island. The negotiations for the payment of the soldiers are to be conducted from Washington, so as to relieve Major General Brooke of this difficulty. For the present the Cuban commanders are holding their men closely together and under discipline. They say that they expect the United States to pay them, and that they will not disband until they get an answer. There are probably 35,-000 men able to work, but now sponging on the country.

## January Weather.

Washington, Jan. 3 .- The naval hydrographic office in the pilot chart of the North Atlantic ocean makes the following forecast for January: Stormy weather along the transatlantic routes. with frequent westerly and northwesterly gales. Frequent gales north of the 35th parallel, extending southwest to 30th parallel west of the 30th meridian; occasional gales as far south as latitude 25 degrees north. Northers in the Gulf of Mexico. Occasional fog along and to the northward of the transaslantic routes. Ice probable as far south as Cape Race, towards the

### Dreyfus Taken Back to Prison.

London, Jan. 3.-The Paris correspondent of The Daily Chronicle says he learns that Dreyfus actually started for France, but that he was taken back to the prison island in consequence of the representations made by the government to the court of cassation as to the danger of bringing him to Paris.

La Paz Preparing For a Siege. Lima, Peru, Jan. 3 .- The latest advices from La Paz, capital of Bolivia, say that a combat is imminent between the revolutionists and the government troops. The La Pas merchanis are a possible stops of the capital.

arvey killed the school teacher Miss May Thomas, and then killed himself. She had jilted him.

M. Claude Philibert de Corcelles, formerly secretary of the French legation at Washington, and a grandson of Lafeyette, died in Paris, aged 96.

Friday Dec. 30.

A floating quarantine station, to cost \$70,000, is to be built at Philadelphia for

The entire board of directors of the Moran (Kan.) bank are in jail, charged

The Cubans in Havana had expended \$10,000 for an evacuation celebration which was prohibited by Generat Brooke.

Frank Jay Gould, the youngest som of the late Jay Gould, paid \$30,000 for a seat on the New York Stock Eschange.

Arrangements have been perfected for bringing home the bodies of soldiers buried in Cuba, Porto Rico and Manila.

C. A. Boeler, a Wells-Fargo express employe at San Antonio, Tex., went to deliver a \$60,000 money package. He has disappeared with the money. Saturday, Dec. 31.

Ex-Governor Merriam, of Minnesota. s mentioned as ambassador to Russia. The domestic letter rate from Canada to the United States has been re-

duced to two cents. An army board will investigate the "embalmed beef" controversy between Generals Miles and Eagan.

Frank Blassington, aged 16, and his prother Joseph, aged 12, were drowned at Rock Falls, Conn., while skating.

The Merritt & Chapman Wrecking company has started to raise the sunken Reina Mercedes in Santiago harbor.

R. G. Dun's review of trade says the year 1898 far surpassed all others infinancial and industrial results. New York is now the center of the world's financial power.

Monday, Jan. 9.

A revolution has broken out in 7 livia and Ecuador is much disturbed

Six Finnish mine laborers fell and feet to death down a mine shaft ar Ishpeming, Mich.

The Louisville Courier-Journal nom# nates Dewey and Lee for president and vice president on the Democratic ticker. The American liner Paris brought te-New York the crew of the British tank steamer Vindobala, wrecked in midocean.

An American lady in Rome has presented the pope with a magnificent gold snuffbox, studded with diamonds,, and containing a check for \$50,000.

A New York newspaper sent a \$5,00 check to Emperor William, with a request that he write his views of the Spanish-American war. The check

illness. Dewey Wants to Come Home.