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Commenting on the fact that the water of the city of Habana is not half so dirty as the tricks that are being employed, in the name of "cleaning the aqueduct", or "hygiene", to steal the millions from the Treasury.

Colonel Mendieta, refuting thestatements made in certain papers that Drs. Orestes Ferrara and Enrique Recio had gone to the Palace to negotiate with Dr. Zayas, for his reelection, denies that he has ever supported, or ever will support Zayas. "If the Liberal Party does not nominate me", says Mendieta--"I can retire to private life; but nobody can count on me to wrest from the Liberals one single vote in this struggle." "If Orestes Ferrara and Enrique Recio conferred with Zayas, it was to implore him not to resort to shady practices in the electoral struggle--not to make any compromises with him."

The Provincial Assembly of the Conservative Party in Oriente, has again proclaimed itself in favor of the candidacy of General Menocal.

Out of a sum of $1,000,000 appropriated for the purchase of arms and cartridges for the Army, only $200,000 has actually been expended for that purpose; the other $800,000 has gone up in smoke. The wave of corruption running through the government Departments has extended to that of War and Navy.

EDITORIAL --History repeats itself. In 1919 when Menocal was president, Zayas, then head of the Liberal Party, had an interview--and an understanding with Menocal. Zayas, as a result formed the Popular Party, joining with the Conservatives in the "National League, to defeat Jose Miguel Gomez. As a consequence he became, with the consent of Menocal, the President. Now Menocal is going to return the visit. Zayas will ask him to give up his aspirations, probably, and support him, and in return, will agree to make him President in 1928.

The water of Vento, although it is dark-looking, because the water of the River has again been turned into the basin, is now safe to drink. The most crying need of the city at this time, however, is the need for adequate collection of garbage, and provision for cleaning of streets.

HERALDO DE CUBA--July 23, 1924.
Dr. Morales Garcia, Local Chief of Sanitation, states that the final cleaning out of the Vento Basin will be accomplished by divers, who will be thoroughly examined before entering the water, and clad in pneumatic diving suits. They will dive to the bottom to scrape out the weeds and mud left there by the hopeless neglect of the Dept. of Public Works.

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Article stating that the reelectionistic movement is steadily losing ground. Dr. Zayas has given up the idea of a complete change of Cabinet, seeing that not even by this means, can he hope to win over the Conservatives, who wish a candidate that upholds the ideals of the Party. Armando Andre, in view of the "twisted interpretations" given to his visit to the President, now refuses to be an intermediary between Menocal and Zayas.
Vera Verdura's possibilities of nomination for the Presidency of the Party are lessening. His partisans now talk of nominating Senator Daniel Compte as a compromise candidate, but he is a freidn of Aurelio Alvarez, and will surely support him.

The city of Matanzas is now ~~alarmed~~ alarmed by the typhoid epidemic, which has spread there from Habana. The scarcity of water, the neglect of sanitary services, etc, make the situation an alarming one.

The new positions granted by Dr. Zayas in the Treasury Dept. are largely to be occupied by reelectionists. The number of applidants to these places is very large.

The Department of Public Works, refusing to pay the employees for three or four months, alleging shortness of funds, now consents ~~with~~ to pay them with a discount of 20 to 30%--and threatens not to pay at all, if they refuse to accpet this plan.

The revenues expected from the 1% tax on Gross Sales have greatly fallen short of expectations. It is alleged that this is due to the Revolution of the Veterans and the Railway ~~strookers~~ Strikes, but in reality, it is due to gross mismanagement.

EDITORIAL commenting upon the past, present, and future dangers which Reelection has meant and will mean for Cuba.

EDITORIAL quoting a statement of Dr. Simpson of the National Laboratory that 30,000 gallons of perfectly good water are being lost daily at Vento, from springs that ought to be used. Habana, it seems is condemned to suffer the "tortures of Tantalus"., since the Government will not take steps to bring about the captation of those springs.

Sarcastic article by Ramon Vasconcelos, giving an imaginary interview between Zayas and Menocal, in which Zayas promises to do as Menocal says he should--and Menocal and he embrace fraternally.

LA PRENSA--July 23, 1924.
At four this afternoon there will be another interview of the Porvincial chiefs of the Conservatives with Dr. Zayas, to discuss the projected Assembly of the 30th.

Article stating that the Machadists had better not, just because of the statements of Colonel Mendieta, believe that their victory is assured. There is still Reelection--and a powerful force it is. The outcome of the Liberal ~~Party~~ Party's struggle will not be known until after the meeting of the 26th.

State of the epidemic:

Old cases	364
New cases	8
Dismissed	3
Deaths	2
Total	367

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EDITORIAL applauding the actions taken by some of the residents of outalying districts of the city of Habana, in taking steps to work for the procuring of better communications with Habana proper, and in acting in behalf of a better water supply for the city. These steps indicate the growth of civic consciousness.

LA NOCHE--July 23, 1924

At the meeting held yesterday afternoon (Tuesday), the delegates to the Provincial Assembly of Oriente, agreed that the Party should support the League, but nominate a purely Conservative candidate--General Menocal.

An American banking concern has offered to buy up the credits for merchandise withdrawn from the docks and put into warehouses during the time of bankruptcy, by order of the Government, and obtain payment from the Government for same--straigntening out the claims for it. This procedure will put a great deal of power and capital from Cuba into the hands of American financial concerns, and is therefore to be avoided.

The Machadists willhold a grand meeting on the 25th, on the eve of the meeting of the National Assembly, to treat of political matters related with their campaign. The name of Carlos de La Rosa, of Matanzas, now Mayor of Cardenas, is mentioned for the Vice-Presidency.

EL PAIS--July 23, 1924.

Article stating that the Veterans and Patriots held a secret meeting Tuesday afternoon, the results of which are not known--but it is feared that they are planning another revolution. Their principles are excellent--but they use poor judgment in action--Revolution at this time would be a menace to the liberty of the Republic, for it might cause a great deal of damage to commerce and much financial loss.

Article commenting with irony on the changeable disposition of the people of Cuba, who are already beginning to forget the epidemic. Within a few months, everyone will forget it, and the precautions taken on account of the epidemic will disappear--and the water will return to its filthy condition--and three hundred thousand dollars will have been thrown away to no effect.

Article speculating on the possibilities of Menocal and Zayas for nomination by the Conservative Party. The bet between German Lopez and Carmelo Urquiaga as to the question, is declared "off".

EL MUNDO--July 24, 1924.

EDITORIAL commenting upon the alarming number of foreign Companies, of wealth and influence in this country, which are little by little replacing Cuban employees with employees from their own countries, monopolizing the interests of the Republic, and keeping many Cubans worthy of good positions, out of their organizations.

The pipes carrying the water for distribution, and the gravity tank at Palatino are now disinfected, and the water is declared to be perfectly safe for drinking. The National Board of Sanitation is awaiting orders from the Secretary of Sanitation, to visit Dr. Zayas and lay before him the opinions of the Board, and of the Depts. of Sanitation and Public Works regarding the vital problem of water supply.

DIARIO DE LA MARINA--July 24, 1924.

EDITORIAL commenting upon the indignation shown by Dr. Porto at statements that the Dept. of Sanitation was to blame for the typhoid. It is true that the Dept. of Public Works was the one in charge of the aqueduct--but the duty of the Dept. of Sanitation is to prevent and avoid sickness--not simply to cure it after it has gotten a hold!

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EL TRIUNFO--July 24, 1924.
The Mendietists, encouraged by the worthy statements of Mendieta, and by the fact that the votes of the Delegates from Oriente were annulled hope to gain the majority of the votes of Delegates at the National Assembly on the 26th.

After discussion with the President, the Provincial heads of the Conservative Party decided to reduce the number of their Committee to six, one for each province. It has also been decided that there will not be any interview between Menocal and Zayas.

EDITORIAL stating that the vanity of General Menocal was what prevented him from going to the Palace to confer with President Zayas. He is unwilling to give up his foolish aspirations, though it is undoubtedly true that Dr. Zayas has the majority of the Conservatives behind him, and the Popular Party also; Menocal should realize this, and "give up gracefully."

EDITORIAL stating that Mendieta and Machado, instead of being governed by personal ambitions, should consider the success and welfare of the Party--and unite to push the candidacy of President Zayas, who is sure of victory.

Mr. Alryd and Mr. Crissinger, President of the "Federal Reserve Board" are conferring with President Zayas, and Dr. Cuellar on the financial status of the Republic. They have come to lay before them plans for a grand network of railways to connect important points of the Republic--and perhaps, also, it is said, to carry out the building of the "Central Highway" in accordance with a law approved by Congress and sanctioned by the President. EL TRIUNFO rejoices that this project, of great benefit to the Republic, is being discussed, and is on the way to being carried out.

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EL HERALDO--July 24, 1924.

OPINIONS--commenting with great approval upon the statements of Colonel Mendieta that he will never support Reelection, and that all rumors of alliance between Zayas and himself are false. Cuba still possesses some great leaders and men like Mendieta, and the hour of danger makes them band together to fight the common peril.

Sensational revelations of crime and corruption in the Government. EL HERALDO publishes a list of Senators, Representatives, politicians, prominent men of different walks of governmental life, who are receiving "botellas" from the Government. It also gives the amounts expended in imaginary or "dummy" personnel, in the various departments of the Government. Among the botelleros, the name of Celso Cuellar, is, of course, very prominent.

Article quoting the remarks of prominent adherents of Menocal, who state that the possibilities of a pact between him and Zayas are nil. The only reason for which Menocal might be induced to confer with Zayas would be a request from the latter, or from the National Assembly of the Conservative Party. Even then it would not necessarily mean a pact. Menocal is opposed to Reelection because he believes it is injurious to the interests of the Republic--not from selfish or personal motives.

Dr. Carlos M. de la Cruz states that Menocal has the majority of the Conservatives behind him, and that the nomination of Zayas would mean the defeat of the Party.

Dr. Castellanos, interviewed on what would be his platform if he attained to the Vice-Presidency--as some have suggested, stated that he would initiate labor legislation, and would try to keep out undesirable immigration--these are two crying needs of the Republic.

Article stating that the "General Sugar Company", the "dummy" of the National City Bank interests, keeps all the business possible in the hands of Americans--replacing the Cuban employees with foreign ones, making it a rule that all the "Centrals" under its control must send for their supplies and machinery of all kinds to the United States. Even the repairing of the machinery, for which plants exist in Cardenas and Sagua, must be done in the States, by a Company in league with them--Hoven, Owens, Rechler Company. The expenses of having these repairs made out of the Island make enormous inroads in the profits of the sugar mills under the Control of the General Sugar Company.

The meeting of various Conservative leaders with Dr. Zayas yesterday afternoon, resulted in two resolutions: One, to form a Committee to approach the leaders of the Mehocal faction, and try to arrive at some solution of the conflict harmonious to both sides; Two, not to have the projected changes in the Cabinet. The present Secretaries are now thoroughly trained in submission to the will of Zayas, and a change might stir up trouble with the country. "Let the good work go on"--the wheels of Reelection will run more smoothly thus.

The President of the National Federation of Students of Cuba declares that his organization will fight for the construction of better

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buildings, better professors, and the general cleaning-up of the University system. Many of the professors dismissed from their positions, he declares, continue to draw salaries, to the injury of those who now discharge these duties, in some cases without receiving the salaries due them.

EDITORIAL --commenting upon the staunch and upright declarations of Colonel Mendieta, who says that the Liberal Party is his party, and he will never be a traitor to its interests--contrasting them with the selfish and greedy aspirations of President Zayas, who is animated by the most personal and infamous motives in his struggle for supremacy.

EDITORIAL

Dr. Lopez del Valle, who cut short his vacation on account of the typhoid epidemic, is preparing to make an energetic campaign of vaccination against the infection from the dread disease.

Article stating that the filth and neglect of the city will prolong the course of the typhoid epidemic, since it leaves many sources of infection.

The Central Electoral Board has been in session for some days past, examining various "expedientes" of electors registered, and turning them over to the Dept. of Justice, that it may find out if said persons have penal antecedents that might deprive them of the right to vote.

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Article stating that the Dept. of the Lottery has cooked up a scheme to defraud the public of its dues. Instead of paying prizes of $200 for the rest of the "hundred" of the Grand Prizes, it decided to count the hundred below it: For instance, if the hundred number was 600, the "approximations" should be paid from 600 to 699. The Lottery Dept. decided however, to pay from 500 to 600, and those holding the apparent approximations were out of luck! The Dept. thus paid itself $11,400.

The Harbor and dock workers of the city of Habana will go on strike if the Shipping Companies refuse to grant them an increase of wages/

Article stating that a message will be sent to Congress, asking that the President be authorized to commission one sole bank belonging to the "Clearing House", to pay checks of the Government, to avoid confusion and needless work, and to avoid also the necessity for messengers running from one bank to another constantly with packages of money involving large amounts in small change, bulky and easily lost. This one bank will be the "Fiscal Bank" of the Government.

The Departments of Sanitation and Public Works, in spite of the fact that the aqueduct produces annually $1,500,000, have only allowed $300,000 for upkeep and nothing for improvements.
The Dept. of Sanitation says that once the epidemic is over, it cannot continue to expend money for chlorinization of water. There are various improvements that should be made--to roof over the towers of the Conduit, badly in need of this; to install filters at the entrances to the conduit, etc. to remove mud and organic matter. To build divisions in the Palatino Banks, to keep the water in circulation.
To stop about two thousand leaks or wastes of water, in different parts of the city of Habana.

President Zayas has awarded the contract for the supplying of coal to the Dept. of Public Works to the Cuban Coal Company, which is in a fraudulent state of bankruptcy!

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The principal economic, social and working organizations of the city of Santiago, alarmed by the real crisis which the water problem has reached in that city, met to make resolutions to ask the President for a credit to finish the temporary repairs and work necessary on the aqueduct, since the city ~~itsx~~ is menaced with a water famine.

EDITORIAL contrasting the policy of the Menocalists with that of the Zayists. The first adopt as their slogan: "A Conservative candidate, even if we lose the elections." The latter cry out for the existence of the League: and a triumph in the elections, even though it be necessary to have Zayas.

EDITORIAL stating that the formation of a Committee of Intelligence of the Port of Habana, established in accordance with the Law of June 9, 1924, is the first step in the formation of important labor movements, and legislation. Ths object of this Committee is to study the conflicts arising between employers and employees, and avoid strikes and tie-ups, disastrous ~~mxthx~~ to employees and employers, and to the public as well.

Article by Ramon Vasconcelos, commenting upon the neglect of the Dept. of Public Works, allowing the city of Habana to remain in a filthy and unpaved state--and the general neglect and disregard of the public needs, shown by the "Royal Family".

LA NOCHE--July 24, 1924.

Article stating that the Menocalists are striving for a coalition to gain the power--either with the partisans of Mendieta, or with Dr. Zayas, on the basis of the ~~maxmx~~ maintenance of the League, but with the understanding that a pure Conservative be nominated. LA NOCHE holds that such efforts will be in vain, for the fact is that Zayas has the majority of the delegates to the National Assembly.

EDITORIAL commenting upon the rotten corruption and system of robbery existing in the Department of Public Works and the Ayuntamiento of Habana. Fraudulent awarding of contracts, collection for work that was never done, sinecures, etc--all these are the main activities of these two corrupt organizations.

Bases of the projected Conservative-Popular Pact: The changes in the Cabinet, substituting Secretaries favored by the Conservatives. Division of senatorial places between the two parties. Support of the League, and Dr. Zayas.

Article 71 of the Sanitary Ordinances, modified, reads that the employees in cafes, restaurants, etc who serve the public should not do the work of cleaning out the floors, sanitary services, etc. This is a measure to ensure the safety and decency of their service to the public.

Article stating that General Crowder will return the first part of next week. He will sail this Saturday from New York. The General, according to LA NOCHE has informed Secretary Hughes and President Coolidge that he is pleased with the prosperous and tranquil state of the Republic of Cuba, and with the trend of electoral affairs. On his return, he will hold a long interview with President Zayas, with regard to the political situation of today.

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Notice of the visit of Mr. Hayes, President of the Federal Reserve Bank Board, and other distinguished bankers, to President Zayas. The object of their visit is to lay before him a proposition for the Federal Reserve Board totake over the assets and liabilities of the Banco Nacional de Cuba, reorganizaing it, and making it the agent of the Federal in Cuba. The credit of this institution would then be guaranteed by one of the most powerful financial insgitutions of the world, and the plan involves many advantages for the Banco Nacional.

Dr. Porto in an interview with the President states that the epidemic is completely under control, and that within a few days the city will be entirely disinfected.

The Mendietist Directorate has received petitions that the public be allowed to attend the next meeting of the National Assembly, that the people may see the nomination of their candidate. It is probable that this request will be granted.

Dr. Domenech y Vinajeras, one of the delegates to the Sixth International Labor Congress in Geneva, sets forth the evils of labor conditions in Cuba. States, among other things, that the eight hour day is held to only by the Government--that in private companies the workers are abused, and given very long hours.

Dr. Simpson of the National Laboratory states the possibility that tanks in many buildings of the city may be a source of typhoid infection. Recommends disinfection with hypochlorite or iodine.

EL MUNDO--July 25, 1924.
EDITORIAL, in which EL MUNDO comments very unfavorably upon the project of the Federal Reserve Board to take over the Banco Nacional. The editorial states that with the passing of the Banco Nacional into foreign hands, Cuba's last hope of reorganization of the national banking system of Cuba--her last hope of financial independence--will be gone. Moreover the purchase price of the Bank would not cover the credit owed to the State. The other creditors and shareholders of the Bank would receive absolutely nothing.

One of the sources of infection of the water has been discovered. The brook known as "Orengo" (near Tower 22) penetrates the conduit through a crack, bringing in water caught from ditches, and a creek which receives sewerage from houses of Los Pinos, Naranjito, la Vibora, and other outlying districts of the city.

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Short despatch from London, informs that the House of Commons has taken up and discussed the supposed ill-treatment accorded various British subjects in Cuba, alleging that two murders of Britishers by Cuban subjects did not receive sufficient punishment . The Government is going to publish the correspondence on this matter between the British representative and President Zayas.

EDITORIAL commenting upon the absurdity of stating that either Mendieta or Menocal would be willing to renounce his apirations in favor of Zayas. The struggles in the parties and between them continue to be as fierce as ever. EL DIARIO hopes that patriotism and desire for union may prevail, and willingness to submit to the will of the Parties, and majorities.

The members of the Rotary ~~Sunray~~ Club, always in favor of civic movements applaud the campaign of El Diario in favor of good communications between Jesus del Monte and the Vibora and Habana proper.

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The Machadists, at a meeting held this morning, will lay plans for the campaign to be waged tomorrow (Saturday) afternoon, at the Assembly of the Party. In spite of the fact that the protestations against the ~~former~~ procedure of the Liberal Assembly of Oriente makes it impossible for the delegates from that province to take part in the voting on that occasion, the Machadists are confident of obtainting the victory, as they state they have a ~~xx~~ majority of 25 Delegates over those of the Mendietists.

In view of the fact that two of the great pumping apparatuses supplying water to different parts of Habana, have broken, it will be necessary today to begin supplyingwater by hours to those different sections, "turn and turn about". One of them pumps the supply to Guanabacoa, and the other to Principe and Vedado. Vibora, Cerro and Cojimar will also have to be supplied this way, ~~xxxxx~~ so that at some times there will be practically no water in some of these districts, at others an abundance.

The moving of the Offices of the Provincial Government to the newly acquired Palace ~~of~~ Balboa was finally completed yesterday. Work will begin tomorrow as usual, again.

The State Dept.
~~Xxxxxxxxxxxxxx~~ has sent an important note to the British Government , protesting against the claim forumlated by the English Government for the assassination of various British subjects in Cuba, which was not sufficiently punished.

The Central Electoral Board will meet today to hear the claim established against the procedure of the Municipal Assembly of the Popular Party in Santa Clara. EL TRIUNFO believes that the decision will be favorable to the Popular Party. It does not believe however, that the decision will be so favorable to the claim against the Municipal Liberal Assembly of Pinar del Rio, also protested.

The banquet in honor of Dr. Celso Cuellar del Rio, President of the Popular Party, and in honor also of the Reelectionist campaign of Dr. Zayas, will take place on Sunday, July 27, being preceded ~~xxxxx~~ by a great meeting of adherents of the Popular Party in Maceo Park.

At a meeting of the Municipal Directorate of the Mendietists, Senor Carlos Pelaez and others protested against the activities of the National Mendietist Directorate, accusing Dr. Ferrara and other leaders of that faction ~~xx~~ of making compromises with Machado, and deserting Mendieta when the hour had come to strike hardest--just before the meeting of the National Party Assembly, on the 26th.

EDITORIAL stating that the sanest and best elements of the Conservative Party, who look for the victory, ar e supporting the candidacy of President Zayas, and of General Molinet for the Vice-Presidency.

EDITORIAL stating that the division of the Liberal Party is practically assured. Although Mendieta may be able to accept, gracefully, the defeat at the hands of the majority of his Party, many of his followers will not--all this could have been prevented, and the Party maintained intact, if they had compromised by voting for President Zayas.

Dr. Zayas, interviewed by the reporters, denies that he has received any proposition for the purchase of the Banco Nacional by the
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EL HERALDO--July 25, 1924.
Section entitled "OPINIONS"--commenting unfavorably upon the proposition of the Federal Reserve Board to buy up the assets and liabilities of the Banco Nacional, and stating that only the most thoughtless, or those who are traitors to their country, could consent to such a measure, selling the birthright of Cuba, and making her entirely dependent, economically, on the United States,
OPINIONS--commenting upon the list published yesterday inthis same paper, of Senators, Representatives, and public men of all kinds who received "botellas" or bribes from the President, through the Dept. of Public Works, to support Reelection.

Further information concerning the "Sensational revelations" of yesterdayIs edition, giving the list of Botelleros in men of public life. Portela has signed a petition of funds "for the dredging of the harbor", of $100,000, all of which is to be expended for botellas. The "dredging of the harbor of Habana," is a famous excuse used to signify the expenditure or sinking of large funds without return save to the contractors, and negotiators of the affair.

The sum annually set down in the Budget of the Dept. of Public Works for the donstruction of"Bridges and Roads" is nearly ore million dollars. This year the credit is for $850,000, and most of it will disappear into the pockets of officials of the Dept. and Reelectionists.

Article quoting the statements of a Liberal who is neither Mendietist or Machadist, but neutral, but who think s that the victory of Machado in the Liberal Assembly is assured.

If Mr. Crissenger of the Federal Reserve Board, and Mr. George Hayes have come here to negotiate for the purchase of the Banco Nacional, they may be interested to see the revelations of EL HERALDO with regard to the National City Bank, which, on a smaller scale has been trying to monopolize the financial interests of Cuba.

Aurelio Alvarez declared in Camaguey that if Zayas attempts to impose his Reelection over the will of the majority, rebellion would be justified. The Conservatives of Camaguey at a great and enthusiastic meeting, cried "Down with Reelection". Vera Verduna's candidacy for President of the Party ~~in Matanzas~~ is losing ground in Matanzas.

EDITORIAL stating that the Liberal Party has the majority of the people with it, and that if it can stick together, and not allow itself to be split by factional strife, it can win the victory against Conservatism and Reelection.

The Rotary Club ~~session~~ of yesterday, among other things, discussed the menace of beggars and mendicants, who have organized themselves, and become a public nuisance.

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Article stating that the threatned Harbor Strike may soon be declared, since the shipping companies refuse the request of the harbor and dock workers for morepay. The laborers are believed to be stirred up by professional agitators, in the pay of Unions. It is hoped that the Dept. of Agriculture, Commerce and Labor, may be able to bring about a harmonious solution of the conflict between employers and employees.

HERALDO DE CUBA--July 25, 1924.
Dr. Orestes Ferrara at three o'clock today, in the Palace of Balboa, will give the Mendietist delegates an account of his talk with President Zayas. It is believed that the National Assembly of the Party will not meet tomorrow for lack of quorum, since the delegates of Oriente and Camaguey cannot vote, because their procedure at the Provincial Assembly was protested.

President Zayas has suspended interviews, and even the meeting of the Cabinet, devoting all his attention to the needs of his campaign for reelection.

Dr. Jose Manuel Cortina while stating that he believes the principle of Reelection should be struck from the Constitution, nevertheless believes that President Zayas--"the justest man in Cuba", as he says, is the best person to be elected to the Presidency, and will afterwards see to it that reelection is henceforth barred from the political fields.

The General Staff of the Army of Cuba states that to aid the National Laboratory in the work of vaccination, the Medical laboratories of the army are manufacturing and distributing large quantities of vaccine, to be used both for civilians and soldiers.

EDITORIAL commenting upon the corruption which reelection entails for Cuba--corruption in the Dept. of the Lottery, in the Dept. of Public Works--in every phase of governmental life.

EDDTORIAL commenting upon the many boasts made by Zayas and his followers concerning the flourishing state of the Treasury--and stating that since this is the case, the employees' Bonuses can and must be paid without further delay, or trickery.

LA PRENSA--July 25, 1924.
Colonel Mendieta, interviewed and beset last night by enthusiastic groups of his friends and followers, at his house, declared that the statements of EL HERALDO that he would support the decision of the Liberal Assembly if it nominated Machado were untrue. He still holds to all that he said in his Manifesto, and is resolved to struggle for his rights, believing that his candidacy represents the voice of the Liberal people.

The director of the Lottery explains the accusation that the Dept. had paid the wrong set of approximations to gain the public's money for itself. If the sixth hundred is, as is undoubtedly true, from 501 to 600, then the approximations to 600 are from 501 to 600--not from 600 to 699.'

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(The fact that this has not hitherto been the practice, does not seem to make any difference in his argument).

EDITORIAL commenting upon the fact that Congress is going to open another session shortly. LA PRENSA fears that this is not due to any enthusiasm or patriotic desire to study and put through laws for the benefit of the nation, but simply to the insatiable desire to create more measures involving large amounts of profit for the "fathers of our country". If, for instance, the water problem is going to be resolved this way, it would be better to continue on vacation and let it go, bad as it is now.

EDITORIAL commenting upon the fact that the solution of the conflict in the Liberal Party appears to be coming at last. La Prensa believes that Machado will be elected, without any further trouble or ado.

LA NOCHE--July 25, 1924.
EDITORIAL --on the art of knowing when to give orders, and how to give them. No Government has the right to give arbitrary orders to its citizens, when it does not fulfill its part of the bargain, and do its duty by them. Such is the case withthe Dept. of Sanitation, which, although it gives orders for the proper covering of garbage, afterwards, fails to collect it-- and orders sanitation, refusing to give proper and sufficient water for the necessary hygienic measures. The water is without warning cut off--but they expect the citizens to be clean, and to keep their houses clean and free from sources of infection.

The many cracks and fissures found in the aqueduct, permit the entrance of impure sources of water supply, contaminated with surface drainage and sewerage.

EL PAIS--July 25, 1924.
The typhoid epidemic is still going strong, and in view of the that two pumps supplying water to the city are broken, and that time is necessary to repair them, there will be a great scarcity of water in the city for the next two or three days, giving rise, doubtless, to further increases of the diseaase.

Previous cases	367
New cases	12
Cures	3
Deaths	1
Present total.....	375.

EDITORIAL--"The Punishment of the Conservative Party"--stating that the Party, having submitted to the tyranny of Menocal, and played a weak and inferior role during the past election of President Zayas, is now torn with strife, and will find itself probably obliged to submit to the nomination, if not the reelection of the corrupt and slippery Zayas.

The Government of Great Britain has made many protests against the treatment of British subjects (Jamaicans) to the President of Cuba--and it is possible that diplomatic relations between the two countries may be broken off, if immediate rectification is not afforded.

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EL MUNDO--July 26, 1924.

EDITORIAL reporting on the statements of President Zayas, denying the report that Mr. Hayes and Mr. Crissinger, of the Federal Reserve Board were proposing to him the purchase of the Banco Nacional. It is the fault of the Government that the private banking interests of the nation are in such a state of collapse. The enormous burden of taxation imposed on the people of Cuba is justified by only two things: First, the need for building up a fund in the National Treasury, which has been accomplished. Second: the necessity for establishing a sound National banking system, making the credit of Cuba good throughout the world. Congress should provide an adequate legislation whereby the Banco Nacional might liquidate its debts, and begin business on a sound footing, gradually building up its credit, with the aid of the Government.

Article by ANTONIO ESCOBAR (New York Correspondent)--relative to the operations of the United States in Panama, which is entirely under its jurisdiction, and stating that such is the policy of the U.S. towards the whole of Latin-America--"protectionism", military occupation, and final absorption.

The Liberal Reunion will take place today, but the Mendietists refuse to attend, except to make up the "seniority list". The Machadists, however, have sufficient quorum to hold the Assembly until the end.

DIARIO DE LA MARINA--July 25, 1924.

The Cuban Government imitating the action of the English Government in giving publication to the correspondence of the British Legation with the Cuban State Dept. relative to abuses committed against Jamaicans in Cuba, will publish a "Gray Book", to be distributed among the various legations, giving account of the matter. President Zayas will send a message to Congress concerning this affair.

EDITORIAL commenting unfavorably upon a law of March 29, made by the Spanish Directorate, requiring themilitary services of Spanish citizens residing in Cuba, born either before or after the obtaining of Cuba's independence. These born since 1898, who wish to be Spanish subjects, maybe required to fight for the mother country--but those who were born before Cuba had obtained her independence, have served their mother country already here, and should be entitled to exemption, since the service they can render in the way of propaganda is more valuable than that they might render with a rifle. Moreover, the effect of trying to enforce such a measure would undoubtedly result in their becoming citizens of Cuba, since that would be the easiest way to prevent military service. The editorial, moreover, cites the fact that many Cubans favoring Spain have offered their services in "Foreign Legions", indicating that there is no lack of support of Spain among the Spanish citizens or Spanish-adherents in Cuba.

Despatch from Washington states that the visit of Mr. Crissinger of the Federal Reserve Board, to Cuba, was not with any idea of taking over the Banco Nacional. According to high officials of the Federal Reserve, the only purpose of coming to Cuba was for a pleasurable vacation.

EL TRIUNFO--July 26, 1924.

Flaming editorial proclaimin g that the Presidency of Menocal has

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meant in the past, and would mean, in the future, disaster for the Republic.

The Supreme Court has announced that the claims established against the procedure of the Provincial liberal Assemblies of Oriente and Camaguey are both null and void, and the results of the votings in those Assemblies are therefore legal. Such was the decision rendered at the hearing of the claims yesterday afternoon.

The Mendietists refuse to accept a suggestion made by some Machadist leaders, that Mendieta should compromise, accepting the Vice-Presidency.

The struggle of the Liberal Party should be decided today, at the meeting of the National Assembly. Mendieta and his followers have not been tactful in electoral matters--they have relied to entirely on the popularity of their chief for success; the Machadists on the other hand, have been too high-handed, and have determined to win by hook or by crook. They should have chosen a compromise Liberal candidate--or better, still, agreed to support Dr. Zayas.

EDITORIAL stating that there is no reason to fear for the honest citizens'vote or liberties in this electoral campaign. Dr. Zayas is in charge--"the man who restored the liberties of the people", and all will go well and lawfully.'

Dr. Porto reports that so long as the aqueduct is not repaired, and the cracks filled, there will be typhoid epidemics every year, during the season of rains, when the water is most full of impurities.

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HERALDO DE CUBA--July 26, 1924.

The Machadist Delegates at their preliminary meeting yesterday, agreed to make up the quorum at the Assembly and to carry through their full program ~~of meeting~~ of nominating Machado, after the formation of the "seniority list", and the nomination of the Executive Committee.

At the preliminary meeting of the Mendietists, Governor Barreras proposed that they should attend the Assembly of Saturday, provided that the Machadists would consent to having the meeting last only until after the formation of the Executive Committee of the Party, leaving the Presidential nominations for a later date, until the Provincial Assembly of Pinar del Rio, protested, should have time to form and elect its delegates. The fact that the Supreme Court has denied the claims of protestation against the procedure of the Provincial Assemblies of Oriente and Camaguey, makes the Mendietists especially anxious that such should be the case with Pinar del Rio's Provincial Assembly.--since it is hoped that Pinar del Rio will support Mendieta--while Oriente and Camaguey incline towards Machado.

Officials of the Dept. of Sanitation are to undertake this afternoon an inspection of the Vento Conduit, near the point where the large fissure or crack occurs, near Naranjito, to determine whether it is true that durface drainage and sewerage from that villa ge seeps into the conduit. Dr. Simpson of the Sanitary Dept. states that during the rainy season there is constant danger of new infection of the water, and that the Dept. cannot accept the responsibility for such occurrences. The National Board of Sanitation has carried complaints of the inefficiency of the Dept. of Public Works before President Zayas, asking him for the present, while the epidemic lasts, to turn over to it (the National Board) the work of cleaning out the streets, fixing sewers, etc. It has also implored him to see that the conduit is repaired as soon as possible. The pump carring water to the Vedado will begin to function normally today. The other, to Cojimar, Mibora, etc, is not yet repaired.

Article stating that the Populars of the Municipality of Habana, disgusted with the failure of Celso Cuellar del Rio to fulfill his electoral promises, have asked him to renounce his office as Chief of the Party, making grave charges against him.

Notices having been received of the ~~Brit~~ Parliamentary discussion in the House of Commons in England on the question of the outrages committed against British subjects in Cuba, and especially that committed against a woman, probably Jamaican, in Oriente Province, the Cuban Dept. of State has requested information on this matter from the Dept. of the Interior. It is time that the State Dept. justified its negligence on this matter before the British Government, to avoid serious international complications.

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Article stating that if the complaints of the British Government against abuses committed against Jamaicans continue, the Government of Cuba will have to suspend the Jamaican immigration once and for all. Stating that the British in publishing correspondence between the Legation and the Cuban State Dept., has not published all the notes, but only those to their credit.

Reply of Orestes Ferrara to Jose Manuel Cortina's statements regarding reelection. Stating that it is true that Dr. Cortina worked against Reelection, but with the idea of proroguing the terms of office of the President, and members of the Congress--which amounts to an extension of term by law, instead of by the will of the people. At this rate, if Dr. Zayas was reelected, instead of "ending reelections", a childishly puerile statement--he would perhaps gain the extension of terms, and remain in office for ten years.

The Dept. of the Lottery relies on the revenues gained from numerous colecturias, to push the reelectionistic campaign.

EDITORIAL appealling to the Machadists, if they really, and in good faith, believe they have the majority in the Liberal Party, to be just and kindly toward the Mendietists, and not try to win from them by trickery, all the powers in the party.

EDITORIAL, commenting upon the difficulties between Great Britain and Cuba, and stating that the attempt on the life of General Jack, and the subsequent attempts by labor organizations to prevent him from returning to Cuba, may well give rise to misunderstandings of a diplomatic nature. It is not to the material interest of Cuba to be known as careless of the rights and privileges of foreign organizations established here.

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Articlestating that Zayas, after getting all that he could out of the Presidency, neglecting the needs of the nation, except when they represented his own needs, is now trying to be reelected, and to that end, is ready to conciliate all sides. But it is too late. He has put his neck into the noose, when he aspired to be reelected.

Article stating that the "balances" of the National City Bank, indicating enormous prosperity, are merely a form of camouflage--for no mention is made of the enormous losses incurred in Cuba. The reason for this is that this losses are nominally incurred by the General Sugar Company, an "accessory" company, but formed under an independent name, and with no apparent connection with the Bank. The situation of the Bank is therefore much less fortunate than would appear.

Dr. Duque de Heredia declares he will fight to the last for Mendieta, not, however, forgetting his duty to the Liberal Party.

Complimenting the Cuban State Dept. for its action in publishing a "Gray Book", explaining and clearning up the accusations launched by the British Goverment concerning abuses against Jamaicans. If this immigration, necessary for Cuba's sugar industry, should prove a nuisance, the Cuban Government will have to forbid it. Article states the Jamaicans are quarrelsome and do not make good citizens of the Republic.

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The heads of the Conservative Party of the Province of Habana met yesterday afternoon to discuss the political problem of the day. The majority are in favor of supporting the candidacy of General Menocal, and fighting the reelection of President Zayas. A large meeting will be held in the parque de La India on the 30th.

Dr. Lopez del Valle is of the opinion that the way to stop the typhoid epidemic is by vaccination of the whole population. This will give immunity for approximately one year, allowing time for the necessary work on the water supply, and the needed hygienization of the city to be a preventive against further epidemics.

The police of the city of Habana have discovered many "doctors" exercising their practice without diplomas or credentials. Among them, prominent, appears Dr. Boswell, the chiropractor, having an office in the Manzana de Gomez Building, who without ever having received a diploma in medicine, gains a large fortune with his supposed "cures".

LA PRENSA--July 26, 1924.

Dr. Narciso Davalos, Secretary of the Central Electoral Board, conferred with President Zayas this morning, after an interview with the Charge d'Affaires ad interim of the United States, on political and electoral affairs. The impression gained by Dr. Davalos from the American Embassy was highly favorably to Dr. Zayas' Government.

EDITORIAL stating that the space allotted for "parkways" on the avenues of Habana is usually neglected and used only for the depositing of trash and waste of all kinds. It would be better to pave these over, leaving the whole street for the passage of vehicles, instead of skimping driving space for parkways" that are never fixed.

The committees from both the Machadistt and Mendietist factions, at a preliminary meeting this morning, agreed to make the Assembly's procedure this afternoon, only partial, electing the Executive Committee, with the Vice-Presidency to go to the partisans of Mendieta, and the other places to be equally divided. The nominations for President and Vice-President of the Republic, will be postponed, according to the agreements of the two factions.

State of the epidemic:

Previous cases	375
New cases , today	10
Dismissed	15
Deaths	0
Present total.....	370.

LA NOCHE--July 26, 1924.

President Zayas has stated that he will order all the forces of the Army to remain in barracks on the 30th of October, preferring fights between Liberals and Conservatives to the interference of the Army in the elections. Declares that if defeated, he will be first to congratulate his opponent who has been victorious.

Dr. Miguel Mariano Gomez, the Mendietists' candidate for the Presidency of the Party.

Article stating that the United States Tariff Commission, at its last session, agreed to propose to President Coolidge a 25% reduction on the duties on sugar sent to the U.S. to be refined. This measure, if carried through, will greatly benefit the Cuban growers.

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EDITORIAL commenting upon the "sale of the country", which, through negligence or corruption, or the predominance of selfish interests, and lack of patriotism on the part of the Cubans, is gradually passing into the hands of foreigners. Commenting with especial disfavor on the rumored project for the turning over of the Banco Nacional to the Federal Reserve Board.

The Assembly of the Liberal Party was thronged with ~~xxxxxxx~~ delegates, and much enthusiasm and the greatest harmony prevailed between the two factions. The nominations for the Executive Committee were as follows:

Liberal

President Vazquez Bello
Vice-Pres. Carlos de La Rosa; Jose M. de la Cuesta, and Carlos Bertot.
Recording Secs. America Portuondo; Vice-Sec. Juan Espinosa.
Corresponding Secretary: Miguel Mariano Gomez; Vice-Sec. Juan Rodriguez.
Treasurer: Miguel Angel Cisneros: Vice-Treasl: Modesto Maidique.
Members: Jose. R. Barcelo: Rogelio Zayas Bazan; Domingo de Para; Leonardo Loynaz; Cecilio Noble; Heliodoro Gil.

EDITORIAL commenting upon the new developments of the Liberal Situation, and urging the Liberals in this period, to devote their time to strengthening the party as a whole, forgetting their differences, and uniting to defeat the Conservative Party, which is torn by strife, and lacks the strong leadership of a candidate of the people.

EL MUNDO--July 27, 1924.
At the meeting of the Liberal Assembly, on Saturday, the President of the Executive Committee, Dr. Vazquez Bello, stated that the candidacy of Machado and Carlos de la Rosa, on the 30th, when the nominations would be definitely made, was practically assured. The greatest harmony prevailed through the meeting.

EDITORIAL urging the Cuban Government to look out for the pre-organization of the Banco Nacional, not allowing it to pass into foreign hands, which would mean the economic slavery of Cuba.

EL TRIUNFO--July 27, 1924.
Article stating that Orestes Ferrara, disgusted with the willingness of his comrades to support the decision of the Assembly if it nominated Machado, has resigned his position as delegate to the National Assembly, and leader of the Mendietis Directorate, and will take a place in the rank and file of the party.

EDITORIAL commenting on the eternal situation of the Liberal Party, and predicting that the defeat of Mendieta, now assured, will lose the victory for the Liberal Party.

Long and elaborate account of the festivities to be held today (Sunday) in honor of Celso Cuesallar del Rio, President of the Popular Party.

Report of the works on roads and bridges accomplished and begun in the different provinces of the Republic, by the Dept. of Public Works.

EDITORIAL commenting unfavorably on the arrogance of Menocal, who even in the fact of evident defeat, persists in his insane and hopeless attempt to attain to the Presidency once more.

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HERALDO DE CUBA--July 27, 1924.
Article stating that the Mendietist delegates did not make up the quorum at the Assembly on Saturday , and that it was agreed to make the nominations for the Presidency on Wednesday, July 30, on the basis of Machado-and La Rosa.

New s from the Treasury Department: The new places created by Presidential Decree will be filled from the first of August on. It is evident that the nominations depend on the result of the Assemblies of the Conservative Party on the 30th and 31st.
The Treasury Dept. has drawn one million dollars more from Morgan & Company as the rest of the additional amortization ordered in the Loan Law, made from ten percent of the excess revenues on seventy million dollars.

Dr. Lopez del Valle states that the bad condition of the aqueduct will make it necessary for all the citizens of Habana to cooperate consenting to be vaccinated, to stop the increase of the typhoid epidemic.

The President of the Chamber of Commerce of Cienfuegos has written a letter to the President of the National Federztion of Economic Corporations to protest against the fact that Cuba is not represented in the exposition installed in the Pan-American Union, of the products of other Latin-American Republics.

EDITORIAL lamenting the sad misfortunes of the Liberal Party, doomed to defeat, by its strife and struggles.

EDITORIAL commenting with regret u pon the gross error made in interpreting the motives of the visit to Habana, of Mr. Crissinger of the Federal Reserve Board. That organization is not really a banking institution, but an official system created in the U.S. by law, with the object of offering protection and securities to associated banks. Its motives, therefore, cannot be suspected .
The unfortunate "crash" of 1921, and the moratorium, have made the whole Republic most suspicious about everything connected with national banking systems or projects.

EL HERALDO--July 28, 1924.
OPINIONS--Editorial paragraph discussing the projected publication of the "Grey Book", with the letters between the British Legation and the Cuban State Department. Stating that the British subjects--more particularly the Jamaicans--living in Cuba are well treated, in general. That it is the Cubans who are despoiled by their own Government, and deprived of their rights, not the Jamaican immigrants who swarm over here to work in the cane fields.

The impression gathered at the National Assembly on Saturday, the 26th., was that on the 30th when the Presidential nominations are made, the candidates will be:Machado for President, and Carlos La Rosa for Vice-President. Some of the delegates are in favor of nominating Mendieta for Vice-President, while most of them believe that would only cause complications.

Article stating that the greatest neglect and filth prevails in the Calixto Garcia Hospital. There is no water for the patients; they are herded together like cattle, and receive no proper attendance.

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EDITORIAL commenting unfavorably upon the statements made in the House of Commons in Londonby Mr. Arthur Pnnsomby relative to ill-treatment of British subjects in Cuba. Declaring that the British government at that distance cannot known the facts as the Cuban Government does. As for the ~~agressx~~ attack on Mr. Jack, the aggressor is in prison pending trial, and the British Government cannot surely claim that excessive lenience has been used here.

~~EDITORIAL~~
LA PRENSA--July 26, 1924.
TRANSFER OF POWER--Editorial commenting upon the rumored plan of Great Britain to give the U.S. authority over British Honduras, placing it nominally under the authority of Guatemala. (Translated in full).

EDITORIAL commenting upon the cordiality and good will prevailing at the National Assembly on Saturday. The Machadists, although they had sufficient numbers to elect Machado President, in courtesy to the Mendietists, who, except for the delegates from Matanzas, did not appear at the meeting, agreed to postpone the nominations of President and Vice-President until the 30th. Lamenting the fa ct that through the failure of the aspirations of Mendieta, the Liberal Party is broken, and disorganized. Machado will surely win, but such is the attachment of many Liberals to Mendieta that they will cleave to him, even in defeat.

LA NOCHE--July 26, 1924.
Commenting upon the speeches made in England by Mr. Charlas E. Hughes, on the subject of American policy, in which he draws an almost ideal picture of the harmony prevailing in this Western hemisphere--but citing as a fly in the ointment, the disturbances and lack of harmony in the Caribbean countries. Cuba like all small and comparatively weak nations, should take care to make her ~~international~~ international and national policy to worthy, her actions so careful, and dignified, that she will win the respect of the great nations of the world. Powerful nations can impose their policy, and set the fashion in international dealings: small ones must show worth and dignity to be appreciated.

EL PAIS--July 26, 1924.

Reminding the Dept. of Sanitation that its duties are not over with the cleaning out of the Palatino tanks. There are other matters just as important: the cleaning out of tanks in private houses; the inspection of ice-cream factories; of bakeries, where flies abound; the meat markets; the groceries, where some rotten goods are sold, and where no disinfecting is done; fish-markets, exposed to dirt and flies; dairies, not properly inspected; fruit and begetable stalls; garbage and filth in the streets. All of these matters must be remedied before the typhoid can be really checked.

Article commenting upon the fact that the officials of the Dept. of Public Works enrich theiselves, while the city streets are left neglected and filthy, and the paving is an abomination.

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EL MUNDO--July 28, 1924.
EDITORIAL commenting upon the lectures given by Dr. Rowe of the Pan-American Union at the Institute of Politics at Williamstown: His theme was "Inter-American relations: Elements of a constructive Pan-American policy", and it will be undoubtedly full of the usual pleasant generalties on this subject. A subject that might very well be discussed is the contrast between the action taken by the Government of the U.S. towards States that do not pay their indebtedness to individuals--in which case the individual receives no justice; and the attitude adopted when any Latin-American state delays payment of its debts to any citizen of the U.S. In this case, immediate payment is demanded; and if it is not accorded, warships are sent down, and intervention ensues.

DIARIO DE LA MARINA--July 28, 1924.
State of the epidemic:

Former cases	368
New cases	3
Dismissed	10
Deaths	1
Total at present	360

Dr. Porto yesterday interviewed President Zayas, informing him of the improvements necessary in the aqueduct, to prevent further increases of the epidemic.

EL TRIUNFO--July 28, 1924.
Article giving an account of the celebration held yesterday in honor of Dr. Celso Cuellar del Rio, at which large crowds, with great enthusiasm, marked the seal of their approval of the candidacy of President Zayas.

It is expected that at the meeting to be held Wednesday night, by the partisans of Mendieta, plans will be laid for decisive action to be taken at the meeting of the Liberal Party on the evening of the same day. It is probable that the majority of the partisans of Mendieta will make resolutions refusing to accept the decision of the Assembly unless it nominates Mendieta.

EDITORIAL commenting upon the prospects for the nomination of Dr. Zayas, and Molinet at the National Assembly of the Conservative Party: the sympathies of the Conservative Party and of the Populars so largely incline towards Dr. Zayas, and the divisions of the Liberals likewise favor him, so that his triumph may be assured, and the elections will proceed along strictly legal and orderly lines. There is no occasion for fraud, or fear of the same, when one can count on a large majority of votes due to popularity and esteem of the people.

EDITORIAL stating that the Machadists, afraid of so entirely disregarding the will of the majority of the people as to arbitrarily and suddenly impose the candidacy of Machado, are putting off the evil hour, giving the Liberal Party time to get used to the idea. This will work them no good, for the Party will rise in protest, and the votes lost through this unjust imposition over the just and legal aspirations of Mendieta will swell the votes of Reelection.

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SUMMARY OF NEWS AND EDITORIAL COMMENT IN THE HABANA PRESS.

Monday, July 28, 1924 (Afternoon)
Tuesday, July 29, 1924 (Morning).

HERALDO DE CUBA--July 28, 1924.
Article stating that the "homage" or "celebration" in honor ot Zayas and Cuellar was a grotesque performance. Hordes of wild enthusiasts, in trucks furnished by the Dept. of Public Works, filled the streets with their uncouth laughter, their loud voices, their drunken singing and the exploding of fire-crackers, while the honest, sober part of the population shut its doors against the barbarous tom-tom beating of drums, and the careless slinging of fire-crackers and rockets.

A Chinese mercantile bank to look out for Chinese interests in Cuba, with a capital of $500,00, will establish a branch shortly in Habana.

Large shipments of whiskey and rum have been cleared from the harbor of Habana, en route for Puerto Cortes, Honduras. This port and St. Pierre de Miquelon are the favorites of the Florida bootleggers.

Zayas has gone up on his price for the votes of delegates to the National Conservative Assembly. It becomes increasingly hard to get any of them to vote for him, so he has gone up to $16,000. But even this price will not tempt those who are loyal to the interests of the Party and the Republic, tosupport the infamous despoiler of the public treasury.

Article stating that all the plans, projects, studies, for the resolving of the water problem have come to naught. The Government wishes to produce a desperate situation, so as to gain profit by compelling the use of filters, meters, etc.

Probably on Wednesday the correspondence between the British Legation and the Cuban State Dept. relative to abuses against Jamaicans will be published. It is possible that with the various Messages sent by Zayas to Congress, there will be one asking it to limit the entrance into the Republic of day-laborers, such as those used in the cane-fields, and possibly suggesting the prohibition of Jamaican immigration, as dangerous and injurious to the interests of Cuba.

Article stating that the closing of the Frontons has made the practice of illicit gambling increase. The Government is using gambling as a means of electoral bribery, bartering concessions of gambling dens, in return for votes or money for reelection.

The letter-carriers of the Dept. of Communications, who have not been paid for the past two months, refused on Saturday to deliver letters. Finally, with promises of their chiefs that they would be paid, they consented to take out the letters for distribution.

EDITORIAL commenting upon the fact that the Assembly of the Liberal Party was an Assembly of the Machadists alone, for none of the great Mendietist leaders were present. The Machadists cannot hope to defeat the choice of the people, by getting possession of the Executive Committee of the Party--this will only widen the division and defeat the Party's best interests.

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EDITORIAL paragraph commenting upon the paradoxical phrases of Cortina, who wishes Zayas to be made President again, that he may end Reelection once for all. Cortina thinks the Presidential term should be made longer-say six years. At this rate, Zayas might be President for six years more, and then elect Celsito for his successor!

EL HERALDO--July 29, 1924.
OPINIONS--Scoffing Editorial, commenting with a good deal of humor on the character of the "homage" offered to Celso Cuellar del Rio Sunday night, when all the "botelleros" of the Dept. of Public Works, and all the garbage collectors, street sweepers, etc, turned out to kow-tow to their great chieftain, the negotiator of all the dirty work of the Palace.

Another article against the fraudulent actions of the General Sugar Company and the National City Bank (account of article appears more fully in report of campaign against the Bank).

Article commenting upon the cordiality and peace that prevailed at the National Assembly of the Liberal Party, and stating that the entire party will support the decision of the majority to elect Machado, on the thirtieth.

Congress, impelled by the clamor of the nation, which calls its attention to many matters of importance, will again meet in session today. The legislation in favor of repair of the aqueduct is a crying need--as is also the law for the increase of the number of schools in the Republic. However, it is believed that there will not be a quorum today, due to the political developments of the last few days, which will engross the attention of many members.

LA PRENSA--July 28, 1924.
General Crowder embarked on the Siboney from New York Saturday, and will arrive in Habana Tuesday afternoon.

Typhoid statistics:		
	Previous cases	360
	New cases	1
	Dismissed	8
	Present total	353

EDITORIAL commenting upon the futility of further postponing the presidential nominations of the Liberal Party, in the hope of preventing a division. The division is bound to occur, for the Mendietists will not submit to this decision.

LA NOCHE--July 28, 1924.
Commenting upon the probable triunph of Machado, and stating that once he is nominated, all the Liberals will forget their differences, and fight at his side, for the interests of the Party. (Editorial)

The strike threatneed by the conductors and porters of the Cuban Railway Company is on, since the Company has refused to grant the petitions for extra pay for extra hours of work.

Dr. Manuel Varona Suarez, prominent member of the Liberal Party, declares that he is certain the majority of the Party will accept the decision of the National Assembly to nominate Machado.

EL PAIS--July 28, 1924.
The Dept. of Sanitation is taking steps to see to the mending of the conduit at Albear, which will be drained dry while the work of stopping the cracks is going on.

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Article unfavorably commenting upon the negligible work accomplished by the National Commission of Statistics and Economic Reform, which when it needs data asks the other Depts. for it, and has done nothing constructive since the day of its establishment. Its members are "botelleros" who collect their salaries without doing anything useful, and it would be better to suppress it altogether.

EDITORIAL sarcastically commenting upon the lack of interest and pep in Congress, which has loafed more days than it has worked, this session, and which, now that the political situation is beginning to clear up, is ready to take up its duties again. It is to be hoped that this time it will show some interest in the securing of the Employees' Bonus, and the reform of the tariff.

EL MUNDO--July 29, 1924.

Mayor Cuesta has sent a member of the Dept. of Municipal Improvement to the Dept. of Public Works to confer with the Secretary concerning the projected improvements in the Aqueduct.

EL DIARIO DE LA MARINA--July 29, 1924.
The Dept. of Sanitation is undertaking a campaign for the cleaning up of garbage and trash. One of the measures will be the burning of filth and waste in deserted lots. Another campaign will be waged against the flies, obliging sellers of foods to keep them properly covered against the germs and flies which may attack them.

EDITORIAL stating that the Assembly of the Liberal Party, although it did not make presidential nominations showed two things: First, that the candidacy of Machado was certain: Second: that the Mendietists, unwilling to accept Machado would break up and disband, probably forming new factions.

EL TRIUNFO--July 29, 1924.
Editorial commenting on the need for a national banking system in Cuba. Ever since the disaster of 1920, the country's finances have been in the hands of American banking firms, operating under the laws of the U.S. and avoiding the laws of the Republic. Without national banking no country can have economic Independence. In later articles EL TRIUNFO will show how it would be possible to achieve national banking, and build up national credit.

Article stating that Dr. Zayas has the victory in the Conservative Party assured, and only the "bluffers" favoring Menocal say otherwise.

Editorial stating that at the National Assembly of the Conservative Party Dr. Zayas will be nominated and the menace of Menocal will be forever disposed of.

EDITORIAL commenting upon the split of the Liberal Party, and affirming that it is useless to indicate a sane and safe remedy (the reelection of Dr. ~~Zayas~~ Zayas,) for the partisans of Mendieta, for they will not listen to reason, but insist on following the path that leads to defeat.
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Tuesday, July 29, 1924. (Afternoon)
Wednesday, July 30, 1924 (Morning).

HERALDO DE CUBA--July 29, 1924.

The strike of the conductors and porters of the sleeping coaches of the Cuban Railway Company was declared yesterday afternoon at four. The company did not accede to the petitions made for extra pay for extra working hours, and the Railway Brotherhood impelled them to strike. The Brotherhood is going to pay three-fourths, if not all of the amount of the salaries of those on strike. A meeting of themembers of the Executive Committee of Delegation No. 2 of the Railway Brotherhood will take place ~~this afternoon~~ Wednesday afternoon. The Railway Brotherhood, to which all the workers row belong, will not permit any strike-breakers to be employed in the place of those on strike.

Dr. Simpson of the National Laboratory, and Engineer Jose Manuel Cadenas, and ~~Dominguez~~ Engineer Alfonso Dominguez will direct the work of twenty men who are to clear away the weeds impeding the flow of the Cabrera and Orengo brooks, which, diverted from their course, are entering the Conduit ~~at~~ and contaminating the water supply. It is believed that the roots of trees have caused the cracks in the conduit; and the grass, plants and trees will be cleared away, after which the brooks will be turned into another course, away from the Conduit. The work of repairing the cracks will be very difficult, as it will entail cutting off the entire water supply of the city.

The work of the Labor Intelligence Commission, in trying to bring about an increase of wages for the harbor and dock workers has failed. The Association of shipping companies has refused to recognize the demands of the workers, and the latter are making a last effort to obtain the fulfillment of their demands through the Dept. of Agriculture, Commerce and Labor, before declaring a strike.

Mayor Cuesta~~/~~ states that he has not seen fit to make proposals for the improvement of the water situation by the Ayuntamiento, not wishing to interrupt the work of the Dept. of Public Works along that line. He is now anxious for the improvement of the situation, however, and will devote the $500,000 allowed in the Budget of Municipal Treasury to that purpose.

The letter-carriers will wait until tomorrow (Wednesday), for the receipt of their back pay, and if they do not get it then, they will go on strike, refusing to deliver mail.

EDITORIAL stating that the drunken enthusiasm of the mob that acclaimed Celso Cuellar and President Zayas on Sunday night was a sample of what may be expected from the reelectionists. Large amounts were expended for this "faked" celebration, designed to give an appearance of great popularity to the unpopular Celso--these sums might better have been devoted to the public services, sadly neglected by the reelectionists.

EDITORIAL commenting upon the very negligible achievements of the sanitary authorities, who, after great deliberation, have come to this momentous conclusion: That the citizens of Habana had better continue to protect themselves against the water, productive of typhoid! In other words, we must continue to boil and filter,

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while the Sanitary Dept. "confers with President Zayas", whose ear in these times is not attuned to anything but the chink of coins, or the suggestion of votes from the Conservative Assembly.' The President should immediately upon the opening of the new session of Congress, the first few days of August, give them the report of the National Board of Sanitation, and demand that they immediately turn their belated attention to the solving of this grave problem.

EL HERALDO// * July 29, 1924.
Section entitled OPINIONS--very sarcastically commenting with horror on the assertion recently published that Presidetn Zayas was now "quoting " the votes of delegates to the Conservative Assembly at $16,000 per head. Is it possible that the "father of the Republic, the Cincinnatus of Cuba should stoop so low?

Article stating that Tit i Zayas has managed to augment the expenditures of the Lottery Dept. by $256,000.00/. The greater part of this sum, however, has disappeared in mysterious ways--one twelfth of it in "botellas", and rest, mainly into the pockets of Titi, it appears.

It is apparently a fact, according to all indications, says EL HERALDO, that Reelection is definitely defeated in the Conservative Party, and that the factions of Menocal will have the large majority in the voting o f the Assembly, on the 30th and 31st.

Another article against the operations of the National City Bank, stating that Mr. Durrell, President of the bank in Cuba, and Mr. Houston, President of the General Sugar Company are now in New York, endeavoring to negotiate loans to tide them over, so that they can fulfill their part of the crop lien contracts made with the planters, in which they have to guarantee the production of a certain amount of sugar to the mill. (Fuller mention of this article made in report of the campaign against the National City Bank).

EDITORIAL commenting upon the alarming fact that Cuba is becoming rapidly "dis-Cubanized". Her banking is in the hands of American and English banking firms, such as the National City Bank, The Bank of Nova Scotia, the Royal Bank of Canada. The railroads, the steamship lines, the electricity, the street-cars, the telephone systems--all are controlled by foreign companies.

The threatened strike of the Pullman conductors and porters, announced for this afternoon, will not take place, according to a last minute despatch from Camaguey, since after negotiations this morning, the conflict was satisfactorily decided. This report, however, is not officially confirmed, the Central Station stating that the lasttrain leaving this city with sleeping coaches was at ~~2x45~~ 1.42 this afternoon.

Various Conservative Congressmen, and delegates conferred with President Zayas at Finca Maria this morning, to discuss the maintenance of the National League, and the presidential nominations on the 31st. The matter of changes in the Cabinet , to take place at the beginning of August, was also discussed.

EDITORIAL censuring the attitude of Dr. Davalos, President of the Central Electoral Board, for making a report on the progesss of electoral affairs to the Charge d'Affaires ad interim of the United States. Such reports should be given out to foreign officials only

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through the State Department, and Dr. Davalos is exceeding both his duties and his powers in reporting on electoral affairs to the representative of a foreign government.

EDITORIAL commenting upon the homage to Celso Cuellar del Rio and President Zayas, which marked the active beginning of the reelectionistic campaign. LA NOCHE is of the opinion that the nomination of President Zayas is assured . At any rate, the struggles of the Conservativeshave not the violent characteristics of the struggles of the Liberal Party, which is doomed to defeat and division.

Mr. Broderman of the Dept. of Municipal Improvement and Secretary Sandoval have donferred concerning the project for the captation of new springs for the water supply of the city of Habana. Dr. Sandoval suggests thatx the springs of Husillo be tapped, making use of the old filters of the Avenue Carlos III, and installing a new chlorification plant. He also suggests that filters may be installed, to purify the water of the Almendares River where it enters the conduit, examination being made along the conduit to find where there are cracks which might allow contaminating substances to penetrate the Conduit.

LA NOCHE--July 29, 1924.
Article stating that one of the main problems treated of by General Crowder, with the American State Department, was the possibility of making other adjustments with Cuba, whereby the United States could substitute other compensations than the Isle of Pines, in return for the Guantanamo Coaling and Naval Station, and decide this problem which has long been a bone of contention, admitting the rights of the United States over the Isle of Pines.

Ambassador Crowder arrived yesterday afternoon on the Siboney, after a month in the States, conferring with the State Dept. and the White House on various Cuban problems. He was met by the Introductor of the State Dept, Mr. Soler y Baro, and the [illegible] officials of the American Embassy.

LA NOCHE rejoices in the fortunate solution of the conflict between Pullman employees of the Cuban Railway Company and their employers.

Article commenting upon the ridiculous amount of talk and the constant discussion of reasons for the impurity of the water supply and the small amount that has been accomplished to remedy this condition.

EL PAIS--July 29, 1924.
The Machadist faction of the Liberal Party appeals to all the adherents of Machado to appear and be present at the voting of the National Assembly of the Liberal Party on Wednesday. After the delegates have chosen their candidates, the assemblage will proceed to the offices of the Liberal Party at Prado and Neptuno.

EL MUNDO--July 30, 1924.
EDITORIAL favorably commenting upon the Platform of the Liberal Party, as announced at the Assembly on Saturday, or rather, as reaffirmed on that occasion. Some of the problems to be solved are: (a) Constitutional amendment passed by Congress, forbidding reelection of a President. (b) Ample increase of salaries of teachers and of number of schools, to do away with illiteracy. (c) Intensification and improvement of agricultural, industrial, commercial, etc. forms of education, and improvement of higher education. (d) Construction of better means of communication, notably of the Central Highway. (e) Promulgation of adequate banking legislation, and reorganization of the national banking system. (f) Tariff reforms.

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The Government has given orders to forbid any public manifestations of a political character, fearing disturbances of the peace, today, when the two great Parties meet to decide who will be their candidates.

At a meeting of the Conservatives yesterday afternoon, at which one hundred and one of the delegates were present, a motion was made to approve and imitate the policy of President Zayas, to accept the will of the majority of the National Assembly, and not cause strife with selfish aspirations. ~~The unanimous vote of the members was to support~~ Vera Verdura for President of the Party. Motions were made to support the National League, and maintain a candidate who was in favor of the League: Not to attend the meeting of the 31st., so that the members of all factions might have more time to discuss and deliberate, deciding clearly and entirely, with calmness of judgment, as to who should be the candidate.

The President of the Republic signed a decree yesterday, in accordance with Decree 894, Par. M. Section 11, of the 26th of August , 1907 of the Provisional American Government, ordering compulsory inoculation for typhoid throughout the Republic. The present state of the epidemic is as follows:

Old cases	353
New cases (in the last 24 hours)	11
Dismissed	5
Deaths	2
Present total	357

It is probable that this morning, the water of the Almendares River will again be turned into the aqueduct. The water from Vento is now declared to be clear and pure. Extra amounts of chlorine will be introduced into the conduit, in view of the turning in of the Almendares River. Efforts are now being made to repair the aqueduct, and prevent seeping in of contaminated water from the outside.

DIARIO DE LA MARINA--July 30, 1924.
Article stating that examination of the brook known as "Cabrera" which flows near a certain part of the conduit, proves that there was a drain in the conduit, evidently for the purpose of carrying off surplus water, when the canal got too full--and that the contaminated waters of the brook had seeped into that drain, when the brook was full. The brook will be deflected for the time being, the drain-pipe being stopped up to prevent further entries of this nature.

EDITORIAL favorably commenting upon the invitation extended by Panama to Cuba, to attend the unveiling of the Balboa monument. Such an act would strengthen the bonds with Panama, and is valuable because it means bringing Cuba into contact with other Latin-Ameircan Republics.

EL TRIUNFO--July 30, 1924.
EDITORIAL commenting upon the necessity for the establishment or reorganization of the national banking and credit system of the Republic. The Government is the power that should back this effort, and the planters and grinders should stand behind the Government. Without such a national system, there can be no independent life of the Republic.

Feature article stating that there is no Presidential problem in the Conservative Party, now, for the candidacy of Dr. Zayas is a recognized fact. Molinet, Verdeja, and Manolo Castellanos are the candidates fot the V

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are the candidates for the Vice-Presidency of the Republic.

EDITORIAL stating that the National League, composed of the Populars and Conservatives, ~~xi~~ will triumph with Dr. Zayas as candidate, defeating the forces of Menocal.

EDITORIAL commenting upon the "disastrous situation of the Liberal Party"--the ~~Machadistas~~ Machadists triumphing over the legitimate aspirations of Mendieta, and his partisans, naturally, unwilling to accept such a situation, either retiring from the struggle, or joining with the Populars and Conservatives, to the definite and permanent disruption of the grand old Liberal Party.

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Thursday, July 31, 1924 (Morning).

HERALD DE CUBA--July 30, 1924.

Article commenting upon the inefficiency of the Depts of Sanitation and of Public Works, and stating that both of them are too much occupied in throwing the blame for the present unhygienic condition of the city upon each other to really remedy the situation. The reason for the scarcity of water is that the gates admitting the water of the Almendares River have had to be shut, because the river water is impure and contaminates the Vento supply.

State of the epidemic for the last twenty-four hours:

Old cases	353
New cases	11
Dismissed	5
Deaths	2
Present total	357

Havana Park, with its heaps of rubbish and rotting wood, with its holes filled with stagnant water, is a great menace to the health of the neighboring citizens.

Political article giving an account of the meeting held yesterday in the Palace between the President and various of his partisans among the Conservatives. The absence of various prominent members of the Conservative Party made it evident that reelection has lost much ground. There was no representative from Santa Clara present at the meeting at the Palace, only Felix del Prado of the representation from Oriente, and Collazo for Camaguey. EL HERALD DELCUBA states that the real truth of what happened at this meeting was that the reelectionistic partisans told President Zayas his case was hopeless--for the Conservatives were bound to nominate Menocal. No pact between them and the Government has beenr eached. It is said that there is a proposition to put off the nomination of candidates at the meetinf of the 31st until ten days later, but it is said that the Conservatives opposed to reelection have sufficient numbers to make up the quorum and nominate Menocal, without the reelectionists.

Letter from Jose Maria de la Cuesta, to Heraldo de Cuba, stating that the Machadists hope that the decision of the majority of the Liberal Party to support Machado will be hailed with cordiality and accepted by the members of the other faction, who will bend all their efforts to supporting the decision of the Liberal Party, maintaining its unity .

At a meeting of the Central Electoral Board yesterday afternoon a motion was made and approved to request the President of the Republic to issue the necessary decrees ordering the addition of the sum of $1,000,000 to the amount allotted in the Budget for the expenses of material and personnel of the various electoral Boards.

A decree ordering the payment of back pay owed to the employees of the Department of Communications awaits the President's signature. The Administrator of that Dept. has, with official promises, been able to calm the anger of the employees who had threatened to strike if he did not order payment of their just dues .

EDITORIAL commenting upon the situation in the two parties: in the Liberal Party, the real leaders of the Party are deeply

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disgusted with the decision of the others to impose the candidacy of Machado. In the Conservative Party the struggle is more open and keener, for they are not hampered by the fear of splitting the party, thereby defeating themselves. The Menocalists are eager to hold the nominations, while the Reelectionists are anxious to delay the proceedings, putting off the naming of candidates until August 10, hoping to gain time--and votes--thereby.

EDITORIAL favorably commenting upon the action of Mayor Cue sta, in offering to aid the Dept. of Public Works with the half-million dollars in the Municipal Treasury allotted for water supply of the city, and warning him to take care that the half-million does not slip out of his fingers into the pockets of the Dept. of Public Works, making all his good efforts in behalf of the city in vain. The Dept. of Public Works might easily spend this sum in a time of elections, for another celebration in honor of some other member of the "Royal Family".

Article by Ramon Vasconcelos, appealing to the partisans of Mendieta to take one of two courses: either to renounce their legitimate aspirations, and support Machado, or to form a separate party, combatting the rest of the Liberals, but not to retire to their houses, tl indicate disapproval, a measure which would give an advantage to the partisans of Machado. Appeal to the Machadists to show themselves fair and just to the Mendietists, and not cause a split in the Liberal Party, which would mean its defeat in the elections of November.

EL HERALDO--July 30, 1924.
OPINIONS--hoping that Colonel Mendieta instead of remaining home and sulking at his defeat at the National Assembly, will show that he is a good sport and willing to support the choice of the majority. Commenting also upon the meeting of the Conservatives scheduled for today, at which, according to EL HERALDO, the defeat of Dr. Zayas will be definitely established.

Article stating that Menocal will undoubtedly triumph at the Assembly of the Conservative Party, Aurelio Alvarez being elected President of the Party.

EDITORIAL stating that today as yesterday, it has been demonstrated that in Cuba it is impossible to hold pure and honest elections, when one of the candidates to the Presidency of the Republic, is the President of the Republic himself. Commenting upon the changes in the Cabinet which Dr. Zayas is intending to make, replacing the dismissed Secretaries, with Secretaries who are disposed to fight actively in his behalf.

Vazquez Bello, newly chosen President of the Liberal Party, predicts that the Liberal Party, in the elections of November, will unite to carry Machado to the Presidency of the Republic.

The reelectionistic delegates will present a motion today at the meeting xxxx of the Conservative National Assembly, asking that the nominations of Presidential candidates be postponed until August 10, and signed by 101 delegates.

The Conservatives of the "Acera del Louvre", an old political group, have visited General Menocal to offer him their support, and cooperation. The General xxxx replied that he gladly accepted them. And that, although recently new offshoots of this organization haveshown reelectionistic tendencies, he xxx knew that the old guard of this group favored a purely Conservative candidate.

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LA PRENSA--July 30,1924.

Article stating that it is quite possible that the interview between Zayas and Menocal may take place, and that Zayas may offer to support Menocal if he is nominated. The probabilities for the Presidency of the Party, are in favor of Vera Verdura, although according to LA PRENSA, Aurelio Alvarez counts on 110 votes in his favor.

"DEL MOMENTO"--commenting favorably upon the motion, and program, set forth by the partisans of Vera Verdura, and Zayas in the meeting of yesterday, as a model of party spirit and devotion to the interests of the nation as a whole.

Article favorably commenting upon the actions of Cuesta disposed to take energetic steps to secure a proper water supply for the city. To that end he disposed the employment of $500,000 from the Treasury of the Municipality, to be used for this purpose.

EDITORIAL commenting unfavorably upon the actions of the Sanitary Department which tries to enforce inoculation as a method of preventing typhoid, and refuses to pay proper attention to the collection of garbage and the proper disposal of refuse of all kinds.

EDITORIAL stating that although this is the hour of Machado, there is an undoubted element of sadness in the scene, due to the fact that his triumph means the dissolution of the Liberal Party.

Short article recounting the arrival of General Crowder, and giving a list of those who went down to the docks to meet him when he landed.

LA NOCHE--July 30, 1924.
EDITORIAL commenting favorably upon the Motion passed yesterday by 101 out of 193 of the Delegates to the National Conservative Assembly, upholding the League, which upon the surface would seem to give Zayas the victory. Urging the Conservatives not to let themselves be divided by strife and lose the victory for the Party.

The Railway Brotherhood of Cuba makes petitions to the United Railways of Havana to dismiss all the employees who served as strike-breakers, or else, if it retains them, to take back the employees dismissed by reason of their part in the strikes.

Article stating that the Machadist delegates, Messrs. Zayas Bazan and Barcelo, Governors of Camaguey and Oriente, respectively, visited today Governor Barreras and proposed a pact between the two factions, the Machadists and Mendietists, with the following conditions: That Vazquez Bello should give up the Presidency of the Party, and Colonel Mendieta accept the Vice-Presidency. Senor Marcane should be Vice-President, and Mendieta nominated as Senator from Habana or Santa Clara. Governor Barreras informed the Mendietist Assembly in the Palace of Balboa of same, and they accepted it provisionally, saying, however, that they would have to consult Mendieta.

The police have been given orders to guard the National Conservative Assembly, preventing threatened disorders.

Article commenting favorably upon the rumor that Castellanos may be nominated for the Vice-Presidency by the Conservatives. Praising the action of Castellanos as Fiscal of the Audiencia, and as a Representative, and his labors in behalf of organized Labor.

EL PAIS--July 30, 1924.
Enthusiasm for Menocal became so loud at the meeting at the head-

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quarters of the Conservatives on San Lazaro, that the police were obliged to intervene and broke up the crowd. Many protests were made against this unceremonious act. At the beginning of the Assembly much enthusiasm for Menocal was manifested. Whistles and cat-calls accompanied the remarks of Sardinas and Wifredo Fernandez in favor of President Zayas, and Aurelio Alvarez was obliged to call the meeting to order.

The nomination of/Presidential candidates for the Liberal Party will probably not take place until tonight, but the victory of Machado, and Carlos de la Rosa is assured. Mendieta has proposed Antonio G. de Mendoza as compromise candidate for the Vice-Presidency. It was suggested that the Assembly might elect their President this afternoon, and leave the Vice-Presidency until later, but Machado said the problem should be solved today, and the meeting was accordingly postponed until 7 this evening.

EDITORIAL commenting upon the motion drawn up by Santiago Rey and Wifredo Fernandez, as a marvel of subtlety, which leaves the solution of the presidential problem in doubt, and gives satisfaction to both sides in the Conservative Party, since it recommends the support of the League, but also emphasizes a Conservative candidate.

107 Chinese arrived on the Siboney yesterday.

EL MUNDO--July 31, 1924.

General Machado was nominated lasst night for the Presidency of the Republic, by a vote of 114 to 2 in his favor. The majority of the Mendietist delegates did not attend the meeting. Carlos de La Rosa is the candidate for the Vice-Presidency.

Declarations of General Machado after his nomination as President of the Republic, in which he makes statements in accord with the program of the Liberal Party, in favor of a better Covernment, and better electoral campaigns. He believes that he is chosen by the united will of both factions of the party, and that therefore there are neither victors nor vanquished. Approves the choice of Carlos de la Rosa for Vice-President. Hopes that the Party, united, as in the old days, will sweep to victory.

EDITORIAL stating that the time has come for the nation to rise up and protest energetically against the negligence of the Government, which permits the citizens to die of thir st and typhoid for lack of a proper supply of water in the capital of the Republic.

At the meeting of the Conservative Assembly yesterday, Aurelio Alvarez was elected President of the Executive Committee by 96 votes against 90 for Vera Verdura. 121 delegates by election, and 74 ex-oficio members responded to the roll-call. Menocal received a great ovation as he entered and when he left the Assembly, and the tendency seems to be largely in his favor. The presidential nominations are postponed until August 10, in response to a patition signed by 101 delegates.

The Dept. of Sanitation is to present a project suggested by Engineer Cadenas and Dr. Simpson, to build two great tanks at Vento to receive the water from the Almendares River, chlorinize it, and pass it on into the Basin, purifying it thus, before it mingles with the Vento springs supply. Dr. Antonio Cueto Vazquez of the Dept. has been appointed by President Zayas to go to the United States, and make a study of methods of purifying water.

State of the epidemic for the last 24 hours:

Former cases	357
New cases	7
Dismissed	15
Deaths	1
Present total	348

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FEATURE article appealling to the Secretary of Justice to give orders or tx the Fiscal of Oriente Province to look into the matter of the despoliation of Caugeri, and not allow the officials and others implicated in this swindle, to get away with it. It is said that since among those implicated appeared some public officials, they have been amnestied; but the last Amnesty law excludes swindle from crimes entitled to the benefits of Amnesty.

EDITORIAL prophecying that the nomination of General Machado may mark a new error in politics, since he was nominated by the general vote of the/ Liberal Party, and accepted by the opposing faction in that Party. No more revolutionary leaders, or leaders elected by force, against the will and free vote of the people!

In the building of the International Telephone and Telegraph Company in New York is an exhibition of photographs showing the facilities of communication, the sugar industry, the richness of the tobacco industry, and other marks of the material and economic prosperity of Cuba.

EL TRIUNFO--July 31, 1924.
The Fiscal of the Audiencia of Habana asks that the would-be assassin of Mr. Jack, Administrator of the United Railways, be given ten years and one day of imprisonment.

EDITORIALC/ commenting favorably upon the statments of Antonio Escobar, EL MUNDO's New York correspondent, that the independence of Cuba, economically speaking, depended on the reorganization of the Banco Nacional, under Cuban control, and stating that the greatest services President Zayas could render to Cuba would be the restoration of national banking, and the building of the Central Highway to connect all parts of the Republic.

Ciego de Avila has become a veritable miniature Monte Carlos for all kinds of illicit gambling flourish there, under the lenient eye, and hand of the venal Chief of Police, Mr. Rico.

The Ayuntamiento, contributing $500,000 for the improvement and repair of the Aqueduct, will also make plans to carry through the project as soon as possible, with the expenditure of $4,000,000, the amount granted for the next eight years for that purpose.

Severa measures will be taken in the interests of hygiene, with penalties and ~~ff~~ fines for those throwing garbage into the street, wrapped simply in paper.

Rosendo Collazo, partisan of Dr. Zayas, declares that the only way for the Conservative Party to triumph is by supporting the League.

EDITORIAL praising the good Government and wise administration of President Zayas, and stating that the majority of the Conservatives, realizing the advantages of his nomination over that of Menocal, will vote for him at the Assembly of the Party.

EDITORIAL stating that the selfish partisan and personal aspirations of General Machado have lost himthe support of the Liberal Party, and that the Mendietists will vote for Zayas, rather than see in power the man who cheated them of their legitimate aspirations to the Power.

Article commenting upon the situation in Nicaragua, where the fact that the principle of anti-reelection exists, has been no bar to revolutions, but rather encouraged such tendencies.

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1. Enclosed will be found brief summaries of news articles and editorial comment of the Havana Press for the days:

July 31, August 1, 2, 3, 4.

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SUMMARY OF NEWS AND EDITORIAL COMMENT IN THE HABANA PRESS.

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"HERALDO DE CUBA" - July 31, 1924.

An article referring to the Assembly of the Liberal Party held yesterday, states that 116 delegates were present, 114 of whom voted for Machado and two for Mendieta. Details of the meeting. Bases of the pact between the the factions of Machado and Mendieta.

General Machado outlines his platform of Government, embodied in ten "Points", which comprise: harmony between the Public Powers; reorganization of public services; study of the reforms of the Constitution which may be necessary "examining the problem of reelection to public offices"; a work of propaganda abroad, and when the Republic may be in a position to be presented as a specimen of of capacity for the exercise of sovereignty without limitations, a wise policy must be followed to obtain the revision of the Permanent Treaty, eliminating the Appendix from the Constitution; preferent attention to the construction of roads; special attention to the Sanitary Problem reform of public instruction; improvement of the conditions of the workingmen; efforts to obtain a state of conscientiousness and discipline in the Army, in order that the soldier may always be a citizen conscious of his rights and duties, and lastly, strengthening the public Treasury, depuration of the incomes, punctual payment of the international obligations acquired by reason of the loan....

Welter del Rio has declared in the name of Colonel Mendieta, that he is bound no longer to the Machado faction, inasmuch as the latter failed to comply with the agreement made of postponing the nominations to give time to sign a document in which Machado would agree to accept Mendieta's platform of government.

Mendieta made the following declarations to many of his friends who visited him last night: "That he was surprised to learn the hasty nomination of Machado and La Rosa after the agreement entered into a few hours before with the friends of Machado, of postponing the nomination of the Vice President until the bases agreed upon with him were accepted." He added that as a result of this hasty nomination, he is relieved of all the obligations contracted with the friends of General Machado.

Article commenting upon the meeting of the Conservative Party held yesterday. The election of Aurelio Alvarez as President of said Party is considered as a great victory of Menocal, against the reelectoral intentions of Dr. Zayas.

Dr. Francisco Zayas y Alfonso died this morning.

EDITORIAL entitled "FRIENDS AND ENEMIES OF THE WEALTH OF CUBA"- Commenting upon the attitude of Senator La Follete against the Tariff Commission, in a favorable manner.

"EL HERALDO" - July 31, 1924.

Section entitled "OPINIONS" - accusing the Secretary of the Interior of protecting the gambling places now operating in the city and in the country.

Campaign against the National City Bank. - This article states that if the National City Bank is permitted to continue its evil work, not only the economic independence of Cuba will be endangered, but also its political independence.

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"El Heraldo" - July 31, 1924.(Continued)

IRREGULARITIES IN THE DEPARTMENT OF SANITATION - The contractors for the supply of automobile materials had to pay a substantial "rake off". The bidders who offered no "commission", were left out.

EDITORIAL commenting upon the drawbacks of Prohibition in the United States.

The nomination of the Presidential candidate of the Conservative Party will be postponed for ten days. The victorious followers of Menocal have accepted this postponement, knowing that General Menocal will be nominated by a large majority of votes.

"LA PRENSA" - July 31, 1924.

EDITORIAL, favorably commenting upon the nomination of General Machado for the Presidency, in the Liberal ticket.

General Montes, Secretary of War, sailed for the United States this morning, on board the steamer "Calamares".

Owing to the death of Dr. Francisco Zayas, the banquet in honor of President Zayas has been postponed.

TYPHOID FEVER - State of the epidemic for the last 24 hours:

Old cases	348
New cases reported to-day...	9
Cured	18
Deaths	3
Present total.....	336

"EL PAIS" - July 31, 1924.

In an article referring to efforts made by the Department of Sanitation to check the epidemic of typhoid fever, it is stated that the officials of the Department of Public Works is placing many obstacles to the Department of Sanitation, practically annulling the good efforts of the latter. Some laborers were discovered when they were about to open the dam of the Almendares river which would have permitted the flow of the muddy waters into Vento Canal, and in answer to questions made to them, they stated that they were only complying with orders received from the City Chief Engineer.

EDITORIAL entitled "THE VICTORY OF THE LIBERAL PARTY" - Favorably commenting upon the nomination of General Machado by the Liberal Party. It also comments in a favorable manner upon the developments in the Conservative Party, where President Zayas has been defeated in his reelectoral aspirations. . This means that the coming electoral contest will be between Machado and Menocal, and that the Liberals will surely come out victorious.

EDITORIAL entitled "A GOOD DAY'S WORK" - Favorably commenting upon the nomination of General Machado by the Liberals, and also the election of Dr. Aurelio Alvarez as President of the Executive Committee of the Conservative Party.

"DIARIO DE LA MARINA" - August 1, 1924.

Article referring to the efforts made to check the epidemic of typhoid fever. A meeting will shortly be held at the Palace to find a definite solution. -The data compiled by the Department of Sanitation up to July 30th, shows that 395 cases of typhoid fever have been reported, with 75 deaths, or 18.98%.

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"Diario de la Marina" - August 1, 1924.

The nominations of the Conservative Party will be effected on August 12th.

PALACE NEWS: The President has signed a Decree appointing Lieut. Roberto Vals y Noval, Military Supervisor in Florida, Province of Camaguey.

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"HERALDO DE CUBA" - August 1, 1924.

Declarations made by Carlos de la Rosa, in connection with his attitude and the attitude of the other delegates from Matanzas, which he says was perfectly in accord with the line of conduct they proposed to follow from the very beginning. It is true that they belong to the Mendieta faction, but above all, they are Liberals, and they could not do anything which would harm the interests of the Liberal Party... That the nominations were not effected in a hasty manner, but were absolutely legal and strictly in compliance with the bases presented by the Intelligence Committee. He also says that he would be willing to resign his nomination as Vice President in favor of Mendieta.....

The suspension of the Assembly of the Conservative Party yesterday, increases the danger of reelection. The postponement of the Assembly will give an opportunity to Dr. Zayas to win a few votes more, and thereby obtain the consolidation of the National League.

If General Menocal is finally nominated by the Conservatives, his followers now holding public offices will be bitterly persecuted. It is the plan of reprisals now existing, and it will be put in practice if the efforts to buy up the majority of the Conservative delegates, fail. A proof of this work of persecution is that the new offices created by Decree adapting the new Budget, have not yet been filled, despite the fact that the Division of Taxes and and the Offices of the Tax of One per Cent are now greatly in need of this extra personnel. One of the leaders of the movement in favor of reelection, is quoted as saying: "If Dr. Zayas would only accede to the plan of spending $300,000.00 in the buying of fifteen delegates, at $20,000.00 each, our victory would be assured." "Heraldo de Cuba" states that it is now too late to do that, after the victory of Menocal in the first stage of the proceedings.

The President of the Municipal Electoral Board of Habana is accused of refusing to deliver the voting cards to electors of the Liberal Party. The complaint was filed before the Provincial Electoral Board and before the Courts of Justice.

EDITORIAL, commenting upon the crisis of the Conservative Party. The victory of Aurelio Alvarez over Vera Verdura has not been conclusive as it seemed at first. The followers of Menocal only had a very slight majority, and from now to August 10th the supporters of reelection have ample time to win a few more votes and reverse the situation. The editorial also states that in 1920 Menocal and Zayas snatched away the legitimate victory of the Liberal Party, and that they had Mr. Crowder as their best ally, and at Present Menocal and Zayas are carrying on a bitter campaign against one another. That in the United States similar situations are settled by a candidate of transaction, and suggests the names of Wifredo Fernandez, Torriente, Verdeja, Alvarez, Mendez Capote, Pedro Betancourt.....

"BROOMS WHICH SWEEP GOLD" - Unfavorably commenting upon the struggle between the Departments of Public Works and of Sanitation for the control of the Vento Water Works. In former times the Department of Sanitation had full control of the Street Cleaning Department, but it was soon taken over by the Department of Public Works which was fully aware of the political importance of that service. The water conflict has given rise to a new struggle between the two Departments mentioned above. The Department of Sanitation alleges that while the Dept. of Public Works handled the Water Works

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"Heraldo de Cuba" - August 1, 1924 (Continued)

the residents of Habana have suffered greatly; and it was only after the official alarm of the typhoid fever that the water has been freed from germs , and that is the reason of Dr. Porto and other high officials of the Department of Sanitation to try to exercise control over the water service.

Some unscrupulous doctors are selling certificates of vaccination at $5.00 each, in the Chinese quarters of Habana. Many Chinamen prefer to pay the $5.00 rather than permit to be vaccinated against typhoid fever.

"EL HERALDO" - August 1, 1924.

Section entitled "OPINIONS" , favorably commenting upon the nomination of General Machado.

General Betancourt will act as Secretary of War during the absence of General Montes.

The leaders of the Conservative Party will hold a meeting with General Menocal to-day at El Chico. The electoral ticket of said Party will probably be agreed upon at said meeting.

"LA PRENSA" - August 1, 1924.

Declarations made by Dr. Celso Cuellar del Rio, President of the Popular Party. He states that the election of members of the Executive Committee of the Conservative Party has nothing to do with the nomintation of President and Vice President, because, although it is true that Alvarez won by six votes as President of the Executive Committee, the election of the other members of said Executive Committee constitutes a victory of ten votes for the group which supported Vera Verdura. Besides, the Presidential problem has not been brought up between Zayas and Menocal, but among the supporters of the consolidation of the National League as the only formula to obtain victory at the coming elections, and those who think that the Conservative Party can go alone to the polls without the support of the Popular Party. That is why the victory of either Alvarez or Vera Verdura as President of the Executive Committee does not affect the final result of the Presidential nomination. In the meantime, the Popular Party will calmly await developments to adopt a final decision, it being understood that they will only accept Doctor Zayas as the Presidential candidate of the National League as the members of said Party understand that it is the only candidature that will lead them to victory, not only by reason of his brillinat and efficient administration but also by the cooperation of all classes throughout the country.....

Section entitled "Del Momento", commenting upon the present crisis of the Conservative Party.

The Chamber of Commerce, Industry and Navigation of the Island of Cuba will intensify the campaign for the suppression of the tax stamp tax.

"LA NOCHE" - August 1, 1924.

EDITORIAL, unfavorably commenting upon the water problem of Habana.

"EL MUNDO" - August 2, 1924.

EDITORIAL commenting upon the campaign in favor of the reorganizatio n of Cuban banking institutions, stating that said campaign has met with the support of the majority of the Cuban papers.

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"El Mundo" - August 2, 1924 (Continued)

Telegram from Los Palacios announcing that the employees of the Department of Sanitation have gone on strike, alleging that while they work the whole month, they only get the pay corresponding to 21 days. The garbage of the town has not been collected for the last two days.

by the Supreme Court
Text of the writ of indictment issued/against Secretary Iturralde, in connection with the suppression of "El Heraldo". - He is held responsible for ~~the~~ disturbance in the possession of property, and cohersion. He will have to appear before the Judge every fifteen days, and to put up a bond of $3,000.00.

Declarations made by Senator Wifredo Fernandez. Among other things, he states: "Responsible to the extent which others may desire, of present faults; a freidn of Dr. Zayas; admirer of the glorious action when he severed his connection with the Interference which imposed on him an interventionist Cabinet...and supporter of the League, nobbdy can accuse me, however, of spreading the formula of reelection which would endanger the national institutions and the Republic.....

DIARIO DE LA MARINA - August 2, 1924.

TYPHOID FEVER - The Department of Sanitation announces that this epidemic disease is decreasing rapidly. Eight new cases were reported yesterday. 134,472 persons were vaccinated during the month of July. State of the epidemic during the last 24 hours :

Old cases	336
New cases reported	8
Cured	66
Deaths	2
Present total	276

The Board of Liquidation of the Banco Español has decided to pay five per cent more to the creditors of said Banco. The payment will be effected early in August.

"EL TRIUNFO" - August 2, 1924.

A reconciliation between between the factions of Machado and Mendieta is considered as impossible. The followers of Mendieta will ask their leader to save the Liberal Party accepting the nomination for Vice President with the Liberal Party. As the majority of the electoral body is in favor of Mendieta, the ftiends of the latter will ask him to accept the nomination "Zayas-Mendieta" as the only candidature which will lead them to victory. This is also important in order to prevent the election of Menocal.

The hearing of the case against the Provincial Assembly of the Popular Party in Santa Clara, will take place on August 8th, but is is generally believed that the complaint will be dismissed.

EDITORIAL, commenting upon the fact that it is a mistake to believe that the election of Aurelio Alvarez as President of the Executive Committee of the Conservative Party is favorable to the Menocal tendency, because the Conservative Party is traditionalist, dogmatic , and in favor of reelection in all its aspects....

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"HERALDO DE CUBA" - August 2, 1924.

The rude attack made by the followers of Menocal not only weakened the reelectionist tendency, but also threatens to destroy the unity of the Conservative Party. - Letter signed by Evelio Alvarez del Real and other delegates (Arguelles, Cuervo, R. Fernandez, G.C. Molina, Pedro Lis, Vicente Santo Tomas, J. M. Cabada, F. Sarmiento, Pedro Reyes, Jose Balder, Oscar del Pino, Matias Rubio and Octavio Rivero), in which they express their regret for the manner in which they were treated by the followers of Menocal during the last Assembly of said Party, and announce their firm intention of not attending again the sessions of said Assembly. - Santiago Rey also resigns as one of the Vice Presidents of the Executive Committee.

Interview with Jose Luis Pozo, representative from Pinar del Rio, in which he emphatically declares that the followers of Mendieta in Pinar del Rio have never thought of the possibility of a coalition with the Conservatives.

A meeting was held by prominent members of the Republican Party, presided by Dr. Ricardo Dolz. - Dolz was empowered to treat with the Conservatives in connection with the Presidential Problem. It was affirmed at said meeting that Menocal will be the candidate in opposition to the Liberal Party at the coming elections. A committee was appointed to prepare a Provincial ticket.

Doctors Porto and Lopez del Valle are endeavoring to have the aqueduct placed under the direct control of the Department of Sanitation. Lopez del Valle is in favor of the obtention of new springs to increase the water supply, but without losing sight of the necessity of a filtering plant.

EDITORIAL entitled "THE CABINET OF VICTORY" - Very unfavorably commenting upon the intentions of President Zayas to organize a new Cabinet to be known as the "Cabinet of Victory" which will give extraordinary energy and aggressiveness to the political campaign.

"THE LOTTERY BEFORE THE COURT". - Very favorably commenting upon the decision of Judge Del Cristo for his decisions against the ticket sellers who charge more than 22 cents per fraction.

The Central Electoral Board has been officially informed of the nomination of Machado-De la Rosa as candidates of the Liberal Party. Said Board has also been informed that the National Assembly of the Conservative Party will nominate its candidates on the 12th instant.

The Board of Liquidation of the Banco Español publishes a Balance of said Bank up to July 30, 1924.

"EL HERALDO" - August 2, 1924.

Article favorably commenting upon the decision of the Supreme Court indicting Secretary Iturralde for the suppression of this paper.

Campaign against the National City Bank. This article states that the foreign banks, especially the National City is grabbing all the lands of Cuba, and that the Government is responsible for this, because it does not pay any attention to the reorganization of the Cuban banks.

EDITORIAL, commenting upon the necessity of reorganizing the Cuban Banks, because at the present time Cuba is entirely at the mercy of foreign banks.

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"LA PRENSA" - August 2, 1924.

Referring to the writ of indictment issued against him, Secretary Iturralde made the following statements: "My conduct upon signing the decision suppressing "El Heraldo" was adjusted to Law. I believe that in those critical moments I complied with my duty and acted in a patriotic manner, watching over the interests of the country. Consequently, I calmly await the final decision of the Courts of Justice."

Chief Engineer Cuellar has decreed over two hundred dismissals in the Street Cleaning Department.

"LA NOCHE" - August 2, 1924.

Felix del Prado, Albarran, Sardinas and Vito Candia held a long conference with the President of the Republic, in connection with the Assembly of the National Executive of the Conservative Party to be held on the 12th instant. It has been learned that the public will not be permitted to enter the premises, in order to prevent the disturbances which occurred at the last meeting.

Prominent persons of the Province of Santa Clara are said to be organizing a Provincial Party, which will present an independent provincial ticket at the coming elections. Governor Mendez Penate is said to be connected with this new organization, and that Laredo Bru will appear in the ticket as Senator.

"EL MUNDO" - August 3, 1924.

EDITORIAL, unfavorably commenting upon the fact that the Insurance business in Cuba is monopolized by foreign companies, and that about ten million dollars paid for premiums are taken away from Cuba every year, and all this for the lack of legislation on insurance business in Cuba.

The Provincial Assembly of the Conservative Party, of Matanzas, held a session yesterday to nominate the Provincial candidates, with the following result: Representatives: Daniel Lima, Leopoldo Dulzaides, Andres Trujillo, Jose Manuel Fernandez, Ramiro Perez Maribona, Felix Urrutia and Luis Betancourt. - Only one Senator was nominated, Guillermo R. Jones. The other Senator will be chosen when the presidential nominations are made.

"DIARIO DE LA MARINA" - August 3, 1924.

TYPHOID FEVER. - The state of the epidemic during the last 24 hours is as follows:

Old cases	276
New cases reported.....	12
Cured	8
Deaths	1
Present total	279

Inasmuch as the water from the Almendares River is still flowing into the canal, the Department of Sanitation recommends to continue boiling the water and to apply a drop of Iodine for every quart of water.

"EL TRIUNFO" - August 3, 1924.

General Machado held a long conference with Governor Barreras yesterday afternoon. They discussed the present crisis of the Liberal Party, and the political situation in the Province of Habana.

Colonel Mendieta emphatically denies the rumors to the effect that he has renewed his negotiations with the followers of Machado, and that he has neither accepted nor requested any position.

EDITORIAL commenting upon the possibility of an understanding

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"El Triunfo" - August 3, 1924.

between the Popular Party and the friends of Colonel Mendieta. The editorial states that Mendieta is the legitimate successor of the late General Gomez, and that the majority of the Liberals are in his favor. There is a reason to belive that negotiations are made at present to make a coalition between the Popular Party and the followers of Mendieta, which will uphold the historic candidature of "ZAYAS-MENDIETA".

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"HERALDO DE CUBA" - August 3, 1924.

General Machado, Liberal candidate for the Presidency, and Governor Barreras held a long interview in the Balboa Palace yesterday. The President of the Provincial Council was also present. The discussion of the situation was peaceful, and it appears that the Liberal Party as a whole will unite to support the decision of the majority of the Assembly. All the Liberal Mayors of the Province of Habana will meet tomorrow, and it is believed they will stand by the party's choice. Barreras has been persuaded to withdraw his resignation from public life, and accept a Senatorship for the Province of Habana.

Dr. Santiago Rey, incensed by the declarations of the anti-reelectionists, and believing that the National Conservative Assembly on the 12th will result in a scene of violence and angry contention, has presented his resignation as Vice-President of the National Conservative Assembly. He states that neither he nor Dr. Zayas have planned any reelection which would injure the interests of the Republic.

Dr. Juan Rodriguez Ramirez, Liberal Representative for Matanzas, and ardent admirer of Mendieta, says that the Party needs to unite in this hour, and that all should sacrifice their personal aspirations for the good of the party, since it is a struggle against Menocal--between principles rather than between men.

EDITORIAL, commenting upon the conflicts in the Conservative Assembly, and stating that the best solution of the struggles between Menocal and Reelection would be to select a third candidate, a compromise.

EDITORIAL, unfavorably commenting upon the action of President Coolidge, in delaying the passing of a law reducing by 25 per cent the duties on cane sugar imported from Cuba to the United States. It also states that the President is ignorant of the sugar situation, and should at once accept the report of the Tariff Commission.

The Supreme Court, according to HERALDO DE CUBA, will not be long in deciding against the unlawful and unjust threats and persecution of newspapers of the Republic, practiced by Iturralde. The latter, however, appears not at all alarmed at the possible outcome of the case against him in this matter.

Article stating that the Department of Sanitation is now waging a hard campaign, to have charge of the management of the aqueduct, wishing to reap a large profit on the reconstruction and repairs, and with the installation of a new filtering plant.

"EL HERALDO" - August 3, 1924.

"OPINIONS" - Article commenting very unfavorably upon the disgraceful conduct of Pancho Cuellar, who has neglected the aqueduct, and has menaced the health of the entire capital of the Republic, with his carelessness for the public health, and his venal methods.

The National Board of Sanitation, the Rotary Club, the Chamber of Commerce, and the Cuban Society of Engineers, have joined the clamorous protest against the despoliation of the public funds, and the shameful acts of the Department of Public Works, which has spent the money used to keep up and repair of the aqueduct, unregardful of the safety of the city of Habana.

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"El Heraldo" - August 3, 1924.(Continued)

Article stating that the contractor who has always furnished the bread for the Prison of the Republic, has had that contract taken away from him, because he refused to pay the authorities $6,000.00 for the privilege of furnishing bread to the prison.

Representative Cesar Madrid declares that the Liberals of Pinar del Rio should form a coalition with the Conservatives, to gain the victory at the coming elections.

EDITORIAL commenting upon the declarations of Wifredo Fernandez, and stating that his support of Dr. Zayas is sincere; and intimating that between the lines of his speech may be read the intention that if Menocal triumphs in the Conservative Party, Dr. Zayas and he (Wifredo Fernandez) will support the Liberal Party.

"LA PRENSA" - August 3, 1924.

Article stating that Colonel Mendieta will shortly publish a new Manifesto, stating that he is determined to retire to private life, and leave these political struggles.

Dr. Porto conferred with President Zayas yesterday on the water problem, stating that he did not approve of the plan of the Department of Public Works to again admit the waters of the Almendares River into the Vento Basin.

Article stating that the Department of Public Works is reorganizing the street-cleaning section of the Department, to form efficient squads of men for the collection of garbage, sweeping the streets,etc.

EDITORIAL, favorably commenting upon the notice that on Friday the new Central Board of Directors of the Banco Hispano-Cubano (Spanish-Cuban Bank), began its activities, and stating that this augurs favorably for Cuba, since it marks a step in the effort to reorganize national banking, and establish national national credit.

EDITORIAL, commenting with regret upon the party division shown by the political events of the past week--and hoping that both the Liberals and the Conservatives may be induced to see that their duty to their party and their country is higher than personal aspirations.

Prominent leaders of the Conservative Party conferred today with General Menocal, at his estate "El Chico", making resolutions to support the National League, and to apologize and make amends to Wifredo Fernandez for the ill-treatment which he and the partisans of reelection received at the Assembly on the 31st.

"EL PAIS" - August 3, 1924

This paper states that the dismissal of two hundred laborers of the street-cleaning section, is only an act of revenge on the part of Chief Engineer Cuellar against ~~[illegible]~~ Colonel Galvez, Chief of the Street Cleaning Section, because the latter failed to send his men to provoke a scandal at the last meeting of the Conservative Assembly.

Article unfavorably commenting upon the announcement that the next meeting of the Assembly of the Conservative Party will be held secret or at closed doors.

"EL MUNDO" - August 4, 1924.

EDITORIAL, further commenting upon the fact that the insurance business in Cuba is monopolized by foreign companies.

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El Mundo" - August 4, 1924 (Continued)

TYPHOID FEVER - State of the epidemic during the last 24 hours:

Old cases	279	
New cases reported.....	24	(4)
Cured	3	
Deaths	3	
Present total.....	277	

Persons vaccinated at the offices of the Department of Sanit..-1,062.

"CORRESPONDENCE FROM NEW YORK" by Antonio Escobar. - Favorably commenting upon an article published by "La Prensa" of New York criticising the conduct of the Washington Government in Honduras and Nicaragua.

"DIARIO DE LA MARINA" - August 4, 1924.

EDITORIAL entitled "THE POPULATION OF THE UNITED STATES" - Commenting upon the growth of the population in the United States, and stating that the economic development of Cuba commenced at the time when the United States became an independent nation in the third quarter of the 18th century. It also states that the growth of the pupulation in the United States will have a favorable influence in Cuba; that by maintaining a loyal and close political friendship, reciprocal benefits can be dxxiderived by the two countries, with a minimum of inconveniences and difficulties.....

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To: The A. C. of S., G-2.

Subject: Havana Press Comment. (3090)

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SUMMARY OF NEWS AND EDITORIAL COMMENT IN THE HABANA PRESS.

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"HERALDO DE CUBA" - August 4, 1924.

Cable despatch from Washington stating that the sugar manufacturers of the United States are bringing pressure to bear upon President Coolidge in order that he may not reduce the import duties on sugar, and threaten him with a political disaster in their respective States if he does not maintain the protectionist tariff.

Interview with Dr. Aurelio Mendez, Delegate to the National Assembly of the Liberal Party, and one of the strongest supporters of Machado for the Presidency of the Republic. He states that the Liberal Party is the only one capacitated to carry out the work of national reconstruction; that Machado is the best candidate of the Party at the present moment; that the nomination of Menocal is a challenge to the Cuban people, and looked upon with terror by the people as he would revive his lamentable policy.....

Article commenting upon the irregularities in the office of the General Comptroller. The quarrel which took place in said office on July 25th, in which Mr. Mendez, Chief of the Division of Accounting was knocked down, originated from the fact that Mr. Mendez used to hold back the orders of payment until he obtained his "rake-off".

The Chamber of Commerce, Industry and Navigation of Puerto Padre requests the Department of Public Works to order the dredging of the harbor of Puerto Padre. The communication states that the Custom House of Puerto Padre collects from $300,000.00 to $400,000.00 for tonnage dues every year, but that not a cent is applied to the dredging and improvement of that harbor.

General Menocal was visited yesterday at his estate "El Chico" by the members of the Intelligence Committee which is taking steps to maintain the National League and a close union among the Conservatives. Menocal said to the persons who visited him that he had no objection in maintaining the National League, provided he was chosen as candidate for President.

Rumors to the effect that Major Cordoves will be appointed Chief of the National Police, in order to guarantee the victory of reelection.

"L HERALDO" - August 4, 1924.

The Municipal Budget for the year 1923-24 carried an appropriation of $75,000.00 for the repair and construction of side-walks in Habana. "El Heraldo" accuses Chief Engineer Cuellar and Mayor Cuesta of the malversation of said amount, because the amount was totally spent, but not an inch of side-walk has been repaired or constructed.

Many of the Delegates elected to the Provincial Assembly of the Liberal Party in Pinar del Rio, held a meeting yesterday in Habana to discuss the political problem in that Province. The idea of entering into a coalition with the friends of Wifredo Fernandez, was accepted, and some of the delegates expressed the opinion, which was also accepted by the others present, to form a provincial block which would insure the victory of the Liberal Party, a thing which has not been possible up to the present time.

By Decrees and resolutions, the President of the Republic has disposed , in an illegal manner, of the sum of $2.000.000.00

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"El Heraldo" - August 4, 1924. (Continued)

prompted by the desire to please the politicians who are in favor of reelection. The Law of the Loan only authorized him to spend six million dollars of said Loan for Public Works, but the fact is that the President has disposed of the sum of $8.394,911.00. The works have not been accomplished, but they have only served as a pretext to take the money out of the National Treasury. In reality, the money will be used for the electoral campaign, and for the manipulation of the relatives of the President.....

In a speech made by Dr. Manuel Castellanos at a recent meeting of railroad men he said that "the Cuban laborers would not permit the landing of General Jack in Cuba", as the presence of General Jack in Cuba would bring days of sorrow. Finally he invited all railroad men to be present at the wharf when the arrival of Mr. Jack may be announced, and to prevent his landing by all means...

"LA NOCHE"
~~xxxxxxxxx~~" - August 4, 1924.

The National Assembly of the Cuban Popular Party will be held on August 10th, to nominate the President and Vice President for the coming elections.

A project of law has been presented in the House of Representatives for the immediate captation of new springs to increase the supply of water ~~xfxxxxxx~~ of the Vento aqueduct. The contract for the works will be awarded at auction. An appropriation of $500,000.00 is requested to accomplish the work.

Article unfavorably commenting upon the efforts made by the Department of ~~Sanitatibn~~ to have full control over the Vento Aqueduct, stating that it is only a question of "graft"; that the newspaper men will be on the look-out to claim their corresponding share.

"EL PAIS" - August 4, 1924.

The Liberal Mayors of the Province of Habana held a meeting this morning at the Balboa Palace, which was presided by Governor Barreras. They all agreed to support Machado's candidature.

TYPHOID FEVER - State of the epidemic during the last 24 hours:

Old cases	277
New cases reported.....	3
Cured	14
Deaths	1
Present total	265

"EL MUNDO" - August 5, 1924.

The Temporary Committee on Bank Liquidation is now preparing a full report in connection with the banks in process of liquidation, and giving an opinion with respect to the National Bank of Cuba. This reported will be submitted to the President of the Republic by the Secretary of Justice.- Doctors Reguciferos and Miguel Alonso Pujol have held important conferences with various members of Congress, and they all coincide in the opinion that the President must send a message to Congress recommending certain measures necessary for the reorganization of the National Bank.

"DIARIO DE LA MARINA" - August 5, 1924.

EDITORIAL commenting upon the "Economic Policy of President Zayas and of the Secretary of Justice." - Dr. Zayas took charge of the Government in the most difficult period which Cuba has experienced. Economically and financially, disorganization had reached a climax, as a consequence of the financial crisis. Zayas took his first steps as President at the height of an economic bankruptcy, which

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"Diario de la Marina" - August 4, 1924. (Continued).

could not possibly be remedied in one fiscal year. All this was crowned by a banking disaster: the ~~fxit~~ failure of the most powerful banking institutions of the country. Exterior conflicts, also, seemed about to cause the loss of national sovereignty; - but Dr. Zayas knew how to cope with the situation. He followed a wise economic policy, equal only to his policy of national reconstruction. He found in Dr. Regueiferos an authorized interpreter of his will for the maintenance of the national banks. Those were not the proper times to undertake the reorganization of national banking institutions, but they both knew how to prevent the disappearance of the last vestiges and the last strongholds of national economy. They are both to be credited for the possibility of reorganizing the Banco Nacional de Cuba.....

Text of a message of Mayor Cuesta to the Municipal Council of Habana, in which he refers to the fact that the actual revenues were superior to the estimates made. He also refers to the present conditions of the Municipal Treasury, the water problem, the suppression of over-head electric wires, the embellishment of parks, etc.

"EL TRIUNFO" - August 5, 1924.

A meeting of dissatisfied Liberals held a meeting last night in the City of Santa Clara, and resolved to form a new political group under the leadership of Colonel Mendez Peñate. They took oath not to vote either for Machado or for Menocal - they will support the reelection of Dr. Zayas. (From a telegram from Santa Clara).

An article unfavorably commenting upon the intentions to approve the Bonus Bill.

The lack of quorum prevented the House of Representatives from holding session yesterday. The Law increasing the number of members of the House was to be discussed and approved.

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SUMMARY OF NEWS AND EDITORIAL COMMENT IN THE HABANA PRESS.

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"HERALDO DE CUBA" - August 5, 1924.

Cable despatch from New York referring to the Tariff problem in the United States, and stating that if Coolidge's Administration refuses to follow the recommendations made by the Tariff Commission, said act will have to be interpreted as a violation of the promises made by the Republican Party regarding the application of the elastic clauses of the Tariff Law. The interests of 112 million inhabitants should not be subordinated to the interests of a few refineries. The Secretary of the Association of Sugar Manufacturers of the United States declared yesterday that the beet sugar manufacturers would not experience any loss by the reduction of the Tariff.

The various officials of the Department of Sanitation are not quite in accord with respect to the manner in which the water conflict of Habana is to be solved. Dr. Simpson has devised a scheme to purify the waters of the Almendares River, and the construction of the necessary tanks, etc. to carry out this plan would not be very expensive. Dr. Porto was so pleased with the results of the trials made, that he invited the President to see the results obtained. However, Dr. Lopez del Valle is opposed to carry out the scheme of Dr. Simpson, as it would only solve the problem in a provisional manner, and he is of the opinion that the conflict should be difinitely solved. He is in favor of the captation of new springs, and the installation of a permanent filtering plant. - Dr. Porto does not like the idea of the filtering plant; he says that he has funds at his disposal to solve the problem provisionally, but not to undertake the problem in a larger scale.

Although the Department of the Treasury has not yet compiled all the data concerning the receipts for July, it had been learned that the revenues collected during July amounted to about $10,800,000.00. This sums includes some 2-1/2 millions corresponding to the tax of One per Cent for the last quarter of the fiscal year of 1923-1924. This paper regrets the lack of personnel to properly fiscalise the collection of the tax of one per cent, which could yield a great deal more if properly administered. - The amount deposited in the National Treasury on August 2nd, amounted to $28.151,427.71.

Alberto Barreras and the Liberal Mayors of Habana have decided to accept the decision of the National Assembly of the Liberal Party. Machado declared in the presence of the leaders of the Mendieta faction that he has not contracted any personal obligations, and added that his program of government will be adjusted to the platform of rectifications maintained by Colonel Mendieta, including the reform of the Constitution to prevent presidential reelections. The union of the Machado and Mendieta factions will be effected this afternoon.

Great political activites were noticed yesterday in Finca Maria. President Zayas held several political conferences, and was encouraged to continue working in favor of his reelection. He was visited by prominent leaders of the Popular Party who told the President that he will be unanimously nominated to the Presidency. The Vice Presidency will be probably be given to Dr. Manuel Castellanos. Celso Cuellar, financial agent of the campaign of reelection, feels very optimistic. One of the first steps of the campaign will be to grant a leave of absence to Colonel Galvez, Head of the street-cleaning department, as this department rules

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"Heraldo de Cuba"-
~~"Excelsior"~~ - August 5, 1924 (Continued).

over a large number of laborers, who, in their majority, become political agents.

EDITORIAL entitled "POLITICAL NOTE" - Commenting upon the fact that there are certain political elements who are more strongly in favor of reelection than President Zayas himself; but in doing so they only seek their own personal benefit. - This editorial also comments upon the differences existing in the ~~political~~ Conservative camp, that is to say, between Wifredo Fernandez and Carrillo and Menocal.

"INSURANCE BUSINESS AND FINANCES WITHOUT GUARANTEES". - Stating that the Government should pay more attention to the foreign companies carrying on insurance business in Cuba without the necessary guarantees, many of which are only organized to take away the money of innocent people.

"THE SACRED UNION" - by Ramon Vasconcelos. - Referring to the resolution adopted by the friends of Mendieta to support Machado's candidature, and stating that the Liberals of Habana have now united, and have no problem pending at the present time.

"EL HERALDO" - August 5, 1924.

Despite the fact that the Municipal Budget of Habana of 1923-24 carried an appropriation of $473,000.00 to pay the Havana Electric for electric light service, said Company was only able to collect $39,800.00.00. It was rumored some time ago that the Havana Electric Co. had offered a commission to obtain the payment of the amounts due to it, but an investigation has shown that this is not true. The truth of the matter is that Dr. Celso Cuellar del Rio has offeredhis services to obtain the payment of the sum of $2.200,000.00 which the Municipality of Habana owes said Company, but he demands a commission of 40%, which would amount to one million dollars. The article further states that the Embassy of the United States is aware of this, and has full details. The city of Habana runs the risk of remaining in the darkness, because the Electric Company threatens to cut off the lights, in the use of a perfect right.

In view of the failure of Celso Cuellar to buy the delegates to the National Assembly of the Conservative Party to obtain the nomination of President Zayas, the latter has decided to act in person, and he is now trying to bribe the delegates in his retreat of Finca Maria.

THE RIGHT OF PROTECTION. - In olden times, criminals who took refuge in sacred places, had the right to be protected. This custom has now been revived in Cuba, with the only difference that now, and in Cuba, the places considered as sacred are nothing less than gambling joints. - The Secret Police received information to the effect that one of the gunmen who assaulted the Bank of Commerce was gambling at the Cabaret "Tokio" which is maintained by the Secretary of the Interior in combination with Celso Cuellar. When the secret agents went to that place, they were refused entrance by the policemen stationed at the door. In the meantime the gunman was informed, and he made his escape by a secret door.

Interview with Dr. Jesus Maria Barraqus concerning the presidential problem at the coming elections. He says that the differences in the Liberal camp have disappeared; that all the Liberals fully realized the necessity of amendment, of a total rectification; that for some time past Cuba has been faltering, and its death is sure to come if either Mendieta or Machado fail to come to rescue her; that the definite crisis will come on May 20th;

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that if a vigorous reaction does not take place, Cuba will fatally disappear as an independent nation, sooner or later..... That the four cardinal points in the political horizon of Cuba at the present time, are: Revolution, Zayas, Menocal and the Liberal Party. The Cubans will inevitably stop at one of those four points. The choice is not difficult for either Machado or Mendieta, because they both owe themselves to the Liberal Party. Besides, as things now stand, one of the points mentioned above would lead the Cubans to a point more "cardinal", geographically speaking, but which he does not care to mention, trusting that the Cubans will not stumble in it. And for that reason he thinks that all the Cubans should support the Party which has an overwhelming majority in the country. He is sure that Machado will call the best men to assist him in the Government. Preferent attention must be given to public ~~instruction~~ instruction, because in this line, Cuba has made no advance since the times of Mr. Frye. Other important problems await the Liberal Government, such as Public Treasury, Sanitation, administration of Justice..... "The future President of Cuba, without ceasing to be merciful, wants to be just..." Lastly, nothing of ruinous loans or of unjustified amnesties..... Barraque further states that Machado has made no promises to anyone, neither has he contracted obligations of any kind; that he will not be a member of Machado's Cabinet.....

"LA PRENSA" - August 5, 1924.

EDITORIAL favorably commenting upon the resolution adopted by Governor Barreras and the Liberal Mayors of the Province of Habana, which clears up the situation of the Liberal Party. It also comments upon the rumors of an intelligence between Laredo Bru and General Menocal, which, it states, are absolutely unfounded.

Another editorial favorably commenting upon the efforts made to reorganize the Banco Nacional de Cuba.

"LA NOCHE" - August 5, 1924.

An important conference will be held this week at Finca Maria between the leaders of the Popular and of the Conservative parties. It is said that important resolutions of a national character will be adopted at this meeting. - The President will send a message to Congress requesting an appropriation to solve the water conflict of Habana. - A decree is now pending the signature of the President granting an appropriation of $200,000.00 for the repair of street and roads in Guantanamo.

"EL MUNDO" - August 6, 1924.

EDITORIAL favorably commenting upon the declarations made by Dr. Jesus Maria Barraque to "El Heraldo". Said declarations, show, in the first place, that the Liberal Party fully realizes the necessity of giving serious thought to an ample program of administrative, political and social reforms. The words of Dr. Barraque show that the leaders of the great Liberal Party fully understand that the time has come to guarantee to the people of Cuba that their most urgent and important problems will be solved in accordance with the necessities of the people. The most imortant and urgent problem is to save Cuba from ~~xx~~ a foreign economic absorption, and to restore industry and commerce on the basis of financial institutions of their own.

Cable despatch from Washington announcing that President Coolidge recommends the reduction of the duties on Cuban sugars to $1.50 (instead of $1.76) per 100 lbs.

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"DIARIO DE LA MARINA" - August 6, 1924.

At a meeting held in the Balboa Palace yesterday, by the most important elements of the Liberal Party in thhe Province of Habana, Ramon Vasconcelos proposed that Manuel Varona ~~Suarez~~ Suarez, Dr. Barraque and General Miguel Llaneras be appointed to ask Colonel Mendieta, in the name of the Liberal Party, to continue acting in favor of the interests of said Party; and also asked that a vote of appreciation be rendered to Mendieta. General Machado agreed to this proposition, and the committee was appointed, consisting of seven persons, to visit Colonel Mendieta and bear the message from the assembly.

TYPHOID FEVER: Present state of the apidemic:

Former cases.....	265
New cases reported.....	25
Cured	17
Deaths	3
Present total.....	270

Dr. Porto conferred yesterday with the President of the Republic in regard to the direction of the conduit and the Vento basin. The present system of having the Department of Public Works in charge of the water service, and the Department of Sanitation in charge of the scientific end of it, the purification of the water is inefficient, and is the cause of much discussion and mutual recrimination between the two Departments.

EDITORIAL COMMENTING upon the plausible efforts made by the Department of Sanitation to check the typhoid fever, and stating that said epidemic disease is not the only danger we need to guard against. There is always the possibility of malaria, and the failure of the Depactment to take preventive measures against mosquitoes, makes this peril more likely. Whether the Department of Sanitation is entirely responsible for the present sanitary conditions in the Republic, or whether the Government is more largely responsible, it is up to them to remedy the situation.

"EL TRIUNFO" - August 6, 1924.

Article quoting one from "Diario de la Marina" praising the wise and prudent policy of President Zayas and of Dr. Regueiferos in supervising the Bank Liquidation Commission, and making it possible at some future time, for Cuba to again "get on her feet" financially, and not to be forever subject to foreign banking control.

Feature article stating that the State, the Government, should reorganize the Banco Nacional, since it is the largest creditor of that bank, and if in the course of the liquidation of the assets it claims its full due, all the other creditors would not be able to receive anything. It would be an immense advantage to the people of Cuba, as well as to the Government, to have the bank reorganized and under government control it would increase its strength, and redeem the banking of Cuba from the hands of foreign monopolies.

The Liberal candidatures of the Provinces of Matanzas have already been prepared. The friends of Machado are left out in the nominations, the Mendietists carrying the Provinces.

EDITORIAL commenting upon the quarrels in the midst of the Conservative Party, and stating that the majority of the people of Cuba are against General Menocal.

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Cuban Press on Events of the Day

(Translations)

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CONSIDERS LIBERAL PARTY SITUATION BETTER

La Prensa writes on "The Political Situation":

"It seems that the situation of the Liberal party is becoming somewhat better and its future less cloudy.

"A group of mayors of this province, partisans of Colonel Mendieta, met yesterday at the Balboa palace, in a meeting presided over by Governor Barreras and decided to accept the official candidates and to back Machado in the coming November elections. In Havana province therefore the Liberals will go to the polls with a solid front and no fear of divisions will be entertained here.

"Now cordiality must be brought to reign again in Santa Clara province. Prominent Liberal leaders of that province like Governor Mendez Penate and Representative Wolter del Rio have openly protested against the verdict of the Liberal convention and have announced their firm intention of not voting for Machado. We consider, however, that this decision has been taken in a moment of excitement and that soon in Santa Clara harmony and cordiality will again reign also in the Liberal camp.

"Another thing, which is of great advantage for the Liberals is the news that Colonel Laredo Bru, leader of the recent Veterans and Patriots' rebellion, has stoutly denied any intention of joining forces with General Menocal and running as vice-president on a ticket with our ex-president. Laredo Bru is a prominent Liberal and if he would have abandoned the party many of his partisans would have followed him. The Liberals, therefore, can be well satisfied with recent developments and res assured that probably no new quarrels will destroy the strength of their party.

"In the Conservative party the situation is still quite undefined. It seems, however, that the tendency in favor of having the Liga pact maintained is steadily gaining ground and it is considered absolutely sure that the Conservative and Populares pact will not be destroyed.

"In a few brief words the political situation now is as follows:

"The Liberals have improved and are more united.

"The Conservatives have not any defined attitude as yet, but a marked tendency in favor of the maintenance of the Liga pact exists."

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August 6, 1924 (Afternoon)
August 7, 1924 (Morning)

SUMMARY OF NEWS AND EDITORIAL COMMENT IN THE HABANA PRESS.

"HERALDO DE CUBA" - August 6, 1924.

A detailed account of the meeting held yesterday at the Balboa Palace, in which Governor Barreras stated in the name of the followers of Mendieta, that they had decided to abide by the decision of the National Assembly of the Liberal Party which nominated Machado to the Presidency, and that the Province of Habana will continue to be the stronghold of the Liberal Party. Fernandez Hermo praised the attitude of the Mendietists; Sarrain wants the campaign through the Island started at once; Carlos de la Rosa congratulated the Liberals of Habana, and assured that there would be no more divisions in the Liberal camp; Miguel Llaneras accepts the decision of the National Assembly.

An article commenting upon the efforts made to patch up the shattered National League by means of a compromise candidate which will unite the Conservatives and the Populars. Dr. Zayas, however, continues in his policy of passive resistance, and does not seem to be affected by the strong pressures made against re-election. Laredo Bru does not want to appear as Vice President with Menocal. In the meantime, the various groups which constituted the National League are still quarreling, and the Populars have already announced the holding of a meeting to nominate Zayas, and the Conservative group intend to launch the candidatures "Menocal-Laredo Bru".

A long article written by Engineers Eduardo O. Giberga, and Rogelio Santana tending to demonstrate that the water problem of Habana cannot be solved by means of a provisional and hasty formula, because the city of Habana needs water for the present as well as for the future. According to said engineers, the city of Habana will have 750,000 inhabitants in 1949, when a daily consumption of 150 millions gallons of water will be required. There is no financial difficulty which can prevent the accomplishment of the definite works necessary to solve the problem.

The last analyses made by the National Laboratory show that the Vento water is now more pure that the mineral waters sold in town, but the officials of the Department of Sanitation conceal the result of said analyses, to encourage the business of the mineral water manufacturers who bribe said officials.

Secretary Betancourt left last night for the Province of Oriente, on private business.

Article commenting upon a Trust which is exploiting the Chinese immigration business in a large scale. Chinese immigrants are sold to American farmers at $500.00 per capita. The merchants and students imported to Cuba, are afterwards transported in schooners to Florida and smuggled into the United States, and then taken in aeroplanes or in covered motor trucks to farms in the South. The most active agents are, a man by the name of Reina, and another called "El Coronel" who operate in Key West and Tampa.

The Central Electoral Board understands that the Republican and the Nationalistic parties have no right to present candidatures as political parties for the coming elections, because they failed to comply with the provisions of the Electoral Code which regulate the reorganization of the assemblies.

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"HERALDO DE CUBA" - August 6, 1924. (Continued)

EDITORIAL commenting upon the fact that the recent developments in the Conservative camp has done a great deal to maintain the union and consistency in the Liberal Party, to prevent Cuba from falling again into the hands of Menocal. If these events were carefully observed by the Conservatives, they would surely make up their minds for a compromise candidate, because the people of Cuba are affraid of Menocal as well as of reelection.

THOSE WHO CANNOT FAIL TO BE PRESENT", by Ramon Vasconcelos, commenting upon the union of Machadists and Mendietists, and stating the Ferrara, Recio, Mendez Peñate, Wolter del Rio, etc. could not fail to appear in the campaign of the Liberal Party.

The Mendietists of Marianao have decided to abide by the decision of the National Assembly of the Liberal Party, and will support Machado's candidature.

"EL HERALDO"- August 6, 1924.
Section entitled "OPINIONS" -
Article commenting upon the unquestionable victory of the Liberal Party, and stating that although the present political situation of Cuba is very gloomy, the prospects for the future are very bright. - The article also refers to the fact that the President is trying to bribe the delegates to the Conservative Assembly in person, after the failure of Celso Cuellar to do so. It is said that Cuellar embezzled the funds placed at his disposal to win the assembly.

The stubborn attitude of Chief Engineer Cuellar in refusing to to turn over the management of the Vento Aqueduct to the Department of Sanitation, may provoke an American intervention in Cuba. 25 new cases of typhoid fever were reported yesterday. Zayas has said that the Department of Sanitation is right in demanding the control of the Vento Water Works but Cuellar wishes to continue his illegal and shameful graft at the expense of public health. The cleaning of the streetsof Habana must also be placed under the control of the Dept. of Sanitation.

A gambling placed called "Circulo Mulkay" was closed down recently, but later it was allowed to re-open, after the owners agreed to pay a certain sum to be distributed among the Secretary of the Interior, the Chief of Police and the Captain of the Police Station. Said gambling place is said to be under the direct management of Mr. Raul Zayas.

Another complaint against Secretary Iturralde has been filed before the Supreme Court. The accusation is made by Captain Chapelli, who had the concession to make bread for the National Prison. Chapelli was asked to pay $6,000.00 to continue enjoying the concession, but as he refused to pay said amount, two illicit auctions were held to take away the concession from him, and the machinerybelonging to him, valued at $18,000.00, was confiscated. Secretary Iturralde and the Chief of the National Prison are implicated in this affair.

EDITORIAL entitled "NEITHER ZAYAS NOR MENOCAL" - commenting upon the present situation of the Conservative Party. It is impossible to say at this time who will be the candidate of said Party. It is true that the majority of the members of the Conservative Party are in favor of Menocal for President. But the friends of Dr. Zayas have passed the word that the Conservatives alone cannot hope to obtain victory and that they must have the support of the Popular Party, that is to say, the maintenance of the National League, but in this case, Zayas will have to be the candidate.

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"El Heraldo" - August 6, 1924 (Continued)

The House of Representatives held no session yesterday. A project of law has been presented in the House increasing the salaries of postal and telegraph employees.

The Cuban Chamber of Commerce will lend its cooperation to those who maintain the unconstitutionality of the Labor Intelligence Law sanctioned by the President on June 9th.

"LA PRENSA" - August 6, 1934.

An important conference was held this morning at Finca Maria between the President of the Republic and Doctors Vera Verdura and Santiago Rey as representatives of the group of 9D delegatez who supported the maintenance of the National League. No definite reports of the conference had been received at the time of going to press, but it has been learned that Verdura and Rey expressed some doubts regarding the possibility of obtaining a majority for the National League, due to the resolution adopted by some prominent delegates of not attending again the sessions of the Assembly; but it is hoped that President Zayas will be able to furnish some formula which will permit the consolidation of the National League. This article also refers to the rumors that the life of General Collazo, now in Camaguey, is in imminent danger; it being announced that there is a plot to get rid of this prominent politician. A similar plot is said to exist against Wifredo Fernandez.

"LA NOCHE" - August 6, 1924.

EDITORIAL, favorably commenting upon the discipline now existing in the ranks of the Liberal Party, and nobody doubts the victory of Machado in the coming elections.

General Herrera, Chief of the General Staff of the Army, explains that the reason for not enforcing the so-called "Law of Segeants", is because Congress, which wanted to favor the segeants promoting them to the rank of officers, failed to include the appropriation demanded by these promotions.

"EL PAIS" - August 6, 1924.

Quoting an article published in the afternoon edition of "Diario de la Marina". Said article states that upon celebrating the victory of Machado, the Liberals have forgotten Baroni altogether, despite the fact that Baroni was who launched Machado's candidature. The "Diario" invites the Liberals to take steps to obtain the return of Baroni to Cuba.

EDITORIAL, favorably commenting upon the declarations recently made by Dr. Jesus Maria Barraque.

EL MUNDO" - August 7, 1924.

EDITORIAL unfavorably commenting upon the astounding increase of criminality in Cuba at the present moment.

"DIARIO DE LA MARINA" - August 7, 1924.

Mr. Hartwell Brunson, Special envoy of the Pan-American Federation of Labor, has been ordered by the Executive Council of the Federation to go to Nicaragua, and later to extend his activities to all of Latin-America. Mr. Brunson's duties consist in giving advice and help to the union workers, as special representative of the Federation of Labor, and to serve as a link in the relations between employers and union employees.

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"Diario de la Marina" - August 7, 1924 (Continued)

THE WATER PROBLEM - The Department of Public Works denies that there is any crack or crevice in the Vento Conduit. The Engineer of the Department, Abel Fernandez, visiting Engineer Cadenas, informed him that such information, published by the Department of Sanitation, was inexact. Dr. Simpson, of the National Laboratory noticing that a certain point near the "Arango" Brook, the water hitherto pure, seemed to become contaminated, inferred that such a contition was due to cracks in the wall of the conduit, according to the Department of Public Works.

TYPHOID FEVER - State of the epidemic for the past 24 hours:

Old cases.....	270
New cases reported.....	3
Cured.....	2
Deaths.....	0
Present total...	271

(1) EDITORIAL, commenting upon the fact that while Cuba possesses immense natural resources, and her exportation and importation is very large, the credit and national banking is in the hands of foreign firms. Necessity for the reorganization of national Banking and the establishment of national credit.

"EL TRIUNFO" - August 7, 1924.

(2) EDITORIAL stating that it is the duty of the Government of Cuba to favor the reestablishment and reorganization of the National Bank, which is so much to the interests of the entire nation, The Government as the greatest creditor of the Banco Nacional, should free it from the obligation to pay its debt, to the State, and should then put it in a position to pay back at least a certain percentage of its indebtedness to other creditors. No creditor would oppose this measure, for it is so manifestly valuable to the Republic, which is now under the thumb of foreign banking firms. The Government, controlling and advising the management of the Bank, should see to it that its debts are paid so far as possible, and its various departments carefully reorganized, for the restoration of national credit.

Article stating that Menocal, willing to resort to any methods to gain the ascendency to the Presidency, is going to repeat the insulting and outrageous treatment of the opposing delegates, at the assembly of the 12th. More than 80 delegates, incensed at the treatment received on the 30th of July, will refuse to attend the National Assembly of the 12th.

EDITORIAL stating that the Zayist press has never waged an aggressive or hostile attack against General Menocal, but has merely defended itself, and combatted the forces of the General, knowing that the Republic under him, would be doomed to ruin.

EDITORIAL, commenting upon the wise policy of Zayas, when, forced to adapt to this year's needs the Budgets for the preceding fiscal year, he left the way open for modifications and improvements to be granted by Presidential Decrees. But among the matters still needing attention is the necessity for increased expenditures in the customs. This Depat. of the Government is one which brings in an annual revenue of more than $100,000.00 per day. It is natural that in so important a department there should be great need for increased equipment and personnel, and it is hoped that the President will see fit to issue a Decree granting an appropriation for that purpose.

It has been learned that a Presidential Decree will be issued ordering the payment of 30% of the Bonuses ~~xx~~ due to public employees of group B.

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"HERALDO DE CUBA" - August 7, 1924.

The celebrations which will take place in Cardenas tomorrow will mark the beginning of the campaign of the Liberal Party in favor of Machado in the Province of Matanzas.

Cable despatch from New York, referring to an article published by the Secretary of the Department of Labor of the United States, denouncing the perils of a Chinese invassion in the U.S. He states that there at present about 30,000 Chinese immigrants waiting for an opportunity to enter the United States, from Cuba, Mexico and Canada.

President Zayas intends to order the payment of 20 per cent of the Bonuses due to public employees of the group "B", by Decree. He also intends to order various transfers of credits, with absolute disregard of the Law of Bases of the Budget for the fiscal year of 1923-1924 which is now in force.

Article commenting upon the leave of absence granted to Colonel Galvez, Head of the Street-cleaning division, as he has been nominated for Representative in the Conservative ticket. There are some aspirants who are struggling hard to obtain the appointment to fill the vacancy temporarily left by Colonel Galvez, as it is a profitable position, and 45 days will suffice to enrich anybody through the manipulation of thousands of dollars destined to electoral agents.

Article commenting upon the recent conference between the President and ~~Zayas~~ Doctors Rey, Fernandez and Vera Verdura, stating that they have informed the President in advans of his defeat. Rumors of plot to kill Colonel Collazo in the city of Camaguey.

EDITORIAL entitled "TRICKERIES OF ZAYAS AND ACTIVITIES OF MENOCAL". Commenting upon the fact that the candidature "Zayas-Castellanos" was ~~launched~~ launched by the reelectionists to win certain positions while they appealed before the Central Electoral Board against the summons made by Aurelio Alvarez for the assembly of the Conservative Party to take place on the 12th. It seems as if Zayas were following the advice of the petty lawyer Rosado Aybar. Menocal is alarmed by the new offensive of Zayas, and has now renewed his political friendship with Ricardo Dolz, leader of the Republican Party. Menocal and Dolz will try to unite the various Conservative groups with the addition of some scattered elements of different parties. This will give an opportunity to the Liberal Party to defeat all the parties of the "right" at the coming elections

Another editorial commenting upon the fact that the water problem of Habana remains unsolved, while the epidemic of typhoid fever continues. It also comments in a favorable manner upon the article written by Engineers Giberga and Santana, published yesterday, recommending the manner in which the water problem must be solved.

EL HERALDO - August 7, 1924.

Section entitled "OPINIONS" - Commenting upon the recent visit of Vera Verdura and Rey to President Zayas, stating that they expressed their opinion to the President that reelection had been defeated, as it was impossible to maintain the National League.

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"El Heraldo" - August 7, 1924 (Continued)

Acting Judge of Guanabacoa, Leon Blanco, is bitterly criticized for his decision rendered in the case of expropriation proceedings of some lands lying between Regla and Cojimar, acquired by the Hershey Railroad. Said Judge accepted the appraisal of the lands at 1 and 2 ½ cents per square meter, when in reality the lands xxxx in questionhave an actual value of $5.00 and $10.00 per meter. Mr. Frank Robins is said to be mixed in this affair.

President Zayas is planning a plot to disconcert the supporters of Menocal's candidature. It is intended to prevent to assistance of the number of delegates necessary to hold the Conservative convention; then the nomination of presidential electors addicted to reelection will be made in Santa Clara, Matanzas and Pinar del Rio. This plot will provoke the wrath of Menocal and his followers, and grave events are likely to occur. Many officers of the army have been visiting Menocal lately. Even the life of Dr. Zayas is said to be in danger. Other news of the struggles between Menocal and Zayas.

Article entitled "CUELLAR-Iturralde-Cuesta" - Further commenting upon the intentions to exact one million dollars from the Havana Electric Company, explaining now that the money is not to go to Cuellar alone, but is to be distributed among Cuellar, Iturralde, and Mayor Cuesta. The sum which the Municipality of Habana owes to the Havana Electtic Company amounts to $2.259,776.31. During the incumbency of Mayor Dias de Villegas all the bills of the Havana Electric were duly paid; but Cuesta has only paid one month of electric light service during all the time he has held the office of Mayor of Habana.

IRREGULARITIES IN THE LOTTERY. - The profits obtained by Dr. Zayas, for the 1,000 Colecturias assigned to him, amounted to $700,000.00 during the month of July.

EDITORIAL commenting upon the fact that the Liberal Party made a gross mistake in having Cuesta elected as Mayor of Habana, as his only worry is to pile up a fortune for himself.

"LA PRENSA" - August 7. 1924.

PALACE NEWS - Prominent leaders of the Popular Party conferred with Dr. Zayas this morning, announcing that Dr. Zayas will be nominated by the convention of the 10th. It is persistently rumored that the Assembly of the Conservative Party summoned for the 12th, will be postponed. Rumors of a plot to create a distubance by reason of present political events, have been reported to the President, and the police forces will take the necessary precautions to guarantee the rights of all political elements. The President has authorized the following transfers of credit from the "Interests on the Loan of 50 millions": $10,000 for material and sundry expenses; $20,000 for "General Obligations"; $20,000 to pay the salaries of deceased employees, and $20.000 for "Imprevistos" (Unforeseen expenses).

EDITORIAL entitled "A TIMELY SUGGESTION" - Commenting upon the necessity of taking into consideration the original plans and specifications of Engineer Albear in the solution of the water problem.

Telegram from Cienfuegos stating that Colonel Mendez Peñate will abide by the decision of the National Assembly of the Liberal Party, and will not accept any provincial parties which may be organized.

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"LA NOCHE" - August 7, 1924.

EDITORIAL commenting upon the necessity of reorganizing the National Bank of Cuba, with the help of the State.

The following short article: "CROWDER - We are in a position to affirm that the Ambassador of the United States, General Crowder, will request an audience from the President within the next few days."

"EL PAIS" - August 7, 1924.

EDITORIAL commenting upon the necessity of solving the water problem of Habana. For the past ten years the residents of Habana have suffered the consequences of the scarcity of water during Summer, but no definite solution is given to the problem.

EL MUNDO" - August 8, 1924.

EDITORIAL entitled "THE REORGANIZATION OF THE BANCO NACIONAL" - Very favorably commenting upon a project of law presented in (3) the House of Representatives for the reorganization of the National Bank of Cuba, stating that this is one of the most urgent problems of the present day.

The Provincial Assembly of the Liberal Party, of Matanzas, held a short session yesterday, but no business were transacted, or resolutions adopted. The convention of the assembly was postponed.

The President signed a Decree yesterday granting an appropriation of $200,000.00 for the works of paving, sewerage and improvement in the supply of water of the city of Guantanamo; another decree granting $100,000.00 for the paving and sewerage of the city of Manzanillo, and a third decree granting an appropriation of $20,000.00 to complete the studies in connection with the aqueduct of Santiago de Cuba.

TYPHOID FEVER - State of the epidemic for the past 24 hours:

Old cases.....	271
New cases reportes.....	8
Cured.....	9
Deaths.....	1
Present total.....	269

Section entitled "PERFIL DEL DIA" - Favorably commenting upon the decision of the Liberals Mayors of the Province of Habana to abide by the decision of the National Assembly of the Party.

"DIARIO DE LA MARINA" - August 8, 1924.

Interview with General Mencoal. Among other things, he said: I would fail to comply with my duty ~~xxx~~ towards my country if I watched with indifference the coming electoral struggle.... It would be to ignore my obligations as a member of the Conservative Party if I refused to lend my cooperation to those who request it..... I have been selected for the Presidency; I could not refuse, and I have accepted the nomination. This decision has not only been favorably received by the Conservatives but also by many elements of our society..... As in past struggles, I see many of my old friends around me, identified with me and with my nationalistic program..... As to the affiliates, I am sure that not a single one will fail to cooperate for the victory of the ideals which prompt us.....

Project of Law presented in the House of Representatives regarding (4) the liquidation of banks; the National Bank will be considered in state of reorganization, and it shall be the depositary of the

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"Diario de la marina" - August 8, 1924. (Continued)

funds of the Government, and paying fiscal agent of the State. The authors of the Law are: Santiago Rey, Pastor del Rio, Jose H. Echevarria and Julio Ponce.

EDITORIAL unfavorably commenting upon the rumors of a plot to create disturbances in connection with the present political situation, stating that if the rumors were true, they would reveal evil purposes among certain elements of the Conservative Party.

"EL TRIUNFO" - August 8, 1924.

Article commenting upon the former glory of the Banco Nacional, its misfortunes during the crisis of 1920-21, in which the sudden drop of sugar prices caused the planters and grinders to go broke, and the bank did not have sufficient time to realize on its assets, and finance them--hence the moratorium. If the State was not the greatest creditor of the Bank, it would by this time have been able to pay its other creditors, and reorganize. Appeal is made to the Government to cancel the State's claim on the Bank, and reorganize it, putting it in a position to once more operate in the interests of economic development and growth of the Republic.

Another article concerning the Banco Nacional, stating that the Temporary Bank Liquidation Commission has prepared a report to be presented to Zayas, laying out the plans and means by which the Banco Nacional might be reorganized, the Government aiding and supervising this process. Moreover, Santiago Rey, Leader of the Conservatives in the House, and President of the Customs Committee, has just presented a note-worthy project indicating the basis for the reorganization of said Bank. He is eagerly awaiting the report of the Banking Commission and the corresponding message of President Zayas to Congress.

Article stating that Mendieta, consulted by a reporter of "El Triunfo" in regard to the notices published that a commission of friends of General Machado would visit him to request his aid in the political campaign of the Liberal Party, replied that he had heard that such was the intention of the friends of Machado, but that he had not seen them yet, and that they would be wasting their time in trying to persuade him to return to public life, and to the political struggle. He also asked "El Triunfo" to state that any telegrams stating that he would support Machado were absolutely false, for he had never sent such messages.

According to this aper, the sanest elements of the Conservative Party believe that Dr. Zayas will be the candidate . It is rumored that the Popular Party, voting for Zayas, even in the Conservative Party as a whole, ~~xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx~~ will not do much good, and that they will seek the cooperation of the Mendietists, on the basis of the ticket "Zayas-Mendieta".

There are rumors that the Assembly of the Conservative Party scheduled for the 12th may be postponed, due to the fact that acts of violence on the part of the Menocalists are apprehended, and that numerous elements of the Party in favor of Zayas will stay away, because of the insulting treatment received on July 30th.

The President has before him for his signature, a decree giving the Department of Sanitation entire charge of the Vento Aqueduct, and the water supply of the city of Habana. The object of this decree is to centralize and unify the control of the water supply and simplify the problem of meeting the city's needs in this matter.

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"El Triunfo" - August 8; 19th (Continued).

EDITORIAL, unfavorably commenting upon the disgraceful proceedings at the Assembly of the Conservative Party on July 30th against many of the partisans of President Zayas, and the threats of death of Rosendo Collazo, and warning the people of Cuba against the possible error of electing Menocal, who represents violence and misrule in the Republic.

EDITORIAL commenting upon the projected political journey of General Machado, and predicting that he will meeth with a far different reception from the triumphal one accorded Mendieta. The people, cheated of its choice, will not hail with joy the man who has "cornered the Assemblies" and imposed his candidacy over that of their beloved leader, Mendieta.

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"HERALDO DE CUBA" - August 8, 1924.

Cable despatch from New York referring to an interview with Dr. Juan Clemente Zamora in connection with the political situation of Cuba. He states that Cuba has done away with personal aspirations, and that the solution given to the Liberal problem in Cuba means the victory of democracy; and that the good sense shown can serve as an example in North America. He refers to the popularity of Mendieta and the personality of Machado. He predicts an easy victory of the Liberal Party at the coming elections.

Article unfavorably commenting upon the decrees recently signed by the President authorizing certain transfers of credit, stating that Portela is proving more and more every day his identification with the methods of Dr. Zayas, especially those referring to assaults upon the Treasury.

The differences between the Department of Sanitation and the Dept. of Public Works, with respect to the Vento conduit, continue. Cuellar, the City Chief Engineer, declares that the cracks in the Vento conduit have only existed in the imagination of the officials of the Department of Sanitation. On the other hand, the officials of the Health Department affirm that points of contact with the exterior do exist, as shown by the impurity of the waters between two of the towers. This matter has not yet been finally cleared up because Chief Engineer Cuellar is still sick in bed.

Gonzalez Beauville, who is now in New York, has sent a cablegram of congratulation to General Machado upon his nomination to the Presidency of the Republic; and another to Vazquez Bello congratulating him on his nomination to the Presidency of the Liberal Party.

EDITORIAL, commenting upon the urgent necessity of solving the problem of the payment of the Bonuses to public employees.
Another editorial, entitled: "HOW THE LEAGUE OF HATE HAS ENDED" - Commenting upon the dissolution of the National League, stating that it was only a temporary combination planned by Menocal, with the acquiescence of General Crowder as Special Envoy, against the candidature of General Jose Miguel Gomez.

"EL HERALDO" - August 8, 1924.

Section entitled "OPINIONS" - Commenting upon the strifes between Zayas and Menocal. While the friends of the Palace affirm that Zayas will come out victorious on the 12th, the friends of Menocal swear that they will carry the Assembly. The Menocalists accuse the Government of making preparations to trample upon their rights, and affirm that Zayas will have Secretary Iturralde give instructions to the Chief of Police to see that the enemies of reelection are not permitted to vote. They also affirm that the fears of Colonel Collazo are feigned, because the man who committed so many abuses in Camaguey in 1920 cannot be easily frightened.

Interview with Dr. Pedro Herrera Sotolongo, concerning the reorganization of the national banks, of which he will be a decided defender. He is of the opinion that the revival of the National Bank of Cuba must be a perfect work, if it is desired to have a serious, sound and rich financial Institution.

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"El Heraldo" - August 8, 1924. (Continued)

Threats of Menocal against Zayas, and of Zayas against Menocal. The differences existing between President Zayas and Ex President Menocal are a menace to the moral and material peace of the country. Each one is trying to win by unlawful methods. Grave events are likely to occur at any moment, which would create a serious disturbance. In view of the information to the effect that the Menocalists "will do everything that has to be done" to obtain victory, even to get rid of Dr. Zayas if it becomes necessary, the latter is also taking steps to win by all means. The clash of these two terrible ambitions might be disastrous for Cuba. "El Heraldo" thinks it its duty to warn the people of Cuba of the gravity of the present political events.

"NO ABUSES, AS IT IS A DANGEROUS PATH"/ - Article stating that the Menocalists can have no doubt of the good faith of their loyal adversaries. When they were without an organ of opinion to defend the interests of the Conservative Party against the reelectionist tendencies, the columns of "El Heraldo" were placed at their disposal, and they were freely used by Sergio Carbó. But the Liberal Party has now nominated its candidate, and enters into the electoral struggle disposed to defend it with white gloves. And in the face of this worthy and patriotic attitude of the Liberals, what now happens in the camp of the opponents is really alarming, and it is the duty of this newspaper to denounce it before the people of Cuba, and especially before the members of the Liberal Party, in order that they may be fully aware of the probabilities in the coming electoral contest. - If the reelectionist tendency triumphs in the Conservative Party, the Liberal Party will have to fight at the polls against the head of the Government as candidate, with all the strings of Power in his hands. This is what this newspaper tried to prevent by defending the anti-reelectionist tendency in the ranks of the Conservative Party. But Menocal has taken advantage of this tendency to satisfy a new personal ambition, in spite of the fact that he is probably the only man in Cuba who has no moral right to be anti-reelectionist. And Menocal initiates his struggle for the Presidency in such a way and with such a violence, that it is quite clear that if Zayas is not the candidate, but Menocal, the victory of the Liberal Party will not be an easy one. The firends of Menocal have adopted as their motto: "We will do everything that is to be done; and go as far as it may be necessary to go". This which now refers to the reelectionist, will be applied tomorrow to the Liberals. The Menocalists boast of having the majority of the members of the Army and the members of the Judiciary on their side, with which they are confident of winning, even if eighty per cent of the electors voted for Machado. - All this entails a serious challange.....

Colonel Matias Duque has summoned all the old friends of General Jose Miguel ~~Gomez~~ Gomez to a meeting, for the purpose of organizing the "Old Guard" to defend the Liberal Candidate.

A complaint has been filed against Chief Engineer Cuellar and other, by a contractor of Public Works, for unlawful exaction of money. Cuellar demanded a commission of ten per cent on all works accomplished by the contractor, and the other (Montero) of the payment of three hundred dollars per month.

EDITORIAL stating that the payment of the "Gratuities", or Bonuses to public employees, should not be postponed any longer, as it is a debt of honor contracted by the State.

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"LA PRENSA" - August 8, 1924.

Judging by the activities displayed by leaders of various labor organizations of Cuba, Cuba will soon join the Pan-American Federation of Labor.

EDITORIAL, commenting of the meeting of the Conservative Assembly on the 12th instant, stating that no disturbances are likely to occur, because there is a high sense of patriotism among the members and the leaders of the Conservative Party. All the excitement of the moment will soon die out. The Assembly of the 12th, it being a second call, will be absolutely legal with the assistance of one-half plus one of the number of delegates. Nobody can predict the final outcome, but if the defenders of the League maintain their present attitude of not attending said Assembly, General Menocal will be nominated the official candidate of the Conservative Party. However, the friends of Dr. Zayas affirm that there will be a sufficient number of delegates to nominate Zayas.

"EL PAIS" - August 8, 1924.

Secretaries Regueiferos and Iturralde conferred with the President this morning at Finca Maria concerning the present political problem, and arrangements will be made to avert trouble at the Conservative Assembly of the 12th. Iturralde and Regueiferos were requested by the President to prepare a decree prohibiting the carrying of weapons to political meetings. The Judges will be asked to inflict severe punishments for infractions of this decrees.

General Crowder holds a very important conference with the President of the Republic at Finca Maria. Naturally, nothing has been officially said to newspaper men regarding the subjects discussed at this conference, which lasted about three hours, but it has been learned that General Crowder requested data concerning the electoral process in Cuba, in connection with the aspirations of the different tendencies in the Conservative Party for the nomination of candidates to the Presidency and Vice Presidency of the Republic. It is understood that General Crowder had this interview with the President in order to inform the American Government in detail regarding the development of the political struggle in Cuba. There are some persons who believe that General Crowder made some suggestions to the President in order that the November elections may be peaceful and orderly, thereby preventing any criminal attempts against the candidates of the different political parties.

EDITORIAL Unfavorably commenting upon the inactivity of Congress, despite the fact that the members of the House of Representatives had promised to resume activities on the 1st of this month.

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EL MUNDO, August 9, 1924.
Editorial commenting upon the possible modification of the sugar tariffs in the United States, reducing duties per hundred pounds from $1.76 to $1.50. The Government of Cuba should make use of all possible justifications of its needs and rights, before President Coolidge, for it is not right that Cuba a nation which imports most of the articles of daily use from the States, should pay large duties on what is its most important, and almost its sole article of exportation--sugar. This reduction, however, will not by any means, entirely resolve Cuba's financial problem. Her banking interests are still in foreign hands, and until national banking is reorganized, Cuba will not have any independent economic life.

Associated Press despatch from Washington, stating that Mr. Barlow, in view of the adverse decision of the Courts upon his property cases, has appealed to the American Embassy, which is making efforts through diplomatic channels, to have the case speedily resolved, without further delays in the courts.

Senor Adolfo Arellano, at the recent meeting of the Federation of Economic Corporations, reported on an interesting study and project which he had drawn up in pamphlet form, giving information, data and calculations with a view to the construction of the Central Highway, which would be of immense economic benefit to the Republic.

The arrival of Machado and La Rosa in Cardenas was hailed with rejoicing and the city was decked out in its best to welcome the illustrious candidates to the Presidency and Vice-Presidency of the Republic.

Dr. Lopez del Valle reported yesterday, that with Dr. Porto, he porposed to intensify the campaign against typhoid in the city. Plans have been made by Dr. Lopez del Valle, to appoint certain laboratories, or drug-stores, at equidistant points, to make an analysis, twice a week, of the city drinking water. The present scarcity of water in the city is due to the fact that the gates letting in the Almendares River, into the Vento Basin, have had to be shut again, because the water is so muddy. Moreover, the pump supplying water to Guanabacoa is again broken, further diminishing the supply.

State of the epidemic for the past 24 hours:

	269
Old cases	2
New cases	5
Deaths	3
Dismissed	
Present total	271

Letter from Engineer Jose A. Goseulluela, Professor of Hydraulics at the University of Habana, commenting upon the antiquated and inefficient methods used by the Department of Sanitation, in determining the infiltration of contaminated waters into the conduit. With the application of the principle of "electric resistance", the present of contaminated water may be determined, at a cost of a few cents. He promises to write another letter, commenting upon the failure to energetically fight for the purification of the water in the conduit.

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DIARIO DE LA MARINA--August 9, 1924.

Article stating that Dr. Clemente Vazquez Bello, President of the House of Representatives, and of the Liberal Party, is in favor of the reorganization of the Banco Nacional, and will push the passing of legislation in favor of this movement, in the House.

EDITORIAL commenting upon the necessity in Cuba, for making the Universities independent of the State. State control of the University has made the profession of a university teacher or professor largely dependent upon political favor--and has impaired the efficiency, and lowered the level of intelligence in the teaching force.

EL TRIUNFO--August 9, 1924.

Article stating that the retail grocers are anxious for a reduction of their taxes to the Ayuntamiento, and that the Councilmen who are negotiating for this reduction have collected about $50,000 as the price of their labors in this direction. Warning to the Mayor that there is now a desire on the part of many prominent citizens of the Republic to nationalize the city of Habana, and that by corrupt practices, the Ayuntamiento runs the risk of being wiped out forever.

EDITORIAL commenting favorably upon the project of Law for the reorganization of the Banco Nacional, placed before the House of Representatives. Some details given of the history of the Banco Nacional, its present status, and the possibilities for the future, providing it is reorganized by the Government.

The Political Situation in the Conservative Party--stating that prominent elements of the Party are now suggesting, as a compromise between the two factions, the candidacy of Zayas-Montoro. The latter was Secretary to the Presidency in the time of Menocal, and is a great friend of the ex-President. His acceptance of the Vice-Presidency might therefore, solve the difficult situation. There are also rumors to the effect that Aurelio Alvarez is willing to withdraw from the Presidency of the Conservative Party, to settle the dispute, if possible. Dr. Mendez Penate and Dr. German Wolter del Rio are to hold an important political conference with President Zayas in Finca Maria. It is also rumored that Secretary Iturralde will be removed from office, and ~~Samuel~~ Colonel Francisco de Paula Valiente substituted for him.

Article stating that the maintenance of the National League, is necessary for the victory of the Conservatives--but that with the League, they can and should win in all the provinces.

The Central Electoral Board yesterday heard the case against the Popular Assembly of Santa Clara. Claims against the Liberal Assemblies of San Jose de los Ramos, Pinar del Rio and Mantua were admitted. A claim against the summons to Assembly of the Municipal Assembly of Pinar del Rio was denied.

Delegates to the National Assembly of the Popular Party will meet this morning in their hall in Zulueta, to reaffirm their support of the National League, and of Dr. Zayas for the Presidency.

EDITORIAL stating that Menocal has no chances of winning the struggle for the Presidency, for the Republic has seen too much of his administrative methods to risk another four years under him.

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SUMMARY OF NEWS AND EDITORIAL COMMENT IN THE HABANA PRESS.

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"HERALDO DE CUBA" - August 9, 1924.

In view of the fact that the steps which the Labor Intelligence Committee was taking to settle the old differences existing between Shipping men and the Federation of the Port, have failed, the Executive Committee of the Federation of the Port of Habana is preparing a detailed memorial which will be addressed to the Secretary of Agriculture, Commerce and Labor, to avert a conflict whichis said to be approaching. The port laborers understand that the shipping men have absolutely no reason to dodge the compliance of Decree 665, which must be enforced as long as it is not repealed by the Executive.

Irregularities in the Department of Sanitation. Milk inspectors are said to be in connivance with the milk-men, failing to enforce the Sanitary regulations, and while many of the inspectors lead a luxurious life, despite the small salaries they earn, the children of Habana are suffering the consquences of the bad quality of milk supplied to the city.

The reelectionist tendency has very little chances of coming out victorious at the Convention of the Conservative Party to be held on the 12th. Everything seems to indicate that Menocal will be nominated by the Assembly. The promises of money made by Dr. Zayas were of no avail to secure his nomination, and acts of reprisal on his part are now announced. In the first place, the business opportunities given to the defenders of the reelectionist tendency will be discontinued, suspending the assaults upon the Treasury which perimitted the expenditure of apprpriations for public works that were never accomplished. The President has already signed a decree which puts ~~xxx~~ an end to the combinations which formed a part of the campaign of reelection, as it has been found that the President has been fooled by many of the Conservative elements who had promised him their unconditional support. The more striking points of the Decree above referred to, are: (1) All requisitions for funds for public works shall be stopped in the state in which they may be at the present time, until proper certificates issued by the Department of Public Works are produced, showing that the works have been actually accomplished. (2) The Paymasters of the State of will reimburse to the National Treasury all funds which they may have in their possession destined for public works, but they will make new requisitions of funds attaching certificates from the Department of Public Works showing that the works have been partially or totally accomplished. (3) In the future, the Department of Public Works will not authorize any requisition for funds without attaching said certificate. -- Besides, some appointments which were to be made, will not be signed until after the Convention of the 12th, and if Menocal is nominated, the appointments will only be made in favor of members of the Popular Party.

Declarations given out by Dr. Laredo Bru. Among other things, he emphatically affirms that he has not made any political agreement whatsoever, and points out the necessity of destroying everything, from the Mayor of "barrio" who exploits the poor farmer, to the Supreme Court which shields itself behind formulas and pretexts so as not to comply with its high and noble mission. That after a careful examination of the factors which act in the present electoral contest, he has decided not to take any part in the struggle. He is infavor of the program of the Veterans and Patriots, but as none of the candidates has included said

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program in his platform, he declares that the victory of any of the three tendencies (Menocal - Zayas - Machado) will not lessen the extent of the misfortunes of Cuba.

Great significance is given by this paper to the political meeting held by the Liberals in Cardenas.

Irregularities in the Department of Public Works. - One-half of the appropriation granted for the purchase of trucks and wagons for the stree-cleaning section, has disappeared. Old and useless wagons are hastily repaired and painted to present them as new, and thereby justify the expenditure of the entire appropriation.

Articke commenting upon the steps which the public employees intend to take to obtain the payment of the bonuses due to them.

EDITORIAL, favorably commenting upon the delcarations made by Laredo Bru. This is only one of the many deceptions which General Menocal will gather in his present adventure, guided only by his desire to baffle Zayas in his reelectoral purposes. To get rid of Zayas and remain in the Presidency four years longer, Menocal did not hesitate to provoke the civil war of 1917; to get rid of Jose Miguel Gomez, he imposed Zayas in 1920, in accord with Mr. Crowder; now he combats Zayas, not because he is opposed to the principle of reelection, which he loves so dearly, but through resentment against the ~~present~~ President...

Article by Ramon Vasconcelos entitled "AGAINST THE MENOCALISTIC REACTON" - Unfavorably commenting upon the intentions of General Menocal to be elected at the coming elections, stating that the Cubans have forgotten very soon that less than four years ago General Menocal abandoned the Presidency leaving Cuba in a most dreadful state of misery, the banks in a state of bankruptcy, national economy disturbed, and the public spirit oppressed by the sad political events which had just taken place.....

Irregularities in the Department of Public Instruction. Twenty-five per cent of the appropriation for school materials is paid as commission to various officials of that Department.

"EL HERALDO" - August 9, 1924.

Section entitled OPINIONS, commenting upon the fact that Dr. Iturralde has lost the confidence of the President, and will soon be removed from the Department of the Interior. The defeat of the reelectionist tendency in the Conservative Party is said to be the reason for his contemplated removal.

An article commenting upon the rumors that General Rafael Montalvo will be appointed Secretary of the Interior to quash the Menocalistic tendency. Dr. Zayas has cunningly selected the most formidable enemy of General Menocal. Full powers will be granted to Montalvo to destroy the followers of Menocal.

The "Good Government Association" will address a Manifesto to the Country. It states that Cuba has reached the lowest level of corruption and dissolution. What has occurred in the Isle of Pines, may be true in all the Republic, where the Americans, after becoming owners of the soil, claim the administration of public affairs. The Cubans do not comply with their sacred duties, and leave the high national interest in the hands of a few exploiters without conscience and without honesty.

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"El Heraldo" - August 9, 1924. (Continued)

EDITORIAL Commenting upon the shameful manner in which Zayas and Menocal are combatting each other for the supremacy in the National Assembly of the Conservative Party. They first used intrigue, and then promise and bribery; but they intend to resort now to force and violence. This paper states that the Conservative Convention of the 12th will probably end in a tragic manner. Fortunately, the crisis of the Conservative Party is no obstacle for the march of the country, because the victory of the Liberal Party at the coming elections is assured.

Another editoiral commenting upon the organization of the "Get-Out-the-Vote Club" in Washington, pointing out the small percentage of electors who actually go to the polls in the United States.

An article stating that that only the Presidential candidate will be selected at the Conservative Assembly of the 12th. - The nomination of Vice President, and presidential electors, will be made at a later date. General Asbert and the members of the Republican Party will support General Menocal. - If Menocal is elected, the Vice Presidency will be given to the leader of one of the parties with which he may make an agreement.

TYPHOID FEVER - State of the epidemic for the last 24 hours:

Former cases.....	269
New cases reported.....	2
Cured.....	3
Deaths.....	5
Present total.....	263

Telegram from Manzanillo (Oriente) stating that the number of cases of typhoid fever in this town is increasing in an alarming manner.

Project of Law to create a "National Arbitration Commission" to avoid strikes. The President of the Commission will earn $18,000.00 per year. A special tax to be imposed for the maintenance of this Commission. All industries employing 25 laborers or more, shall pay one dollar for every laborer employed. Railroad companies of public service will pay a tax of $3,500.00, and a like amount will be paid by tramway companies operating in cities of more than 200,000 inhabitants.

"LA PRENSA" - August 9, 1924.

The decree prohibiting the carrying of weapons in political gatherings, was signed this morning.

Intensification of the liquor traffic ~~with the United States~~. Four ships loaded with liquors were cleared for ports outside of the United States, and another ship is expected to arrive in Habana to take a cargo.

"EL MUNDO" - August 10, 1924.

EDITORIAL, urging Congress to solve the matter of the payment of Bonuses to public employees. It is said that the difficulty lies in the lack of funds to effect this payment. To obviate this, some members of Congress will probably draw up a project to pay the Bonuses by means of a bond issue.

"DIARIO DE LA MARINA" - August 10, 1924.

An article announcing that Mr. Aldo Baroni has returned to Habana Baroni's return was made possible because the President annulled the order of deportation against him.

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Sunday, August 10, 1924 (Afternoon)
Monday, August 11, 1924 (Morning).

HERALDO DE CUBA--August 10, 1924.

Article stating that Mr. Barlow, incensed at the failure of his efforts in the Cuban courts, has made unjust and unfounded complaints to the American Embassy. He has also complained directly to the Government at Washington. President Zayas has sent a long Memorandum to General Crowder, explaining the status of Barlow's case against the "Havana Advertising Company".

The situation of the city of Santiago de Cuba as regards the water problem is just as bad, if not worse than that of Habana. Senor Angel Garri, who has been made President of an Assembly of all the economic and socially important forces of the city addressed a petition to President Zayas, begging him to authorize the Chief Engineer of the Province of Oriente to begin work on the reparation and temporary improvement of the aqueduct--but Zayas forwarded the note to Sandoval, Secretary of Public Works. The latter can do nothing, since the report of the Committee nominated to study the projects presented for the improvement of the aqueduct is still in the hands of President Zayas.

Article reporting that Dr. Lopez del Valle wishes to reestablish cordial relations between his Department and the Department of Public Works, so that they may cooperate in the cleaning-city campaign. Tmorrow (Monday), Dr. Porto, Senor Cuellar, Chief Engineer of the City, and Dr. Morales Garcia, Local Chief of Sanitation, and himself, will inspect the city, recording the needs for hygienizing and repairing the streets. Report of the National Laboratory shows that the water of Vento is now fit for drinking.

Accounts of the homage rendered by many thousands in Cardenas at the arrival of the candidates for the Presidency and Vice-Presidency, nominated by the Liberal Party. Orestes Ferrara, speaking in behalf of the candidates and the Liberal Party, stated that he had supported Mendieta because he believed him to be the people's choice, but that, now that Machado was nominated, the Liberals must support him, and band together, for after all the struggle should not be between factions, but one united effort against the infamous forces of Reelection.

Article stating that reelection is doomed to defeat in the Conservative Party, due to the bribery and corruption introduced by President Zayas, who has promised much but not fulfilled his promises.

EDITORIAL commenting upon the sudden zeal of Dr. Zayas to prevent infraction of the Electoral Code in the elections. His good resolves have come too late to do him any good, for since the Conservative Party is by all appearances, going to hominate Menocal without much struggle, tranquillity will automatically be achieved. The gesture of President Zayas, however, is not without grandeur. If he were to imitate Mendieta, and renounce his aspirations, dedicating himself to obtaining honest elections in Cuba, in the year 1924, he may redeem himself in the eyes of the people.

In consequence of an interview held yesterday between President Zayas, and Secretary Iturralde, a decree has been published, prohibiting the carrying of arms on the days in which the grand Assemblies of the Parties are held.

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Dr. Porto, of the Department of Sanitation, is soon to go to the States on vacation. Dr. Regueiferos will take up his duties while he is gone.

EL HERALDO--August 10, 1924.
Section entitled "OPINIONS". Commenting upon the "vacation" of Dr. Porto, and stating ~~this~~ in reality President Zayas wished to get him out of the way because he had shown that he was capable of more energy in combatting the typhoid epidemic--and the elements responsible for the shameful condition of the city, as regards water supply and general sanitation. Dr. Porto, though he may not have been very efficient, apparently, has made efforts to control the epidemic, and obtain the proper repairs, and improvements in the aqueduct. But he has been balked by a "trust", formed by the President and the venal officials of the Department of Public Works, who for years have reaped a rich profit by misuse of the funds intended for the repair and upkeep of the aqueduct.

Article stating that Pancho Cuellar, Chief Engineer of the City, is absenting himself from his office because he fears an attack by the workers of his Department, who have become incensed at his failure to pay them their dues for their work.

"EL HERALDO ~~2~~ rejoices in the return of its much admired and respected Director, Aldo Baroni, who after an enforced absence from the country, has now returned, to take up his work.

After a lengthy session held yesterday, the Central Electoral Board, in accordance with the "quota" system established by the Electoral Code (Article 102), ~~x~~ annulled 30,000 votes, because they exceeded the 3% increase over those of the last elections, stipulated as the normal increase by Article 102. It was hoped that this unjust article, which makes the freedom of the vote a farce, would before this time be modified.

Short notice, stating that Senator Wifredo Fernandez is in the Emergency Hospital, having suffered an epileptic fit this morning. Although his condition is declared to be serious, the doctors attending him, state that they have hopes that his life may be saved.

LA PRENSA--August 10, 1924.
Article stating that LA PRENSA has received a visit from prominent members of the Mendietist Directorate of the City of Habana, who state that the report of an understanding or agreement with the forces of Machado is absolutely false. The members of this committee declared their intention to form a separate and distinct political party, with candidacies of their own in Habana, Camaguey, Santa Clara, and Oriente, the political Committees now being fully organized.

Mr. Arnoldson, President of the Cuban Chamber of Commerce, has directed a letter to President Zayas, informing ~~of~~ him the ~~efforts~~ efforts being made by that organization, especially by Senor Celis, of the Legal Department, to cooperate with the National Commission of Banking Legislation, in the study of the reorganization of laws governing the operations of banks in the Republic.

The new apparatus for chlorinization of the city water, ordered from the United States, has now arrived, and is to be set up at Tower 1, of the Vento basin, where the water enters the basin. The water of the Almendares river has now been admitted again, since in the last few days, it has cleared noticeably.

EDITORIAL quoting a letter received by the PRENSA, favorably commenting upon the plan suggested lately for the payment of the Employees' Bonuses, namely, one substituting for cash payment, which is said to be impossible at present, bonds on the Treasury, negotiable, and paying interest, and to be amortized at a definite time. The paper refers this letter to the

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a attention of the National Association of Public Employees, wishing to know what will be the nature of its opinion on this matter.

LA NOCHE--August 10, 1924.
EDITORIAL, commenting forcefully on the shameful condition of the city of Habana, its streets filthy and neglected, its pavements a disgrace. The lack of proper sprinkling is peculiarly trying in the hot summer, and when there is the possibility of spreading the epidemic. The Chief Engineer of the City, however, remains deaf to the protests of the citizens in this matter.

A group of Representatives has brought before the House a project of Law, providing for the construction of a National Pantheon, dedicated to the Heroes and Martyrs of Cuba's Wars of Indippendence, at a cost of one million dollars.

EL PAIS--August 10, 1924.
WARNING!!- EL PAIS gives warning that, while the reorganization of the Banco Nacional is undoubtedly necessary for the country, the public must beware of certain individuals concerned in the enterprise, who are planning to make a large margin of profit out of the undertaking--certain plots to that end have been hatched by the famous Commission of Temporary Banking Liquidation.

Senor Jesus Maria Barraque, eminent Jurist-consult, declares that his intention to aid in the triumph of General Machado, is based on a desire to save the Republic from the clutches of the "Royal Family" and Reelection.

As EL PAIS goes to press, the Delegates of the Popular Assembly are in session, to nominate President Zayas as their candidate. Many prominent delegates are absent, and the Assembly is not characterized by any great enthusiasm. Dr. Castellanos refuses the offer of the Vice-Presidency ~~xxxxx~~, on the Popular ticket.

Article giving an extract from the report of Engineer Albear, in 1855, before the construction of the aqueduct, in which he stated that the source of the Vento Springs is on such low ground, that the waters of the Almendares River, when it is at all swollen with rains, cover the springs. The engineer predicted that great care would have to be taken, in the inspection and upkeep of the aqueduct, lest through carelessness, disease might occur.

EL MUNDO--August 11, 1924.
EDITORIAL unfavorably commenting upon the absurd and tragic situation of the city of Habana, condemned to go thirsty or unwashed because of the scarcity of water, and to expose itself to typhoid fever every time it drinks any of this precious fluid--meanwhile, the Depts. of Sanitation and of Public Works do nothing but try to "pass the buck", throwing the blame on each other, instead of trying to remedy conditions.

At the Pan-American Sanitary Conference to be held from November 5 to November 15, in Habana, a project for the drawing up of a Sanitary Code, for all the American countries, with the object of standardizing the hygienization of all Latin-American countries, and preventing the propagation of contagious diseases, as well as generally benefitting the public health.

Dr. Zayas yesterday afternoon was proclaimed Presidential candidate of the Popular Party. After the proclamation had been

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made, the President of the Assembly, Dr. Celso Cuellar/del Rio, read a manifesto of Dr. Zayas, stating that he accepts Reelection because he believes it to be a constitutional right, and because he has evidence of the great numbers of citizens in the Republic who believe that the maintenance of the National League, on a basis of Reelection, is the best outcome of the present political problem. ThePopular Assembly will meet on the 13th of this month, to nominate its candidate for the Vice-Presidency.

DIARIO DE LA MARINA--August 11, 1924.
EDITORIAL giving an account of the methods to be used in the reorganization of the Banco Nacional. The affairs or liabilities of the Bank are to be divided into two classes- those dating from the time hx up to the suspension of paymen, t, and those which it may assume charge of after reorganization. The first class will be/ paid in certificates, the State postponing the collection of its debt for ten years, and the other creditors receiving five-year negotiable certificates. The State will make the Bank its agent, returning to the Bank its bond and securities which it took up. The ~~banks~~ ox busines s taken on after the reorganization of the bank will be transacted under the provisions of the Commercial Code. One of the most important services to be rendered by the Bank will be the making of contracts (crop lien contracts/ with the planters and grinders, thus placing the sugar industry once more in the hands of members of the nation, rather than under foreign control.

State of the epidemic: (for the last 24 hours).

Old cases	250
New cases	9
Deaths	1
Dismissed	4
Total	254.

EL TRIUNFO--August 11, 1924.
Dr. Enrique Jardines, high official of the Department of Public ~~Works~~ Instruction, declares that Zayas is the only possible candidate of the saner and more worthy elements of the Conservative Party, which has a sacred obligation to carry him to the power, keeping up the faith of the National League.

Short article protesting against the suspicious attitude assumed by El Pais, towards the project of law suggested by Dr. Santiago Rey, relative to the ~~xx~~ reorganization of the Banco Nacional.

Article stating that if the Conservative Party decided to break up the National League, and nominate Menocal, that would not affect the triumph of President Zayas, for in that case, the old Liberals, mindful of his long affiliation with their party, would unite to support him, and some of the old guard of the pure Conservatives also--which, with the unanimous support of the Popular Party, makes his triumph sure.

As soon as the Conservative Party has decided its policy, Dr. Zayas will make the announced changes in the Cabinet. Colonel Valiente is said to be the candidate for the Secretary of the Interior; and it is rumored that if Cosme de la Torriente voluntarily gives up his post in Washington, as may happen, Dr. Cespedes will take his place, and Dr. Cortina will be Secretary of State.

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EDITORIAL appealling to the Conservative Party to mend the error of its ways, and nominate President Zayas before it is too late, thereby assuring itself the victory instead of defeat.

EDITORIAL commenting favorably upon the attitude of the Mendietists in forming a separate party from the Liberal Party, and stating that they may best serve the interests of their own leader, and those of the majority of the people of the Republic, by joining the forces of those who support President Zayas, since their numbers will otherwise be so small as to be of no use in the struggle.

Article stating that the Department of Sanitation is going to wage a campaign against those manufacturers of mineral waters who are speculating and realizing profits on the needs of the city.

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1. Enclosed will be found brief summaries of news articles and editorial comment of the Havana Press for the days:

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"HERALDO DE CUBA" - August 11, 1924.

Article unfavorable commenting upon theburst of official enthusiasm caused by the nomination of Zayas by the Assembly of the Popular Party, and gives an account of the Assembly ridiculing it.

Senator Wifredo Fernandez suffered an attack of apoplexy, and had to be taken to the First Aid Hospital, where he was visited by Menocal and other prominent politicians. It is believed that he will recover from this attack.

Cable despatch from New York referring to the predictions made by Rear Admiral Rodgers of a war of expansion in the United States before the end of this century. Professor James T. Shptwell of the Political Institute, has unfavorably commented upon this prediction. It is believed that the press of Spanish-America, especially that of Mexico, will bitterly criticize the warlike attitude of Rear Admiral Rodgers, which is quite different from the friendly policy professed officially by the Government of the White House.

Article unfavorably commenting upon the attitude adopted by the Government in connection with the Assembly of the Consertative Party which will be held tomorrow. Celso Cuellar and the supporters of reelection are expecting great events to-day. Only a miracle can turn the tide of events in favor of Reelection, as all the chances are now in favor of Menocal.

Article commenting upon an advertisement which appeared recently in a daily paper of Habana. Said advertisement stated that Manuel Jimenez was compelled to sell his carts, stone quarry, cement and other materials, because he could not comply with the demands made to him as a contractor of the State by the City Chief Engineer Francisco Cuellar. "Heraldo de Cuba" understood that the "demands" mentioned could only refer to money, and made an investigation, as a result of which it was found that Jimenez and Cuellar were partners, and Jimenez was used to do all the work of connections to the sewer, but either there were not profits, or Jimenez did not show them, and the business was discontinued, and it is for this reason that Jimenez was compelled to sell all the material and implements.

Editorial, favorably commenting upon the efforts made by Nicaragua to free itself from the yoke of the United States. To show that it desires to live a free, independent and happy life, it has commenced by nationalizing the railroads of the country, and prepares to reorganize its banking system to safeguard the finances of the country from the powerful banking institutions of the U.S. It also states that Nicaragua has refused to be advised on electoral matters, and will not accept the "overseers", nor 500 soldiers of the United States

Article stating that a project of law will be presented in the House of Representatives which refers to the reorganization of the system of account in the Department of the Treasury. The salaries of the Heads of some of the Bureaus will also be increased by reason of this reorganization.

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Section entitles "OPINIONS" - Unfavorably commenting upon the nomination of Zayas, and the manner in which the "Populars" celebrated Zayas' nomination. - It also refers to the efforts made by the Secretary of the Interior to have order prevail at the Conservative Assembly of the 12th. In this connection the article states that the prohibition to carry weapons should apply not only to the delegates but also to the police, because the hounds of Placido Hernandez are capable of anything.

Dr. Manuel Secades has presented an appeal protesting against the decision of the Audiencia of Camaguey which granted the benefits of the Amnesty to Colonel Collazo for the crime of theft. The Amnesty Law has been infringed, merely to please one of the leaders of reelection. Dr. Secades states that by this decision of the Audiencia, two classes of citizens are established, which is altogether contrary to the spirit of the Law. Besides, the decision granted the amnesty fails to make mention of the civil responsibility, when the Law specifically provides that this must be stated.

Article commenting upon the discontent existing in the Province of Matanzas, with respect to the nomination of Congressmen by the Provincial Assembly of the Liberal Party. Some of the members of the House of Representatives from the Province of Matanzas are illegally trying to be reelected, against the will of the people. It states that it is now time to obey the will of the people; that the Liberal Party has already suffered the imposition of some candidates, and that the bad example should not be followed.

Menocal and Zayas will wage a hard battle tomorrowfor the nomination of the Conservative Party. The friends of Menocal are confident of victory; but the supporters of reelection are doing everything they can to obtain the nomination of Zayas. It is affirmed that Lieutenant Obdulio Herrera offered himself to the President to go to the Assembly of the Conservative Party at the head of thirty bold soldiers dressed in civilian clothes, to compel the delegates to vote for Dr. Zayas.

Telegram from Palma Soriano announcing that the epidemic of typhoid fever in that town is increasing in an alarming manner.

"LA PRENSA" - August 11, 1924.

Dr. Zayas and his nomination. The great work realized by Dr. Alfredo Zayas during his incumbency. - His good gove nment and his administration. This article gives a list beneficial work accomplished by President Zayas; the works which he has accomplished and those now under study, as, for example:

President Zayas restored and affirmed the credit of the State, trampled upun by Cubans and foreigners;

President Zayas victoriously rejected a foreign interference;

Zayas lifted the censorship which gagged the free expression of thought, whether by word of mouth or in writing; ..... Zayas has now piled up over thirty million dollars in the Treasury, and the economic work of his Administration has been a fine specimen of seriousness..... Zayas now studies the reorganization of the national banks, etc.

THE ASSEMBLY OF TOMORROW - This article states that the sudden illness of Senator Wifredo Fernandez will probably be the cause of the suspension of the Assembly of the Conservative Party scheduled for tomorrow, for the selection of a Presidential candidate. The forces of Zayas and of Menocal were balanced, but the same day of the sudden illness of Senator Fernandez, it

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was announced that the reelectionist tendency was making freat headway, and names were mentioned of delegates who had agreed to vote for the maintenance of the National League, which means the nomination of Dr. Zayas for a second term. However, no predictions can be made at the present time, as the illness of Fernandez may have its effects at the Assembly.

EDITORIAL, favorably commenting upon the idea of reorganizing the National Bank of Cuba, and the report submitted by Temporary Bank Liquidation Commission.

"EL PAIS" - August 11, 1924.

The supporters of reelection held a conference with President Zayas at Finca Maria. The President and his friends try by all means to prevent the nomination of Menocal by the Conservative Assembly tomorrow. The delegates, Congressmen and newspaper men will be provided with cards of identification, and no entrance will be permitted to any other. Rumors have been spread to the effect that a motion will be presented postponing the Assembly for the end of this month.

The German Minister called on Dr. Iturralde to rquest the renovation of the Parcel Post Treaty between Cuba and Germany. Dr. Iturralde promised to take up the matter with the President.

Article stating that the Departments of Public Works and of Sanitation will work in harmony to clean and repair the streets of Habana to safeguard it from any epidemic.

"LA LUCHA" - August 11, 1924.

Article very favorable commenting upon the Assembly of the Popular Party held yesterday, and of the nomination of Dr. Zayas for a second term.

"EL MUNDO" - August 12, 1924.

EDITORIAL, referring to the Assembly of the Conservative Party announced for to-day. It does not five any credit to the rumors of violences, and expresses the hopes that they will not take place, for the good name of the Republic. The Liberal Party also had a great problem to solve, but it was solved in a peaceful manner, and everybody accepted the decision of the National Assembly. The Conservative Party has always given proofs of sensateness and discretion, and a perfectly harmonious outcome is to be expected to-day. Anything else would be to the degriment of the Party and of the country, as a peaceful exercise of the right of suffrage is the best proof that a country is fit for self-government.

The House of Representatives held no session yesterday. There was no quorum. A project of law has been presented requesting an appropriation of $200,000.00 for the construction of a Municipal Palace in Cienfuegos, said amount to be reiumbursed by the Municipality of Cienfuegos in eight annuities of $25,000.00 each.

"DIARIO DE LA MARINA" - August 12, 1924.

Letter from J. J. Maza y Artola, President of the National Executive Committee of the Nationalistic Party, denying the information published to the effect that the Central Electoral Board had declared that the Nationalistic Party had failed to

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comply with the provisions of the Electoral Code relating to the reorganization of political parties, and gives a summary of the resolution adopted by the Central Electoral Board.

Article referring to the Assembly of the Conservative Party, stating that the delegates who are in favor of the National League have agreed to stay away. This decision was reached at a meeting held yesterday at the Hotel Plaza, and give, as the principal reason, that Senator Wifredo Fernandez, one of the most prominent leaders of the Conservative Party, is seriously ill. A committee of Congressmen was appointed to see that there is quorum, in case the Assembly meets.

The Provincial Assembly of the Liberal Party held a session yesterday. The resignation presented by Governor Barreras as a Senatorial nominee, was rejected. The Presidential electors were nominated.

EDITORIAL commenting upon the Assembly of the Conservative Party to be held to-day, expressing the hopes that whatever tendency comes out victorious, wisdom and order will prevail.

"EL TRIUNFO" - August 12, 1924.

"ZAYAS BEFORE THE REPUBLIC", by Napoleon Galvez, praising the work of Dr. Zayas while at the head of the Government, and criticizing the unjust campaign of a group of Conservatives against the President.

Article commenting upon the urgent necessity of reorganizing the National Bank of Cuba.

EDITORIAL entitled "THE PROGRAM OF DOCTOR ZAYAS" - Very favorably commenting upon the Manifesto of Dr. Zayas read at the National Assembly of the Popular Party.

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"HERALDO DE CUBA" - August 12, 1924.

Cable despatch from New York, announcing that the news of the projected reorganization of the Banco Nacional was received with great interest by the New York bankers connected with banking institutions of Cuba.

Habana's milk supply may be cut off at any moment. The milk carriers threaten to go on strike if the Government does not take any steps to repair the principal roads leading to this city, especially from Guanabacoa to Campo Florida, and from San Francisco to San Jose de las Lajas. A committee will visit President Zayas to urge the repair of the roads.

The electoral registrations in practically all the suburbs of Habana and other Municipalities of the Province, have been annulled for having exceed the three per cent limit provided in the Electoral Law. The Provincial Electoral Board spent several days studying the statistical resumes submitted by the Municipal Boards.

PALACE NEWS: President Zayas will return to the Palace tomorrow. An audience has been granted to the Presidents of Spanish societies and the President will fix the date for the celebration of the banquet in his honor.

President Zayas acknowledges his defeat at the Conservative Assembly, but the victory of Menocal to-day will mean an overwhelming victory of the Liberals at the polls next November. Garcia Kohly has accepted the nomination for the Vice Presidency in the Popular ticket.

Jaimanitas Beach is said to be the starting point of the smuggler of immigrants to the U. S. All efforts made by the Port Police to find the smugglers, have failed, and it is said that they enjoy certain immunity, protected by certain influential persons in the vicinity of that point.

The friendly relations between the Department of Sanitation and of Public Works, have been renewed, through the effective intervention of Dr. Lopez del Valle. They will now work in harmony to combat the causes which contributed to bring the epidemic of typhoid fever. Money is now the only thing lacking for the work necessary, and the President will be asked to grant an appropriation. - The state of the epidemic for the last 24 hours, is as follows:

Old cases.....	254
New cases reported.....	3
Cured.....	6
Deaths.....	1
Present total.....	250

"EL HERALDO" - August 12, 1924.

Section entitled "OPINIONS" - Accusing the Secretary of the Interior of being in connivance with gamblers, stating that 22 gambling places are now being operated in Habana, under the auspices of Dr. Iturralde.

Dr. Zayas refuses to take away from Chief Engineer Cuellar the management of the Vento Aqueduct. He has instructed the Department of Sanitation to work in harmony with the Department of Public Works.

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"El Heraldo" - August 12, 1924.

In his last months of government, Dr. Zayas decides to fall upon the Treasury. To satisfy the vulgar luxuries of the Palace, the expenses of representation of the Palace have been increased to $240,000.00. Formerly they amounted to only $180,000.00, but Dr. Zayas has appropriated $60,000.00 more. The money of the Treasury begins to fade away. Only 27 millions are deposited in the vaults at the present time, when there should be 35 millions. Cuba is rapidly approaching again a state of bankruptcy.

Corruption in the Municipality. Pillage, officially organized, forms part of the evil manipulations of the Municipal Administration. The proceedings for the cumpulsory collection of taxes, only serve to enrich a few high officials of the Ayuntamiento of Habana. Three cases are given as examples.

Seeing that he has been defeated in his reelectoral aspirations in the Conservative Party, Zayas tries to come to an understanding with the Liberals, and tries to obtain advantages for his numerous relatives; but he will run against the honor of the Liberals who are incapable of offering positions to strange elements, when there are ~~xtx~~ so many distinguished personalities in the Party who must be nominated for elective offices.

An article stating that Senator Wifredo Fernandez is rapidly recovering from his recent sudden illness.

"LA PRENSA" - August 12, 1924.

Section entitled "DEL MOMENTO" - Commenting upon the possible outcome of the Conservative Assembly.

The Presidential and Senatorial electors of the Liberal Party were selected yesterday at a meeting of the National Assembly of said Party. - The list of such electors is given in this article.

EDITORIAL commenting upon the recent manifesto published by the Good Government Association. It states that this organization has more than one point of affinity with the Rotary Club and with the Association of Veterans and Patriots, especially with respect to the bitter criticism, perhaps more demolishing than constructive, tending to prove the mistakes and incompetence of the political groups and directing classes. However, it points out new orientations, and decidedly in favor of the desires of the people for a betterment of public customs. - In general, this editorial comments in a favorably manner upon said manifesto, despite the bitter criticisms it contains.

THE GRATUITIES. - A letter from the President of the National Union of Public Employees, stating that the employees arewilling to accept the payment of the bonuses due to them in bonds of the Republic negotiable at sight.

In view of the recent sentences of a Correctional Judge of Habana against ticket sellers who sold Lottery tickets at prices higher than that mentioned in the ticket, the President of the Republic has signed a Decree, at the request of the Secretary of the Treasury, declaring the free sale of Lottery tickets.

"LA NOCHE" - August 12, 1924.

EDITORIAL entitled "THE DEMOCRACY IN AMERICA". - Unfavorably commenting upon a recent article published by Lamar Schweyer in "El Sol" in which this young writer makes a historical and political criticism of the democratic system in America, coming to the conclusion that it has been a total failure due to the ~~kxxxk~~ lack of preparation of the countries of the New World.

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The Government has been informed of the rumors and personal denunciations of the existence of a military plot to start a revolution in Cuba if General Menocal is not elected. It is said that the majority of the Chiefs of Military Districts are unconditional friends of the ex President, and are well disposed to follow him in any adventure. This Government does not give any credit to the rumors, as they are contrary to the methods employed by General Menocal, and are merely published for the sake of information.

"EL PAIS"- August 12, 1924.

The Assembly of the Conservative Party was held this afternoon. Account of the meeting. Menocal was nominated for the Presidency by 102 votes, against one in favor of Zayas. Menocal was the only person who voted for Zayas. Despite the fact that there was a sufficient number of delegates to hold the session ~~xxx~~ in a legal way, the reelectionist tendency was invited to attend, but the supporters of the League refused to accept the invitation. Only a few of them were present to see that the session was legally held. - Santiago Verdeja, of Cardenas, and at one time Speaker of the House, was nominated for the Vice Presidency. - Although many of the Conservatives who are in favor of Zayas threaten to dissolve the Conservative Party, Menocal feels confident that they will all group under the flag of the Conservative Party. The nomination of Menocal will provoke the closes and most vigorous union of the Liberals, and it is believed that Machado will be elected President of Cuba at the coming elections.

"EL MUNDO" - August 13, 1924.

EDITORIAL ENTITLED: "THE GREAT PROBLEM OF OUR ECONOMIC RECONSTRUCTION" - It makes an analysis of the project of Law presented in the House of Representatives for the reorganization of the Banco Nacional as a previous step necessary for the complete reorganization of National Economy, and states that it is a very wise and prudent project.

An article giving an account of the Conservative Assembly in which Menocal was nominated for the Presidency. - The supporters of the National League issued a note stating that they have resolved not to attend any acts held by the National Assembly, and that they decline all responsibility in the damages which the Conservative Party may suffer through the attitude assumed by the opposing tendency, and the methods employed, but that, however, they maintain their condition of members of the Conservative Party and remain in a watchful attitude. This note is signed by Colonel Rosendo Collazo, Senators Manuel Vera Verdura and Manuel Rivero; Representatives Federico de Miranda, Emilio Sardiñas, Miguel Albarran, Domingo Lecuona, Santiago Rey, Jose Alberni, Evelio Alvarez del Real, Jose Cabada, and Colonel Alfredo Lora.

"DIARIO DE LA MARINA" - August 13, 1924.

The Departments of Public Works and of Sanitation are now displaying great activities in the work of cleaning the city and its suburbs. Doctor Agostini informs the Secretary of Sanitation that the epidemic of typhois fever in Guines has been extinguished. According to the last note given out by the Department of Sanitation, the state of the epidemic in Habana is as follows:

Old cases.....	250
New cases reported.....	4
Cured	23
Deaths.....	2
Present total	229

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Diario de la Marina - August 13, 1924 (Continued)

An article very favorably commenting upon the nomination of General Menocal by the Conservative Party, stating that said nomination clearly defined the orientations of the Party, and that the country must rejoice for the clearing up of the political horizon. The result of yesterday's Assembly shows two significants facts: that the will of the people prevailed in the selection of the delegates to the National Assembly, and that the "Conservative masses" practically imposed the anti-reelectionist tendency; and the other is the sway which General Menocal has over the Conservative population of the country, a sway which to many seems unexpected and almost unexplainable. The article is very complimentary to General Menocal.

Letter from the Collector of Customs of Habana referring to the permits to visit ships moored alongside the wharves. This prohibition even includesforeign Ministers and Consuls, who can only go on board the vessels of their respective countries.

EDITORIAL entitled "DIPLOMATIC COURTESY" -Very unfavorably commenting upon the discourtesy of the Customs officials for members of the diplomatic corps and the Introductor of Ministers when they went to bid good-bye to the Charge de'Affairs of Panama; stating that this is not the very time that diplomat and consuls are discourteously treated by public employees.

Article unfavorably commenting upon the application of Article 102 of the Electoral Code, by which many citizens will be left without the right to vote. Despite the repeated requests of President Zayas in various messages to Congress, Congress remained deaf and indifferent, and failed to amend said Article 102.

"EL TRIUNFO" - August 13, 1924.

Artidles very unfavorably commenting upon the nomination of General Menocal by the National Assembly of the Conservative Party, stating by doing so, said Party has signed its sentence of death. This number of "El Triunfo" is full of articles against General Menocal, and one of the editorials states that his nomination constitutes an insolent provocation to Cuba. Another editorial states that if Dr. Zayas falls, his friends will fall with him, but they will remain always at his side.

"El Dia"- August 13, 1924.

This paper reappeared a few days ago, and it is the organ of the Conservative Party (Menocalistic tendency) The Director is Armando Rodriguez, and Jorge Lauderman appears as Administrator. This number is practically devoted to comment favorably upon the nomination of General Menocal yesterday.

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"HERALDO DE CUBA" - August 13, 1924.

The followers of Mendieta will hold a meeting next week, at which all the members of the executive board of the "Directory of Mendietists" will present their resignation, which means that said Directory will be dissolved. After that, they intend to organize their forces to defend their candidates at the coming elections.

Article by Orestes Ferrara, entitled "TWO SERVICES RENDERED TO THE COUNTRY IN ONLY ONE ACT" - Commenting upon the result of the Conservative Assembly, and rejoicing over the defeat of the reelectionist tendency in the Conservative Party, and after setting forth some of the reasons why Menocal could not be elected President, Ferrara states that Menocal has rendered two great services to the country: he has defeated reelection, and prepared his own defeat, because the Conservatives are all scattered, while the Liberals hold firmly together.

One of the first steps to be taken by Zayas to give the battle to General Menocal, will consist in the reorganization of his Cabinet, and he will soon find some excuse to remove his present Secretaries. General Ernesto Asbert is mentioned as a probable candidate as Secretary of the Interior. But Menocal knows the weak points of his opponent, and will probably win Zayas to his side through "weighty" reasons, and thereby secure the patching up of the National League to support his candidature. But Zayas will refuse any offers of money made to him, because he has his hands in the National Tresury at the present time, and therefore he will prepare to give the decisive battle to Menocal.

Article unfavorably commenting upon the request for an additional appropriation for works of sanitation. The amount requested for this work by the Departments of Public Works and of Sanitation, amounts to $150,000.00. If this sum is added to the $200,000.00 previously granted to combat the epidemic of typhoid fever, each person who contracted that disease will cost the Government over one thousand dollars.

EDITORIAL entitled "FACING THE ENEMY" - Commenting upon the nomination of General Menocal, stating that for the Liberal Party he is not only an opponent but an enemy, and every Liberal must combat him accordingly.

Another article unfavorably commenting upon the decree establishing the free sale of lottery-tickets.

"EL HERALDO" - August 13, 1924.

Section entitled "OPINIONS" - Sarcastically commenting upon the announcement that the Departments of Sanitation and of Public Works had come to an amicable understanding, and that from now on they would work in harmony, entrusting to Chief Engineer Cuellar the solution of the water problem of Habana.

Article very unfavorably commenting upon the Decree signed by the President establishing the free sale of lottery tickets. The article states that in order to make the Lottery business more productive, President Zayas has violated the Constitution. Judge del Cristo, who had fined 25 ticket sellers for selling tickets at 30 cents per fraction, understands that the President has no right to say how the Law is to be applied, but that it is up to the Supreme Court to say how the Law is to be interpreted.

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Chief Engineer Francisco Cuellar is responsible for the epidemic of typhoid fever in Habana, but still he will control the financial end of the work of Sanitation, that is to say, all the money will pass through his hands, and the Department of Sanitation will only indicate the work which is to be accomplished. By entrusting the funds to Cuellar, the Department of Sanitation becomes an accomplice of him.

The Post Office Department is at the verge of a serious conflict of a grave international character. Due to the lack of the necessary material, the post offices of the interior fail to remit their collections in time, and the Direction of Posts, which should have at the present time $300,000.00 in cash for money orders drawn against postal offices in the United States, finds that it only has now $75,000.00. Postmaster Cartaya is now trying to save his responsibility in an illegal manner, and is now endeavoring to have the President sign a Decree ordering a transfer of credit.

THE REORGANIZATION OF THE BANCO NACIONAL - Very unfavorably commenting upon the campaign initiated by a local newspaper against the project of reorganization of the Banco Nacional, stating that it is an insult inflicted to the rest of the press of Habana, because the newspapers of this city are almost unanimously in favor of the project. It further states that the campaign of said paper is a work of "chantage" or a service paid by foreign banking institutions. "El Heraldo" claims the honor of having initiated the campaign against the foreign banks which are trying to monopolize the wealth of Cuba, and the complement of the work can be no other than the reorganization of the Cuban banks.

MANIFESTO issued by the Supreme Council of the Association of Veterans and Patriots. Among other things, it states that the problem of Cuba cannot be solved by soothing measures, but only by radical means.....That the political parties who prepare to take part in the forthcoming elections are devoid of ideals, of platforms, of programs, and personalism drowns principles... That it is irritating to see how distinguished and respectable patriots invite the people to the coming elections, knowing perfectly that they will be held under the basis of a false census, and that consequently, they are viciated by fraud from the very start.... That the Veterans and Patriots reaffirm their purpose of contiuing to struggle for the regeneration of Cuba, and emphatically state that they will not support any of the candidates.....

EDITORIAL commenting upon the present political situation. The nomination of General Menocal has been an act of discipline and of shame. It proves that 102 delegates were able to resist the temptations of money offered by the reelectionists. Menocal's nomination comes to strengthen the candidature of General Machado, because between Machado and Menocal, the choice is not doubtful. As for Dr. Zayas, the only thing which he can do now is either to withdraw from the electoral field now, or to try to bribe the presidential nominees of the other two parties, which is a very difficult thing to do.

A long article giving some sensational details of the clandestine shipment of immigrants from the Jaimanitas Beach, stating that a feudal lord of the place (Mr. Rene Berndes) protects the traffic.

"LA PRENSA" - August 13, 1924.

The members of the National Assembly of the Popular Party held a conference with the President this morning. Celso Cuellar, as President of the National Executive, notified the President of

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his nomination by said Party. After thanking them for the unmerited honor conferred upon him, Dr. Zayas accepted the nomination, adding that a special situation existed atnthe present time which needed urgent and importatn solutions, and that it would not take many hours before these solutions were known; that he had to hold some important conferences before he announced his definite orientations; but that his solutions would have to be rapid, because the Electoral Code compelled him to do so. General Ernesto Asbert conferred with the President. After the conference, Asbert informed the reporters that President Zayas, in accord with the President of the Popular Party would notify the Provincial Assemblies in order that the Popular Party would complete its nominations, to commence the campaign of Reelection immediately. It is affirmed that changes in the Cabinet will take place before the end of this week.

EDITORIAL, commenting upon the nomination of General Menocal. This decision is likely to strengthen the forces of the Conservative Party, but in that case, the Liberals will also strengten their Party. But if instead of uniting the Conservatives, the nomination of General Menocal serves to create further splits in the Party, the scattered elements of the Conservative and of the Liberal Party main join the reelectionist party, and it would not be strange if the Cubans see three candidates struggling for victory at the coming elections.

Text of a Project of Law to carry out a naval program envolving the construction of 3 cruisers (one of 4,500 tons and 2 of 2,500) 16 gunboats (8 of 90 tons ari 8 of 20 tons) 6 hydroplanes, and a naval station, bases and shops, all entailing an expenditure of $8,950,000.00. This project of bill is signed by J. R. Espino, Pedro Herrera Sotolongo, Antonio Alentado, Bartolome Sagaro, Jose Ramon Cruells, Quintin Gerroges, Ramon Zaydin and Raul Navarrete.

Dr. Enrique Porto, Secretary of Sanitation, sailed this morning for the United States.

"LA NOCHE" - August 13, 1924.

An article signed by Luciano Torres, stating that the Republican Party is in a condition to present its candidatures now, and that all the reports published to the contrary are erroneous.

EDITORIAL, unfavorably commenting upon the nomination of General Menocal as the candidate of the Conservative Party.

General Betancourt will act as Secretary of Sanitation, during the absence of Dr. Porto. - Dr. Cespedes will act as Secretary of War during the absence of General Montes.

It is rumored that two of the present members of the Cabinet will be removed, and that General Asbert will be placed at the head of the Department of the Interior.

Rumors have been circulated to the effect that, taking advantage of the absence of Dr. Porto, a large contraband of opium is being prepared through one of the ports near Habana, probably Mariel.

"EL PAIS" - August 13, 1924.

An article stating that Colonel Mendieta will not lend his name to foster the interests of reelection. He will support neither Menocal nor Zayas. It is also said that he is preparing a manifesto, notifying his resolution to withdraw to private life.

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"EL MUNDO" - August 14, 1924.

EDITORIAL, commenting upon the manner in which the coming electoral contest will take place. The three parties have already nominated their respective candidates, without the acts of violence that were predicted, and expresses the hope that the November elections will also be peaceful, as it is the only way to show that a people is fit to exercise the rights of democracy. "El Mundo" has always been opposed to reelections in general, and it would have been much better for the country if Dr. Zayas had not even tried to run for a second term, but praises the declarations made by the President to the effect that:

> "I will go with the Populars who have selected me as their candidate, I will go with my friends throughout the Republic.... If I am defeated, Cuba will see how a President who, being a candidate, carried on, for the good of his country, a peaceful and honest election, returns quietly to his home... I will be that President."

Colonel Mendieta has made the following important declarations:

(1) - That he has made no political pact whatsoever either with Dr. Zayas or with General Menocal; in the first case, because he is contrary to reelection, as a principle; and in the second case, for a duty of conscience.
(2) - That he has been, is now, and will continue to be, a Liberal.
(3) - That he is staying away from political activities, with the firm purpose of definitely withdrawing from Cuban public life, devoting all his activities to private enterprises.

The Supreme Court has admitted the appeal presented by Dr. Rosado Aybar against the indictment of Secretary Iturralde.

General Gonzalez Clavell was nominated yesterday for the Vice Presidency, by the Popular Party.

INTERNATIONAL COURTESY - An article unfavorably commenting upon the decision of the Collector of Customs of Habana, in connection with the representatives of foreign countries who desire to visit ships moored at the wharves of Habana. In all civilized countries, certain privileges are granted to the representatives of friendly nations, and Cuba should certainly not be an exception with respect to this international courtesy.

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A letter from the Director of Posts, A. Montalvo, referring to a recent article commenting upon the difficulties arisen for the establishment of a postal/money order service between Cuba and Spain, stating that the sytem used in Spain is altogether different from that used in the United States, and the money order would lose its character of a negotiable instrument.

TYPHOID FEVER - State of the epidemic durante the last 24 hours:

Old cases	229
New cases reported.....	3
Cured	3
Deaths.....	1
Present total.....	228

"EL SOL" - August 14, 1924.

This newspaper is carrying on a bitter compaign against the projected reorganization of the Banco Nacional, tending to show that said project is only a grafting scheme. This paper was accused by other daily papers of Habana which defend the project

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of serving the interests of foreign banking institutions and of receiving a salary for such services. Such accusation are emphatically denied in this number, giving more arguments to show the monstruousity of the project. These are contained in articles entitled "THE DEFRAUDERS OF PUBLIC WEALTH", "WE HAVE NO PRICE", "A CONVINCING ARGUMENT" . The last one quotes Articles V, VIII and XI of the Project , stating that there could not be anything more scandalous in this grafting scheme.

"EL TRIUNFO" - August 14, 1924.

A "National Block" will determine the victory of reelection. The new Cabinet to be organized by Dr. Zayas will contitute a national Political Concentration. The new Cabinet will probably be organized as follows:

Interior..... Asbert;
Public Instruction..... Maza y Artola;
Public Works..... Orencio Nodarse;
Sanitation..... Garcia Cañizares, or Casuso;
War and Navy..... Col. F.de P. Valiente.

Besides, Dr. Antonio Gonzalo Perez is mentioned for the Department off State, and Cespedes will return to Washington. Torriente will either be transferred to France, or retirement granted to him. According to this paper, the ideal aimed is the organization of a Cabinet which will be of absolute guarantee for the free exercise of suffrage. The electoral campaign will be entrusted to a Directory presided by Dr. Garcia Kohly, with the cooperation of Mendieta, Cortina, Asbert and Enrique Recio. Reguerifferos, Portela and General Betancourt will remain in the offices they now hold.

The following cablegram, signed by Modesto Morales Diaz and Miguel Alonso Pujol, was sent to Dr. Mario Garcia Kohly, Minister to Spain:

"A great political concentration based on the organization of an official national Party such as the Popular Party, with the presidential candidatura of the presente President of the country, Dr. Alfredo Zayas, intends to offer you the supreme Chieftancy or the Vice Presidential candidature. We suppose that you have already received cablegram from Juan de Dios"

EDITORIAL commenting unfavorably upon the nomination of General Menocal , but stating that the most important elements of the Conservative Party will support Zayas' candidature and the organization of a National Concentration.

Another editorial commenting upon the weakness of the Conservative Party.

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"HERALDO DE CUABA" - August 14, 1924.

Zayas has not yet decided as to the course he will follow with respect to the electoral campaign; he told a group of members of the Popular Party that he would answer them either to-day or tomorrow as to the attitude they must adopt. More than one hundred members of the National Assembly of the Popular Party visited the President yesterday. Elpidio Perez flatly asked the President whether he would run for reelection, and the President answered that he had already announced that months ago.

The technical studies for the projected aqueduct of Santiago will be undertaken within a few days. Engineers William Wilson and Jose A. Busch will make these studies. There is an appropriation of $20,000.00 for these preliminary studies. It has been announced that the work of paving the streets of Manzanillo will be resumed very shortly.

Article by Dr. Orestes Ferrara, entitled; "NOW, OR NEVER; MISTER PRESIDENT". Commenting upon the statements made by Dr. Zayas to the effect that it is necessary to act promptly and in a decisive manner. That it would have been a great deal better for him if he had acted before. That any action on his part after the decision of the National Assembly of the Conservative Party, is simply useless, and will only add one more link to the chain of his mistakes. The organization of a Cabinet of an electoral character would cause alarm. Both Liberals and Conservatives would take it as a threat; and the President does not seem to have a clear notion of the surroundings if he tries to plunge into such a risky adventure. The President must take a rapid action, but in the sense that the elections will be the clear expression of the will of the people, handing over the reigns of the Government to the Party which may come out victorious.

The immigration authorities of Miami, Florida, seized 35 men and 5 women constituting an expedition of clandestine immigrants from Cuba.

EDITORIAL entitled: "NEITHER VOTES NOR GUNS". - Very unfavorably commenting upon the nomination of General Menocal. It also states that the followers of General Menocal know that he will not obtain the majority of the votes of the people of Cuba, but rely on the support of the Army to win the elections, but that they are greatly mistaken because the members of the Army will not help the General this time.

The Chamber of Commerce, Industry and Navigation of the Island of Cuba reminds the President of the Republic of the necessity of abolishing the stamp tax act.

"EL HERALDO" - August 14, 1924.

Article commenting upon the shipment of immigrants from Jaimanitas Beach to the U. S. - Accusation are made against Mr. Rene Berndes. The complicity of the Collector of Customs of Habana, Mr. Jose Maria Zayas, is hinted in this article.

The supporters of reelection desire to annul the Conservative Assembly of the 12th, but Zayas is somewhat afraid of taking that step, as he knows that the friends of Menocal do not make threats in vain.

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"El Heraldo" - August 14, 1924. (Continued)

President of the House Vazquez Bello expects to have quorum next Monday, to discuss and solve the grave water problem of Habana. An amendment to the Torriente Law is announced, taking away from the Ayuntamiento the collection of water taxes.

"LA PRENSA" - August 14, 1924.

Important conferences will be held this afternoon at the Palace between the President and prominent members of the Liberal Party. General Machado, Presidential nominee of the Liberal Party, will also have an interview with the President, especially invited by the latter.

Section entitled "DEL MOMENTO" - Commenting upon the fact that the Liberals realize the difficulties of the present political situation, after the nomination of Zayas by the Popular Party, and Menocal by the Conservatives; and now seek to obtain the cooperation of Mendieta to save the Liberal Party.

"LA NOCHE" - August 14, 1924.

The Labor Intelligence Committee held a session yesterday, and approved the By-Laws of the institution. - The enforcement of the Decree No. 665 will be discussed at the next meeting. The Committee seems disposed to solve all the conflicts of the Port.

EDITORIAL entitled "THE ARMY AND THE POLITICAL STRUGGLE" - The rumors of a military conspiracy in favor of Menocal, circulated before the National Assembly of the Conservative Party was held. - The victory of Menocal, however, momentarily solved the conflict. But the movement is still on foot, and a military outbreak is feared if Menocal is not elected, which is a sad and shameful situation for the country. The editorial further states that the Army should never mix up in politics.

"La Noche" publishes the rumors of a possible understanding between Dr. Zayas and General Machado, stating that the President is even disposed to withdraw his candidature.

"EL PAIS" - August 14, 1924.

This paper announces in big headlines across the front page that Dr. Zayas will not run for reelection, and refers to political conferences now being held to reach an understanding between the President and the old Liberals. Nodarse and Asbert have conferred with Dr. Zayas. At the invitation of the President, General Machado also called at the Palace to discuss the present political problems. Orencio Nodarse told the reporters that he had noticed that the President was somewhat reluctant to run for reelection.

The President has commenced to take reprisals against the Conservatives, and even those who remained at his side to the last moment are suffering the consequences of these reprisals. Wholesale dismissal of "botelleros" recommended by members of the Conservative Party have been signed.

EDITORIAL, stating that the Liberal Party will obtain a decisive victory at the coming elections; and refers to previous elections held in Cuba in which the Liberals have always had a majority, although in some cases the victory was snatched away from them, as was the case in 1916.

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"EL MUNDO" - August 15, 1924.

EDITORIAL stating that many letters have been received from public employees expressing their willingness to accept the payment of the bonuses by means of bonds of the Tresury properly guaranteed, and ~~negotiable~~ negotiable at any time. It states, however, that the Law of August 4, 1923, unjustly excluded the employees not in active service and who ceased for causes other than those set forth in said law.

The work of cleaning the city of Habana continues without any interruption. The last analyses made show that the Vento water is perfectly fit to drink. The state of the epidemic for the last 24 hours is as follows:

Old cases.....	228
New cases reported.....	3
Cured.....	10
Deaths.....	1
Present total.....	220

General Machado and Clemente Vazquez Bello conferred yesterday with the President from 6:00 to 7:05 yesterday. After the conference, the visitors stated that the only object of the conference was to hear from Dr. Zayas what guarantees would be given to the contending parties at the coming elections. Both Machado and Vazquez Bello requested the reporters to state that they were fully convinced, and greatly pleased, of the intentions of the President to guarantee the free exercise of suffrage. Machado affirmed that he would continue to be a good friend of the President, whom he had often visited before. The representatives of the Liberal Party denied the rumors of political pacts having been discussed at the conference.

"DIARIO DE LA MARINA" - August 15, 1924.

Rumors of an Intelligence between Zayas and Machado. - Machado and Vazquez Bello held a long conference with the President yesterday. The President also conferred yesterday with Dr. Santiago Rey, Senator Rivero, and Mayor Aragones, of Cienfuegos, also with General Pino Guerra, General Asbert and Colonel Orencio Nodarse. - It is generally believed that Dr. Zayas will finally decide to withdraw his candidature, and to support Machado, after the natural pact with the Liberal Party, and an intelligence is said to have been reached in this respect, and its final solution only depends on details; the Liberals have offered 4 Senatorships to Zayas, but the latter demands six.

The Provincial Assembly of the Conservative Party met yesterday, but the nomination of Presidential and Senatorial Electors was postponed. The next meeting will probably take place on the 20th.

"EL SOL" - August 15, 1924.

Interview with Colonel Manuel Despaigne, concerning the projected reorganization of the Banco Nacional. Among other things, he said: "The Law of reorganization of the Banco Nacional is an absurd and a scandal; the greatest scandal and the greatest absurd committed in Cuba during these times of administrative immorality"..... "It is not necessary to be a financier to understand that the reorganization of the Banco Nacional is only a play of interests of an audacious group".

This paper also publishes the rumors of a possible understanding between the Popular and the Liberals, with a view of annulling the presidential aspirationsof General Menocal.

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"EL TRIUNFO" - August 15, 1924.

This paper refers to the interview between Zayas and Machado, but emphatically denies the rumors of a possible understanding between them, stating that Zayas will maintain his candidature, and that the forces of reelection are now more united than ever. General Asbert will visit the President again to discuss the reorganization of the new Cabinet .

Telegram from Santa Clara stating that the Mendietists of that Province constitue 75 per cent of the Liberal electors, and will support the reelection of Dr. Zayas. It also refers to an important conference held by Mendez Peñate, German Wolter del Rio and Manuel Capestany.

Article favorably commenting upon the reorganization of the Cabinet, stating that it will be formed by elements of great prestige, and upright, energetic and democratic citizens, and that the country is at the outset of an electoral struggle in which the Government must act with exquisite tact and skill in order that the right of suffrage may be freely exercised, and with all the necessary guarantees.

Article commenting upon the present political situation and the necessity of a national candidate. It speaks highly of the three present candidates, but states that Zayas is the best prepared to continueat the head of the government, and that "El Triunfo" will support the supremacy of Dr. Zayas, even against his will.

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"HERALDO DE CUBA" - August 16, 1924.

Article by Gonzalez Beauville, bitterly criticizing the Conservative Party, for the nomination of General Menocal, stating that it is a party on the decline and in a state of moral degeneration. He further states that the Liberals are glad of Menocal's nomination, because they will have a chance of defeating him at the polls in the most shameful manner.

The conferences at the Palace continue. Vazquez Bello interviewed Dr. Zayas again yesterday. The Conservatives elements who support reelection have been summoned for a meeting to be held at the Palace to-day. The majority of the leaders of the Popular Party seem to be inclined to lend their support to the Liberal Party.

Article stating that President Zayas continues to sign Decrees ordering transfers of credit under different pretexts, despite the fact that the fiscal year has just commenced. Surplus of the public debt are destined to cover expenses of the Department of the Interior. - Transfersof credit have also been ordered in the Department of Public Works.

Article referring to the publication of the Gray Book of Cuba, containing the communications exchanged between the Foreign Offices of Cuba and England. The Department of States states that there is no danger of diplomatic relations being severed with England. The Government of Cuba demonstrates that the claims of the British Government are based on the Arteaga Law, which is a purely commercial matter. - President Zayas suggests the convenience of restricting or prohibiting the immigration of Jamaicans, after carrying out friendly negotiations with the English Government.

This paper also publishes the statements given out by Secretary Regueiferos, which have been printed in other papers, to the effect that President Zayas announces his decision to take part in the forthcoming elections as a Presidential nominee.

EDITORIAL entitled "MR. COOLIDGE, 'COMMON SENSE' AND CUBAN SUGARS". Unfavorably commenting upon the opinion of President Coolidge with respect to the Tariff question as expressed in his platform given out after he was notified of his nomination by the Republican Party.
Another EDITORIAL entitled "A NOMINATION WHICH IS A CHALLENGE AND AN OUTRAGE" - Bitterly criticizing the nomination of General Menocal.

"EL HERALDO" - August 16, 1924.

Section entitled "OPINIONS" - Accusing the Chief of the Jail of Habana of permitting gambling in a large scale among the inmates of the Jail.

Article stating that Dr. Leon Blanco, has been suspended from office as Acting Judge of Guanabacoa, by the Audiencia of Habana, as he was permitting the Hershey Company to seize large tracts of land in his district. Dr. Valdes Anciano has been appointed in his place. He permitted the usurpation of an estate belonging to Count Santovenia, selling it at auction through a false credit of a carpenter who built a fence about seventy years ago.....

"A DISCORDANT NOTE" - Crticizing the opinion given by Despaigne with respect to the reorganizacion of the Banco Nacional. Despaigne should not have been consulted on this matter, as he has no moral

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authority to xpx speak on this subject. The article further asks: "Why is it that Col. Despaigne did not undertake the reorganization of the Cuban banks when he was Secretary of the Treasury, in the way he thinks it should be done? At that time Despaigne did nothing tosave Cuba from the grasps of foreign banks....."

Article stating that Dr. Zayas dreams with being nominated by the Liberals Party, but the Liberal Party cannot accept any compacts of dishonor. If Zayas does not obtain this ridiculous desire, he will try to secure positions of importance for his friends and relatives.

Article unfavorably commenting upon the illegal decrees signed by the President disposing of funds of the Treasury, but especially the decree appropriating the sum of $135,000.00 which is to be paid to certain contractors for the laying of pipe-lines and the construction of water tanks in Camp Columbia.

EDITORIAL, xxxxxxxxxx commenting upon the rumors of negotiations between Zayas and Machado to come to an understanding with respect to the coming electoral campaign. It is only natural that Zayas should now try to join his old Party, and support Machado, to make up for his past sins. The Liberals, however, should not accept any pact based on giving the best positions to Zayas' relatives and friends. If Zayas wishes to be an ally of the Liberals, well in good; but without any sacrifice on the part of the Liberals.

"LA PRENSA" - August 16, 1924.

SECTION entitled "DEL MOMENTO" - Dr. Reguseiferos announced yesterday in the name of the President, that Dr. Zayas maintained his firm decision to take part in the electoral contest as the candidate of the Popular Party. That was yesterday; but to-day different rumors are circulating. The rumors referred to the greatest sacrifice which can be expected from a candidate: the resignation of his aspirations, But Machado would hardly give up his aspirations; and if he did so, he would deserve a monument in his honor. This great effort is made against Menocal, because he is the only object of the worry of the Liberals. "The ex President is the flame around which everything revolves, and in which all are afraid of being burnt, and wish to put it out; but instead of doing that, they only increase the force of the fire... " The article further states that it useless to try to change the tide of events, and sooner or later everybody will have to take the side of the General.

EDITORIAL commenting upon the diplomatic relations between Cuban and Great Britain, stating that the matter has not such a serious aspect as some persons believe.

"LA NOCHE" - August 16, 1924.

EDITORIAL, commenting upon the necessity of reorganizing the Banco Nacional de Cuba, stating that economic liberty is the foundation of political libert; that the governments are obliged to take care of the interests of the people, and to defend these interests, and the best way to do that is by offering the most ample and decided protection to all the institutions which may need it, etc.

Article commenting upon the differences existing between Cuba and Great Britain, and the publication of the Gray Book, stating that the only English claim which should be taken into consideration, is the system employed by some sugar mills to pay their laborers,

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and that the system of paying with chips should be discontinued, as it constitutes an illicit business.

"EL PAIS" - August 16, 1924.

Telegram from Santa Clara stating that the trial of the case against the members of the Army who took part in the last revolution, will take place on the 20th of this month. The Fiscal asks thirty years of imprisonment for every one of the accused, with the exception of Capporal Garcia, for whom he asks death sentence.

Article stating that everything seems to indicate now that the Liberal and Popular parties will go united to the polls, and that Machado will be elected. The President will not insist on the Vice Presidency being given to Celso Cuellar, but he will be satisfied to obtain some good positions for his friends.

"EL MUNDO" - August 17, 1924.

EDITORIAL entitled "SIGNIFICANT WORDS" - Commenting upon the statements made by President Coolidge to the effect that he is decidedly in favor of protective tariffs because they raise the level of economic conditions of the American people; using this same argument in defence of a prudently protective tariff for Cuba, as all article of consumption have to be imported at present. The article also states that the reasons given for not granting the independence of Porto Rico are that, not having ~~quit~~ economic independence, it cannot have political independence, and that, it being a country purely agricultural, and not industrial, it could not take care of its own necessities. - The Cubans must realize their own dangers if they fail to solve their fundamental problems. This is the reason for the campaign of economic nationalism which "El Mundo" is carrying on.

A long letter from General Menocal to Mr. Aurelio Alvarez, accepting his nomination by the Conservative Party, in which he makes some important statements. He states that during the time he was President, his attachment to Law and order was some times interpreted as "tyranny". He gives an outline of his platform, stating that preferent attention will be given to the maintainance of public peace and social order. The prosperity of Cuba during his Administration, ended by the universal crisis for causes beyond all prevision, is the best argument in favor of a financial policy... He also promises to devote special attention to the problems which arise between capital and labor, and reminds the manner in which he solved some of these conflicts. He promises to maintain the greatest cordiality between Cuba and the United States "without exposing our sovereignty, nor diminishing our independence." He also states that the great enthusiasm noticed in the ranks of his Party, are sure signs of victory. "The Conservative Party will not be defeated except by the legitimate decision of the electoral body, if it were against us; never by violence or fraud which we would not tolerate, and which we hope it will not be intended, trusting in the consciousness of the patriotid duties which we must suppose in the Government and in the opposing Party. We will respect the rights of others, and will demand the same respects for our rights which we will uphold through all the means which are, or must be, within our reach."

"DIARIO DE LA MARINA" - August 17, 1924.

The National Board of Sanitation held a special session yesterday to discuss the water problem of Habana, presided over by General

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"Diario de la Marina" - August 17,1924 (Continued)

Betancourt. Lopez del Valle submitted a report of the work of the Board in connection with the water problem, and the relations existing between this problem and the epidemic of typhoid fever, emphasizing the necessity of solving the present crisis rapidly, as any delay means a considerable increase of epidemics in the country. The conclusion was reached that the Vento aqueduct is inusfficient for the necessities of this city, and it is urgent to carry out additional works to obtain a sufficient supply of water. The state of the epidemic during the last 24 hours, is:

Old cases.....	215
New cases reported.....	8
Cured.....	8
Deaths.....	3
Present total....	212

President Zayas held another conference with General Machado yesterday. After the conference, the President informed the reporters through one of his Aides that he and Machado had further discussed the conditions on which the elections will be held, and that the President had given further assurances that his Government would maintain an attitude of absolute impartiality. A change of officers in command of military districts, will probably take place very soon. It was said that Arsenio Ortiz in charge of the District of Oriente, will be transferred to Pinar del Rio.

"THE REORGANIZATION OF THE BANCO NACIONAL DE CUBA" - Article by Dr. M. E. Gomez, criticizing the problem now pending in the House, and states that said project is unconstitutional, illegal, and economically disastrous. His criticisms are worthy of notice. He promises to write another article on this subject, suggesting the manner in which the reorganization should be effected.

"EL TRIUNFO" - August 17, 1924.

Article stating that the rumors of an understanding between the Liberals and the Populars based on giving the Presidency of the Senate to Dr. Alfredo Zayas, are absolutely false. That any pact made as to be with the understanding that President Zayas will be the President. Efforts are being made by Juan Gualberto Gomez and Dr. Antonio Maria Rubio to patch up the National League.

Two persons were killed, and several wounded in a political riot at Pinar del Rio yesterday. A group of men tried to assault the house where the Provincial Assembly of the Liberal Party was being held, and a bloody encounter supervened. Order was restored by the Army.

"ANYTHING BUT MENOCAL" - by Pedro Sanchez Duque commenting upon the present political situation, stating that as things now stand, the position of the Liberal Party is not a very good one, and that the possibilities are in favor of the Popular Party. If Dr. Zayas maintains his purpose of running for a second term, the Liberals will suffer the consequences, because after the nomination of Menocal by the Conservatives, Zayas cannot entertain any hope of bringing the Conservative elements to his side, but on the other hand he will obtain the support of many Liberals. He therefore advocates for a union between the Liberals and the Populars.

EDITORIAL, very favorably commenting upon the decision of Dr. Zayas to run for a second term.

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"HERALDO DE CUABA" - August 17, 1924.

Article by Gonzalez Beauville, against General Menocal. He states that Menocal is greatly mistaken in his calculations, because only a crazy man could expect the friends of Mendieta to support him(Menocal); that his good luck will fail him at this time; that the Liberal Party is closely united; that his ruin is certain, etc.

This paper publishes the letter in which Menocal accepts his nomination, and, commenting upon it, states that Menocal falsifies this history of his Administration, attributing to himself the prosperity of Cuba during his second term.

EDITORIAL, commenting against reelection, and against the electoral intentions of General Menocal.

The construction of the highway from Cienfuegos from Santa Clara is of the worst quality, despite the high prices paid. One of the the bridges cost $50,000.00, when, in reality, it is not worth more than $30,000.00.

"EL HERALDO" - August 17, 1924.

Referring to the political riot in Pinar del Rio yesterday, this paper states that four persons were killed, and that they were only spectators. Well known residents of Pinar del Rio have been arrested, suspected of haveing taken part in this unfortunate event.

Article commenting upon the efforts made by Dr. Zayas, Avalos and Rosado Aybar to annul the decisions of the Conservative Assembly. The persons name spent many hours looking up codes and laws trying to find some grounds for annulling the nomination of General Menocal. (The next issue of this paper gives more details of this matter)

Article very unfavorably commenting upon the Decree ordering the payment of a commission to the banks of the Clearing House for the payment of Government checks.

EDITORIAL unfavorably commenting upon the predictions recently made by Rear Admiral Rodgers, and states that wars do not emanate from density of population, but from the conditions of the people, and compares the United States with countries more thickly ~~xxxx~~ inhabited.

"LA PRENSA" - August 17, 1924.

This paper publishes a long list of telegrams of congratulation received ~~xxx~~ by General Menocal, on his nomination.

"LA NOCHE" - August 17, 1924.

General Herrera, Chief of the General Staff of the Army, has ordered the following changes in the Army: Commander Arsenio Ortiz is transferred from Oriente to Pinar del Rio; Commander Erasmo Delgado is transferred from Camp Columbia to Pinar del Rio; Liut.Col. Rangel, from Matanzas to Habana; Col. Gustavo Rodriguez is sent to Matanzas, and Commander Nila Muro is transferred from Matanzas to Oriente.

Telegram from Santiago de Cuba announcing that certain divisions will take place in the Liberals camp of that Province if a pact is made between Zayas and Machado.

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"EL PAIS" - August 17, 1924.

Rumors have circulated to the effect that General Jack will not return to the United Railroads of Habana, because the shareholders of that Company are not satisfied with his actions as Manager of of the Company.

ZAYAS vs. MENOCAL - An article stating that Zayas has found a formula to annul the nomination of General Menocal.

"EL MUNDO" - August 18, 1924.

EDITORIAL commenting upon the shooting in Pinar del Rio, stating that the act committed by a group of men unfit to live the life of free and uncivilized people can only be regarded as an act of savages. A people that wishes to prove its capacity for self-government should never resort to violence, as vote is the only weapon which should be brandished in electoral contests. The writer asks a most severe penalty for the persons responsible for the shooting.

Telegram from Pinar del Rio announcing that the Provincial Assembly of the Liberal Party nominated Wifredo Fernandez and Pino Guerra for Senators. It also states that the Provincial Assembly of the Conservative Party will nominated Wifredo Fernandez and Pino Guerra for Senators, tomorrow.

Telegram from Matanzas announcing that the Provincial Assembly of the Popular Party held a meeting yesterday, and ratified the decision to nominate Dr. Zayas for the Presidency, and resolved not to enter into any electoral pact except on the basis of Dr. Zayas for the Presidency.

Telegram from Santa Clara: At a meeting held to-day (Aug. 17th) The Provincial Assembly of the Conservative Party nominated its Presidential Electors, all of whom are said to be in favor of General Menocal. (The list of the Presidential electors is given).

"DIARIO DE LA MARINA" - August 18, 1924.

Representative German Lopez praises the authors of the Project of Reorganization of the Banco Nacional, stating that it is a patriotic work intended to free the country from the abusive impositions of foreign banks; but that he is not in accord with the Project itself, announces his intention to present some amendments when the project is discussed at the House. He takes up the articles of the Project one by one, and suggests the manner in which they must be amended.

EDITORIAL entitled "THE AWAKENING OF PUBLIC SPIRIT" - Commenting in a very favorable manner upon the attitude assumed by the National Federation of Economic Corporations inviting the public to help in the work of supervising the construction of the road from Habana to Batabano.

At a meeting of the National Union of Public Employees, it was resolved that if the matter of the payment of bonuses is not finally settled during the month of August, they will hold a meeting at one of the principal theatres of this city the first ~~xxxxxxxxxxx~~ Sunday of September, to decide on the line of conduct to be followed.

"Diario de la Marina" publishes to-day for the second time the statistical resumés oof the Provincial Electoral Board of Habana.

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"EL TRIUMFO" - August 18, 1924.

The Secretary of the Interior signed last night the appointment of Commander Cordoves as Chief of Police of Habana. Retirement will be granted to Brigadier Placido Hernandez with a monthly pension of $375.00. Cordoves will assume the command of the Police at Noon to-day.

In the Municipality of Florida, the Populars and the Mendietists have formed an electoral coalition.

This paper announces that President Zayas will shortly publish a Manifesto defining his attitude in connection with the coming elections.

Article unfavorably commenting upon the letter in which General Menocal accepts his nomination, and states that the letter was probably written by Montoro, Coyula or Angulo. It also states that despite the affirmations made in the letter, Menocal was a tyrant. It also calls him the "usurper".

EDITORIAL, regretting the unfortunate events of Pinar del Rio, and condemns the occurrence.

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"HERALDO DE CUBA" - August 19, 1924.

Gonzalez Beauville publishes another article bitterly commenting upon the letter written by General Menocal accepting his nomination, and states that the letter is full of falsehoods; that he was a pro-German yesterday, and to-day he is a conspirator; that the General is as brave as a sparrow, etc.

Representative Justo Luis del Pozo and Provincial Counsellor E. Alea, prominent leaders of the Liberal Party in Pinar del Rio, are now in Habana called by General Machado. Their defeat at the Provincial Assembly of that Province has greatly disgusted the Liberals, but they have shown a great sense of discipline accepting the facts. Pozo grants an interview to a reporter of "Heraldo de Cuba" in which he denies the rumors of his participation in the recent riot at Pinar del Rio

Commenting upon the efforts made by the Labor Intelligence Committee to settle the differences between the Shippers and and laborers, this paper states that if a satisfactory solution is not arrived at this afternoon, a strike in the harbor will inevitably take place.

Menocal is said to be preparing a gloomy conspiracy to eliminate Dr. Zayas by means of a "coup d'Etat" to take place one month before the elections. General Carrillo would then be in charge of presiding the elections and of signing the Decree ordering the burial of Dr. Zayas with all due honors. Menocal, having a presentiment of his defeat, begins to make preparations to impose his candidatura with fire and bloodshed.

Doubt still prevails among the leaders of the Popular Party, for while some of them proclaim the convenience of supporting the Liberal Party to prvent the triumph of Menocal, others are in favor of reelection; but the majority are only in favor of Zayas' candidatura as a means of making money. The President does not make any statements; the conferences at the Palace continue with growing intensity, but nobody knows what will happen.

The rumors that Dr. Laredo Bru had been called for a conference with the President, are denied by Dr. Zayas

Representatives Gonzalez Beauville and Armando Chardiet have presented a project of law to increase the salaries of the members of the National Police, and this paper is in favor of the approval of said Bill.

Letter signed by Gustavo Gutierrez and Enrique Llansó, addressed to Dr. Ricardo Dolz, President of the Republican Party, announcing that they withdraw from said Party, because it has nominated General Menocal to the Presidency, and as they have always been ardent sympathizers of the Liberal tendencies, they cannot support Menocal's candidature.

EDITORIAL entitled "MENOCAL PAINTED BY HIS DEEDS" - Very unfavorably commenting upon Menocal's letter, and states that his past deeds give an exact idea of what he is. "When he states: 'I was never prompted by hate or resentment', we must ask him who was the founder of the famous "League of Hate" organized solely to take away the legitimate victory from the idol of our people, Jose Miguel Gomez....."

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"Heraldo de Cuba" - August 19, 1924 (Continued).

EDITORIAL entitled "UNDERGROUND WORK" - Criticizing the conduct of the "improvised counsellors" of Dr. Zayas who want him to plunge into a foolhardy enterprise under the pretext of an absurd campaign of reelection, merely to take advantage of the despoils of the Treasury. Their situation is very different from that of Dr. Zayas. They risk nothing; on the contrary, what they want is a crisis of the Cabinet , to get into it, and enjoy the benefits of power and money for a few months. - But whatever his administrative and other errors may have been, Dr. Zayas has treated with certain consideration and respect the public liberties, and must not permit his friends tolead him into a fall which will cover him with ignominy as a Cuban ruler. .....

Letter from Enrique Loynaz del Castillo withdrawing from the Association of Veterans and Patriots, as he does not desire to make a common cause with the Conservatives.

The immigrants seized on board the S. S. "Pilar" when this boat was about to sail for the United States, accuse the Consul of Nicaragua of being mixed in the affair. "Heraldo de Cuba" states that said Consul, Wifredo Mazon, has written two letters: in one he states that the seizure of the "Pilar" was illegal, because the ship had already been cleared by the Custom House and by the Captain of the Port; and the second letter contains the complaint filed before the Department of State against the illegal arrest of the crew and passengers of the vessel.

"EL HERALDO" - August 19,1924.

Colonel Carlos Mendieta states that he will never lend his support to General Machado. The incredible pacts entered into in various parts of the Island have greatly alarmed him, and announces his firm purpose to withddraw to public life. The events of Pinar del Rio also filled him with indignation. - "El Heraldo" regrets this decision, especially at a very critical moment for the Liberal Party. However, Mendieta is expected at any time to make declarations to the effect that he will not support General Menocal.

This paper states that Dr. Narciso Davalos, Secretary of the Central Electoral Board and intimate friend of Dr. Zayas, has written a letter, stating that he did not call at the Palace on Saturday night, and that he has had nothing to do with the drafting of the recourse against the nomination of General Menocal. Despite this denial, "El Heraldo" affirms that Dr. Davalos called at the Palace on Friday, and assisted Dr. Zayas in preparing the recourse.

Letter from Colonel M. Despaigne to "Heraldo", in connection with the reorganization of the Banco Nacional. Despaigne states that they made him say what he would not have said, and confesses that he has had no time to study the project carefully. However, he insists on some of his former points of view. - The letter is unfavorably commented upon.

Article regretting the decision of Colonel Mendieta to withdraw to private life, especially at a critical moment for the Liberal Party, which, if it fails to obtain the support of Mendieta, may not be able to defeat General Menocal. But Mendieta is right, because he could not possible accept the shameful pacts entered into, not in Habana, but in other parts of the country, especially in Pinar del Rio, where prominent Mendietists are left out of the ticket, to give the nomination to friends of Dr. Zayas; and Mendieta could not accept to have his name in the same ticket with Zayas, Cuellar, Martinez Lufriu and Norberto Alfonso.....

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"El Heraldo" - August 19, 1924 (Continued).

Article commenting upon the strange silence of Rosado Aybar. He was to first person to announce, full of joy, that the recourse against Menocal's nomination was being prepared, but all of a sudden he keeps quiet, and nobody can obtain any informa ion from him. This paper advances the opinion that probably President Zayas has told him to keep his mouth shut, in order that certain plans against Menocal may not fail.

EDITORIAL entitled "THE MENOCAL CASE" - Bitterly criticizing the letter in which General Menocal accepted his nomination. It is impossible to find a less sincere political document than this letter, which is an exact expression of his autocratic temperament and divorced of all sentiment of justice. His affirmation that he did not do anything to obtain his nomination, is absolutely false. He worked out his own nomination through his friends.....

"LA PRENSA" - August 19, 1924.

The political conferences at the Palace are still going on. Governor Mendez Peñate, of Santa Clara, Colonel Nodarse and a group of Congressmen of the Conservative Party and various Delegates to the National Assembly of the Popular Party, were among the visitors this morning.

On account of illnes, City Chief Engineer Francisco Cuellar has request a leave of absence. Engineer Beate will take his place.

Dr. Laredo Bru conferred recen ly with the President, regarding political questions. - The Directors of "El Triunfo" and "La Noche", have also conferred with Dr. Zayas.--The amount of $52,000.00 has been appropriated by a Presidential Decree, to pay the rent of houses of several Legations of Cuba abroad.

Section entitled "DEL MOMENTO" - Commenting upon the political interviews at the Palace, and states that President Zayas is the only person who follows the course of events with great calm, and that is why he is expect to find a formula to solve the political problem which is so entangled at the present time. The writer further refers to the rumors of a possible understanding for the maintenance of the National League, on the basis of MENOCAL-CORTINA, MENOCAL-ASBERT, or possibly "MENOCAL-REGUEIFEROS. Any delay in solving this problem might create unsurmountable obstacles, and it is hoped that a solution will be reached promptly.

TYPHOID FEVER - The state of the epidemic for the last 24 hours, is:

Old cases.....	208
New cases.reported.....	5
Cured.....	10
Deaths.....	0
Present total.....	203

Letter from Dr. Regueiferos stating that although any combination is possible in politics, the ticket MENOCAL-REGUEIFEROS, is far from being probable, because Menocal knows him, and also knows his constant devotion of many years to Dr. Zayas for whose candidature Regueiferos is now working.

"LA NOCHE" - August 19, 1924.

EDITORIAL commenting upon the fact that the present political situation of the country present a shameful spectacle. New pacts and combinations are made every day, between groups which hated each other before. It simply means that the last bit of shame has been lost; that the politicians have taken off their masks; that at the present time there are no political parties or political

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"La Noche"- August 19, 1924 (Continued)

entities, because a political party implies the existence of a program, an ideal, some defined principles, as a norm of its conduct and a reason of its existence; but those who work on their own behalf and disrefard the programs and principles, treason their conviction, relinquish their ideas and destroy the entity to which they belong, and convert politics into a vulgar market where wills and consciences are tariffed at a very low price.....

"EL MUNDO" - August 20, 1924.

EDITORIAL, commenting upon the necessity of reforming the penitentirary system in Cuba.

The Mayor of Aguacate was shot at and seriously wounded by a young man who holds Mayor Bolaños reponsible for the arresting of his two brothers accused of embezzlement of $6,423.00 of the Ayuntamiento of Aguacate.

The Provincial Assembly of the Conservative Party of Camaguey held a meeting yesterday, and nominated the Presidential Electors. The list of said electors, is given.

Telegram from Santiago de Cuba announcing that great excitement prevails in the Provincial Assembly of the Liberal Party. The Congressmen have signed a resolution to defend those who cease now. General Machado has requested Governor Barcelo to assign a place of Senator in the ticket to Dr. Cortina, on the basis of a pact between Populars and Liberals. On the other hand, the friends of Menocal are trying to enter into a pact with the Liberals on the basis of Menocal for President. Machado wants some nominations for Representatives given to the Mendietists, besides the nomination for Senator given to Dr. Duque.

"DIARIO DE LA MARINA" - August 20, 1924.

THE SELECTION OF SENATORIAL NOMINEES FOR HABANA - The information is advanced in this article that the Provincial Assembly of the Conservative Party to be held this afternnoh, will nominate Manuel E. Gomez and Eliseo Cartaya for Senators. This is very favorably commeted upon, adding that this means the awakening of public sentiment and the active participation in politics of elements of unquestionable intelligence, culture and moral and social solvency fully competent to impress clear and firm orientations to the life of the country.

EDITORIAL referring to the unfortunate events at Pinar del Rio, and making an appeal to the political parties to struggle for their principles and ideals without resorting to violence, because the elections cannot be held in pools of blood.

"EL TRIUNFO" - August 20, 1924.

Feature editorial, entitled "IT IS TIME TO ACT" - It states that it can now be affirmed without being mistaken, that the political aspect of the country is now clearly defined, and everything is now ready to consult the final opinion of the electoral body, and that, of the three solutions, the reelection of Dr. Zayas is on the threshold of victory. It makes an appeal to all the supporters of reelection to be on their posts, and endeavor to obtain the triumph of their candidate.

Article commenting upon the efforts made to win Mendieta to the

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"El Triunfo" - August 20, 1923 (Continued)

side of reelection, on the basis of a ticket ZAYAS-MENDIETA. Mendez Peñate has held important conferences with President Zayas. While Dr. Santiago Rey works for the maintenance of the National League, Commander Enrique Recio seeks a concentration of forces based on the nomination of Zayas for President and Mendieta for Vice President. - The political activities of Dr. Zayas frightens the Menocalists and the Machadists.

An article stating that great excitement prevails in Matanzas by the struggles of ambitions and rivalries among those who aspire to be nominated to-day by the Provincial Assembly of the Liberal Party, and ~~xxxx~~ riots similar to those of Pinar del Rio are feared.

EDITORIAL, sarcastically commenting upon the nomination of General Menocal by the National Assembly of the Republican Party.

An article commenting upon the fact that the Zayas-Mendieta ticket would the formula of salvation.

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1. Enclosed will be found brief summaries of news articles and editorial comment of the Havana Press for the days:

August 20, 21, and 22.

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SUMMARY OF NEWS ARTICLES AND EDITORIAL COMMENT IN THE HABANA PRESS.

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"HERALDO DE CUBA" - August 20, 1924.

At the request of the Secretary of the Treasury, the President has signed a Decree which provides that the reimbursements of the amounts collected in excess of the liquidation of Custom House duties, be effected with any surplus funds in the Treasury not pledged to other obligations, in accordance with the provisions of Article 409 of the Organic Law of the Executive Power. -The "Heraldo de Cuba" comments unfavorably upon this Decree, as it is a bad practice to dispose of the funds of the Treasury without a fixed limit.

The Labor Intelligence Committee has agreed to fix a minimum wage of $4.00 for the harbor workers, and this is considered as the first victory of the Federation of the Port over the Shipping Men.

The awarding of the contract for the printing of stamps for the the collection of taxes on cigarettes and matches, is criticized in this article, stating that it constitutes an irritating and hateful privilege, and a scandalous assault upon the Treasury. Jose Lopez, Jr. and Montalvo, promoters of this "chivo" will collect $64,000.00, instead of $20,000.00 that were paid formerly.

A short article stating that Mendez Peñate will not desert the Liberal Party, as has been rumored.

The Provincial Assemblies of the Liberal Party in Santa Clara and Matanzas will meet to-day to select the candidates for Senators and for Representatives.

EDITORIAL stating that the system of dividing the opponent, to which Menocal is now resorting, will not produce the effects which he expects, because he will meet with the unbreakable unity of the Liberal Party.

Another editorial commenting upon the drive against the White Slave dealers, and the difficulties encountered to enforce the provisions of the Paris Convention of May, 1910, principally because the Penal Code of Cuba has not been amended to conform to the stipulations of said Convention. Consequently, the present activities of the Police will be of no avail.

The Provincial Assembly of the Conservative Party of Camaguey met yesterday. According to this paper, the Presidential Electors selected are all in favor of General Menocal. The Senatorial nominees were: Aurelio Alvarez de la Vega and Juan Cabrera Hernandez.

"EL HERALDO" - August 20, 1924.

Section entitled "OPINIONS" - Criticizing the spectacular drive against foreign "souteneurs", while the native "political souteneurs"are not molested in the least. The article states that it is very significant that such activities should be displayed by the Police during the electoral period; and reminds of similar raids made four years ago when, after the "souteners" agreed to contribute for the electoral campaign of Dr. Zayas, they were liberated, and that the inventor of these electoral persecutions at that time was Placido Hernandez, now Chief of Police.

ZAYAS HAS FOUND 15 CONSERVATIVES TO ANNUL MENOCAL. - A petition was filed yesterday before the Municipal Electoral Board of Habana

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El Heraldo - August 20, 1924 (Continued).

by Ricardo Vidal Bulguera, member of the Popular Party, requesting that a certificate be issued showing that the fifteen persons mentioned in the communication are affiliated to the Conservative Party in the Barrio Manuel de la Cruz; this certificate to be used for filing an appeal before the Central Electoral Board against the Assembly of the Conservative Party held on Aug.12th, at which General Menocal was nominated candidate for the Presidency.

Article referring to the "coup d'Etat" planned by General Menocal to overthrow Zayas and to make General Carrilo President of the Republic. Zayas is taking precautions, and has requested Colonel Castillo to select his best soldiers to guard the road to Wajay. Certain uneasiness prevails at the Palace. Menocal has spies in the Palace, and is kept well informed of everything that goes on there. The telegraph operator Sabino Gonzalez was suspected of being one of the spies, and he was immediately removed from the Palace.

Article recommending the closest union of the Liberals as the only way to come out victorious at the polls, as Menocal constitutes a real danger.

Dr. Simpson, Head of the National Laboratory, affirs that despite the official analyses, the Vento water is only good at times, and recommends boiling it. The chlorine only acts from time to time, and as soon as the river water enters the basin, all the water becomes contaminated.

General Menocal has reconciled himself with the Provincial Assembly of the Conservative Party. Menocal has agreed to back up Miguel Albarran for Mayorship of Habana.

EDITORIAL entitled "THE REALITY" - It states that the Liberal Party constitues the great majority of the country, and has many figures of great prestige in its ranks, and has the best preparation to undertake the reforms which the country needs. However, it is sad to confess that the history of the Liberal Party has been a chain of failures, but the Party is not to blame for such failures, but they were due to the fact that in Cuba there have been very few elections honestly held. But this year the Liberal Party is in much better conditions, because Dr. Zayas was defeated in his reelectoral aspirations in the Conservative Party, and, having the assurance that he cannot possibly win, Zayas will most likely see that honest elections are held. However, the Liberal must maintain the closes union if they do not wish to be defeated.

Dr. Aurelio Alvarez, President of the National Conservative Party, appeared yesterday before the Central Electoral Board a filed a complaint against Dr. Narciso Davalos, Secretary of said Board, and attaching a copy of "El Heraldo" which contains an article stating that Dr. Davalos has been calling at the Palace and assisting the President in the preparation of an appeal against the Assembly of the 12th.

"LA PRENSA" - August 20, 1924.

Section entitled "DEL MOMENTO" - Commenting upon the conferences of the Palace, stating that all the flatteries are now for Dr. Mendez Peñate, and that the supporters of reelection begin to relish the hopes again of a ZAYAS-MENDIETA ticket. - It also comments upon the undecided attitude of Dr. Zayas.

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"La Prensa" - August 20, 1924 (Continued)

EDITORIAL, Commenting upon the recent statistical resume recently published by the School Inspector of the District of Habana, and states that if the results are so disastrous in the Capital of the Republic, one can easily imagine the results in the interior of the country.

"EL MUNDO" - August 21, 1924.

Telegram from Pinar del Rio: The Provincial Assembly of the Conservative Party met yesterday, and nominated Wifredo Fernandez and Pino Guerra for Senators. The presidential electors and representatives were also chosen.

Telegram from Santa Clara: The Provincial Assembly of the Liberal Party met yesterday, and resolved to give a vote of confidence to General Machado, and to request him to select the presidential electors.

Transfers in the Army. Colonel Emiliano Amiel will be transferred to Pinar del Rio. Colonel Aguado will remain as Assistant Chief of that Military District.

Telegram from Matanzas: The Provincial Assembly of the Liberal Party met yesterday, and nominated Senators, Representatives and presidential electors. The Senatorial nominees were: Juan Gronlier and Horacio Diaz Pardo.

The Conservative Assembly of Matanzas also met yesterday, and selected its presidential electors. The Senatorial nominations will be made on August 26th.

The President states that he has had no intention of issuing a Manifesto in connection with the present political events, as has been rumored.

"DIARIO DE LA MARINA" - August 21, 1924.

EDITORIAL commenting upon the wave of crime which is sweeping over Cuba at the present time, stating that the lack of religion is the principal cause of it. The evil must be checked, or else Cuba will be called "The Country of Crime."

"EL TRIUNFO" - August 21, 1924.

Referring to the meeting of the Provincial Assembly of the Liberal Party of Matanzas yesterday, this paper states that Carlos de la Rosa became indignant at the attitude of the delegates, and resigned his Presidency of the Assembly and his nomination for the Vice Presidency, and immediately left for Cardenas. - Other papers state that the difficulties were finally settled, and De la Rosa returned from Cardenas and assumed the Presidency of the Assembly again.

A grave error which cannot be amended now, will determine the defeat of the Liberal Party. Mendez Peñate states that the fact of having discarded Mendieta has brought about the ruin of the Liberal Party. He also states that the Liberals do not feel any enthusiasm for Machado, and that they neither hate nor love him.

Dr. Zayas requested yesterday the postponment of the Assembly of the Popular Party for the 26th, and his request was granted.

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SUMMARY OF NEWS AND EDITORIAL COMMENT IN THE HABANA PRESS.

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"HERALDO DE CUBA" - August 21, 1924.

The Labor Intelligence Commission, presided by Judge Gutierrez Balmaseda, will continue the discussion of the harbor tariffs this afternoon, and the laborers expept to win a second victory.

Article unfavorably commenting upon the attitude of President Zayas toward the National Board of Sanitation. The President has scoffed at said Board, and refused to receive their members when they requested an interview. Dr. Porto felt so mortified, that he obtained a leave of absence and went abroad Dr. Diego Tamayo protested against the way in which the President treated the Board. - Dr. Lopez del Valle has taken upon himself the task of settling the difficulties in a very diplomatic manner, and is now actively engaged in the work of cleaning the city.

A delegate sent by the Provincial Government discovered a defalcation of six thousand dollars in the Treasury of the Ayuntamiento of San Antonio de los Baños. The case has been referred to the Courts.

PALACE NEWS - The political conferences continue, but the President has not yet entered into any pact. The President conferred with the Chief of the General Staff of the Army in connection with the transfers of officers and military chiefs. - The reporters were informed that President Zayas has not thought of publishing any Manifesto regarding the present political situation, and he was surprised to read the reports in the papers that he would publish one.

Manuel Sanguily is seriously ill, and his death is expected at any moment.

Letter by Emilio Nuñez Portuondo stating that the Republican Party which has offered its support to Menocal's candidature, is a Party which does not exist in reality, because it has not a single Municipal Assembly in the Republic, with the exception of that of Habana which was organized by a handful of electors, and it has been annulled by the Central Electoral Board.

"EL HERALDO" - August 21, 1924.

Section entitled "OPINIONS" - Unfavorably commenting upon the rumors of a possible alliance between Zayas and Mendieta, stating that it is very difficult to believe that a man with the prestige and honorability of Mendieta would accept any alliance with Zayas.

President Zayas has been compelled to sidetrack Francisco Cuellar and Cueto, knowing that the National Board of Sanitation threatened to resign, and now Dr. Lopez del Valle is displaying great activity in the way of cleaning the city. Side walks are repaired and new connections to the sewer made without demanding any previous deposit from the property owners, and all they have to do is to furnish the materials and the work is accomplished by the Department of Sanitation without any delay.

EDITORIAL, unfavorably commenting upon the political activities of Menocal and his followers.

Juan Gualberto Gomez and Dr. Rubio failed in their efforts to have Menocal and Zayas come to an understanding. It is rumored that President Zayas will write a letter to his friends announcing

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his decision to give his aspirations to be reelected, and giving facilities for entering into a pact with the Liberal Party.

"EL PAIS" - August 21, 1924.

An article commenting upon the shameful impunity enjoyed by the French "souteneurs". The Police arrested 18 of them, but they were released the same day of their arrest. The Secretary of Justice is requested to order an investigation to find out whther there has been an act of prevarication, or whether the arrest was only an error.

Article commenting upon the rumors that Celso Cuellar is not very sure of the steps taken by his father-in-law in his favor, and for that reason he has offered to pay $50,000.00 for a Senatorial nomination, besides a Registry of Property in Habana. The article further states that the negotiations are carried on in Matanzas, and that Gronlier is the man with whom he is dealing.

"LA NOCHE" - August 21, 1924.

According to a recent decision of the Supreme Court, the benefits of the Amnesty will be applied to a policeman of Remedios who was sentenced for the crime of homicide.

"EL MUNDO" - August 22, 1924.

Article very unfavorably commenting upon the scandalous session held yesterday by the Muncipal Council, and criticizes the resolution adopted granting an appropriation of $10,000.00 to send four Councilmen to Key West to make studies on systems of urbanization.

"DIARIO DE LA MARINA" - August 22, 1924.

The celebration to be given by the newspaper "la Discusion" in honor of General Menocal, will take place tomorrow.

The state of the epidemic during the past 24 hours, is:

Old cases	203
New cases reported	6
Cured	9
Deaths	0
Present total.....	200

PALACE NEWS - General Machado and President Zayas held another long conference yesterday. Machado said after the conference, that they had discussed certain matters relating to the Application of the Electoral Code, and that the President will issue certain measures to make up for certain deficiencies in the Code. The conferences between Machado and Zayas will continue. - The Secretary of Justice informed the President that the Fiscal of the Supreme Court had request the reform of the writ of indictment against Secretary Iturralde. - Zayas has not yet decided as to the course he will follow, and has request his friends to wait until he can come to a decision.

EDITORIAL commenting upon the confused state of politics in Cuba at the present time.

"EL TRIUNFO" - August 22, 1924.

Commenting upon the political situation, this paper states that a "ZAYAS - MACHADO" ticket will at last be the formula for an understanding between the Liberals and the Populars.

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1. Enclosed will be found brief summaries of news articles and editorial comment of the Havana Press for the days:

September 15, 16, 17, 18, and 19.

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HERALDO DE CUBA (Sept. 15th) - Telegrams from General Machado and from Dr. Vazquez Bello, asking Gonzalez Beauville to withdraw the resignation of his nomination.

DIARIO DE LA MARINA (Sept. 15th) - Declarations signed by Dr. Antonio Gonzalo Perez, in which he defends his attitude, and explains the reasons which prompted him to join and support General Menocal. He states that Machado's pact with the populars weakened his prestige as a candidate to a great extent; that he has been and still is a Liberal, but he realizes that Menocal is the only candidate capable, under the present circumstances, of carrying out the reforms which the country needs, and because he has full faith in that Menocal will correct his errors of the past, and will fulfill the promises he has made.

EL HERALDO)(Sept. 15th) - Article stating that General Machado sent some persons to ask Colonel Mendieta to join the electoral tour, but that Mendieta flatly refused to do so.

Section entitled OPINIONS - commenting upon the President's visit to the Vento Reservoir, stating that he fully realized the necessity of taking immediate action on the matter, to spare the lives of the residents of Habana, and that the new Secretary of Public Works, Carrera, humbly assented to everything the President said. - The article further refers to the quiet and hasty manner in which Sandoval was removed from the Cabinet, and states that other Secretaries will shortly be removed in the same shameful manner, and that the position of General Betancourt is a difficult one at the present moment. Iturralde is in a similar position.

Article stating that a "Tribunal of Three" will investigate and pass upon the disloyalty and treason of the person who denounced the existence of the famous army tanks, and will suffer the penalty agreed upon at the Maxim Assembly.

Telegram from Santiago de Cuba stating that Dr. Calixto Manduley, President of the Provincial Council, and Leader of the Mendieta faction in Oriente, has made declarations to the effect that the Mendietists of Oriente will not support General Machado, but that they will withdraw from the coming elections.

Irregularities in the Department of Public Works. - Article stating that Chief Engineer Francisco Cuellar should submit all his accounts to the new Secretary of Public Works, as that would be the only way to persuade the people of the scrupulosity in the management of public funds. It also states that the Secretary of Public Works must have now $400,000.00 for the repair of the streets of Habana, if nobody has stolen said amount. The Article also states that so many inspectors have been appointed for the works of the Malecon, that if they were to be lined up, there would not be room for them in the Malecon.

EL PAIS - (Sept. 15th) - Letter addressed by President Zayas to the presidential candidates, Menocal and Machado, asking them to appoint two delegates each, which delegates will hold conferences with the President with a view of maintaining the greatest cordiality among the presidential candidates and of offering the best guaranties of the impartiality of the Government.

Article stating that Secretary Iturralde intends to make a tour through the Island during the month of October.

Article stating that the water problem of Habana is on the way to a prompt solution. Mayor Cuesta has offered the funds necessary, and Chief Engineer Cuellar has obtained from the President of the Republic the promise that he will help in the work.

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DIARIO DE LA MARINA (September 16th) - Article commenting upon Machado's Platform, and states that it is not in accord with the statements made in connection with the proportion between school teachers and students since the inauguration of the Republic. - The Law regulating the actions of the Judiciary as an independent and sovereign branch, will be regarded as a necessary complement of the Constitution. - Machado is criticized for having ignored the problem of the relations between Cuba and Spain, and states: "The maintenance of friendship with the United States is not only useful, but indispensable for the welfare of our Republic. To bring about a closer contact with the peoples of Latin-America is equivalent to do honor to the origin and to enlighten the future. But to disregard the maintenance of cordial relations with the mother country.... would show a lamentable purpose to undermine the soil which hides the xxxtx firm and deep roots of the Cuban personality."

EL MUNDO (Sept. 16th) - EDITORIAL commenting upon the present political situation, analyses the electoral problem, and declares itself in favor of Machado. It states that Mahcado is more popular than Menocal; that Menocal is surrounded by elements who appeard in the Government as imposed by the Foreign Interference, and this gives rise to the supposition that they might be in Power again if Menocal should be successful.....

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HERALDO DE CUBA (Sept. 16th) - Articles referring to the hearty receptions accorded to General Machado at all the cities and towns where he stops in his present tour of propaganda. At Placetas, Trinidad and Sagua, thick masses of Liberals acclaimed the "candidates of victory" (Machado and De la Rosa).

The Liberals and Populars of the "Barrio de Medina", after fraternizing in a great political festival, addressed a message to Colonel Mendieta asking him to occupy his post of honor with the Liberals "at this moment of danger."

A meeting of the Cabinet is announced for the 19th. It is believed that the principal object of this meeting is to present the new Secretary of Public Works to the other members of the Cabinet, although it is hinted that prosecution against members of the Army at Santa Clara for rebellion, will also be discussed.

Mayor Cuesta announces his intentions of cooperating effectively for the solution of the water problem of Habana. He intends to visit the President shortly. He has also stated that as soon as the Project is forwarded to the Ayuntamiento by the Department of Public Works, he will call for bids for the improvements necessary on the Vento Water Works.

This paper continues to publish the requests received by Gonzalez Beauville to withdraw the resignation of his nomination.

Letter from Carlos Miguel de Cespedes denying the report published to the effect that Machado had ordered the nomination of Cano; Machado had nothing to do in the matter, and left his friends to act with absolute liberty in the matter of Cano's nomination.

EL HERALDO (Sept. 16th) - An article very unfavorably commenting upon the intentions to lease the Vento Water Works to a foreign entity. It is said that the "Foundation Co"., of New York, has made an offer, but with an essential condition: that the lease be for a term of 99 years. Celso Cuellar will enter into negotiations with the Congressmen to obtain the derogation of the Law which prohibits the lease of the Aqueduct. A commission of $6,000,000.00 will be distributed by Cuellar, but the article states that the bribe will amount to 20 millions.

EDITORIAL, commenting upon the crisis of the Political Parties, as shown by the fact that Machado made a pact with Dr. Zayas a group of "Populars"; Pino Guerra entered into an intelligence with Wifredo Fernandez, member of the Conservative Party in the Province of Pinar del Rio, and the understanding reached between Menocal and prominent members of the Liberal Party. In reality, there have never been political parties in Cuba, due principally to the lack of grave problems.....

Article stating that General Menocal, in his desire to please Colonel Carrillo, Chief of the Military District of Santa Clara, will give a place to his brother Guillermo Carrillo, for Representative, in the Conservative ticket of Santa Clara. It also states that the Senatorial nominees of the Conservative Party, will be as follows:

Pinar del Rio: - Pino Guerra and Wifredo Fernandez;
Habana: Gonzalo Perez and Alonso Castañeda;
Matanzas: Salvador Guedes and J. R. Jones;
Santa Clara: Manuel Rivero and Diaz Pardo;
Camaguey: Aurelio Alvarez and Lopez Recio, and
Oriente: Juan Gualberto Gomez and Felix del Prado.

Article stating that Menocal, in his electoral tour, will try to win the sugar planters and mill owners to his side, in order to obtain the votes of their workingmen. The followers of Menocal are trying to frighten the Liberal Party with the threats of a revolution after November 1st, if Machado is elected

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LA PRENSA (Sept. 16th) - Under the heading of "Program of Secretary Carrerá, this paper refers to a conference held by the new Secretary of Public Works with the Reporters. Carrera stated that he had conferred at length with Chief Engineer Cuellar in connection with the bad conditions of the streets of Habana, and the best way to keep the city clean. Chief Engineer Cuellar promised to submit a report to Carrera, who, in turn will take the matter up at the next meeting of the Cabinet, which will be held next Friday, and request the necessary appropriation. - Carrera has also conferred with the Chief Engineer of the Province in connection with the repair of some important roads, such as the road to Santiago de las Vegas and the road from Guines to Matanzas, and will also take up this matter at the next meeting of the Cabinet. - The Secretary of Public Works has given the necessary orders for the immediate termination of the Provincial Institute of Habana, the University, the Malecon, and the embellishment of the Maceo Park.

At a conference held yesterday afternoon between Dr. Pedro Pablo Kohly and the President of the Republic, the latter promised to solve the matter of the tax of four per cent within a week or so, thereby fulfilling the promise made to the merchants and industrial men, to suppress said tax.

EL MUNDO (September 17th) - Under the title of "HONEST ELECTIONS AND ACCEPTANCE OF THE WILL OF THE MAJORITY" - the editorial comments very favorably upon the attitude assumed by President Zayas to give guaranties to both candidates that the elections will be legal and that the Government will remain absolutely impartial.

DIARIO DE LA MARINA (Sept. 17th) - The Rotary Club will initiate a campaign in favor of the solution of the water problem of Habana, and the representatives of different entities have been called for a meeting to be held on the 18th, to discuss said problem.

EL TRIUNFO (September 17th) -According to a recent decision of the Central Electoral Board, 73,863 electors have been excluded from the Electoral Registers. This paper states that the two contending parties have equally suffered the effects of the provisions of the Code. The measure is said to be legal, but has an absurd basis, contrary to the laws and the Constitution. When the Electoral Code was prepared under the supervision of General Crowder, the provisions of Article 102 were introduced, with a view of preventing frauds, but the authors of the provision failed to make a proper calculation of the number of Cubans who become of electoral age every year. It also gives some examples tending to show that said provision of the Code is unwarranted. The principal point, however, is the unconstitutionality of Article 102, because the Constitution of Cuba provides that every Cuban, male, upon reaching his 21st year, has the right to vote.....

EL PAIS (Sept. 16th) The Provincial Executive Committee of the Liberal Party of Habana, refused to accept the resignation presented by Mr. Gonzalez Beauville, of his nomination.

A news article announcing the publication of a new daily paper "La Tarde", edited by Bartolomé Sagaró.

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HERALDO DE CUBA (Sept. 17th) - Article very unfavorably commenting upon the concession which the Ayuntamiento intends to grant for the zoning of the only space available for parks near and around Habana. The project, which is called "Ensanche del Vedado", is a grafting scheme, and it is up to the Provincial Governor to study carefully this illicit concession which has been approved by the Ayuntamiento in violation of the Municipal Regulations.

In view of the recent decision of the Provincial Assembly of the Liberal Party, and yielding to the request of personal friends, Mr. Gustavo Gonzalez Beauville has finally decided to withdraw the resignation of his nomination in the Liberal ticket.

The editorial comments in a favorable manner upon Machado's platform. -
Another editorial comments upon the necessity of a prompt solution to the water problem of Habana.

EL HERALDO (Sept. 17th) - Section entitled "OPINIONS", comments upon the immoralities in the Municipality of Habana, and refers to Mayor Cuesta as a common criminal who makes improper use of the public funds in complicity with the Municipal Councilmen. It also asks whether the timae has not arrived for the residents of Habana to adopt an attitude of frank rebellion and manly protest against the Ayuntamiento of the Capital of the Republic.

The "Tribunal of Three" appointed by the National Association of Veterans and Patriots, believes to have found out the person who denounced the existence of the army tanks. The accusations are directed against Miguel H. Trujillo, Mayor of San Antonio de las Vegas, one of the four persons who new the secret. Everything seems to indicate that he furnished the information to the authorities, through fear that Menocal might get possession of the tanks and use them for his political purposes. Those who know the secrets of the proceedins believed that Trujillo will be sentenced to death.

"Are you blind, Colonel Despaigne?" - Letter from Carlos Perez Diaz, who signs it as President of the Provincial Council of the Veterans and Patriots, in answer to one received from Colonel Despaigne, stating that he will not support General Menocal as a presidential candidate, so long as it may not be proved that the terrible charges brought against him are false; that if General Menocal really wants honesty, peace and welfare in the country, why does he not suggest that Despaigne be the candidate?; that a despot who had an absolute disregard for the Constitution and the laws, can offer no guaranties at all, etc.

Irregularities in the Department of Public Works. - $850,000. of the appropriation for "Port and Bridges" have disappeared in 75 days of the fiscal year. - The position of Sandoval was so difficult, that the same day in which Carrera took possession of office, Sandoval tried to obtain $60,000.00 to balance the expenses. In the absence of a Law of Basis to guarantee the Budget of this year, the appropriations for certain services are disappearing. The appropriations are not divided into twelve equal parts, but are taken out in one single lump sum.

The new Secretary of Public Works granted the first "sinecure" 24 hours after he was in possession of his new office, in the form of an appointment as Legal Adviser, signed in favor of Mario Pereira, a son of the General Comptroller of the Republic.

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Telegram from Pinar del Rio, stating that the Populars under the leadership of Ibrahim Urquiaga, and the Mendietists under Representative Del Pozo, have presented an appeal asking that the Provincial Assembly of the Liberal Party be annulled, giving as a reason that out of the 15 delegates which formed the exact quorum, those from San Cristobal and Artemisa did not answer when the roll was called.

LA PRENSA (Sept. 17th) The President has signed a Decree accepting the resignation presented by Francisco Ibern, to whom a pension will be granted, Oscar P. Fernandez Auge was appointed in his place.

Section entitled "DEL MOMENTO" - Unfavorably commenting upon the provisions of Article 102 of the Electoral Code, regarded as unconstitutional. The enforcement of said provision has deprived 73,863 electors of the right to vote.

Telegram from Santiago de Cuba, stating that a political meeting was held at the "Maceo Club", at which Juan Gualberto Gomez made a speech explaining why he joined the Conservatives. After his speech, some friends showed him a loose-sheet against him, signed by Soto Barranco (a Liberal). After reading said sheet, Gomez said: "The opinion of Mr. Soto, and that of his Chief, General Machado, differ greatly as to my person. I must not be so bad when General Machado, only four days ago, promised to give me the Portfolio of Public Instruction if I refused to accept the senatorial nomination in the Conservative ticket of Oriente."

LA NOCHE - (Sept. 17th) - Telegram from Santa Clara, stating that none of the soldiers who took part in the last revolution will be sentenced to death.

EL PAIS (Sept. 17th) - Article stating that the exportation of molasses will be prohibited, though this might give rise to a conflict with the United States. However, the prohibition is necessary, in view of the scarcity of molasses for the Cuban alcohol industry. This conflict is attributed to negligence on the part of the Department of Agriculture.

EL MUNDO - (Sept. 18th) - The editorial comments very unfavorably upon the project of urbanization of the lands situated between Vedado and Cerro, stating that said tract of land should be devoted to parks , and that the concession granted by the Ayuntamiento is very censurable, and does not give much credit to the members of the Municipal Council of Habana.

The President has signed a Decree granting an appropriation of $200,000.00 for the termination of the aqueduct, sewers, and paving of Camaguey.

DIARIO DE LA MARINA (Sept. 18th) - A memorial referring to the water problem of Habana, has been delivered to President Zayas by the Rotary Club.

Letter from Dr. Miguel Angel de Aguiar, to Antonio Gonzalez Mora, Director of "El Mundo", criticizing a recent Editorial which appeared in "El Mundo" declaring that said paper is in favor of Machado. The actions of General Menocal during his incumbency are bitterly criticized in said editorial, and Mr. Aguiar states that he is surprised at the sudden change of front of said paper, because it never criticized a single action of General Menocal during his Administration.

A decree has appeared in the Official Gazette annulling all the appointments signed by Mr. Sandoval as Secretary of Public Works from Sept. 1st to the date of his removal.

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HERALDO DE CUBA (Sept. 18th) - The President has resumed his conferences at Finca Maria. The Secretary of the Treasury called on Dr. Zayas, and discussed with him the necessity of appointing more personnel for the Division of the Tax of One Per Cent. A meeting of the Cabinet has been announced for tomorrow.

Referring to Machado's trip of electoral campaign through the Island, this paper states that the hearty reception accorded to Machado and his followers at every place they touch, shows that his victory is assured.

"The contractors of the dredging of the Isle of Pines, continue to swallow the gold of the people" - This article states that as the appropriation for this scandalous concession has been exhausted, Messrs. Mahoney & Co. are moving their influences to obtain new appropriations. It also states that this is a good opportunity for Secretary Carrera to show whether he really means to moralize his Department, asking him to cancel this outrageous contract.

EL HERALDO (Sept. 18th) - Declaration made by Colonel Carlos Mendieta to a Reporter of "El Heraldo" - He said, among other things, that he would never accept any offer made to him by his opponent; that he cannot blame the Liberal masses for having failed to be the presidential nominee; that he is of the opnion that the Liberal people have defined their attitude selecting him as the favorite in the last struggle, but that said people cannot be held responsible for the errors of their leaders or for the unjust manner in which they acted. He has firmly decided not to break his retreat, and he has adopted this resolution because he understands that in the present atmosphere of corruption, it is impossible to carry out the purposes of rectification which the country needs for its progress and welfare.....

Benito Lagueruela has initiated a strong campaign against the new Secretary of Public Works. It is affirmed that President Zayas refused to sign the appointment suggested by Carrera, in favor of Mario Pereira, as it is in contravention of the provisions of the Electoral Code. It is generally believed at the Palace that Carrera will soon prove to be a failure.

The Cuban Government will prohibit the exportation of waste molasses from Cuba. The rumors to the effect that the American Embassy had intervened in this question, are denied in this article.

EDITORIAL, bitterly criticizing General Menocal, stating that he cannot be elected President.

LA PRENSA (Sept. 18th) - To-day's meeting of the Rotary Club was devoted to the water problem of Habana. The new Secretary of Public Works, Dr. Carrera, was present as a special guest. Carrera announced that the repairs of the streets of Habana will commence tomorrow.

MANIFESTO issued by a group of Mendietists, requesting their comrades not to appoint anybody to confer with Machado. After criticizing Machado very bitterly for his pact with Zayas, the Manifesto ends as follows: "Liberals of honor and of pride: remain in your position, as we will soon vindicate ourselves. Liberals: Use your Machete against Machado, as this will be your political resurrection."

LA NOCHE (Sept. 18th) - A large group of members of the Popular Party intend to appoint a commission which will demand from Celso Cuellar to present his resignation as President of the Popular Party.

General Crowder conferred to-day with the Secretary of

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State, and "discussed matters pertaining to his Office."

EL MUNDO (September 19th) - Letter from Civil Engineer Enrique J. Montoulieu, addressed to City Chief Engineer Cuellar, stating that the water problem of Habana has been amply discussed, and it is now high time to make room for the laborers who will do the work. Since the year 1917, the expert Mr. Allan Hazen gave the formula and stated what is needed to accomplish the work which is so urgently needed.

The following appointments have been signed by the President, in the Cuban Diplomatic Service:

Minister to Uruguay:..... Mr. Recaredo Garcia;
Venezuela: Dr. Rafael Gutierrez;
Central America: Emilio Casany;
Santo Domingo: General Piedra;
England: Guillermo Leblanch
France: Carlos Armenteros;
Switzerland & Holland: - Hector de Saavedra;
Italy: Miguel Angel de la Campa.

DIARIO DE LA MARINA (September 19th) - EDITORIAL, commenting upon Article 102 of the Electoral Code. The writer does not consider that the provisions of said article are detrimental or inconvenient; on the contrary, he believes that its sense of foresight is useful and convenient. The large number of electors excluded gives rise to the suspicion that imaginary registrations exist. It is also very significant that while in Matanzas and Pinar del Rio only about seven thousand electors were excluded, the ~~exclusions~~ in Camaguey, which is the smallest electoral Province, the registrations annulled reached the sum of 11,000. It is also striking that the largest political parties (Liberal and Conservative) have remained indifferent, when the enforcement of said Article would naturally affect them in a higher degree. It is true that said Article, undoubtedly has some aspects of unconstitutionality. But the appeals of unconstitutionality are often turned down by the Supreme Court for some omission of form, and the essential point is seldom decided upon. Besides, the repeal of Article 102, as unconstitutional, would destroy the foresight and prudence of its provisions, and would leave the field open to the greatest frauds. The writer does not recommend a Congressional amendment, but that the Central Electoral Board should adopt a resolution establishing the proper interpretation of the provisions of said Article 102, with a view of freeing it from its unconstitutional aspect.....

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1. Enclosed will be found brief summaries of news articles and editorial comment of the Havana Press for September 22 and 23.

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September 23rd (Morning)

HERALDO DE CUBA (Sept. 22) - Cable despatch from Washington announcing that American manufacturers and politicians who are interested in the molasses question, consider the prohibition to export molasses from Cuba as an act of hostility against the United States. It is also stated that the American Government is taking steps to lift the prohibition.

According to a report published by the Associacion de Hacendados y Colonos, the American exports to Cuba amounted, during the fiscal year 1922-23, to $163,498,014.00; and during the fiscal year of 1923-24, $192,304.954.00. - The American imports from Cuba, during the year 1922-23, amounted to $374,865,908.00; and during the year 1923-24, $359,505,497.00.

EL HERALDO (Sept. 22) - Article referring to the speech made by the President of the Senate, Dr. Aurelio Alvarez, last night at the Conservative Club. He said that President Zayas showed his lack of patriotism when negotiations were in progress for the contracting of the fifty-million-dollar loan; that he was present as Congressman at one of the conferences held at the Palace between President Zayas and General Crowder; that Zayas was very anxious to obtain the loan from Wall Street, contrary to the opinion maintained by the majority of the members of Congress and General Crowder himself, the latter being in favor of floating an interior loan. Alvarez also referred to General Crowder's memoranda; and also criticized bitterly the Municipal Administration.

Article by Gustavo Gutierrez criticizing the Veterans and Patriots who now defend Menocal's candidature.

An article stating that a new account in the name of Alfredo Zayas y Alfonso was opened last Saturday in the Royal Bank of Canada, with a first deposit of $145,000.00 "which shows the saving virtues of the Old President."

LA PRENSA (Sept. 22) - Acting Provincial Governor of Habana, Antonio Ruiz, has vetoed the project of "Ensanche del Vedado", or zoning of the lands situated between Vedado and Cerro.

Summaries of the speeches made by Antonio Gonzalo Perez, Aurelio Alvarez, Ricardo Dolz and Mendez Capote, at the last meeting of the Conservative Party held in the National Theatre.

EDITORIAL entitled "ENCOURAGING SYMPTOMS" - Favorably commenting upon the participation of business men in politics.

LA NOCHE" (Sept. 22) - The Fiscal of the Supreme Court has impugned certain points of the recourse of unconstitutionality presented against Article 102 of the Electoral Code, although he acknowledges the unconstitutionality of the provisions of said Article.

EL MUNDO (Sept. 23) - Text of a telegram sent by Alberto Barreras to Acting Governor Ruiz, stating that the victory of the Liberal Party is assured in five Provinces: Habana, Matanzas, Santa Clara, Camaguey and Oriente.

Cable despatch from Washington (by Associated Press) - It has been learned that Ambassador Crowder has been authorized to protest against the possibility of prohibiting the exportation of molasses belonging to American citizens.

DIARIO DE LA MARINA (Sept. 23) - The Department of State has sent a communication to the Secretary of the Treasury reminding him that the introduction of Chinese immigrants is prohibited in Cuba. As large numbers of Chinese immigrants have arrived recently, showing

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passports issued on May 8th (date of the Decree of Prohibition), the Secretary of State has sent a cablegram to the Acting Consul at Hong Kong asking him not to issue any more passports. At the same time, it has been arranged with the American Foreign Office to have the American Consul at Hong Kong take charge of the archives of the Cuban Consulate until a new Consul is appointed.

A Decree has been published in the Official Gazette prohibiting the importation of vegetables, with the exception of potatoes from the Canary Island and all vegetable products from the U.S.

EDITORIAL entitled "PENDING PROBLEMS" - Commenting upon Machado's platform, pointing out some of the urgent problems not ~~xxxxxxxx~~ included in said platform, and others included which are impossible to carry out. The editorial states that Menocal's platform, on the other hand, embodies all the rectifications and solution of the problems demanded by the people.

EL PAIS - (Sept. 22) - Account of a meeting held by the Veterans and Patriots of the Province of Santa Clara, at which it was resolved to combat Menocal.

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September 24,1924 (Afternoon)
September 25th (Morning)

HERALDO DE CUBA (Sept.24) - Dr. Orestes Ferrara has said in Oriente that the victory of the Liberal Party on November 1st will be as great as that obtained in 1908 when Jose Miguel Gomez was elected.

Five Provincial Governors (Barreras, Zayas Bazan, Mendez Peñate, Barcelo and Cronlier) gathered in Oriente, have made declarations to the effect that the Provinces of Habana, Matanzas, Santa Clara, Camaguey and Oriente will give an ample and strong majority to the Liberal Patty; that the victory of the Liberal Party will constitute the victory of the people of Cuba; that the Liberal Party, with Machado in the Presidency of the Republic, will undertake a fruitful constructive work, building up the public Administration on bases of honesty and in compliance with public duties.

An article stating that Mendez Capote is not an elector; he has never exercized the right of suffrage, and has failed to obtain his "cedula" (or voting card).

This, and other papers publish the text of the Memorandum submitted to the Department of State, by the Department of Agriculture, on the molasses problem.

The Cuban Chamber of Commerce has forwarded to he Department of Agriculture the request of the Cuban distillers for a reduction of railroad freight rates on molasses.

EDITORIAL entitled "IN DEFENCE OF CUBAN WEALTH" - Criticizing the attitude assumed by the molasses exporters for having appealed to the American Government, instead of settling the matter here with the Department of Agriculture, and expressing the hope that the Washington Government will not intervene in the matter.

EL HERALDO (Sept. 24) publishes in the front page, in flaring headlines, that the United States is trying to commit another abuse against Cuba, referring to the problem of the restriction of molasses exports. As there is, naturally, no principle of International Law on which to base its contention, the United States cannot invoke but one Law: the Law of the Strongest.

An article stating that the strike in sugar mills has come to an end, and resulted in a complete victory of the laborers. In view of the successful results obtained, it is believed that the laborers of other sugar mills will present identical conditions of improvement.

Article very unfavorably commenting upon the recent decree issued by the President of the Republic appropriating the sum of $200,000.00 for the repair of the streets of Habana, stating that said Decree is illegal.

Article unfavorably commenting upon the appointment of 40 "botelleros" for the Department of the Treasury.

The followers of Menocal are said to be preparing a strike of Telegraph Operators to take place in November, with the view of placing obstacles to the transmittal of electoral information; but the Department of the Interior has been informed in time, and takes measures to avert the strike.

EL MUNDO (Sept. 25) - Editorial, favorably commenting upon the statements recently made by the Economic Corporations of Cuba of not taking part in the present electoral struggle in favor of any of the candidates.

At a meeting held yesterday by the National Board of Sanitation, the problem of the Nationalization of the aqueducts was discussed. A report will be submitted to the President, which the latter will use for his message to Congress requesting said nationalization.

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September 26 (Morning)

HERALDO DE CUBA (Sept.25) - Lord Robert Assield, the new General Manager of the United Railways of Habana, arrived yesterday. He has been appointed to fill the vacancy left by General Jack.

Commenting upon the molasses problem, this paper states that ten distilleries have already been compelled to close down their plants, and urges the Government to solve the problem at once.

The commercial and industrial elements continue their campaign of "nationalization", and a large number of merchants have declared their intention of becoming Cuban citizens.

Cable despatch from Washington, stating that the beet sugar manufacturers are urging President Coolidge to confirm the high tariffs on sugar.

Dr. Tamayo's motion tending to the nationalization of the aqueducts of Habana and Santiago de Cuba, has been approved by the Acting Secretary of Sanitation. If President Zayas approves it, the matter will be submit to Congress in a message.

EDITORIAL, regretting the resignation presented by Dr. Viriato Gutierrez, of his nomination as Representative in the Liberal ticket.

The Department of Sanitation thinks that the epidemic disease which has made its appearance in Baracoa, is dysentery. Fifteen cases have already been reported, with two deaths. Efforts are made by the Department of Sanitation to check said disease.

The National Association of Telegraph Operators will request the dismissal of its President, Mr. Alicio Ortiz, as he is believed to be in connivance with the Menocalists to declare a strike in the electoral period.

The Ship Carpenters and Calkers demand an increase in salaries, and threaten to go on strike. The Labor Intelligence Commission is taking active steps to prevent the strike. - Demands made by the laborers.

EL HERALDO (Sept. 25) - Accusations made against the relatives of President Zayas, and other Zayists, of being engaged in the white slave traffic.

The Government suspects that the train in which Menocal will make his trip of propaganda will also serve to prepare a conspiracy, and that the strings of a vast plot have been discovered. The article also states that prominent officers of the Army will soon be transferred to other posts: Pujol will come to Habana, Quero will be sent to Oriente, Cepeda to Camaguey, and a leave of absence will be granted to Carrillo.

LA PRENSA (Sept. 25) - Dr. Betancourt, President of the Supreme Court, is said to have held "a long and secret conference with President Zayas."

Section entitled "DEL MOMENTO" - Quoting an article signed by "A.B.G." (Asociación de Buen Gobierno) pointing out the contrast between the Platforms of Menocal and Machado, tending to show that Menocal's platform is much better than that of Machado.

Letter addressed by Elizardo Maceo Rizo to President Zayas, informing him that a conspiracy is on foot in various towns of the Province of Santa Clara by Chiefs of Military Posts in connivance with Liberal elements, to attack the Conservatives and Mendietists during their electoral tour, and asks the President to take the necessary measures to avoid bloodshed.

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September 27th (Morning)

HERALDO DE CUBA (Sept. 26) - The strike of ship carpenters and calkers continues. The workers do not want to yield, and the ship-builders, in turn, trust that the matter will be settled by the Labor Intelligence Committee.

Meeting of the Executive Committee of Civic Association of Merchants and Industrialists. A resolution was adopted, among others, to declare that the Association does not support any given candidate, and that it has no connections either with the Conservative or the Liberal Party; that its intentions are highly patriotic, and their only interest is to obtain the aggrandizement of the country.-More applications are received of merchants who desire to declare their intentions to become Cuban citizens.

Article stating that the Police has discovered the existence in Habana of a Central Office engaged in the White Slave Traffic, with branches in several important European cities.

According to reports received by Dr. Lopez del Valle, the epidemic of dysentery in Baracoa has caused more deaths.

EDITORIAL, commenting upon "THE SUGAR TARIFFS AND THE ELECTORAL CAMPAIGN IN THE UNITED STATES."

Rumors of a possible disturbance of the peace in Santo Domingo to prevent the Liberals from going to the polls on November 1st.

EL HERALDO (Sept. 26) - Cuesta, the Mayor of Habana, and Cisneros, the President of the Ayuntamiento, are actively making preparations for a special session of the Municipal Council to approve the concession of the "Ensanche del Vedado" (Zoning of the lands situated between Vedado and Cerro). This scandalous deal, which was vetoed by the Acting Governor of the Province, is said to represent $15.000,000.00, and the members of the Municipal Council have been bribed with the sum of $200.00 each to approve the concession.

Cartaya and LLerena are planning a scandalous deal in the Department of Communications. It is said that bills for supplies paid last year, will be presented as corresponding to the present fiscal year, by merely changing the dates, and this will enable them to dispose of $500,000.00 of the funds now deposited in the Treasury.

In spite of the secrecy maintained, it has been learned that the Department of State has received a Note from the English Charge D'Affaires denouncing certain abuses committed by the Police of Ciego de Avila against British subjects (Jamaicans). The complaint has been referred to the Department of the Interior, and a Supervisor will probably be appointed to investigate thecase, although the Jamaicans are always responsible for the action taken against them.

General Menocal has sent the first remittance of $200,000.00 to Oriente to finance the electoral campaign of the Conservative Party. This paper states that said amount will be used to purchase electoral cedulas from Liberal electors.

"El Heraldo" advances the information that it will shortly commence to publish a new section devoted to labor conflicts, having appointed a special reporter to gather the information. The article states: "We now have a strike of ship calkers, several other strikes announced by different unions, strikes in sugar mills, some settled, and others

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in course of preparation about which grave reports are received.."

Sugar mill owners who are now facing, pratically all over the Island, the problem of the recognition of the delegates from labor unions in the sugar mills, maintain an uncompromising attitude, and refuse to accede to the just demands of the laborers. This is the cause of the strike in Central "Moron". - An important meeting was held by the workers of the Cuban Northern Railways, at which a resolution was adopted to lend their most decisive support to the laborers of Central Moron. - A period of 72 hours has been granted to the mill owners to recognize the delegates. If they fail to do so during the period granted, the Union of Laborers of the Cuban Northern Railways and the workers of sugar mills in the districts of Moron and Ciego de Avila will declare the strike.

LA PRENSA (Sept. 26) In spite of the secrecy maintained, it has been learned that political disturbances have taken place in Santo Domingo, and that the Mayor of said town has been hastily called to Habana to confer with the Secretary of the Interior.

Section entitled "DEL MOMENTO" favorably commenting upon the article written by Dr. Aurelio Hevia in defence of General Menocal, against the accusations made by his political opponents, which article appears in this same issue.

The President has signed a Decree appointing Mr. Charles A. Douglas, Consulting Attorney of the Cuban Embassy in Washington, in the place of Dr. John H. Carroll.

Article written by Dr. Aurelio Hevia in defence of the actions of General Menocal during his first four years of Administration, refutes some charges made against Menocal in Liberal papers, and sets forth the constructive work accomplished during said period.

LA NOCHE (Sept. 26) - Editorial, favorably commenting upon a recent article published in "La Lucha" in connection with the molasses problem, and expresses the hope that the President will settle the question in a discrete manner so as to avoid international complications.

An article stating that the uncompromising attitude of the ship builders prevents the settlement of the strike of the calkers.

First Lieutenant Manuel Tuero y Alvarez, has been appointed Military Supervisor in Ciego de Avila.

EL MUNDO (Sept. 27) publishes a telegram from Cardenas stating that the Collector of Customs ordered the seizure of a ship which was about to leave for the United States with 22 clandestine immigrants on board.

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HERALDO DE CUBA (Sept. 27) - Cable despatch from Washington stating that President Coolidge had made a spontaneous declaration to the effect that very little opposition had been made to the reduction of duties on sugar, and therefore it is believed that the reduction will be effected. On the other hand, the beet sugar manufacturers have intensified their campaign against the reduction.

This paper comments very favorably upon the very enthusiastic reception given to the Liberal candidates on their return from their electoral tour.

EL HERALDO (Sept. 27) - An article stating that the Government is some times in favor of the Liberals, and others in favor of the Menocalists. Iturralde is accused of making transfers of officers of the Army in an indiscreet manner, and Zayas hands the money of the Lottery to his friend Menocal. The friends of the Palace are at a loss to understand the mysterious plans of President Zayas. Most of the money used by Menocal for his electoral campaign comes from the Department of the Lottery.

Declarations attributed to Colonel Mendieta in which he denies having made, or authorized anyone to make, any electoral pacts; that when his friends appealed to him for advice, he told them to act as they wished, but told them that he was a Liberal; and that consequently, nobody has any right to invoke his name for any pacts.....

The Central Elecoral Board, in a recent resolution, has accepted as good the electoral ticket presented by the the Provincial Assembly of the Liberal Party.

LA PRENSA - (Sept. 27) - General Menocal has issued a Manifesto protesting against the partiality of the Government, stating that President Zayas pays no heed to the complaints lodged by his representatives. He declines all responsibility for anything which may occur during his electoral tour, and states that he has made up his mind to make the trip trusting in the energetic devotion of his followers and allies, and in the protection which the Constitution and the Laws can still offer.

La Prensa has learned that the Correspondents of Liberal papers will endeavor to get hold of the telegraph lines during the electoral tour of General Menocal, and thereby prevent to sending of reports of said trip. In case the plans of the Liberals is carried out, La Prensa requests its correspondents to use the long distance telephone.

The Labor Intelligence Committee is in permanent session, trying to find a solution to the strike in the ship-yards.

Among the persons who will accompany General Menocal in his electoral tour, are: Aurelio Alvarez, President of the Conservative Party; Dr. Ricardo Dolz, President of the Republican Party, General Cebreco, Colonel Despaigne, Colonel Aurelio Hevia, Mr. Elicio Arguelles, Miguel Surarez, Dr. Raul Menocal; Representatives Santiago Verdeja, Miguel Angel Aguiar, German Lopez, Manuel Castellanos; Dr. Rafael Maria Angulo, Carlos Alzugaray, Governor Herryman of Pinar del Rio, Sergio Carbo, Representatives of the Asociacion de Buen Gobierno and of the Asociacion de Hacendados y Colonos. Labor Leader Gervasio Sierra, Doctors Cue, Villiers, Raimundo Menocal and Adolfo Nuñez de Villavicencio; Senator Rosendo Collazo, The Captain of the Port of Habana, Mr. Armando Andre; Commander Coyula, and others.

Editorial, favorably commenting upon the intervention of Merchants and Industrialists in the political struggles.

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EL MUNDO (Sept. 28) - "GENERAL MACHADO AND THE ELECTORAL EXCURSION OF GENERAL MENOCAL" - General Machado, who has just returned from his trip of electoral propaganda, "showing an exquisite political skill" has sent the following telegram to Mayors and Governors of the Provinces of Matanzas, Santa Clara, Camaguey and Oriente: "Consistent with my deep rooted principles of political cordiality and love among all Cubans, I recommend through you to all the Liberals of that Province to behave within the traditional wisdom and respect for our adversaries, which has always been the norm of conduct of our great Party, in the coming celebrations organized by the Conservative Party by reason of the excursion of General Menocal during his political propaganda, thereby avoiding the repetition on our part of the disagreeable events which took place in Guantanamo, where, when our parade passed in front of the Conservative Club, extemporaneous shouts in favor of their candidates were heard, with the natural dangers of the case."

Telegram from Simon Reyes announcing that the laborers of the sugar mills owned by the Cuba Cane Company have gone on strike. The Manager of Central "Jagueyal" has presented his resignation because he is fully in accord with the petition of the laborers. Great excitement prevails, and disturbances are feared. Reports have been received that the workers of Cuba Northern Rys. will declare s sympathetic strike.

Telegram from Jagueyal (Sept.27th) - stating that the strike was declared at 10:30 A.M. - The laborers demand the recognition of their Union, and a fortnightly pay.

Telegram from Baracoa stating that the epidemic of dysentery is having alarming proportions; six deaths occurred in a few hours yesterday.

DIARIO DE LA MARINA (Sept. 28) - The Manifesto issued by General Menocal protesting against the partiality of the Government, also appears in this paper.

Article protesting against the compulsory installation of water-meters, in spite of the opinion of the National Board of Sanitation contrary to the use of said water-meters.

EL TRIUNFO" - (Sept. 28) - Article very unfavorably commenting upon the Manifesto issued by General Menocal. Menocal wants to start a revolution, which the people would quash immediately, and he would have to pay very dearly for his insane purposes.

EL COMERCIO (Sept. 28th) - Information has been obtained to the effect that the President of the Republic will solve the molasses problem prohibiting the exportation of 12% of the stocks on hand at the present time, which 12% will be sold to Cuban distilleries at present market prices.

LA LUCHA (Sept. 28) - Article commenting upon the Molasses question, in reply to a letter said to have been written by the Secretary of Agriculture to Mr. Hernandez Guzman, Editor of "La Lucha". General Betancourt is told that he is so busy taking care of two Departments of the State, that he has had no time to acquaint himself with all the details of the molasses problem. La Lucha promises to give him further detailed information in future articles.

HERALDO DE CUBA - (Sept. 28) - Article by Gonzalez Beauville very unfavorably commenting upon the Manifesto issued by General Menocal, and states that Menocal now foresees his defeat, but that he is a lion without teeth which does not frighten anybody.

EL HERALDO - (Sept. 28) - According to a report submitted by the Judicial Police, General Menocal has distributed many arms among

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his followers, and is planning to overthrow the present Government. The report also states that the political excursion of General Menocal is of a revolutionary character, and contains the names of all those mixed in the conspiracy, who will be arrested before the plan is put in practice. The revolution is said to be financed by Wall Street bankers, and it will be a repetition of other revolutions in Latin-American countries. The National City Bank has already delivered $200,000.00 to the Conservative Candidate.

EL MUNDO (September 29) - The epidemic of dysentery in Baracoa caused seven deaths yesterday. The residents of Baracoa are justly alarmed.

It was rumored last night that shots had been fired at the excursion train of General Menocal, but no confirmation of the rumors could be obtained in official circles.

EL TRIUNFO (September 29) - This paper states that Menocal loaded 200 rifles and 40 cases of ammunition in his excursion train; that as he is convinced of his inability to win at the polls, he wants to start a revolution. Menocal and his friends also know that they could not sucessfully carry out a revolution, but they at least trust that an American intervention will take the place of the Cuban Government. The article further states that the Government relies on the absolute loyalty of the Army and of the Rural Guard, and on the absolute adhesion of the people. Further commenting upon the political excursion of Menocal, El Triunfo states that the Menocalists will not even try to hold any political meetings in small towns as they are afraid of not having any people to listen to their speeches, but the Conservatives will concentrate all their forces in the capitals of Provinces. The Liberal people could wipe out and destroy all the Menocalists in 24 hours, if the Government only permitted them to do so.

In another article it is stated that Menocal took with him a group of assassins to use as bullies.

DIARIO DE LA MARINA (Sept. 29) - Activities displayed by the Department of Sanitation to check the epidemic disease of Baracoa. The gunboat "20 de Mayo" has been ordered to proceed from Santiago de Cuba to Baracoa with medicines on board. The Local Head of Sanitation has been authorized to appoint all temporary employees which may be necessary.

Article entitled "FOR THE PUBLIC PEACE". It begins by stating that the present electoral campaign is beginning to have a dangerous aspect, and that certain newspapers, with an absolute disregard for the most elementary duties of patriotism, are now stirring up all resentments and hates of the past, with the purpose of producing a clash between the two contending parties. This unpatriotic propaganda, which even forgets the delicate international situation of Cuba, refers to wholesale slaughters of Jamaicans to try the machine-guns of the Army, at a time when certain complaints of the British Government are still pending. The country is being dragged to a very dangerous incline, and Diario de la Marina makes an appeal to all to make a stop in this insane race toward perdition...

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Cuban Press on Events of the Day

(Translations)

HATRED IN POLITICS

The following remarks are from La Discusion:

"Wifredo Fernandez, in an article recently published, says that 'the Liberal party, like the savages who devour the flesh of the dead, is desecrating the graves of the fallen in order to use their remains as a banner in their political campaign.'

"It is, indeed, very regrettable that the Liberal party should stir up feelings of hatred in order to propagate their doctrines. This is their main argument in the speeches delivered even by their most eminent orators, and in the articles published even by their most respectable newspapers. This argument merely consists of horrible things said or written against the personality of General Mario Menocal. All their fury is directed against him. He is the only one villified. They call him a 'tyrant.' And this epithet is applied to him because there was a small number of dead and wounded in the February revolution, which was organized for the purpose of driving him from power. The dead were only four. A bloodless revolution can hardly be conceived. But let us listen to the fine, biting irony of Wifredo Fernandez:

"'Four coffins daily pictured in the newspapers are not sufficient to make us believe that Cuba went through a bloody period of tremendous tyranny.'

"'What kind of tyranny was that?' the future historian will ask. 'What kind of a tyrant was that who never ordered an execution, as is customary in some countries of Spanish America?' A tremendous military movement was plotted against the government of Menocal, a government recognized by all the world, not excluding the United States. Did they want the chief executive of that government to cross his arms and quietly surrender himself to the enemy, as was done by Estrada Palma? Menocal defended himself and triumphed. He was a magnanimous victor. He acted as, under similar circumstances, no other Spanish executive would have acted. Let us again read the words of Wifredo Fernandez:

"'It would also be just to publish the photographs of the defeated, covered with honors, of those who arrived at hospitable shores, of those who in the hour of need were protected by the very same man whom they now call a tyrant.'

"And also the following: 'I repudiate that conduct which poisons the national atmosphere.'

"The editor of Diario de la Marina, commenting upon 'the admirable' article written by Wifredo Fernandez, says: 'Wifredo has clearly seen the ridicule and risk of this political campaign around the cemeteries. A ridiculous campaign, indeed, in which it seems that the living, not having sufficient courage to oppose the advancing General, conjure up the dead and beg them to rise and defend them.'

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"This campaign of hatred is, after all, quite conceivable. The Liberals do not fear the Conservative party; they fear the Conservative candidate. They see that, in spite of this campaign, the General, as Rivero says, is 'advancing.' A few days ago a prominent Liberal, talking with a friend of his about the electoral campaign, expressed himself in the following terms: 'In spite of our five Liberal governors, in spite of our 91 Liberal mayors, in spite of the campaigns of our two Heraldos, the old and the new, and the campaign of El Sol against Menocal, I have many misgivings, because he is a man to be feared. My fears and misgivings were accentuated from the moment I saw Zayas, with all the resources of the government at his disposal, retire from the strife for the presidency, stepping back, not on account of the Liberal candidate, but—such are my suspicions—because he had in front the Conservative candidate.'

"We think, moreover, that this campaign of hatred, of harming Menocal, is beneficial to him. Such persons as are capable of thinking independently, without mechanically adopting the opinions of the newspapers, will clearly see that they call him a tyrant because he did act as a coward, fleeing before the enemy in 1917, because he knew how to defend himself, because he knew how to maintain the authority and the prestige of the government against a military and political sedition; because he never wavered when he faced the revolutionary tumult, because when he emerged victorious from the struggle he never ordered an execution, never sent his enemies to exile, never sent them to jail, never seized their properties. Governors like this are those needed for the defense of the great and permanent interests of all communities. Men of this temper and fibre are those we need in these Spanish-American countries, so prone to convulsions and revolutions.

"This will be the logical reasoning of those possessing real mental autonomy. These persons will shrug their shoulders and ironically smile when they hear that Menocal was a tyrant because he defended himself against a military revolt and because, as a natural consequence, a few citizens died. 'A rose water tyrant,' said a Mexican speaking to us. 'If Cubans really want to know what constitutes a real tyrant, let them read the history of Don Porfirio, of Dr. Francis, of Rosas, of Lili, of Garcia Moreno, of Castro, of Jose Vicente Gomez. After Cascaje there was no retaliation. There was no vengeance. Only pardons and amnesty. In our country your Menocal would not be called "Marius Rex," but "Marius the Magnanimous."'"

IT IS THE WILL OF THE REPUBLIC

The above is the title of yesterdays editorial in El Triunfo, of which a translation follows:

"Only the deaf and blind can at this stage of the campaign fail to admit the sure triumph of the Liberal party, a positive and overwhelming victory which nothing can prevent. Five provinces has responded most eloquently, and there can be no doubt, no fear of any unforeseen event likely to snatch the victory from our hands.

"The accounts published in the newspapers only give a very faint idea of the superb demonstration of popularity which the Liberals found during their excursion throughout the island. Only those who personally witnessed the constant explosion of enthusiasm with which the excursionists were received can have an idea of the reality. The people of Cuba support the Liberal party and are anxious to see Machado in power, because they expect from him many necessary reforms.

"More than ten years have elapsed since the Liberal party was the predominant and triumphant factor in our public life. We were misgoverned during eight years by General Menocal and his advisers, and the series of sad events which were the consequences of that prolonged administration are too well known. After that Dr. Alfredo Zayas, although he has maintained Liberal principles and has observed, to a certain extent, a praiseworthy conduct, has not governed with the Liberals, because, under the special circumstances by which he has been surrounded, he has been obliged to hear the advices and indications of his Conservative counsellors.

"The country wishes and needs a Liberal government to resume the good work commenced by Dr. Zayas. The present incumbent restored the civic liberties, elevated the credit of our financial department, and there are now surplus millions where formerly there was only poverty and ruin. But he has not been able to undertake certain reforms because he had to remedy, in the first place, disastrous conditions, and also because Congress, composed chiefly of friends of Menocal, did not help him.

"The coming Liberal government is destined to render very efficient services to the country. It is not only the desire of the people but the convenience of the country that General Machado should ascend to the presidency. And he will surely be our next President, if the frantic demonstrations of sympathy with which he has been received everywhere can be accepted as an indication."

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HERALDO DE CUBA (Sept. 29) - Article by Gonzalez Beauville in which he states that not all the Conservatives are bad, and points out to Dr. A. Chardiet, candidate for Representative in the Conservative ticket, as one who deserves the votes of all good citizens.

This paper states that Menocal took with him in his political excursion about 100 men of the lowest classes, mostly criminals, properly armed, who are to be used to defend him in case of an aggression from the Liberals. - Other articles bitterly criticizing the political excursion of Menocal and his followers.

General Rafael Montalvo is said to be making an electoral propaganda against General Menocal.

Article commenting upon the labor conflicts in sugar mills, stating that in view of the importance of the same and the damages which they might cause to the country, the authorities must intervene and try to settle the conflicts before the next crop begins.

ELHERALDO (Sept. 29) - Article stating that the arms and ammunitions purchased by Colonel Despaigne for the Veterans and Patriots, were never turned over to the Association of Veterans and Patriots after Despaigne had resigned as Treasurer; but that now said arms and ammunition are being mysteriously acquired by the Menocalists.

Section entitled REFLEXIONES, commenting upon the fact that the political excursion of General Menocal marks the beginning of the defeat of the Conservatives at the polls.

In order to make some kind of a show in Santa Clara, the Conservatives made a concentration of forces in the capital of that Province. - In order to obtain some applauses, the political orators of the Conservative Party had to mention the name of Menocal's train dieta. At Jicotea, black flags were waved when Menocal's train passed.

El Heraldo addresses some of the persons who were connected with the movement of Veterans and Patriots, asking them to answer some questions, such as the following: "Do the Veterans and Patriots really exist at present?" "What is your opinion with respect to the present moment of our public life?" "Do you think you can continue struggling for the regeneration of Cuba?" "In case you consider that the campaign of regeneration must be continued, what action do you recommend, the civic, the political or the revolutionary action?".....etc.

The epidemic disease at Baracoa continues to have alarming proportions. The slow action of the Department of Sanitation is bitterly criticized.

Dissatisfaction exists among the Motormen and Conductors of the Havana Electric Railway Light and Power Company, and have submitted some claims, granting a period of 72 hours for a decision. They complain of the tactless manner in which the Inspectors act; that many of said inspectors are incompetent for the office they hold; they protest against their frequent suspension from office, and finally make an appeal to all their comrades to put a stop to the abuses committed against them.

LA PRENSA (Sept. 29) - Telegram from Santa Clara complaining against the attitude of the telegraph operators of Santa Clara who refused to accept messages from Correspondents of Habana papers referring to the reception accorded to General Menocal in said city. It is generally believed that the telegraph operators had received orders from their superiors to act in that way.

The Liberals fired at an excursion train running between Placetas and Santa Clara.

LA NOCHE (Sept. 29) - The strike of ship carpenters and calkers, continues. The Labor Intelligence Committee is expect to meet this afternoon to try to find a harmonic solution to the conflict. The workers of ship-yards have received communications from many labor organizations offering them their support.

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A political discussion which degenerated into a tragedy. In Palma Soriano a member of the Municipal Police killed a man. (Their respective political affiliation is not mentioned).

EDITORIAL entitled "DISTURBING ECHOES" - Unfavorably commenting upon the spirit of disturbance prevailing in the present political campaign.

The plans and specifications of the Central Highway were submitted to President Zayas this morning. It is the desire of Dr. Zayas to commence the work as soon as possible.

EL MUNDO (Sept. 30) - The Secretary of the Municipal Court of Gibara was killed yesterday in a fight over political questions.

In Baracoa, a sergeant of the Army killed the citizen Eladio Castellanos. The tragedy is attributed to political reasons, and the appointed of a Supervisor is earnestly requested.

In Jatibonico, a man was seriously wounded in a fight over political questions, and the appointment of a Supervisor is also requested "to guarantee the lives of honest citizens."

PALACE NEWS: General Machado, accompanied by Messrs. Agustin Cruz and Clemente Vazquez Bello, called on Dr. Zayas yesterday.- The President has signed a Decree appointing Dr. Carlos Manuel de Cespedes to represent Cuba at the coming celebrations in Key West, granting an appropriation of $2,000.00 for his travelling expenses. - Captain Raimundo Ferrer Arias has been appointed Cuban Military Attache in Rome.

DIARIO DE LA MARINA (Sept. 30) - Declarations made by Colonel Despaigne. He states, among others things, that he did not join General Menocal in his political excursion, because he had to attend to urgent business in Habana; he resigned as Treasurer of the Association of Veterans and Patriots, but he has not been informed of the appointment of his substitute; he is of the opinion that the Supreme Council hold a meeting to discuss the reorganization; he regrets that the present electoral campaign may be carried on in an impassioned manner, etc.

After a long conference with the President of the Republic, and in accordance with the opinion of the Secretary of Sanitation, Dr. Lopez del Valle has decided to go to Baracoa, accompanied by Dr. Simpson and other chemists to try to check the epidemic disease which is rapidly spreading in said city.

EDITORIAL, favorably commenting upon the activities displayed by Secretary Carrerá for the repair of the streets of Habana.

"Diario de la Marina", "La Prensa", "La Noche" and "El Comercio" publish full accounts of the hearty reception accorded to the Conservatives at all points en route. On the other hand, "Heraldo de Cuba", El Heraldo" and "El Triunfo" state that the Conservatives are having a very cold reception.

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HERALDO DE CUBA (Sept. 30) - Great importance is attributed by this paper to the political meeting held by the Liberal Party in the Barrio de Monserrate, which showed the strength of the candidates of the Liberal Party in this City.

A banquet in honor of General Machado was given last night at the Plaza Roof Garden, by Messrs. Carlos de la Rosa, Caldwell and Lombard, these last two candidates for Representatives in the Liberal ticket.

A satisfactory settlement is expected to-day in the problem of shortage of molasses. The molasses exporters will probably supply the alcohol manufacturers with the 5 million gallons they need. Secretary of Agriculture Betancourt is very optimistic on the matter.

Doctor Zayas has definitely returned to the Palace.

EDITORIAL, commenting upon the fact that the electoral statistics show that the Conservatives have never won an election alone, tending to prove that the Conservatives cannot win at the coming elections against the Liberal-Popular Coalition.

EL HERALDO (Sept. 30) - Commenting upon the political excursion of General Menocal, this paper states that the Liberals will win in the Province of Santa Clara by a majority of over 7,000 votes, and further affirms that in said Province all the electors are Liberals. The presence of General Menocal in Santa Clara has brought back to recollection his outrageous actions while he acted as President of the Republic, and his new aspirations have produced so much fear that all the scattered forces of the Liberal Party have joined it again to combat him. This paper has obtained information from a very reliable source to the effect that the American Government is following the development of political events very closely, and in view of the new aspect of the electoral campaign, which has become very excited, said American Government has sent "Overseers" or Inspectors to Santa Clara Camaguey and Oriente, and will send detailed reports to their Government from said strategic places. American overseers will also be sent to the Western provinces of Cuba.

The House of Representatives was to hold a session yesterday to approve the creation of new school rooms, but no quorum could be obtained.

"El Heraldo" has opened a public subscription for the dedication of a statue in Camaguey to the memory of General Gustavo Caballero, who is said to have been assassinated by order or Menocal during the revolution of February, 1917. - $908.00 have already been collected.

Article stating that Mr. Adolfo R. Arellano, President of the National Federation of Road Education, has sent a circular to the economic corporations of the Island and to all members of Congress containing an outline of the project for the creation of a new territorial tax and an issue of bonds the product of which will be used exclusively for the construction, maintenance and repair of a system of roads, and the Constitution of a National Commission of Highways which will have special and ample powers to accomplish the work. The special funds for the construction of highways shall consist of: Custom House duties on automobiles and accessories; Custom House duties on gasoline and a special tax on permits for the circulation of automobiles and chauffeurs' licences, besides the special territorial tax. This project envolves the issue of bonds up to the sum of $250,000.000.00, and will be guaranteed by the solvency of the Republic, the territorial tax, and all other incomes not pledged to other loans.

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LA PRENSA (Sept. 30) - General Alberto Herrera, Chief of the General Staff of the Army, held a long conference with the President yesterday. It was a secret conference, but it has been learned that they discussed the attitude which the Army is to assume in the coming elections, in accordance with the purposes of the Government to remain neutral. - Secretary Iturralde also conferred with the President regarding the appointment of Military Supervisors in various parts of the Island.

Telegram from Santa Clara stating that General Guzman has made important declarations based on data which he has in his possession, showing the majority of votes which the Conservatives will obtain in 17 municipalities of the Province of Santa Clara, and this assures the victory of General Menocal at the coming elections . - Other telegrams from Santa Clara referring to the success of the political meetings held by the Conservatives there.

Section entitled "DEL MOMENTO" - commenting upon the fact that the forces of Machado have been weakened to a great extent in the Province of Santa Clara, while Menocal has won many followers in that Province. That those who predicted that the City of Santa Clara would be draped in mourning to receive Menocal, were greatly mistaken.

The Labor Intelligence Committee held a session yesterday, but it was unable to settle the strike of ship carpenters and calkers. The salaries demanded by the laborers ($5.30 for first class carpenters and calkers, and $4.50 for second class laborers) were rejected.

LA NOCHE - Sept. 30) - Third article on the molasses question, in reply to the statements made by the Secretary of Agriculture, tending to show that the Cuban alcohol manufacturers have really used more molasses than they claim, and refers to the large quantities of alcohol exported to the little Island of Saint Pierre de Miquelon.

MANIFESTO, signed by a large group of persons, launching the idea of paying a national homage to the illustrious Cubans Varona and Sanguily. The following appear among the members of the Organizing Committee: President: Antonio Sanchez de Bustamante; Vice Presidents: Rafael Montoro, Enrique Hernandez Cartaya; Treasurer Julio Villoldo, etc.

DIARIO DE LA MARINA (October 1st) - News of the epidemic outburst in Baracoa. The cases are increasing in number. Doubts exist as to whether it is an epidemic of dysentery or of cholerine.

Account of a meeting held yesterday in the Department of Public Works to discuss the water problem of Habana. Steps will be taken to solve the problem very soon. The Municipality of Habana and the Department of Public Works will work in accord. The first thing to be done will the impounding of new springs.

EL MUNDO (Oct. 1) - EDITORIAL making an appeal to all Cubans to depose their political passions in order that the coming elections may be held in a peaceful and quiet manner; and that the Government should show its impartiality in the highest degree.

List of the countries which have sent their adhesion the Pan-American Conferences to be held in Habana next months, including those which have already appointed delegates; and also list of the countries which have failed to send their adhesion as follows: United States of America, Colombia, Mexico, Guatemala, Costa Rica, Santo Domingo, Salvador, Bolivia and Ecuador.

According to a recent decision of the Central Electoral, the "Partido Laborista" (Labor Party) cannot appear in the ballots at the coming elections.

EL TRIUNFO (Oct. 1)- This paper states that the Government will act energetically against the members of the Army who take part in the present electoral struggle. - It also refers to the rumors that the menocalists are planning to take the provincial government of Santa Clara by assault.

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HERALDO DE CUBA (Oct. 1st) - Five hundred bullies of Menocal armed with rifles and revolvers and amply supplied with ammunition marched in a war-like manner yesterday against Esperanza, as if trying to take this Liberal stronghold by assault. Only an accident prevented a bloody clash, because the Liberals awaited their adversaries perfectly intrenched and armed to the teeth. At the present time the Province of Santa Clara is converted into a very dangerous store of explosives which is likely to blow up at any moment. - Roberto Mendez Peñate, the Provincial Governor of Santa Clara, has adopted the necessary measures to prevent a disturbance of the peace.

General Machado confers with the Liberal Mayors of the Province of Habana in connection with the present electoral campaign. Machado was highly pleased with the interview, and he considers that the victory of the Candidature of Regeneration is assured.

Yesterday Machado offered a banquet to those who accompanied him in his recent excursion.

The hasty departure of Dr. Lopez del Valle and other prominent officials of the Department of Sanitation, confirms the belief that an epidemic of cholera of a benign character has made its appearance in Baracoa.

High officials of the Department of Public Works held an important meeting yesterday, to discuss the water problem of Habana. Ten gangs will be put to work immediately to repair the broken pipes and to avoid wastes. The $500,000.00 granted by the Municipality of Habana to improve the Vento Canal will be spent for impounding new springs. Architect Broderman is in favor of the reduction of the tariff on water-meters.

EDITORIAL, very unfavorably commenting upon the electoral excursion of General Menocal.

Another editorial commenting upon the epidemic outburst in Baracoa, due principally to the negligence of the Sanitary authorities, but commenting favorably upon the activities displayed by the Director of Sanitation, Dr. Lopez del Valle.

The President of the Republic signed a Decree yesterday granting an appropriation of $34,437.63 to wipe out a deficit existing in the Street Cleaning Bureau (Depart. of Public Works). The deficit only dates back several months, in spite of the fact that the streets are only cleaned at night, having suppressed the day-gangs.

EL HERALDO (Oct. 1st) - Section entitled "REFLEXIONES", quoting a letter written by Gustavo Gutierrez to Colonel Manuel Despaigne complaining of the statements contained in the last paragraph of the declarations recently made by Col. Despaigne, apparently intended to hurt the feelings of Gutierrez, who asks Despaigne for an explanation. It also quotes Despaigne's answer charging Gutierrez with having failed to account for certain sums entrusted to his care while acting as Treasurer of the Association of Veterans and Patriots. -Gutierrez replies in insulting terms, stating that Despaigne has not wanted to turn over the money held by him, basing himself on reasons of "quorum" which do not exist in the by-laws of the Association, and that he does not consider himself as alluded to in the declarations made by Despaigne.

This paper has big red headlines stating that an epidemic of cholera exists in Baracoa, and requests the Sanitary authorities to make a careful study of the grave and mysterious disease which afflicts Baracoa, and to tell the people the exact truth, no matter how bitter it may be.

And article telling Machado that it is high time to stop giving and accepting banquets, and start the real organization for the coming elections, because without organization, the victory is not possible.

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The attitude of the Menocalists in the town of Esperanza is bitterly criticized. This paper states that they tried to force to Mayor of said town to follow them, which he refused to do. The Mayor was formerly in favor of Menocal but is now in favor of Machado. After the Menocalist drove through the town firing their guns, they were driven out. It is now rumored that the Mayor will be assassinated.

The acts of violence committed by the Menocalists in the Province of Oriente, has created a state of anxiety. Some officers who have mixed in the electoral struggle will be brought to the "School of Application". Military Supervisors will be appointed wherever their presence is considered necessary.

Article unfavorably commenting upon the celebrations which will take place in Key West. Judging by certain information obtained, the "Cuban Week" in Key West will result in a great failure, due to the absolute lack of organization. Old Revolutionary Emigrants and reporters have been put out of the hotels to make room for "botelleros" of the Palace.

Gonzalez Clavel affirms that the Liberals will win the elections in Oriente by a majority of over eight thousand votes.

Telegram from Puerto Padre, stating that the Machadists and Mendietists of that town have united to defeat the Menocalists.

EDITORIAL, commenting upon the policy of waste followed by Menocal during his incumbency, stating that if he is elected again he will revive his former methods.

"Foreign companies despoil the Cubans purchasing their sugar mills at from one to eight thousand dollars each" - Article commenting upon the sale of Centrals "Washington" and"San German" and the negotiations carried on at present for the purchase of Central "Australia", and this paper states that they are all frauds prepared in complicity with high officials of the Judiciary and of the Public Administration to take away those important sugar mills from their real owners. The Vice Presidential candidate, Dr. Domingo Mendez Capote, is said to have intervened in these crooked deals.

A complete list of the candidates of the Liberal Party in the Province of Pinar del Rio who will appear in the ticket for the coming elections.

LA PRENSA (Oct. 1) - The President has signed a Decree appropriating the sum of $5,000.00 for the expenses of the Cubans who went to Panama, on their return trip, because they refused to return on board the "Maximo Gomez". Another Decree was signed appropriating the sum of $27,000.00 for the re-installation of several Cuban Legations abroad. - Another Decree appropriating $6,000.00 for the re-installation of several Consulates. - The President also signed a Decree appropriating $69,069.00 for the embellishment of the Maceo Park.

An article favorably commenting upon the editorial published in "El Mundo" of to-day asking that the elections be absolutely quiet and absolutely legal. "La Prensa" sincerely believes that such will not be the case because the Government is not showing absolute impartiality.

Menocal sent a telegram to Dr. Mendez Capote asking him to lodge a protest against the arrest of a sergeant of the Army accused of having embraced Menocal on his arrival in Matanzas.

LA NOCHE (Oct. 1) - Lieut. Vidal Morales has been appointed Military Supervisor in the town of Perico (Province of Matanzas.

Telegram from Santa Clara stating that over 8,500 horsemen took part in the parade in honor of General Menocal. - The Mayor of the town of Esperanza refused to grant a permit to the Menocalists to hold a meeting there, whereupon German Lopez at the head of a large group tried to force his way into the town, but Menocal recommended prudence and wisdom saying that the Conservatives should be the first to avoid disagreeable incidents, and Lopez withdrew from the town.

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The Department of Sanitation denies the existence of an epidemic of cholera in Baracoa, stating that the local authorities failed to take proper measures against the epidemic of dysentery, allowing it to spread out.

The labor conflict in the sugar mills is likely to cause a strike. The abuses committed by the Manager of Central "Stewart" has caused great indignation among all the laborers of Cuba. The Railroad Brotherhood and other labor organizations are in touch by telegraph, to declare a general strike. This paper states that the Government must take energetic measures to avert the conflict, asking that the Manager of Central "Stewart" be punished, because, like a new Weyler, he has ordered a concentration of laborers in the "batey" (the factory and houses around it) of said sugar mill.

EL PAIS (Oct. 1) - The trip of the "Maximo Gomez" to Panama has served to prove the uselessness of said ship. The Cubans who went to Panama have been compelled to return in another boat. The Cuban transport is not fit for navigating in foreign waters.

EL MUNDO (October 2) - Declarations made by Dr. Clemente Vazquez Bello as President of the Liberal Party. In the first paragraph, he states: "I am leaving for the Province of Santa Clara, where I intend to remain during all the month of October, and I affirm that we will win the elections if the votes are to decide the contest; but if violence is to decide the question, we will also win, because we have the largest numbers, and right is in our favor," and also states that the purposes of the Liberals are: "Respect for all, confidence in our popular forces, and an irrevocable resolution to repeal violence with a greater violence, if our political adversaries carry us to this state of electoral disturbance....."

General Francisco Carrillo, Vice President of the Republic, is now seriously ill in Santa Clara.

DIARIO DE LA MARINA (October 2) Commenting upon the political excursion of General Menocal, this paper states that eleven thousand persons escorted General Menocal when he arrived in Sagua la Grande. A group of 150 Mendietists offered their decided support to General Menocal for the coming elections. An excursion train which left Encrucijada for Sagua, had to be detained en route, because some criminal hand had detached some rails off the track.

An interview with Lord Ashfield, in which he refers to certain improvements projected by the United Railways of Habana, including the construction of some lines.

Article stating that Dr. Antonio Sanchez de Bustamante has been honored with the appointment of First Vice President of the European Institute of International Law, which is the highest distinction which can be conferred upon a foreigner in the Old Continent.

EDITORIAL commenting upon EDUCATIONAL PROBLEMS, pointing out certain deficiencies in the Normal School and in the Kindergarten Schools. It states that Congress must modify the Law so as to permit the enrollment of all those who may prove to be fit to join the Normal School, especially at this time when Cuba is so much in need of good School teachers.

The Secretary of State called at the Palace yesterday, to confer with the President in connection with a visit which he had received from Ambassador Crowder. It is generally believed that Ambassador Crowder called on Dr. Cespedes to discuss certain matters connected with the electoral struggle.

It is almost certain that a meeting of the Cabinet will be held tomorrow.

The Secretary of the Interior informed the reporters that the Batabano strike had been settled, and the workers returned to work.

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EL TRIUNFO (October 2) refers to the rumors of a possible disturbance of the peace in Moron, because the Menocalists are planning to assault the Liberal and the Popular Clubs, as well as the Municipal Elector Board. The immediate appointment of a Military Supervisor is earnestly requested.

Article favorably commenting upon the decision of the Chief of Police of Habana to inflict severe punishments on the members of the police force who intervene in the electoral struggle.

This paper states that when Menocal passed through the town of Esperanza yesterday, he had to be escorted and protected by forces of the Army.

Several articles bitterly commenting upon the excursion of General Menocal, and the cold reception he is receiving at all places.

EL COMERCIO (October 2) - Article stating that the problem of molasses must be urgently solved by the Government. It is now said that the exporters are willing to deliver 5 million gallons, but that this will only serve to alleviate the situation, but not to remedy it. The article further states that the monopolizers of molasses are now shipping that product as fast as they can.

At a meeting of the Associacion de Hacendados y Colonos held yesterday, the molasses question was discussed. Mr. Osorio, in the name of Secretary Betancourt, gave a detailed explanation of the problem, and stated that it did in no way affect the Hacendados and Colonos.

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HERALDO DE CUBA (October 2) - Article commenting upon the visit of General Crowder to Secretary Cespedes, stating that the former called to obtain information in connection with the political campaign and the epidemic disease which has made its appearance in Baracoa. The article also states: "The revolutionary threats of the Menocalists have put even General Crowder on the move, but the Ambassador and the rest of the Cubans can be at ease, because the people of Cuba, from one end of the Republic to the other, condemn any revolutionary attempt and also condemn General Menocal who caused so great and lamentable misfortunes to the country during his last years of Government."

EDITORIAL entitled "THE MENOCALISTS ARE RESPONSIBLE AND PROVOKING", commenting upon the recent events at the town of Esperanza, and stating that violence is the favorite system employed by the Menocalists.

Another editorial unfavorably commenting upon the slow way in which President Coolidge is handling the question of the sugar tariffs, which contrasts greatly with the hasty decisions which have always been the characteristic of the Washigton Government; and stating that President Coolidge knows more about politics than about sugar.

EL HERALDO (October 2) - The Menocalists were planning a great electoral fraud in the Provinces of Santa Clara and Oriente, but the plans were discovered in time, and in view of a denunciation presented by Dr. Vazquez Bello, the Central Electoral Board has adopted the necessary resolutions to avoid it. The idea was to make a double set of electoral ballots to fake the results of the elections in different places.

// Persons who called on the President yesterday, have afterwrds commented upon the impression of President Zayas at present in connection with the political problem, which may be summarized as follows: the Government is aware of the fact, and convinced, that the elements who follow General Menocal try to rise in arms and create a state of revolution in the country, which, placing the sovereignty in danger, may obtain the postponement of the elections...//.....

Article by Orosman Viamontes, Member of the Supreme Council of the Association of Veterans and Patriots, refuting certain chargesmade against members of said Association, by Colonel Despaigne in a recent letter to Dr. Gustavo Gutierrez. - Despaigne is accused of having been the principal obstacle in the revolution prepared by the Veterans and Patriots.

Article very unfavorably commenting upon the actions of the Department of Sanitation, and the total failure of Doctor Porto as Secretary of said Department.

Complications may arise in the strike of Central Moron with a general movement on the part of railroad men which would greatly aggravate the conflict. The Managers of sugar mills emphatically refuse to recognize the delegates from the labor Unions. The families of the strikers are ousted from their houses. The railroaders will support the strikers of Moron. - Other news in connection with the strike in sugar mills.

LA NOCHE -Representative Manuel Castellanos said in Santa Clara that General Menocal is in favor of the approval of a permanent Law providing for the prompt payment of the bonuses to public employees.

President Zayas has sent for General Machado for a conference to be held at 4:00 P.M. to-day, to discuss with him important matters connection with present situation.

EDITORIAL entitled "THE ARMY AND ELECTIONS" - Making an appeal to the Government to see that the members of the Army do not meddle in politics.

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"La Noche" publishes the following article: "ALARMING REPORTS - Despite the secrecy maintained, we have been able to learn that the Government is receiving alarming reports signed by Liberals and by Conservatives, from the interior of the Island. Among said reports, there is one from the Governor of Camaguey, wherein he states that General Menocal, when he arrives at that Province on his trip, intends to use energetic or disturbing measures which he--Zayas Bazan--is ready to repel."

Secretary of the Presidency Lecuona informed the reporters to-day that from now on, and until after the first of November, the President will not receive anyone unless an interview is previously and specially granted, as he is very busy attending to matters connected with the elections and the maintenance of public peace.

EL MUNDO (October 3) - EDITORIAL very favorably commenting upon the declarations made by Dr. Clemente Vazquez Bello, President of the Liberal Party to the effect that the Liberals are decided to see that the votes of the people will decide the elections.

Telegram from Baracoa referring to the epidemic of dysentery. Nineteen new cases were reported yesterday.

According to a resolution adopted by the Central Electoral Board, inspectors will be appointed to oversee the printing of ballots for the coming elections.

The Secretary of Justice has sent a circular letter to the Fiscal of the Supreme Court and to the Fiscals of the Audiencias reminding them of the obligation they have to see that the right of suffrage is freely exercised, and that no cohersion should be used. (Diario de la Marina)

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October 4th (Morning)

HERALDO DE CUBA (Oct. 3) - Commenting upon the molasses problem, this paper states that over 15 million gallons of molasses were shipped during the month of September, which reduces the available quantity in Cuba to only 34 millions, and that if the Government does not hasten to promulgate the decree restricting the exports, all the distilleries in Cuba will soon be compelled to close down.

The Secretary of the Interior and the Chief of the General Staff of the Army conferred with President Zayas yesterday, in connection with the appointment of Supervisors in places where disturbances of the peace are feared.

EDITORIAL, denying the rumors spread out by the Menocalists to the effect that the entire Army is in favor of the election of General Menocal. There may be some isolated cases of officers who obtained promotions during the Administration of General Menocal, but the Army as a whole will remain neutral at the approaching elections.

Article by Ramon Vasconcelos commenting upon the electoral methods employed by the Menocalists, and reminding the Liberals that they must be alert because their traditional adversaries will resort to all means to combat them. He also states that Liberals are superior in numbers, in enthusiasm and in disinterestedness, but the Conservatives are some times superior in organization and discipline. Vasconcelos also states: "Let us be fully prepared for the decisive moment. Violence must be repelled with violence. Let us reject any threat, denounce any illegality and accept the battle in whatever field they may present it to us, in order that the blow may be hard and decisive."

EL HERALDO (Oct. 3) - Referring to gambling and corruption in Habana, "El Heraldo" publishes the following article: "Public morals is one of the things which our authorities disregard the most. It is true that there is a member of the President's family accused of being engaged in the white slave traffic, and that the highest officials of the Government are the most decided friends and protectors of gamblers who exploit the people before the eyes of the police. But as if this were not enough, a cabaret is being operated --the "Galatea"-- which is a real center of corruption, and where men who love dancing, by merely paying ten cents can have a dance with girls of from fifteen to sixteen, whom the owner of the cabaret uses as 'bait'. Jose Maria de la Cuesta, instead of ordering the suppression of said cabaret, which is the center of the greatest immoralities, protects it, as if it were the place where the Councilmen hold their meetings. It is true, however, that he receives a certain sum of money every day for his amiable tolerance."

"IF YOU WANT PEACE, BE PREPARED FOR WAR" - Article by Gustavo Gutierrez unfavorably commenting upon the methods of violence employed by the Conservatives. That if the Menocalists change their methods, the electoral struggle will immediately come back to its peaceful and friendly channels; but in the meantime, even though General Machado may recommend cordiality, it would be well for the Liberals to follow the example of the Conservatives, and wherever the latter use violence, the former must do the same, because in peace as well as in war, anybody who yields one step is lost. The Liberals must be ready for any emergency and in any field, even though some of their leaders may give themselves over to the delights of the table and of applause....

"FRAUDULENT BANKRUPTCY OF THE AYUNTAMIENTO" - Article stating that in spite of the fact that the Ayuntamiento collected over two million dollars during the last quarter, there is no money to pay the salaries of employees. Three quarterly payments are still owed to the holders of bonds and coupons of the Second Mortgage

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Text of the letter of invitation sent out by the Committee in charge of the reorganization of the Veterans and Patriots (signed by Loynaz del Castillo, Muñiz Vergara, General Llaneras, Dr. Manuel Secades, General Lara Miret Major Hernandez Rivero and Dr. Juan Ramon Xiques) for an important meeting to be held on Sunday morning. The letter states that a group of members of the army of liberation desire to adopt a certain line of conduct in connection with the march of present events, but that they do not wish to adopt any resolution until they hear the opinion of some of their prominent compatriots. The persons who sign the letter consider that it is perhaps better to direct the march of events in a certain way so as to make easier the work of regeneration. Corruption still prevails, and some action must be taken. It further states that some conflict may arise before, during or after the elections which may endanger the institutions and even the sovereignty of Cuba; and it becomes necessary that at that moment of confusion and chaos, a group of good and disciplined men put an end to the great evils and initiate a new era of Republican life, orderly and worthy.....

Telegram from Moron stating that the Conservatives are resorting to all kinds of tricks to annul the majority of the Liberals, and are distributing voting cards among the farmers, which cards have no validity as they have been annulled in accordance with the provisions of Article 102 of the Electoral Code. The telegram also states that the members of the Municipal Police of Moron are acting as electoral agents at the service of Menocal, and points out the convenience of appointing a Military Supervisor.

LA PRENSA (Oct. 3) - Dr. Domingo Mendez Capote held a conference with the President. Dr. Mendez Capote informed the reporters that he was an old friend of Dr. Zayas and that he had only paid him a visit of courtesy. - General Herrera, Chief of the General Staff of the Army, held a long conference with the President. Secretaries Menet, Portela and Porto also called on the President.

Cable despatch from Washington. It is believed that the Government of Cuba will insist in the revision of the present Treaty of Reciprocity with the United States, shortly after the November elections.

The parade held in honor of General Menocal at Sagua la Grande surpassed all expectations.

LA NOCHE (Oct. 3) - General Machado called on President Zayas to complain against Menocal and Hevia as they are trying to kindle the spirit of insubordination in the Army. Machado told the reporters that he has proofs of the accusations he made, because he has seen letter from General Menocal and from Dr. Hevia addressed to members of the Army. - Mendez Capote, and General Herrera, Chief of the General Staff of the Army, also conferred with the President.

Cable despatch from Washington:

EL MUNDO (Oct. 4) - Secretary Hughes has selected Surgeon-General Hugh S. Comming, of the Department of Health, to head the American Delegation to the Pan-American Conferences which will be held in Habana between Nov. 5th and Nov. 15th. - Other members of the American Delegation will be: Richard H. Creel, of the Department of Health; Walter G. Campbell, of the Department of Agriculture, and Dr. Francis Patterson, of Philadelphia, an expert of industrial hygiene.

Cable despatch from Atlanta, announcing that the Pan-American Commercial Congress will urge the American Congress to ratify the Hay-Quesada Treaty on the Isle of Pines.

Account of the Cabinet meeting held yesterday. The President referred to the present electoral period, and said that the struggle was being carried on without any lamentable incidents, although with the natural complaints from both contending parties. He assured that the Government continues to maintain an absolute impartiality protecting the rights of all and looking after the proper compliance

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with the laws in force. He also stated that he understands that public officials are not deprived of the right to make statements of a political nature and to give their opinions in that respect; but that it would be censurable, and he would try to prevent it, if they ever tried to use their offices for purposes of propaganda and cohersion in favor of any of the political tendencies. The members of the Cabinet reported on matters corresponding to their respective Departments.

Dr. Porto has returned from his trip, and has again taken charge of the Department of Sanitation.

DIARIO DE LA MARINA (Oct. 4) - Commenting upon the excursion of the Conservatives, this paper states that in spite of the threats which had been made, Menocal marched into the town of Esperanza at the head of nine hundred horsemen, and was enthusiastically hailed. - The trip from Santa Clara to Trinidad was like a triumphal march.

The following Military Supervisors were appointed yesterday: Major Rogelio Jimenez Fuste, for Santa Clara; Lieu. Jose R. Prado, for Esperanza; Lieu. Armando Nuñez Parajón, for Santo Domingo, and Angel Más Ortíz, for Gibara.

EL TRIUNFO (Oct. 4) - Telegram from Quemados de Guines stating that three worthy Liberals were shot at by elements of the lowest class at the service of Menocal. The appointment of a Military Supervisor is urgently requested.

The following commentary appears in the section "Puntos y Comas:" - "

"'La Discusion" publishes the following report:

'Yesterday, the Secretary of State interviewed Dr. Zayas to inform him, so it was assured, that General Crowder, Ambassador of the United States in Cuba, had called on him to obtain details relating to the procedure of the Mayor in the town of La Esperanza, an affiliate of the Liberal Party, who prohibited the holding of a meeting of the Conservatives in that locality.'

We did not know that the American Minister was representing Menocal's interests before Dr. Zayas."

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HERALDO DE CUBA (Oct. 4) - Telegram from Baracoa announcing that ten new cases of dysentery and one death were reported during the last 24 hours. Four were reported as cured during the same period.

Confidential letters recently received from Sancti Spiritus announce that the Menocalists are planning electoral frauds to win the elections, and a Senator and a Representative are said to be implicated. Said gentlemen --the article states-- have offered as much as ten thousand dollars for the delivery of the seals and documents of electoral colleges to them. "Heraldo de Cuba" promises to make a careful investigation and disclose all the crooked plans.

After a conference between the new Secretary of Public Works and Pablo Urquiaga, Chief Engineer of Civil and Military Constructions, it was announced that Secretary Carrera will ask for the necessary appropriations to terminate the works of the University of Habana.

Dr. Orestes Ferrara left last night for Santa Clara, and will take charge of the campaign of the Liberal Party in that Province, and especially in the district of Cienfuegos.

Rumors hafe circulated in sugar circles to the effect that the strike in sugar mills of the Cuba Cane Co., is due to political purposes. The Asociacion de Hacendados y Colonos will make an ample investigation in connection with these rumors.

Editorial, favorably commenting upon the steps taken by school teachers to obtain from Congress the approval of the Law creating one thousand new school rooms.

The dismissal of Dr. Molinet from the Management of Central "Chaparra" is due to the intrigues of the Menocalists. A certain Mr. Brooks has been imported in his place, so that he will win the elections in the district of Puerto Padre. Mr. Brooks is said to be one of those "experts" who often intervene in Central-American electoral conflicts.

EL HERALDO (Oct. 4) - Irregularities in the Department of Public Works. The contract for the works of embellishment of the Maceo Park, was awarded in an illegal manner, and Secretary Carrera is implicate in the deal, as he has signed a contract unlawfully awarded.

Doctors Millard and Pedraza sent a telegram from Santa Clara to Colonel Mendieta informing him that certain persons who falsely called themselves Mendietists were taking advtange of Mendieta's present attitude, making public statements in favor of Menocal, and asking Mendieta to deny such statements. To this telegram, Mendieta answered as follows: "Read my declarations published in the "Heraldo" of Sep. 27th. My Liberalism is irrevocable, and any pact attributed to me either with Zayas or with Menocal is false and defaming." - The statements to which he refers appear again in this issue.

The American Embassy has requested a commercial entity to furnish the Embassy with a detailed report of the strikes in Cuba. It is believed that information was requested by the Commercial Attaché of the U. S. to include it in the report which he submits to the Department of Commerce of the U.S.

LA PRENSA (Oct. 4) - Doctors Mendez Capote and Dolz conferred with President Zayas this morning, and although they did not make a formal protest, the expressed their regret for the transfers of officers of the Army, which they consider as very dangerous at the present moment.

EL PAIS (Oct. 4) - Article favorably commenting upon the petition of the Rotary Club to permit the entry of Gasolina free of Custom House duties.

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DIARIO DE LA MARINA - (Oct. 5) - Declarations made by Secretary Porto after his return from the United States. - He visited the Baltimore Water Works, and as a result of the impressions gathered by him, he is greatly in favor of the installation of water-meters in Habana. He states that the method of chlorinization used in Cuba by Dr. Simpson in the same as that employed in the United States.

Doctors Ricardo Dolz and Domingo Mendez Capote called at the Palace yesterday. - After conferring with the President, Dr. Mendez Capote informed the reporters that it was not true that the officers of the Army detached in the interior had shown themselves in favor of General Menocal, because they all confined themselves to the strict compliance with their duties. Dr. Dolz stated that they had not called to lodge any complaint, but merely to inform the President that it was not prudent to continue making transfers of officers, as this was likely to cause great damages.

A very enthusiastic reception was accorded to General Menocal in Sancti Spiritus.

Reports received by the Department of Sanitation from Baracoa announce that sixty cases of dysentery with 15 deaths have been reported up to the present time. - Detailed report of the activities displayed by the officials of the Department of Sanitation who were sent to Baracoa.

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HERALDO DE CUBA (Oct. 5) - According to reports sent by Dr. Lopez del Valle, the apidemic disease at Baracoa is caused by the Coli germs.

Article stating that many of the undesirable elements who joined the excursion of General Menocal have returned to Habana, after obtaining the conviction that it is not very easy to scare the Liberals. On their return, the have referred to the differences existing between the leaders of the Conservative Party, especially between Federico Morales and German Lopez.

At Limonar, the Menocalists tried to assault the Police Station, in their desire to liberate one of their associates who had been previously arrested.

EL HERALDO (Oct. 5) - Article commenting upon the bankruptcy of the Ayuntamiento. There is no money enough even to pay the salaries of the employees of the Department of Municipal Sanitation. The appropriation for said Department amounts to $112,225.31, and there are only $71,000.00 available.

Article unfavorably commenting upon the excursion of General Menocal. The Menocalists are carrying a campaign of destruction to provoke the loss of the Republic. The Camouflage of the receptions is always the same. Jamaicans are hired at $10.00 per head to march in the parades. - A real conspiracy is carried on on board Menocal's train, and at all places where the train stops, they try to win the soldiers to their side. A prominent man who joined the political excursion has said to a friend that everything is prepared for a revolution, which will break out against the Government of Dr. Zayas at the first telegraphic notice. 83 per cent of the members of the Army are said to be in a critical situation. The excursion of Menocal is only a pretext to prepare the projected "Coup d'Etat". Secret agents who are in the excursion have learned and reported all the details of the conspiracy now on foot. - Doctor Iturralde is asked to stop the excursion in Camaguey, as otherwise grave events will take place. The Menocalists affirm that they will win, or there will be a revolution; but they do not in any way accept their defeat at the polls, which is considered as a very grave symptom. Bloody collisions take place at Zulueta and at Camaguey.

Interview with Julio Caballero, in which he refers to the assassination of his uncle, General Caballero, during the revolution of 1917.

Telegram from Moron commenting upon the threats of a revolution. Printed sheets have widely circulated threatening the electors with a revolution if Menocal is not elected.

LA PRENSA (Oct. 5) Blood collision at Limonar. The Municipal Police fired at a group of Conservatives who were holding a political meeting.

LA NOCHE (Oct. 5) - Telegram from Camaguey (Oct.5) - Two persons were wounded last night as the result of a political quarrel.

Another telegram from Camaguey stating that the special train of General Menocal was fired upon at Kilometer 4 between Florida and Esmeralda by a group hidden in the woods. Several persons on board the train were seriously wounded. The train stopped and a search was made, but no traces of the assailants were found. The train continued, but near the station of Agramonte it was derailed, whereupon General Menocal and his followers had to proceed to Camaguey on motor trucks.

According to a telegram from Baracoa, Dr. Fernandez, a Chemist who accompanied Lopez del Valle, claims to have discovered the germ of the disease which afflicts Baracoa.

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EL MUNDO (October 6) - This and the other morning papers publish the first reports received during the night of the bloody collision which took place in the city of Camaguey during the parade which followed the arrival of General Menocal. According to the reports received by "El Mundo", seven were killed, and 57 wounded A telegram from the Mayor of Camaguey to the Secretary of the Interior states that the Conservatives were the first to attack, and that the fight lasted over two hours, and the soldiers xxxxxxx had to be called to quell the disturbance. A telegram from Governor Zayas Bazan to the Secretary of the Interior states that in spite of the efforts made by him and by the Mayor, the parade in honor of Menocal could not be orderly."The Central Government offered guarantees, but the truth is that the Menocalists come on a war footing". He further states that the excursionists tried to disarm the Police, which was only prevented by the intervention of the Governor and of the Mayor. The attack parted from the Menocalists. - The Department of Justice has requested the Fiscal of the Audiencia of Camaguey the appointment of a special Judge to investigate the occurrences, and to send a detailed report of the result of the investigations. - Report sent by Colonel Quero, Chief of the Military District of Camaguey, to the Chief of the General Staff of the Army, informing that at the request of the Mayor, the Military authorities had taken charge of the maintenance of order.

Telegram from Remedios stating that while the Liberals were holding a meeting on Saturday night, a political quarrel took place, two persons being wounded.

DIARIÓ DE LA MARINA (October 6) - Referring to the bloody collision in Camaguey, this paper states that the Conservatives were attacked. Five are said to have been killed, and 40 wounded. It is rumored that collisions have also taken place at Cienfuegos, Limonar and Cardenas, at which there were also killed and wounded. - The excursion train had arrived at Camaguey at 4:00 P.M., and the reception accorded to General has had no parallel in the present political campaign. Over five thousand horsemen took xxxxxxxx part in the parade in honor of General Menocal, who was enthusiastically hailed. The events, as referred by this paper, took place as follows: The parade was dissolving, and at that moment a political meeting was being held at the Plaza de Soledad. At the end of his speech, Mr. Francisco Miranda gave a Hurrah in honor of Menocal. A man on horseback who happened to pass at that moment, answered with a Hurrah for Machado. This caused a movement of protest, and cries of alarm were heard. Then some shots were heard, and a state of confusion followed. As a result of this first clash, two persons were wounded. Then when the parade was passing in front of the Police Headquarters, a bloody collision took place, and soldiers were called out to re-establish order.

Telegram from Trinidad stating that the Liberals are holding a parade to protest against the Electoral Judge, Dr. Barroso. Feeling is running high, and a disturbance of public peace is feared.

Aditorial, recommending calm and patriotism to all during the present political campaign.

EL TRIUNFO (Oct. 6) - This paper states that Camaguey was draped in mourning to receive General Menocal.

Telegram from Sancti Spiritus, favorably commenting upon the attitude of the Mayor, who disarm all the bullies at the service of General Menocal.

Referring to the events at Camaguey, "El Triunfo" states that it is a proven fact that the Conservatives were the first to attack.

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~~September~~ 6, 1924 (Afternoon)
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HERALDO DE CUBA (Oct. 6) - An article referring to the lamentable events which took place in Camaguey yesterday. In lrge headlines across the front page, this paper states: "The gun-men of General Menocal provoked an unprecedented hecatomb when they attacked the/ the Liberals yesterday In Lugareño Street, of Camaguey, police and with a savage and furious craze." - The article further states that General Menocal placed himself out of the Law when he kept Colonel Quero as a prisoner, and only released him after Captain Vilató threatened to fire his machine-guns at the hotel when Menocal was stopping. The followers of Menocal were drunk and blood-thirsty. From The Liceum building, a Conservative Club of Camaguey, the Menocalists fired upon the wounded who were being cured at the First Aid Hospital. The impression prevails in official circles that Menocal wanted to avail himself of the opportunity to excite a rebellion of the troops detached in that city. It also publishes a list of the eight persons killed and fifty wounded, the majority of whom are said to be Liberals. In the morning, bills appeared posted all over the city and especially in the streets in whi h the parade was to pass, with black crosses and skulls and the text of the telegram said to have been sent by Menocal ordering the bringing of the body of General Caballero who had been taken prisoner during the revolution of 1917. The forces of the Municipal Police were kept in readiness in their quarters during all day, and the Governor and the Mayor were at their ~~xxx~~ head. - Full details of the tragedy.

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A permanent/of the molasses problem is sought. The matter will be finally settled by means of a Decree or of a Law of Congress. The molasses exporters will be subject to certain bases, compelling them to keep a "reserve" with an option to the Government.

Article complaining against the constant delays experienced by the telegraphic messages sent to "Heraldo de Cuba" in connection with the excursion of General Menocal, attributing said delays to the fact that the high officials of the Department of Posts and Telegraph are greatly in favor of the candidature of General Menocal, and act as spies of all the movements of the Liberals.

A great parade took place yesterday in honor of the Liberal candidates. More than fifteen thousand persons and three thousand horsemen awaited the arrival of the "Candidates of victory" (Machado and La Rosa) at San Jose de las Lajas. The Liberal candidates were also entertained enthusiastically at Bejucal, Guines, Jaruco, and Santa Maria del Rosario.

A conference was held this morning between the President and the Chief of the General Staff of the Army, which lasted two hours. Secretary of the Interior, Iturralde, and Under Secretary La Torre were present at the interview. - A special meeting of the Cabinet has been called for to-day, as a result of tragic events at Camaguey. The Secretary of Justice also called on the President, and suggested the convenience of appointing a Special Judge to investigate the events at Camaguey. - Dr. Zayas was also visited by the Postmaster General, to inform him of the Camaguey events, according to the telegrams which had passed through the Government lines.

Feature article commenting upon the Camaguey events, accusing the Menocalists of having attacked the Liberals, and recommending the Liberals the repel violence with violence. - The Secretary of the Interior is asked to take prompt and energetic measures to guarantee peace and order, and not sit and wait for the slow and deficient reports of his correspondents in Camaguey. He is also told that if he does not feel with sufficient energies to maintain order, to resign and make room for someone who may at least be informed of what happens in the country.

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EL HRRALDO (Oct. 6) - Section entitled "REFLEXIONES", commenting upon the disturbances at Camaguey, and stating that they were a natural consequence of the work of dissolution carried on by the Conservatives. That Menocal and his followers are not the only ones to blame, but Dr. Zayas is also responsible in part, for his lack of prevision.

Telegram sent by the Liberals of Cotorro, to Colonel Mendieta asking him to give up his present attitude, and to cooperate for the victory of the Liberal Party in an effective manner.

Article giving full details of the disturbance of the peace at Camaguey, stating that Menocal is responsible for the blood of the Cubans which has been shed. - A big sign appeared in a prominent place of Camaguey, stating: "TYRANT, YOU ARRIVE AT CAMAGUEY, BUT YOU SHALL NOT PASS". Practically all the city was draped in mourning, and black crosses and skulls were painted on the walls. Governor Zayas Bazan had announced that the train was approaching in a war-like manner. Besides the regular members of the Police force, 400 Liberals armed with rifles were kept in the Police Station, ready to repel any attack. - Other details.

The meeting of the Association of Veterans and Patriots commenced yesterday, will be continued to-day at 2:00 P.M., to examine the problems of the present hour and the necessit for an action in defence of the ideals which said Association maintains.

Editorial entitled "SMELL OF BLOOD" - Commenting upon the lamentable incidents of the present political campaign, and criticizing the statements made by the Menocalists, who swear that blood will run in Cuba in they fail to win the elections next November. It further states that nobody can fail to recognize the great damage caused to Cuba by such a campaign of dissolution.

Editorial entitled "MEXICO AND JAPAN" - Commenting upon the rumors of a Treaty of Friendship about to be signed between Japan and Mexico, permitting the entry into Mexico of the legions of Japanese immigrants barred from the United States, and stating that the Americans are suspicious of the friendship between Mexico and Japan.

Telegram from Sagua la Grande, giving an account of a political quarrel at Cifuentes, provoked by a "bully" at the service of the Conservatives. One man was killed, and two others wounded.

Telegram from Remedios, referring to a collision between Liberals and Conservatives. Two persons were wounded. - Many shots were fired.

HERLLDO DE CUBA - EXTRA published at 6:00 P.M. - Text of the Manifesto issued by the President of the Republic in connection with the lamentable events of Camaguey, and stating that the Government is aware of the intents for rebellion.

Article entitled "INCOMPETENT GOVERNMENT" - Commenting upon the lamentable events of Camaguey, and stating that all the Liberals of Cuba are disposed to repel any acts of violence on the part of the Menocalists, but that it is up to the Government to take the necessary measures to bring the Menocalists to law and order.

A detailed account of the incident between General Menocal and Colonel Quero. Menocal tried to compel Quero to give up the troops, arms and ammunition which he had at his command - and the praiseworthy attitude of Captain Vilató in defence of Colonel Quero.

LA PRENSA (Oct. 6) - Telegrams from Camaguey giving an account of the enthusiastic reception accorded to General Menocal upon his arrival in that city, and also referring to the lamentable collision between the Menocalists and the Police.

Article entitled "THE FORESIGHT OF AURELIO ALVAREZ" - Text of the telegram sent by Dr. Aurelio Alvarez to the Secretary of the Interior on October 2nd, reading as follows: "Newspapers received

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to-day here contained lengthy telegram sent to that Department by Governor Zayas Bazan, referring to possible conflict by reason of Menocal's visit to the city of Camaguey the day after tomorrow. Liberal leaders busily engaged in exciting public spirit trying to hinder celebration Conservative festivals. Taking into consideration rashful character of said Governor as shown in the telegram received, I beg of you in my capacity as Head of one of the Powers of the State, more than as President of the Conservative Party, to issue the necessary instructions in order that the Army may be in charge of the maintenance of order the day after tomorrow and following days, thereby perhaps preventing lamentable incidents."

Section entitled "DEL MOMENTO" - containing some declarations made by Carlos Alzugaray, in the name of General Menocal. Alzugaray states, among other things, that he had come in the name of General Menocal to appeal once more to the patriotism of the authorities to prevent days of mourning, the consequences of which were not possible to foresee; that the Government must have an exquisite tact and a serene energy, if it desires to avoid conflicts; that there are 23 Liberal Mayors in the Province of Santa Clara, and the inhabitants of that Province are frantically and enthusiastically in favor of General Menocal, etc. special

AT THE LAST HOUR - Account of the/meeting of the Cabinet held to-day. It was resolved that the President issue a Manifesto setting forth the present situation of the electoral campaign; to give out, without exaggeration, the acts committed in violation of the laws, and to state once more that the Government will maintain an attitude of impartiality. A resolution was unanimously adopted to grant no permits for acts of electoral propaganda on and after October 20th, to hold in suspense all paid licenses to carry weapons, and to cancel all the gratuitous licenses issued by the Department of the Interior.

EDITORIAL, unfavorably commenting upon the political collision in Camaguey, stating that such events will help neither the Conservatives nor the Liberals.

LA DISCUSION (Oct. 6) - Account of the disturbances in Camaguey, viewed from a Conservative stand point. - It states that the followers of Machado, realizing that they cannot win the elections in a legal way, now resort to violence and try to kill General Menocal in a premeditated manner. The criminal plot was planned by Governor Zayas Bazan in connivance with General Machado. The Police, armed with rifles, fired upon those who took part in the parade in honor of Menocal, and who were in the exercise of a perfect right. As a result of this savage demonstration of partisanship, many persons were killed or wounded.

Article entitled ASSASSINS AND COWARDS - Commenting upon the disturbances at Camaguey.

EL MUNDO (Oct. 7) - EDITORIAL, regretting the manner in which the present electoral campaign is being conducted, and making an appeal to both Liberals and Conservatives to give up their attitude of violence, for the good of the Republic.

An article stating that peace now prevails in the city of Camaguey. Text of a telegram from the Governor of Camaguey to the Governor of Habana containing an account of the disturbances in that city. - Text of the Manifesto or Proclamation issued by President Zayas. - Other news in connection with the tragedy of Camaguey.

DIARIO DE LA MARINA (Oct. 7) - Official account of the special meeting of the Cabinet. - Text of the Manifesto issued by the President of the Republic. - Doctor Manuel Maria Sastre, Magistrate of the Audiencia of Camaguey, has been appointed Special Judge to investigate the the events of Camaguey and the sequestration of Colonel Quero. It has been learned that yesterday morning Colonel Quero presented to the special Judge to denunciation of the coercion used against him. Colonel Quero accuses Armando Andre, Julio Cadenas

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and Alfredo Lima, as well as two others who he does not know, of having threatened to kill him, pointing out at him with their revolvers in the presence of General Menocal, if he failed to sign a proclamation ordering the arrest of the Provincial Governor, Doctor Zayas Bazan. Accusations were also made by some telegraph operators against Colonel Aurelio Hevia Alvarez, Rosendo Collazo and Manuel Linares of trying to compel them to send only the telegrams authorized by said gentlemen. Machado and De la Rosa, accompanied by other Liberals, called on the President to offer the support of the Liberal Party for the restoration of peace and harmony. Captain Pedro Martinez Villa has been appointed Military Supervisor for the City of Camaguey.

Yesterday, the Department of State furnished the American Embassy from time to time, the official reports received in connection with the events at Camaguey. Troops have been sent to Camaguey from Habana and from Santa Clara. - Ambassador Crowder will have an interview with President Zayas to-day. Telegram sent by Rafael Montoro to General Menocal and Doctor Mendez Capote protesting against the criminal attempt of which they have been victims at Camaguey.

EDITORIAL, favorably commenting upon the intentions expressed by the President of the Republic to "nationalize" the aqueducts of the country. The above, and the construction of roads, are to two most important problems now in the hands of the Government.

EL TRIUNFO (October 7) - Several articles commenting upon the events at Camaguey, viewed from a Liberal stand-point. - Article by Napoleon Galvez on "THE NEW CRIMES OF THE BAD BEAST", accusing General Menocalof being responsible for the disturbances.

The headlines across the front page, state that Menocal tries to provoke an American Intervention.

Article directed to the Liberals stating that they constitute a large majority in the country, telling them that if Menocal tries to disturb public peace, rebelling against the Government and endangering the sovereignty of the country, they must quell the rebellion, and that they must hang him.

EL COMERCIO (Oct. 7) - An article containing seven reasons for affirming that the Liberals provoked the collision in Camaguey.- The same article contains some reasons for denying the affirmation made in certain newspapers that Menocal is trying to start a revolution.

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HERALDO DE CUBA (Oct. 7)- Article by Gonzalez Beauville commenting upon the political disturbances which took place in Camaguey last Sunday, and accusing the Conservatives of having attacked first, as shown by the political affiliation of the persons killed and wounded. The body of this article contains a list of the killed and wounded, divided as follows: Killed: 6 Liberals and 1 Conservative; wounded: 23 ~~xxxxxxxxxx~~ Liberals and 6 Conservatives.

Telegram from Camaguey containing some declarations made by the Chief of Police of Camaguey regarding the disturbances there, and the measures of precaution which had been taken to prevent them. When the body of Lieut. Aguero was picked up, his revolver was found in its holster, which proves that he did not fire any shot.

It is suspected that Menocal will start a revolution in Chapa~~rr~~a, in view of the passivity of the Government to punish him for his crime of military sedition. If his plans fail to go through, Menocal expects to be back in Habana next Sunday. He escaped from Camaguey this morning at 5:00 A.M. toward Bayamo. Other news of the Conservative excursion.

At Santa Cruz del Norte (Province of Habana, after a Conservative meeting and as the groups were dispersing, some Menocalists fired upon the Liberal Club. Two Liberals were wounded as a result of this shooting.

Article commenting upon the present political activities. The Liberals are disposed to defend the Government, and are willing to take up arms if their cooperation becomes necessary. The article states that all means are legal and good to punish the tyrant. Activites of Aurelio Alvarez. The Camaguey events are unprecedented in history, and have found echo throughout the terrytory of the Republic. Menocal's stroke of policy has failed.

Telegram from Washington. The authors of the tragic events which took place in Camaguey are condemned. An official of the Department of State expressed great surprise, because Menocal was considered to follow American methods.

A division of infantry was sent this morning from Camp Columbia to Oriente. Captain Pio Alonso is in command of these troops.

Article commenting upon the Camaguey events, and asking for Justice.

EDITORIAL, commenting upon the disturbances at Camaguey, and stating that Menocal has failed in his intentions to excite a rebellion in the Army.

Telegram from Moron stating that feeling is running high as a result of the recent events at Camaguey, and that the town has been placed under military rule. Persistent rumors have circulated to the effect that the Mayor is distributing arms and ammunition among members of the Conservative Party. Disturbances are feared. The Mayor has refused to grant a permit to the Liberals to hold a meeting. A telegram has been sent to the Secretary of the Interior requesting the appointment of a Military Supervisor.

Vazquez Bello has presented a denunciation against the President of the Municipal Board (Electoral) of Trinidad, stating that said President of the Electoral Board accompanied General Menocal in his excursion through the Province of Santa Clara. Denunciation have also been presented for various causes against the President of the Municipal Electoral Board of Marti and the Municipal Board of Gibara. The Central Electoral Board also took cognizance of a denunciation of frauds in the electoral registers of Sancti Spiritus.

AT THE LAST HOUR: Great excitement prevails among the troops of Camp Columbia, where the most alarming rumors have circulated with respect to the present political situation, and many believe that an uprising has taken place in the province of Oriente.

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EL HERALDO (Oct. 7) - Section entitled "REFLEXIONES" - commenting upon the recent disturbances at Camaguey, stating that Menocal must be satisfied now that he has caused new bloodshed among Cubans. Menocal knows perfectly well that the cannot win at the polls in elections legally held, and that is why he resorts to violence. The Menocalistas are making useless eforts to throw the blame on the Liberals, but the great number of Liberals killed and wounded prove that they were the first to attack.

Failure of the revolutionary plans of General Menocal. His plans were to start a revolution in Camaguey with a bold stroke of insurrection to provoke an American intervention. It is affirmed that in combination with Colonel J. M. Tarafa, Menocal receives money from Wall Street bankers for his criminal purposes. The worthy attitude of Colonel Quero baffled the plans of the Menocalists. Quero has made a denunciation of his sequestration, and also of the occupation of the telegraph office by the Conservatives. Measures adopted by the Government. Meeting of the Cabinet. Text of the Manifesto issued by President Zayas. Movement of troops. A state of agitation exists in Oriente. - Other news in connection with the present political events. Interview between Zayas and ~~xxxxxxx~~ General Crowder. General Crowder reports to Washington.

Article by Gustavo Gutierrez, entitled "LET THE LAW BE ENFORCED" . The criminal acts committed by General Menocal place him within the sanction of the Penal Code, and as a delinquent he must be punished.

Other articles criticizing Menocal in the most bitter way.

The Master of the steamer "ELENA VALDEZ" has filed an accusation against the Consul of Panama, stating that when the said Master called at the Consulate to liquidate his accounts, he was thrown out of the premises, and the Consul refused to clear the vessel for Mobile. That this is an act of revenge on the part of the Consul, because Williams (the Master of the vessel) refused to take two Chinamen to the United States, from whom the Consul had already collected the sum of $700.00.

LA DISCUSION (Oct. 7) - This paper prints in read headlines across the front page: "Menocal shall be the President, cost what it may, and pass what it may." - The article refers to the Camaguey events, and accuses Zayas Bazan of having prepared the criminal attempt. He first placed an ambush to fire upon the train, and later directed personally the attack on the Menocalists.

Declarations made by General Menocal at Camaguey, on October 6th (Already translated in full).

Article entitled "THE ELECTORAL CAMPAIGN" - Unfavorably commenting upon the present attitude of the Liberals, and the acts of violence committed by them, and stating that a civil war at the present time would be a deadly blow to the Republic.

QUERO IS NOW A HERO. - Sarcastically commenting upon the reports of the incident between General Menocal and Colonel Quero. The article contains an account of the incident, stating that Quero had a quarrel at the hospital with Dr. Aurelio Alvarez, and a duel was arranged, which was to take place at the Hotel Camaguey. The duel was about to take place, but this was too much for Quero, and he began to speak about "sequestration" and acts of violence, and he shouted so much, that he was permitted to leave the premises accompanied by his seconds.

Article entitled "AN ATTEMPT OF THE MACHADISTS. - Also commenting upon the Camaguey events, from a Conservative view point.

EDITORIAL commenting upon the criminal plans against General Menocal. First, the attack on the excursion train. Then the great crime at Camaguey. The dangers of placing authority in the hands of unscrupulous sectarians. The most criminal methods have been employed to try to stop the overwhelming force of the Menocalists....

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LA PRENSA (Oct. 7) Text of a MANIFESTO issued by General Menocal (Already translated in full).

Telegram from Camaguey, quoting a telegram sent to the President of the Republic by Doctors Domingo Mendez Capote and Ricardo Dolz. They referred to the state of opinion maintained by the Provincial Governor and by the Mayor who are trying to prevent the political propaganda of General Menocal, and expressing their fear that more serious disturbances are likely to occur if the Government fails to take the necessary measures. They further refer to Sunday' massacre, and state that the Conservative are disposed to keep within their rights, but always disposed to defend them.

Section entitled "DEL MOMENTO" Commenting upon the inquiries made by the American Embassy regarding the Camaguey events. The article states, in part: "The American Embassy asked the Foreign Office for information as to the cause of the bloody collisions among politicians in various parts of the Island, and at the same time, whether the Government had sufficient elements in hand to suppress any disturbance of the peace. We can imagine what the answer of the Department of State was. But it is not up to the Secretary of State or the Government to give an answer. In Cuba, the answer can only be given by the Cubans all, with distinction of political tendencies, and not with words, but with deeds which may show our seriousness and patriotism....."

General Crowder called on Secretary Cespedes this morning, asking him to arrange for an interview with President Zayas. The Interview between President and General Crowder will take place this afternoon.

Rumors circulated to the effect that a Note had been received from the American Government in connection with the Camaguey events. Acting Under Secretary of State, Miguel Angel Campa denied the existence of such a Note.

Text of a Memorial addressed to President Zayas by the Presidents of 43 Assemblies and Groups of the Conservative Party, protesting against the events of Camaguey, and stating that the Government, the Provincial Governor and the Colonel in Chief of that Province, are responsible for the collision.

"LA NOCHE"(Oct. 7) - It has been learned that last Saturday, General Crowder and General Machado held an important and long conference in a luxurious residence of Vedado. - Brigadier Semidey has been placed in command of the troops in the Provinces of Camaguey and Oriente. - Theevents of Camaguey have caused great impression in Washington. General Crowder will send a detailed report to the American State Department after his conference with the President this afternoon). It was rumored in official circles that events similar to those of Camaguey are feared in Manzanillo upon the arrival of General Menocal. - Proper measures have been adopted by the Government to prevent them.

Article commenting upon the Manifesto issued by President Zayas. That when the President made some of the statements contained in his Manifesto, serious reasons must really exist. The public comments upon acts of threat and sedition, accusing General Menocal of having tried to provoke an insurrection; but it is affirmed that such reports have been denied by General Menocal in a conversation which he had with President Zayas over the telephone. - La Noche does not give credit to the rumors of violence on the part of General Menocal.

BLOOD AND POWDER - Editorial published by "La Lucha" and reprinted in "La Noche", commenting with regret upon the Camaguey events, but without making accusations against any of the two political tendencies.

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EL PAIS (Oct. 7) - AT THE LAST HOUR: Confidential reports received by the Secret Police announced that certain persons said to be implicated in the conspiracy in the Government would leave this afternoon for the interior carrying arms and ammunition. As a result of this confidence, a man was arrested at the Terminal Station, and upon searching his baggage, it was found to contain 2 Winchester rifles, 10 machetes, 14 cases of cartridges and 12 revolvers. It is generally believed in police circles that a conspiracy is on foot against the constituted Government.

Telegram from Camaguey stating that Governor Zayas Bazan was enthusiastically hailed as he passed through the city, and that all the social elements have reiterated their adhesion and gratitude to the Liberal Governor.

Reports received from Matanzas indicate that the news that Menocal had risen in insurrection caused a great upheaval. Colonel Rodriguez insulted Waldo Gou and accused him of conspiring against the Government. Gou replied in the most bitter terms, and the people gathered around them in a threatening attitude, because there was a majority of Conservatives. It is affirmed that a duel will be fought. It is also affirmed that great excitement prevails between the Chief and Officers of the Military District, and a lamentable incident is feared at the Cuartel Agramonte. After a conference held by the Governor, the Mayor and the Chief of the Military forces, it was resolved to keep the troops in barracks.

EDITORIAL, very favorably commenting upon the last Manifesto issued by President Zayas.

LA TARDE (Oct. 7) - (This paper is edited by Sagaró, who now defends the candidature of General Menocal).

Secretary Iturralde is accused of having given orders to furnish no information regarding the events at Camaguey to the newspapers which are not in favor of the Government.

EDITORIAL, commenting upon the incident with Colonel Quero, and stating that the denunciation made by him is ridiculous. This paper regards the incident as a gross plot, and states that Colonel Quero did not even have the courage to arrest the Menocalists and put them in the hands of the proper authorities, thereby defending the dignity of the Army; -- but no credit can be given to his accusations.

EL MUNDO (Oct. 8) - EDITORIAL commenting upon the resolution unanimously adopted by the Pan-American Congress now held in the U.S., to request the ratification of the Treaty on the Isle of Pines, and expressing the belief that the Treaty will unquestionably be ratified.

Cable despatch from Washington referring to the attitude of President Coolidge in connection with the sugar tariffs, and stating that President Coolidge has announced his intentions to protect the beet sugar manufacturers against any possible combination in Cuba.

Colonel Quero is expected to arrive in Habana this morning, and will report verbally to the President and to the Chief of the General Staff, on the Camaguey events.

DIARIO DE LA MARINA - Important report on the epidemic outbreak at Baracoa. This report was rendered by Dr. Lopez del Valle before the National Board of Sanitation, and made certain accusations against the local sanitary authorities. - The Board resolved to institute criminal proceedings against the quack-physicians.

Telegrams referring to present political events: From Camaguey: 200 soldiers arrived to-day, with horses, machine-guns and ammunition. Another military train proceeded to Oriente. From Bayamo: An enthusiastic reception was accorded to General Menocal upon his arrival to this city. He entered the town marching at the head of over two thousand horsemen. - From Manzanillo: Soldiers were detached at all points of the railroad line to protect the excursion train. Collazo has sent a telegram to Wifredo Fernandez asking him

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to see the President of the Republic and making him realize the graveness of the situation if the Government fails to stop the activities of the Governor and the Mayor of Camaguey who are the authors of the criminal deeds committed. Collazo states that it has been ascertained that the shooting upon the train at Esmeralda was done by members of the police force of Camaguey. - Collazo has also sent a telegram to the President informing him of the rumors which have circulated to the effect that the local authorities of Camaguey intended to take revenge on the Conservatives after the excursion left.

The interview between General Crowder and the President was postponed, and will take place to-day.

The Ambassador of the United States visited the Secretary of State in connection with the Camaguey events. Secrecy is maintained as to the direct causes of his visit, but it has been learned that General Crowder requested certain information as to the extent and reach of the criminal proceedings instituted by the Special Judge, Dr. Sastre, and asked whether the shooting upon the train at Esmeralda and the derailment of the same at Florida, were included.

Telegram from Santiago de Cuba: Active preparations are in progress to welcome General Menocal in a very enthusiastic manner.

Telegram from Santo Domingo, reading as follows: "This afternoon, and taking advantage of the fact that the Military Supervisor had left for Manacas because a disturbance had taken place there, a group of about 30 men came out of the Liberal Club threatening everybody, and in a frankly revolutionary attitude. These men carried large guns."

EDITORIAL entitled: "A BITTER LESSON" - Commenting with regret upon the events of Camaguey, and the uneasiness prevailing in the country by reason of the methods employed in the present electoral campaign.

EL TRIUNFO (Oct. 8) Telegram from the Governor of Camaguey to the Governor of Habana, referring to the recent events in that city, and praising the attitude assumed by the Army.

Telegram from Moron stating that a disturbance of the peace is feared, in view of the attitude of the members of the Police, the majority of which are Conservatives.

Lieutenant R. Alvarez has been appointed Military Supervisor for Moron.

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HERALDO DE CUBA (Oct. 8) - Article by Gonzalez Beauville, directed to President Zayas, the Secretary of Justice, to the Chief of the General Staff of the army, and to the people in general, commenting upon the incident between Menocal and Quero, and stating that there is no justice in Cuba, because, if justice were dealt, Menocal would be under arrest, and Quero indicted.

Article containing further details of the Camaguey disturbances. Two persons wounded in the collision died in different hospitals of Camaguey yesterday. The Police has discovered more persons wounded.

Article commenting unfavorably upon the memorial presented to President Zayas by the Presidents of Conservatives Assemblies, and stating that it constitutes a threat because they say that they will do whatever the circumstances may demand, and accuse the Government of lack of energy.

Two Police Sergeants have been dismissed from office, because they abandoned their duties and joined the excursion of General Menocal. It is understood that other Police Captains and Lieutenants will be retired.

Telegram from Cienfuegos referring to the suspicious activities of the Menocalists in the district of Cienfuegos. Colonel Carrillo has taken command of the forces in the Province of Santa Clara, and takes the necessary measures to prevent any disturbance of the peace.

Enrique Recio sent a telegram to the Department of the Interior, complaining against the Mayor who refused to permit the Liberals to hold a meeting. Recio further states that he appealed to the Army for protection, and the town was placed under military rule, and only through respect for the Army they have given up the idea of holding the meeting. The members of the Police force threaten the Liberals. He finally states that the Liberals are ready to defend themselves, and they decline the responsibility for anything which may happen.

Telegram addressed to Dr. Vazquez Bello to Antonio Ruiz, Acting Governor of Habana, stating that the actions committed in Camaguey against the public force and especially against Colonel Quero, prove that Menocal and his followers tried to provoke a foreign intervention in Cuba, so as to prevent the victory of the Liberal Party. The Liberals must be prepared to repel any attack against the Government, and carry on an active and energetic persecution against those who may try to disturb public peace, because the real attack is against the Liberal Party, the victory of which is assured. -

Article unfavorably commenting upon "The seditious manifesto issued by General Menocal".

Article stating that the Menocalists are conspiring against the Government in the Province of Matanzas.

Even though the President devoted the day to the solution of different administrative affairs, yesterday, he gave instructions to hold in suspense all the interviews which had been previously granted. A slight cold prevented him from receiving visits. Only Mr. Salvador Guedes had the preference to confer with the President. It was a secret interview. Due to the President's illness, the interview which had been granted to General Crowder, had to be postponed. - Under Secretary of State, Campa, denied the rumors to the effect that an American Note had been sent to the Cuban Government.

According to information furnished by the Department of the Treasury to the Press, the money deposited in the National Treasury on the 7th instant, amounted to $27.227,022.05. - The collections from the 1st to the 6th of October amounted to $1.210,414,46.

EDITORIAL entitled "MANY ARMS...BUT VERY FEW VOTES" - Unfavorably commenting upon "the funereal excursion of the Menocalists."

Cable despatch from New York, referring to the manner in which the American press comments upon the disturbances at Camaguey.

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EL HERALDO (Oct. 8) - Article stating that the troops in Matanzas are quartered, because certain disturbances are feared.

Article very unfavorably commenting upon the Manifesto issued by General Menocal.

Letter from Captain Barreto Napoles to General Lope Recio, stating that if it were in the hands of Menocal to lose the Republic, he would do so.

LA PRENSA (Oct. 8)- Telegrams from Santiago de Cuba, Manzanillo, and other places in the Province of Oriente, referring to the enthusiastic manner in which General Menocal is received.

Colonel Quero arrived this morning from Camaguey, but he refused to give out any statements to the press. - Jose Magriñat, reported at first among the killed, was only wounded. He was brought to Habana by Colonel Quero. He gives an account of the disturbances, and accuses the Camaguey Police of having started the trouble.

PALACE NEWS: - Due to the fact that the President is slightly ill, little activities were noticed at the Palace this morning. The only visit which Dr. Zayas received was that on General Herrera Chief of the General Staff, who called on the President to report on the visit which he had received from Colonel Quero. - The Chief of the Military District of Columbia, Colonel Castillo, called at the Police this morning, but was unable to see the President.

Telegram from Santiago de Cuba commenting upon the rumors of the withdrawal of Colonel Pujol, and the appointment of Brigadier Semidey in his place.

EDITORIAL entitled "PRACTICAL PAN-AMERICANISM" - Favorably commenting upon the actions of the Pan-American Commercial Congress held at Atlanta, in connection with the Isle of Pines Treaty.

LA NOCHE (Oct. 8) - Great activities were noticed this morning at the office of the General Staff of the Army. - General Herrera held conferences with the Chief of the Military District of Columbia, the Director of the Military Academy, Lieutenant-Colonel Gonzalez Valdes, Colonel Cruz Bustillo, Colonel Quero and Colonel Gustavo Rodriguez now in command of the forces of Matanzas. Quero and Herrera conferred for about two hours. - Quero informed the reporters that he would visit the President at three o'clock this afternoon, to whom he will report fully on the Camaguey events, and that if the Chief of the General Staff authorized him, he would afterwards make statements to the press. He only said that when the Conservative excursion arrived in Camaguey, he was not in charge of the maintenance of public order, because no request had been made to him to that effect either by the Governor or by the Mayor, the only persons with authority to make such a request; and that as to his sequestration, everything which the press has published is true.

LA DISCUSION (Oct. 8)- The front page brings the following headlines, printed in red: "THE MAGAZINES ARE LOADED: DO NOT PLAY WITH FIRE!"

Article giving details of the "triumphal advance of the excursion of General Menocal".

Article commenting upon the Camaguey events, and the attack on General Menocal, and stating that the Republic is placed in danger by the policy of the Liberal Party. It also states that it is a well known fact that the Governor and the Mayor of Camaguey, who are Liberals, failed to give the necessary protection to General Menocal and his followers to freely exercise a constitutional right.

Accusations against Iturralde and Zayas Bazan will be presented before the Senate. A commission of Lawyers affiliated to the Conservative Party is now acting in connection with the Camaguey events. They are gathering all the evidences to prove the complicty of the Secretary of the Interior and of the Governor of Camaguey and other prominent members of the Machado faction, in the Camaguey events.

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Article entitled "BEWARE OF THE GUNS" - unfavorably commenting upon the announcement made that two thousand rifles had been shipped from Habana, destined to the Army. This official idiocy proves that those who surround Dr. Zayas to lose him, are not willing to give up their intentions to destroy the Conservatives. It seems as though the soldiers now on duty in the interior were without guns. If the rifles have been sent out, they will undoubtedly be used to arm the followers of Clemente Vazquez Bello and of Zayas Bazan. Then it is proved conclusively that all the accusations made against Menocal and his friends are only intended to justify the massacres which the leaders of the Machado faction may order. The article ends as follows: "Let them not trust too much in the apparent force of holding in their hands the reins of Power, because the rifles sent out to attack those who xxx exercising a perfect xxxxx consitutional right desire to elect for themselves a worthy President, may serve in a terrible hour, which we hope will never come, to overthrow the vile elements who are trying to place their unbounded ambition above the conscience of a nation already weary of an unbearable condition of robbery and unbridled pillage."

Quero between two fires. If an impartial investigation is made of the actions of Colonel Quero, it will be proved that his accusations are unfounded, and consequently he will have to be dismissed from the Army. - If the accusations he makes are accepted as good, then he will have to be court-martialed, because he had no business to go to the hotel where Menocal was stopping, and an officer of the Army should never permit to be disarmed and locked up as a rat in a dark room.

Article referring to the acts of violence committed by Lieutenant-Colonel Gustavo Rodriguez, in Matanzas.

EL MUNDO (October 9) - A meeting of prominent Liberals was held yesterday in the residence of General Machado, in connection with the reports received of the Camaguey events. A resolution was adopted to to request the Executive Committees of the Liberal and the Popular parties to adopt the necessary resolutions in order to inform the country that the defenders of the candidature of General Machado condemn all acts of violence and transgression of the laws; that they neither expect, nor want any favor or protection from the present Government, in the same manner as they have never asked for favors or protections from its predecessors; that they only want an absolute respect for the Law, and with this only guarantee, absolute assurance of the victory of the Party can be given in advance. The Liberal and the Popular Party openly state that in case of any disturbance of the peace they will stand back of the Government giving all the help necessary for the restoration of peace and order.

Political news from the interior. The Conservatives held a meeting in Santiago, without any lamentable incident. Measures are adopted by the Government to prevent seditious propagandas. A military train arrived this morning from Pinar del Rio. The troops are detached to Camp Columbia to take the place of those sent to the eastern provinces.

Troops have been sent from Santa Clara to Cienfuegos, to reinforce the troops detached in Cienfuegos. A package containing revolvers and cartridges was seized in a hotel of Santa Clara.

Telegram from Cienfuegos announcing that a political quarrel had taken place in Palmira. One man was wounded with a dagger.

Another quarrel was reported from Cumanayagua, also for political reasons. One man was wounded.

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DIARIO DE LA MARINA (Oct.9th) - This paper also refers to the political meeting held yesterday at the residence of General Machado, in which a resolution was adopted to the effect that the Liberal Party condemns all acts of violence committed during the present electoral campaign.

A conference was held yesterday at the Senate, at which the following persons were present: Antonio Gonzalo Perez, Wifredo Fernandez, Manuel Varona Suarez, Daniel Compte, Leopoldo Figueroa, Manuel Rivero and Jose R. Villalón. - Information was obtained from Senator Wifredo Fernandez that it had been resolved at said meeting to call a special session of the Senate to be held next Monday, and that all the Senators who are now out of Habana had been called by telegraph to attend said session. It was also resolved to seek a formula of harmony between the contending political parties, so as to avoid the disagreeable spectacles which everybody is witnessing, and to assume an energetic and decided attitude against all perils which may menace the sovereingty of Cuba, if the grave circumstanes should demand it.

MANIFESTO to the Country issued by "The Friends of the Candidature Menocal-Mendez Capote", protesting against the acts of ~~xgxxx~~ aggression committed by the Liberals. This manifesto is signed by Dr. Rafael Montoro, General Eugenio Sanchez Agramonte, Dr. Pablo Desvernine, Dr. Gustavo Alonso Castañeda, Dr. Guillermo Chapple, and many other prominent persons.

Telegrams from Santiago de Cuba, referring to the enthusiastic reception accorded to General Menocal in that city.

Called by Dr. Jose I. Rivero, President of the Association of the Press, a meeting was held yesterday at which the following papers were represented: "Diario de la Marina", "La Lucha", "Heraldo de Cuba", "El Heraldo","La Discusion", "La Noche", "El Sol", "El Imparcial" and "La Prensa". Resolutions were adopted for the maintenance of public peace in the country, and to quiet down the agressive campaigns of the press,during the present electoral period.

EDITORIAL, favorably commenting upon the meeting above referred to.

EL TRIUNFO (October 9) - Speaking with the reporters in connection with the disturbances at Camaguey, Dr. Iturralde declared that it is true that Dr. Aurelio Alvarez had infomred the Department of the Interior of the reports which he had received of the intentions to create a disturbance on the arrival of General Menocal, and that he (Iturralde) had adopted the measures which he considered convenient, which were of no avail, because the Conservatives who took part in the parade were the first to attack.

Telegram from Camaguey announcing that the Special Judge has commenced to act. A son of General Cebreco is said to have been indicted without bail. It is also rumored that General Menocal, Armando Andre, Cadenas, Federico Morales, Aurelio Alvarez, and other will be included in the ~~xxxxxxx~~ criminal case.

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October 10th - National Holiday
October 11th (Morning)

HERALDO DE CUBA (Oct. 9) - Article by Gonzalez Beauville, very unfavorably commenting upon the President of the Senate, Dr. Aurelio Alvarez. Beauville states that Alvarez reached the Senate without any preparation, and worked his way until he became President of that high legislative body, but suddenly abandons his high office, takes a gun and acts as a bandit.

Marichal, who tried to kill General Jack, has been sentenced to one year, 8 months and 21 days for firing a gun, and 30 days for injuries.- Marichal's Attorney, Dr. Castellanos, will appeal against this decision.

The democratic-Nationalistic Political Group (Friends of General Emilio Nuñez), protests against the manner in which the present political campaign is carried on, and the way in which the Menocalists appear at all places armed to the teeth.

Article commenting upon the activities of the Menocalists. If they had been successful in the blow projected in Camaguey, the revolution would have spread to at least three other provinces. The watchfulness of the Liberal authorities of Camaguey, baffled the Menocalists. If Quero and the officers under him had permitted themselves to be frightened by Menocal, Colonel Pujol would have seconded the movement. - Arms, ammunitions and seditious proclamations were seized in the city of Santa Clara.

Telegram from Pinar del Rio stating that ~~xxx~~ troops detached there had been ordered to proceed to the eastern provinces. These has created a state of alarm in Pinar del Rio, as the sending of troops is taken as a sure indication that something serious is expected to happen in the eastern provinces.

This paper states that the epidemic of dysentery as spread to the port of Jauco, near Cape Maisi. Activities ~~xxxxxxxxx~~ displayed by the Sanitary authorities.

EDITORIAL, commenting upon the fact that the disturbances which have taken place in Camaguey compel the Government to maintai[illegible] an attitude different from that of absolute impartiality, and the criminal acts committed by the Menocalists compel the President "to get on his high horse". It also criticizes the intentions of a group of Senators to make an accusation against the Government , of negligence.

EL HERALDO (Oct. 9) - Section entitled "REFLEXIONES" - Very unfavorably commenting upon the fact that the Supreme Court has rendered a decision in the sense that the Appeal of Unconstitutionality of Article 102 of the Electoral Code, was improperly presented.

Article stating that Menocal is practically arrested. It was so stated by Wifredo Fernandez at the conference held in the Senate yesterday. The excursion train of General Menocal is preceded by a military train, and followed by another.

Article commenting upon the disturbances of Camaguey, containing an interview with Colonel Quero. It has been perfectly demonstrated before public opinion that the rumors spread to the effect that theArmy was at the service of Menocal, are false.

In an article commenting upon the last meeting of the Cabinet, it is stated that General Betancourt took up the defence of the Conservatives in connection with the intentions to cancel all licenses to carry weapons. The Secretary of Agriculture protested against such intentions, and said that the Conservatives should be permitted to go armed.

In connection with the trip of Dr. Cespedes to Key West, this paper states that President Zayas did not appoint anyone in his place, and that, consequently, the Portfolios of State and of War are now virtually vacant.

LA DISCUSION (Oct. 9) - The Senate will constitute itself into a Court to judge the authorities responsible for the disturbances at Camaguey A formula of harmony between the contending parties will also be sought. The Senate will hold session next Monday.

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Articles commenting upon the enthusiastic receptions accorded to General Menocal in the Province of Oriente.

Machado, Iturralde and General Herrera, according to this paper, are directing the present campaign of abuses against the Conservatives. - Quero, after giving a long story to Zayas, leaves the Palace stealthily. Herrera gives vague reports. The Army occupies the city of Santiago de Cuba. Gustavo Rodriguez makes achallenge to the Menocalists of Matanzas. And in these critical moments, Cuba has no Secretary of War. - General Crowder was to visit the President yesterday to confer in connection with the Camaguey events, for which Washington seems to show so much interest, but the interview was postponed again. It was said that Zayas had a cold, and fever, and that for that reason he did not receive any visits; but such an excuse is out of the way, because the President received the visit of General Herrera and Colonel Quero, and General Crowder well deserves to have been included in the exception. The article further states: "We can affirm that the American Government condemns the abuses planned against General Menocal, holding the Cuban authorities responsible of having failed to prevent an event which they knew would occur, because the Government was warned that in Camaguey the arrival of Menocal was awaited to make him the victim of an aggression. General Crowder expressed himself in this manner when he conferred with Dr. Cespedes."

The Veterans and Patriots of Ciego de Avila decide to support the candidature of General Menocal.

LA PRENSA-Brigadier Lores stated yesterday that Colonel Pujol will not be relieved of the command of the Military District of Oriente, and that he only asked for a leave of absence to come to Habana to see his family.

At a meeting of the Liberal Party in the town of Mata, a brother of the Mayor of Santa Clara was wounded.

LA NOCHE (Oct. 9) - publishes the following article: "THE ELECTIONS WILL BE POSTPONED - Great activities were noticed this morning in political and official circles. Many prominent persons have been seen to go in and out. - Absolute secrecy is maintained. However, we have been able to learn that in view of the alarming rumors of a possible disturbance of the peace, and also in view of the present political crisis in the country, it would not be strange at all if the public powers were compelled to postpone the elections scheduled for November 1st."

EL MUNDO (Oct. 10) Editorial entitled "OCTOBER 10TH - FOR THE COUNTRY IN A NATIONAL HOLIDAY" - Asking the political parties to put a stop to the methods heretofore used in the present electoral campaign.

PALACE NEWS: General Machado visited the President yesterday. General Crowder also conferred with the President yesterday. The conference lasted from 3:00 to 5:00 P.M. "General Crowder gave out no statements to the reporters, but it is believed that the conference was about the electoral campaign and the coming elections."

The Mayor of Palmira reported yesterday to the Department of the Interior that he had requested the help of the Army to restore public order on account of a riot caused by a quarrel between two groups of different political tendencies. Order was immediately restored. There were no casualties.

Reports received by the Department of the Interior announce that the strike in a Foundry at Cespedes (Province of Camaguey) has ended, and the 96 laborers have gone back to work.

Explosive shells, wicks, and other war materials were discovered in a cave near San Jose de las Lajas (Province of Habana)

DIARIO DE LA MARINA (Oct. 10) - Manifesto issued by General Menocal, in which he states that the President held back the news of the

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disturbances at Camaguey, accusing the authorities of negligence. He also recommends his followers to maintain the greatest union, vigor and discipline and to stand back of him in the days of agitation.

HERALDO DE CUBA (Oct. 10) - The Special Correspondent of Heraldo de Cuba sent to Camaguey, gives what is purported to be a truthful and dramatic report of the disturbances of Camaguey. The investigations made by him reveal that in view of the failure to start a revolution in Camaguey and Oriente, Menocal is now preparing a post-electoral revolution. Captain Vilató was the hero of the day, as he prevented the rebellion. Colonel Quero called on Menocal, because Quero had been ordered by President Zayas to pay his respects to Menocal.....

Article stating that Dr. Emilio Nuñez Portuondo, Political Member of the Liberal Party, will file a denunciation tomorrow before the Central Electoral Board against the intentions ~~xx~~ of the Menocalists to buy electoral cedulas on November 1st, at 12:00 Noon. They intended to pay $30.00 for each "cédula".

EL HERALDO (Oct. 10) - Telegram sent by the Special Correspondet of "El Heraldo", from Santiago de Cuba, in which he states that on the return of General Menocal, he will try to start a revolution in the Province of Matanzas or in the vicinity of Habana. This telegram is followed by an article in which "El Heraldo" affirms that in view of the inevitable failure of the Conservative Party if the elections are held in an orderly manner, the Conservatives have decided to withdraw from the elections, and thereby create a situation more favorable for a revolution. Doctor Iturralde informed the reporters that the Government was well aware of all the movements of Menocal and his followers, and that it was fully prepared for any contingency. This article also states that when Menocal returns from Oriente, the train in which he travels will be followed by a military train. - In a telegram referring to the excursion of General Menocal, it is stated that the American Consul at Santiago de Cuba asked General Menocal, in the name of General Crowder, whether he(Menocal) had sufficient guarantees in his trip through the Island. Menocal hesitated, and did not give a categoric answer. He said that only a military guard asked by him for his personal protection, had been placed on board the train at Camaguey.

EDITORIAL, unfavorably commenting upon the last Manifesto issued by General Menocal, regarding it as a ridiculous document. The document was expected; it is a timid excuse, although written in a language of incomprehensible arrogance.

LA DISCUSION (Oct. 10) - Article directed to the President of the Republic, stating that the followers of Machado are preparing a revolution from the Government; that they pretend to have the cooperation of the Police forces in many Municipalities; that in Matanzas, they are trying to frighten the electors, in complicity with Colonel Gustavo Rodriguez; that the Department of the Interior is widely distributing among them licenses to carry weapons, and authorizes the purchase of arms; that in many towns of the interior, groups of armed men unexpectedly appear in the residences of Conservatives, and threaten them; and finally, some Mayors who are in favor of Machado are organizing "militias", as if a state of war existed. "La Discusion" has proofs of all the above, and is ready to make the corresponding denunciacion in its proper opportunity. The Mayor of Regla, Mr. Bosch, has already organized a militia of 40 men perfectly equipped, who are now used to frighten the Conservatives, and even those who have no defined political affiliation.

Editorial, commenting upon the conspiracy of all the Liberal authorities of the country, against General Menocal. That the idea of the conspiracy is to snatch awa the victory from Menocal.

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Manifesto issued by the Association of Good Government. It states that when the question of the selection of candidates was discussed, this Association expressed its opinion that Mendieta was the incarnation of the desires of rectification; but the electoral machinery of the Liberal Party fell in the hands of the most ductile candidate, and a nomination was made which did not reflect the will of the majority of the members of the Party. - The Conservative Party, on the other hand, has rendered a very valuable service to the country by defeating the aspirations for reelection, and has nominated General Menocal. One of the candidates represents the methods of continuance, with all its corruption; and the other represents the desires of rectification. This Association, therefore, declares that it will support the candidature of General Menocal, and requests the people to vote for him.

EL PAIS (Oct. 10) - The Department of Agriculture has received a telegram from the President of the Federation of Laborers of Sugar mills, stating that at a meeting held in Central Palma, it had been resolved to lodge a protest before the Cuban authorities against the abuses committed by the Cuba Cane Sugar Corporation with the laborers and employees. The telegram adds that if the authorities do not put a stop to such abuses, a strike will be declared in the ~~xxx~~ sugar mills of the Provinces of Camaguey and Oriente.

DIARIO DE LA MARINA (Oct. 11) - Telegram from Santiago de Cuba, referring to the frustrated attempt against the life of General Menocal at Songo. - In the Municipality of Songo, fifty men armed with rifles tried to kill General Menocal on his way from Santiago de Cuba to Guantanamo, and posted bills against Menocal and his followers. In spite of these threats, Menocal proceeded to Guantanamo.

Message sent by the Rotary Club of Habana to Generals Menocal and Machado, greeting them on the occasion of the National holiday, and stating that in view of their patriotism, they are expected to make every effort to see that the electoral campaign is carried on terms of the greatest cordiality, and that the coming elections will be a proof of the culture and competence of the Cuban people for self-government.

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EL TRIUNFO (Oct. 11) - Article commenting upon the intentions of General Menocal to start a revolution. - It states that Menocal now abandons the civic struggle, and places himself out of the law. His plans tend to obtain that the elections are postponed, convinced as he is of his defeat all along the line. The Government is backed by the entire country. Menocal may not land in Habana. In order to avoid possible conflicts, the Government will recommend him to get off the train at some station near Habana, from where he will be escorted to his residence by a squadron of cavalry.

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October 12th - Sunday-
October 13th (Morning)

HERALDO DE CUBA (Oct. 11) -Gonzalez Beauville comments upon the last Manifesto issued by General Menocal, and states that Menocal ~~xxx~~ has issued a new manifesto, trying to explain his attitude in connection witht the events of Camaguey; that said document is not written in a calm and serene manner, which shows that it was not Dr. Montoro who drafted it, and tries to blame Dr. Zayas for the disturbances. Beauville states that in reality, the President has concealed the truth, but that he did so with the only purpose of saving Menocal from going to jail.

Article by Ramon Vasconcelos. He has just returned from Camaguey, and emphatically declares that a conspiracy for rebellion exists in the military quarters of that city. Members of the Army conspire in broad day-light against the constituted Government, without having received any harm from the Government. He further refers to the attitude of General Menocal during his incumbency, whose only worry was to improve the Army, and when he left the Presidency, he boasted of counting on the Army whenever he considered it convenient for his purposes. The conspiracy exists in practically all the Provinces, but in Camaguey, political meetings are held in one of the barracks practically every night. President Zayas is aware of this, but remains with folded arms , thinking that "time" will solve the situation, as was the case with the movement of the Veterans and Patriots. The present problem, however, is quite different. Vasconcelos finally makes an appeal to the Government to adopt prompt and energetic measures before a revolution breaks out.

EL HERALDO (Oct. 11) - Telegram from Santiago de Cuba, stating that at a meeting of the Conservatives, Dr. Ricardo Dolz said that the Conservatives must win the elections, because if that failed to happen, a revolution would break out on November 2nd.

LA NOCHE (Oct. 11) - The Chiffof the General Staff of the Army, the Secretary of the Interior and the Chief of Police of Habana, held a long conference this morning, in connection with the measures which must be adopted to avoid disturbances on the arrival of Menocal to Habana, tomorrow.

LA LUCHA (Oct. 11) - Cable despatch from Washington referring to the rumors that Dr. Torriente will present his resignation of the office of Ambassador in Washington. As soon as the Isle of Pines problem is settled, he will abandon the diplomatic career, and then he will devote himself ~~xx~~ to the practice of law.

LA DISCUSION (Oct. 11) - EDITORIAL, commenting upon the existence of a real conspiracy to prevent the victory of General Menocal at the coming elections, and states that the Central Government, the Liberal Party, the Liberal Governors and Mayors, and practically all the Municipal police forces of the Republic are mixed in this conspiracy.

LA PRENSA (Oct. 11) - The President has signed a Decree appropriating the sum of $40,000.00, as an increase for the appropriation for the functioning of the Office of the Paymaster of Debts of the State. He also signed another decree appropriating $25,000,00 for the repair of the rolling stock of the Street Cleaning Department.

Reports received at the last hour indicate that two persons were killed in a political fight in the town of Agramonte (Province of Matanzas.

A Decree has been signed appropriating the sum of $81,000.00 to pay debts contract for the service of personnel and supplies of the Depart.of Public Works.

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EL MUNDO - (Oct. 12) - Instructions were issued yesterday to quarter all the troops detached in Habana, and to keep them ready for any emergency.

DIARIO DE LA MARINA (Oct. 12) - Telegram from Camaguey, stating that the investigations made by the Special Judge, show that a man from Habana by the name of Renté fired the first shot which killed Lieutenant Aguero, of the Camaguey Police. Then, a group of persons who were in the parade tried to take the Police Station by assault. The group was commanded by a retired officer of the Army (Alfredo Lima). Then the Police, which had been previously quartered, repelled the attack. The troops were called by the Governor, and order was restored. The Court has ascertained that the vistims had no guns, and other did not make use of them.

Letter to General Menocal, signed by Tomas Fernandez Boada, Manuel Enrique Gomez, Ramon F. Crusellas, Porfirio Franca, and Carlos Alzugaray, informing him that practically all the elements which called on him at "El Chico" have decided to offer him their moral and material support.

Telegram from Agramonte, referring to the fight in which two men were killed, as follows: At the time when a parade of the Liberal Party was marching through the town, at the head of which was Mr. La Rosa, a man fired a shot against the paraders, and killed Jose Sardiñas. The shot was fired by Martin Roman, but as he was taken to the police station, Roman fell in the hands of the mob and was lynched. Feeling was running high, and the Rural Guard had to be called to restore public order.

EL TRIUNFO (Oct. 12) - This paper states that Martin Roman is a man with penal antecedents, and that his idea was to kill the Manager of Central San Ignacio, but he missed the man, and killed Sardiñas Local Vice President of the Association of Veterans and Patriots. Roman was an affiliate of the Conservative Party, and Sardiñas a Liberal.

HERALDO DE CUBA (Oct. 12) - The Liberals candidates, Machado and De la Rosa, have decided not to attend any more political meetings, but will devote themselves to the organization of their electoral forces for the approaching final contest.

The Secretary of the Produce Exchange (Lonja del Comercio) is preparing a report recommending the convenience of converting Habana into a "Free Port".

EL HERALDO (Oct. 12) publishes a photograph in which Menocal appears surrounded by a group of persons among whom there are four well known criminals, whom he uses as "bullies". One of them (marked number 2), is the one said to have fired the first shot during the disturbances at Camaguey, according to investigations made by the Special Judge.

A feature article denying the rumors of a conspiracy in the Army.

LA DISCUSION (Oct 12) - Referring to the recent disturbances in Agramonte, this paper states that the Police cowardly killed a member of the Conservative Party, and then handed the body to the Liberals. The reports that Martin Ramos had been wounded in the quarrel, are false. He was killed after he had been taken to the police station.

EL PAIS (Oct. 12) -Measures of precaution are taken in the Presidential Palace to repel any attack of the Conservatives. 85 soldiers of Infantry with their corresponding machine guns, and a squadron of cavalry, are now protecting the Palace. Other new referring to the arrival of General Menocal this evening.

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The railroad men have declared a boycott against the sugar mills owned by the Cuban Sugar Co. (Moron, Stewart, Violeta, Lugareña, Jagueyal and Velasco), because said Company has refused to accept the terms of the laborers. The strike continues in said sugar mills.

DIARIO DE LA MARINA (Oct. 12) - Articles referring to the enthusiastic reception accorded to General Menocal on his arrival to this city last night. No disagreeable incident was reported.

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1. Enclosed will be found brief summaries of news articles and editorial comment of the Havana Press for the days: October 13, 14, 15, 16, and 17.

2. The lady referred to in the marked paragraph on page two of the news articles and editorial comment for October 15 and 16 is the wife of the Chief of Staff of the Army.

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October 14th (Morning)

HERALDO DE CUBA (Oct. 13) - Article by Gonzalez Beauville commenting upon a letter received by him from Camaguey in connection with the political disturbances at Camaguey and the sequestration of Col. Quero. Said letter is quoted in full in the article, and states that Col. Quero behaved as a good soldier, but he was betrayed by officers who were under him, and realizing that he was single handed, he could not act as he should. On the day of the disturbances, he armed six sergeants of his Staff, but the officers who were in the conspiracy sent a list of the names of these sergeants to the Menocalists.

The commercial elements of the country will not take any further steps to obtain the repeal of the Stamp Tax Law and of the Law of the Tax of Four per Cent, until after the elections.

Article very unfavotably commenting upon a project in connection with the Central Highway, which is only an excuse to dispose of 35 million dollars of the Public Treasury. The article states that the projected Central Highway is the most scandalous fraud committed in Cuba. The worst part of the project is that the sovereignty of Cuba would be pledged, because the intentions are to grant the concession to an American Syndicate, and the conditions for the bonds issued by this Syndicate would endanger the sovereignty of Cuba.

EL HERALDO (Oct. 13) - Articles commenting upon the failure of the tour of propaganda of General Menocal. One of said articles states that Menocal met with a very cold reception in the Province of Oriente; that the excursion carried on a criminal plan which is an attempt against the sovereignty of Cuba, with annexationist purposes. Said article states, in part, as follows: "The standing of the Conservative candidate after his tour of propaganda, is practically the following: the total electoral defeat in the Provinces of Habana, Matanzas, Santa Clara, Camaguey and Oriente. He knows it well, and the only way in which he can expect to be successful, is by promoting a revolution, thereby preventing the holding of the elections...."

The Department of Sanitation affirms once more that the epidemic of Baracoa is dysentery. An active cruzade will be undertaken against quack doctors.

The strike in the sugar mills owned by the Cuba Cane Sugar Corporation: In Central Perseverancia, the strike continues, because the Manager, Mr. Aldereguia, refuses to reinstate the laborers dismissed for the only crime of trying to organize a Union; The manager of Central VIOLETA not only tries to prevent the organization of the Union, but also tries to compel the laborers to work 12 hours; everything seems to indicate that the laborers of Central "Stewart" will be able to hold out until the Cuba Cane accepts their conditions, which are: the recognition of the Union, and the payment of the personnel every fortnight.

LA DISCUSION (Oct. 13) Telegram from Guantanamo, stating that Celasio Espino, President of the "Vanguardia Veteranista" was attacked in a cowardly manner by the member of the municipal police. The attack was directed by the Chief of Police, and the only crime which Espino has committed is to be in favor of the candidature of General Menocal.

LA PRENSA (Oct. 13) - The President is still sick. The only callers this morning were: Secretary of Agriculture Betancourt, Secretary of Public Instruction Gonzalez Manet, and General Herrera, Chief of the General Staff, who held a long and secret conference with the President. All the troops brought to Habana yesterday, have been sent back to their respective quarters.

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Telegram from Santiago de Cuba stating that the epidemic of dysentery has spread to Santiago. Eight soldiers of the Moncada barracks have been attacked by that epidemic disease. A state of alarm prevails in Santiago, and it is hoped that the sanitary authorities will proceed with the urgency which the case requires.

Articles referring to the triumphal return of General Menocal to Habana.

Two persons were reported wounded yesterday in political fights, in this city.

LA NOCHE - The residents of Eighth Street, in hte Vibora heights, have not had a drop of water during the last four days.

Article highly commending the Police Force of Habana for the efficient manner in which order was maintained in Habana yesterday.

The Railroad Brotherhood does not support any political party. Note given out by Juan Arevalo, stating that he had nothing to do with an article published in "El Sol" and "El Heraldo" against General Menocal.

Information has been obtained from persons who called at the Palace to-day that an important political conference will be held at the Palace shortly, between the President and the commissioners appointed by the presidential candidates. They will discuss matters connected with the coming elections.

Four aeroplanes will soon arrive for the Cuban Army, and will be used for practices at Camp Columbia.

EL MUNDO (Oct. 14) - EDITORIAL unfavorably commenting upon the strikes in sugar mills. It is to be regretted that strikes should exist at a time when the sugar crop is about to commence. It also refers to the fact that the railroad men are trying to lend their support to the sugar mill workers. It reminds the workers that sympathetic strikes which become general are often regarded as revolutionary movements, and the Government would be compelled to intervene to restore public order.

General Machado has gone again to the Province of Santa Clara. An enthusiastic reception was accorded to him yesterday in the city of Santa Clara.

Declarations signed by General Menocal in which he expresses his gratefulness for the demonstrations of enthusiasm, of adhesion and of firm intentions to win, which he has received during his tour of propaganda through the Island. The closing paragraph reads as follows: "To all I also give the assurances that I will respond always with my decision and energy to the hopes placed in me by a people anxious of reparation and of justice."

DIARIO DE LA MARINA (Oct. 14) - EDITORIAL, favorably commenting upon the successful tour of electoral propaganda of General Menocal. This excursion has served to show that Menocal is not only the leader of a political party, but a national leader

Accusations were made against the President and other high officials of the Government at a meeting of the Senate held yesterday (See running comment)

EL TRIUNFO (Oct. 14) - Commenting upon the session held by the Senate yesterday, this paper states that the Senate has adopted a frank seditious or revolutionary attitude.

Telegram from San Diego del Valle, referring to the discovery of arms and ammunition concealed in the residence of Andres Gomez, and that the Menocalists of that town openly express their revolutionary intentions.

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HERALDO DE CUBA (Oct. 14) - Telegram from Santa Clara referring to the big reception given to General Machado in Santa Clara yesterday.

Special Judge Sastre, in charge of the proceedings for the Camaguey disturbances, has sent a telegram to the Judge of Instruction of the Third Section requesting him to notify Alberto Navas and Jose Magrifat Santos of the charges made against them, as it has been proved that they took active part in the shooting at Camaguey on Oct. 5th.

More than 500 drivers of Ford cars called at the office of "Heraldo de Cuba" to protest against the abuse which the organizers of the reception given to Menocal are trying to commit against them. Their services were contracted for two hours, for $5.00 , which they were to collect after the arrival of the excursion train, on the presentation of blue cards given to them. The train was greatly delayed, and instead of two hours, they rendered services during eleven hours, but those in charge of the organization have told the drivers that they will not collect one cent more than the $5.00.

Referring to the session held by the Senate yesterday, this paper states: "The Senate, manœuvered by a Conservative majority under the leadership of Aurelio Alvarez, passes a vote of censure againt the Executive, which can very well be the embryo of a future 'coup d'Etat'".

Article unfavorably commenting upon the attitude of the Secretary of Agriculture in connection with the molasses problem. The alcohol manufacturers do not intend to take any further steps, in view of the fact that the Department of Agriculture does not make any promise, due to the steps taken by the Ambassador of the United States in defense of the molasses exporters. There was no defence for the local interests, in spite of the favorable manner in which the problem was presented to the representatives of the Washington Covernment. The alcohol manufacturers did not try to take away all the stock in the hands of the exporters, but only a small percentage of it, to keep the local distilleries in operation until the beginning of the next crop. The Department of agriculture is accused of apathy.

EL HERALDO (October 14)-The hopes of the Menocalists for winning at the coming elections, rest on the millions of wall street and in the weakness of Dr. Alfredo Zayas, despite their conviction that they constitute a minority. - Article commenting upon the electoral frauds planned by the Conservatives. It even states that the telegraph lines are in the hands of one of the followers of Menocal, master in the art of frauds. With an evident weakness, the Government permits Menocal and his followers to carry out their plans of electoral frauds. The purchase of electoral "cedulas" continues.

It has been rumored in political circles that after the excursion of General Menocal through the Island, and in view of the lavish expenditures made during said excursion, Menocal finds himself short of funds at the present time, and the foreign banking institutions which are financing his campaign, have refused to make further advances. This article states that these rumors have been confirmed in financial circles, and that in view of this restriction ordered by Wall Street, Menocal has been compelled to pledge securities of the West Indies Co. to a bank of this city, and that this transaction was for the sum of $500,000.00.

Article commenting upon the manner in which the Mayor of Habana has piled up a large fortune during his short incumbency in office. Mayor Cuesta is now offering the most shameful case of how a man becomes wealth, while holding an official position. Cuesta was considered to be a poor man when he was elected Mayor, but three months after he took charge of office, he was regarded as a wealthy man.

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At a meeting held by the political organization "Old Guard of Jose Miguel Gomez", Dr. Vazquez Bello affirmed that the Liberals will have a majority of over seven thousand votes in the Province of Santa Clara; Lagueruela said that the Province of Habana will be carried by the Liberals, by a majority of twelve thousand votes; and Ramon Leon said that Oriente will also be carried by the Liberals by a majority of over 10,000 votes.

Secretary Iturralde conferred with the President yesterday, in connection with his projected trip through the Island, after the 20th of this month. The idea of Iturralde is to carry the assurances that the Government will maintain a neutral attitude, and that absolute guarantees will be given for the exercise of the right of suffrage. - Dr. Iturralde said yesterday that he was perfectly satisfied with the measures adopted by the Government, and that at the present time there was no fear of any disturbance of the peace.

Article unfavorably commenting upon the rumors that the Army is in favor of Menocal, and stating that the Army is in its place of honor.

LA DISCUSION (Oct. 14) - Article commenting upon the result of the excursion of the Conservative Party, and stating that the people of Cuba have given their verdict in favor of Menocal. However, it states that a conspiracy is being organized and put in practice, to take the victory away from General Menocal, even by force if it became necessary; and that the conspiracy against Menocal is a conspiracy against the country.....

Article written in defense of the Army, grauitously offended by the Government, as well as by General Machado and his followers. Nobody in Cuba , not even the present Government, has a right to doubt of the honor of the Army. - Arms are being distributed in a clandestine manner among men of bad reputation, and the rumor has been spread that it is necessary to take preventive measures against the possibility of the Army refusing to second the plans of violence prepared to win the elections. Naturally, the Army will not lend itself to support any plans contrary to the Constitution and the Laws, but on the other hand, it will always be ready for any necessiry of the country.

Major Heriberto Hernandez, in charge of the Military District of Matanzas, is accused of using the soldiers as electoral agents. It will be remembered that when Colonel Pujol came to Habana, the General Staff of the Army announced that Pujol would return to his post after he conferred with the President. Zayas is trying to postpone this conference indefinitely, in order that Col. Pujol may not be able to return to his post before the 1st of November.

LA PRENSA (Oct. 14) - When the motion approved yesterday by the Senate and the appointment of a commission to visit the President, was known at the Palace, the Secretary of the Presidency informed the Senate that the interview should be requested in writing, and that the motion approved shouls be forwarded to the President through the usual channels. The wishes of the President were complied with this morning, and his answer to the request for an interview, is awaited. The Senate will continue in session this afternoon to take cognizance of the answer of the President.

Section entitled "DEL MOMENTO" - Commenting upon the grave importance entailed by the motion approved by the Senate yesterday. That the resolution of the Senate is very grave. The present political situation of the country, "full of great and certain perils, and almost at the verge of a convulsion provoked by the insensate partiality of the Executive who only moves at the impulses of personal interests" makes the motion to be much more grave. The article also condemns "those who carry the Cubans to a collective suicide....", and refers to "the false promises of neutrality", and to the "persecution against the persons who

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consider that the pact between Cuellar and Machado is nothing but the "continuance" disguised with a liberal candidature...."

The President has signed a Decree authorizing the United Fruit Company to import 5,000 "Antillian" laborers for Centrals "Boston" and "Preston".

LA NOCHE (Oct. 14) - Reports from Santiago de Cuba state that 20 new cases of dysentery have been reported from the Moncada barracks.

The sanitary authorities state that the epidemic disease which made its appearance in the Moncada barracks of Santiago de Cuba is "enteritis" and not "dysentery."

The strikers of the Province of Camaguey tried to blow up a train carrying laborers, near Central "Violeta" in the district of Moron.

Telegram from Cidra (Province of Matanzas) stating that several cases of typhoid fever have been reported. The proper measures have been adopted by the Sanitary authorities to prevent the spreading of that disease.

EL PAIS (Oct. 14) - The secret agents of the Provincial Government have discovered a conspiracy in the Province of Santa Clara. The telegram adds that Governor Mendez Peñate will seize the arms and ammunition hidden by the conspirators, and that prominent members of the Conservative Party will be arrested very soon.

EL MUNDO (Oct. 15) EDITORIAL commenting upon the dangers of permitting the Army to intervene in political struggles.

DIARIO DE LA MARINA (Oct. 15) - A note given out by the Asociacion de Hacendados y Colonos, giving the result of the investigations made by said Association in connection with the strikes in sugar mills. It is believed that the conflict was prepared and directed by outside elements. The abnormal conditions started in the sugar mills of the Provinces of Camaguey and Santa Clara. The sugar planters and mill owners believe that coercive methods are used against the laborers. In the majority of the cases, the laborers did not make any demand the refusal of which gave rise to the conflict. The explanation from the laborers came after the strike had been declared, and was considered as an excuse rather than as a cause.

The Parliamentary Committee of the House held a meeting yesterday, and resolved to support the resolution adopted by the Senate.

A feature article commenting upon the great importance of the resolution adopted by the Senate.

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HERALDO DE CUBA (October 15) - The President has signed a Decree appropriating the sum of $20,000.00 for the erection of a monument in honor of the Veterans of the Independence.

Article commenting upon the insults hurled by Dr. Ricardo Dolz against President Zayas at a recent meeting of the Senate. The article states that Dr. Dolz is not a patriot, and that his probity and honesty are questionable. In 1906 he treasoned the Republic, and he was the principal causer of the outrages committed by the "Cabinet of Combat", and of the American Intervention which followed it. Now, he again wounds the heart of the Republic which he did not help to establish. The article further recommends Dr. Dolz to be more prudent, because it is a very dangerous thing to play with fire "as this might be the last disloyalty permitted to him by men who have a different opinion of the duties of a citizen toward his country."

At the repeated request of many readers, this paper re-prints an article written by Colonel Carlos Mendieta during the last days of the Administration of General Menocal, for which Mendieta was persecuted and ~~xxxxxxxxx~~ sentenced by a Correctional Court. The article is entitled "GOOD-BY DICTATORSHIP", in which the actions of General Menocal as President are bitterly criticized, and begins as follows: "We have reasons to believe that the Washington Government has at last turned its eyes toward Cuba, convinced that it must act beforehand in order to prevent the repetition of the shameful procedures employed in the famous elections of 1916: the falsification of suffrage and the violation of all the laws which caused the justified protest of February."

Article unfavorably commenting upon the political declarations made by Secretary of Agriculture Betancourt, and stating that this should be born in mind by those who accuse Dr. Cespedes of being a Liberal.

The National Federation of Road Education protests against the immoral and suspicious project for the construction of the Central Highway spoken of during the last few days, and decides to combat that grafting scheme.

An article in which the Judge of Caimito del Guayabal, Ernesto Valdes Suarez, President of the Municipal Electoral Board, is bitterly criticezed. This Judge is accused of electoral frauds in connection with the approaching elections. The Judge is said to have visited candidates, political members and electoral agents demanding money and offering to commit certain electoral frauds in his district.

EDITORIAL unfavorably commenting upon the recent attitude of the Senate in connection with the riots of Camaguey, and the aggressive campaign of the ~~xxxxxxx~~ Conservative Party.

EL HERALDO (Oct. 15)- An article stating that differences of opinion exist among the members of the Staff of General Menocal, for, while Hevia, Andre and Cadenas have revolutionary ideas, Collazo is in favor of the use of peaceful methods. Elisio Arguelles and Rafael Maria Angulo also share the opinion of Collazo.

Campaign against Mayor Cuesta. This article contains a new list of properties owned, and mortgages held by the Mayor of Habana.

Zayas is somewhat fearful before Menocal. The threats hurled by the Menocalists, compel President Zayas to adopt a strange attitude, and shows his evident and inveterate weakness.

The Menocalists sent expert thieves to Camaguey to try to steal the proceedings instituted in connection with the disturbances in that city, but the provision of the Secretary of the Special Judge baffled the thieves.

"The Army, the Menocalists and El Heraldo" - Article quoting a letter from General Herrera, Chief of the General Staff of the Army, thanking the Director of "El Heraldo" for

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a recent article written in defense of the Army against the accusations hurled by certain politicians.

Article by Desiderio Ferreira, commenting upon the insults hurled by Aurelio Alvarez against "El Heraldo". The article states that Aurelio Alvarez, the man who insults the dead, who offends the memory of General Caballero... has no moral authority to insult this paper. That the insults of the President of the Conservative Party could be answered with greater insults because the writer does not lack words to do so, nor is remiss at the hour of responsibilities, but Ferreira does not do so through courtesy to his Master, Wifredo Fernandez. Besides, Aurelio Alvarez is almost insane, as shown by his recent declarations which envolve an insult to a lady. Alvarez has affirmed that the Army is governed by a woman who never dreamed of having the position which she now enjoys.....

LA DISCUSION (Oct. 15) - "General Machado speculated with the blood of the Liberators of Cuba" - This article states that when the Republic was inaugurated and a resolution was adopted to pay the soldiers of the Army of Independence, Machado became associated with a Spaniard named Marcelino Garcia and Notary Antonio Torres, and proceeded to purchase the credits of the Veterans, paying 15 and 20 per cent of the face value. Practically all his subordinates who had made him a General had to accept what their chief paid them. So it will be seen that the monopolizer of the electric plants of the country has always had xxxx the sharp instinct of a trader.

In view of the unexplainable conduct of President Zayas, the Senators maintain a watchful attitude. If the Executive has tried to slight the Senate, the latter will know how to put itself wherever circumstances may demand. The present moment is of supreme graveness. Account of the meeting held yesterday at the Senate. Motions approved.

Article very unfavorably commenting upon a Manifesto issued by Governor Zayas Bazan, of Camaguey, in connection with the disturbances there.

"The frightening actions of the fan", - by Sergio Carbo - written in insulting terms against the President for his attitude in trying to take away victory from General Menocal by force, and stating that the country is at present governed by a woman.....

EL PAIS (Oct. 15) states that President Zayas continues sick in bed. Several members of the Cabinet, and politicians, who called at the Palace, were unable to see the President.

LA PRENSA (Oct. 15) - Section entitled "DEL MOMENTO" - very unfavorably commenting upon the refusal of the President to receive the commissioners appointed by the Senate to interview him.

EDITORIAL entitled "EVILS WHICH CAN BE AVOIDED" - Favorably commenting upon the attitude assumed by the "Asociacion de Hacendados y Colonos", in connection with the strike in sugar mills.

The Chief otf the General Staff of the Army announces that Colonel Pujol has not resigned, and that Pujol expects to confer with the Presant to-day.

EL MUNDO (Oct. 16) - Text of the letters from President Zayas to the President of the Senate and to the Commissioners appointed by the Senate, refusing to accept the visit of the Commission.

DIARIO DE LA MARINA (Oct. 16) - Text of a Manifesto issued by the Directorate of the Candidature Menocal - Mendez Capote (Translated in full).

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HERALDO DE CUBA (Oct. 16) - Article by Gonzalez Beauville commenting upon the incident between the President and the members of the Senate. Beauville sincerely applauds the brave and civic attitude of the President, and bitterly criticezes that of the Senators.

At a conference held with Secretary Iturralde, the Supervisor appointed for Santa Clara reported that everything is quiet in that Municipality.

WITH DOCTOR ZAYAS, AND AGAINST THE SENATE - Another article favorably commenting upon the attitude maintained by Dr. Zayas. It states that the Menocalists have been the cause of all the evils of Cuba. That if Zayas had xxx stopped the excursion train of Menocal and his followers, if he had arrested Menocal on account of his seditious propaganda, if, dispite the law, he had arrested the members of Congress who in that train placed their immunity at the service of egoism and eagerness for lucre; in short, if had used the violences and coercions which marked the Conservative Administration, the Senate would not have convened to insult the President or to demand reparation from a man who did not want to punish them as the welfare of the country recommended. That, on the other hand, Menocal caused the Liberals who refused to support him, to be arrested in the House of Representatives. That Barreras, Roig, Jose Manuel Cortina, Recio and even Juan Gualberto Gomez, now his ally, were then unjustly and illegally arrested by order of Menocal.....

The National Federation of Road Education has protested energetically against the project to grant the concession for the construction of the Central Highway to a foreign company. The American company which is trying to obtain that concession has offered $1.500,000.00 to bribe the members of Congress, and one million dollars for the newspapers willing to defend the transactions.

Article commenting upon the strike in sugar mills. The Department of the Treasury has been informed that in some sugar mills the Cuban currency is not admitted as a legal tender, and the denunciation will be forwarded to the Supreme Court, for action. Miguel Arango has been called to Habana to confer with the Secretary of the Interior.

In Cienfuegos, Ferrara and Rey, leaders of the Liberal and Conservative campaign, respectively, in that district, have come to an understanding. All the political problems which may arise there, will be amicably settled.

Editorial commenting upon the fact that President Zayas has taught a good lesson to the "Menocalistic Senate".

Another editorial, unfavorably commenting upon xx a recent authorization granted by the President for the importation of 500 Antillian laborers, and states that another invasion of Jamaicans threatens Cuba. That the immigration doors have been opened very early this year; that President Zayas has paid no heed to the recommendations of the Secretary of Sanitation who maintains that the Antillian immigrants act as agents for the spreading of infectious diseases, etc.

Letter from Dr. Ricardo Dolz, stating that he hurled no insults against the President at a recent meeting of the Senate, as has been published by certain newspapers.

The resident of San Antonio de las Vegas complain against the actions of the Mayor, who persecutes the Liberals. A commission of residents came to lodge the complaint before the Secretary of the Interior, and they were accompanied by Acting Governor Ruiz, Governor Alberto Barreras, Representative Fernandez Hermo, and other prominent politicians.

EL HERALDO (Oct. 16) - A concrete denunciation has been filed at the Department of the Interior, giving all the details of a revolutionary plot near Habana. Mill owners and Congressmen are the authors of the conspiracy openly carried on in the Provinces of Matanzas and Santa Clara. One thousand rifles have mysteriously

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disappeared from an importing firm in Habana. The Government is now in possession of all the strings of the conspiracy planned by General Menocal..Even Machine guns have been acquired for that rebellious movement. Alzugaray and other prominent persons are said to be implicated.

"SECRETARY PORTELA IS THE HERO OF A SCANDALOUS AFFAIR" - An article stating that Secretary Portela has submitted a Decree to the President, for signature, relieving the Cuban Telephone Company from the obligation to pay the tax of one per cent. The Company, however, will not refund the tax already collected from its subscribers; and this paper asks: "Who will receive one-half of that amount...?

LA DISCUSION (Oct. 16) - Doctor Zayas challenges the Senate. He flatly refuses to receive the visit of the Commission appointed by the Senate which intended to recommend him a rectification of his conduct, plainly partial. The Senate will defend its rights and prerrogatives. Text of the letter of the President to the Sente.

Telegram from Colon stating that the Secretary of the Interior ordered a search to be made in the Jail of this town where the Conservatives are said to have hidden arms. Naturally, it was a fruitless search, but it shows the decided purpose of Secretary Iturralde to take advantage of every opportunity to show his unconditional support to the followers of Cuellar and Machado. It is rumored that Iturralde has sent 60 rifles to arm the Liberals against the Conservatives. It is also rumored that the Municipal police will custody the electoral colleges on election day, to keep the Conservatives away from the polls.

THE ELECTORAL CAMPAIGN - Article commenting upon the accusations hurled against the President at a recent meeting of the Senate, and also against Cespedes, Iturralde, Herrera and Gonzalez Manet. The article further states: "The Executive, it seems, will follow the same policy which he used against the Special Envoy, Mr. Crowder, --a policy of artful and refined tricks and of ambiguous replies--and which, in the judgment of the Iniends of the Palace, finally gave the victory to the Executive Power. The idea was to gain time with the Special Envoy, and now he is trying to gain time with the Senate. The day of the elections will come, and nothing will be done, and the Senate will be fooled...."

A newspaper man visited Mendieta and asked him to to give orders to Miguel Suarez and other prominents friends of his not to support the Campaign in favor of Menocal, but Mendieta angrily replied: "I have given absolute freedom of action to my friends to act in the present campaign according to their political and personal inclinations; and I am not a man who changes his mind so easily."

"THE CRISIS OF THE STATE" - Commenting upon the fact that the relations between the Senate and the Executive are now severed, due to the unwarranted attitude maintained by the President; and that the House of Representatives is expected to back up the decisions of the higher Legislative Body.

Article stating that Secretary Iturralde has ordered a series of intimidations and threats in the town of Santa Cruz del Norte. Practically all the rural guards detached in that town have been removed, and the Chief of the Telegraph Office has also been transferred. The Police is committing all sorts of abuses against the Conservatives.

The Central Electoral Board has requested from the Department of the Interior that the electoral colleges of Alto Songo, Santa Maria del Rosario, Calabazar de Sagua, Cienfuegos, Santo Domingo and Santa Isabel de las Lajas, be custodied by the Army on election day.

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LA PRENSA (Oct. 16) - The/professional men of Habana will give a banquet in honor of General Menocal and Dr. Mendez Capote, on Saturday, October 18th, at the National Theatre. Speeches will be given by Ricardo Dolz, Carlos Alzugaray, Wifredo Fernandez and Domingo Mendez Capote.

Telegram from Cidra (Province of Matanzas) stating that one more case of typhoid fever has been reported.

Marichal, who tried to kill General Jack, has been released under bail of two thousand dollars, pending the decision of an appeal filed against the sentence of the Audiencia of Habana.

General Crowder held a long and secret conference with Secretary Cespedes, this morning.

LA NOCHE -In spite of the fact that the President is still sick, he held conferences this morning with the Secretaries of Justice, Interior, Treasury and Sanitation, and also with Captain Armando Nuñez.

An epidemic of dysentery has appeared in Central "Almeida" near Guantanamo, as announced in a telegram from Guantanamo.

The collections of the Treasury during the first two weeks of October, amounted to $3.029,694.35.

EL MUNDO -(October 17) - Telegram from Rodrigo (Provincia de Santa Clara). Last night, when a group of Liberals was passing in front of the Conservative Club, some insulting phrases were heard, and a shooting affray followed, as a result of which two men were wounded, one of them seriously. The Army was called, and peace was restored. Feeling is running high.

The members of the House of Representatives belonging to the Conservative Party, addressed a memorial to President Zayas, yesterday, giving a list of resolutions adopted by the Departments of the Government against which they protest. They also protest against transfers made in the Army, which, they think, are contrary to the laws in force in the country. As a consequence thereof, they, as members of the House of Representatives request the President to rectify the movements initiated in the Public Administration, and that the absolute neutrality of the Government in the coming elections be guaranteed.

Interview with Governor Herryman of Pinar del Rio, who feels very optimistic about the victory of the Conservative Party, and criticizes the transfers of officers of the Army, and said at the end: "We will accept the decision at the polls, even if it be against us; but if the Government does not rectify its procedures, and that decision does not represent the will of the majority, then we will not accept it. I will go wherever my Party goes, except (he added in a sincere tone) to ask for an intervention, which I would not accept in any case and under any circumstances, even if my life and the happiness of my children depended on it...."

DIARIO DE LA MARINA - The Senate held no session yesterday; only a secret conference was held by a few members of the Senate in connection with the attitude of the President of the Republic. Senator Wifredo Fernandez was appointed to report on the incident, not later than Wednesday of next week, when a special session of the Senate will be called. The opinion prevailing is that the President should have received the Commission appointed by the Senate, since this Body was perfectly within its rights in making the declarations contained in the Motion approved.

EDITORIAL entitled "THE ISLE OF PINES" - Transcribing certain declarations made by a prominent person who visited the Isle of Pines recently, in which he refers to the present conditions and incidentally criticizing the annexationist purposes of certain American residents of the Island.

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1. I am enclosing herewith brief summaries of news articles and editorial comment of the Havana Press for the days:

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October 17, 1924 (Afternoon)
October 18th (Morning)

HERALDO DE CUBA (Oct. 17) - Article unfavorably commenting upon the memorial addressed by 49 Conservative members of the House of Representatives, to the President of the Republic, complaining against acts of partiality committed by the Government. The article states that the members of the House refer to transgressions of the law, abuses and acts of violence, but they do not cite any specific case.

Yesterday, Dr. Vazquez Bello held a long conference with the Secretary of the Interior, in connection with the present political campaign, and the maintenance of public order in the interior of the country.

"THE SENATORIAL BLUFF", by Orestes Ferrara. - Ferrara begins by stating that the Senate has, for years past, lost its prestige; and this constitutes such a serious evil, that many patriots have been heard to say: "We would welcome an intervention, to get rid of this Senate." If the Senate had not lost its prestige, the controversy with the President of the Republic would not have passed unnoticed as it did, and had it not been for the firm and precise letter of the President, nobody would have paid any attention to the hard and disgusting letters of the Senators..... That this Government has granted many favors, contracts and "colecturias" to Conservative Senators.... That ninety-five per cent of public employees are Conservatives, and even in the Cabinet, General Betancourt is anxious to see the Conservative Party win the elections. That a seditious, suiciding and unworthy campaign is being carried on in the Army, and that the trip of General Menocal constituted a campaign of seditious propaganda, to corrupt the military institutions, a thing which can be proved, but which the writer does not do now for the sake of the country. Ferrara finally states that the threats of revolution have not affected anyone; that a civil war to-day would be a terrible and bloody one; that the Conservatives do not want to abandon power; that the Government shall be compelled to accept the support of the Liberals to maintain order, and will supply them with arms.

Governor Ruiz declares that the Liberals will win in 23, of the 25 Municipalities of the Province of Habana.

Dr. Miguel Mariano Gomez will direct the Liberal campaign in the Municipality of Sancti-Spiritus.

EL HERALDO (Oct. 17) - Menocal tried to get hold of bonds of Central España amounting to four million dollars. The shortage of funds to finance his electoral campaign, made him conceive the plan to grabb certain securities of the Banco Nacional. Miguel Alonso Pujol was selected to offer $100,000.00 to the Government official willing to carry out Menocal's plans. Comptroller Pereira energetically refused to make that scandalous transaction, and stated that the securities should be sold at auction, call for bids through the Official Gazette, and obtain a Decree from the President. Mr. Mitchell also refused to give the money against $2,000.000.00 worth of securities of the "West India" in view of the difficulties to bring money into Cuba.

Telegram from ~~Rodrigo~~ Santo Domingo, referring to a political fight in Rodrigo as a result of which two men were seriously wounded.

An article stating that the Government has given secret orders to stay the proceedings in connection with the Camaguey events. Menocal was seriously envolved in the affair. The conspiracy of the Conservatives continues.

LA DISCUSION (Oct. 17) states that Colonel Pujol leaves to-day for Santiago de Cuba, and will again take command of that Military District; Col. Semidey will take command of the District of Camaguey; and Colonel Quero awaits the result of the investigations made by Colonel Rasco.

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Under the following caption: "The Machadists initiate a reign of terror in Santa Clara. - The Conservatives must struggle, resorting to all means. - Vazquez Bello, the 'Tropical Marat' fulfills his promises of extermination and bloodshed. The Conservatives get ready to take a just revenge," La Discusion quotes a telegram received from Calabazar de Sagua, stating that in the barrio of Mata, Urbano Mederos, an electoral agent of the Conservative Party was attacked by a group of Liberals, among whom there were several policemen, and was seriously wounded. It also states that the Liberal authorities of the town search all the Conservatives, while the Liberals are permitted to carry all kinds of arms which are used to intimidate the Conservative electors. "If the present state of affairs continues --the telegram adds-- it will be impossible to hold the elections due to the lack of guarantees, necessary for the overwhelming victory of the Conservative Party."

General Menocal will not imitate the conduct of the Liberals, who, impotent to defend what they erroneously considered their rights, kneeled before the American colussus asking for its help to exterminate their brothers. However, the Conservatives will not imitate the conduct of the poor Armenians before the furious turks.....When the Government refuses to give the guarantees to which a people is entitled, the people themselves must procure them; when the public force, instead of watching over the security of the citizens, attacks them, the citizens are duty bound to protect themselves "against" that public force, in the legitimate use of the right of self-defence. The abuses and the massacre have already commenced.... Therefore, the time has come to balance the organization, applying the law of retaliation: an eye for an eye; a tooth for a tooth. In this historical moment, let us not forget that we Conservatives are in the majority.....and that we are also the better men.

Several articles criticizing the attitude of the President in connection with the controversy with the Senate.

Accusations against Major Solano. He is arming men in Sancti-Spiritus to attack the Conservatives. The arms were sent by the Secretary of the Interior.

Under the caption "Specific cases of crimes committed by the Machadists", "La Discusion" publishes a telegram from Rancho Veloz stating that Jose Miguel Ruiz, a member of the Conservative Party was shot to death.

LA PRENSA (Oct. 17) - Text of the memorial addressed to the President by 50 Conservative members of the House of Representatives, demanding the adoption of certain measures in connection with the present serious political situation of the country.

Telegram from Moron. The arrest of the President and several members of the Executive Board of the Union of Laborers of the Northern Railways of Cuba, will bring new complications in the strike of laborers of sugar mills. As a result of said arrests, the railroad men have announced their intention to declare a sympathetic strike if the persons arrested are not freed to-day.

LA NOCHE -Interview with a prominent member of Congress, in connection with the present serious political situation (Already translated).

EL PAIS - (Oct. 17) - The Army has discovered a store of arms and ammunitions hidden in a farm adjacent to farms owned by Federico Morales and Carlos Alzugaray. The army seized 350 rifles and 47,000 cartridges. The article also refers to the conspiracy now on foot against the Government; and requests the Government to take energetic measures in order to prevent bloody events which would endanger the stability of the national institutions.

DIARIO DE LA MARINA (Oct. 18) Declarations made by General Machado, presidential candidate of the Liberal Party: "In view of the

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rumors which have circulated accusing the electoral forces of the Liberal Party, of hostile attitudes, I hasten to declare emphatically that, in accordance with the principles of cordiality exposed in my Program of Government, neither I, as candidate, nor the Directors of the Liberal Party, have ever recommended, in any form, the use of methods of violence against our political opponents, and I now once more ratify my purpose of maintaining, on my part, the electoral contest of the first day of November within the norms of conduct recommended by public tranquility and the respect for the rights of the people. (Signed) Gerardo Machado."

Military Supervisors have been appointed for the towns of Cruces and Niquero.

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October 19th - Sunday -
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HERALDO DE CUBA (Oct. 18) - Article by Gonzalez Beauville stating that in spite of the apparent evidences of culpability against Colonel Pujol, he is not guilty of the accusations made against him. The only persons responsible for the situation created are those who pretending to be his friends, tried to discredit him in a vile manner, ordering him, in the name of Menocal, to start an insurrection of his forces against the constituted Government; that the persons who requested Pujol to rise in insurrection, are: Aurelio Alvarez, Rosendo Collazo, Alfredo Lima, Aurelio Havia, Ricardo Dolz, etc.

Article quoting, and commenting upon, a letter written by President Menocal to General Jose Miguel Gomez, dated February 5, 1917, replying to the requests for guarantees made by the General Gomez. This article states that said reply given by Menocal to General Gomez, could very well be applied to the present situation, and sent to Menocal but with the signature of Dr. Zayas.

The President has been invited to the banquet which will be given shortly in honor of Machado and De la Rosa, and promised to attend if his health permitted him to do so.

The Spanish-Cuban Bank will shortly open two new branches: one in Sagua la Grande, and the other in Cardenas.

After conferring with the President, Colonel Pujol left last night for Oriente, and declared to the reporters that he was perfectly satisfied with the orders of the Chief of the General Staff of the Army to have him take charge of the Military District of Oriente.

The Municipal Electoral Board of Habana has refused to accept the resignations presented by persons appointed to serve as members of college boards. The Board understands that it is an obligatory office, and the citizens, when appointed, cannot refuse to serve as such members.

According the rumors which circulated yesterday in Habana, the Army had seized a large quantity or arms and ammunition in the farm owned by Colonel Esteban Delgado, near Bauta. This rumor was denied by the detachment of Rural Guard in Hoyo Colorado. Suspicious meetings in Alquizar in the residence of Colonel Domingo Lence. It is affirmed that Colonel Sixto Roque and Jose del Carmen Hernandez are gathering arms in Cumanayagua to intimidate the farmers and make them vote in favor of Menocal.

"THE REVOLUTION" - by Orestes Ferrara - Commenting upon the uselessness of a revolution at the present time, and stating that it would not help the Conservatives in the least. (A translation of this article appeared in the "Havana Post", of October 20th).

A short news article stating that the Government will publish a list of pardons granted during the incumbency of Dr. Zayas, together with the names of the persons who requested such pardons, in order to prove the injustice of the accusations made against Dr. Zayas of favoring the Liberals.

A telegram from Cidra states that three persons have died of typhoid fever during the last three days, and that more than 20 persons have been attacked by that disease.

An attack of grippe retains General Machado in his private rooms.

EL HERALDO (Oct. 18) - Article commenting upon the difficulties experienced by General Menocal to obtain money for his work of electoral propaganda. The article states that the serious political situation situation has provoked a financial crisis. For important reasons, Menocal has not been able to obtain money in the United States to finance his campaign. Mr. Mitchel, President of the National City Bank, as well as all other American bankers, do not feel very sure. The electoral problem in the United States has affected Cuba in a special manner, due to the complications which may arise.....

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Article commenting upon the illicit actions of Mr. Clarence M arine as member of the Temporary Banking Liquidation Committee. - The headlines state that Mr. Clarence Marine has used his position to make grafts. - The person recommended by General Crowder, in one transaction alone, made $200,000.00 profits with securities of the Banco Español. For this reason, it is affirmed that the Ambassador of the U.S. is disgusted, as he understands that the petty lawyer has betrayed the confidence placed in him, and has compromised the good name of the General.Marine may have to abandon his office in a violent manner, and called to account for his reprobable conduct before the Government of Cuba.

This paper keeps upthe campaign against Mayor Cuesta. To-days article refers to the fact that 120 orphan girls are put out of a school because the Municipality does not pay the amount appropriated in the Budget for that purpose.

The Menocalists are taking steps in Washington with a view of obtaining the xxpxc suspension of the elections scheduled for November 1st. - General Crowder has requested from the Government a detailed report in connection with the political struggle in Cuba. The members of the House of Representatives intend to call to a special meeting to make accusations against the President of the Republic for his present attitude. The Liberals will not refuse to give a quorum, as they are willing to have a chance to prove the unpatriotic conduct of Menocal. The idea of the Conservatives in trying to obtain the suspension of the elections, is the following: "If the November elections are held in suspense, this suspension can be maintained until after May 20th. Then Menocal will be the President, because the President will have to be elected by Congress, where the Conservatives have xx a majority of ten members."

Telegram from Florida (Province of Camaguey) The rural guard arrested four men accused of having fired at a passenger train yesterday afternoon, near Cespedes.

LA DISCUSION (Oct. 19) - The American Government is closely following the development of the electoral process in Cuba. Measures are adopted in Washington to protect the American interests in Cuba. There are now in Key West to Navy transports ready to sail for Cuba. The President will have to rectify his methods. General Crowder calls on Secretary Cespedes, and the latter reports to President Zayas. It is rumored that officers of the American Army will watch the Cuban elections from the Capitals of the Provinces. The President tries to justify his actions.

The strike of laborers of sugar mills in Moron may cause a railroad strike which would make the suspension of the elections inevitable. The Government is requested to take a prudent actions in the present labor conflict.

An article quoting the Circular to Liberal Mayors, attributed to Dr. Clemente Vazquez Bello, recommending the adoption of violence against the Conservative electors. Vazquez Bello, thankful for the attitude of the Parliamentary Committee of the Conservative Party, denies having sent said circular, and promises to make a thorough investigation.

Article entitled IN CUBAN, by Tomás Juliá, sadly commenting upon the offers for help and assistance, xxxxx by the United States, with a view of avoidvlamentable consequences for all. As a consequence of the Permanent Treaty, there seems to be a movement on on foot in the U.S., to see that the coming elections in Cuba are held with absolute neutrality. The article states that the question at stake in the approaching elections, is not only whether Machado or Menocal is elected, but whether or not the Cubans are capacitated for self-government. That Menocal has risen against such an insinuation, and has declared his purpose of not appealing to anyone in demand of protection and of guarantees for the Conservatives and their allies, because they themselves are sufficient to procure such guarantees and protection to themselves.

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LA PRENSA (Oct. 18) - Article stating that the Secretary of Public Works ~~xxxxxxxxxxx~~ has approved an appropriation of $200,000.00 to purchase new equipment for the pumping station at Palatino.

Manifesto issued by former members of the Popular Party of Batabanó, who state that they have severed all their connections with the Popular Party, ~~xxx~~ and have agreed to support the candidature of General Menocal. La Prensa states that this Manifesto was signed by over three hundred Populars.

Telegram from Santo Domingo, referring to the political fight which took place in the town of Rodrigo, and stating that the Liberals attacked the Conservative Club.

"SEVERAL PERSONS ARRESTED FOR ATTACKING A CONSERVATIVE TRAIN." Telegram from Camaguey stating that a group of criminals have been arrested because they fired upon a passenger train near Cespedes. Fortunately, nobody was hurt.

LA NOCHE (Oct. 18)- Secretary Iturralde has denied the rumors which circulated referring to the seizure of arms at Vereda Nueva, and that neither he nor his Department had received any report to that effect. - He is of the opinion that if there are still some arms hidden, they are those which belonged to the Veterans and Patriots, and which some people try to make them appear now as the product of the present political agitation. - The laborers of Camaguey have sent a telegram to the Department of the Interior protesting against the arrest of labor leader Varona. - The President of the Liberal Party of the Municipality of Batabano requests the appointment of a Military Supervisor. - Senator Collazo has conferred with Secretary Iturralde, requesting some action on the part of the Government to prevent new incidents in Camaguey. Collazo intends to leave for Camaguey. He is of the opinion that the elections should not be postponed.

ABSURD RUMORS. - Editorial unfavorably commenting upon the rumors that the Senate and the House intended to hold a joint session to make accusations against the President. That only persons who have never read the Constitution of Cuba can make such absurd statements, because the Senate and the house can only meet as a single body to make the proclamation of the President of the Republic.

Telegram from New York stating that Secretary of Agriculture Betancourt has made declarations to the effect that the Cuban Government has never intended to restrict or limit the molasses exports from Cuba.

Statemen s made by President Zayas: Ramon Zaydin, Elpidio Perez and Jose Ramon Cruells held a long conference with the President of the Republic. After the conference, the Leader of the Liberal Party in the House informed the reporters that the President had declared that he was perfectly satisfied with the attitude of the Army and that he had not received any accusation against officers or soldiers, because the Baracoa case was the result of a private celebration and of drunkness. Referring to the appointments of Supervisors, Zayas stated that there were no grounds for complaints, because there are only six supervisors in Municipalities where the Mayors are Liberals, and all the rest in Municipalities governed by Conservative Mayors. He likewise said that the rumors to the effect that the Government had received Notes from the American Government, were false. That absolute tranquility prevailed throughout the country, that everybody was fully guaranteed and the was ready to investigate any specific complait made, if just. That he was sure the elections would be held on the first of November and that all the citizens could exercise the right of suffrage without being molested. Finally, the President informed Messrs. Zayding, Cruells and Perez, that he had given instructions to the Secretary of the Interior to authorize the banquets in honor of the presidential candidates of both parties, in order that Mendez Capote may speak in connection with the program of the Conservative Party.

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EL MUNDO - (Oct. 19) - Special Judge Sastre, in charge of the case for the disturbances of Camaguey has denounced that certain unknown persons tried to steal the proceedings instituted by him. The investigations made by Special Judge Sastre show that as a result of the Camaguey events, eight persons were killed, 48 wounded - seventeen persons having been indicted. Other news in connection with these proceedings.

Telegram from Placetas referring to the political fight in the Post Office of that town. One person was seriously wounded.

Telegram from Falla (Province of Camaguey) stating that the strike at Central "Adelaida" has been settled, and all the laborers have gone back to work.

At the request of President Zayas, a report has been submitted to him regarding the public works accomplished, and the public works pending, but for which appropriations have been granted. (The list of said works is not given in this article).

DIARIO DE LA MARINA (Oct. 19) List of the Notaries appointed to act in the different Municipal Electoral Boards of the Province of Habana, in accordance with the provisions of Article 18 of the Electoral Code.

EL TRIUNFO (Oct. 19)- Referring to the political fight in Placetas, this paper states that it was a criminal plot prepared by the Menocalists to kill Mr. J. Espinose, member of the House of Representatives, and political director of "El Triunfo."

Doctor Pedro Mencia will be the technical director of the electoral campaign of the Liberal Party in Sancti-Spiritus.

Article commenting upon the discovery of arms and ammunition in the town of Santo Domingo, (Province of Santa Clara.

In view of the fact that all the electoral frauds planned by the Menocalists have failed, they are now trying to obtain the fraudulent help of post office administrators.

The Menocalists are trying to create disturbances in Bayamo. the appointment of a Military Supervisor is requested.

EL COMERCIO (Oct. 19) - The revenues collected by the Government from the 1st to the 17th of this month (without including the tax of one per cent) amounted to $4.227,142.88.

HERALDO DE CUBA (Oct. 19) - Denying certain information published recently, Secretary of the Treasury, Portela, has declared tha Cuban Telephone Company will have to pay the tax of one per cent.

Rumors have circulated to the effect that Colonel Semidey will be appointed in the place of Colonel Quero. Others affirm, however, that Semidey will supervise the districts of Oriente and Camaguey.

Telegram sent by Vazquez Bello to Messrs. Santiago Rey and Santiago Verdeja: "I thank you very much for the resolution adopted by the Parliamentary Committee of the Conservative Party, in which you do me the honor of not considering me guilty of having inspired the circular which appeared with apocriphal signature. Please communicate the contents of this telegram to the other members of the Committee. Have ordered an investigation to be made."

EL HERALDO (Oct. 19) - This paper is carrying on a bitter campaign against General Menocal, and publishes an article stating that General Menocal is preaching the revolution. Another article states that Menocal's platform is nothing more than a promise to rectify his past errors, abuses and crimes. His declarations of to-day are the worst criticisms of all his censurable actions of the past, and the only man in Cuba who is trying to prove the good-will of Menocal, is Alzugaray, who is profusely sending the promises of Menocal through the mails.

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Article commenting upon an interview held by labor leaders with Secretary Iturralde. - The Department of the Interior does not know the truth of what now happens in the sugar mills. Iturralde asked for a period, which will expire on Monday, to settle the confliot. - Secretary Iturralde thinks that the laborers are not guiltyof the crime of sedition.

Declarations made by the "Asociacion de Hacendados y Colonos" in connection with the present labor conflict. Said Association states that it would be impossible to come to an understanding, until the boycott declared against sugar mills shall have ceased.

LA DISCUSION (Oct. 18) - The arms intended for the Liberal Mayors were taken in the train in which General Machado made the trip to Santa Clara. "Pepito" Izquierdo and Lieutenant Garcia Sierra purchased arms at a store of Habana with a permit granted by the Secretary of the Interior. - The electoral struggle in Santa Clara will be with fire and bloodshed.

EL MUNDO (Oct. 20) EDITORIAL entitled "AN EXAMPLE WORTHY OF APPLAUSE" Very favorably commenting upon the "spectacle of cordiality" offered by the members of the House of Representatives in connection with the circular attributed to Dr. Clemente Vazquez Bello.

The workers of Moron held a parade yesterday, to protest against the arrest of several labor leaders, and also to request the Mayor the intervention of the Government in the solution of the conflict.

DIARIO DE LA MARINA (Oct. 20) - EDITORIAL entitled "THE STRIKES IN SUGAR MILLS" - especially commenting upon the necessity of improving the living conditions of the laborers in sugar mills; and that there must be mutual cooperation between Capital and Labor.

EL TRIUNFO (Oct. 20) - An article commenting upon the intentions, on the part of the Menocalists, to steal away the proceedings instituted by Special Judge Sastre in connection with the Camaguey events, and statig that that is a tacit confession of their culpability.

Under the title of "ONE MORE VICTIM OF THE MENOCALISTS" - this paper publishes the information that Fermin Tarrau, who was wounded in a political fight in the Post Office of Placetas, has died of the wounds received.

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October 21 (Morning)

HERALDO DE CUBA (Oct. 20) - Practically all the members and substitutes of the Central Electoral Board are sick at the present time, and for that reason the Board the not hold session on Friday or Saturday.

Article commenting upon the pardons granted by Dr. Zayas, and those granted by General Menocal. - President Zayas is accused of granting pardons very freely, but the truth is that according to statistical information, he granted 96 pardons in one year. On the other hand, General Menocal, in one day alone (Official Gazette of November 9, 1916) he granted 161 pardons. - As to the appointment of Military Supervisors, nine such appointments appear in the Official Gazette above referred to, of Nov. 9, 1916.

EL HERALDO (Oct. 20) - Article commenting upon the attitude of the Americans with respect to the threats of a revolution in Cuba. 26,000 Americans marines are said to be ready in Quantico, in case a revolution breaks out in Cuba.

Telegram from Sagua la Grande referring to a political fight which took place in Quemados de Guines on Oct. 19th. The telegram states that a Conservative policeman attacked a colored man, Severiano Chapo. Chapo repeales the attack, but was seriously wounded. Peace was restored by the Army, but feeling is still running high.

Article commenting upon the financial difficulties of General Menocal who has not been able to ~~xxxxx~~ obtain more money for his electoral campaign. In their desperation, the Menocalists are taking steps to obtain a false issue of American bank notes recently discovered, and which is supposed to be deposited in Wall Street at the present time; and they will use this counterfeit money to purchase votes on election day.

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HERALDO DE CUBA - (Oct. 21)- Telegram from Camaguey, stating that the Audiencia granted the petition for Habeas Corpus in favor of the laborers arrested by reason of the strike. Governor Zayas Bazan put up the bail required, and the laborers were immediately released. The laborers will leave tomorrow for Moron, and they will be accompanied by Gov. Zayas Bazan.

Telegram from Moron: After a long and hot debate, the Union of Laborers of the Cuban Northern Railways resolved to declare the strike. This resolution was communicated to the Manager of the Railways, and a period of 72 hours granted. In spite of this period period granted, the crews of freight trains refused to go out. This attitude of the laborers is unfavorably commented upon.

Telegram from Punta Alegre: (dated Oct. 20)- The laborers of Central Punta Alegre went on strike yesterday at Noon.

Secretary Carrera denies certain reports published in connection with the Department of Public Works. He stated that the works of paving 12th Street, in Vedado, have not been totally or partially received. - With respect to the Palatino Pumping Station --he said-- it is true that the equipment must be renewed, but that no decree has been signed granted an appropriation for that purpose.

The Municipal Electoral Board held a session yesterday. The Board approved 185 requests to issue duplicates of voting cards, and refused to grant 35. Two of the requests refused were because the cedulas pertained to dead persons. The Board continues to receive resignations of members of college Boards.

After a conference between the President and Dr. Vazquez Bello in connection with the disturbances at Quemados de Guines, the President promised to take up the matter with the Secretary of the Interior and to recommend the appointment of a Military Supervisor to maintain order in that town.

The Mayor of Mayari reports to the Department of the Interior that the Administrator of Posts, who is a member of the Conservative Party, has converted the Post Office into a political club, and pays no attention to the discharge of his duties. -

The Mayor of Santo Domingo has reported to the Dept.of the Interior that arms were found in the possession of Arsenio Casaña, brother of the President of the Local Committee of the Conservative Party.

A fraud was discovered yesterday in connection with the stamps of the tax of one per cent. With the promises of helping those who were waiting for their turn at the Fiscals Zones, a man succeeds in selling counterfeit stamps, but later he fell in the hands of the Police.

EDITORIAL, unfavorably commenting upon the illegal expenditure of public funds, but more especially upon the proposed indemnity for lands used for the construction of the extension of the Malecon, when, in reality, said lands belong to the Government, because they are situated in the maritime zone.

Telegram from Guira de Melena, sadly commenting upon the attitude of the local leaders of the Liberal Party who have decided to stay at home and abandon the electoral campaign.

EL HERALDO - (Oct. 21) - Article commenting upon the unwarranted attitude of the Cuba Railroad, which has ordered the paralization of all its rolling stock. It is affirmed that this unjust measure is a part of a political plot to provoke a general railroad strike, and prevent the holding of the elections. Others affirm that it is only an act of reprisal for the formidable strike maintained by the laborers of sugar mills. The Government is asked to intervene for a rapid solution of the conflict.

Telegraphic news from Camaguey: Supervisor Rodriguez Villa has returned from Habana, and brings secret instructions. - Colonels Pujol and Quero breakfasted together yesterday. Pujol was on his way to Oriente. - Colonel Rasco is investigating the sequestration of Colonel Quero.

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In order that the Platform of General Menocal may be fully known by the electors, this paper publishes it once more to-day.

Article by Sergio Carbó, favorably commenting upon the fact that the Veterans and Patriots are in favor of the candidature of General Menocal.

LA TARDE (Oct. 21) -"In the face of the last political events, there seems to be some action on the part of Ambassador Crowder. - The Police forces of some towns have been quartered. - The elections will be legal, and victory will correspond to the candidates who obtain a majority of votes."- Under the above headlines, this paper gives ~~xf~~ a list of the persons who will direct the Conservative campaign in the different provinces, and also stating that the Central Electoral Board will order the quartering of the Police (with the exception of the Habana Police) on election day; that Military supervisors will be appointed after hearing the opinion of the leaders of the different political parties; and finally adds: "The friendly advices and wise warnings of the good friend of Cuba, General Crowder, are now producing beneficial results."

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Article announcing that General Menocal will personally direct the electoral campaign in the Province of Santa Clara.

Article commenting upon the rumors that the arms and ammunition purchased by the Government of Cuba during the revolutionary movement of the Veterans and Cubans, were sold either to the Government or ~~xkm~~ to the revolutionists of Honduras, as they were never landed in Cuba. The article further asks that an investigation be made.

Telegram from Quemados de Guines, stating that certain persons broke into the office of the Municipal Electoral Board and stole eleven books of register of electors and other electoral documents. The policeman on duty at said Board, was killed by the assailants.

EDITORIAL, recommending the laborers of the Cuba Cane and of the Cuban Northern Railways to keep up the strike.

LA PRENSA (Oct.21) - PALACE NEWS: - Representatives from Pinar del Rio called on the President this morning to inform the President of the serious damages which the cyclone had caused in that Province, and to find out whether the Government could render some aid to the districts which had been more severly damaged, such as the Municipalities of Guane and Mantua. - The President also held many political conferences. - It is persistently rumored that ~~wkm~~ a large numbef of dismissals of public employees will be signed on November 2nd, and that the lists of the prospective victims have already been prepared by the different Departments. The President has granted the following appropriations: $1,500.00 for travelling expenses of the Commission of the University which will attend the centennial celebrations of the Rensselar Polite Institute of Troy, U.S.A.; $3,706.34 for repairs of the building occupied by the Office of the General Comptrobler, and $2,000.00 for repairs of the Yaguajay Hospital.

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LA NOCHE (Oct. 21) - The Correspondent of the "Daily News" of Chicago called at the Department of the Interior this morning to obtain some data regarding Cuban affairs.

AT THE LAST HOUR: A telegram has just been received from Quemados de Guines stating that a political fight took place, and the Policeman Manuel Genaro Hernandez was killed. It is believed that many persons were wounded. The Rural Guard had to be called to restore order.

EDITORIAL "INSIDIOUS CAMPAIGN" - commenting upon the persistent rumors referring to American notes received by the Cuban Government. The writer affirms that no notes have been sent; that the Americans do not have to meddle in the internal affairs of Cuba, unless there was a chaotic situation, either political or economical, or when the sanitary conditions required the necessity of an intervention.

EL MUNDO (Oct. 22) - EDITORIAL entitled "THE 'GHOST' WILL NOT COME" - Stating that the politicians not only speak of revolution as a part of the electoral campaign, but now they also resort to the threats of an intervention; but that luckily for Cuba, there is not the slightest danger of any such intervention, because there is no reason or pretext for it. - That even if there were a revolution, there would be no foreign intervention, because the American Government would uphold the constituted Government, as has been repeatedly declared by the American Government.

DIARIO DE LA MARINA - (Oct. 21) - Cable despatch from Mexico City, stating that Dr. Carlos Manuel de Cespedes will be sent as Ambassador Extraordinary of Cuba to attend the ceremoniesof the inauguration of President Calles. The Mexican Foreign Office has also announced officially that the Cuban Government has invited the elected President Calles to visit Cuba officially.

EDITORIAL, commenting upon the unsual guarantees of the Electoral Code. That in view of the fact that the members of Municipal, Provincial, and xxxx of the Central Electoral Boards are honest and upright persons, nobody can have the slightest doubt of the impartiality in the appointment of college boards.

PADACE NEWS: The following military supervisors have been appointed: Lieut. Ramon Perez Miranda, for Quemados de Guines; Lieut. Roberto Marquez, for Placetas; Second Lieut. Felipe Morales Valdes, for San Antonio de las Vegas. - The appointments of Luis Quintero de los Reyes and Salvador Esteva Vazquez, for Cruces and Miquero, respectively, have been cancelled; and First Lieut. Andres Tamayo Fonseca, and Second Lieut. Jose Gutierrez Alea, have been appointed in their place.

"EL TRIUNFO"(Oct.21) - Telegram from Rodrigo (Province of Santa Clara) stating that a group of 35 Menocalists have placed themselves out of the Law in this Municipality. They are all armed, and are creating a state of alarm among the country people, with the purpose of preventing the holding of elections. Soldiers have been sent after them

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HERALDO DE CUBA - (Oct.22) - Article by Gonzalez Beauville, unfavorably commenting upon the illegal use of public funds, and especially upon the projected grafting scheme of the Malecon. The article begins: "It is very sad to have to waste our time , at the present moment when all good Cubans must devote themselves entirely to patriotic problems, to denounce a new graft in which officials of the present Administration are now putting their hands. In political matters, Dr. Alfredo Zayas has an incomparable and spotless record; but in Administrative matters, his action continue to be dark and obscure. He avails himself of every opportunity to fall upon the Treasury, and to make illegal use of funds not authorized by any law, thereby causing great prejudices to the commonwealth. The last scandal of which we have trustworthy reports, refers to the payment of an indemnity for a strip of land to be used for the extension of the Malecon, which land, according to the unanimous opinion of the people, belongs to the State....."

Another article commenting upon the Malecon affair, under the following headlines: "Taking advantage of the present political situation, violating the Constitution, and committing a grave lavish waste of public funds, Zayas orders the payment of $2.257,075.55 for some lands belonging to the State. A decree, protected in a punishable judicial resolution, creates this scandalous scheme. Lands have been expropriated for the extension of the Malecon, and under cover of an old law of 1912 which has now been unburied and which only granted an appropriation of $1.200,000.00, but which prohibited all expropriation, the Government now realizes this graft. This Law, the letter and spirit of which has been falsified, serves to cover this grafting scheme."

A third article commenting upon the Malecon affair, against which "Heraldo de Cuba" protests energetically, and stating that it does not wish to be taken as an accomplice, and that if it failed to denounce the affair, its silence would be criminal.

Meeting held yesterday by the Civic Organization of Merchants and Industrialists. One of the resolutions adopted was to protest energetically against the projected expropriation of lands for the construction of the Malecon, which envolves a scandalous graft.

Article criticizing the Department of Agriculture for having authorized the importation of a large shipment of ~~xxxxxxxxx~~ Spanish grapes.

The ship carpenters and calkers, at a meeting held last night, decided to keep up the strike which they have again declared. This is caused by the uncompromising attitude of the owners of shipyards.

"The Municipal Electoral Board of Habana violates the law to foster niggardly combinations." - An article stating that the appointment of members of college boards are not made in accordance with the provisions of the Electoral Code, but according to the conveniences of certain candidates.

EDITORIAL, commenting upon the reasons which prompt "Heraldo de Cuba" to insist on its protests against the Malecon affair. "Heraldo de Cuba" states that it does not wish to be taken as an accomplice in the deal by the political adversaries, by reason of its political connections with the authors of the crooked transaction.

EL HERALDO (Oct. 22) - Section entitled "REFLEXIONES" - commenting upon the fact that an information published by this newspaper was used by another paper to state that the intervention had already been decreed. That this paper only published that the United States was adopting a policy of watchful waiting. That the rumors of a possible intervention have caused the natural alarm, and El Heraldo" regrets even to have to mention such rumors.

A conspiracy against Machado has been discovered in Pinar del Rio. Governor Herryman is trying to obtain the votes of the members of the Popular Party for the presidential electors of the

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Irregularities in the Post Office of **Cienfuegos.** Of the 69 employees of that Office, 65 owe their positions to Dr. Rey, and they are carrying on a franl and furious campaign in favor of the Conservative candidate. The majority of said employees will be on duty on November 1st, and Rey, Rivero, and the rest of the "gang" will try to change the packages containing electoral documents which will pass through that office.

Electoral "reinforcements" in the Province of Habana. Mayor Cuesta is using the funds of the Municipal Treasury "to purchase the election of his brother. Many candidates spend from $20,000.00 to $50,000.00 to bribe members of Boards (college boards), Judges and other influential elements.

The scandalous deal of 12th Street, in the Vedado, must be placed in the hands of a Judge by Secretary Carrera. The contract for the paving of that streets provides for a fine of $100.00 per day for the non-fulfilment of the contract within the time specified, but the Contractor Valdes can do as he pleases because he is a very intimate friend of Secretary Carrera.

Article commenting upon the financial difficulties of General Menocal. He has not been able to raise funds, even with the signature of Colonel Tarafa. - A list of persons who signed forty promissory notes to obtain money from the National City Bank. "Jose Miguel Tarafa, the man whom the Veterans and Patriots accused of trading with the honor of the Republic, and who is now financing the new regenerators of Cuba, could not prevent the Bank from rejecting many of the persons who asked for funds."

Telegram from Cienfuegos giving the gist of an interview with Dr. Laredo Bru, in connection with the present political situation. Laredo Bru said that he was not fully aware of the political situation, because he is keeping out of the present struggle, following the example of Colonel Mendieta, but he is of the opinion that the Liberal Party will come out victorious. That the regeneration of Cuba is a thing of the future, when Mendieta organizes the "Ultra Liberal Party". That when Mendieta organizes a Party to defend the interests of the agricultural classes, all the farmers will join it. He declared that the Association of Veterans and Patriots is still intact, and he does not think that the leaders of said Association, who are in possession of the documents proving the purchase of arms and ammunition, would sell such arms. That Menocal is not in a position to make a revolution, because he has no means to do so, he cannot obtain arms, and besides, the Army will not follow him. Laredo Bru will take an active part in politics when Mendieta assumes the leadership of the Liberal Party.

Telegram from Ranchuelo (Oct.21) stating that the followers of the Mayor are carrying on an active campaign of propaganda, and have fired at Ramon Benavides, threatening to kill him if he does not vote for Menocal. A state of alarm prevails, and the appointment of a military supervisor is urgently requested.

Article quoting the resolution adopted by the Civic Organization of Merchants and Industrialists, protesting against the Decre 1066 which authorizes the payment of over two million dollars for the lands which will be used for the extension of the Malecon.

LA MARINA - (Oct. 22) - Referring to the havoc wrought by the cyclone in the Province of Pinar del Rio, this paper states that there will be no election in Arroyos de Mantua, because the electoral board was destroyed, and all the electoral documents disappeared. - 17 persons were killed and over 130 wounded, as a result of the hurricane.

Iturralde states that absolute peace prevails in the country. That if he finally decides to make a trip through the Island, he will do so during the last days of this month, but that he will not stay away from Habana more than four days, returning before Nov. 1st.

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Colonel Collazo emphatically states that the appointments of military supervisors were not made in accordance with the opinion of the leaders of the different political parties. He further states that if the representatives of the different tendencies have had anything to do with said appointments, the Conservatives would have impugned the appointment of the Supervisor for Cruces by reason of his partiality in electoral struggles.

LA NOCHE (Oct. 22) - The president is preparing the message which he has to submit to Congress the first Monday of November. - The Secretary of Public Instruction has obtain a Decree appropriating nearly half a million dollars to cover present and future expenses of that Department.

Cable despatch from Washington: The pre-electoral period of Cuba, marked by disturbances and political quarrels, does not mean that the sovereignty of Cuba is in danger, as long as the authorities may be in a position to restore normalcy. The equanimous and impartial attitude of President Zayas, is praised here, as he has been the only President who has kept away from the electoral struggle, and has tolerated the free expression of political opinion, even to the detriment of the Government.

LA DISCUSION (Oct. 22) - Declarations made by the leader of the Conservative Party in the House of Representatives, Dr.Santiago C. Rey, in connection with the resolutions adopted by the Parliamentary Committee of the Liberal Party. His declarations begin as follows: "I declare before the country that the resolutions adopted by the Parliamentary Committee of the Conservative Party in the House of Representatives, at a special session held on the 14th instant were inspired by the most rigorous truth, and cannot be destroyed regardless of the good faith of those who may try to discredit them. The facts set forth in the memorial presented to the President of the Republic, of deeds committed by officials of the Government and by Liberal Municipal authorities, are real facts which constitute crimes, and which threaten the public peace if they continue to be committed..... In several municipalities of the Province of Santa Clara, a frank state of revolution is maintained by the municipal authorities, tolerated or encouraged by the officials of the Government..... ....I do not know what the attitude of the President is, but I do affirm that the majority of the highest officials of the Government, direct, inspire, or encourage these seditious movements .....An investigation made by a Court would reveal that large quantities of arms belonging to the Government have been given to the Liberals.....I can affirm...that not only we have never thought of anything which may mean a revolution, as this is contrary to our practices and our principles, but that we have been the most ardent friends of peace.. However, if against the evident will of the majority of the country, methods contrary to the Constitution and the laws in force were continued, we would not be the ones to start a revolution; but it would be made with the irresistible impulse, by seventy per cent of the inhabitants of country....."

An article commenting upon the intentions of the Liberals to flood the country, a few days before the elections, with telegrams purporting to contain declarations made by the Washington Government in favor of Machado and against General Menocal.

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THE EAGLE IS COMING....! - Article by Tomas Juliá, commenting upon the present interpretation given by the American Government to paragraph 3, of Article 1 of the Constitutional Appendix. That the present state of opinion in the United States is contrary to the belief that there is now in Cuba "a Government adequate for the protection of life, property and individual liberty". That the Memoranda of the Special Envoy, General Crowder, to the Cuban Government, show that Washington has decided to change its old methods, and does not intend to wait for a revolution to break out to intervene in Cuba, but that it will adopt a preventive policy.....

Article unfavorably commenting upon the appropriation of $438,284.08 granted for expenses of the Department of Public Instruction; and stating that these funds are placed in the hands of Secretary Gonzalez Manet to meet his political obligations during the present electoral period.

EDITORIAL entitled "NO MORE TIME CAN BE LOST" - Unfavorably commenting upon the rumors of rectification on the part of the Government - The appointment of Military supervisors - The Menocalist block is ready to maintain its rights with all energy; but it prefers to go the polls with absolute neutrality on the part of the Government.

Article quoting, and commenting upon, the Decree No. 1066 ordering the liquidation of the Budget of 1923-1924, which was drafted by Dr. Zayas in such a way as to permit the illegal expenditure of over two million dollars.

LA TARDE - (October 22) - "THE AMERICAN NOTE" - An article quoting what is purported to be a paragraph of one of the two Notes which the American Government has sent to the Cuban Government (See translation in full).

A new plot planned by the Liberal Party has been discovered. Many armed groups in different municipalities of the country, especially in the Provinces of Oriente, Camaguey and Santa Clara, were to start very noisy disturbances at the cry of "VIVA MENOCAL" and "DOWN WITH THE GOVERNMENT"; and then Iturralde and Cuellar would immediately make use of the long distance telephone to order arrests and assassinations. A part of this plot consisted in getting in connivance with the correspondents of some Cuban papers to send false reports from the United States, affirming that the White House would give its support to the Government of Dr. Zayas. The article adds: The people must know that any information relating to the Cuban problem and the Washington Government must necessarily come through the American Embassy in this City; because it would not be the first time that a newspaper has played this dangerous trick, which has been discovered afterwards, greatly to the detriment of the credit of said newspaper."

An article stating that the truth regarding the proceedings instituted in connection with the Camaguey events, has been greatly exagerated. "El Mundo" published recently that 16 persons had been indicted, when the truth is that only five indictments have been issued.

Article unfavorably commenting upon the suspension of a political celebration of the Conservatives: but on the other hand, a permit was granted to the Liberals.

"THE MUNICIPAL GUTTER" - An article very unfavorably commenting upon the scandalous transactions continually committed by the members of the Municipal Council of Habana, and by the Mayor.

EL PAIS - ARTICLE directed to "The Chief of the General Staff of the Army", protesting against the abuses said to have been committed by the Army against the strikers of sugar mills.

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EL MUNDO (Oct. 22) - EDITORIAL, favorably commenting upon the great efforts made by Dr. Varona Suarez at the recent sessions of the Senate. Single handed, Varona Suarez undertook the defence of the Government against an overwhelming majority. Varona Suarez made declarations, and maintained points of view which everybody in Cuba should know. One of the most important affirmation he made was that the Liberal Party had not received, either directly or indirectly, any financial support from the Government; nor appointments of any kind.....

In view of the desires of the President to hold impartial elections, Doctor Iturralde has called to a meeting which will be held to-day at the Department of the Interior. The presidential candidate and several leaders of both parties have been invited to attend said meeting. General Herrera will also be present.

Instructions issued by the Central Electoral Board for the custody and protection of electoral documents. These are: "General Instructions - Series "A", number 88."

Interview with Governor Juan Gronlier, of Matanzas, in connection with the electoral problem. He states that the elections in his Province will be peaceful, orderly and honest. Both parties will have the necessary guaranties for the free exercise of the right of suffrage. - With respect to Colonel Gustavo Rodriguez he said that Rodriguez had made no campaign in favor of the Liberal Party, but had merely prevented his subordinates from acting against the Liberal Party.....

The banquet in honor of the presidential candidates of the Conservative Party, will take place to-night at the National Theatre.

DIARIO DE LA MARINA (Oct. 23) EDITORIAL entitled "LAMENTABLE OBSESSION"- Very unfavorably commenting upon the persistency with which the possibility of an American Intervention in Cuba is rumored. That the obsession of an intervention does not exist in Washington but in Cuba, as an evident proof of the lack of patriotism and of an ~~xx~~ ill disguised lack of respect for the national institutions.

EL TRIUNFO (Oct. 23) - Various article commenting upon the supremacy of the Liberal Party, as, for example: General Aleman affirms that the Liberals will win in the Province of Santa Clara by a majority of over 8,000 votes; Major Solano affirms that Machado will win in Sancti-Spiritus by a majority of over 500 votes; Bertot affirms that the Liberals will obtain an overwhelming victory in the Province of Oriente. etc.

"A GRAVE RUMOR - We are told that 40,000 cartridges have been sent to Sagua la Grande, consigned to "Cespedes No. 58", and that another similar shipment has been sent to the Conservative Mayor of Quemados de Guines. We have not obtained confirmation of this report, but merely publish it in order that our Secret Police and our Judicial Police may make the necessary investigations."

Congressman Felipe Vals affirms that Oriente will be the Waterloo of General Menocal.

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1. Enclosed will be found brief summaries of news articles and editorial comment of the Havana Press for the days:

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HERALDO DE CUBA (Oct. 23) - "Heraldo de Cuba will make every effort to kill the greedy monster which tries to swallow up $2.247,075.55 of the Public Treasury." Commenting upon the evident culpability of the President, Judge Sausa, the General Comptroller, and other officials in this unheard-of despoliation. For the extension of the Malecon, an old unexplainable law has been unburied, because its enforcement would have entailed the violation of some of its clauses. The illegal expenditure of public funds must not remain unpunished.

Besides the recent appropriation of 438,284.08 for the Department of Public Instruction, the following appropriations have been granted by Decree, for the same Department: $10,000.00 for the transportation of school material, and $75,000100 to reinforce the credit or appropriation for Equipment for Schools.

The Official Gazette has commences to publish the liquidation of the Budget of the last Fiscal year.

Governor Zayas Bazan is trying to settle the labor conflict of Moron. The situation is aggravated by the railroad strike. Soldiers have been sent to protect the district affected by the strike.

Irregularities in the Department of Public Works. The work of paving 12th Street, paid before it was finished, and the affair of the Palatino Pumping Station, have prompted Secretary Carrera to issue a circular prohibiting his subordinates to give out any information.

Negotiations are in progress for a Treaty of Extradition between Cuba and Peru.

Article commenting upon the reactionary tendencies of the present day all over the world, after the European War, and stating that militarism is the instrument of this tendency. (This article was published by Orestes Ferrara, in the October issue of the "Reforma Social")

The inaugural session of the Seventh Pan-American Sanitary Conferences will be held on November 5th. After the members of the Conferences present their credentials to the Secretary of Sanitation, they will go to the Department of State to pay their respects to Dr. Cespedes; and then to the Palace.

EDITORIAL, commenting upon the efforts by the beet sugar manufacturers to prevent the reduction of duties on Cuban sugars.

Text of a communication addressed to the Central Electoral Board, by Dr. Emilio Nuñez Portuondo, Political Member of the Liberal Party, denouncing the plans of the Menocalists to create a conflict on November 1st, thereby preventing the holding of the elections. Nuñez Portuondo states that the plan conceived by the Menocalists is as follows: The Conservative Presidents of College Boards to whom the electoral documents will be delivered prior to November 1st, have been ordered to hide such documents and then lodge a complaint that said documents have been stolen; and as many days will be required to replace the documents stolen, the elections in said colleges will not be held on November 1st.

EL HERALDO (Oct. 23)- Recommendations made by Dr. Emilio Nuñez Portuondo to the electors of the Liberal Party. He says that the Conservatives are trying ~~xxxxx~~ to buy the cedulas of the Liberals, to obtain the election of Menocal; that every Liberal must obtain a duplicate cedula from the Municipal Electoral Board, and when he is in possession of the duplicate, he can then sell the original, and use the duplicate to vote. In that way, the Conservatives will only purchase worthless papers.

At a meeting held last night, in which the various labor organizations of Habana were represented, the idea of a general strike was favorably accepted, as the best way to lend their support to the sugar mill strikers. The final resolution adopted at said meeting was to take advantage of the meeting to be held

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on Friday by the Executive Committees of the different labor organizations, to bring up the matter of the general strike. The course to be followed in support of the sugar mill strikers will be decided upon at said meeting.

LA DISCUSION (Oct. 23) - "THE ELECTORAL CAMPAIGN- Menocal is the Man." Favorably commenting upon a recent article published in Habana stating that Cuba needs a Dictator at the present time, or a strong man who can save Cuba from administrative and political corruption prevailing.

Article stating that the Liberals intend to send, the day before the elections, telegrams and notes by special messengers ~~xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx~~ to the Conservatives and their allies informing them that General Monocal has ordered a general withdrawal from the polls and instructing them not to vote. General Menocal declares that the Conservatives will not withdraw from the polls under any circumstances, because they are greater in number, and the best; because at least seventy per cent of the people are in his favor; and also because the Conservative and their allies have the necessary vigor to defend their rights "at any cost and regardless of what may happen", and therefore "no coercion or barbarous action on the part of the Government or of the Machadists can counteract the overwhelming force of the will of the people". "We will respect those who respect us, and repel violence with violence. But never a shameful withdrawal from the polls."

Article referring to the disturbances which took place yesterday at Quemados de Guimes. Two men were killed and a policeman wounded. - At Isabela de Sagua, a group of drunken Liberals attack the residence of a peaceful Conservative.

"THE ONLY REVOLUTIONIST" - Article stating that for the last twelve months Cuba has been constantly threatened by a revolutionary movement, and after referring to the movement of the Veterans and Patriots, the article states that President Zayas is the only revolutionist, because all the revolutions are planned in the Palace. Juan Perez and Vicente Soler acted as Agents of Zayas last April to start a revolution. In the present conspiracy, Machado and his followers are the unknowing instruments of the senile ambitions of the President.

"LA TARDE" (Oct. 23) - This paper published yesterday what it claimed to be a paragraph from a Note sent by the American Government to the Government of Cuba. As a proof that such a Note has been received, it now quotes other paragraphs recommending a harmonious understanding between the contending parties before the elections are held, and during the elections. - It also refers to a second Note referring to labor conflicts and the necessity of defending American interests in Cuba, and promises to give more details of this Note as soon as they can be obtained. - The Cuban Embassy in Washington denies the rumors referring to the resignation of Ambassador Torriente. - General Crowder held a long conference with Secretary Cespedes this morning. -

Collazo, Consuegra, Iturralde and General Herrera, held a conference this morning to discuss the appointment of military supervisors.

Article unfavorably commenting upon the transfers of employees of the Department of Communications made by Postmaster Cartaya and Montalvo, and stating that these are preparations to commit electo ral frauds.

CABLE despatch from Washington: An American industrialist residing in Cuba who has come to this city on a business trip, has made the following declarations: "According to reports received in this Capital, the approaching elections in Cuba will be rapid and absolutely impartial, because the Government of that country is doing everything possible to that end. The coming elections

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shall be the first in Cuba in which the government does not struggle directly, and they will also probably be the first in which the results will be known within a period of 48 hours after they are held. All those interested in the welfare and progress of Cuba have adopted the necessary measures in order that the the electoral struggle may not be the cause of political disturbances. The strike of sugar mill workers which caused the lockout of the Tarafa Railroad, has nothing to do with the political problem, though it coincides with the end of the electoral campaign, and it is believed that the duration and effects of the strike will not be great.

LA PRENSA (Oct. 23) - Text of a Decree signed by President Zayas, appropriating the sum of $30,000.00 to mitigate the sufferings of the victims of the hurricane in the Province of Pinar del Rio.

After fulfilling the mission for which he was sent to Matanzas, Colonel Cepeda has returned to Habana. Colonel Gustavo Rodriguez has again taken command of that Military District.

Article stating that there is no such lockout in the Cuban Northern Railways. Traffic was temporarily stopped until normalcy is restored.

List of the new Military supervisors appointed, as a result of the conference held ~~yesterday~~ today with the representatives of both political parties.

Secretary Iturralde intends to issue the following circulars in connection with the coming elections: One addressed to the telegraph operators of the Island requesting them to keep away from political activities during the discharge of their duties, and another to the Police forces making similar recommendations. He also intends to issue a decree prohibiting the sale of alcoholic drinks on election day. And, finally, he will address a communication to the Secretary of Justice requesting him to issue a circular instructing all Judges to suspending to suspend all correctional trials from Oct. 30 to November 3rd.

LA NOCHE (Oct. 23) - Correspondence from New York, sent by Mr. W.J.T. Mason, referring to the brilliant actions of President Zayas, and stating, among other things, that Zayas is a cruzader of the Cuban dignity; that Alfredo Zayas put up the alternative before the Washington Government of "Crowder or himself", and "the traveller of the Minnesota was placed at the head of the American Embassy, and his actions were confined to those of a mere diplomat."

"ALARMING SITUATION" - Editorial published in "La Lucha" coming upon the state of alarm now prevailing in the Province of Santa Clara, where great abuses are committed against members of the Conservative Party.

A man arrested and found to have 700 cartridges in his possession, proved that he had been authorized by the Department of War to take said cartridges to the Mayor of Sierra Morena.

EL PAIS (Oct. 23) - Text of a letter addressed by General Herrera to the Director of El Páis, refuting some charges made against the Army by the Feminine Club of Cuba. Herrera states that the members of the Army have never used their arms against women and children, and that they will only use them in defence of the Country.

EL MUNDO (Oct. 24) - EDITORIAL entitled "CENSURABLE METHODS" - Criticizing certain methods employed during the present electoral campaign, and those which will be employed on election day. Among the vicious practices, it refers to the sale of electoral voting cards, and the intentions of mixing the Army in political struggles.

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El Mundo (Continued) - Text of a letter addressed by Dr. Alejandro Rivas Vazquez to the presidential candidates Mabhado and Menocal. Dr. Rivas Vazquez appeals to the patriotic sentiments of the presidential candidates, and invites them to a conference in his residence with a view of giving an example of patriotism and cordiality to their respective followers, and to seek a formula which will permit the holding of peaceful election and with the greatest cordiality between the contending parties. - To this letter, Machado replies accepting the invitation forthwith, and stating that as he has no personal ill-will against Menocal, if Menocal wins, he (Machado) will be the first to congratulate Menocal on his election, and expressing the hopes that if he comes out victorious, Menocal will not be the last to congratulate him. - Menocal has also replied, stating that he has no personal grudge against Machado to dodge an interview, but that the bitterness of the present electoral campaign is probably not in the hands of Machado to prevent; that the conference suggested by Dr. Rivas Vazquez would necessarily have to preceded or followed by actions of the Government which supports the candidature of Machado, and which the Conservatives have requested in vain. Menocal accepts the invitation, but requests that it be postponed for a later date. - "El Mundo" states that Dr. Rivas Vazquez had a personal interview with General Menocal, and the latter agreed to the conference with Machado at any time. - It is believed that the conference between the presidential candidates will take place before Sunday.

A note was given out yesterday by the Department of State denying the rumors of the resignation of Ambassador Torriente.

In a resolution adopted by the Central Committee of the Railroad Brotherhood, it is stated: That the Brotherhood has nothing to do with the strike in sugar mills, and that said strike is inopportune during the present political agitation; that the attitude of the laborers of the Cuban Northern Railways does not require the support of the Brotherhood, because it is not a railroad strike or of any organized Union; that if an armed conflict should arise, which would endanger the sovereignty of the country, the Brotherhood would support the Government. Dr Castellanos endorses these resolutions.

DIARIO DE LA MARINA (Oct. 24) - A petition for data in connection with the expropriation of lands for the extension of the Malecon, was presented yesterday at the House of Representatives.

Manifesto issued by the Rotary Club of Habana recommending the greatest cordiality to the electors during the coming elections.

EDITORIAL directed to the Central Electoral Board, stating that the returns of the primary scrutiny prepared in quadruplicate provided for in Article 185 of the Electoral, are distributed according to the provisions of said Article, but as they have to be sent by mail, in some cases they are delayed several days before they reach their destination. Diario de la Marina suggests that instructions be given to send advance reports of such returns be telegraph, in order to calm the natural anxiety of the candidates and of the electors.

EL TRIUNFO (Oct. 24) publishes a telegram from Santo Domingo further referring to the appearance of armed group in the neighborhood of Rodrigo, commanded by Dr. Coza, President of the Local Committee of the Conservative Party.

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HERALDO DE CUBA (Oct. 24) - Campaign against the payment made for lands expropriated for the extension of the Malecon. The article of to-day states that this is not a case of an illicit subasta or the concession of an illicit monopoly which yields good profits to the promoters, but a case of highway robbery made by a group of men who pretend to be honest who buy judges and unbury old papers. This article gives some details of the illicit transaction; quotes the Decree No. 1066 which served as a basis for this graft, and also quotes some of the Article of the Budget Law which have been violated (Article V and VIII). It also quotes Article 390 of the Organic Law of the Executive Power, which has also been violated. - It is further stated that some prominent officials of the Administration, naturally interested in atenuating the importance of this scandal, have said: "It is Crowder....This is due to pressure brought to bear by the North-American Ambassador. He has demanded the payment of this sum as soon as possible, because this is a case of a foreign company in which American citizens are interested, and we could not fail to pay the indemnity.. But "Heraldo de Cuba" states that this is false, as General Crowder has never diminished his moral authority by mixing himself in matters of malversation and graft.

Zayas blindly follows unlawful methods, and commits a new violation of the law signing decrees of appropriation. This article comments unfavorably upon the decrees appropriating nearly half a million dollars for the Department of Public Instruction.

AT THE LAST HOUR: Information has been obtained in political circles that the important conference between the presidential candidates, Machado and Menocal, was held this morning. Two friends of each candidate were present at the conference. Both parties agreed to abide by the decision of the polls, whether victorious or defeated.

EDITORIAL entitled "UNFORTUNATE TRIALS", by Ramon Vasconcelos; commenting upon the drawbacks of the present electoral code; and stating that the electoral process will not end on November 1st, but, on the contrary, the most laborious part of it will begin on that date by reason of the large number of appeals which will be presented to the Electoral Boards and the Courts of Justice. Vasconcelos also suggests some changes in the Electoral Code, as, for example: cards of identificacion with the photograph of the electoral and the seal of the proper authority which issues them; extension of the period of elective offices to six years, and prohibition of reelections for executive offices: to deprive the illiterates ~~xxxx~~ of the right to vote; inscription as electors of all citizens of over 21 years of age, merely by exhibiting the certificate of birth or letters of citizenship.

EDITORIAL entitled "WITH AGGRAVATING CIRCUMSTANCES" - Very unfavorably commenting upon the "Malecon Affair", and the hasty manner in which the Department of the Treasury ordered the payment of the large sum envolved in the transaction, when, as a rule, said Department is fond of placing obstacles for the payment of even very small amounts. This very illegal transaction, moreover, will be used by the Conservatives for a bitter campaign of opposition. The article further states that if this scandalous affair is not a political transaction, it cannot be denied that the promoters have availed themselves of the present unfortunate and complicated political conditions.....

The Army tanks of the Veterans and Patriots are being set up at the National Armory. "Heraldo de Cuba" publishes the photograph of one of these tanks already assembled.

EL HERALDO (Oct. 24) - The frequent visits of Ambassador Crowder to the Department of State, have given rise to many false and alarming rumors that the American Government was keenly interested in the electoral problem of Cuba. The Americans have many serious problems

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at home, and there is no reason to justify an inquisitive attitude in Cuban electoral problems. Dr. Cespedes, who was interviewed regarding the existence of any American notes, emphatically stated: "It is absolutely false. The Government of the United States has not addressed any communication to the Government of Cuba in connection with the elections. No such note has ever passed through the Foreign Office, and there is no reason for it". He further stated that Washington had favorable reports of the neutrality of the Government of Cuba, and that the elections would be held in a peaceful and orderly manner. -

Statement of the total number of electors in Cuba, as follows:

Province of Pinar del Rio	44,455
Habana	103,952
Matanzas	55,318
Santa Clara	93,018
Camaguey	37,137
Oriente	102,812
Total	436,692

This paper also refers to the possibility of a conference between Machado and Menocal, as a result of the efforts made by the Venezuelan lawyer, Dr. Alejandro Rivas Vazquez, within the next 48 hours.

Comparative statement of the quarterly collections of the 1% and the 4% taxes, during the time they have been in force. The total collections during the fiscal year of 1923-1924, were as follows:

One Per Cet Tax	$ 14,237,689.32
Four Per Cent Tax	1.893,162.89

LA DISCUSION (Oct. 24) - The daily article commenting upon the electoral campaign, of to-day, refers to the fact that if the elections are honest, Menocal will win; because Machado ~~xxx~~ is only followed by a small part of the Liberal Party.

An article stating that the attitude of Dr. Clemente Vazquez Bello, denying that he was the author of the famous circular addressed to the Liberal Mayors, has brought about a quarrel between Vazquez Bello and Machado. Machado also thinks that Mendez Peñate is as "easy" as Vazquez Bello, and for that reason he has the intentions of going to the Province of Santa Clara to direct the campaign personally.

An article very unfavorably commenting upon the "Malecon affair"

The EDITORIAL also refers to the Malecon affair.

Telegram from Jatibonico, referring to disturbances in the Barrio Blanquizal, Municipality of Sancti-Spiritus, caused by groups of Machadists, armed, and wearing the uniform of the Rural Guard. Two members of the Rural Guard are said to be at the head of this gang, which go about crying out all kinds of insults against the Conservatives.

LA TARDE (Oct. 24) - Under the caption: "THE SECOND NOTE - WASHINGTON AND THE STRIKES OF CUBA" - this paper gives what it calls "a literal translation of the Note from the Government of the United States in connection with the strikes in Cuba."

General Crowder will confer with the President tomorrow (Saturday) at 10:00 A.M. - Although nothing has been said regarding the object of this conference, "La Tarde" has learned that the following subjects will be discussed: the transfers of officers of the Army; the strike in sugar mills; the convenience of quartering the Police forces during the elections; the guarantees to the Conservative during the elections; the distribution of arms by the Government; regarding certain steps taken in the interior in the name of Dr. Zayas, to commit electoral illegalities; regarding the facilities needed to land American machinery for sugar mills in the Eastern provinces of Cuba.

Article referring to the abuses committed by the Military Chief of the District of Matanzas, Colonel Gustavo Rodriguez.

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LA PRENSA (Oct. 24) - "We have been informed by a person prominent in governmental circles that President Zayas will probably invite the presidential candidates, Menocal and Machado, to a conference at the Palace, in connection with the approaching elections."

Colonel Collazo, Commissioner appointed by the Conservative Party, has lodged a complaint before the Secretary of the Interior against the abuses committed by the Police forces of Songo, La Maya, and Palma Soriano.

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DIARIO DE LA MARINA (Oct. ~~24x~~) - Article commenting upon the strike in sugar mills, and especially upon the convenience of abolishing the use of "notes" or chips to pay the laborers.

Article stating that an accusation against President Zayas, signed by Carlos M. de la Cruz, Santiago Rey, Aguiar and others, has been formally presented at the Office of the Secretary of the House of Representatives. The President is accused of failing to comply with the laws in force, and also of partiality in electoral questions. The following appear among the new charges brought against him: the issuing of the Decree 1066; the two millions of the Malecon and the Law of Basis of the Budget of 1923-1924.

A short article referring to the serious rumor that electoral cedulas are being forged in the printing shops of the Penitentiary.

Instructions issued by the Department of the Interior to the Military Supervisors (See translation).

EL MUNDO (Oct. 25) states that the strike of the Cuba Northern Railways continues, and all traffic is stopped.

List of fourteen supervisors appointed for municipalities in the Province of Santa Clara.

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October 26th - Sunday -
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HERALDO DE CUBA (Oct. 25) - General Menocal will visit the Lonja del Comercio (Produce Exchange) on Monday morning.

Article commenting upon the intentions of Postmaster Cartaya to correct many of the present deficiencies of the Department of Communications, such as the transportation of mail by railroad, and the local mail delivery.

General Instructions, Series "A" - No. 89, issued by the Central Electoral with a view of preventing certain frauds. The first article of said Instructions states that the sheets of scrutinies and the list of ballots shall be signed on the back by Electoral Inspectors in the Capitals of Provinces, and by the Presidents, Secretaries and Political Members in other localities, before said sheets and lists are delivered to the President and Secretaries of Electoral Colleges. Article 2 provides that for the purpose of complying with the provisions of Article 1, special sessions must be held without loss of time. Article 3 states that the provisions of these instructions shall be complied with within the period provided for in the Electoral Code for the delivery of said documents.

An article giving further details of the scandalous affair of the Malecon, and states that Secretary of the Treasury Portela, Under Secretary Culmell, Comptroller Pereira and the Paymaster of the Comptroller's Office, are guilty of the crime of malversation. It gives a short history of the "Balzain" estate, of the company organized in New York under the name of North Havana Land Company to carry out this graftingscheme, and the intervention of Dr. Lamar, who called at the Department of the Treasury, with a power of attorney from said Company, to demand the payment.

It has been semi-officially announced that Zayas, Machado and Menocal will hold a conference shortly.

EDITORIAL, commenting upon the Malecon affair, and stating that the crimes committed in connection with the business must not remain unpunished. It also refers to the complicityof members of the Judiciary.

EL HERALDO (Oct. 25) - Mayor Cuesta has treasoned the Liberal Party. This pact of Treason was made by Cuesta's aide, Captain Nuñez, with Menocal. Cuesta is only seeking the electoral victory of his brother Federico.

Changes in the editorial staff of "El Heraldo". Gustavo Gutierrez y Sanchez resigned as Political Director, and Mr. Cesar Madrid has been appointed in his place. Mr. Pedro M. de la Concepcion has been appointed Technical Director.

Mr. Cesar Madrid, Member of the House of Representatives and Political Director of "El Heraldo" has lodged before the Fiscal of the Supreme Court, a complaint against Mayor Cuesta, accusing him of grave irregularities committed . He has defrauded the Municipality of the sum of $200,000.00.

The Mayor of Quemados de Guines, Julio Fundora, and others, have been indicted in the proceedings instituted for the stealing of the electoral documents, and the death of the policeman who custodied the Municipal Electoral Board. (From a telegram from Sagua la Grande).

"GROTESQUE CORDIALITY" - Unfavorably commenting upon the interview between Machado and Menocal, proposed by Dr. Rivas Vazquez.

Article stating that at a meeting held in Habana last night, at which 27 labor organization were represented, it was resolved to declare a general strike befor November 1st. The attitude of the Railroad Brotherhood, refusing to lend their support to the sugar mill strikers, was bitterly criticized at said meeting.

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LA DISCUSION (Oct. 25) - "THE MACHADISTS WILL START A REVOLUTION" - Article stating that Machado in financial distress, and after he is defeated at the polls, his friends will necessarily have to start a revolution, or else Machado will commit suicide, because he has spent allhis money, and besides, he is greatly in debt.

The daily article on "THE ELECTORAL CAMPAIGN", states that the majority of the Liberal Party is only a myth, and that Menocal will inevitably be elected on November 1st.

LA TARDE -An "Open letter" addressed"To Dr. Rivas Vazquez, Officious conciliator", telling him that he is a bold intruder, because he is absolutely unknown in this country, and has no authority to meddle in the internal affairs of this country, etc.

Article commenting upon the visit of General Crowder to the Palace this morning, and stating that the following subject were discussed at the conference between General Crowder and President Zayas: The transfers of officers of the Army, the strike of railroadmen and sugar mill workers; the convenience of quartering the police on election day; the guarantees to the Conservative Party; the distribution of arms by the Government, etc. which confirm fully the information advanced exclusively by this paper. It also quotes one of the paragraphs of the first American Note in connection with the approaching elections.

Editorial, commenting upon the accusation which will be made before the House of Representatives, against the President of the Republic.

LA PRENSA (Oct. 25) - Statements by by President Zayas to the reporters with respect to his conference with General Crowder: "The President of the Republic, through the Secretary of the Presidency Lecuona, gave out an information late this afternoon, that he had received the visit of General Crowder, Ambassador of the United States of America, with whom he discussed only two subjects. The first one refers to the strike in the Centrals of the Cuba Cane, insofar as relates to American interests, as well as to the best efforts for the prompt solution of the conflict; and the second, to the celebrations which will be held in Santiago de Cuba during the coming month of December, in the memory of ex-President Mr. Roosevelt. With reference to the announced conference with General Menocal and Machado, Dr1 Zayas said that up to the present time he has not decided anything in connection with this conference.

Dr. Castellanos called at the Department of Agriculture this morning, and gave assurances to General Betaancourt that the railroad men would not declare a strike in support of the sugar mill strikers, as it would be very dangerous and prejudicial for the general interests of the country under the present circumstances.

EDITORIAL entitled "ONE MORA SCANDAL" - Very unfavorably com-menting upon the expropriation of lands for the extension of the Malecon.

"LA NOCHE" - (Oct. 25) EDITORIAL, unfavorably commenting upon the rumors of American Notes to the Cuban Government; that this is a form of electoral propaganda formerly used by the Liberals, but that at the present time everybody is on to the trick and does not give the desired results.

A clandestine shipment of immigrantes which was about to be made from Cojimar, was discovered by the Police.

EL MUNDO (Oct. 26) - EDITORIAL, unfavorably commenting upon the Malecon affair, and stating that a Law of June 5, 1912, specifically prohibits the payment of indemnities of the nature of that now under consideration, and everything seems to indicate that this payment has been improperly effected. That Congress is justly alarmed, and must act with all possible haste and see whether the harm can be repaired.

Letter addressed by President Zayas to the members of the

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Parliamentary Committee of the Conservative Party, answering the charges made against him (See translation).

Postmaster Cartaya has issued a circular to the employees of the Department of Communications, giving certain instructions tending to expedite the handling of electoral documents, and to transmit the telegrams referring to the elections with all possible despatch; as, for instance: preferent attention must be given to telegrams sent by electoral colleges to the Electoral Boards; the change in the text of any of said telegrams will be punished with the immediate dismissal of the guilty employee; the handling and delivery of electoral corresponde shall have all preference; any delay in the delivery of electoral mail will give rise to the immediate suspension from office of the guilty employee; any public disturbance must be immediately reported to the Director General of Posts; the Office of the General Director recognizes the perfecto right of all employees to vote in favor of the candidate they may choose.

Account of the very cordial interview held between Generals Menocal and Machado at the home of Dr. Rivas Vazquez. An interview of their respective representatives, Dr. Dolz and Dr. Varona Suarez, with Dr. Rivas Vazquez, ~~xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx~~ was held yesterday afternoon.

DIARIO DE LA MARINA (Oct. 26) - As a result of the timely intervention of Governor Zayas Bazan, of Camaguey, the labor conflict of the Cuban Northern Railways and of the Centrals of the Cuba Cane has been satisfactorily settled.

Dr. Mario G. Lebredo has been selected as President of the VII Pan-American Sanitary Congress.

An article commenting upon the fact that nothing good or practical will be derived out of the interview between the presidential candidates, Menocal and Machado; and stating that in spite of the conference, things continue as heretofore.

Senator Collazo called at the Department of the Interior yesterday, to complain against the acts of aggression against the Conservatives, committed by the Military Supervisor of El Perico Lieutenant Morales Broderman. He also complained against certain actions of the police forces of Sierra Morena and Rancho Veloz. Secretary Iturralde has stated that he does not intend to appoint a Military Supervisor for the City of Habana.

EL TRIUNFO (Oct. 26) Commenting upon the conference between Menocal and Machado, this paper states that Dr. Rivas Vazquez will call on President Zayas to-day to report verbally on the resolutions adopted at a conference with the representatives of the presidential candidates, inasmuch as certain points of said resolutions demand the intervention of the Executive.

HERALDO DE CUBA (Oct. 26) - General Betancourt will preside the mission which Cuba will send to Peru to attend the celebration of the hundredth anniversary of the Battle of Ayacucho. Other members of the Cuban Mission will be Luis A. Baralt, Cuban Minister to Peru, and Dr. Jose Manuel Carbonell. Antonio Mesa and Luis Baralt, Jr., will go as Secretaries; and Captain Enrique Varona as Military Attache. - The sum of $10,000.00 has been appropriated for travelling expenses.

Machado recommends all the Liberals to vote full tickets.

Commenting upon the Malecon affair, this paper states that Secretary Regueiferos ordered the Fiscal of the Supreme Court, and this, in turn, ordered the Fiscal of the Audiencia, Dr. Barinaga, to withdraw the appeal which had been filed, thereby preventing an action in defence of the interests of the State. The article also states that Regueiferos received $100,000.00 (one hundred thousand dollars) to act in behalf of the promoters of this scandalous scheme. Other details of the transaction.

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The President has signed a Decree providing that all men enlisted in the Army whose period of service expire during the electoral period, will not be discharged, but retained in the service until after the electoral period has passed. Another Decree has been signed prohibiting the sale of alcoholic drinks from 12 Midnight of October 31st to 12 Midnight of November 1st.

Practically all the electors of Mantua (Province of Pinar del Rio) lost their "cedulas" during th cyclone. It is believed that the elections in that Municipality will have to be postponed, because the Municipal Electoral Board has no means of issuing duplicates before the first of November.

EDITORIAL, unfavorably commenting upon the Malecon affair, and especially upon the attitude of Secretary Regueiferos who prevented all action of the Judiciary in defence of the interests of the State.

EL HERALDO (Oct. 26) - This paper states that General Menocal and his staff will leave for Santa Clara on the 29th instant, properly escorted by his "bullies"; that if Menocal is defeated at the elections, he intends to take the electoral colleges by assault, and destroy the electoral documents. It also states that serious disturbances may possibly occur in Santa Clara.

"The Law Office of Caracuel-Zayas protects an illicit business of Chinese immigrants." - 89 Chinese immigrants who were to be shipped back, have been freed in order that they may be used as slaves by rich Chinese merchants of Zanja Street.

An article by Dr. Antonio Bosch y Martinez, Mayor of Regla, bitterly criticizing the appointment of Military Supervisors during the electoral period. He states: "The electoral process has at last been militarized. The civic struggle disappears, and the citizens are subordinated to the military conduct, and the election day will not be an exponent of the exercise of a legal rights, and the decisions will depend from an armed power...."

LA TARDE (Oct. 26) - Article referring to the conference between Ambassador Crowder and President Zayas, and stating that the official note given out does not contain all the subjects discussed at the conference. The incident between the President and the Senate, was also discussed, according to this paper.

A short article stating the following: "Mr. Rivas Vazquez, the untimely Ambassador of Cordiality, is the Attorney for General Herrera, Chief of the General Staff of the Army, and at the present time he is negotiations with Mayor Cuesta for the lease of a farm which the Mayor has just purchased, for the said Chief of the General Staff.

An article stating that the circular issued by Postmaster Cartaya regarding the handling of electoral mail, is a result of the the Notes from the Government of the United States to the Government of Cuba.

EL MUNDO (Oct. 27) - Dr. Rovas Vazquez conferred with the President yesterday, and Zayas promised to give a reply to-day.

The labor conflicts in the Centrals of the Cuban Cane has been settled. The strike of the Cuban Northern Railways, continues, but for other reasons.

Telegram from Manzanillo: The President of the Municipal Electoral Board of Niquero has filed a complaint before the Judge of Instruction, against two members of the rural guard who refused to permit him to enter the office of the Electoral Board to hold a session. It seems that the two soldiers were acting according to instructions received from Lieut. Llano, who claims that a permit must be obtained from him to hold a session at night.

Manifesto issued by Dr. Manuel Castellanos, in the name of the Railroad Brotherhood of Cuba, declaring, among other things, that said Brotherhood will not intervene in favor of any candidate, as

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an entity; the Brotherhood recommends the political parties and the candidates, as well as all persons who may have something to do with the electoral question, to behave in a proper and respectful manner "because the right of a person terminates where the right of another begins"; that in view of the present moments of danger for the Country, it cannot support any strike nor declare boycott against any company, even though they may have the best desires for their fellow-workers; and, lastly, that the Railroad Brotherhood of Cuba shall be opposed to any revolutionary intent or seditious movement, regarding it as a crime against the Country.

DIARIO DE LA MARINA (Oct. 27) - Letter from General Menocal, replying to the Professional Men of Public Instruction, and stating that he will endeavor to accomplish important reforms in favor of national education; that, in general, he is in accord with the plan submitted to him; he also promises to make a detailed study of the important educational problems.

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HERALDO DE CUBA (Oct. 27) - Article stating that the Conservatives accept the victory of the Liberals in the Province of Matanzas, which will be by a majority of over 6,000 votes; and refers to an interview "of electoral cordiality" to be held by La Rosa, Mendez Capote and the senatorial candidates of both parties (of the Province of Matanzas, presided by Governor Gronlier.

Accusations made against Dr. Francisco Barroso, President of the Municipal Electoral Board of Trinidad, by Dr. Emilio Nuñez Portuondo, before the Central Electoral Board. When Menocal visited Trinidad, Judge Barroso took part in the parade of the Conservatives, carrying the two musical instruments used as the emblem of the Menocalists.

Although nothing has been officially announced, it is generally believed that the conference of Zayas, Menocal and Machado will be held very shortly.

Every investigation made in connection with the Malecon affair reveals a new ignominy. Three members of the Cabinet, the General Comptroller, a paymaster and a Judge appear to be guilty. How the experts made the appraisal of the lands in question. Many claims will probably be presented, based on the precedent set by the criminal deal. Regueiferos and Sandoval worked together in this business. Other details.

EDITORIALS: "THE INTERVIEW BETWEEN MACHADO AND MENOCAL" - Commenting upon the lack of importance of this conference, and stating that it would childish to believe that "a pact of Cuban cordiality" has been signed. - "REGUEIFEROS AND THE $2.000,000.00" Unfavorably commenting upon the intervention of the Secretary of Justice, Regueiferos, in the Santa Clara Convent Deal and in the Malecon Affair. -

EL HERALDO (Oct. 27) - Section entitled "OPINIONS" - Unfavorably commenting upon the actions of Mr. Manuel Carrerá at the head of the Department of Public Works. Carrerá has deceived everybody. He made many promises when he was appointed, and everybody believed that he meant to carry them out, but the methods of that Department have not changed, and it continues to be a center of corruption.

Article commenting upon the attitude of Dr. Rivas Vazquez, stating that his principal intentions are to win the friendship of the next President of Cuba, whether Menocal or Machado, in order that he may be permitted to conspire in Cuba against the constituted Government of his country.

THE TREASURY OF THE REPUBLIC IS IN GRAVE DANGER - More than threemillion dollars have mysteriously disappeared, and more frauds are expected. The Department of the Treasury makes all sorts of illegal payments, and, besides, about 400 sinecures or "botellas" have been created. Two great scandalous deals are now being hatched: one of them refers to an indemnity claimed for lands occupied by the "Campo de Marte", and the other for lands occupied by the Calixto Garcia Hospital. Besides all this, there seem to be great filtrations in the collections of the tax of one per cent, as shown by the shortage in the last quarterly collections.

LA DISCUSION (Oct. 27)- Article commenting upon the uselessness of the conference between Menocal and Machado.

"MENOCAL AND THE UNITED STATES - Reasons why the Americans have a preference for Menocal. - All intelligent Cubans know the real extent and reach of the Platt Amendment, and also the extent of the right of Intervention of the United States, in Cuba. The great and generous country which helped the Cubans to throw off the yoke of Spain..... would certainly not contribute to obtain the liberty of Cuba and then permit us to convert that liberty into a worthless rag. The United States knows that it cannot take away our liberty, and it for that reason that they would not think of doing it. But the Americans do have some interest in seeing

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that political and governmental action in Cuba develops within channels of morality and justice. Besides, it would be foolish to fail to recognize that there are many American companies doing business in Cuba, exercising a right which the Constitution of Cuba grants them, which develop economical and industrial energies and which require guarantees from governments lovers of order and justice. And it must also be born in mind that the men who guide the destinies of the great friendly nation, know all the politicians and statesmen of Cuba; and for this reason, and with a full knowledge of the case, they incline their sympathies toward those who can really guarantee moral peace and administrative decorum -- And it is for all these reasons that "the United States has predilection for General Menocal and his Party....."

THE DECISIVE BATTLE - "MARIUS AD-PORTAS" - Commenting upon the approaching electoral contest, and stating that all the odds are in favor of Menocal, because it is a struggle maintained "by the country" on one side, and on the other "a minority of Machadists" due to the withdrawal of the Mendietists from the struggle. This article also states "The contest, however, will be a very close one, and it is even possible that disturbances of the peace may occur; because, although the Machadists are lesser in number, they count on the resources of the Government....."

A NOTICE TO THE FRIENDS OF COLONEL MENDIETA: "The Machadists are preparing the following combination: In their organs of publicity, and by means of circulars and telephonic and telegraphic messages, the Mendietists (who constitute three-fourths of the Liberal Party) will be told that Colonel Mendieta orders them all, as a matter of discipline, to vote in favor of Machado. This is a new offense which the intruders try to inflict on Mendieta, presenting him as a man incapable of keeping his word."

LA TARDE (Oct. 27) - Article addressed to the Fiscal of the Supreme Court, stating that it is time for the judicial authorities to do something to show to the country that they are not accomplices of the thieves and robbers of the present situation; and refers to illegal orders of payment; to the payment of $70,000.00 for account of the repair of the road from Guareiras to Manguito, but that said sum has gone to the pockets of Celso Cuellar.

LA PRENSA (Oct 27)- Letter addressed by Dr. Gonzalo Freyre to Dr. Gomez de la Maza, President of the Municipal Electoral Board of Habana, making serious charges against him and against the members of the Judiciary, in general. (See translation).

The President has signed a Decree appropriating the sum of $200,000.00 to comply with the Law of Sergeants (Law of ~~xxxxxx~~ Aug. 4, 1923.

EL MUNDO (Oct. 28) EDITORIAL - Commenting upon the scandals of the Department of Public Works, and stating that Secretary Carrerá has not fulfilled the promises he made when he took charge of office; the appropriations granted for public works are disappearing, but no works are really accomplished.

Telegram from Matanzas stating that the Vice Presidential candidates, De la Rosa and Menéz Capote, will have a conference to-day with Governor Gronlier, of Matanzas. The senatorial candidates of Matanzas, of both parties, will also be present at the conference.

Cable despatch from New York, stating that American business men are keenly interested in the political situation of Cuba.

Interview with Governor Mendez Peñate, of Santa Clara. He states that any affirmation to the effect that Mendieta supports the Conservative ticket, is a calumny.

General Machado will leave to-day fro Santa Clara, from where he will direct the electoral campaign.

Ambassador Torriente, who is now in Biarritz, will sail on November 8th for New York.

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DIARIO DE LA MARINA (Oct. 28) - The Military Supervisor of Palma Soriano was dismissed yesterday, and another appointed in his place. The following Supervisors were also appointed yesterday:

For Aguacata (Prov.of Matanzas): Lieutenant Pilar Jorge;
Mayari (Oriente): Lieutenant Jose Gonzalez Sedano;
Consolacion del Sur (Pinar del Rio): Armando Vilches;
Marti (Matanzas): Secom Lieut. Juan Estevez;
Union de Reyes (Matanzas): Second Lieut. Carlos Aguila;
Batabano (Habana): Second Lieut.Antonio Seiglie Comesaña;
Manzanillo (Oriente) Major Ciro Leonard;
Santo Doming (Santa Clara): Captain Francisco Espinosa,in the place of Capt. Nuñez Bojou.

EDITORIAL, entitled "ELECTORAL CALCULATIONS" - Tending to show that the electoral possibilities are in favor of General Menocal.

A long letter from Dr. Gomez de la Maza to Mr. Gonzalo Freyre de Andrade, in reply to a recent letter written by the latter, in connection with alleged electoral frauds.

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HERALDO DE CUBA (Oct. 28) - Illicit methods used by the Menocalists to try to win the elections by all means. The article refers to an apocryphal circular sent to the members of the Army recommending them to support the candidature of General Menocal, and states that this is only a revival of the crooked methods used during the Administration of General Menocal. - False messages have been sent to the interior of the Country as a means to obtain false proofs of violenced. The Menocalists have a certain control in the Post Office Department, and letters sent to prominent Liberals, are opened, copies obtained for General Menocal, and then sealed again and forwarded to their destinations.

Article further commenting upon the Malecon affair, stating that Celso Cuellar obtained more than one million dollars from this transaction. Other similar claims are being prepared, one of them referring to the lands occupied by the Monteagudo Park.

The conference between the presidential candidates and President Zayas will not be held. This paper states that President Zayas has sent a letter to Dr. Rivas Vazquez explaining the reasons of the failure of this conference, but that the contents of said letter have not yet been disclosed.

The Cuban Commercial Attache in Washington has sent to the State Department a report referring to the sugar tariff problem in the U.S. -The report states that President Coolidge has requested certain data from the Department of Agriculture, and has also asked the Tariff Commission to furnish certain additional information. The solution of the problem will be postponed until the information requested is furnished.

A Manifesto issued by Jose Maria de la Cuesta (Mayor of Habana) as President of the Municipal Executive Committee of the Liberal Party, asking all Liberals to vote a full ticket.

ADITORIAL, commenting upon the Malecon affair, the lack of action on the part of the Prosecuting Attorneys, and stating that Secretary of Justice Reguciferos is principally responsible for this lack of action, because, in practice, the Prosecuting Attorneys follow the instructions which they receive from the Secretary of Justice.

Text of the Bases signed between the Cuba Cane Corporation and the sugar mill workers, which served to put an end to the strike in the district of Moron.

Article commenting upon the present shortage of molasses, which compels all the distilleries to close down.

EL HERALDO - (Oct. 28) - Article unfavorably commenting upon the release of the persons indicted in connection with the Camaguey events. The Magistrates of the Audiencia of Camaguey have shown that they are in favor of Menocal. The persons indicted were released in a most unusual manner, without fulfilling the legal requisites such as sending a written order to the Keeper of the Jail.

Political conditions in Cienfuegos. - The Mayor, the Chief of Police, the Collector of Customs, the Postmaster and the Local Chief of Sanitation, have confabulated themselves to defend the candidature of General Menocal.

ASSAULT UPON THE TREASURY - Article commenting unfavorably upon the Malecon affair. While the funds in the Treasury are lavishly wasted, the most outrageous taxes weigh ower the country, and states that for less than that, the French revolution was made and the United States declared their independence.

LA DISCUSION - (Oct. 28) Article commenting upon the fact that Dr. Orestes Ferrara will soon sail for Europe, and has already made reservations on a boat leave on November 3rd. That the sudden departure of Ferrara, at the height of the electoral period, is a sure indication that he foresees the defeat of Machado.

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THE INEVITABLE WILL COME IF MACHADO TRIUMPHS - Commenting upon the joy of the members of the Palace over the result of the interview between Menocal and Machado, which will, they think, prevent that the first shots of the revolution will be fired on November 1st. But "the Supreme Leader of the Machado faction" knows that the conflict will inevitably supervene, and tries to avail himself of the opportunity to transfer the last millions deposited in the Treasury, to his private coffers. He also thinks that the fear of the Cuban people for the policy which the White House would follow, would confine the insurrection to a small revolt which would give him an opportunity to re-affirm his title of "Pacifier" won during the revolution of the Veterans and Patriots. General Menocal himself has confessed that the people of Cuba do not applaud him; they applaud the program of regeneration which he has accepted, to save Cuba, etc.

LA TARDE (Oct. 28) - Article commenting upon the present attitude of the Washington Government with respect to the electoral problem of Cuba. (See translation).

A CLUMSY COMBINATION - Senator Cortina has ordered the printing of five thousand revolutionary circulars, which will be used to justify the adoption of drastic measures against the Conservatives.

Article unfavorably commenting upon the change of employees in the Department of Communications, which is only a preliminary of electoral frauds in favor of Machado.

LA PRENSA (Oct. 28) - General Serrano, Mexican Minister of War, will arrive in Habana tomorrow, on his way to Europe.

Senator Collazo held a long conference with President Zayas this morning, and filed certain complaints against the attitude of the Liberals. - He showed a telegram which he had received from Fomento, stating that Dr. Rosado Aybar was travelling through the Island carrying a trunk full of electoral cedulas which he intends to distribute among the Liberals of the Municipality of Trinidad.

General Crowder is sick in bed, but he held a conference with President Zayas late yesterday afternoon.

LA NOCHE (Oct. 28) - Accusations of partiality have been filed against the newly appointed Supervisors, Lieut. Ricardo Adams, of Palmira; and First Lieut. Francisco G. Borrego, of Cifuentes. - Two officers have been appointed to investigate the denunciations made.

EL MUNDO (Oct. 29) - EDITORIAL entitled "THE EVIDENCE" - Commenting upon the undeniable majority of the Liberal electors.

Text of the Decree No. 1491, granting an appropriation of $200,000.00 to comply with the Law of Sergeants.

Telegram from Santo Domingo stating that the electoral college of the Barrio Cerrito was destroyed by fire. The booths, ballot boxes and other electoral material, were totally destroyed.

Article unfavorably commenting upon the Malecon Affair, and advancing the information that Congress will take some action on the matter, after the elections.

DIARIO DE LA MARINA (Oct. 29) Telegram from Florida, stating that the workers of Centrals Agramonte and Vertientes went on strike yesterday. - Telegram from Ciego de Avila: The paralyzation of traffic on the lines of the Cuba Northern Railways, continues. The Mechanics of Central "Ciego de Avila" threaten to go on strike if their Union is not recognized.

Article commenting upon the labor conflicts in sugar mills.

According to declarations made by Mr. Engert, First Secretary of the American Embassy, yesterday, General Crowder is sick in bed. He is not seriously ill, and no complications are expected if he remains in bed for a few days, according to the opinion of Dr. Lainé.

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EDITORIAL, commenting upon the labor conflict in sugar mills of the Cuba Cane Corporation, and in the Cuba Northern Railways, and stating that in spite of the agreement reached between the Cuba Cane and its workers, the conflict continues with all its serious consequences.

EL TRIUNFO (Oct. 29) - The infamous work of the Menocalists, tending to corrupt the Army, continues. General Herrera has reported to President Zayas that a revolutionary proclamation, addressed to the Sergeants, is widely circulating among the soldiers.

An article stating that the real object of the visit of General Menocal to the Produce Exchange of Habana, was to raise more funds for his electoral campaign.

EL COMERCIO (Oct. 29) - General Menocal will leave for Santa Clara at Noon to-day, to direct the electoral campaign from that Province.

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HERALDO DE CUBA (Oct. 29) - Article unfavorably commenting upon the seditious proclamations distributed among the members of the Army written on apocryphal letter-heads of the General Staff, and stating that in spite of the proclamations to the Army and of the threats to sequestrate "Heraldo de Cuba", all the Liberals will vote for Machado on November 1st. - An expert, at the service of the Conservatives, devotes himself to learn all the secrets of the Army and of the Department of the Interior, and then sells them to Menocal.

Article commenting upon the interview held yesterday in Matanzas by the Vice Presidential candidates and Governor Gronlier. There were other members of both parties present at the conference, and they all declared that they will accept the result of the elections without any mental reserves.

A new complication has arisen in connection with the Malecon affair. The lands for which the State has paid, do not belong to the "Balzain" estate, but to the Successors of "Garcia y la Vallina". The tract of land comprised from the Santa Clara Battery to "H" Street were confiscated by Spain, and forts built thereon during the Spanish-American War, but no indemnity was ever paid to the owners. Later on, Governor Magoon ordered the payment. - Cuellar offered his good offices to the Successors of Garcia y la Vallina, and demanded one million dollars for his services.

Administrative irregularities. - $70,000.00 of the appropriation for the road from Guareiras to Manguito, and $50,000.00 corresponding to the repair of the streets of Matanzas, have been taken out of the Treasury by Dr. Celso Cuellar. Pressure was brought to bear against the Provincial Engineer, Mr. Ramos, to obtain this payment. These illegalities, permitted by the high officials of the Government, will be denounced by prominent persons of Matanzas.

EL HERALDO (Oct. 29) - Telegram from Florida (Camaguey) stating that when everybody awaited the immediate termination of the strike, Central Agramonte come out with some declarations to the effect that it will not accept the bases signed, without giving convincing reasons for its attitude. The result of this unpremeditated attitude was that about 500 men went on strike. The Manager of the sugar mill immediately notified the Rural Guard, and 30 soldiers were sent to protect the offices and machinery. - The period granted to the owners of Central Vertientes for accepting or rejecting the bases, expires to-day at Noon.

Felipe Gonzalez Sarrain states that the Liberals will win in the Province of Habana by a majority of over 10,000 votes.

EDITORIAL commenting upon the difficulties encountered by the Cubans at the present time, and that they are becoming strangers in the our country. This refers to professional men who work in sugar mills, because practically all the mills owned by American companies, bring their machinists, chemists and sugar experts from New Orleans and other places, refusing to give any work to the Cubans.

LA TARDE (Oct. 29) - Article commenting upon the last conference held between General Crowder and President Zayas, which revealed that the relations between these two gentlemen ~~xxxxx~~ are not crodial. Crowder notified Zayas that the electoral developments would be closely watched by six Military Attaches of the American Embassy. (See translation).

Article referrin to the manner in which the 103 secret agents appointed by the American Government to watch the development of the elections in Cuba, will be distributed.

LA PRENSA (Oct. 29) - In view of the fact that Colonel Collazo will go to Camaguey to direct the Electoral campaign of the Conservative

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Party, Colonel Eugenio Silva has been appointed in his place to represent General Menocal before the Cuban Government.

Lieutenant Eduardo Reina y Cosslio has been appointed Military Supervisor for Madruga (Province of Habana).

A cable despatch from Washington reading as follows:

"Washington, Oct. 29. (By the Associated Press) Taking advantage of the approaching presidential elections in Cuba, the Department of State has declared that the Washington Government has no intentions of intervening in any way. The rumors spread in Cuba to the effect that declaration from the Washington Government were awaited, defining its attitude in connection with the presidential elections, have been declared to be unfounded."

Although General Crowder has not completely recovered from his last attack of la grippe, he resumed his work this morning, and stated that he was feeling much better.

Referring to some statements attributed to Colonel Mendieta, published recently, Mendieta declares that he has not authorized anyone to make any statements in his name; that his withdrawal from the electoral struggle is in an absolute manner at present, and that he has given no advice or made any recommendations to his friends.

Colonel Collazo has filed a complaint against acts of partiality of Major Iglesias, Supervisor of Cienfuegos.

EL MUNDO (Oct. 30) - Article stating that when the train in which General Menocal is goin to Santa Clara, passed by the station of Jicotea, yesterday, shots were fired from his special car. A boy nine years old, son of the Station Master, and a laborer, were wounded. No signs of bullets were found in the train, except two broken windows.

EL TRIUNFO (Oct. 30) - This paper also refers to the shooting affray at the Station of Jicotea, stating that Menocal and his friends fired the shots which wounded a boy and a laborer, and that had it not been for the rapidity with which the train pulled out, Menocal would have been lynched.

AT THE LAST HOUR - Telegram from Santo Domingo stating that the shooting at Jicotea was made with a machine gun from Menocal's special car.

Telegram from Sancti-Spiritus stating that a policeman was killed by three Conservatives.

DIARIO DE LA MARINA (Oct. 30) - This paper also publishes the declarations made by Colonel Mendieta denying the statements recently attributed to him.

Cable despatch from Washington stating that the Washington Government does not intend to intervene in the present electoral struggle of Cuba.

The traffic over the lines of the Cuba Northern Railways has been resumed.

Manifesto issued to the "Colonos" of Cuba, by Ramon J. Martinez, President of the Asociacion de Hacendados y Colonos in connection with the labor conflicts in sugar mills

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HERALDO DE CUBA (Oct. 30) - Cable despatch from Washington stating the the American Government does not consider it proper to make any statements in connection with the electoral problem of Cuba, and that nothing happens now in Cuba to warrant an intervention.

The Chief of Police of Habana has issued a circular giving special instruction to his forces for the police service on election day.

Dr. Miguel Angel Aguiar has filed with the Fiscal of the Audiencia of Habana, a criminal complaint against the officials of the Administration and of the Judiciary who took part in the scandalous deal of the Malecon lands.

Article favorably commenting upon the recent decision of the Central Electoral Board, for having accepted the charges made against Judge Francisco Barroso, President of the Municipal Electoral Board of Trinidad.

Article referring to the shooting affray at the station of Jibotea, stating that when the train passed by that station, a cry of "Down with the Tyrant" aroused the anger of Menocal and his followers, who used a machine-gun to fire upon the station, wounding two men and a girl.

EDITORIAL, very unfavorably commenting upon the illegal payment for the Malecon lands, and stating that when the Government wants, there is money in the Treasury to make payments, especially if they are illegal; but in some cases, such as the case of the payment of "Gratuities", the Government said that it was not possible to approve a Law ordering said payment because the funds of the Tresury were pledged to other obligations.

Another editorial stating that in spite of the seditious propaganda made among officers and soldiers, the Army is not in favor of General Menocal.

At a meeting held yesterday by the "Asociacion de Hacendados y Colonos de Cuba", it was resolved to cary on an active campaign of propaganda, tending to obtain a law which will protect the rights of the sugar mill owners, the "colonos" and the laborers.

EL HERALDO (Oct. 30) - Commenting upon the shooting affray at Jicotea, this paper states that a sky-rocket which exploded in the hands of a boy when the train was passing, frightened the Menocalists, who thought that the train was being attacked, and fired back, wounding a boy and a laborer.

Article by General Enrique Loynaz del Castillo, where he refers to a new form of Republican Government, or the formula for a "New Republic", based on "the absolute liberty of native labor, and the taxation of foreign labor"; a republic without any other taxes than the Custom House duties..... as the only formula to extirpate all the evils of Cuba.

LA DISCUSION (Oct. 30) - Telegram from Santo Domingo, sent by the Special Correspondent of La Discusion, stating that when Menocal's train arrived in Santo Domingo he was greeted by Dr. Francisco Casañas who informed him confidentially of the trustworthy reports he had received to the effect that groups of men had been posted along the line near Santo Domingo, armed with rifles, to attack Menocal's train. The train left Santo Domingo and arrived at Jicotea without being molested. At the station of Jicotea, a certain movement of hostility was noticed and insults were hurled against Menocal. As the train was pulling out of the station, men appeared on both sides of the line, and fired upon the train with revolvers and rifles. The precautions which had been taken saved the life of General Menocal from this cross fire.

Everything published with respect to Mendieta's attitude in support of Machado, is absolutely false. Mendieta states that he is not taking any part in the present electoral struggle.

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"THE ELECTIONS AND THE STOCK EXCHANGE" - This article states that the bankers of Habana are preparing a transaction for November 1st, which deserves to be published. As the returns of the elections are received in Habana, the Bankers and Brokers will send orders to New York to buy or sell Cuban bonds. If the advanced reports indicate that Menocal will be elected, they will send orders to buy bonds, because the victory of Menocal will insure the welfare of the country; but, if on the other hand, the reports indicate that Machado will be elected, they will send orders to sell all the bonds they hold, because Machado's election will mean the bankruptcy of the country, and corruption.

Captain Iglesias, Supervisor of Cienfuegos, has been called to Habana. It is understood that he will not be sent back to his post as he is accused of partiality.

The Department of the Interior has sent secret instructions to the Liberal Governors, as to how they must act on election day to prevent the victory of the Conservative Party.

EDITORIAL commenting upon the fact that the delay in enforcing the Law of Sergeants, was only for the purpose of waiting for an opportunity to flatter the Army, and now the Machadists are claiming the credit of having taken the necessary steps to have it enforced.

Articles referring to the abuses committed by the authorities of the Province of Santa Clara against the Menocalists, especially against a correctional Judge of Cienfuegos and against the Police of Sancti-Spiritus.

LA TARDE (Oct. 30) - THE LAST NOTE FROM WASHINGTON - Article stating that the Washington Government has sent a friendly message to the Cuban Government requesting that the elections be held with absolute impartiality, and quoting what is purported to be a paragraph of a communication addressed by General Crowder to President Zayas.

Menocal came very near being killed while on his way to Santa Clara, by criminals at the service of Machado. After the train was attacked, the assailants fled.

LA DISCUSION - EXTRA (Oct. 30) - Published at 8:00 P.M. - MANIFESTO issued by the Directorate of the Conservative Party, referring to the attack on the train in which Menocal was travelling, and stating that it is useless to appeal to the Government for guarantees, and informing their followers that victory must be obtained by their own vigorous effort (See translation).

Article commenting upon the rumors that the Government intends to interrupt all telegraphic and telephonic communications on election day, to keep Habana without any news from the interior, and thereby enable the Government to make electoral frauds.

Text of the letter addressed to the Secretary of the Interior in which Colonel Silva announces his withdrawl from the Department of the Interior as representative of the Menocal-Mendez Capote candidature, in view of the recent events at Jicotea.

Manifesto issued by the Supreme Council of the Association of Veterans and Patriots, stating that anybody interested in the Conservative ticket who treasons the Conservative Party will receive condign punishment; if the traitor is a candidate who is elected, he will not take possession of the office for which he may be elected; and if he is not a candidate, he will be punished in some other manner.

Drs. Dolz, A. J. Perez and Gustavo Pino, have filed with the Fiscal of the Supreme Court a denunciation for the attack of the train at Jicotea.

LA PRENSA (Oct. 30) - Declarations made by the Acting Secretary of State of the United States. The American Government earnestly

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hopes that the elections in Cuba will be freely held within the greatest order and cordiality. One of the newspaper correspondents stated that it had been rumored in Cuba that the American Government would make declarations similar to those made on a former occasion, to the effect that the opponents of the Administration would be considered as enemies of the American Government, to which the Acting Secretary of State declared: "That the American Government had no intention of making declarations of that nature, because the present conditions were altogether different, and consequently there was no reason why the Government of the United States should make any declarations in connection with the elections in Cuba."

EDITORIAL, unfavorably commenting upon the Malecon affair.

EL MUNDO (Oct. 31) In answer to inquiries received every day, Dr. Rodriguez Fortuondo, President of the Central Electoral Boatd states: "Only those who failed to vote during the last national (or presidential) elections, have lost the right to vote." Those who failed to vote during the last partial elections, but who voted in the last presidential elections, have the right to vote tomorrow. Those whowere not then of electoral age, but who have attained it now; or failed to register and have done so now, have the right to vote at the coming presidential elections.

Telegrams from the Mayor of the Barrio of Jicotea, the Mayor of Santo Domingo, the Governor of Santa Clara, and the Delegate from the Departement of the Interior, informing said Department of the Jicotea events. All of them state that Menocal's train was not attacked.

Rumors circulated in Habana last night to the effect that disturbances had taken place in the city of Santa Clara. El Mundo tried to confirm these rumors by long distance 'phone, and it was informed that absolute order prevailed in that city, and that the rumors were false.

The Chief of the Fifth Military District has reported to the General Staff of the Army, that intentions existed to burn the electoral college of Barrio Delicias, in Quivican. Two bottles of petroleum and a long wick were found near the cite, but nothing has been learned as to who tried to destroy the electoral college.

DIARIO DE LA MARINA (Oct. 31) - Antonio Gonzalo Perez and Gustavo Alonso Castañeda, Senatorial candidates of the Conservative Party in the Province of Habana, have addressed a communication to the President requesting the appointment of a Military Supervisor in every Municipality of this Province.

THE RAILROAD BROTHERHOOD AND THE STRIKE IN SUGAR MILLS. Article very favorably commenting upon the attitude of the Railroad Brotherhood, for refusing to support the strike of sugar mill workers.

Text of the official telegrams received by the Department of the Interior in connection with the shooting affray at Jicotea.

Telegram from Matanzas referring to the acts of partiality committed by the Police of Matanzas, against the Conservatives.

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HERALDO DE CUBA (Liberal) -(Oct. 31) - In Habana, two men were arrested yesterday because they were quarreling over an electoral cedula. One of them. Antonio Sanchez, an affiliate of the Conservative Party, told the policeman who arrested them, that the other man, Juan Suarez, Liberal, had taken away his voting card. - Suarez denied the charges, and said that he was in negotiations to purchase Sanchez' cedula, and the quarrel started because Sanchez refused to accept $5.00 for it, and wanted $10100. - They were both released.

EL HERALDO (Liberal) - (Oct. 31) - Telegram from Caibarien: "A serious incident, which could have had grave consequences, was provoked in this town last night by Representative Jose Mulkay, and Inspector of Taxes Charles Lynn, with the Military Supervisor now in Command of the Municipal Police. Only the energetic measures adopted by the Military Supervisor, who put the town under military rule, averted a bloodshed. The importance of the scandal caused a general state of alarm in this district."

LA DISCUSION (Conservative) (Oct. 31) - Telegram from Matanzas from Fausto G. Menocal stating that he has sent a telegram to the Secretary of the Interior denouncing certain acts of intimidation by members of the Army against affiliates of the Conservative Party.

Telegram from Catalina de Guines: Groups of Machadists, armed with revolvers, go about the town provoking the Conservatives. The appointment of a Supervisor is requested to prevent disturbances.

Telegrams from Lajas and from Calabazar de Sagua stating stating that disturbances are also feared there due to the attitude of the Liberals

Telegram from Sagua la Grande, stating that the President of the Local Committee of the Conservative Party was killed in his residence this morning (Oct.30th).

LA TARDE (Conservative) (Oct. 31) - Referring to the shhoting at Jicotea, this paper states that a sky-rocket was the signal to start the fire upon Menocal's train.

Accusations have been made by the American Government against Cuban Consuls in the United States, of smuggling liquors.

LA LUCHA (Oct.31) - This paper does not have a well defined political tendency; and merely defends the candidacy of its Administrador, Jose Hernandez Guzman, nominated by the Popular Party for Representative.

LA PRENSA (Conservative) - (Oct. 31) - Colonel Mendieta ratifies his recent declarations of his firm purpose of keeping out of the present electoral struggle. His statements quoted in "El Mundo"-- he says-- were contained in a letter which he wrote during the month of August, but that the statements attributed to him which he denies were those published in "El Sol" and "El Triunfo" several days ago.

Complaints have been received in the Headquarters of the Conservative Party, from Conservative members of College Boards who have not received their appointments because the Police has failed to deliver the appointments to them.

Dr. Antonio Fernandez Criado and Major Jose Gonzalez have filed with the Central Electoral Board a list of abuses and provocations against the Conservatives

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LA NOCHE (Oct.31) - This paper has the same political tendency as "La Lucha"; that is, it only defends the candidature of Hernandez Guzman.

Telegram from Guantanamo: Guantanamo has been placed under Military rule, under the command of Captain Espino. Espino is accused of partiality by the Conservatives, and defended by the Liberals. Great enthusiasm prevails among the affiliates of both parties.

EL PAIS (Oct. 31) - (Liberal) - The following Military Supervisors have been appointed:
First Lieutenant Jose B. Cabañas, for Alacranes;
Captain Manuel Maria Gomez Rivero, for Jovellanos.

EL MUNDO (Liberal) - (~~Extra~~ November 1st) - The Chief of the General Staff of the Army issued orders yesterday to keep all the troops in barracks ready for action.

Telegram from Colon: Seventeen rifles and 40 revolvers were found in the Offices of Central "Culce Nombre" near Macagua. These arms were seized and taken to the barracks of the soldiers. No arrests have been made.

DIARIO DE LA MARINA (Conservative) - Feeling is running high in various municipalities of the province of Matanzas, due to the acts of intimidation on the part of the Army and the Police. Senator Fausto Menocal has filed denunciations with the Central Electoral Board and the Department of the Interior of cases of intimidation witnessed by him.

A political quarrel took place yesterday in this city near the offices of the Department of Public Works, which resulted in a fist-fight.

EL TRIUNFO (Liberal) (Nov. 1st): Telegram from Sancti-Spiritus: "Yesterday morning Colonel Collazo appeared in this city accompanied by several thugs and a real arsenal of arms in order to frighten the Liberals and bring about a state of terror among them; but the brave Comandante Solano with his friends met him, and Collazo was forced to withdraw. The rapid and efficient intervention of the Military Supervisor prevented the Conservative thugs from bein properly punished. The energetic attitude of Major Solano has received the applause of the Liberals."

EL SOL (Liberal) (November 1st) - Last night, in one of the suburbs of Habana, a man was shot and wounded by several persons who passed in an automobile, merely because he shouted "Viva Machado".

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HERALDO DE CUBA: (Nov. 1) - Cable despatch from New York, stating that preferent attentin is given to the Cuban elections in the New York daily papers, and praising the measures of precaution adopted by the Government. They also predict the victory of Machadb.

A telegram was receiceived at the Department of Communications announcing that the school house at Punta Escondida, which had been selected as a polling place, was destroyed by fire . The electoral documents were saved, and a new place was immediately selected for the electoral college.

The Postmaster of Guantanamo refused to distributed the electoral "cedulas" which had been deposited in said Post Office. As soon as the Department of Communications was informed of thise irregularitjes, energetic orders were sent to the Postmaster to open the office and distribute the electoral mail,

Felipe Gonzalez Sarrain lodged a camplaint with the Municipal Electoral, stating that the electoral colleges of barrio Villanueva in this city were not operating normally, and that difficulties were being placed to the electoral to exercise the right of suffrage.

Telegram from Santa Clara stating that the Menocalists were planning to burn the electoral colleges of Yabucito, San Bartolomé, Baracaldo and Jiquiabo, in the Municipality of Santo Domingo. Francisco Casañas appeared as leader of the gang, but their intentions were discovered in time, and measures of precaution immediately adopted.

HERALDO (Nov. 1) - An interview with General Enrique Loynaz del Castillo, in which he states that Cuba must be a model of nations; a country without a President, without governors and without mayors. He also speaks of his project of a new Republic which he will expose before the next Congress at Chili, to which he will be sent as a Delegate of Cuba. He also refers to the liberation of the workingmen, the suppression of taxes and the creation of an ideal régime.

The latest reports of the elections indicate that great enthusiasm prevails among the Liberals, and the victory of Machado seems to be assured.

LA DISCUSION (Nov. 1) - In spite of the abuses and coercios of the Machadists, the Conservatives expect to come out victorious.

Telegram from Santiago de Cuba stating that the Chief of Police of Caney was arrested by order of the Military Supervisor because he was intimidating the Conservatives.

Telegram from Guira de Macuriges protesting against acts of partiality committed by Lieut. Col. Rodriguez, Military Supervisor.

Telegrams from Cardenas, Carlos Rojas and San Juan y Martinez protesting against the attitude of the Police, which tries to prevent the Conservatives from voting.

Telegram from Placetas stating that 40 men, armed, are carrying on acts of intimidation against the Conservatives.

Telegram from Sagua la Grande stating that the Police force was not kept in quarters. Many Conservatives are arrested with the only purpose of preventing them from voting. - Other protests from Rodas, Jatibonico, Jovellanos and Matanzas, against the attitude of the authorities.

LA TARDE (Nov. 1) - The latest reports received of the elections, indicate that the Conservatives are in the lead. - With the exception of a few incidents, the elections are being held in a quiet and orderly manner, especially in Habana.

EL PAIS (Nov. 1) states that in the elections held to-day, Machado has obtained an overwhelming majority. The elections have been peaceful and orderly throughout the country.

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EL MUNDO (Nov. 2) - During the election held yesterday in a quiet and orderly manner, the people of Cuba have given proofs of good judgment and patriotism. - The Liberal Party obtained a majority in the six provinces. - Only a few disagreeable incidents were reported.

DIARIO DE LA MARINA (Nov. 2) states that the elections were held in a quiet and orderly manner. The latest reports received indicate that the Liberal Party have won in five provinces. - The leaders of the Conservative Party still hope that the final results will be favorable to their Party.

General Menocal left Santa Clara for Habana last night at ten o'clock.

President Zayas gave out the following statements yesterday at 7;00 P.M: "That he was perfectly pleased with the order which prevailed all over the country, and that the Cubans should be proud of this, because the electoral process has developed without the slightest foreign interference."

Senator Martinezmoles sent a telegram to the Department of the Interior protesting against the attitude of partiality of the Police.

Telegram from Sabanilla stating that the Police was not kept in its quarters according to instructions issued by the Central Electoral Board. The telegram also states that the rural guard is exercising coercion in the country.

Telegram from Representatives Lasa and Sagaro to General Menocal, informing him that Captain Espino, Supervisor Espino keeps the Police armed, and threatening the Conservatives, thereby preventing Menocalists from voting.

Telegram from Aguada de Pasajeros protesting against certain irregularities committed by the Municipal Electoral Board. The Mayor and other politicians have called at the Board, obtaining false cedulas.

The electoral college of barrio Cuatro Caminos, Municipality of Santo Domingo, was destroyed by fire on the night of the 31st.

According to xxx reports received yesterday in official circles, it appears that the Police of Santo Domingo had committed an act of insubordination, all the members of the same going out with their arms, despite the orders they had to remain in their quarters.

In connection with the shooting affray at Tuinicu, the President of the College No. 1 reported by wire that the Rural Guard tried to stop one of the assailants of the college, all of whom were Conservatives, and that instead of obeying the orders, they fired at the Rural Guard. The Rural Guard answered the fire. One of the assailants, named Rogelio Peraza, was arrested.

The military Supervisor of Gibara reported that one of the members of the board of College No. 1, barrio Bartay, destroyed the electoral register. The man was arrested, and arraigned before the Court.

Las night, at ten o'clock, the Secretary of the Interior gave out the following statements: "Normalcy prevailed during the elections held. All the measures adopted by the Central Electoral Board and by the Executive Power, gave the desired results. The electors have voted freely, and the percentage of voters as compared with the electors registered, shows that great enthusiasm as prevailed among the members of both parties, and the facilities which everybody had to exercise the right of suffrage. I firmly believe that these are the best elections that have been held in Cuba. I am fully satisfied of the Department of Communications, of the Police of Habana and of all the Military Supervisors and employees of this Department, as well as of all others persons who had had something to do in the patriotic effort of the President to hold honest and peaceful elections."

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HERALDO DE CUBA (Nov. 2) - Telegram from Cauto (Oriente) stating that the Conservatives stole the ballot box of an electoral college, and it was impossible to make the scrutiny.

According to reports received in the Department of the Interior, from Sagua la Grande, a group of Conservatives fired several shots at a group of Liberals who were awaiting the result of the scrutiny at the door of an electoral college, after the elections. One persons was seriously wounded.

EDITORIAL, very favorably commenting upon the electoral victory of the Liberal Party.

LA DISCUSION (Nov. 2) - This paper states that although without any bloodshed, the electoral contest held yesterday was marked by a hostile attitude of the Government which ~~xxxxx~~ lent all its support to the Cuellar-Machado alliance.

LA TARDE (Nov. 2) states that although the Government showed itself neutral in the cities, coercive means were used against the Conservatives electors in the country.

"LA TRADE declares to-day, and will explain tomorrow Monday, that whatever be the result of the elections, it will stand in the opposition, against the present Government and the Government which will succeed it on May 20th."

According to Dr.Zayas, the elections were honestly held, and that aboslute order prevailed throughout the country. But the truth is quite different, because the elections were marked by frauds all over the country.

EL PAIS (Nov.2)- General Menocal arrived from Santa Clara early this morning, and very few persons awaited him at the station. According to this paper, the only words he said to his friends, were: "Ihave been deceived, gentlemen; I have been ~~xxxxxxxx~~ completely deceived."

It has been unofficially announced that President Zayas will issue a Manifesto tomorrow, congratulating the people of Cuba for the manner in which the elections were held, and at the same time, giving the official data received by the Government in connection with the elections, and proclaiming the victory of the Liberal Party.

EL TRIUNFO (Nov. 3) - The Secretary of the American Embassy and one of the Attachés, conferred with Secretary Iturralde yesterday, and congratulated the Government of Cuba, in the name of the Government of the United States for the happy results of the elections.

"THE LIBERAL SENATORS IN THE CONSERVATIVE TICKET" - Gustavo Alonso Castañeda, and Gonzalo Perez, Liberals, who appeared as senatorial nominees in the Conservative ticket, are coming out with great possibilities of victory.

DIARIO DE LA MARINA (Nov. 3) - Manifesto issued by General Menocal and Dr. Mendez Capote, to the people of Cuba, stating that the elections were illegal, and declining all future responsibility (See translation).

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HERALDO DE CUBA - November 3rd.

General Machado returned from Santa Clara this morning, and on his arrival he was accordad an enthusiastic reception.

Article commenting upon a secret conference held yesterday afternoon by General Menocal and the leaders of the Conservative Party. General Menocal said that it was necessary to accept the results of the elections, because it was evident that the Liberals had won by an overwhelming majority, but that an exception had to be made of Santa Clara Province where frauds were committed, and suggested that protests should be filed with the view of obtaining the annulment of the elections in many municipalities of that Province; but finally this idea was given up as nothing would be gained thereby.

Major Shuttan visited Secretary Iturralde yesterday and congratulated him for the peace and order which had prevailed during the elections, and asked for further details to enable him to report to his Government.

Article very favorably commenting upon the orderly manner in which the elections were held, and praising the attitude of the Army and of the Police.

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"THE ATTITUDE OF GENERAL MENOCAL" - Article unfavorably commenting upon the Manifesto issued by General Menocal and Dr. Mendez Capote, and stating that it is an ambiguous document, apparently expressly written in that way in order that each one may interpret it as he pleases. That Menocal has no right to say that the elections were fraudulent, when he based his campaign on the support of the Army. That any intent on his part to disturb the peace would be a new deceit, and a more dangerous understanding, because it has been seen that the Army is ready ~~xxx~~ to stand for legality and order. (a member of the Cons.Party)

In an interview with Federico Morales,/he said that the Liberals had defeated the Conservatives because they had the majority, and because the Conservatives lacked an efficient organization; but that in Santa Clara and Matanzas, the Government defeated the Conservatives. That the Directorate of the Conservative Party was compiling data to prove the ~~xxxxxxxx~~ pressure brought to bear by the Government in favor of the Liberals. That there were neither dead nor wounded, but coercion existed. - Morales further said, that in his opinion, the Conservative Party must be dissolved, and leave all the responsibility of the future to Machado and his friends; that the future Government will be the same as the present one: of business inspired by lucre. "The bustle of immoralities shall soon create a scandal, and the Yankee vigilance will appear immediately as it appeared to Dr. Zayas when he plunged into grafts with Martinez Lufriu and Norberto Alfonso. I am not an annexationist, neither do I desire a foreign intervention in my country; but I fully realize that the economic classes need certain guarantees which cannot be offered by General Machado."

LABOR CONFLICTS: After the termination of the strike in the sugar mills of the Cuba Cane, the laborers of the following mills have gone on strike making the same demands: "Agramonte", "Ciego de Avila", "Patria", Algodones", "Adelaida","Punta de San Juan", "Vertientes","Florida" and "Pilar --in the Province oc Camaguey; and "America","Oriente" and"Palma Soriano" in the Province of Oriente. Certain agitation is also noticed in the sugar mills "Jatibonico" and "Toledo", and a walk-out expected there at any moment.

According the information received yesterday at the National Federation of Laborers, there seems to be some intention of using the Army against the laborers to break up the strike

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existing at "Palma Soriano", "America" and "Occidente".

A criminal attempt against General Machado. -"At this time of going to press, we are informed from the Central Station that a bomb was placed on the tracks near Santo Domingo when Machado's train was about to pass, but that luckily it failed to explode.

Telegram from Zaza del Medio stating that at a political fight yesterday, two men were wounded.

LA DISCUSION - November 3, 1924.

In an article commenting upon the future attitude of this paper after the defeat of the Conservative Party, it is stated: "We do not know what General Menocal and his friends will do... but we do know what our duty is, and we shall live up to it.... With the serenity and heroism of the martyrs, we are ready to die telling the Cuban people that the candidature Machado-de la Rosa, and consequently of the Government which supported said candidature by fraud and coercion, is the loss of the Republic and the eclipse of all dignities..."

Other articles protesting against the victory of the Liberal Party.

EDITORIAL, stating that the real hero of the recent electoral journey has been President Zayas.

LA TARDE - November 3, 1924.

Article commenting upon the strikes existing at present in the Province of Camaguey, and which threaten to spread to other parts of the country, and stating that the constitute a very serious menace to approaching sugar crop.

"AGAINST THE POWER, TODAY AND TOMORROW" - Article stating that "La Tarde" is in open hostility against the present Government, and against the Government of General Machado.

Article explaining how the Government of Dr. Zayas lent it support to the Liberals in the last elections. Six hundred Conservative employees were dismissed, and followers of Machado were appointed in their place. The Department of the Lottery distributed $125,000.00 for the electoral propaganda.

"To the Fiscal of the Audiencia of Habana" - A denunciation of an opium and gambling den recently opened in Habana with the complicity and protection of the authorities.

EL MUNDO - November 4, 1924.

EDITORIAL, unfavorably commenting upon the unfounded protests of the Conservatives against the result of the elections.

President-elect Machado congratulates Zayas for the impartial and orderly elections held.

DIARIO DE LA MARINA - November 4, 1924.

EDITORIAL, favorably commenting upon the actions of Mr. Carrerá as Secretary of Public Works, because he is doing everything possible to carry out the program which he announced when he took charge of office.

In Caibarien, a group of about 200 men attacked another large group. Soldiers were called to re-establish order. The report received by the Department of the Interior does not state whether there were any casualties.

EL TRIUNFO (Nov 4) states that General Crowder has sent a lengthy report of the Cuban elections to his Government, according to the data compiled by the many secret agents of the American Government .

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HERALDO DE CUBA - November 4, 1924.

President Zayas has signed a Decree appropriating the sum of $20,000.00 to aid the victims of the last cyclone.

A short news article states that President Zayas has sent to the Senate and to the House the message of opening of the new legisltative period, containing the actions of the Executive Power from June to November 1st.

General Machado conferred with President Zayas yesterday. Captain Carlos Fitmat has been appointed as Aide of Gen.Machado. Upon leaving the Palace, the Presiden elect stated that he was highly satisfied with the result of the elections, and praised the attitude of the Army. Finally he said that after the electoral period was over ~~xxxx~~ he was sure there would be perfect harmony among all Cubans, and made known that during his term of office the Conservatives would have the fullest guaranties.

Article by Orestes Ferrara unfavorably commenting upon the Manifesto issued by General Menocal and Dr. Mendez Capote. Ferrara states that Menocal has no moral authority to speak about electoral frauds and violences.

The editorial also comments unfavorably upon the Manifesto of Menocal and Mendez Capote.

EL HERALDO - November 4, 1924.

Interview with Dr. Wifredo with respect to the last elections. He states that he will combat any attitude of his Party which may envolve a danger for the country; that if in his Party there should be two tendencies, one of them of violence, he will support the tendency which will contribute to maintain the Republic and to avert calamities. - Evelio Alvarez del Real said: "As a member of the Conservative Party, I am sorry for the defeat, but it did not surprise me; I often predicted it, and was called a traitor."

Article commenting upon the rumors that General Menocal tried to commit suicide, which was prevented by the timely intervention of his relatives. He will soon leave for the United States, and thence to Europe.

The appropriation of $100,000.00 granted for the cleaning of the Santa Clara Convent, has disappeared. - To justify the expenditure, 20 men were sent to cut some grass. The work was suddenly stopped, and it was announced that the appropriation was exhausted.

LA DISCUSION - November 4, 1924.

Article very unfavorably commenting upon the Malecon affair, and stating that the House of Representatives will support the President and approve this iniquitous graft.

Letter from Fedrico Morales explaining the reasons of the defeat of the Conservative Party.

LA TARDE - November 4, 1924.

Article criticising the actions of the Secretary of the Interior, who has started a campaign of persecution against the Conservative Mayors, and against certain Municipal Judges who refused to lend themselves for certain electoral illegalities at the last moment. Secretary Iturralde thinks that the Republic is in great danger, and has ordered that all the steps of General be closely watched.

Commenting upon the future Cabinet of General Machado, this paper gives a list of the persons who will probably be appointed: Treasury: Jesus M. Barraque -- Public Works: Carlos Miguel de Cespedes -- War and Navy: General Herrera -- Interior: Zayas Bazan -- Public Instruction: Iturralde -- State: Carlos Manuel de Cespedes -- Presidency: Francisco Camps -- Sanitation: Matias Duque, or Fernandez

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Mascaró ---- President of the Sentate: Varona Suarez -- Chief of the Penitentiary: Carlos Bertot -- Director of the Lottery: Sebastian Planas -- Chief of the Division of Taxes: Gustavo Parodi -- Head of the Secret Police: Jose Izquierdo.

LA PRENSA - November 4, 1924.

The last scrutiny of Presidential Electors effected by the Central Electoral Board, at Noon to-day, gives the following results:

Liberals.....	166,806
Conservatives.....	128,065
Populars.....	23,464

The labor situation in the Province of Camaguey is still a serious one,) The sugar mill owners refuse to recognize the labor unions. A commission of sugar mill owners will confer with Secretary Iturralde.

LA NOCHE - November 4, 1924.

Cable despatch from Washington, very favorably commenting upon the elections held in Cuba, and highly praising the attitude of President Zayas.

EL MUNDO - November 5, 1924.

EDITORIAL, very favorably commenting upon the result of the elections held in Cuba, stating that they have been a model of elections. It would be foolish to speak of frauds and illegalities, and that nearly eighty per cent of the registered electors, voted.

Resolutions adopted by the"Colonos" of the Province of Camaguey, at a meeting held in Central Agramonte, in connection with the strikes in sugar mills, as follows: (1) They will not demand from the Centrals the grinding of their canes, until such time as the Central is in a condition to start grinding; (2) To lend all moral and material support to the management of the Centrals, in order that the preparations for the crop may not be hindered. (3) Appointment of a commission of "Colonos" to visit the proper officials of the Government and obtain guarantees for the preparatory work for the coming crop. (4) To demonstrate to the Government that the strike was started by outside elements which do not even represent two per cent of the workers of the sugar industry (5) To try to obtain the necessary guarantees for the laborers who may be willing to work. (6) To declare that the labor movement was initiated by outside elements with bolshevist and dissolving tendencies.

Telegram from Santiago de Cuba: Senator Felix del Prado is of the opinion that the Conservative Party should undergo a complete reorganization.

DIARIO DE LA MARINA - November 5, 1924.

General Menocal will address a letter to General Machado expressing the hopes that Machado's Government will be beneficial to the country. Dr. Miguel Angel Aguiar makes some comments upon the last elections (See translation).

The inaugural session of the Seventh Pan-American Sanitary Conferences will take place at 9:00 P.M. to-day.

EDITORIAL commenting upon the strikes in sugar-mills, and stating that as the electoral problem has already been solved, the Government should take immediate steps to solve the labor conflicts.

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HERALDO DE CUBA - Nov. 5, 1924.

According to information given by the Department of the Interior, the average of votes cast during the last elections, is as follows:

Province of Habana, nearly 80%
" Pinar del Rio..73%
" Matanzas.....70%
" Santa Clara....72%
" Camaguey.....71.17%
" Oriente.....73.25%

According to the latest reports received from private sources, the present standing of the Candidates for Representatives in the Province of Habana, is as follows:

1 Gustavo G. Beauville
2 - Rafael Guas
3 - Jose R. del Cueto
4 - Jose R. Cano
5 - Pedro Herrera Sotolongo
6 - Federico de la Cuesta
7 - Giordano Hernandez
8 Roberto Ason
9 - Ismael Martinez
10 - Raul Navarrete
11 - Silvestre Anglada
12 - Antonio Alentado
13 - Juan Castellon
14 - Viriato Gutierrez

EL HERALDO - Nov. 5, 1924.

Section entitled "OPINIONES" - Commenting upon the contrast between the peaceful elections held in Cuba and the disorderly elections held in the United States, and stating that it would be foolish to think that the Cubans are better than the Americans in that respect; that wherever there are conflicting interests, hates and rivalries, the people resort to violence, transgress the laws and commit censurable actions.

Article commenting upon the fact that over one thousand temporary employees were dismissed yesterday.

Article commenting upon the future Cabinet and the future Government, stating that they must be based on the desires of Regeneration. It also states, that Congress, on its part, must fill the aspirations of the people, carrying out the noble program of Colonel Mendieta. That men such as Wolter del Rio or Enrique Recio should be selected for the Presidency of the House; and Barreras or Heredia for the Presidency of the Senate.

Letter from Gustavo Alonso Castañeda announcing his determination to ~~xixxxxxx~~ retire to private life

LA DISCUSION - November 5, 1924.

The crowds which called at the Central Station yesterday afternoon to greet Miguel Mariano Gomez, availing themselves of the confusion broke many windows and looted many stores in the neighborhood of the R.R. Station.

La Discusion has initiated a campaign against Col. J.M.Tarafa, and states that Tarafa wants to carry out the consolidation of the railroads in the manner most favorable to his private interests, scoffing at the Law of Consolidation.

Article stating that Santiago Cubas has filed a protest with Provincial Electoral Board of Santa Clara against the elections held in that Province, stating that false cedulas were used by the Liberals, and that acts of intimidation were carried on against the Conservatives. - Reports have been received from Sancti-Spiritus indicating that seven electoral colleges have failed to submit the returns to the Municipal Board, and that several candidates for Representatives have hastened to Sancti-Spiritus to see whether they can "reinforce" themselves before said returns are submitted.

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LA TARDE - November 5, 1924.

Referring to the strike of suga-mill workers, this paper states that the laborers of Centrals "Estrella" and "Cespedes" have also gone on strike, and that when many of said laborers arrived at Florida, they were beaten by the soldiers and compelled to leave the place immediately.

Interview with Mr. Jose R. Villalon, who states that, in his opinion, the defeat of the Conservative Party was principally due to the powerful resources of the Government placed at the ~~xxxxxxxx~~ disposal of the Liberal candidate.

LA PRENSA - November 5, 1924.

The Chief of the General Staff of the Army has denied the rumors that troops were being quartered at Camp Columbia.

President Zayas granted an interview to the reporters, and stated: that it was true that he intended to address a Manifesto to the Country referring to the elections recently held; that with the cooperation of the Secretary of Public Works, he will try to solve the water problem of Habana in a definite manner. Benito Lagueruela announced to-day at the Palace that a banquet of Cuban Cordiality will soon take place, and that prominent members of the Conservative Party will be invited.

LA NOCHE - November 5, 1924.

This paper affirms that Generals Pershing and Wood will come to Cuba during the second fortnight of December, to attend the ceremonies of the unveiling of Roosevelt's Monument at Santiago de Cuba.

List of the Sergeants who have been given appointments of Assistant Officers of the Army, in compliance with the provisions of the Law of August 4, 1923.

In an interview with the reporters, President Zayas said that the most remarkable thing of the last elections, was they they had been held without the least foreign interference, because the two visits he received from Ambassador Crowder were only to discuss the boycott against sugar mills, and that it was President Zayas who spoke to General Crowder of the necessity of amending Article 102 of the Electoral Code, inasmuch as the new registrations had now reached six per cent.

EL MUNDO - November 6, 1924.

EDITORIAL, commenting upon the strike in sugar-mills, which is now acquiring the characters of a national conflict, and stating that the Government must intervene and seek a prompt solution of the conflict.

Cable despatch from Asuncion (Paraguay), stating that the former Acting President of Paraguay, Doctor Eusebio Ayala, has been appointed Minister to the United States, Cuba and Mexico.

DIARIO DE LA MARINA - November 6, 1924.

News of the strike: A commission of "Colonos" of Centrals "Vertientes", "Agramonte", "Cespedes" and"Florida" called on Secretary Iturralde yesterday, and informed him of the damages which the strikes were causing them, also asking that the Government take the necessary steps to solve the conflict. Iturralde asked for certain data, and promised to act immediately. The Secretary of the Interior was also visited by the President and the Attorney of the General Sugars Company, owner of the Centrals Pilar, Estrella, Camaguey, Agramonte and Vertientes.

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Cable despatch from New York, sent by Zarraga, Correspondent of Diario de la Marina, stating that in spite of the fact that the elections in the United States had monopolized American public opinion, some attention was paid to the Cuban elections. The "New York Times" published a long editorial analyzing the electoral problem, and after reminding the patriotic program of the Conservative candidate, it states: "If General Menocal has been defeated, the reason for his defeat should not be found in the superior qualities of General Machado, no matter how irreproachable his personal reputation may be, but in the proper organization of the Liberals, who in matters of electoral propaganda and political strategy have nothing to learn from any of the existing parties in the United States. Said organization has hurled the grossest insults against the second Administration of Menocal, has twisted the nature of his relations with American commercial enterprises, and even attacked his patriotism. But if, after a proper counting of the votes legally cast, Menocal has been defeated, we have no doubt that he will accept the will of his compatriots." -- The "New York Evenening Post", states: "It is customary that all Cuban elections are followed by incidents perfectly defined. First, an unofficial report is received that the candidate of the Party in power has obtained a majority of votes. Then, his opponent makes accusations of fraud and corruption. While the Courts are trying to decide which candidate has won, rumors of a revolution and of an American intervention are spread. Finally, after weeks, or perhaps months, of uncertainty which may or may not result in a revolution or American intervention, the Party then in power continues in it. The unofficial reports received of the elections held last Saturday, indicate that General Machado, favored, or supported by President Zayas, has won. His opponent, ex President Menocal, has made the customary accusations. Rumors of a revolution have already circulated. The Courts must now decided on the cases under dispute, while General Crowder tries to maintain order between the contending parties, with the continuous threat of an American intervention in case they resort to traditional Cuban tactics."

EL TRIUNFO - November 6, 1924.

Colonel Silva was the bearer of a letter in which General Menocal congratulates General Machado for his electoral victory

Dr. Mario Diaz Cruz, Political Member of the Conservative Party at the Central Electoral has said that honest and legal elections such as those of November 1st, had never before been held in Cuba. He further announces that he will not defend any appeal against said elections, which may presented by politicians prompted by private interests.....

A movement is now on foot to erect a statue in honor of President Zayas. The idea is to unveil said statue on May 20,1925, the day when Zayas will hand over the Government to General Machado.

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HERALDO DE CUBA - November 6, 1924.

PALACE NEWS: Referring to the elections, President Zayas said that he did everything in his power in order that they should be the real expression of the will of the people, and he was very glad to see that his hopes had been realized. He also said that no Note or petition for information had been received from the American Embassy; that General Crowder had visited him in connection with the strikes.

The Delegates to the Sanitary Congress paid an official visit to President Zayas yesterday.

Article by Dr. Orestes Ferrara, commenting upon the causes which led to Menocal's defeat. It is true that Menocal was deceived, as he himself stated immediately after the elections, but not in the ways he thinks: he was deceived by his own partisans and by the affirmations made that he would mean by all means, when it was plain that he could not win in any way. It is an easy task to deceive Menocal, because he does not know the system of elections by means of votes, as he is only acquainted with the method of elections realized with fire and bloodshed.....

Cable despatch from New York, stating that "La Prensa" of New York, comments very favorably upon the result of the elections held in Cuba, which constituted xxx a patriotic triumph of Cuba, and congratulates both parties for the very democratic manner in which they acted during said elections. - "The Evening World", referring to the defeat of Menocal and his statements to the effect that his defeat was due to the illegal methods employed, can only be considered as scepticism on his part. It is customary for the defeated candidates to make such accusations. "In any way-- "The Evenening World adds-- unless the results are disputed with arms, the United States will not intervene. The Cubans have the right to select their rulers, and isolated cases of illegalities, intimidations and frauds, should not surprise us greatly. The accusations made against the Conservatives of having yielded to the pressure of certain American companies, may be true. It would be well for Cuba to accept the verdict, and to continue in the path of peace."

The Central Electoral Board gives the final results of the elections in the Province of SantaClara, as follows:

Liberals.....44,452
Populars..... 3,873
Conservatives 33,990

Elections were not held in five colleges of that Province, as follows: 3 in the Municipality of Santo Domingo; 1 in San Juan de la Yeras, and 1 in Sancti-Spiritus. - There was a majority of 14,325 votes in favor of the Liberal Party.

EL HERALDO - November 6, 1924.

Celso Cuellar and Benito Lagueruela are acting as promoters of a new scandalous grafting scheme. This is one more of the series in the program of the men now in power and which must be carried out before May 20th. Cuellar and Lagueruela are trying to obtain an indemnity from the Government, of $500,000.00 for some lands in Vedado.

General Machado will shortly leave for Miami, Florida, where he will rest after the fatigues of the electoral campaign.

Referring to the liquidation of the Budget of the past year, this paper states that over two millions dollars were illegally spent through Decrees which the Law prohibits, and gives a list of such illegal Decrees "which serve to demonstrate the disastrous Administration of President Zayas."

Viriato Gutierrez is a strong candidate for xxx Secretary of the Treasury in the future Cabinet of General Machado. The announcement that Carlos Miguel De Cespedes was a candidate for the Portfolio of Public Works has caused a great excitement.

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Accusations made against the management of Central "Manati". One the laborers of said sugar mill was expelled for the only crime of collecting funds with which to aid the families of the strikers in other sugar mills. - Strikes still exist in nine sugar mills of the Province of Oriente, and in three of the Provinces of Oriente.

Telegram from Camaguey stating that the four leaders of the strike in "Vertientes" who were arrested, have been freed.

LA PRENSA - November 6, 1924.

Text of the letter of congratulation from General Menocal to General Machado, and also text of ~~kkk~~ Machado's letter of acknowledgement and thanks.

LA NOCHE - November 6, 1924.

A commission of sugar planters of Camaguey, visited General Machado this morning, and asked his support to obtain an immediate solution of the labor conflict, and incidentally, to keep him informed of labor conditions. The members of said commission were accompanied by Under Secretary of Agriculture, Colonel Schweyer. Said commission will visit President Zayas this afternoon.

Secretary Portela informed the reporters this morning, that there were at present $25.380,865.35 deposited in the National Treasury.

EL PAIS - November 6, 1924.

This paper publishes an article stating that there is a movement now on foot, initiated by prominent members of the neutral classes, which tends to suppress reelections in Cuba, and extend the period of office to six years. The period of four years is not sufficient to accomplish a good work of Government, and as a consequence of this short period, Cuba is maintained in constant anxiety and political agitation. Doctor Zayas himself aspired to be reelected, to enable him to accomplish the work of the Central highway and to pay off all the loans of Cuba during his second term; but that General Machado will accomplish all that. The idea is to amend the Article of the Constitution before the term of President Zayas expires, so that Machado will have ample time to carry out the purposes in view.

DIARIO DE LA MARINA - November 7, 1924.

The text of the letter from General Menocal to General Machado, as given by this paper, is as follows: "Finca 'El Chico', Nov. 5, 1924. - General Gerardo Machado, Habana. - My dear friend and companion: I have struggled in this campaign with a program of political rectification and of depuration of public administration, and you have been elected. For the welfare of Cuba, I hope that in the Government you will satisfy that intense aspiration of the Cuban people. Wishing you the best of success, Your affectionate friend and comrade, (Signed) Mario G. Menocal."

Article referring to the strike in sugar-mills, and stating that the sugar planters will request the intervention of the Government to solve the conflict. - A telegram from Ciego de Avila states that the workers of the Cuba Cane Corporation are expected to go on strike again. - Central Ciego de Avila is still custodied by the Army.

Dr. Antonio Martin Rivero, appointed Extraordinary Envoy and Minister Plenipotentiary to Mexico, leaves to-morrow for his post.

EDITORIAL, unfavorably commenting upon the editorial published by the "New York Evening Post", given in a cable despatch published yesterday. This paper especially protests against the arbitrary

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statements that "Ambassador Crowder is endeavoring to maintain peace between the contending parties, with the continuous threat of an intervention."

PALACE NEWS: - Ambassador Crowder has requested an interview with President Zayas. It is supposed that the conference will be in connection with the striked in sugar-mills, at the request of the President of the General Sugars Company .

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"GENERAL CROWDER WILL INTERVENE IN THE LABOR CONFLICT OF CAMAGUEY" - Article commenting upon the strike in sugar mills, and stating that the General Sugars [illegible] Company has requested the intervention of Ambassador Crowder. It further states that General Crowder will confer with the President either to-day or tomorrow, and he will also have a conference with the Secretary of the Interior.

EL TRIUNFO - November 7, 1924.

Dr. Carlos Alzugaray has addressed the following letter to General Machado: "My dear friend: It is evident that an immense majority of the electorate has decided in your favor, and this makes the responsibility of your future Government much greater. Permit me to congratulate you for the extraordinary proof of confidence which the Cuban people has given you, and allow me to cherish the hope that with the organization of your Government will come moral and efficient procedures in the Administration of public affairs, which may permit the dedication of some part of the heavy taxes which we pay to the construction of roads, schools and hospitals. With my sincere wishes for your personal happiness and for the success of your Administration (Signed) Carlos Alzugaray."

Various articles in favor of the campaign for the erection of a statue in honor of Dr. Zalfredo Zayas.

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HERALDO DE CUBA - November 8, 1924.

Article commenting upon the future Cabinet of General Machado, stating that the persons mentioned as probable Secretaries will give great splendor to the Cabinet. The list given is as follows:

State: Demetrio Castillo Pockorny;
Treasury..... Dr. Viriato Gutierrez;
Interior.....Dr. Miguel Mariano Gomez;
Agriculture.. Miguel Arango y Mantilla;
Sanitation... Dr.Aristides Agramonete;
Publ.Instr... Dr. Rafael Iturralde;
Justice..... Dr. Jesus Maria Barraqué;
Public Works. Dr. Carlos Miguel de Cespedes, or Mario Mendoza;
War and Navy: General Alberto Herrera;
Presidency: Dr. Ramiro Cabrera.

If General Herrera should not accept the Portfolio of War and Navy, Captain Castillo Pockorny will be appointed, and Dr. Cespedes will remain at the head of the State Department. - Mr. Mario Ruiz Mesa and Dr. Aurelio Mendez Socarrás, are mentioned as probable Assistant Secretaries.- For President of the Senate: Dr. Manuel Varona Suarez; for President of the House: Major Enrique Recio.

Statements given out by the "Asociacion de Hacendados y Colonos y connection with the strike in sugar mills. The Association states that it is willing tohear and support any complaint or demand, provided it is reasonable, and will respect the exercise of the rights of the laborers; but on the other hand, it is disposed to do everything in its power in order that the Cuban laborers may not be used as unwilling instruments of foreign agitators.

The members of the Cabinet will give a banquet in honor of President Zayas, for his success in holding peaceful and honest elections. The banquet will probably take place next week at the "Sevilla-Biltmore".

The Departments of the Interior and of Agriculture have been very busy trying to find a solution to the labot conflict of Camaguey. If the strike continues for some time, the sugar planters will suffer great losses, as a large quantity of cane will not be cut or ground. Prominent politicians have visited the President asking him for an immediate and effective intervention of the Government in the conflict. Probably General Crowder will also visit the President to recommend that the Government take some action, as he has been asked to do so by some American companies.

EL HERALDO - November 8, 1924.

This paper states that General Crowder cannot hide his animosity toward Cuban laborers, and is taking steps in official circles in favor of his friends the sugar companies. The Secretary of the Interior does not agree with the recommendations made by the Ambassador. - This paper speaks of the General as having been always an enemy of the Cuban laborer; it also drops the hint that General Crowder reported to his Government that the Liberal Party was in minority during these last elections, and speaks of the "sinful dealings" with the beet sugar people when the Fordney Tariff was discussed.

A criminal action has been instituted by one Francisco Duque against the Mayor of Habana, for fraud and malversation.

The Editorial of "El Heraldo" is devoted to the inquiry whether General Machado will be able to carry out a program of rectification and maintain at the same time, Mayor Cuesta at the head of the Habana Municipality.

LA DISCUSION (Nov. 8, 1924)

The general attitude of La Discusion since the defeat of the

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Conservatives makes it appear very much like a ship without a rudder. Its articles are rambling attacks upon everybody, as follows:

Machado is a slave of the Trusts, in the Presidency, he will be an instrument of American corporations. The Bond and Share Company uses Machado as its tool.

Inquisition is resurrected in Camaguey, the Conservatives being submitted to horrible tortures by Zayas Bazan and Mayor De Para.

The consolidation of the railways has been disastrous, Mr. Tarafa cannot show what has been done with the million which have disappeared. ... And so on.

LA TARDE - November 8, 1924.

This paper quotes the full text of an American Note relative to the situation at the sugar mills, which Note refers to the lack off interest shown by the Cuban Government in the solution of the labor troubles at the sugar mills. -It also states that the Government has threatened to end the strike by fire and blood if necessary.

Charges of negligent abandonment at the Department of Public Instruction are made by this newspaper, half a million dollars being wasted during the last electoral campaign.

LA PRENSA - November 8, 1924.

On the tenth of this month the President is to take up the matter of solving the water problem of Habana.

LA NOCHE November 8,1924.

A movement is on foot to erect a statue to Dr. Alfredo Zayas.

EL MUNDO - November 9, 1924.

EDITORIAL commenting favorably upon the magnificent attitude of President Zayas in renouncing his reelection, when he learned that the country rejected it, and because of having kept his promise that he would preside lawful elections free from partiality. The editorial goes on to comment upon the possibility of a consitutional amendment providing for non-reelection and for an extension of power, to six years, and perhaps Dr. Zayas might obtain such a measure upon the opening of Congress.

General Machado addresses a proclamation to the Nation in which he speaks of the pride and satisfaction of having been elected, which satisfaction will not make him forget the great responsibility placed upon him. He speaks of the "excellency of an electoral code which glorifies its authors", and also speaks of the lawfulness of these elections, and promises"a liberal and democratic, upright and just Government of the very best conduct."

DIARIO DE LA MARINA - November 9, 1924.

This paper states that General Machado at a dinner tendered him by members of the Union Club said that he had not thought of his Cabinet yet, and that all talk of such a thing was without foundation, that the only man he has thought of and who will form a part of his Cabinet is Dr. Jesus Maria Barraque.

EL TRIUNFO - November 9, 1924.

EDITORIAL, favorably commenting upon the impartial attitude assumed by the Army during the past elections, in spite of everything that had been said and the campaign that had been waged, comparing this attitude to the frankly warlike one when General Menocal was President

Commenting on the strike, an editorial takes sides with the laborers, stating that they are protected in their right of association by the Constitution of Cuba, and that no coercion can be exercised against them. ~~xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx~~ That the

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sugar mills are acting in an intransigent manner, and that the foreign sugar interests are bringing about a difficult situation for the coming sugar crop, while the Executive is beginning to take steps to safeguard against the possibility of serious trouble.

HERALDO DE CUBA - November 9, 1924.

In a lengthy article analyzing the factors that gave the victory to the Liberals, it states that every one took a part in this victory, and that no particular person can be given credit for the same. However, it points to Ferrara as one of those who worked disinterestedly for his Party's victory.

An article stating that the grave conflict at the sugar mills must be very carefully studied in order to be decided. That a joint action must be taken by the public authorities and the Hacendados and Colonos in order to reach a proper solution to what might become a serious threat to Cuba's sovereignty.

An editorialcommenting upon the continued vandalism of the Municipal finances in direct connection with the rumor of a ten-million-dollar loan which is planned by the Habana Municipality.

EL HERALDO - November 9, 1924.

El Heraldo speaks of the possible indictment of Menocal in connection with the Camaguey riot, the Special Court having summoned, Menocal, Andre, Alvarez, Hevia and Cadenas to testify in the case, and to be charged as the result of the investigation. This seems to be in special connection with the Quero incident.

El Heraldo mentions the projected ten-million-dollar loan to be floated by the Habana Ayuntamiento for the purpose of unifying its indebtedness, and states that a million dollars will be the margin for distribution among councilmen, etc.

The Secretary of State is interviewed with regard to the sugar mill strike, and stated briefly as follows: that he deemed the situation a very serious one, and that an immediate and efficient solution should be given the same in order to avoid trouble when the grinding commences. That he believed that the living conditions of the laborers must be improved so that they may live with decency. That the matter of wages should be settled my making a fixed scale of wages for the workers, as well as to provide for a participation in the profits. That he does not believe the eight-hour day can be put in effect in the sugar mills, due to the peculiar system of work at the mills, and that it is not possible to make a union of cane cutters because these are laborers who do not permanently reside in Cuba.

EL MUNDO - November 10, 1924.

This paper holds a very lengthy interview with President Zayas on a series of different topics, chief among which, were the elections and their effects upon Cuba and the outside world, xxxxxxxx and his personal attitude, during the same. He was asked whether he thought the Platt Amendment was a convenient thing for his country, and he replied that he would be glad if Cuba had no Platt Amendment, and that he was the President of the Assembly which combatted the said Amendment. That his chief worry before the elections was whether he would be successful or not in holding orderly and successful elections, such as were held. That in no election has a larger proportion of voters cast their ballot, nor has there been such an insignificant number of protests. That he had no serious fear of disorders, but he thought there might be slight disorders in certain parts of Santa Clara. That the elections have confirmed Cuba's capacity for self-government, and that they have served to raise Cuba's credit.....

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DIARIO DE LA MARINA - November 10, 1924.

Referring to the strike of motormen and conductors of the Havana Electric, this paper states that traffic was resumed in all the lines of the Company yesterday, at Noon. The Board of Directors of the Syndicate has resolved to call to an Assambly to decide on the line of conduct to be followed, inasmuch as the harmonious relations which existed between the Company and the Syndicate have been interrupted.

EDITORIAL, unfavorably commenting upon the tramway strike, especially in view of the fact that traffic was suddenly stopped, without any previous notice. It is true that the workers have the right to defend their interest, but the laborers must realize that the rights of the community are foremost, and should not be disregarded.

EL TRIUNFO - November 10, 1924.

EDITORIAL, commenting upon the threats of American interventions, and stating that it is time to drop this subject. That it would be wise to stop making use of this theme, for two important reasons: First, because by speaking so much of this question of the "Yankee boot", trying to scare each other, "we are conveying to the minds of the people the idea of a dependency which does not exist; or, to speak more clearly, we are trying to convince free people that they are slaves, which in reality does not serve to consolidate the moral independence, which is the fundamental basis of the independence of nations." It also states that ~~thes~~ neither the people nor the Government of the United States have thought of obtaining the control of the internal affairs of Cuba; and that there can be no better proof of this assertion than the fact that on two occasions the Americans could have remained here as dominators, but, however, as new knight errants, they turned over the Government to the Cubans. It further states that the rumors of interventions are not spread by Americans, but by Cubans .....

LA LUCHA - November 10, 1924.

Cable despatch from Washington, referring to the strike in sugar mills, and stating that laws enacted by the Cuban Congress favorable to the labor unions, have left the administration of commercial and industrial interests at the mercy of professional agitators and labor leaders. That as it is a domestic affair, the United States cannot intervene diplomatically alleging the Platt Amendment, but that, however, the case comes fully within the provisions of the Treaty of Reciprocity between the two countries. The strike will have disastrous results for the sugar interests, and will serve to chase away foreign capital, to the detriment of the Cuban people. As a consequence of the Cuban situation, President Coolidge might grant more advantages to American sugar interests. "The Americans must necessarily but sugar abroad, whether in Cuba or in any other country. If they do not buy the sugar in Cuba, they will have to pay 45 cents more for every 100 pounds, which, figuring the amount they need, will represent a difference of thirty million dollars." It further states that the result of the elections in the U.S. indicate that the sugar tariff will not be changed. " In view of the bolshevist laws enacted by the Cuban Congress, the planters and mill owners will have to yield to the demands of the strikers, if the Government fails to take energetic action. If the Government fails to do so, the principal Cuban industry will be vitally damaged.

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HERALDO DE CUBA - November 10, 1924.

The Habana Clearing House requests the intervention of the Department of the Treasury with a view of preventing the circulation of counterfeit American bank notes.

An article stating that the following were elected Representatives for the Province of Habana:

Liberal Party: Gustavo Gonzalez Beauville, Rafael Guas Inclan, Jose R. del Cueto, Pedro Herrera Sotolongo, Jose R. Cano, Federico G. de la Cuesta y Cardenas, and Geordino Hernandez Dou; (7)

Conservatives: Emilio Sardiñas, Carlos M. de la Cruz, Vito M. Candia, Armando Chardiet and Agustin del Pino; (5)

Popular Party: Carmelo Urquiaga and Juan Manuel Alfonso - (2)

Article very unfavorably commenting upon the revival of a scandalous grafting scheme in the Ayuntamiento of Habana: a municipal loan. The deal which has now been unburied dates back to 1902. The original loan approved by the Ayuntamiento was for a sum between $15.000,000.00 and $28.000,000.00; and now, taking advantage of the much discussed water problem, they want to pass a loan for $10.000,000.00, there being a large graft envolved in the scheme.

The strikes at sugar mills will probably be settled by Wednesday, at a meeting of the Association of Sugar Planters and Grinders. Both the laborers and the mill owners trust that a spirit of justice and equity will prevail. Great optimism prevails in sugar circles.

Conferences will be held at the Palace this week, with a view of seeking a solution to the present labor conflicts, and the water problem. The Secretaries of Public Works and of Sanitation, as well as the Mayor of Habana, have been called to confer with President Zayas in connection with the water problem.

EL HERALDO -November 10, 1924.

Cable despatch from Washington, referring to a Note from the Government of the United States in connection with the strike in sugar mills, which should have been delivered to the Cuban State Department on or about October 31st. In the first place, it states that the largest volume of business are in the hands of American citizens, and other large portion in the hands of other foreigners whom the American Government is in the duty of protecting against serious perils. It further requests the Cuban Government to end the labor agitations at once, especially those in sugar mills, and adding that "should it fail to have a rapid success, the Government of the United States will have to make use of the rights granted to it by the Permanent Treaty, before more grave and irreparable perils supervene.." - This is considered to be the strongest Note sent to the Cuban Government for some time. Said cablegram is followed by an article very unfavorably commenting upon the attitude of the Washington Government, and stating that the Cuban Government should answer the Note with dignity.

Article stating that there is a movement now on foot to amend the Lottery Law, for purposes of speculation. One of the ends in view is to suppress the yearly tax of $200,00 levied on the Collectors, etc.

The Department of the Treasury is now preppring the project of Budget which the Executive must submit to Congress not later than the 15th of November. It further gives a resumé of the estimated receipts and expenditures, as follows:

Receipts.....$ 76.719,000.00
Expenditures..... 70.824,823.32

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LA TARDE - November 9, 1924.
"We have learned from a reliable source that negotiations are now in progress to obtain from the Assembly of Senatorial Electors of the Province of Matanzas the proclamation of Dr. Alfredo Zayas for Senator of that Province, in the place of Dr. Celso Cuellar del Rio, in order that Dr. Zayas may become President of the Senate. In this way, Dr. Zayas will enjoy immunity from the grave accusations against him which are now pending."

LA TARDE - November 10, 1924.
Article stating that the Labor Organizations are now preparing a general strike which will stop all activities in the country. This strike will be declared as soon as the Committees consider it opportune. - The article further refers to the Note supposed to have been received from Washington, and stating that it constitutes an insult to Cuba.
Article making accusations against the Government of being in complicity with gamblers and white slave traffickers.
Article unfavorably commenting upon the steps taken by Mr. Houston to obtain that the Government take drastic action against the laborers, and making accusations against Mr. Houston of not permiting the laborers even to exercise the right to organize themselves.

LA PRENSA - November 10, 1924.

Article stating that a tramway strike will probably take place in Habana this afternoon or tomorrow morning.
Article stating that General Crowder has recovered from his recent illness, and has resumed his usual work at the Embassy.

LA NOCHE - November 10, 1924.

Secretary Cespedes emphatically denies the existence of any Note from the American Government, and added that the diplomacy which follows a policy of "open doors" would have immediately published any action of the Washington Government in connection with this matter. -- Dr. Cespedes will sail for Mexico on Nov. 22nd, to attend the inaugural ceremonies of President Calles. -- Dr. Patterson, Under Secretary of State, who is now in Geneva, will sail for Cuba on the 18th instant.
- Secretary of the Treasury, Portela, announced to-day that there were $25,016,655.23 deposited now in the National Treasury.

EL PAIS - November 10, 1924.

Interview with Dr. Pedro Pablo Kohly, in which he refers to the necessity of reforming the Constitution, and recommends the necessity of suppressing reelections, extending the period of office to six years, and suppressing the indirect election of President and Senators, stating that the Assembly of Presidential and Senatorial Electors is absolutely useless.
EDITORIAL, commenting upon the necessity of suppressing the four per cent tax.

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HERALDO DE CUBA - November 11, 1924.

Captain Diego Fernandez and Lieutenants Francisco Soler and M. Chirino, who had been appointed to act as Military Supervisors in Puerto Padre, Palmira and Ranchuelo, respectively, have been withdrawn from their posts.

The Labor Federation of Habana has convoked for an Assembly of Labor Unions of Habana, which will take place on the 13th inst., to discuss the strikes in sugar mills.

Commenting upon the problem of the selection of the Speaker (or President) of the Senate, this paper states that Varona Suarez should be selected, but if the Senators do not want Varona Suarez in that Office, then they must select some other Senator from Habana; but it strongly opposes the selection of Clemente Vazquez Bello; because, in the first place, the people from Santa Clara should not monopolize all the Public offices, from the Presidency of the Republic down, and also because Vazquez Bello has proved a total failure as President of the House of Representatives, not by lack of capacity, but by undefineable circumstances.

The American expert who inspected the Almeria grapes, has verified the presence of the Mediterranean Fly, and the grapes will not be accepted into the country.

Article very unfavorably commenting upon the loan projected by the Ayuntamiento of Habana, to pay off its debts prior to 1899, and states that the people of Cuba should take justice in their own hands. Antecedents which show that the Ayuntamiento tried to pass this deal through many years ago. The honest authorities must take energetic action.

The delegates to the Pan-American Sanitary Conference were entertained at the "Freyre de Andrade Hospital", and speeches made in honor of the American fraternity.

EDITORIAL, unfavorably commenting upon the appropriation of funds by Presidential decrees, and stating that this illegal system must be stopped.

Another EDITORIAL, unfavorably commenting upon the "absurd and inadmissible interference of the Washington Government" in the labor conflicts, and stating that the strike is an exclusively Cuban problem; but that this does not mean that the authorities should have any prejudice against foreign enterprises. On the contrary, Cuba must show that it grants solid guarantees to foreign capital which comes to develop industry.....

EL HERALDO - November 11, 1924.

The section entitled "OPINIONES" contains the following commentary:

"The papers give the news that the Ambassador of the United States has now recovered from the attack of grippe. We certainly rejoice at the recovered health of the mysterious guest once brought to us by the "Minnesota" and who later remained in out country. We fear, however, that the good health of Mr. Crowder will not last long. The grippe was kind to the Ambassador. On the other hand, Mr. Houston will be implacable towards him He has so many rumors to tell the Ambassador, perfidiously and with evil intent, that he will constantly approach the ex-Prevost of the Army to tell him horrors about our laborers, and force him to present more complaints to our State Department. We know from reliable sources that Mr. Crowder has always been opposed to gossips, so the intrigues of Mr. Mitchell's "valet" will imbitter his spirit and will fill him with anxiety and worry. Fortunately, this time it is a nephew of Uncle Sam who molests another nephew of the famous uncle. If it were not for this troublesome compatriot, the Ambassador would pass the tropical Winter very agreeably, surrounded by everything he likes."

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Letter written by Ramon J. Martimez, as President of the Association of Sugar Planters and Mill Owners, replying to a recent article published in "El Heraldo", in connection with the strikes in sugar mills. Mr. Martimez states in his letter that the Association has only thought of Cuba, and the mere fact that a person or entity is foreigner, isnot a sufficient reason to arouse the anger of the people against said person or entity. He further states: "We urgently need laws which may prevent banditry from those above, and expoliation from those below; well meditated and foresighted laws which, strengthening the legitimate principle of nationality, may protect our pruduct by the fact that it is ours, even though it may be produced by foreigners." - The letter also states that the working conditions in sugar mills are envied by many laborers in the cities. -- The letter is followed by an article unfavorably commenting upon the same.

Cable despatch from Washington stating that Ambassador Torriente has announced to some intimate friends his irrevocable intention of presenting his resignation as Ambassador to Washington.

An article stating that the liquidation of the Budget is bringing to light certain irregularities and lavish wastes; and refers to the fact that the Bill for electric light of the Palace amounted to $15,000.00, when the appropriation only amounts to $10,000.00.

The Department of Agriculture is endeavoring to solve the labor conflict. General Betancourt, who realizes the importance of the problem, states that the strikes in sugar mills affect the country in a very serious manner.

EDITORIAL commenting upon the labor conflicts in sugar mills, and stating that the strategy of creating a feeling of animosity between the "colonos" and the workers, was invented by Mr. Houston, Manager of the sugar interests controlled by the National City Bank. Mr. Houston, who is not acquainted with the people of Cuba, was sent to this country to dominate the "Caribbean Indians", and his lack of knowledge of the people is shown by the fact that grave conflicts have only arisen in the sugar mills managed by him, and that the conflicts have not even affected other mills owned by other American companies.

Telegram from the town of Fomento stating that an apidemic of typhoid fever has appeared, and that a state of alarm exists because sanitary conditions there are deplorable.

An article stating that after a conference held between President Zayas and Secretary Iturralde, in connection with the labor conflicts, they decided to take the side of the mill owners. It is rumored that the workers of Central "Jaronu" and"Cunagua" will go on strike. The Government will probably prevent the holding of the meeting of labor organizations announced for the 13th of this month, as it is considered to be disturbing and harmful to the friendly solution of the problem sought at the present time.

Telegram from Central Estrella, stating that abuses are still committed against the laborers.

Letters received from "Vertientes" announce that Sergeant Iglesias is committing abuses, and frightens the laborers.

The motormen and conductors have issued a Manifesto explaining the reasons which prompted them to go on strike. The Text of the Manifesto is not given, but the article states that the principal reasons are the constant abuses on the part of the secret inspectors, without giving the employees the right to defend themselves from the accusations made against them, and also the working conditions to which they are subjected.

The laborers of Habana have sent an invitation to the Delegates of the Pan-American Sanitary Congress to visit the sugar mills, see the unsanitary conditions existing, and make the recommendations which may be proper.

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LA DISCUSION - November 11, 1924.

DOCTOR ZAYAS IS AGAINST GENERAL MACHADO - Article commenting upon the relations between Zayas and Machado, and stating that the latter absolutely disregarded the Popular Party in his last Manifesto. It is also stated that Zayas will occupy the place of Celso Cuellar in the Senate, and will be made President of that legislative body; that the Liberals will not have a majority in Congress, and that a skilfull plan is now being devised at the Palace to keep the Machadists in check.

Article stating that Colonel Tarafa, the Cuba Company, and the First National Bank constitute the "trinity" which is monopolizing all business in Cuba, and stating that some action must be taken very soon against this terrible octopus.

LA TARDE - November 11, 1924.

This paper states that the Secretary of the Interior is planning to end the strike in sugar mills in a violent manner, and that instructions have been sent to the Chiefs of Military detachments to act without any complaisance. The delegates from the Department of the Interior try to show that this is a bolshevist movement, as a justification of the methods of violence projected.

"THE SAME MEASURE WHICH YOU APPLY? WILL BE APPLIED TO YOU", is the title of an article commenting upon the treason of Doctor Zayas to General Menocal, and stating that General Machado will do the same to him. It also reminds Doctor Zayas that when he was elected four years ago, the Liberals insulted him, and even went in a pilgrimage to the United States to try to obtain the annulment of the elections; but nevertheless, he was elected because the Conservatives obeyed the desires of their leader, and knowing that they would be betrayed later.

Article commenting upon the irregularities in the Department of Public Works, and stating that Contractor Valdes has beer paid over $45,000.00 for works which he has not yet delivered, and that this is contrary to the laws in force.

EDITORIAL, commenting upon "The Labor Problem in Cuba". It states that when Spanish sovereignty ceased in Cuba the laborers began to enjoy certain freedom, and labor unions were organized in different parts of Cuba, and then the labor conflicts arose, and they became so grave, that the Military Governor, General Wood, issued the Order No. 213 of 1900, establishing severe penalties of fine and imprisonment for the working elements and leaders who provoked strikes. The employers then began to use the authority of that Military Government to impose their will, and since then, slavery has been practically revived in Cuba. It is now up to the Government to solve the conflict promptly, because the welfare of hundreds of thousands of laborers demand an urgent solution.

LA PRENSA - November 11, 1924.

Secretary Iturralde held a conference this morning with the Chief of the General Staff and the Chief of the Military District of Camaguey, regarding the strike in sugar mills. In view of the reports submitted, the Government has given instructions to the Army to offer guarantees to the Centrals and to the workers who may be willing to work. Later on, Secretary Iturralde held a conference with the President. -- It has been learned that President Zayas will go to Santiago de Cuba next month, to attend the ceremonies of the unveiling of the Monument in honor of Mr. Roosevelt. - President Zayas and Secretary Iturralde have decided to refuse the granting of many pardons requested.

Secretary of the Presidency, Lecuona, informed the reporters that President Zayas has sent a Message to Congress requesting the approval of an Amnesty Law for all crimes and offenses committed during the last electoral period.

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LA NOCHE - November 11, 1924.

An article stating that the Cubans who are not acquainted with what goes on behind the scenes in official circles, are very fond of protesting against the intervention of the American Government in the domestic affairs of Cuba, but that it because they do not know that all interferences have been at the initiative of the Government officials of Cuba, and provoked by the protests of the political parties in Cuba. - Menocal invited General Crowder to come to Cuba to prepare an Electoral Code; and Menocal also requested that General Crowder be sent to Cuba to settle the disputes between the Liberals and the Conservatives in 1917. Mr. Harding, President of the Federal Reserve Board, was also sent at the request of the Cuban Government. And the last case of involuntary interference is that of the American expert who came to inspect the Almeria grapes

An article stating that now that the electoral period is over, some attention must be paid to the repair of existing roads in Cuba, which are in a very bad condition.

EL PAIS - November 11, 1924.

This paper states that the rumors to the effect that the delay in sending the electoral documents corresponding to the Municipality of Guines, had caused great anxiety among certain candidates, now seem to be confirmed; because when said documents were received by the Provincial Electoral Board, certain irregularities were noticed in the return sheets, and the meeting of that Board was immediately adjourned. Four of the colleges did not send sheets of scrutiny or the lists of ballots cast. "El Pais" promises to make furtherinvestigations in connection with this matter.

EL MUNDO - November 12, 1924.

The Conservative Party held an Assembly last night, and a motion presented by Aurelio Alvarez was approved, by which the results of the last elections are accepted by the Party.

According to a recent order issued, whenever the Fiscals or subordinate officials of the Judiciary have to address the President of the Republic, they will have to do so through the President of the corresponding Audiencias. (Decree of Nov.8,1924).

"El Mundo" states that the Provincial Electoral Board was unable to finish the scrutinies of the province on account of certain irregularities noticed in the documents sent by the Municipal Electoral Board of Guines. Guines is the only Municipality pending at the present time.

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HERALDO DE CUBA - November 12, 1924.

The Judge of Instruction of the Third Section notified Mr. Armando André of the charges made against him in connection with the Camaguey events, but he emphatically denied his participation in said events.

Dr. Paz Soldan, Delegate from Peru to the Sanitary Congress, made delivery to Dr. Zayas yesterday of the Medal of Ayacucho with which President Zayas has been decorated.

The scrutiny sheets of six electoral colleges of the Municipality of Guines were lost in the mails. The loss of these documents has caused a justified alarm among the candidates of all the parties. Some of them believe that they have been robbed of votes by their fellow-candidates.

Article referring to the meeting held by the Executive Committee of the Conservative Party, and stating that Aurelio Alvarez, in a long speech, hurled bitter accusations against the Liberals, and especially against the Government; that the Liberals obtained victory by the strings of Power put in their hands. Alvarez also made ashort history of the past elections, and stated that during the electoral campaign nine members of the Conservative Party were killed, and ninety were wounded. He spoke of abuses, threats, dismissals, coercions, etc., and presented Menocal and the Conservatives as victims of the Zayist tyranny. He stated that the history of the Conservative Party prevented it from preaching a revolution, despite all abuses. That the Conservative Party will carry on a work of opposition, but from an elevated point of view, always bearing in mind the high national interests. It was resolved to prepare a manifesto which will be addressed to the people of Cuba.

Interview with Mayor Cuesta, in which he emphatically declared that he will not approve the scandalous loan of $10,000.000.00 decided upon by the Municipal Council, and that the water problem, used as a pretext for that loan, will be carefully studied by him in cooperation with the Cuban Society of Engineers, with the mercantile, commercial and industrial elements, and with the property owners of Habana.

The conflict with the employees of the Havana Electric Ry. Company, has been satisfactorily settled. The Company has agreed to reinstate the eight employees who were dismissed.

EDITORIAL, unfavorably commenting upon the projected amnesty for crimes and offenses committed during the last electoral period.

Another EDITORIAL, favorably commenting upon the failure of of the ten-million-dollar loan projected by the Municipal Council.

Article by Ramon Vasconcelos, entitled "TOO SOON"- Commenting unfavorably upon the intentions to erect a statue to Dr. Zayas, and stating that this should be left to future generations to do, after coldly studying the history of the actions of President Zayas. In this connection, Vasconcelos states that a group of admirers of ex-President Roosevelt wanted to erect a statue in his honor, but the great statesman refused to accept that homage.

Cable despatch from Washington, stating that according to a report submitted by Mr. Livengood, Commercial Attaché, the commercial activities in Cuba have suffered a serious set back by reason of the recent electoral campaign and the labor conflicts in sugar mills, and that many debtors complain of the adverse conditions which have prevailed, as a pretext to postpone payments.

EL HERALDO - November 12, 1924.

Section entitled: "OPINIONS" - Unfavorably commenting upon the projected Amnesty for political crimes.

At yesterday's meeting of the Sanitary Conference, upon motion presented by the Delegation from the Argentine, it was decided to congratulate Cuba for its sanitary efficiency.

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Telegram from Camaguey stating that public opinion indignantly protests against the projected Amnesty, as this means that the criminal events of Camaguey will remain unpunished. Congress is asked not to approve said Amnesty Bill.

LA DISCUSION - November 12, 1924.
This paper continues to criticize the consolidation of the railroads of Cuba, and states that Congress must take some action, because the consolidation constitutes an iniquitous abuse against the real shareholders of the Companies which are consolidated. To-day's article also states that the First National Bank of Boston assumes the responsibility of the illegal combinations planned by Messrs. J.M.Tarafa, Horatio S. Rubens, W.H.Woodin, G.W.Currier and H.C.Lakin.

An article stating that Celso Cuellar refuses to give up his Senatorial nomination in favor of Dr. Zayas.

LA PRENSA - November 12, 1924.
Manifesto issued by President Zayas in connection with the strike in sugar mills. (This Manifesto was also published in the Official Gazette of November 12,19124 - For translation, see "Havana Post" of November 13th).

LA NOCHE - November 12, 1924.
Article stating that Major General James G. Harbord will come to Cuba next month, as the Representative of the Army and of the people of the United States to the ceremonies of the unveiling of the statue of Colonel Roosevelt.

EL MUNDO - November 13, 1924.
EDITORIAL, commenting favorably upon the Manifesto issued by President Zayas in connection with the strikes in sugar mills.

DIARIO DE LA MARINA - November 13, 1924.
"THE GOVERNMENT AND THE STRIKE IN SUGAR MILLS" - Commenting upon the recent Manifesto issued by President Zayas, which contains a grave statement, i.e., that outside elements have intervened in the conflict inciting and prompting an attitude prejudicial to the principal source of Cuban wealth.-It further recommends the workers to act with great caution to prevent further complications.

A Commission appointed by the Economic Corporations visited General Machado, and congratulated him on his elections/ In his reply, General Machado said, among other things, that he will carry out an honest work of government, "and--he said-- I swear before this body of men who represent the national wealth, that my greatest glory will be to preside other elections as honest as those held on November 1st, and not to aspire to reelection in any manner whatsoever."

PALACE NEWS: - The "Compañia Frutera y Azucarera de Cuba" (Cuban Fruit and Sugar Company) has been authorized to bring 2,500 "Antillian" laborers to harvest the crop of Central Tanamo, in Oriente.

EL SOL - November 13, 1924.
This paper protests against the importation of Jamaican laborers, and refers to the perils of that undesirable immigration.

An article very favorably commenting upon the Manifesto issued by President Zayas in connection with the strikes in sugar mills.

Article criticizing the campaign against Dr. Vazquez Bello, and stating that the President of the Liberal Party should be the President of the Senate.

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HERALDO DE CUBA - November 13, 1924.

Article stating that certain persons at the service of several candidates and receiving a salary from them, intend to contest the election of other candidates. The attention of the Provincial Electoral Board and other proper authorities is called to this projected illegal procedure, which is a case of blackmail. Among the candidates whose election said persons are trying to contest, are: Gustavo Gonzalez Beauville, Dr. Jose R. del Cueto and Dr. Federico de la Cuestal.

Article by Dr. Orestes Ferrara, commenting upon the causes which produced the defeat of the Conservative Party.

Interview with the Acting Governor of Habana, Antonio Ruiz, regarding the projected loan of ten million dollars by the Ayuntamiento. Acting Governor Ruiz stated that he will veto any resolution which may constitute an attempt against the interests of the commonwealth. He is of the opinion that the State, and not the Ayuntamiento, is called upon to decide the water problem of Habana. (In a previous article, the Mayor also announced his purpose of vetoeing said resolution).

"After a recess, the affair of the Central Highway is revived with greater strength" - This paper states that it has received trustworthy reports to the effect that a Company has been organized, mostly by Cubans, but backed by North-American capital, to accomplish the work of the Central Highway by means of an ambiguous concession with a legal appearance, but envolving the creation of a series of taxes, onerous and prejudicial.

Commenting upon the Manifesto issued by President Zayas in connection with the strikes, this paper states that the President has virtually taken the side of Capital.

Taking advantage of the period of the preparation of the project of Budget, the President of the Transportation Committee visited the Secretary of Public Works with a view of obtaining the inclusion of the necessary appropriations for the upkeep of roads, and especially six million dollars for the construction of the Central Highway. The President of the Transportation Committee wqs very favorably impressed, and will report on his conference with the Secretary of Public Works, and will also suggest certain measures for the accomplishment of this important work.

EDITORIAL, commenting upon the fact that the project of construction of the Central Highway is among the schemes included in the "last dash" of the present Administration, as evidenced by the fact that more than one company has offered to "sacrifice" itself and construct the road, with the guarantee of a concession back by a Law of the Republic, with the usufruct of new taxes, or the handling of bond issues which will always have preference over other obligations of the State.

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According to a decision rendered by the Third/Chamber of the Audiencia, the American citizens Eleanor A. Lindley and Nat D. Etheridge, of Santa Barbara, Isle of Pines, have been acquitted. They had been charged with arson.

EL HERALDO - November 13, 1924.

Article commenting upon the summons served on General Menocal in connection with the Camaguey events. It states that Menocal does not wish to appear before the Court, but that if he insists in that attitude, he will be arrested and arraigned before the proper Judicial authority. André also refused to obey the summons at first, but finally decided to appear and give his testimony.

An insert, rejoicing at the recent Manifesto issued by President Zayas, because it clearly states that Mr. Houston will be deported, as he is one of the foreigners who has attempted against the principal source of Cuban wealth. As a proof of this, El Heraldo quotes the following part of the Manifesto: "...the

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Government has information that foreigners who have no right to mix in our affairs are exciting and stirring up a condition prejudicial to our national wealth, and will regret to be compelled to expel them from the country," and that this allusion and threat could not be more clear.

EDITORIAL, also commenting upon the Manifesto issued by the President, and stating that the purposes expressed in the same are good, because the duty of the Government is to enforce the laws and to protect the rights of all. "But by sad experience we know--the Editorial states--that under the cloak of legallity, said Manifesto envolves a terrible threat against the laborers." That what this manifesto really means is:"If the conflict is not settled at once, force will be used to put an end to it." The Government and the planters are warned to give up their present attitude, and that "with flogging, there will be no crop."

"LA DISCUSION" - (Nov. 13) - This paper insists on maintaining the illegality of the presidential elections, and has even turned against the leaders of the Conservative Party who, with an absolute disregard of the just desires of the Conservative masses, have accepted the result of said elections. - The editorial states that the victory of the Liberals was due to the support of the Government which placed the public funds and the armed forces at the service of the Liberal candidate.

The campaign against Colonel Tarafa continues. To-day article states that Tarafa boasts of having the support of Congress to carry out all the illicit transactions which may occur to him.

LA TARDE - November 13, 1924.

"THE HISTORICAL TRUTH" - Under this caption, " La Tarde" comments upon the announcement made by the Government that as a result of the wise and honest Administration, there are at present 23 millions deposited in the National Treasury. The article further refers to the scandals which marked the beginning of Zayas' Administration, and quotes the full text of Memorandum No. 13 which compelled President Zayas to carry out a program of rectification.

An article giving the details of how the grafting schemes of the "Blue Bonds" was planned, which was "killed" by the Supeme Court. If the deal had gone through, the Ayuntamiento of Habana would have been mortgaged for a period of forty years with a loan of ten million dollars.

LA PRENSA - November 13, 1924.

Statements by by Secretary Iturralde in connection with the Manifesto of the President. The aim of the Government is to settle the labor conflict without delay and in a cordial manner. 20,000 copies of the Manifesto have been printed, and will be widely distributed in the Provinces of Camaguey and Oriente. He also said that the Government has received ample reports from the Secret Police stating that the leaders of the strike are foreigners who will have to be deported so as to protect the principal industry of the country. That if the conflict is not satisfactorily settled within a few days, the Government will be compelled to face the problem to prevent the paralyzation of the sugar crop.

Telegram from Florida (Camaguey) stating that the manager of this sugar mill has expelled many families therefrom, as an act of reprisal against the strikers

EDITORIAL entitled "ETERNAL POSTPONEMENT" - Commenting upon the water problem of Habana, and stating that when the next rainy season comes, the residents of Habana will once more suffer the consequences of the lack of water.

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LA NOCHE - November 13, 1924.

Cable despatch from Washington, as follows: "In view of the persistency with whichAmerican importers and capitalists who hold large interests in sugar enterprises in Cuba,have been requesting the adopting of official measures to help the settlement of the labor crisis which threatens to reduce considerably the sugar production in that Island, the Department of State has considered this question as of a special importance, and the diplomatic representatives of this country in Cuba have precise instructions in this respect. According to the most authorized version, it seems that the Government of Cuba has assured that it will be able to settle the crisis in a cordial manner, or in the manner which circumstances may make it necessary within a period of twenty-four hours, and that period has been accepted by the delegates of the Washington Government who act in the name of fabulous American capitals invested to foment rich enterprises in that Republic."

Article commenting upon the visit of Major Shutan to the office of the Chief of the Staff of the Army, in connection with the strikes in sugar mills. Major Shutan called to find out what measures had been adopted to guarantee the laborers who desired to work. Startling rumores circulated this morning to the effect that an energetic Note had been received from Washington stating that the strike had to end within a period of forty-eight hours.

Another article recommending the laborers to return to work.

EL MUNDO - November 14, 1924.

Judge Lezcano called yesterday at the residence of General Menocal, to notify him of the charges brought against him connection with the Camaguey events, for the crime of sedition. General Menocal denied the charges, and made no further statements. Hevia, who was there at the time, was also notified of the charges made against him, and also denied them.

At a meeting held yesterday hy the Federation of Laborers, it was resolved to address a manifesto in reply to that issued by the President, which was criticized, and to give moral and material support to the sugar-mill strikers. Forty-eight labor organizations were represented at said meeting.

EL SOL - November 14, 1924.

The National Federation of Economic Corporations has addressed a letter to the Secretary of the Treasury in connection with the amount paid for the expropriation of lands for the Malecon. The letter states that as no official resolution has been published in connection with the purchase of said lands. the Federation desires to be informed whether the rumors of the payment is true; and if this is the case, to inform the terms on which the lands were purchased.

DIARIO DE LA MARINA - November 14, 1924.

The sugar planters (colonos) of Camaguey shall call a meeting of all the colonos of Cuba, which meeting will take place on the 23rd. Resolutions adopted by the Colonos of the Centrals of the General Sugars, Atkins Corporation, Punta Alegre Sugar Company, and the Cespedes Sugar Company.

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HERALDO DE CUBA - November 14, 1924.

Article commenting upon the fact that Celso Cuellar is morally and materially incapacitated to occupy the Presidency of the Senate, which is next in importance to that of President of the Republic; and that if General Machado should lend his support to this iniquitous act, then it would be time to think that the evils of Cuba have no remedy, and the purposes of regeneration are only a myth.

An insert, commenting upon the above question, and stating that up to very recently when Dr. Iturralde closed the gambling joint of San Nicolas 122 and 128, Celso Cuellar was exacting $500.00 from the gamblers.

The President signed a Decree yesterday, appropriating the sum of $90,000.00 for the acquisition of certain apparatus for the chlorination of the Almendares River water which is permitted to enter the Vento acqueduct. This is one of the first measures adopted by the Government in connection with the water problem.

EDITORIAL, commenting upon the construction of the Central Highway, and stating that the two projects for its construction, which are only known in an imperfect manner, constitute an assault upon the Treasury, and seem to constitute one of the points of the final dash of the present administration.

Another editorial commenting upon the intolerable economic dictatorship due to the lack of a Law of Budget, and upon the inactivity of Congress.

Cable despatch from Washington stating that President Coolidge is not disposed to reduce the duties on Cuban sugars as was recommended by the Tariff Commission several months ago. The President is convinced that it is impossible to reduce the tariff on Cuban sugars without hurting the national sugar industry. Consequently, his actions will merely tend to foment the cultivation of cane and beet in the United States, and thereby obtain a sufficient supply of sugar for home consumption without having to import any sugar from Cuba.

EL HERALDO - November 14, 1924.

This paper criticizes Judge Lezcano for having called at the residence of General Menocal to notify him of the charges against him, and states that Lezcano acted in that way because he owes his position to the Conservatives.

Article very unfavorably commenting upon the purposes to erect a statue in honor of President Zayas.

Several days ago this paper published the gist of a Note from Washington to President Zayas, threatening the Cuban Government to seek a prompt solution to the labor conflict in the sugar mills. Secretary Cespedes denied the existence of the Note. But subsequent events have shown that "El Heraldo" was right, and several other newspapers have published cable despatches confirming what was published first by this paper. The article adds: "We hope that Secretary Cespedes will shortly make some declarations in this respect. He cannot possibly continue to exercise the diplomacy of silence. We await that opportunity to tell him that he has placed himself in ridicule....."

Another article entitled "THE EXISTENCE OF A NOTE IS ADMITTED AT THE PALACE", states, in part, as follows: "The prevailing impression at the Palace is that the measures which the Government intends to put in practice, to end the strike in a violent manner if it becomes necessary, is due to the inequivocal existence of a Note and the American pressure, which was denied by the Department of State when "El Heraldo" published a cable despatch from Washington regarding the purposes of the American State Department in the conflict. This despatch was confirmed yesterday by the newspaper of Amistad Street"(La Noche).

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LA DISCUSION - November 14, 1924.

Telegram from Cunagua, dated Nov. 13th, stating that that was the day of the expiration of the period granted by the labor syndicate to the employers. The majority of the laborers refused to go to work, and the manager of the Central fired all those who failed to appear. When the strikers learned that they had been dismissed and were about to go to their homes peacefully, the Rural Guard persecuted them in a cruel manner, flogging them and firing upon them, several workers being seriously wounded. Three laborers were arrested and arraigned before the Court of Instruction of Moron. A large number of them were forced to return to work. Fatal developments are feared.

Telegram from Hatillo (Oriente) announcing that the workers of that sugar mill have also gone on strike, following instructions received from the leaders of the movement.

"WASHINGTON THREATENS DR. ZAYAS" - Commenting upon the Note sent by the American Government relating to the strike in sugar mills and stating that the conflict must be settled within a period of forty-eight hours.

LA PRENSA - November 14, 1924.

Fifteen more sergeants have been given commissions as Assistant Lieutenants.

Governor of Camaguey, Zayas Bazan, and the Mayor of that city, Dr. De Para, visited Dr. Iturralde this morning and informed him of the strikes in the sugar mills of the Province of Camaguey. Both Zayas Bazan and De Para are in favor of a friendly settlement of the conflict, and state that the labor unions should be recognized.

LA NOCHE - November 14, 1924.

Cable despatch from Washington stating that following instructions received from Secretary Hughes, the Director of the Department of State had delivered at the office of the Secretary of the Senate all the documents relating to the status of the Isle of Pines. It is generally believed that the Senate will ratify the Hay-Quesada Treaty with the least possible delay.

Article stating that the Governor of Camaguey is infavor of the strikers. In his conference with Secretary Iturralde, he said that the conflict cannot be settled by means of violence, and that the strikers can very well stay two months without working, and a delay in the commencement of the crop will mean a loss of hundred and fifty million dollars to the planters. According to Zayas Bazan, the laborers only want the recognition of their union.

LA TARDE - November 14, 1924.

Article commenting upon the last meeting held by the representatives of the different labor organizations, and stating that said meeting had all the characters of a revolutionary assembly. The orators said--according to this paper, that if violence was used against them, they would set fire to the cane fields; and that violence on the part of the laborers would be the reply to the abuses of the Government. - The laborers of Habana are disposed to give moral and material support to the strikers in sugar-mills.

Article commenting upon the Notes received from the American Government in connection with the strike. The last Note received, dated November 12th, constitutes and ultimatum. Said note states that the present state of affairs is intolerable. A peremptory period is granted to settle the conflict. One of the most striking paragraph of said Note of the 12th, is quoted.

EL PAIS (Nov. 14th) - The editorial comments upon the fact that Congress must start to work at once.

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EL MUNDO - November 15, 1924.

Editorial commenting upon the defamatory campaign carried on by the Royal Blue Line in the United States, against Cuba, and praising the efforts of the "Havana Post" to counteract said campaign. It also comments upon the indifference of the Cubans which do not take the trouble to advertise Cuba as a Summer resort.

Final results of the scrutiny made by the Provincial Electoral Board of Habana.

Section entitled " Profile of the Day", favorably commenting upon the cable despatch announcing that the Hay-Quesada Treaty will soon be ratified by the American Senate.

DIARIO DE LA MARINA - November 15, 1924.

"THE NATIONAL PROBLEMS AND THE SUGAR INDUSTRY - THE NECESSITIES OF THE MOMENT" - A lengthy article in which, after making the history of the sugar industry since the Sixteenth Century, it is stated that it becomes necessary to establish new bases for the relations between the sugar mill owners and the laborers, and to issue provisions giving a legal and permanent character to the resolutions of a general character, establishing responsibilities and duties for all concerned.....

EDITORIAL, praising the work of the Municipal Electoral Board of Habana during the last elections.

EL TRIUNFO - November 15, 1924.

This paper comments very unfavorably upon the project for the construction of the Central Highway, by which the Republic will be deprived of sixty million dollars. With the pretext of of constructing the Central Highway, the organization of a company is projected, which Company will receive sixty millions in bonds. - The Congressmen whose term of office will expire next April, have no moral right to approve a law by which the Republic contracts serious obligations, and those who are about to take possession of office must act honestly.

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HERALDO DE CUBA - November 15, 1924.

The Provincial Electoral Board of Habana finished its scrutinies yesterday. The list of the persons who were elected will be affixed on the bulletin board probably on Monday or Tuesday. Very few appeals are contemplated during the five days granted to contest the elections.

The labor conflict continues. The sugar planters maintain the opinion that the sugar industry is undergoing a severe crisis, and it is utterly impossible to make any increase in wages.

Secretary of Sanitation, Porto, and Secretary of Public Works Carrera, have visited the Vento Water Works, and later on they will submit a report to the President recommending the works which must be accomplished to solve the water problem.

Referring to the appropriation of $90,000.00, by Decree, for the purchase of certain machinery for the chlorination of waters, this paper criticizes the methods employed by President Zayas of governing by means of Decrees.

EL HERALDO - November 15, 1924.

A decree was sent to the Official Gazette yesterday afternoon, ordering that the sum of $550,000.00 be placed at the disposal of the Secretary of the Interior, to cover electoral expenses up to June 30, 1925. This is unfavorably commented upon by "El Heraldo", stating that special elections will only be held in about twelve colleges, and that sufficient funds had already been provided for by previous decrees for the expenses incurred during the last elections.

Referring to the strikes in sugar-mills, this paper states that there are 7,000 laborers on strike at present. It also refers to the great assembly of "Colonos" to be held in Camaguey, the main purpose of which being to withdraw from the association of mill owners and constitute a separate organization. - The article further states that the Government has not taken any steps with the labor leaders to end the strike; but, on the other hand, the Government tries to make the laborers appear as Bolshevists. The sugar crop will probably start early in January, and the sugar mills will experience a shortage of about 350,000 tons of sugar. Abuses committed against the strikers. Even the stores are closed down to compel the strikers to leave the sugar-mills.

EDITORIAL, commenting upon the suppression of the tax of four per cent, and stating that it is now time to fulfill the promises made to that effect.

PALACE NEWS: - Secretary Iturralde stated yesterday, after a conference with the President, that new complications had arisen in the labor conflict because the planters flatly refused to meet the demands of the laborers. - Next week, the President of the Republic intends to take the necessary steps to proceed to the reorganization of the Banco Nacional, and many persons affirm that he will be appointed President of that financial institution.

LA TARDE - November 15, 1924.

"THE LABORERS ARE ON A WAR-FOOTING" - Article stating that all the labor organizations of the country are now ready for the struggle, due to the methods of violence put in practice by the Government. The manifesto issued by President Zayas did not give the results desired. The strike in the Province of Camaguey is very serious.

Secretary Carrerá no longer enjoys the confidence of the President. President Zayas only granted one-half of the appropriation requested by him, and all the expenditures made by him will be fiscalized by Comptroller Pereira.

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LA PRENSA - November 15, 1924.

The workers of Central Miranda went on strike this morning.

Telegram from Central Cunagua referring to the strike, and protesting against certain arrests made by the Rural Guard.

The Project of an Amnesty Bill drafted by several Liberal Congressmen, is now in the hands of President Zayas. The article states that said Project includes all the crimes and offenses committed during the last electoral period. It is believed at the Palace that said Amnesty Bill will be approved by the House next week.

LA NOCHE -Article commenting upon the efforts made by the Ayuntamiento to obtain a large loan with the pretext of solving the water problem, and expressing the hopes that President Zayas will prevent the contracting of that loan.

EL TRIUNFO - November 16, 1924.

A Manifesto signed by Gerardo Machado, Carlos de la Rosa, Carlos Gonzalez Clvel, Clemente Vazquez Bello, Celso Cuellar, Matias Duque, Alberto Barreras, and many other prominent members of the Liberal and Popular parties referring to the peaceful and honest elections recently held, stating that, as a reward, a statue should be erected in honor of President Zayas, because he has been the restorer of public liberties; and all Cubans are asked to contribute for the erection of the monument.

Article commenting upon the intentions to bribe the members of Congress, with a view of obtaining the approval of the sixty millions for the construction of the Central Highway.

HERALDO DE CUBA - November 16, 1924.

Commenting upon the strike, this paper states that the sugar-mill workers will resist the pressure of the authorities and of the employers, and will maintain the strike. Many labor organizations of Habana are disposed to support the sugar mill strikers. Commenting upon the conference between the President and the Governor of Camaguey, it states that nothing was decided, because while Zayas Bazan is in favor of the strikers and recommends an energatic action, President Zayas and Secretary Iturralde are in favor of the use of violence against the laborers.

Cable despatch from Washington stating that the Department of State of the United States emphatically denies having sent any Note to the Cuban Government. The false rumors spread are probably part of a political plan, and the Government of the United States regrets that its name is used for such shameful purposes.

EDITORIAL, unfavorably commenting upon the Projected Amnesty Bill, and stating that it may be probably be made to include the persons envolved in the Malecon affair.

Cable despatch from Washington announcing that Mr. Hughes will only remain one year more at the head of the Department of State, and that Mr. Hoover will probably be his successor. Mr. Charles Warren is another candidate for the office.

A division has taken place in the Railroad Brotherhood. The Central Board (of Camaguey) is against the Delegation No. 2 (of Habana). The Central Committee wants the expulsion of the members of Delegation No. 2.

EL HERALDO - Denounces a big fraud committed by the Havana Electric Railway Company, and that Mr. Steinhart, President of the Company, has been accused of perjury and of infraction of the Law of July 14th. The accusation, made by Dr. Oscar Soto in the name of Mr. Marino Dominguez, refers to false declarations made in connection with the importation of crude petroleum, and that for a period of three years, the Company has been defrauding the sum of about $300,000.00 per month.

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Telegram from Gaspar, stating that the leaders of the strike of Central "Pilar" have been arrested.

Telegram from Pilar, protesting against the acts of violence committed by Sergeat Iglesias, and the arrest of several laborers who were on strike.

LA TARDE - November 16, 1924.

Article commenting upon the preparations made for a general strike to support the attitude of the sugar-mill workers, and stating that a revolutionary strike will break out iv violence is used against the strikers. It also states that the soldiers will not fire a single shot against the laborers who are struggling for social improvements.

EL PAIS - November 16, 1924.

Commenting upon the division in the Railroad Brotherhood, this paper states that the expulsion of the leader Arevalo, may result in the immediate dissolution of the Brotherhood. The Delegation No. 2 refuses to be imposed upon by the Central Committee.

EL MUNDO - November 17, 1924.

Dr. Manuel Castellanos has presented in the House of Representatives a Project of Amnesty Law in favor of the authors and accomplices of crimes committed before November 1st by reason of strikes or disagreements in work, foreseen in the Penal Code or in Special Laws.

DIARIO DE LA MARINA - November 17, 1924.

EDITORIAL entitled "THE WORK OF CONGRESS", commenting upon the fact that as the electoral period was a very short one, Congress has a very good opportunity to get to work at once, and solve many of the important problems pending. Among the urget problems pending, it mentions: the preparatory work for the Pan-American Conferences which will be held in Habana, the supply of water to Habana and Santiago de Cuba, the accomplishment of important public works (such as the paving and repair of the streets of Habana, and the construction and repair and roads) and the creation of one thousand school rooms.

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HERALDO DE CUBA - November 17, 1924.

Interview with Dr. Carlos Miguel de Cespedes, who is described as an active and energetic man who lives in a Palace but knows how to mix with the people. His only aspiration has been to defeat Menocal. If he should accept the Portfolio of Public Works, it would only be to do real work for the benefit of the country. -Cespedes said, among other things: "I do not know whether I will be honored with the appointment of Secretary of Public Works; I only made up my mind to defend the candidature of General Machado thinking only that he was the most competent man to lead the Liberal Party to victory, and without any ulterior hopes of being rewarded. My only desire was to defeat Menocal." He further referred to the desires of General Machado to carry out many important public works, and his own projects to beautify the city of Habana.

Article commenting upon the appointment of a President for the Senate, and stating that neither Vazquez Bello nor Zaydin should be selected for that Office.

President-elect Machado left this morning for the Isle of Pines, where he intends to remain one month. He is accompanied by his Aide, Captain Firmat, Dr. Carlos Miguel de Cespedes who is a strong candidate for the office of Secretary of Public Works, Mr. Jose Izquierdo, and his son-in-law Baldomero Grau.

Interview with Professor Charles Chapman, who is now compiling the necessary data to write a History of Cuba.

EDITORIAL: "REVIEW OF THE WEEK" - referring to the intensification of gambling; comments unfavorably upon the project for the construction of the Central Highway; also comments unfavorably upon the projected reorganization or revival of the Banco Nacional de Cuba; bitterly criticizes the projected Municipal Loan, and finally refers to the rumors of American Notes received by the Government of Cuba and the official denials obtained by this paper.

EL HERALDO - November 17, 1924.

Article stating that President Zayas intends to reconsider his veto to the Bonus Bill, in order that public employees may be able to collect up to 75 per cent of their bonuses.

Article commenting upon the strike in sugar mills, and comments unfavorably upon the fact that the Government has not called the strikers to seek a solution to the chaotic conditions existing in sugar mills. The sympathies of the people of Cuba are in favor of the 7,000 strikers in the Province of Camaguey. Their cause does not have the least bolshevist or anarchic tendency - only an improvement in working conditions is sought.

Commenting upon the water problem of Habana, this paper refers to the recent appropriation of $90,000.00 for the purchase of certain apparatus for the chlorination of water, and states that said apparatus will be as worthless as those purchased before.

"THE BEGINNING OF AN ERA OF SCANDALOUS GRAFTING SCHEMES"- Article stating that the last activities of the present members of Congress are devoted to try to pass certain illicit laws which will give them a substantial margin of profit, as, for instance, the payment of the balance of the "Floating Debt", an increase of thirteen members of the House of Representatives, for the candidates who were defeated. - The extension of powers would only pass as a Reform, rapidly to establish the Parliamentary system. - It also refers to the fact that an accusation against President Zayas will be presented, for the Malecon affair which deprives the Treasury of two million dollars.

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The EDITORIAL comments unfavorably upon the idea of erecting a statue in honor of President Zayas. Dr. Zayas is not a veteran of the wars of Independence, and his work of government has been very censurable. The President should be the first to be opposed to the idea of the statue.

LA PRENSA - November 17, 1924.

PALACE NEWS: - A commission appointed by the Chamber of Commerce, Industry and Navigation visited the President this morning in connection with the suppresion of the tax of four per cent, the suppression of the stamp tax, and the reform of the tariff law now in force. The President promised to study the memorial present by said Chamber of Commerce relating to said subjects. He was also visited by a commission of "Colonos" of Centrals "Palma", "America", "Ariete", "Hatillo", and"Santa Ana" , and asked that proper measures be adopted for a prompt settlement of the labor conflict.

Section entitled "DEL MOMENTO" referring to the present session of Congress, and recommending the suppression of the "hateful tax of four per cent on profits."

The liquor traffic is very active at present. The English Steamer "ARTEMIS" arrived from Guanaja (Honduras) to take a cargo of liquors. - The English schooner "Varuna" sailed yesterday for Puerto Cortes, and the English Schooner "Furzehem" for Saint Pierre de Miquelon, both loaded with alcohol and liquors.

LA TARDE - November 17, 1924.

Article commenting upon the labor conflict, and stating that the Government is afraid to use methods of violence against the laborers, because at the first abuse committed by the Government, the laborers will reply with a general strike. The planters are hesitating, but they still hope to receive a decided support from the authorities. "If the Army is used against the strikers all the cane fields will be destroyed by fire."

EL MUNDO - November 18, 1924.

EDITORIAL entitled "THE PRESENT GOVERNMENT MUST FACILITATE THE ROAD TO ITS SUCCESSOR." - It refers to the financial conditions existing when Dr. Zayas became President, and the work of restoration of the Treasury accomplished by the present Government. Now the President must prevent the lavish expenditure of the funds deposited in the Treasury (about 25 millions), and thereby prepare the road to his successor for a constructive work.

SESSION OF CONGRESS - See running comment.

DIARIO DE LA MARINA - November 18, 1924.

THE NATIONAL PROBLEMS AND THE SUGAR INDUSTRY" 2-Second article of the series, dealing with "The Dangers of the Strike". (The first article of this series appeared on November 15th).

EDITORIAL very favorably commenting upon the Assembly of Sugar Planters which will be held in Camaguey on Nov. 23rd. It states that this Assembly has a special importance, and it is hoped that everybody will cooperate to solve the present labor conflict.

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HERALDO DE CUBA - November 18, 1924.

The formidable conflict of the laborers of sugar mills, continues without hopes of being solved. While different organizations of the economic classes get together and ask the Government to act energetically, the laborers hurl accusations of violence, threaten with a general strike and protest against the Manifesto issued by the President; and the Secretary of the Interior hopes that a solution will be found at the Assembly to be held in Camaguey on the 23rd. If the conflict is not solved very soon, severe losses will be suffered as a consequence of the coming crop, and the commerce of the country will be seriously affected. Conditions of the conflict during the last twenty-four hours. Great enthusiasm and optimism prevails among the sugar planters for the approaching Assembly.- The laborers of Central "Perseverancia" (Province of Habana) protest against certain measures adopted by the management of that sugar mill.

The House of Representatives held no session yesterday, as only 49 members answered the roll call. However, everything seems to indicate that this legislative body will soon get to work, as there are several projects which act as a powerful incentive. Among the projects which will create a real scandal, is one which calls for the increase of thirteen members of the House. The Conservatives are getting ready for a campaign of opposition, and accusations will probably be made against President Zayas for the "Malecon Affair", and the illegal appropriation of funds by Decree.

An article further commenting upon the accusations of fraud made against the Havana Electric Ry. Co., and stating that if the charges made against Mr. Steinhart are proved, this will give rise to a scandalous criminal case in which the names of many prominent persons will appear.

Article entitled "UNFORTUNATE COUNTRY". - The article begins by stating that "Heraldo de Cuba" has never failed to praise Dr. Zayas for his political work, and as a statesman who restored public liberties; but in his administrative work he has been a total failure, and that the history of no other country can show such a specimen of unrestraint and audacity. It comments unfavorably upon the fact that President Zayas has been governing by Decrees and uses the public funds at his caprice and will and in the same lavish manner as General Menocal, and states:

> "This sad truth compels us to recognize as an uncontrovertible fact that the Interference defended the National Treasury with more Cubanism than our governing classes. When the United States imposed an honest Cabinet, the Americans endeavored to restrain the orgy of lavish waste and plunder which Dr. Zayas continued, and which only served to perpetuate the methods employed by his predecessor, Menocal, who emptied the public vaults by means of decrees issued day after day.... We have always stood against the Interference; but who can deny, after a careful analysis, that Dr. Zayas by wasting our public funds defends our sovereignty less than the Interventor who demanded administrative morality?" --- The article further gives a word of alert in connection with certain projects in view, such as the one "which will pledge the public funds in the incredible sum of 200 millions", the reorganization of the Banco Nacional and the increase of the number of members of the House of Representatives, all of which the article calls "a new tragic dance of millions."

EDITORIAL entitled "OPPORTUNITY OF THE GRATUITIES" - stating that the Government should pay this legitimate debt contracted with the public employees.

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Another EDITORIAL entitled "THE PRESIDENT, ARBITER OF THE TREASURY" commenting upon the project of Budget submitted by the President to Congress, and which will take effect during the incumbency of his successor General Machado. In this connection, the article refers to the appropriation of funds by Decree, and states that if the present lavish waste of funds continues, General Machado will find the Treasury in a state of penury, and there being no funds, the future Secretary of Public Works, Dr. Carlos Miguel de Cespedes will be unable to carry out the program which he outlined in a recent interview.

Article stating that the water problem of Habana will be solved at the Palace this week. Important conferences will be held to this effect, which will be attended by the President, the Secretary of Public Works, the Secretary of Sanitation, the Mayor, and Engineer Montoulieu.

EL HERALDO - November 18, 1924.

Article commenting upon the sugar-mill strike, and stating that great excitement was caused yesterday by the rumors that a secret conference had been held at the Association of Sugar Planters and mill owners at which a motion was presented to suspend the coming crop. It has not yet been ascertained who presented the motion or what resolution was adopted; but that this"lock-out" is certainly a serious attempt against the country and against the laborers.

The special correspondent of "El Heraldo" sent a telegram from Ciego de Avila announcing that he had held an interview with the Labor Leader Varona, in which the latter analyzed the sugar mill strike and gave his opinion as to the formula of solution. The interview will be published when the correspondent returns to Habana. - He also states that in view of the abnormal labor conditions existing in Nuevitas, the Government seized a large quantity of dynamite stored at the Pastelillo Terminal. The correspondent also states that the laborers are working regularly in the sugar mills and plantations owned by the Cuba Cane Sugar Corporations,along the line of the Cuba Northerthern Railways. At Nuevitas, he was informed of the acts of violence committed by the Rural Guard, obeying orders received from Captain Rosado.

The Popular Party will struggle to obtain the Presidency of the House of Representatives, and they speak of joining the Conservatives to obtain this. However, if this happens, the pact entered into with the Liberals for the elections, will be broken.

LA PRENSA - November 18, 1924.

MR. COOLIDGE AND THE SUGAR QUESTION - Cable despatch from Washington stating that President Coolidge has received further data from the Tariff Commission in connection with the duties on sugar, and a decision in connection with the reduction of duties is expected very soon. The supplementary report submitted includes the figures relating to the cost of production of beet sugar in the United States. It has been learned that said Commission is not in accord with with the report originally submitted, and that three of the five members of the Commission are in favor of the reduction of duties.

LA NOCHE - November 18, 1924.

According to a report submitted to the General Staff of the Army, a man who was distributing seditious proclamtions among the laborers was arrested in Central "Oriente".

A serious strike may take place in the University of Habana. The Federation of students has issued a proclamation protesting against the fact that the professors who were suspended from office are still collecting their salaries.

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LA NOCHE (Nov. 18) - According to a telegram sent by Lieutenant Herrera from Piedrecitas, Camaguey, work has been resumed in Central "Estrella" with 130 new laborers, and in Central "Cespedes" with 70, despite the threats made by the strikers.

Eighty Chinese "merchants" arrived to-day on board the S.S. "Siboney" from New York.

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Article stating that Congress must not hesitate in passing a law which will permit the rapid construction of the Central Highway, which is considered as a national necessity; and also comments unfavorably upon the campaign of defamation against the project, which campaign is said to be carried on with gold of the Railroad companies directly affected by the Highway.

Article referring to the rumors that the first clash between the Rural Guard and the laborers has taken place , according to a telegram sent from Camaguey to the Department of the Interior, but which is kept in absolute secrecy. Police Expert De la Osa has submitted a report to the Secretary of the Interior regarding the demands made by the strikers, i. e., the recognition of their union, and the appoint of three delegates at each mill who will intervene in the appointment of workers so as to prevent abuses. De la Osa also reports that there is a Secret Committee which works in accord with Enrique Varona and Antonio Sanson, President and Secretary of the Labor Syndicate, respectively, and that the idea of said Committee is that fifteen days after work is resumed, in case a settlement is reached, to demand an eight-hour working day and an increase in wages. The report further states that the labor movement has a bolshevist tendency, and that the Government must act energetically. - Other news of the strike.

The financial section caontains an article commenting unfavorably upon the American capital invested in Cuba, said to amount at present to $1.360,000.000.00, and that the Americans have obtained the control of industry and commerce during the last 25 years "due to the submission of all our Governments to the diplomatic pressure of the American State Department, and especially the Congress of the country which has adopted no measure whatsoever to prevent the transfer of properties to the hands of foreigners....." It also refers to the American production in Cuba which has reached the sum of 2.452,304 tons of sugar, "despoiling the Cubans and the Spaniards of their estates, while they maintain special laws of commercial relations, such as the Treaty of Reciprocity of 1903, whihh grants a reduction of from 20 to 40 per cent to American products, while the Cuban products entering the United States only obtain a reduction of 20 per cent..." "The saxon capital has attained such a supremacy, that it moves the strings in such a way as to compel the Government to use violence against the laborers, and which strike was provoked by them, and is maintained by them."

DIARIO DE LA MARINA - November 19,1924.

Dr. Carlos Manuel de Cespedes sails tomorrow for Mexico on board the S.S. "Lafayette", as Special Representative of Cuba to the inaugural ceremonies of President Calles.

Article by Jorge Roa, stating that the trip of General Machado to the Isle of Pines has a special patriotic significance in connection with the international policy of Cuba, because the Hay-Quesada Treaty will be discussed at the American Senate next month.

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HERALDO DE CUBA - Nov. 19, 1924.

Article unfavorably commenting upon the actions of the members of the Temporary Bank Liquidation Committee, who, after disposing of the savings of small depositors, are now trying to become bankers by means of the reorganization of the Banco Nacional de Cuba. The criticisms are especially directed against the President of said Committee, Dr. Regueiferos. The article further states that efforts are being made to include a clause in the projected Amnesty Bill in favor of those who have illegally spent other people's money.

Article criticizing certain Bills which the House of Representatives is trying to pass by surprise, such as the increase of the number of Representatives, the construction of the Central Highway, the payment of interests of the floating debt, the payment of certain imaginary contracts, the reorganization of the Banco Nacional with the cooperation of Secretary Regueiferos, and others.

A commission of American experts has arrived to investigate the "Mosaic", a disease of sugar cane.

The labor conflict has taken a very serious turn during the last 24 hours. The sugar-mill strikers refuse to return to work if their demands are not accepted. Serious events are expected in labor circles of this city, and a resolution has been adopted to stop all activities. Practically all the labor organization favor this resolution, with the exception of the Railroad Brotherhood and the Syndicate of Motormen and Conductors of Habana. The President announces his purpose of putting an end to the strike, but he will await the result of the Assembly to be held in Camaguey on the 23rd. The Chief of the Secret Police and the Secretary of the Interior have already in their possession a list of the pernicious foreigners accused of inciting the laborers, and who will be deported.

General Crowder make preparations to withdraw definitely from Cuba (See translation).

The Transportation Committee of the Economic Corporations recommends the suppression of Custom House duties on gasoline, the immediate repar of the Guines road, the appropriation of necessary funds for the upkeep of all road in general, and the use of concrete for the Central Highway.

Article criticizing the actions of certain defeated candidates who are endeavoring to contest the elections. The sole announcement of an electoral amnesty has prompted them to presented unwarranted appeals; but it is hoped that the Electoral Boards and the Courts of Justice will not lend a willing ear to such immoral combinations.

EDITORIALS, unfavorably commenting upon the lamentable activities of Congress, and upon the actions of the Banking Liquidation Committee.

EL HERALDO - November 19, 1924.

In an article commenting upon the sugar mill strike, this paper states that in reply to the methods of violence contemplated by the Government, the laborers will declare a formidable strike throughout the country. A lengthy interview with labor leader Varona. The strikers are supported by all the labor organizations of the country. Varona is of the opinion that an understanding could be reached if the employers acted in good faith. He also believes that the "Colonos" should form an organization independent from the mill-owners, and in that way their interests would be better protected. The work in the Centrals which have recognized the Union, will not be stopped.

"THE ENEMIES OF CUBA" - Article written in defence of the sugar mill strikers, and stating that they have no bolshevist

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tendencies. The articles states that the enemies of Cuba are Mr. Houston and the National City Bank, who are planning a plot against Cuba. They want the Government to use violence, which will give rise to a general strike in the country, which will bring as a consequence the suspension of the sugar crop, a panic in foreign and national capital, and thereby bring about the Intervention of the Washington Government in Cuba.

EDITORIAL, commenting upon the necessity of diminishing the taxes in Cuba.

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The public employees are seriously threatened. The Machadists are endeavoring to hold in suspense the provisions of the Civil Service Law, so that there may be jobs available for the followers of Machado. The article states that if the plan is carried out, it will give rise to a general protest in the country "which might very well be the providential spark needed at the present time to change present conditions."

Article unfavorably commenting upon the appointment of Mr. H. S. Rubens as President of the Consolidated Railways, and stating that the five "trsutees" have distributed all the principal offices among themselves, and they will be the only ones benefited by the consolidation.

LA PRENSA - November 19, 1924.

President-elect Machado will return from the Isle of Pines tomorrow morning.

Section entitled "Del Momento" recommending the payment of the bonuses to public employees.

EDITORIAL commenting upon the present labor conflicts, and stating that the trouble lies in the lack of proper legislation to regulate the relations between employers and employees.

LA NOCHE - November 19, 1924.

The Government has made the following appointments of Military Supervisors for sugar mills:

Florida: Second Lieut. Hector Herrero y Fleitas;
Agramonte: First Lieut. Roberto Valls;
Piedrecitas: First Lieut. Francisco Hernandez Gomez;
Estrella: Second Lieut. Julio M. Otero Cossio y Carreño;
Pilar: Second. Lieut. Jose Parra Cairo;
Vertientes: First. Lieut. Godofredo Cruz;
Cespedes: First. Lieut. Enrique Diaz y Diaz;
Punta Alegre: Second Lieut. Mario Zamora y Oliva;
Jatibonico: First. Lieut. Mario Fernandez Roque.

LA TARDE - November 19, 1924.

Commenting upon the sugar mill strike, this paper states that the appointment of Military Supervisors indicates that the Government has decided to use methods of violence.

EL MUNDO - November 20, 1924.

EDITORIAL, unfavorably commenting upon the attitude of the sugar mill workers, and stating that the Cuban laborers should follow or support the attitude of foreign agitators. It also states that the appointment of military supervisors indicates that the labor conflict is assuming serious characters.

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DIARIO DE LA MARINA - November 20, 1924.

"General Enoch H. Crowder, Ambassador of the United States, has authorized us to publish that for the time being he has no intention of leaving Cuba, inasmuch as the conditions of our climate are unimprovable to obtain the complete recovery of his health, after the attack of bronchitis which he suffered several weeks ago."

Third article of the series entitled "THE NATIONAL PROBLEMS AND THE SUGAR INDUSTRY", devoted to "The Unions in the sugar mills." Commenting upon the alarm produced by the present strike; the right of the laborers to organize unions, and the duty of the Government to regulate the activities of these unions.

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HERALDO DE CUBA - November 20, 1924.

Article very unfavorably commenting upon the project of reorganization of the Banco Nacional, stating that it is one of the most repugnant schemes ever planned. Said project constitutes an unworthy monopoly, in which the interests of the old shareholders are not taken into consideration, and "it gives a deadly blow to the sovereignty of the Judiciary. It quotes the first three articles of the project, each followed by its corresponding commentary.

Article stating that the House of Representatives may continue in recess until the month of January. Only 33 members of the House answered the roll call yesterday.

The struggle continues between the Central Committee of the Railroad Brotherhood and the Delegation No. 2 of Habana. The Central Committee of Camaguey has addressed a memorial to the Provincial Government of Habana, requesting the dismissal of the members of the Delegation No. 2, but acting Governor Ruiz is not willing to do so. The article states that Arevalo must resign to avoid a division in the Brotherhood.

Governor Barreras will not take possession of his office again, but will continue enjoying his leave of absence until he takes possession of his office as Senator.

An article commenting upon the strike, states that the first labor agitators to be deported have already been arrested, and are now on their way to Habana. Military rule exists in all the sugar mills where there is a strike. - The strike will shortly be declared in four sugar mills of the district of Manzanillo, because the Managers refuse to accept the bases presented by the laborers who have organized their union. The Government itself does not know what to do in view of the serious nature of the conflict, and of the uncompromising attitude of the Managers of the sugar mills.

EDITORIAL, stating that it is true that the Central Highway is really necessary, but that this is not the opportune time to undertake the problem, because, inasmuch as Machado has already been elected, the project should be held in abeyance until after he takes possession of office.

EL HERALDO - November 20, 1924.

Article stating that the Government has adopted an attitude of frank hostility toward the laborers. Instead of seeking a harmonious solution, violence is resorted to. - Interview with Otero Bosch, President of the Railroad Brotherhood, who states that in his opinion, the conflict is a very serious one. He states that the strikers will have the support of the Brotherhood, especially if the Government uses methods of violence. Laborers arrested in Ciego de Avila. The strike will invade the sugar mills of the Province of Habana, if the mill owners refuse to accept the bases presented by the Syndicate. At the town of Cespedes, the people protested in a riotous manner against the abuses committed with laborers for futile reasons.

Article entitle "FOR CUBA", criticizing the attitude of the Government toward the laborers. It states that the President confesses in his recent Manifesto that the Government does not know with certainty the terms in which the problem has been presented, but, nevertheless, military supervisors are appointed, and methods of violence are planned against the laborers and in defence of American interests which refuse to come to any agreement, and without even listening to the complaints of the laboring classes. It also states that the laborers can hardly fail to reply to such methods of violence, also with violence so easily exercised as the cane fields can easily be destroyed by fire. The intentions of the General Sugars Co., which looks

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after the interests of The National City Bank, is to create a situation in Cuba which will make a foreign intervention necessary.

EDITORIAL, commenting upon the project for the construction of the Central Highway. The editorial states that this project has been included in the platforms of all the parties, for many years past, but that those who have defended or combatted the project, have only done so from the standpoint of their private interests, and that is why such an important work which would greatly benefit the country, remains in a state of stagnation. But neither the defenders nor the opponents of the project have disclosed the reasons for their respective attitude. They both state that they are defending the interests of the commonwealth, but neither prove it. This state of affairs should not be prolonged, and "El Heraldo" invites the authors or defenders of the project to disclose the same and to show its convenience, thereby giving a chance to the people to judge about their own interests.....

Article stating that the Project of Budget for the coming fiscal year has been received by the House of Representatives. The estimated Incomes are placed at .....$ 77.791,650.00
and the Expenditures at 74.402,537.83
Leaving a surplus of .....$ 3.389.112.17

Article containing the final results of the elections in the Province of Habana.

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Article commenting upon the threats of a General Strike, and stating that the Government is responsible for the conflict.

Article entitled "THE HUMAN LAW AND THE DIVINE LAW" - Commenting uponthe fact that General Machado cannot be the President of Cuba.

LA TARDE
~~xxxxxx~~ - November 20, 1924.

Six labor agitators were deported to-day on board the S.S. "Cristobal Colon". This paper states,that the appointment of Military Supervisors is the result of the "Notes" sent by the American Government to the Government of Cuba, and the pressure brought to bear by the White House. The American Government does not want the huge sugar interests owned by Americans to be affected in the least by the strike, and constantly send warnings and admonitions to President Zayas.

Dr. Cespedes turned over the Portfolio of State to Dr. Regueiferos, and the Portfolio of War and Navy to Dr. Iturralde.

Mr. Durell, Manager of the National City Bank, held a conference with the President this morning in connection with the sugar-mill strike.

During the absence of General Betancourt, Dr. Porto will act as head of the Department of Agriculture.

A Military Supervisor has been appointed for Central "Algodones.

EDITORIAL entitled "GOD HELP US!" - Commenting upon the strike in sugar mills, and its origin. The strike declared in the sugar mills owned by Laureano Falla Gutierrez, was soon settled by the acceptance of the bases presented by the laborers; the strike in Central "Francia" was settled in a like manner; the strike in the sugar mills of the district of Cruces, was also settled, and the strike in the mills of the Cuba Cane has apparently been settled by the timely intervention of the Vice-President of the Company, Mr. Miguel Arango. - The strike is ~~xxxx~~ maintained in only 15 or 17 sugar-mills. And as there are 195 sugar mills in the Republic, the remaining 178 mills will start grinding as soon as they have their machinery ready. Therefore, it cannot be said that the crop is disturbed, because 15 mills only constitute a very small minority. "Who are,

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then, the privileged gentlemen....so powerful and superhuman before whom the Governments tremble, the nation is shaking with fear, commercial transactions are stopped, the Police submits secret reports, the Rural Guard prepares to trample over legions of workers, the Department of State lends a willing ear to a Foreign Chancery, and the only thing now pending is that an Army such as that of the United States may order its land and naval forces to invade this Republic for the protection of such sacred interests?....."

EL PAIS - November 20, 1924.

Article referring to the visit of General Crowder to the Palace, and stating that he held a long and secret conference with the President. It is generally believed that the fully discussed the sugar mill strikes, and the measures adopted by the Government to settle the conflict.

It was learned this morning that the President intends to order the payment of 20% of the bonuses to public employees before the end of this month.

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Article stating that the Debts of the Republic, up to October 31, 1924, were as follows:

Exterior Debt	$ 88.148,700.00
Interior Debt	11.997,700.00
Total	$ 100.146,400.00

A new Bureau has been organized in the Department of Public Works, under the name of "Bureau of Paving".

DIARIO DE LA MARINA - November 21, 1924.

The strike problem was fully discussed yesterday at a special meeting of the Board of Directors of the "Asociacion de Hacendados y Colonos". It was resolved to send a Delegation to represent said Board of Directors at the Assembly which will be held in Camaguey next Sunday.

EDITORIAL entitled "PETITIONS TO CONGRESS" - Stating that besides the laws considered as necessary, which were mentioned in a recent Editorial, there are others which demand a prompt action of Congress, such as a proper Banking Law, a Law on Labor and a Press Law; but it lays a special stress on the urgent necessity of some action in connection with the next Pan-American Congress which will convene in Habana.

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This paper attacks the project of the Central Highway "because it is based on an intolerably violation of the law". - The promoters of this "iniquitous despoliation of the Treasury" pretend that Congress will award the concession without the previous requisite of an auction, but the members of Congress must prove that they have not been bribed.

Article by Napoleon Galvez commenting upon the Amnesty requested by the President for electoral crimes, and stating that it should be made to include the members of the Army who took part in the Revolution of 1917.

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1. Enclosed will be found brief summaries of news articles and editorial comment of the Havana Press for the days:

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HERALDO DE CUBA - November 21, 1924.

The Havana Electric is accused of violating the contract signed with the Ayuntamiento of Habana, because it refuses to lay its wires underground, while on the other hand it threatens to cut off the electric light service of the city because the Ayuntamiento refuses to pay a certain debt.

The difficulties which arose in the Railroad Brotherhood and which threatened to create a serious division in that organization, has been sztisfactorily settlemed by the cancelllation of the order of expulsuion of leader Arevalo who has been reinstated in his position of Organizing Delegate and Representative of the Central Committee. The resignations presented by the other members of Delegation No. 2, were not accepted.

Article unfavorably commenting upon the actions of the Board of Liquidation of Upmann's Bank. An auction called for tomorrow, will probably be adjudged to the National City Bank, because as the auction was only advertised in the Official Gazette, very few bids have been presented. The auction refers to a large amount of securities.

Article very unfavorably commenting upon the projected reorganization of the Banco Nacional, and stating that after the reorganization, the Bank will be left in the hands of the same persons who now control it, and that their appointments will be for a life-time.

EDITORIAL, favorably commenting upon the inactivity of Congress, in view of the illicit projects in view. - It also states: "It is a significant fact, because it coincides with the circumstances already commented upon by us, of being presented as a perspective of parliamentary work, a series of projects regarded as immoral, which provoke among certain elements of the House who have some respect for the office they hold, the desire of keeping out of their work, rather than get to work with a scandalous program."

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Section entitled "OPINIONES" - Unfavorably commenting upon the Assembly of sugar planters which will be held in Camaguey on the 23rd, and stating that nothing good can be expected from said Assembly, because the present labor conflict is not one which can be solved by means of speeches.

Interview with Mr. Ramon J. Martinez, President of the Association of Mill Owners and Sugar Planters, in which he stated, among other things, the following: that in his opinion, the statements made by labor leader Varona are quite natural; that he is not in favor of the use of violence in any case; that the Government should have confined its actions to the protection of the exercise of the rights of the citizens; that the "Asociacion de Hacendados y Colonos" has not officially made any petition to the Government; that the Government has taken no steps to bring about a friendly understanding between the contending parties, and that no petition has been made to him in this respect as President of said Association; that the Association which he presides is willing to do all in its power to improve the conditions of the laborers, such as giving them a salary which will permit them to live properly, to give them schools, etc.

Article entitled "THE GRASPING HAND"- Unfavorably commenting upon the attitude of the Government toward the laborers, and stating that the threats made in his Manifesto are being carried out. That the Government is only acting in accordance with the desires of the General Sugars Company, which Company is waging a fierce battle at the present time with the interests represented by Tarafa.

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Interviews with Dr. Manuel Varona Suarez and Mr. Juan Gronlier, both being of the opinion that the Liberal Party will initiate an era of rectifications in Cuba.

Article stating that the deportation of the alleged labor agitators does not in the least diminish the enthusiasm of the laborers, and that the real leaders of the movement continue directing the strike with great efficiency. - Interviews with Mr. Fox, of Central Florida, and with Mr. Miller, of Central Agramonte. While the Atkins Sugar Company finds a solution to the conflict, the General Sugars Company combats it.

Two persons implicated in the revolutionary movement of the Veterans and Patriots, have been sentenced to one year eight months and 21 days by the Audiencia of Matanzas. The article states that this decision has caused a great excitement in Matanzas, after the "pardon and forgetfulness" in connection with that movement. V+P

Labor leader Varona has been arrested in Ciego de Avila. Several laborers of the electric light plant of that city have also been arrested.

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Article very unfavorably commenting upon the drastic measures adopted against the laborers, and stating that it is a provocation on the part of the Government.

This paper still keeps up its campaign against the consolidation of the railroads, and states in this article that said consolidation is prejudicial to all the laborers of Cuba.

This paper initiates to-day a campaign against the Banco del Comercio, stating that it is indulging in risky ventures which endanger the money of its depositors.

EDITORIAL, commenting upon the fact that the Government of Doctor Zayas is a bitter enemy of the laborers.

LA PRENSA - November 21, 1924.

Article denying the reports published to the effect that the laborers of Habna had decided to declare a general strike as a protest against the deportation of several labor leaders. A meeting has been called for this evening, therebeing no intentions to declare a general strike, but merely to file a protest against the ~~xxxx~~ said deportations, before the proper authorities.

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Telegram from the town of Zulueta stating that the laborers of Central "Maria Luisa" have gone on strike, and that the laborers of Central "San Agustin" will probably walk out tomorrow or the day after tomorrow.

Cable despatch from Washington, stating that the measures adopted by the Cuban Government of using the Army to protect the work in sugar mills, have caused a good impression in the official circles of Washington.

The Delegate sent by the Department of the Interior to Ciego de Avila, has reported to that Department that the laborers of Central Ciego deAvila have resumed work.

EL MUNDO - November 21, 1924.

Article commenting upon the measures adopted by the Government in connection with the labor conflict, because the paralyzation of the sugar crop must be prevented by all means. It also comments upon the "the right of association" which the laborers have, and which is quite different from the right of imposing that social organization, the latter being opposed to the right of free contracting.

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The Manager of Centrals "Chaparra" and "Delicias" has been authorized to import 3,000 Antillian laborers.

The Provincial Electoral Board proclaimed yesterday the Representatives elected in that Province, as follows:

LIBERAL PARTY: - Prisciliano Piedra, Agustin Gronlier and Dr Juan Rodriguez Ramires;
CONSERVATIVES; - Daniel Lima, Jose M. Fernandez, and Andres Trujillo, and
POPULARS: - Francisco Campos.

Account of yesterday's Meeting of the Cabinet. Among the subject discussed, were: the chlorination of the waters of the acqueducts of Vento and of Guines, the problem of the strike in sugar mills, the payment of the bonuses to public employees, and the trip of President Zayas to Oriente.

Article commenting upon the activity, energy, moral solvency and patriotism of Dr. CARLOS MIGUEL DE CESPEDES, and stating that he is one of the few who are fit to assist General Machado in a work of good government.

LA TARDE - November 21, 1924.

Article commenting upon the methods of violence used by the Government against the laborers, and stating that a general strike will ~~xxx~~ be declared shortly, and that the movement will be initiated in the railroads of the Province of Oriente.

This paper publishes a "Pact of Honor" signed between Dr. Zayas and a commission of laborers, under date of October 24, 1920, by which the laborers agreed to support Zayas' candidature, and Dr. Zayas agreed, among other things: not the deport ~~laborers~~ foreigners for labor questions; the non-intervention of the Government in the conflicts between capital and labor; the regulation of convicts' labor within and without penal establishments, etc., and stating that Dr. Zayas, as President, has not fulfilled his part of the agreement.

DIARIO DE LA MARINA - November 22, 1924.

At a meeting held yesterday evening by the representatives of labor unions, it was resolved to lend support to the strikers in sugar mills, and to hold a general Assembly, to counteract the opinion of the Assembly of Sugar Planters.

EDITORIAL, commenting upon the necessity of paying the remaining seventy per cent of the Debts of the State for supplies.

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HERALDO DE CUBA - November 22, 1924.

Article stating that the conflict between the Central Committee of the Railroad Brotherhood and the Delegation No. 2, has not been settled.

Article stating that everything seems to indicate that the Court of Instruction of the Second Section is maliciously delaying proceedings in the accusation presented against Mr. Steinhart as President of the Havana Electric Ry. Co.

This paper comments unfavorably upon the announced sale of securities of Upman's Bank, and states that the intervention of the Temporary Commission is necessary to effect said sale; otherwise the transaction would not seem legal. The members of the Board of Liquidation of that Bank intend to use the same methods employed in the Branches of the Banco Nacional.

Another article criticizing the project of reorganization of the Banco Nacional, article by article.

The Economic Corporations will take steps to defeat the huge business deal planned by those who intend to reorganize the Banco Nacional de Cuba. The members of the Railroad Brotherhood of Oriente have declared a boycott against the mills on strike. Other mills have joined the movement, while the Department of the Interior reports that the conflict will shortly be settled.

EDITORIAL commenting upon the series of appropriations by Decree that have been made by the President during this fiscal year due to his interpretation of his authority by virtue of the lack of a Budget enacted by Congress. The "Heraldo de Cuba" however, considers Decree 1066 much more dangerous and outrageous than the other series of appropriation Decrees, because the vagueness of the provisions of the same givesrise to great enormities, because it leaves the Executive at liberty to practice a liquidation of the Budget in such a way that he may take from the Treasury surplus the sums necessary for the payment of obligations of the fiscal year liquidated still pending.

EDITORIAL commenting unfavorably upon the attitude adopted by the Government in the face of the sugar mill strike, stating that this is not merely a problem of force, but that there is much room for arbitration.

EL HERALDO - November 22, 1924.

The membersof the House of Representatives have decided to take up the strike problem as soon as Congress meets, Doctor Vazquez Bello announces that a law similar to the Labor Intelligence Law of the harbor workers will be passed for the purpose of handling these other labor troubles.

In an editorial, "El Heraldo" talks of the strike as a plot against the sovereignty of Cuba. This editorial attacks the American sugar interests and as an example shows the attitude of the National City Bank which has asked the President to suspend the immigration law for a short period of time in order to introduce Antillian workers for the sugar mills.

LA PRENSA - November 22, 1924.

This paper speaks of an appropriation Decree signed by the President granting nearly $400,000.00 for the pumps at Casa Blanca and Palatino for the Water Works. - Another Decree was signed ordering the construction of a park in front of the Presidential Palace on the lot situated between the Palace and the market, on which park President Zayas' statue will be erected.

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Four new mills are reported to have joined the strike.
Doctor Porto has assumed charge of the Department of Agriculture, pending the absence of General Betancourt.

LA NOCHE - November 22, 1924.

This paper publishes a rumor to the effect that General Menocal together with all his friends who accompanied him on his political excursion will be notified of their indictment.

LA TARDE - November 22, 1924.

With its usual alarming headlines, this paper states that the sugar mills are in an absolute age of terror, and that the labor union, in a secret meeting have resolved to go out on general strike when called upon.

DIARIO DE LA MARINA - November 23, 1924.

This paper states that the city of Habana is threatened with being convert into a huge gambling house, with the passive tolerance of the authorities.

Reporting that the Chargé d'Affaires of the United States, probably through error, held a conference with the Secretary of Agriculture, General Betancourt, in order to close all the details of the celebration at Santiago de Cuba in homage to Col. Roosevelt.

EDITORIAL commenting upon the importance of the Assembly of Colonos to be held in Camaguey to-day, stating that the problem must be solved, and criticizing some of the newspapers, indirectly for their comments against the sugar industry couched in seemingly patriotic terms, that whatever all this may lead to, the fact is that sugar is the Chief industry of Cuba, and that when sugar reaches high prices, everybody in Cuba makes money, and if a crop is not harvested a financial crisis is sure to follow, and that the fact that the great majority of the capital invested in sugar is in the hands of foreign corporations should not be looked at from the bad side but it must be realized that immense benefits in the cause of the progress and advancement of Cuba are brought about by said investment of foreign capital.

EL TRIUNFO - November 23, 1924.

El Triunfo brings to the attention of the people the vast project of the Central Highway which it calls the most dirty and stupid deal that has been put through. That a Bill is being prepared so that the work shall be given to a certain company without the previous requisite of an auction, with a bond issue to secure the construction, which bond issue contains the deal.
-- The Joint Committee of Labor Unions has decided in a resolution to go on a general strike in sympathy for the mill workers. A manifesto to the people has been issued in which this Committee challenges the public authorities ~~xxx~~ in a veiled manner.
The Governor of Oriente has arrived in Habana to report on this situation in his Province.

DIARIO DE LA MARINA - November 23, 1924.

This paper publishes a summary of the resolutions adopted by the Joint Committee of Labor Unions of Habana, which is as follows: FIRST: To declare publicly and announce to the authorities that in defence of the laborer and in view of the expulsions, arbitrariness, violence and imprisonment carried on by the Government, it shall declare a general strike through-

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out the whole Republic on a date to be announced later. SECOND: That each and very Union contribute to materially assist by cash contribution the strikers and their families, for which purposes, collections are to be taken up. THIRD: To convene a meeting on December 14th, to be held in Habana, of the Delegates of the laborers of each mill and labor union of the Republic in order to take the necessary steps and adopt the necessary resolutions to cope with the present situation.

"Heraldo de Cuba" states that a series of immoral laws which carry appropriations amounting to four million dollars have been passed by the Senate, and are pending executive sanction without the approval of the House. That a session of the lower House has been simulated, several Congressmen taking part in the same. However, in mentioning these laws which amount to such a huge sum of money, this newspaper fails to definitely mention any one save the one granting fifty thousand dollars for a Congressional Committee which is to go to Europe and study the parliamentary form of Government, which, as a matter of fact, is the only law carrying an appropriation which the records show to have been passed by the Senate in its session of afew days ago.

The members of the Banking Liquidation Commission insist in their intention of reorganizing the Banco Nacional de Cuba.

The Supreme Court has ordered the institution of a criminal action against the Secretaries of the Treasury and Public Works as a result of the recent Malecon "affaire". The Court has named Doctor Mario Montero as Special Judge to investigate this case.

EDITORIAL commenting in a favorable manner upon the attitude of the Supreme Court in ordering an investigation of the Malecon scandal, but regretting that many of those responsible for this matter, in addition to the Secretaries of Public Works and of the Treasury, have not been included in the proceedings.

Another EDITORIAL commenting upon the continued looting of the Treasury, and stating that "Heraldo de Cuba" cannot contribute to the erection of a monument to a man who like the President is going through the Treasury in such a unlawful manner.

EL MUNDO - November 23, 1924.

EDITORIAL, favorably commenting upon the organization (which took place yesterday at the Casino Español) of the "Union Ibero Americana" (Spanish-American Union), which constitutes a division of the same organization established in Madrid, the real purposes of which are "the study of treaties of commerce, intellectual and industrial property, arbitration, civil and penal legislation, etc. between the Government of Spain and the Governments of the countries of that origin; to procure the reciprocal qualification of titles granted by official establishments of learning for the free exercise of professions between the Spanish-American countries and Spain, suggesting the methods to overcome the difficulties encountered at present....."

This and all other papers confirm the report of the admission by the Supreme Court of the accusation presented against the Secretaries of the Treasury and of Public Works in connection with the "Malecon deal".

EL HERALDO - November 23, 1924.

Article very unfavorably commenting upon the purchase of six apparatus for the chlorination of water, stating that it constitutes a big "chivo" which will leave a margin of profit of over one hundred thousand dollars to the authors of the scheme, Cueto, Secretary of the Presidency Lecuona, and a Turk by the nameof Tarrab.

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At a meeting held in Santiago de Cuba on the 17th by the Federation of Employees and Workmen of the Cuba Railroad, it was resolved to declare a boycott against the sugar mills where strikes exist.

Telegram from Central "Isabel" stating that the Delegate of the Union at said Central was expelled by the Rural Guard, and the laborers protest against this arbitrary action.

Reports from Punta Alegre state that in spite of the methods of violence employed by Sergeant Torres, the laborers maintain the strike.

Telegram from Central Cespedes stating that the labor conflict has not been solved, and the strike continues there.

Telegram from Florida, stating that the town is placed under military rule, and that the laborers of Centrals "Agramonte" "Florida" and "Cespedes" have dispersed so as not to obey the military orders.

The strike continues in Centrals "Palma", "America" and "Oriente" in the district of Palma Soriano. The laborers think that the West Indies Sugar Company will have to give up, because the petitions of the laborers are just "and backed by the Constitution".

The Federation of Economic Corporations of the Island has renewed its petition to the House of Representatives regarding certain information in connection with the Tariff Reform, as, for instance: Whether the House has adopted any resolution which may be in force at present, determining the conditions on which the Reform will be based; whether the House has approved the entire project of Tariff Reform prepared by the Tax and Tariff Committee in 1922; whether the result of the information opened has been published; whether the project of Tariff Reform sent to this Association by Dr. Rey under date of June 28th, in the name of the Tariff Commission, differs essentially from that approved in 1922 and on which a public information was opened, etc.

LA PRENSA - November 23, 1924.

Strike has been declared in two sugar mills ("Soledad" and "Cecilia") of the district of Guantánamo, according to a telegram received yesterday.

LA TARDE - November 23, 1924.

Text of the Manifesto issued by the Joint Committee of Labor Union of Habana, and also the text of the resolutions adopted at yesterday's meeting.

Article entitled "THE STORM IS APPROACHING" - Commenting upon the present labor conflict in sugar mills, and stating that the Department of Agriculture, Commerce and Labor, has proved to be absolutely useless in connection with labor problems of the country. It also comments upon the present attitude of the Government which constitutes a challenge to the working classes.

EL MUNDO - November 24, 1924.

The Assembly of Sugar Planters was held yesterday in Camaguey, as scheduled, and "El Mundo" gives an account of the same, stating that the following resolutions were adopted in the same: FIRST: To thank the Association of Sugar Planters and Mill Owners of Cuba for the efforts made by said Association in the organization of this Assembly. SECOND: To express its conformity with the Manifesto issued by the Honorable President of the Republic, dated Nov. 11th, defending successfully the individual and collective rights of the contending parties in the present

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conflict and inviting them to seek a harmonious solution, which constitute the synthesis of the same principles proclaimed by the Asociacion de Hacendados y Colonos de Cuba. THIRD: To request from the Government that in cpmplying with its ineludible duty of checking any public disturbances and guaranteeing the free exercise of the rights of every individual, it should prevent foreign elements from using coercion with the laborers and from preventing a cordial solution of the conflict. FOURTH: To offer the cooperation of the sugar planters to the genuine working classes, for the obtention from the xx sugar mill owners of reforms and improvements in living conditions, the payment of wages in cash, the suppression of commercial monopoly in all cases where it exists to the detriment of the laborers, and the adoption of any other measure which may tend to improve the conditions of the working classes..... FIFTH: To request from the Executive Power the appointment of a commission which will investigate the problem in all its aspects and submit a report to the Legislative Power, in order to obtain from Congress the promulgation of laws regulating the relations between capital and labor..... SIXTH: To notify these resolutions officially officially to the Governor of the Province and to the President of the Republic.

Cable despatch from New York referring to the Monument in Honor of Col. Roosevelt and the celebrations which will take place in Santiago next month, and giving the list of the following persons who will attend the ceremonies: President Zayas, Ambassador Crowder, Mrs. Douglas Robinson (who will represent Roosevelt's family), Major General J.J.Harbord, Major Frank Enox and Colonel David M. Goodrich (Rough riders); William Allen White, Henry J. Allen, ex Governor of xxxxx Kansas; Lafayette Young, of Iowa, ex Senator of the United States, and Herman Hage Dorn, Director of the Roosevelt Memorial Association.

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HERALDO DE CUBA - November 2th.

Article stating that President Zayas realizing that his many relatives will have to leave the offices they now hold, is planning a diplomatic and consular combination to maintain them in office after his term of office expires.

Las of the series of articles criticizing the project of reorganization of the Banco Nacional de Cuba.

Interview with Governor Barcelo, of Oriente, regarding the sugar mill strike. He states that it is up to Congress to solve this problem, by enacting proper laws harmonizing the interests of capital and labor. The labor unions are frankly marching toward a formidable organization, and it is useless to try to stop them by means of inadequate methods of reprisal and violence. The laborers of the Cuba Railroad have granted a period to declare a boycott against the mills where strikes exist. He also states that the labor agitators are not foreigners.

Cable despatch from New York referring to the ceremonies which will be held in Santiago de Cuba next month, and stating that the Secretary of the Navy has sent orders to the Commander of the battleship "Galveston" to proceed to Santiago.

EL HERALDO - November 24th.

Section entitled "OPINIONS" - Commenting upon the fact that the sugar mills strike is one of the most serious conflicts which the present Government has had to face, and that it is a very well organized movement with which it is very difficult to cope

This paper also publishes an interview with Governor Barceló, of Oriente, in which he criticizes the methods of violence used against the laborers, and refers to the fact that the strike is spreading in the Province of Oriente with great rapidity.

"IN THE TRAP" - Article commenting upon the sugar mills strike, stating that it is not so much a struggle between capital and labor, as a struggle between two powerful sugar enterprises which are trying to have supremacy in Cuba: the sugar interests represented by Tarafa, and the General SugarsCo. which represents the sugar interests of The National City Bank of New York. The present conflict has been brought about by the approval of "the Law of Sub-Ports". The General Sugars requested to be relieved from the obligation from that payment and that state of subordination to the railroads, and to be permitted to make the necessary sub-ports for its mills, and promises were made to the Company to that effect. The promises, however, were not fulfilled, and that concession was granted to the "Cuba Cane", and this accounts for the absence of the conflict in the mills of the Cuba Cane Sugar Corporation. But after the General Sugars Co. was deceived in that way, and after said Company failed in its purposes to bribe the members of Congress to have the law modified in their favor, its only purpose has been to provoke an American intervention in Cuba so that its interests will be prfectly guaranteed. But the worst of it is that the Government of Cuba is helping the General Sugars, and naturally The National City Bank, to obtain their purposes against the independence of Cuba, by acting as it does..... ....

LA DISCUSION - November 24, 1924.

This paper publishes a lengthy article stating that the American Government is carrying on an insidious work to take away the patriotic sentiment of the Cubans, and that even in the City of Santiago de Cuba the Cubans are compelled to appeal to General Crowder in connection with the Sanitary conditions existing there. It also states that persons receiving a salary from the American Government are carrying on a propaganda of Americanization of the Cubans, not only in Cuba but also in certain parts of the

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United States, especially in Tampa, where a so-called "Cuban Club" (Circulo Cubano) exists for this purpose.

LA TARDE - November 24th.

Commenting upon the Assembly of sugar planters held in Camaguey las Sunday, this paper states that it was a total failure, as no resolution was adopted which could serve as a basis for the settlement of the present strike.

Article referring to the ill-health of President-elect Machado, and commenting upon the problem which would arise if he should die before he takes possession of office, because the case is not foreseen in the Electoral Code.

LA NOCHE - November 24th.

Cable despatch from New York stating that for some weeks past special attention has been given to the strike in sugar mills of Cuba, in political and financial circles. There was a moment when it was believed that the strike had been prepared and carried out by foreign elements with bolshevist tendencies. Acting on this belief, notes were exchanged between the Department of State and the Embassy of the United States in Habana, and the Cuban Government offered its rapid intervention and at the same time proceeded to deport several foreigners accused of inciting the laborers to maintain the strike. The despatch also refers to the Assembly of Colonos, and the efforts made to solve the conflict.

EL MUNDO - November 25, 1924.

EDITORIAL, commenting favorably upon the resolutions adopted at the Asembly of Colonos held in Camaguey, as they contain practically an entire program of labor vindication.

The House of Representatives at last held a session yesterday, and the present session of Congress was declared open. The order of the day only contained the reading of the Presidential Message. Seventy-nine Representatives answered the roll call.

DIARIO DE LA MARINA - November 25, 1924.

A feature article commenting upon the consequences of the Assembly of Colonos held in Camaguey last Sunday. The beginning of the article is very optimistic, because, although nothing was solved at said Assembly, and nothing could be solved as the Colonos were not a part in the conflict, they at least approved a motion making some suggestions for the solution; and, besides, both the labor ladear Varona and Mr. Houston of the General Sugars Company seemed to be willing to come to terms. - But suddenly, a telegram is received from Florida announcing that at an Assembly of Laborers it was resolved to maintain the strike, until the demands made by them are accepted. This changes the aspect of the question, and "Diario de la Marina" criticizes the attitude of Leader Varona and of the laborers in general, stating that it is not easy to predict the consequences of this attitude from now on. 'The Armyis now in action. The Government has promised that there will be a crop "by all means'. The laborers refuse to work. And a general strike is planned. We go toward the worst, toward the intolerable end. After which, there will undoubtedly come a solution. And we do not know who will be benefited by it."

CIRCULAR ISSUED BY THE MANAGER of the Cuban Northern Rys. inviting the laborers to return to work.

The laborers of Central "San German" went on strike yesterday morning.

Telegram from Florida announcing that the laborers have resolved not to return to work, until the bases presented by them are accepted. This resolution affects all the sugar mills

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An article very favorably commenting upon the activities displayed by Mr. Carrerá as Secretary of Public Works, and atating that the streets of Habana are being repaired with all possible haste.

EDITORIAL, unfavorably commenting upon the pamohlet distributed by the Temporary Banking Liquidation Commission, containing "A summary of the work realized from February 17, 1921 to August 4, 1924," and stating that after three and half years of existence, the Commission should have given a more ample report of its work - and points out certain deficiencies in the organization of said Commission.

EL TRIUNFO - November 25, 1924.

A telegram from Camaguey reading as follows: "Colonel Mendieta, Dr. Zaydin, Mr. Guedes and Dr. Diaz Pardo as well as the other members of the Commission appointed by the Assembly of Colonos yesterday, together with the labor leaders Varona and Rivero, presided over by Governor Zayas Bazan, are taking active steps to end the conflict within a period of 48 hours. Great optimism prevails, and it is generally believed that their efforts will be crowned by success."

The President of the SupremeCourt held a conference with President Zayas yesterday, in connection with the proceedings instituted against General Menocal and others.

"A CHRISTMAS PRESENT" - Favorably commenting upon the decision of the President to order the payment of twenty per cent of the bonuses owed to public employees.

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HERALDO DE CUBA - November 25, 1924.

This paper denounces "the most repugnant and iniquitous despoliation recorded in the parliamentary annals of Cuba." The employees of the House of Representatives, in combination with several members of the House, simulated a session in which 29 laws detrimental to the country were approved. At a session, without quorum, held on June 10th, only two laws were approved, and then twenty-seven more were fraudulently added, and one of these, which refers to the dredging of the port of Cárdenas, is the most scandalous and punishable. Bartolomé Sagaró, who unduly acted as Secretary, is held as principally responsible for the fraud committed. - This paper also publishes an appeal to the President of the Republic in connection with said scandal, stating that the Project of Law of the Public Works Committee of the House granting an appropriation of $70,000.00 for the construction of a road from Bahia Honda to Consolación del Norte, to which an amendment for the sum of $2.780,000.00 was fraudulently added, as fraudulent as the Project itself which was not discussed, approved or sanctioned by the members of the House, constitutes a very serious question, and the President should not be taken unaware. It also states that this is the most serious crime committed in the political life of Cuba, and the President cannot add his sanction to the fraud of false laws. .

Article unfavorably commenting upon the Decree "authorizing the reimbursement of amounts paid to the Treasury prior to June 30, 1922, in excess of legal debits", and stating that it envolves serious illegalities.

Article commenting upon the Labor conflict, and stating that the West Indies Sugar Co. is responsible for the strike in the Eastern provinces of Cuba. Dr. Portuondo and Governor Barceló have come to Habana to request the Government, in the name of the laborers, to abandon its present attitude.

Article stating that the Banking Committee of the Federation of Economic Corporations will take steps to defeat the project of reorganization of the Banco Nacional de Cuba.

EL HERALDO - November 25, 1924.

Article commenting upon the strike, and stating that there will be no understanding between the laborers and the mill owners if the latter maintain an irreconcilable attitude. The President of the Association of Sugar Planters and Mill Owners declared in the office of Governor Zayas Bazan, that the foreign companies want Congress to pass a law tending to prevent the laborers of sugar mills from going on strike.

Dr. Gil will present a Project of Law (the text of which is given in this article) which provides that the "Colonos" will receive , as a minimum, six "arrobas" of sugar for every 100 "arrobas" of cane, as he believes that this will diminish to some extent the control of American companies over Cuban sugars.

EDITORIAL unfavorably commenting upon the purposes to erect a statue in honor of President Zayas, and stating that instead of the title of "Restorer of Public Liberties" given to him, he should be more properly called "THE UPHOLDER OF ADMINISTRATIVE CORRUPTION"; and in this connection the article refers to the suppression of "El Heraldo" when this paper told the truth with respect to the revolution of the Veterans and Patriots, and again when it defended the railroad men against the abuses of Mr. Jack. It further refers to the purchase of the Santa Clara Convent, the Malecon "affaire", the Law of Colecturias, the free granting of pardons, etc.

An article stating that one of the first acts of the next Administration, should be to prevent the sale and transfer of

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lands to foreign companies, obtaining the approval of the necessary laws, because if things continue at the present rate, all the lands will soon belong to foreigners, and the Cubans will be foreigners in their country. It further comments unfavorably upon the manner in which said Companies treat the Cuban laborers. It has already been seen that the Government is compelled to use methods of violence against the laborers, in spite of the fact that they make just petitions, and make them in a peaceful manner.

LA PRENSA - November 25, 1924.

The arrest of several laborers caused the workers of Central Toledo to go on strike.

The laborers of Central Cupey are gradually returning to work

Central "Cunagua" will commence to grind on Dec. 8th.

The laborers of Central"Fe" have presented certain demands, and they will probably go on strike.

LA NOCHE - November 25, 1924.

A commission of laborers of the Province of Oriente will visit the President tomorrow morning. The laborers will ask him to use his good offices to obtain from the sugar planters and mill owners the recognition of their union and the right to appoint delegates.

Rumors have circulated to the effect that the Captain of the Port, Armando André, has presented his resignation, It is also rumored that Dr. Menocal, head of the Immigration Department, will be asked to resign.

Final results of the elections in the Province of Oriente (This refers to the votes obtained by the candidates for members of the House of Representatives).

LA TARDE - November 25, 1924.

OPINION OF Mr. H. S. RUBENS IN CONNECTION WITH THE STRIKE - Article stating that upon leaving for the United States, Mr. Rubens said that he felt very discouraged with the turn of events in connection with the strike; that the present state of confusion entails extreme gravity, and that important events may shortly take place in Cuba caused by the labor movement, the gravity of which nobody can fail to realize.

EL MUNDO - November 26, 1924.

EDITORIAL entitled "UNANIMOUS PROTEST AGAINST A SCANDALOUS FRAUD" - Very unfavorably commenting upon the obligatory installation of water-meters and of furnaces for the cremation of garbage, projected by the Department of Public Works.

Article stating that the Budget for the fiscal year 1923-1924 has been totally liquidated, as follows:
Receipts: $91.603,822.37; Expenditures, $73.951,287.84, leaving a surplus of $17.652.534.73. From said surplus, the following amounts have been taken:

$5.503.400.00 for the amortization of the Interior Debt of 1917;
3.130,000.00 for the amortization of the Morgan Loan of $50.000,000.00, and
194,650.00 to carry out laws passed by Congress, besides
567,555.00 paid as an advance to the Ayuntamiento of Habana,
leaving a balance of
$6.505.079.73 now deposited in the Treasury.

The article also states that the following remittances were made yesterday by the Department of the Treasury:
To Morgan and Company: $208,910.00 for payment of interest on the $50.000,000.00 loan, and $45,833.33 for the amortization of the same loan. To Speyer & Co: $208.910.00 for payment of interest and amortization of the $35.000,000.00 loan.

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Text of the communication addressed to the President of the Association of Sugar Planter and Mill Owners by the Members of the Commission appointed at the Camaguey Assembly, in which they report that they have failed to reach an understanding with the laborers, inasmuch as the latter flatly refuse to return to work until after their union and the right to appoint delegates, are recognized. This communication is signed by: Carlos Mendieta, Tomas Piedra, Rafael Sanchez Aballi, Melchor Batista, Adolfo Mendez Guedes and Rogelio Diaz Pardo.

It was rumored yesterday that the President will sign a Decree at any moment, ordering the deportation of a few more labor agitators. - The Supervisor at Central Estrella reports that this mill has its complete personnel, and is getting ready to begin grinding. - The Supervisor at Algodones reports that this mill is making the necessary repairs with non-union workers. The Supervisor at Cespedes reports that 62 more men are working there, making a total of 184 actually working in Cespedes.

Text of the Manifesto issued by the National Association of the Sugar Industry (Asociación Nacional de la Industria Azucarera), making, among others, the following declarations: that the present strike and the organization of unions is directed by persons not connected with the sugar industry; that the Association is not satisfied with the vague xxx legislation and at a long period, suggested by the Assembly of Colonos; that the conflict commenced by what it should have been the end of it: THE STRIKE AND THE MUTUAL THREATS; that the Association has suggested the creation of Arbitration Committees, which would render unnecessary the appointment of official delegates at the mills; that the Association does not consider necessary the recognition of the delegates in the sugar mills, because in the 67 mills where this Association has delegates, these delegates have acted freely and successfully, etc.

DIARIO DE LA MARINA - November 26, 1924.

Feature article commenting upon the necessity of the sugar crop, as it is a question of supreme national interest. It states that if the crop is not realized, the sugar enterprises will lose the dividends of one year, the "colonos" will lose that year's harvest, and the laborers their salaries of several months; but the Nation will be exposed to a deficit of the public treasury, the disorganization of all the services entrusted to its care, the loss of its foreign credit, the collapse of trade, complications of an international nature and the beginning of the decline of the great industry which for centuries has been the principal source of wealth in Cuba. The efforts to prevent the realization of the crop, is much more serious than any political disturbance. Therefore, the Government is bound to intervene in order that the cane will be ground, and public opinion is likewise obligated to back up the Government in this connection.....

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1. Enclosed will be found brief summaries of news articles and editorial comment of the Havana Press for the days:

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November 26, 1924 (Afternoon) 1-1
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HERALDO DE CUBA - November 26, 1924.

Article commenting upon the sugar mill strike, and criticizing the attitude by the Government. The Government covers its methods of violence with apparantely legal attitudes, because all the efforts made to solve the conflict have failed. Iturralde affirms that normalcy will be restored within a few days, but in the mean time he holds conferences with General Herrera and Colonel Quero, and prepares to deport other labor agitators. The workers of Central "Fe" will also go on strike. The railroad men only await a signal to stop all traffic. The reports received from Camaguey by the "Asociacion de Hacendados y Colonos" are very discouraging, because the strikers demand the recognition of the unions and the acceptance and recognition of the delegates at the mills. Dr. Zayas is kept informed of the efforts made to solve the conflict, which he approved. The President added that as Congress was in session now, it was up to Congress to issue the necessary laws to settle the conflict.

Articles further commenting upon the laws approved in a simulated session of the House, stating that the denunciation made by "Heraldo de Cuba" created great excitement in Congress. It also publishes the full text of the law approved at that "session", carrying appropriations for nearly three million dollars and granting an outrageous monopoly in the port of Cardenas.

EDITORIAL, commenting upon the fact that Congress has no moral authority at present to ask the President to stop disposing of the public funds by decrees, making transfers of credit, etc. If Parliamentary System existed in Cuba, Secretary Portela could not justify before Congress the transgressions of the law committed by the appropriation decrees.

Cable despatch from Washington, stating that Major General James G. Harbord will speak in the name of President Coolidge at the inaugural ceremonies of Roosevelt's Monument at Santiago on December 14th, and that his statements must be regarded as coming from the President himself.

Article commenting upon the efforts made by the merchants' association of Habana and of New York to bring closer commercial relations between Cuba and the United. States

EL HERALDO - November 26, 1924.

In an article commenting upon the strike, this paper states that the President wants Congress to suspend the constitutional guarantees in the Provinces affected by the strike. "El Heraldo" states that Congress should refuse to accede to this, and instead of that, it should approve the necessary laws to harmonize the interests of the workers and the mill owners.

Article stating that the last political campaign cost $1.200,000.00 to the Conservative Party. Menocal spent $442,000.00 of his private funds. He intends to pay up to the last cent, and then withdraw from political life.

Article further commenting upon the grafting scheme planned by Cueto, Secretary Lecuona, and the Turk Tarrab, in connection with the apparatus for the chlorination of waters. One hundred of these will be bought in five months, at $6,000.00 each, leaving a margin of profit of $300,000.00 to the promoters of the scheme.

The Conservatives have decided to oppose the bill increasing the number of members of the House, because they would only obtain three of the thirteen posts to be created.

This paper defends the law for the dredging of the port of Cardenas, which is combatted so much by "Heraldo de Cuba" stating that it was legally approved by Congress.

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EDITORIAL. entitled "IN ENGLISH, BUT IN CUBA", very unfavorably commenting upon a recent article published in "The Evening News", in which Cuba is threatened with the application of the provisions of the Platt Amendment if this country does not hasten to place all its resources in the hands of the American sugar mill owners for the subjugation of the Cuban laborers. It also states that the most stupendous affirmation made by "The Evening News", is that Cuba is happy only because the greater part of its wealth is the hands of Americans.

LA DISCUSION - November 26, 1924.
In an article commenting upon the strike, this paper states that a general strike will be declared shortly, and that if the Railroad Brotherhood supports it, Cuba will inevitably be invaded by a "red" wave.

Governor Zayas Bazan, of Camaguey, obtains the payment of $74,000.00 as a part of the reward promised to him for the electoral frauds committed by him. To justify this "present", the constretion of an imaginary road is simulated.

LA TARDE - November 26, 1924.

Three thousand soldiers have been ordered this morning to proceed to the Province of Camaguey, because the Government wants to be prepared to use drastic measures against the strikers. As soon as the labor circles were informed of this, they communicated with the Union Syndicates, so as to decide on the line of conduct to be followed, which will unquestionably be the declaration of a general strike.

Text of a Law presented in the House, tending to reduce the Custom House duties on gasoline.

Dr. Gil stated this morning that the House of Representatives will shortly pass a Bill authorizing President Zayas to pay the balance of the bonuses owed to public employees.

Article entitled "A QUESTION OF METHODS" - Commenting upon the fact that American capital invested in Cuba is gradually decreasing, for reasons not known up to the present. As a proof of this affirmation, it refers to the case of Centrals "Amistad" and "Gomez Mena", which, having been purchased by the National City Bank of New York, have again passed to the hands of their former owners, in default of payment of part of the purchase price and accrued interest. Another case mentioned is that of the sugar mills formerly belonging to Mr. Domingo Lech, which, after being attached by the National City Bank, have been restored to their present owner. - The reason is probably because the management is entrusted to Americans, and not to Cubans or Spaniards, and try to apply methods which will not work out in Cuba, and therefore they fail to obtain a fair interest on their investments. The article finally expresses the hope that this will serve as a lesson to the haughty Americans who consider themselves superior to the studious and working natives.

LA PRENSA - November 26, 1924.
This paper also refers to the rumors that President Zayas intends to send a message to Congress requesting the suspension of the Constitutional guarantees, in the Provinces of Camaguey and Oriente.

EL MUNDO - November 27, 1924.
President Zayas has denied the rumors of his intentions to hold the constitutional guarantees in suspense.

According to the latest reports in official circles, the laborers of many sugar mills in the Provinces of Oriente and Camaguey are returning to work.

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"El Mundo" - November 27th (Continued).

Telegram from Moron stating that the Union of Laborers of the Cuba Northern Railways (Tarafa Line) have decided to go on strike , in sympathy with the Union of Stevedores of Port Tarafa, and have granted a period of 72 hours.

A military train left from Camp Columbia for Camaguey last night.

The conflict of the "Caujeri" lands has arisen again. A telegram from Santiago de Cuba announces that the Indians who occupy the "Caujeri" lands threaten with a rebellious attitude, in case anybody tries to purchase said lands belonging to the State.

Dr. Orestes Ferrara, and Mr. Santiago Claret, Director of "El Sol", fought a duel yesterday. Mr. Claret was wounded in the first encounter.

EL TRIUNFO - November 27, 1924.

The United Railways have ceased to accept freight for points on the line of the Cuba Company and of the Northern Railways of Cuba, which indicates that a strike is contemplated in said lines.

Telegram from Santiago de Cuba stating that the Superintendnt of the Cuba Company has announced that no freight trains will be run, on account of the boycott declared against the sugar mills xxxxxxxxx where strikes exist.

It was announced at the Palace yesterday that all the temporary personnel of the Department of the Treasury and of Public Works will be dismissed on the 30th instant.

HERALDO The National Federation of Economic Corporations has
DE pronounced itself against the project of reorganization of the
CUBA Banco Nacional.

Commenting upon the simulated session of June 10th, "Heraldo de Cuba" publishes to-day: the text of the Law for the construction of the road from Bahia Honda to Consolación del Sur, as approved by the House; the project sent to the Senate making it appear as the one approved, and the minutes of the session of June 10th. - It also publishes an article directed to the President of Republic explaining everything that happened in connection with this fraudulent law.

Rumors circulated at the Palace yesterday in connection with the purposes of creating a "Department of Labor", and of converting the office of the Presidency into a Department of the Government, which will require an Under Secretary who would necessarily have to be a Lawyer.

EL HERALDO - November 27, 1924.

Cable despatch from New York stating that at a meeting of the Board of Directors of the National City Bank, Mr. Mitchel was severely criticized for maintaining Mr. Mitchel as President of the General Sugars Company. - Mr. Henry Ford criticized the policy followed in the West Indies, of appointing American managers in the place of the native managers who are better acquainted with local conditions. One of the Directors accused Mr. Houston of having purchased a fine residence in Greenwich, Conn., for which he had paid $850.000.00. It was said after the meeting that Mr. Mitchel was studying the convenience of appointing a prominent Cuban as President of the General Sugars Company. It is also intended to divide the plantations in Cuba into two groups. This means that the General Sugars Co. will disappear, and that Mr. xxxxxx Houston will be withdrawn from Cuba.

"El Heraldo" also publishes an article commenting upon the above cable despatch.

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LA PRENSA - November 27, 1924.

EDITORIAL entitled "LEGISLATIVE STRIKE" - Commenting upon the inactivity of Congress, and stating that after the first month that Congress should have been in session, the Senate has only convened twice, and the House only once, without undertaking the urgent problems pending.

LA NOCHE - November 27, 1924.

Several laborers arrested in Central Punta Alegra are now kept in the Cabaña Fortress, and will be deported as soon as the President signs the corresponding decree.

The President has signed a Decree granting an appropriation of $24,000.00, for the repairs of the building occupied by the Academy of Science.

EL MUNDO - November 28, 1924.

EDITORIAL - Commenting upon the water problem of Habana, and stating that in spite of the promises made by the Government several months ago that the problem would be solved without further delay, nothing has been done. In the meantime, the residents of Habana are still sufferings the consequences of the lack of water.

DIARIO DE LA MARINA - November 28, 1924.

Telegram from Algodones, stating that the strikers tried to blow up a bridge. The bomb was placed in one of the approached of the bridge. The explosion was heard twelve miles away, but the bridge was not destroyed, probably due to the manner in which the bomb was placed.

Dr. Vazquez Bello, Senator Gonzalez Clavel, and Governor Barceló, of Oriente, left yesterday for the Isle of Pines to confer with General Machado.

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HERALDO DE CUBA - November 28, 1924.

Commenting upon the labor conflict, this paper states that the period granted by the workers of the Cuba Northern Railways to go on strike if the demands of the sugar mill strikers are not accepted, expires on Saturday at 7:00 A.M. This means that the Provinces of Camaguey and Oriente will be cut off from the rest of the Island. The article also refers to the attempted destruction of the bridge at Algodones, stating that the idea was to wreck a train carrying laborers which was due there shortly afterwards. - The laborers and employees of Central "Jobabo" will go on strike tomorrow. - Iturralde stated yesterday that he recognized the right of the Cuban laborers to organize unions for the protection of their interests, but that he was not disposed to tolerate the work of dissolution carried on by foreign agitators. - The deportation of several Spanish laborers will be decreed to-day or tomorrow.

"THE HOUSE IS DISCREDITED" - Article directed to Dr. Clemente Vazquez Bello, asking him to define his attitude in connection with the outrageous laws passed in the simulated session of the House, because up to the present he has only tried to dodge responsibilities.

President Zayas has vetoed the law granting an appropriation of $50,000.00 to send a commission of Congressmen to Europe. The text of the message to Congress returning said Bill, is published in this issue. The President's action is favorably commented upon, and he is asked to veto immediately the immoral Bill for the dredging of Cardenas.

Another article stating that if the President signs the Law for the Dredging of the port of Cardenas, he would be guilty of complicity in this outrageous monopoly. - The outgoing register of the House of Representatives is a further proof of the simulated session. The records show that only the Bill containing three articles, referring to the construction of the road of Bahia Honda was sent out, and not the law of the dredging which contains thirteen articles.

Article stating that the deed of incorporation of the company which is to accomplish the gigantic affair of the Central Highway, has already been signed before Notary Becci. It is said that the President has made certain objections to the project.

EL HERALDO - November 28, 1924.

This paper states that a general strike will be declared within the next 48 hours, according to impressions prevailing in the Railroad Brotherhood. - The Delegation No. 2 has declared a boycott against Central "Toledo". The deportation of about 50 Spanish laborers will be decreed.

Telegram from Guantanamo stating that the Caujeri conflict has been revived again. The "land-grabbers" threaten to expel the Indians who occupy said lands, but the Indians, in turn prepare to defend their rights, and disturbances may occur.

EDITORIAL commenting upon the uselessness of the Department of Agriculture at the present time, in spite of the fact that Cuba is an agricultural country; and stating that said Department should be placed in the hands of a competent and energetic person well acquainted with agricultural conditions, and who would be capable of carrying out a plan of reconstruction of agriculture which is now completely abandoned.

LA PRENSA- November 28, 1924.

This paper denies the rumors of the declaration of a general strike, and also states that no boycott has been declared against Central "Toledo", as was published in the morning papers.

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Section entitled "DEL MOMENTO" commenting upon the fact that nothing practical has been done towards the solution of the water problem of Habana, in spite of the formal promises made by the high authorities of the country. Things are now exactly as they were six months ago, with the corresponding dangers to public health, etc.

The Railroad Brotherhood will hold an Assembly to-night in Camaguey to discuss the present labor conflicts, and to decide on the line of conduct to be followed, in order that whatever decision is reached, may have the support of the majority of the members of the association.

Different labor organizations of Habana, such as the Union of Cart drivers, the Union of Motormen and Conductors, etc. will hold meetings tomorrow to decide on the line of conduct to be followed in connection with the sugar mill strikes.

A telegram from Santiago de Cuba states that Colonel Pujol Chief of the Military District of Oriente, is of the opinion that the Guantanamo division of the Railroads will not go on strike, and will not declare any boycott against sugar mills. The same telegram states that the Labor Syndicate of Employees and Workers of the Santiago Division of the Cuba Railroad, decided to go on strike by a vote of 110 to 1.

EL MUNDO - November 29, 1924.

EDITORIAL commenting upon the present labor conflict, and stating that a general strike would be a new grave mistake on the part of the laborers.

Cable despatch from Washington announcing that President Coolidge is in favor of the ratification of the Hay-Quesada Treaty.

Twenty-three labor agitators will be deported tomorrow.

Cable despatch from New York stating that General Carlos Garcia Velez will shortly publish a pamphlet in which he will explain the process of the Veterans' movement. The most interesting chapter of the pamohlet will be that in which he explains his attitude to prevent an intervention desired by prominent Cubans, and this will constitute a revelation.

Cable despatch from Washington stating that President Coolidge will shortly announce his decision on the Report of the Tariff Commission recommending the reduction of duties on sugar.

EL TRIUNFO - November 29, 1924.

Article stating that Mr. Pedro P. Kohly is in favor of the reorganization of the Banco Nacional, and is now drafting the bases for said organization. He is not in favor, however, of granting so many powers to the new bank as the original project is said to contain, because the bank should be confined to effect banking transactions, and not act as a contractor.

This paper criticizes the dredging project of Cardenas, and states that Cuba expects Dr. Zayas to do his duty and veto this outrageous monopoly.

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HERALDO DE CUBA - Bovembet 29, 1924.

Clyde Altha, a sugar chemist who arrived yesterday from New Orleans, declared to the Immigration authorities that he had come under contract to work as a chemist at Central "Elia". He was held at the immigration station, and will probably be sent back tothe United States, in spite of the efforts made to the contrary by the owners of Central "Elia". Many other chemists are said to have arrived disguised as tourists.

The Joint Committee of labor unions, at a meeting held last night, decided to declare a general strike to take effect on Tuesday at 6:00 A. M.

Article by Gonzalez Beauville referring to his campaign against the immoralities in the House of Representatives, and stating that a movement has been initiated by certain members of the House to expel him from the legislative body; but in spite of that, he will continue his campaign with greater vigor.

Article commenting upon the fraudulent project of the dredging of the port of Cardenas, against which all social classes of Cardenas are protesting.

The Banking Committee of the Economic Corporations is against the reorganization of the Banco Nacional. Tiburcio Castañeda submitted a report attacking the outrageous project, which was unanimously approved.

EDITORIAL, commenting upon the law of the dredging of Cardenas, and asking President Zayas to veto it because it is not a law.

EL HERALDO - November 29, 1924.

Another grafting scheme projected. The Government will pay $2.500,000.00 for the landsof the old slaughter house, which were ceded to the Ayuntamiento 139 years ago. Said lands are now held by the Department of Public Works and used as stables of the street cleaning service. They have an area of 35,621 square meters, and the Government will pay for them at the rate of $70.00. The law office of Dr. Zayas is said to be implicated in the "affaire".

Telegram from Cauto (Oriente), stating that the President of the Municipal Electoral Board and the Correctional Judge of Victoria de las Tunas, have been accused of prevarication, because the stealing of an electoral ballot box was classified as theft, for the purpose of saving the guilty persons.

LA TARDE - November 29, 1924.

This paper also refers to the lands of the old slaughter house and states that Secretary Carrerá intends to decree the expropriation proceedings in favor of Camejo and Otero.

General Crowder held a conference with Dr. Zayas this morning, to obtain information in connection with the strike, and to ask the President a more rapid action on the part of the Government, because the American companies are suffering serious losses by reason of the strikes in sugar mills.

Article stating that all the labor unions are ready to go on strike next Tuesday. - In Port Tarafa, nine laborers were arrested and flogged by the Rural Guard.

EL PAIS - November 29, 1924.

Article commenting upon the unanimous protests of all the live forces of Cardenas against the outrageous project for the dredging of that port.

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LA PRENSA - November 29, 1924.

The Assembly of the Railroad Brotherhood scheduled for yesterday, did not take place, but instead, a meeting of the Executive Committee was held. The Brotherhood will try to act as a mediator, and the general assembly has been postponed for three days. Consequently, the railroad men will not go on strike until the result of the negotiations started is known. The railroad men will probably suggest the following conditions to President Zayas: guarantee of the right of association and of other constitutional rights at the sugar mills; strict enforcement of the Arteaga Law, which prohibits the payment of wages by means of chips or notes; sanitary inspection of the living quarters and eating houses, regulations of work at the mills; the adoption of measures against those whoraise the cost of articles of prime necessity, and the study by Congress of the establishment of an eight-hour working day and immigrations restrictions.

Secretary Portela informed the reporters that orders had already been issued to commence to payment of the 20 per cent of the bonuses to public employees.

The President has signed a decree appropriating the sum of $23,485.57 for repairs of the building occupied by the Department of Sanitation.

The Union of Motormen and Conductors have decided to give material support to the strikers in sugar mills. They also decided that in case of a general strike, they will join 24 hours after the other unions of Habana are on strike.

EL MUNDO - November 30, 1924.

Telegram from Piedrecitas announcing that Central "Camaguey" has commenced to grind. - Central "Santa Teresa", near Sagua la Grande, will commence to grinding during the first fortnight of December.

The strike in the Cuba Northern Railways, commenced yesterday.

DIARIO DE LA MARINA - November 30, 1924.

This paper publishes an article written by Dr. Angel C. Arce, of Yateras, relating to the Caujeri Lands, in which he states that 18,000 "caballerias" of land (about 600000 acres)will be taken away from the Government and sold to foreigners, for the price of six million dollars; but that the Indians who occupy the lands are disposed to shed their blood in defence of their rights.

Cable despatch from Washington stating that Ambassador Torriente paid his respects to President Coolidge.

Article referring to in interview held yesterday by prominent merchants and industrialists of Cardenas with several of the persons interested in the realization of the dredging of the port of Cardenas recently authorized by Congress, with a view of coming to an understanding whereby the rights of the companies and individuals having wharves and warehouses in said port of Cardenas will not be affected by the project of dredging. Among the attendants, were: Messrs. Fonts and Clark, in representation of the Cuba Cane Corporation and of the Cuban Trading Company; Jose Lopez Serrano, Adolfo Hernandez, of the firm Adolfo Hernandez & Co; one of the managers of the firm "Jose Arechabala, S.A.", and the Attorneys Estanislao Cartañá and Octavio Ortiz Casanova.

Article commenting upon the rumors of a general strike, which always have a seditious character when they are declared as a protest against the actions of the Government.

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EL TRIUNFO - November 30, 1924.

The Secretary of the Interior granted an interview to the reporters yesterday, and told them, among other things, that the strike at the sugar mills could be considered as ended, because the majority of the laborers who went on strike have returned to work, and substitutes appointed in the place of those who refused to return. In connection with the rumors of a general strike. Doctor Iturralde said that the reports received by the Government were to the effect that there would not be a general strike, because this measure had not been approved by the majority of the laborers, but only by the radical elements in the labor organizations.

Dr. Diaz Albertini, Consulting Attorney for the General Sugars Company is very optimistic in regard to the labor situation.

Committees are being organized in all the municipalities of the Republic to give an impulse to the campaign in favor of the statue in honor of President Zayas.

In an article criticizing the actions of Mr. Pastor del Rio as member of the House of Representatives, it is stated that he was one of the members who acted as Secretary (Sagaró being the other Secretary) during a session held by the House, with the presence of only 25 members, and at which the dredging of the port of Cardenas was approved.

EDITORIAL unfavorably commenting upon the Law for the dredging of the port of Cardenas, and stating that it is one of the immoral projects planned by the members of Congress whose term of office will expire next year.

"THE ISLE OF PINES" commenting upon the recent declarations made by President Coolidge in connection with the ratification of the Hay-Quesada Treaty, and stating that the recognition of the right of Cuba does not constitue any favor, but is only an act of justice, because the Isle of Pines has always been a part of Cuba.....

HERALDO DE CUBA - November 30, 1924.

Article commenting upon "The Cuban-American Construction Co." recently incorporated to carry on the construction of the Central Highway. - It has been learned that President Zayas strongly objects to the idea of compelling the Municipalities to contribute with 20 per cent of their receipts for the payment of the bond issue, as this would give rise to a general protest throughout the Island, and thinks that it would be better to increase the duties on articles of luxury imported. The President of the General Electric Company, of New York, recently arrived on board the S.S. "Tolosa", and Mr. Belt, Vice President of a New York Railroad, are said to be the principal persons who are backing this enterprise, and that they have already deposited the sum of five million dollars to meet the preliminary expenses, which include the sums to be distributed among the members of Congress, etc.

In an article commenting ~~commenting~~ upon the strike, it is stated that Ambassador Torriente has been instructed to visit President Coolidge, in order that the former may report on the conditions existing in Cuba and the measures adopted by the Cuban Government, and at the same time to request President Coolidge to interpose his good offices with the Directors of the sugar enterprises with a view of arriving to a solution without further complications. That Ambassador Torriente called on President Coolidge, and although nothing is known as to the result of his visit, it is affirmed that a cablegram was sent to Ambassador Crowder asking for information in regard to the strike, its origin, and probable derivations. And after General Crowder received the cablegram, he called on President Zayas.....

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Merchants, manufacturers, professional men and laborers of the port of Cardenas, have asked President Zayas to veto the Law of Dredging. Foreign entities representing many millions, lodge complaints with the diplomatic representative of their country. The recent visit of General Crowder to the Palace is said to be connected with this question. It is believed at present that the law will be returned to Congress next Monday. Text of the motion approved by the Municipal Council of Cardenas, protesting against the law of dredging. Memorial addressed to President Zayas by merchants and manufacturers of Cardenas, also protesting against the law.

At a meeting of the Executive Committee of the National Federation of Economic Corporations, it was resolved to reiterate the petition made to the Secretary of the Treasury, for information in regard to the Malecon "affaire".

EDITORIAL, unfavorably commenting upon the project for the construction of the Central Highway and the projected reorganization of the Banco Nacional de Cuba.

The Association of Merchants of Habana insists on the repeal of the tax of four per cent.

LA NOCHE - November 30, 1924.

This paper states that 24 Spanish laborers were deported to-day on the S. S. "Lafayette"

General Machado is expected to arrive tomorrow from the Isle of Pines "because he has to take a decisive part in public affairs." The article further states that he may possibly go to Europe before he takes possession of his office.

It has been learned that General Menocal has accepted the offers made to him to assume the Management of a foreign Company which owns several sugar mills in Cuba.

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HERALDO DE CUBA- Dec. 1, 1924.

The Joint Committee of Labor Unions held a meeting last night, and decided to postpone the beginning of the strike until after the result of the conference with President Zayas was known, but they ratified the idea of a general strike without any fixed date or hour.

Article stating that the members of the Temporary Banking Commission are planning new grafting schemes, without mentioning the nature of such schemes, but simply stating that they are in connection with the reorganization of the Banco Nacional

The Motormen and Conductors of the Havana Electric Ry. Co. will present new demands to-day to the Company, and if the demands are not accepted they will go on strike. They will ask that the workers dismissed in 1920 be reinstated.

Article commenting upon the clandestine shipment of alcohol, stating that high official of the Government are pointed out as promoters of this illicit business.

Article unfavorably commenting upon the purposes of Representative Zaydin to become the Speaker of the House, and stating that he is also responsible for the law fraudulently approved by by Congress.

Article protesting against the deportation of twenty-four Spanish laborers.

Article stating that General Crowder, accompanied by the Managers of several sugar mills, visited President Zayas yesterday at Finca Maria, in connection with the present labor conflicts. No information could be obtained with respect to the points discussed at the conference.

EL HERALDO - Dec. 1, 1924.

This paper refers again to the question of the lands of the old slaughter-house, and states that it will bring a criminal action in the Supreme Court against the promoters of this scandalous deal. The Municipality of Habana has been the owner of said lands since the year 1797, and Dr. Zayas lost a law-suit in which he tried to take away the possession of said lands from the Ayuntamiento. Secretary Carrera now tries to carry out the compulsory expropriation of the lands with the idea of paying two and half million dollars for them. Cesar Madrid, assisted by Attorney Nuñez Portuondo, accuses Sandoval, Carrerá, Cuellar, Diaz de Villegas, Cuesta, Otero and Camejo for the crimes which they have committed in connection with this deal.

Interview with Dr. Enrique José Varona in connection with the ratification of the Hay-Quesada ~~Treaty~~ Treaty. He states that there is not the slightest doubt as to the right of Cuba, which is properly defended by Ambassador Torriente.

Cable despatch from New York referring to the rumors which circulated last Saturday regarding the appointment of prominent Cubans as Managers of the General Sugars Company and of the Cuba Cane Corporation. Among the persons mentioned, were: Mr. Miguel Arango, General Menocal, Mr. Antonio Mendoza, General Molinet and Eliseo Cartaya.

LA TARDE - Dec. 1, 1924.

Article referring to the assassination of several laborers, stating that this may change the aspect of the strike, and become a revolutionary strike. Referring to the last conference held between General Crowder and President Zayas, this article states that President Zayas was asked to put a rapid end to the sugar mill strike.

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EL MUNDO - December 2, 1924.

Article referring to a conference held yesterday between the President and several labor leaders from the interior of the Island. - After the conference, said labor leaders informed the reporters that they had been very well received by President Zayas, who promised to take steps to prevent the abuses committed against them. After discussing fully the labor conflicts, the labor leaders, it was agreed that they would draw up certain bases which they will place in the hands of the President, in which they will explain clearly the powers of the delegates at the sugar mills. The President will also prepare certain bases which he will submit to the laborers. President Zayas will try to have a conference with representatives of the sugar mill owners, and then bring about a conference between the laborers and the mill owners.

Several appeals were filed yesterday with the Civil Chamber of the Audiencia against the election of several Congressmen.

DIARIO DE LA MARINA - December 2, 1924.

EDITORIAL commenting upon the present labor conflicts, and the necessity of a decisive action on the part of the Government, by reason of the fact that the accomplishment of the sugar crop is a national necessity. The editorial also states that the deportation of labor leaders has not given the results desired.

EL TRIUNFO - December 2, 1924.

This paper comments with regret upon the promulgation of the Law for the dredging of the bay of Cardenas, and explains the attitude of President Zayas by stating that he has an extraordinary respect for the laws and does not in any way try to invade the powers which legitimately belong to Congress. It further states that the Supreme Court must declare the unconstitutionality of said law .

According to a report submitted to the Department of the Interior by the Supervisor at Moron, the laborers of the Cuba Northern Railways resolved to postpone the strike, until after the result of the conference at the Palace was known.

A stormy session was expected yesterday in the House of Representatives, but the session was not held for the lack of quorum. Accusations were to be made against the members of the House who were responsible for the "famous" session of June 10th. Dr. Jose Mulkay presented a motion in connection with the Malecon "affaire", requesting the Executive to explain the meaning of the item "Indemnities: $2.298,441.75" which appeared in the liquidation of the Budget of the Department of Public Works, published in the Official Gazette of November 28, 1924.

EDITORIAL, unfavorably commenting upon the fradulent law for the dredging of the bay of Cardenas, stating that it constitutes an irritating monopoly.

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HERALDO DE CUBA - December 2, 1924.

A harmonious solution of the labor conflict is expected as a result of the conference held between President Zayas and the commission appointed by the laborers. The mill owners have also been called for a conference with the President. A third conference at the Palace between the mill owners and the laborers will take place, to study the formula for a friendly understanding. Great optimism prevails at present.

Article unfavorably commenting upon the actions of the Temporary Banking Liquidation Commission. A sale at auction of securities of the Banco Español was canceled because it would not yield a sufficient margin of profit, in spite of the fact that many persons intended to make bids.

Commenting upon the appropriation recently granted by the President, of $3,000.00 "for expenses of propaganda in favor of Cuba abroad", "Heraldo de Cuba" states that it is a very small sum to carry on an effective campaign which will counteract the campaign against Cuba continually made in foreign periodicals.

A short article stating that President Zayas has made himself worthy of two contradictory honors: the first one is to have respected the laws in a political order; and the second, to have sold more laws than any other President. In some cases he has "sold his signature" at a very reduced price, as in the case of many pardons granted, and in others he has charged a very high price, as in the case of the Malecon "affaire" for which he received one million dollars; and in the case of the substitution of the law for the dredging of the port of Cárdenas which he sanctioned for the sum of $350,000.00.

Cable despatch from Washington, stating that the probabilities for the ratification of the Hay-Quesada Treaty when Senator Robinson pronounced himself in favor of it. This means that practically all the Democrats in the Senate will support the ratification. Although Senator Borah objects to the ratification, he does not fail to recognize the right of Cuba, but he simply wants that more protection be given to the Americans who settled in the Isle of Pines believing that the Isle of Pines was a part of the United States.

Article by Gonzalez Beauville criticizing President Zayas in the most bitter terms for the promulgation of the Law for the Dredging of the bay of Cardenas, and bringing to recollection former periods when Dr. Zayas used to get his share of the money exacted from gamblers. The article finally states that the statue of Dr. Zayas should not be made of marble, but of mud.

EDITORIAL unfavorably commenting upon the "financial dictatorship" of President Zayas, and stating that if he continues at the present rate, he will soon carry away the entire Republic. The article refers to the illicit appropriation decrees, to the Malecon "affaire" and other immoral deals.

EL HERALDO - December 2, 1924.

Dr. Miguel Angel Aguiar will file with the Supreme Court to-day, an accusation against President Zayas, for the malversation of public funds. The illicit appropriation of the surplus of the last budget by decrees, constitutes the basis of the new accusation. Dr. Aguiar believes that he has found the formula to

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demand responsibilities for the transgressions committed by the President. The action will also be directed against two members of the Cabinet: the Secretary of the Treasury and the Secretary of Public Works.

Section entitled "OPINIONS" commenting upon the convenience of approving the "Gil Law" now pending in Congress, which tends to protect the rights of the "Colonos" against the mill owners. Representative Diaz Valdes has said that all the Congressmen from Pinar del Rio will support that Bill.

Another article commenting upon the accusation which Representative Miguel Angel Aguiar will file against the President, stating that other Secretaries and Under Secretaries must be included in the accusation. Secretary Iturralde and Under Secretary La Torre, of the Interior Department, have also been guilty of malversation, and the frauds committed by them can plainly be seen in the liquidation of the last Budget.

Cable despatch from New York stating that at the opening of business on Dec. 1st, it was affirmed that at a recent meeting of the Board of Directors of the Guarantee Trsut Co., a resolution was adopted in connection with the policy followed in the West Indies, criticizing the actions of the General Managers of the General Sugars Co. and of the Cuba Cane Corp., Messrs. Houston and Smith. Confidential reports received from Cuba in memoranda signed by the Auditors of said financial institution, confirm the lavish waste in administrative expenses, especially in the items "Legal Expenses" and "Contracts of Administration."

New facts disclosed in connection with the "affaire" of the lands of the old slaughter-house. Mayor Diaz de Villegas was invited to the house of one of the friends of the Palace, and was told to give up the lands in question, or else he would be dismissed from office. Frightened by the idea of being sent to jail, he consented to substitute a document drawn up at the Palace in the place of the report which appeared in the proceedings.

Article commenting upon two important problems which the Administration of General Machado will try to solve: the lack of Cuban banking institutions properly organized, and the high railroad tariffs. A group of friends of President-elect Machado were talking about the first of said problems, and said that it was not yet known what plan was to be followed: whether the reorganization of the Banco Nacional de Cuba, or some other plan submitted to Congress in accordance with the desires of General Machado. It has also been learned that the Banking Committee of the National Federation of Economic Corporations is preparing a project of reorganization of the Banco Nacional to take the place of the project now pending discussion in Congress. This means that everybody is interested in the organization of a genuinely Cuban Bank.....

Report submitted to the Association of Merchants of Habana protesting against the projected increase of duties on wines imported without benefiting any national industry. The increase, according to this report, ranges from 38.40% to 328.57%.

LA DISCUSION - December 2, 1924.

Telegram from Santiago de Cuba announcing that the work was stopped yesterday in the following sugar mills of that district: "Santa Cecilia", "Esperanza", "Soledad", "Las Cañas" and "Mari-

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mon"; and "Cupey" in Holguin. - Reports were received in Habana to the effect that the Executive Committee of the Union of Laborers of the Cuban Northern Railways had been arrested, and that this measure had created great excitement in Camaguey.

Article stating that General Menocal will not be the President of the Consolidated Railways, and this was only a foolish plan conceived by Tarafa to use the prestige of ex President Menocal.

LA TARDE - December 2, 1924.

The headlines of this paper state that a general strike will be declared if a satisfactory solution is not reached within the next 48 hours. - In spite of the optimism prevailing in official circles, the situation is very critical at the present time "and the laborers are getting ready to fight the decisive battle". - Concentration of laborers in Ciego de Avila to save themselves from the abuses and methods of violence on the part of the soldiers.

LA PRENSA - December 2, 1924.

A Commission of mill owners visited President Zayas this morning, and discussed at length the petitions made by the laborers. The Commissioners promised to study carefully said petitions and to take the necessary steps to put an end to the present conflict. Ambassador Crowder called at the Department of State, and held a long and secret conference with the Acting Secretary.

EL MUNDO - December 3, 1924.

EDITORIAL, unfavorably commenting upon the activities displayed by the Administration during this transitional stage, and stating that said activities at the end of the administrative period are more censurable than the inactivites of the preceding years. The editorial further criticizes the intention to approve certain laws and adopting certain resolutions without the acquiescence of the new Government, stating that this would simply be an absurdity, because any plans made now would have to be carried out by the coming Administration.

Cable despatch from New York referring to the optimistic views of American business men with respect to the commercial future of Cuba.

The section "PROFILE OF THE DAY" comments very unfavorably upon the great number of protests filed against the election of several Congressmen.

DIARIO DE LA MARINA - December 3, 1924.

Article commenting upon the fact that the labor conflict seems to be on the way to a satisfactory solution.

MANIFESTO issued by the "Asociacion de Hacendados y Colonos" giving an exact explanation of the state of the conflict, and setting forth the efforts made to come to a satisfactory solution.

Merchants, manufacturers and ~~xxxxxx~~ and other elements of Cardenas have sent a message of congratulation to President Zayas for the promulgation of the dredging law.

EL TRIUNFO - December 3, 1924.

Article commenting upon the manner in which the Dredging Law was passed. $400,000.00 were distributed. The poverty of two Senators was invoked to wind up the grafting scheme.....

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Cuban Press on Events of the Day

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NOT SLAVES OF CAPITALISTS.

El Sol writes as follows under the headline "We Are the Owners, and Not the Servants, of the House":

In the last few days, in connection with the sugar-mills strike, we haev heard certain comments pertaining thereto which we, as Cubans, refuse to accept under any circumstances.

Every time conversation about our labor problems or some other internal affairs occurs, the unpatriotic arguments we are about to mention are expressed on the subject

Generally, when some internal problem of Cuba is discussed, the interests and reason American capital in Cuba has in the matter are not mentioned, but the phrase "The Americans do not want this or that" is uttered.

This, unfortunately, is always considered a decisive reason in all discussions regarding Cuban affairs.

We protest against such an opinion. The American business interests established in Cuba may be worthy of all kinds of respect and consideration, but first comes the dignity of our Republic.

What argument do the Americans use now in the sugar-mills strike? The one mentioned above. They do not deny that reason is with the strikers in their justiifed demands, but they consider that to accede to thone just demands would imperil the big dividends of their companies, and they therefore flatly refuse to parley with the strikers.

Does this mean that we Cubans must be the docile servants of a half dozen Wall Street magnates?

It seems that to revolt against the wishes and opinions of the American capitalists established in Cuba is an enormous crime. But General Crowder is here. We are obliged to harvest the sugar crop. Otherwise Washington will ask us why we do not do so. It seems the United States believes our first patriotic duty is to produce sugar for the American capitalists, who are the ones who profit most from our sugar industry. The minute we do not harvest one crop, according to the United States, we will haev no right to exist. That is why General Crowder will be entrusted with the mission of making us grind the sugar crop, no matter whether we intend to do so or not. Fortunately we have able and tactful governmental authorities, who will avert such a situation.

The military supervisors appointed at the mills are reminding the strikers with energy that their first patriotic duty is to see that the mills grind.

Is this the great happiness the Cuban people enjoy? Where is the dignity of our country? Where are our rights as a civilized nation? Oh, yes—that is all very nice, but that must be left for later on; that is of secondary importance. Our first duty is to produce sugar. This would induce persons to believe Cuba is an enormous sugar plantation, inhabited by workers and sugarcane planters who have no rights nor prerogatives.' Yet we are told that just the contrary is the case; that we must produce sugar under any circumstances if we desire to be a free and sovereign nation!

ABLE TO PADDLE OWN CANOE.

In an article captioned "Topics" El Imparcial writes:

"Washington is following with interest the sugar-mill strike.' "Washington is following with interest the electoral situation in Cuba." Washington this and washington that. So we read every day in the newspapers. If we were to believe such reports are true, then Uncle Sam is our tutor and we do not enjoy any liberty at all.

We conceive perfectly well that Washintgon is interested in certain matters of great importance to Cuba and the United States, but we fail to understand why the Government of the latter country should care about Cuban matters which are purely internal and have nothing to do with ternal and have nothing to do with our northern neighbor and other countries.

Could our newspaper men tell us if the Americans have an observatory mounted in Washington that has a huge telescope, through which officials there are able to see everything we do here? We are not sure, but we believe something like that must exist in Washington. Otherwise how is it that our governmental authorities deport with great ease, Spaniards, Mexicans, and other foreigners, but do not deport some Americans who believe they are lords and kings over the green cane fields they see from the sugar-mill tofers, and that the people working in these fields must obey what said Americans tell them to do?

This is by no means justice. If we are deporting pernicious foreigners, we should deport also the Yankee who wants to convert our compatriots into beasts of burden. We should deport such Yankees just as well as we expel labor agitators.

We should dispel our childish fears and arrange our internal affairs without alawys looking northward. When we act with good will and zeal, nobody will criticize us. Only recently we also showed we can do things well. In the latest elections in Cuba, no unfortunate incidents were reported, but in the States many riots occurred and many persons were killed by excited politicians.

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HERALDO DE CUBA - December 3, 1924.

This paper gives the word of alert regarding the project for the construction of the Central Highway, and refers to the intentions of approving the same at a session of the House of Representatives without a legal quorum, and practically in the same manner as the dredging law of Cárdenas was passed. The article also states that Mr. Jose I.Rivero, Director of "Diario de la Marina" is the principal promoter of this deal, supported by two members of the Senate. It also states that this deal envolves an expenditure of 385 million dollars, which means that each kilometer of road will cost about $63,000.00 (or about $103,000.00 per mile). The project includes a bond issue, which bonds will be distributed among the supporters of the deal, and will bear interest at the rate of six per cent.

Article commenting upon the present labor conflict, and stating that the end of the strike depends on a conference between the mill owners and the laborers which will be held shortly at the Palace. President Zayas is of the opinion that the recognition of the delegates would hasten the solution. Manifesto issued by the Associacion of Sugar Planters and Mill Owners analysing the essential points of the movement, the attitude assumed by them, and the present conditions of the conflict.

The Parliamentary Committee of the Liberal Party has decided to investigate, at a secret session of the House, the scandal in connection with the dredging law of Cardenas, to determine responsibilities. The Parliamentary Committees of the Conservative and the Popular parties have been invited to cooperate for the repeal of said law. Dr. Dolz requests the repeal of articles 3 to 12 of said law.

"ZAYAS, WORSHIPPER OF GOLD" - This article states that there is a mysterious duality in the President of the Republic. As a political leader, he has given fine examples of virtues; and by his actions and doctrine, he seems to have great respect for the rights of the citizens, the maintenance of collective liberty and the full exercise of an authority which does not participate of violence or of tyranny. But as a Chief Executive he has been simply fatal. But above all his excellent virtues, he has an insatiable ambition, a greedy appetite for lucre, and an unbounded aspiration to appropriate to himself all the public funds..... Doctor Zayas does not aspire to have glory, popularity or the love of his compatriots; his only aspiration is to accumulate gold; his only ambition is to become wealthy.... The sale of decrees, laws, resolutions, and even pardons, was initiated under his Administration. Other Presidents have been guilty of malversation, but no other President put a price to sanction a law or to sign a decree, as President Zayas hag done...

EL HERALDO - December 3, 1924

An article stating that the President of the Republic had admitted at a conference with the mill-owners, that the methods of violence against the strikers had failed to give the desired results. - The Military Supervisors are being bribed by the Managers of sugar mills to continue using violence against the laborers. The Government has done everything in its power to solve the conflict, and the only solution now is that mutual concessions be granted between the contending parties.

Declarations made by Dr.Aurelio Hevia regarding the question of the Isle of Pines. Among other things, Dr. Hevia says: "In

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spite of being burs, we have had to pay for the possession of the Isle of Pines with the coaling stations granted to the United States..." "The failure to approve the Hay-Quesada Treaty would place the United States, toward Cuba, in a situation of hostility and violence with a view of maintaining the Guantanamo Naval Station...." etc.

Article referring to the dredging law recently approved, and the resolutions adopted yesterday at a meeting of the Parliamentary Committee of the Liberal Party. Text of the project presented in the Senate by Dr. Ricardo Dolz, requesting that articles 3 to 12 of said law be repealed.

Article stating that a number of Representatives are studying a project of law to be submitted to the consideration of the House, converting the sugar mills into urbanized districts, and become "barrios" or wards of the Municipalities in which they are situated, and in this way, every sugar mill will have its corresponding municipal authorities to look after the compliance of the laws.

LA PRENSA - December 3, 1924.

The strike at Central "Toledo" has ended. Work was resumed this morning. - Reports received at the Department of the Interior announce that Central "Florida" has commenced to grind.

EDITORIAL commenting upon the Project of Budget for the coming fiscal year which has already been submitted to Congress, and expressing the hopes that Congress will study and approve said Project. The writer states, however, that he does not understand why the estimated income has been placed at $ 77,791.650.00, when the last liquidation of the Budget shows that the receipts amounted to over 91 millions.

EL MUNDO - December 4, 1924.

A lengthy cable despatch from Washington, commenting upon the alluring prospects for the ratification of the Hay-Quesada Treaty, and the attitude of Senator Borah favorable to said ratification.

A commission of members of the Association of Sugar Planters and Mill Owners will visit President Zayas this morning, to inform him of the resolutions adopted at a meeting of the Executive Committee held yesterday, in connection with the strike.

Secretary of War Montes, has returned to Habana.

Section "PROFILE OF THE DAY" very favorably commenting upon the optimistic reports received from the United States in connection with the ratification of the Treaty on the Isle of Pines. - The article also comments, unfavorably, upon the fact that Secretary Carrerá will shortly request further appropriations for his greedy and useless Department, stating that nothing has been said about the works to be accomplished with said appropriations.

DIARIO DE LA MARINA - December 4, 1924.

Representatives Lombard, Haedo, Rodriguez Ramirez, Finales, Martinez Goberna and Francisco Maria Fernandez, have presented a motion in the House in which they request the appointment of

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a committee of five members of the House to carry on an investigation in the matter of the dredging of Cardenas, and to submit a report of the results obtained at a secret session of the House.

Text of a Bill presented in the House by Representative Heliodoro Gil for the payment of the bonuses to public employees.

AVISADOR COMERCIAL - December 4, 1924.

EDITORIAL, entitled;"The Death of the Interference and the tail of Mr. Crowder" The article states that the present Cuban Government conquered the title of "Banisher of the Interference" for having defeated the so-called "Cabinet of Honesty", but it has now been learned that it was not the Cuban Government which "pinned the tail" on General Crowder, but his own countrymen in the Administration of the U. S., because the Republican Party did not want to give pretexts for attacks from their opponents before the elections, of carrying on an imperialistic policy in Latin-American countries. Now that the electoral period in the Unites States is over, "the Ambassador has freed himself from his tail". In the matter of the sugar-mill strike, for example, the Interference has again been active, demanding guaranties for American interests, and even suggesting the methods to be used for giving such guaranties. The tribe of the Palace, which is now committing all kinds of excesses, should not feel too happy, as the so-called "tail" of Mr. Crowder may suddenly turn against them.

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HERALDO DE CUBA - December 4, 1924.

A Polish Lawyer intends to bring 100,000 immigrants to this country, and the Department of Agriculture has promised to study the question. "Heraldo de Cuba" states that the importation of Polish immigrants is planned for purposes of speculation, and it should be turned down.

Article unfavorably commenting upon the methods employed by the CubanAmerican Construction Company to foster its purposes for the construction of the Central Highway, and the projected deal is making headway day by day. The Director of Diario de la Marina is said to be acting as Agent. This Agent affirms that Congress will approve the project, and the President will sanction it, without the slightest objection. - According to the opinion of a prominent Engineer of this City, it would be foolish to try to pass this deal at the end of an Administration which has not been noted for its correct and honorable methods; and that Congress could lend a great service to the Country if instead of hastily approving the project, would pass a law (1) appropriating the sum of $200,000.00 (more or less) to defray the expenses of the Commissions which will study the projects and determine the location of the Central Highway, in accordance with a general plan; (2) to grant an appropriation of two million dollars for the repair of the existing highways; (3) to appropriate an amount ranging from 8 to 10 million dollars for the construction of roads in provinces which have no roads, following a general plan....

This paper makes an accusation of swindle, against officials of the Government, which will undoubtedly give rise to a diplomatic claim, because the victim is an American citizen. The lease of the Hacienda "Quemado" (or "Quemadito") was legally granted at an auction to Mr. Francisco Ramos Arencibia on September 14, 1923, and the corresponding contract signed on Oct. 18th of said year. The contract provided that the lease could not be transferred to a third person without the consent of the Treasury Department. One month later the contract of lease was transferred to Mr. Percy G. Bishop, as Attorney for the Sugar Estates of Oriente, through the payment of $100,000.00. On December 5th, Mr. Bishop addressed a communication to the Department of State, requesting the approval of the transfer, and the Bureau of Properties of the State reported favorably upon the transfer. In spite of this favorable report, the Under Secretary of the Treasury issued an adverse resolution on April 17, 1924, against which Mr. Bishop appealed. - This is said to be a case of swindle, because one of the Aides of the President guaranteed that the Department of the Treasury would approve the transfer -- and a diplomatic action will surely follow, to protect the rights of an American citizen.

Commenting upon the labor conflicts, this paper states that the President of the Republic will draft the final regulations governing the actions of the labor delegates at the sugar mills. The bases presented by both parties are now being studied. The sugar planters and mill owners will visit the President to-day to inform him of the resolutions recently adopted. Nine sugar mill of the Province of Oriente are working now. The conference at the Palace between the mill owners and the laborers will take place to-day or tomorrow.

An article stating that Cuba is threatened by a real wave of immoral deals which will carry the country to bankruptcy very soon. Among the contemplated deals, the article refers to the Central Highway, which represents an expenditure of 385 millions;

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the reorganization of the Banco Nacional, 31 millions; the payment of the floating debt, 15 millions; the payment of the bonuses to public employees, 8-1/2 millions; a subsidy to the Hershey Railway at the rate of $12,000.00 per kilometer, 6 millions -- making a total of $445,500.00. - To the above, there must also be added "the five millions which President Zayas has lavishly wasted by Decrees, and various appropriation bills pending in Congress amounting to about one million dollars..... Referring to the subsidy to the Hershey Railway, this paper remarks that this money will probably never reach the hands of the Company.

EDITORIAL, entitled "WHAT WILL ZAYAS DELIVER TO MACHADO?" Commenting upon the manner in which the public funds are being lavishly wasted, and stating that when Zayas delivers the Government to General Machado, the Treasury will be completely exhausted.

EL HERALDO - December 4, 1924.

Interview with Dr. Antonio Sanchez de Bustamante in connection with the question of the Isle of Pines. Dr. Bustamante states American public opinion recognizes the right of Cuba; that Mr. Root once said: "The Hay-Quesada Treaty only grants to Cuba what belongs to Cuba", and that the Supreme Court of the United States has also declared "that the Isle of Pines must be considered as a part of the territory of Cuba, and that the North-Americans cannot allege any right to that property". He is of the opinion that this long-debated question will be settled now.....

The importation of gasoline as crude oil has been one of the most scandalous grafting schemes on record. In this connection, "El Heraldo" states: "The corruption in the Custom House means the beginning of the end of our social dismemberment, and if the frauds do not come to an end, it is the Republic which will unfortunately come to an end." It also refers to the fortune which the Collector of Customs of Habana, Jose Maria Zayas, has amassed.

Full text of the document filed with the Supreme Court by Dr. Miguel Angel Aguiar, which constitutes the most formidable accusation ever presented against President Zayas. He even asks that the Senate be requested to impeach the President.

EDITORIAL, commenting upon the present unsanitary conditions of the City of Habana. This city has been completely abandoned by the sanitary authorities.

Articles referring to: Irregularities in the penitentiary; irregularities in the Department of Public Works in connection with the opening of Marquez Gonzalez Street; irregularities in the Post Office Department in connection with a debt of $90,000.; irregularities in the Department of the Treasury, in connection with a contract for printing tax stamps.....

Mr. J. R. Richmond, formerly in the Diplomatic Service of the United States, and now connected with an information agency, has submitted a report to the firm which he represents regarding the strikes in sugar mills. The text of his report is published. Mr. Richmond believes that the strike is justified. He affirms that the majority of the Americans do not know the idiosyncrasy of the Latin-American countries, and that those who are in Cuba

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at the head of sugar enterprises, are not very skilled, and have followed a dangerous policy, trusting in the influence which they think they have with the Ambassador of the U.S.

LA DISCUSION - December 4, 1924.

This paper refers to the intentions to include the usurpers of the lands of Yateras in the Amnesty Bill, and in this connection it publishes the text of a letter addressed by Dr. Enrique José Varona to Mr. Pascual Diaz Lopez, of Guantánamo, worded as follows:

"Dear Sir: I have received your kind letter referring to the scandalous affair of the lands inhabited by the farmers of Yateras. I think that no action brought by a group of citizens here, will be of any avail. Only the people of Cuba, when they awaken to the notion of their real interests, can put a stop to such deeds which hurt the public morals. While the people of Cuba may look with indifference upon the participation in the Administration of men and parties without a real conviction of their responsibilities toward the country, evils like this, or even worse, will take place every day. - I have no objection to your publishing this letter. - Yours very truly, (Signed) Enrique José Varona."

Article stating that the Bank of Canada uses the same methods as the National City Bank. The article refers to an auction cleverly framed by the Royal Bank of Canada to get hold of bonds of the Cuba Northern Railways, amounting to $100,000.00 "which now belong to a wealthy real estate owner of Vedado."

EDITORIAL, referring to the accusations filed by Dr. Miguel Angel Aguiar against President Zayas, and stating that the crimes of malversation committed by Dr. Zayas cannot be considered as political offenses, but common crimes; and therefore, the provisions of Article 70 of the Constitution of Cuba are not applicable in this case.

LA PRENSA - December 4, 1924.

A commission of laborers representing the Union of Laborers of Camaguey, the Railroad Union of Cuba, the Syndicate of Laborers of Sugar mills, and the Joint Committee of Labor Organizations, visited the Assistant Secretary of the Interior. The conference last several hours; and after the conference the laborers stated that they had called to protest against the abuses committed against them at the sugar mills, despite the fact that the settlement of the strike is being discussed at present.

The Secretary of Public Works has signed a resolution ordering the calling of bids for the dredging of the port of Cardenas in accordance with the provisions of the Law of Dec. 1st. This resolution will be published in the Official Gazette of to-day.

Dr. Guillermo Patterson is expected to arrive next Saturday, on board the S.S. "Volendam", according to a wireless message received to-day.

Text of the bases submitted to the President by the Laborers, for the settlement of the sugar mill strike.

EDITORIAL - unfavorably commenting upon the purposes to import Polish immigrants into Cuba, stating that they constitute an undesirable immigration.

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LA NOCHE - December 4, 1924.

EDITORIAL, insisting on the payment of the bonuses to public employees.

EL MUNDO - December 5, 1924.

This paper refers to the conference of the mill owners with the President, held yesterday. After they study the bases submitted by the laborers, they will confer again with the President. In reply to some objections made by the mill owners, President Zayas said that the question could be settled by the appointment of a permanent court of arbitration of five members: two laborers, two mill owners, and the other to be designated by these four. The Court would have powers to settle all questions arising from the relations between capital and labor, in connection with the work in sugar mills. -- A Military Supervisor has been appointed for Central "Jobabo". - Centrals "Cunagua" and "Jaronu" have started to cut cane, and will commence grinding next Monday. - The Secretary of the Interior informed the President that the strikers of Central "Estrella" had resumed work. - All the labor conflicts in Central "Toledo" have been settled.

DIARIO DE LA MARINA - December 5, 1924.

The idea of the municipalization of the sugar factories (or "batey") recently launched, is bitterly criticized by this paper. The sugar mill is a private property, and as such, it is protected by the Constitution. A provision of the Constitution clearly states that no person can be deprived of his property, unless for reasons of public utility, and only after an indemnification has been paid... The article continues to give legal reasons to prove that the idea of municipalization cannot be carried out.

Proceedings have been instituted in the Department of the Interior against some 600 Spanish laborers, with the idea of deporting them.

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HERALDO DE CUBA - December 5, 1924.

In an article commenting upon the Administrative corruption prevailing at present, this paper states that General Machado will take an active part in politics from now on, with a view of trying to prevent the continuation of the lavish expenditures already initiated by President Zayas. Machado is expected to return from the Isle of Pines next Monday.

Article stating that "a new gigantic nautical 'affaire' is being prepared in the Senate", and refers to a concession for the construction of wharves in Habana. Senator Figueroa is trying to include this concession in all the projects which offer a substantial margin of profit.

The leaders of the strike complain against the methods of violence used against the laborers, but in spite of that, they trust in the solution of the conflict by Dr. Zayas. A general strike might still occur if the Government does not put a stop to the abuses committed by the soldiers. The article also states that the Spanish Minister has protested against the arbitrary deportation of many Spaniards.

The President signed a Decree yesterday appropriating the sum of $180,000.00 for the purchase of fodder for the cattle of the Army; and this paper criticizes said appropriation decree.

The monthly payroll of imaginary temporary employees of the Department of Public Works, amounts to $12,000.00. The temporary employees who actually worked, have been dismissed. Other irregularities in connection with the payment of the personnel of said Department.

This paper continues to criticize the actions of the Temporary Banking Liquidation Commission. In spite of the secret manner in which said Commission acts, it has been learned that orders have been given to begin grinding at Central "Limones", owned by the Banco Nacional. But this order means that the machinery of said sugar mill has to be repaired first, and the Banco Nacional will have to pay over $600,000.00 for these repairs. Besides, as said mill has no cane of its own, it will have to buy it paying not less than eight "arrobas" of sugar for every 100 "arrobas" of cane. - The article further states that the purposes of the members of the Banking Commission are to spend the entire amount of two million dollars now kept in the safes of the Banco Nacional.

EDITORIAL, favorably commenting upon the Bill presented by Representative Heliodoro Gil for the payment of the bonuses to public employees.

Another EDITORIAL, favorably commenting upon the alluring prospects for the ratification of the Hay-Quesada Treaty.

EL HERALDO - December 5, 1924.

The President of the Republic is about to be accused before the Senate. The Parliamentary Committee of the Liberal Party in the House, will present a motion asking that the President be accused of common crimes, violation of the Constitution and illicit appropriation of public funds. In view of the gravity of the situation, General Machado will hasten to Habana. Doctor German Wolter del Rio, who has made a detailed study of the many presidential decrees, will support the accusation against the President. The Liberal Party has decided to start the campaign of moralization.

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Article commenting upon the corruption prevailing among the Inspectors of the Department of Sanitation. These inspectors have a well organized system of hold-up schemes, and instead of seing that the laws are enforced, they collect money from those who do not wish to compaly with the regulations in force. Authorizations for construction are quoted at from $300 to $500. It is surprising to see how employees receiving very small salaries get rich so quick. The article also states that "the sanitary pillage has assumed the proportions of a real epidemic of corruption...".

Reports received yesterday in the Department of Sanitation announce the appearance of an epidemic of dysentery in the town of Yaguajay (Province of Santa Clara). Six cases, with two deaths, have already been reported.

This paper also criticizes the appropriation by Decree of $180,000.00 for the purchase of fodder for the cattle of the Army; and states that the Budget carries an appropriation of $1.181,966.38 to feed the 7,352 beasts which the Army should have.

LA TARDE - December 5, 1924.

Commenting upon the sugar mill strike, this paper states that the laborers have asked the Government to settle the conflict within a period of 24 hours. If at the end of that period no solution has been reached, the commissioners will be withdrawn, and a general strike declared. - The sugar planters and mill owners understand that the laborers want to have all the advantages, according to the bases which they have submitted. Accusations are made against Colonel Quero of acts of violence against the laborers in sugar mills.

LA HRENSA - December 5, 1924.

Reports were received in official circles of a meeting of laborers held this morning, at which a resolution was adopted to wait 24 hours more for the result of the negotiations initiated by the Government. Consequantly, a general strike is expected if the Government fails to find a solution within that period.

Accusations are made against Representative Gil of having stolen, from the Court of First Instance of the South, the documents of the proceedings of a suit filed by Betancourt &Co. against the Board of Liquidation of H. Upmann &Co.

LA NOCHE - December 5, 1924.

Although nothing has been published in an official manner, it has been learned that the Audiencia of Santa Clara will shortly serve summons on the Veterans and Patriots indicted in the case for rebellion, among whom the following persons appear: Federico Morales, Dr. Luis de Luis, Dr. Carlos Alzugaray, Dr. Oscar Soto, and others.

Telegram from Santiago de Cuba stating that the Syndical Federation of Railroad Workers of the Division of Oriente has decided to continue to boycott against the sugar mills where strikes exist.

EL MUNDO - December 6, 1924.

EDITORIAL commenting upon the reasons of the failure of the negotiations between the laborers and the mill owners. Referring to the labor delegates, the article states that these delegates have been suppressed in countries where the labor unions have a more advanced organization. It also refers to the

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fact that the Department of Agriculture, Commerce and Labor, which has the duty of intervening in these problems, has taken no action in the matter, in spite of its great importance for the country. The only possible solution is that the demands of the laborers be discussed directly between the laborers and the mill owners and sugar planters.

Telegram from Santiago de Cuba stating that the strike is gradually decreasing, and that work has been resumed in Centrals America, Hatillo, Oriente and Palma.

Full account of the Cabinet Meeting held yesterday, at which the strike was fully discussed. Those who may declare boycotts against sugar mills will be persecuted. Action will also be taken against the members of the Army who use violence against the laborers who peacefully refuse to work. The enforcement of the Arteaga Law was also discussed. - When the Secretary of the Treasury finished giving an account of the conditions of his Department, President Zayas announced that he had the firm purpose of handing over the Government with not less than 25 million dollars in the Treasury, as a demonstration of the difference existing between the present conditions and the economic conditions which existed when he became President.

EL TRIUNFO - December 6, 1924.

Article commenting upon the return of General Machado from the Isle of Pines, and stating that his presence in Habana may serve to check to a certain extent some incomprehensible things which are taking place at the present time. The writer does not think that Machado will go to Europe, as has been rumored during the last few days.

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HERALDO DE CUBA - December 6, 1924.

Article by Gonzalez Beauville very unfavorably commenting upon the President's policy of lavish waste, which has compelled President-elect Machado to leave his retreat in the Isle of Pines and take an active part in the defence of the public interests and administrative morality.

Article referring to the strike, and announcing the possibility of a general strike in view of the failure of the negotiations in Habana. On the other hand, the President feels very optimistic, who considers that the conflict is about to be settled. Quite a different opinion prevails in labor circles, where they consider that the general strike is to take place within two or three days.

Referring to the appeals filed against the last elections, this paper states that the Civil Chamber of the Audiencia of Habana has asked for all the electoral documents in the possession of the Municipal Electoral Board for a proper decision in due course.

The Court of First Instance of the South, of this City, has ordered the institution of proceedings for the subtraction of documents by Representative Heliodoro Gil. Dr. Gil accuses the Secretary of Justice of bringing pressure to bear on the Judges in order to save the Banking Liquidation Commission from its present critical situation. Dr. Gil says that he got hold of the proceedings in the matter of the claim filed by Betancourt & Co. against the Board of Liquidation, because the judges did not offer to him the necessary guaranties of impartiality.

Yesterday, this paper published an article commenting upon a scandalous scheme planned by the Banking Commission, in connection with Central "Limones", to get hold of two million dollars of the Banco Nacional. Further details of the transgressions committed by the Banking Commission, are published to-day, and refers to the necessity of preventing this iniquitous despoliation.

EDITORIAL entitled "THE 25 MILLIONS OF ZAYAS" Commenting upon the statements made by President Zayas at the last meeting of the Cabinet to the effect that he would hand over the Government to the next Administration with notless than 25 millions in the Treasury. The article states that President Zayas made said affirmation because he knows that the revenues are constantly increasing and he can safely continue his policy of lavish waste and still have a large surplus on hand.

EL HERALDO - December 6, 1924.

This paper states that the Senate seems disposed to try the President and several of his Secretaries on serious impeachment charges. This refers to the charges that Congressman Wolter del Rio has announced he will bring against the President for unlawfully disposing of government funds by executive decrees.

The Provincial Governor has received a brief of charges asking for the suspension of Mayor Cuesta, signed by one of the Councilmen of the City of Habana.

The steps taken by the President to put an end to the sugar-mill strike seem to have failed. The article also goes on to report that both sides appear in a pessimistic mood, and while the Government continues its arbitrary abuse of the laborers, the boycott of the mills in Oriente is taking effect. Twenty-one unions in

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Santiago de Cuba are ready to join the strike.

LA TARDE - December 6, 1924.

This paper reports that the laborers have given the Government 72 hours within which to present a solution to the problem.

LA NOCHE - December 6, 1924.

This paper denies the fact that the laborers have given a time limit to the Government to solve the strike problem.

In commenting upon the stealing of a Court record by Congressman Gil, it hints that charges are to be brought against prominent judges and Justices of the Supreme Court who are said to have accepted parcels of land at the Manglar de Urrutia for handing down a decision favorable to one of the parties in that suit, namely, Gomez Mena.

HERALDO DE CUBA - December 7, 1924.

"Heraldo de Cuba" continues its campaign against the Cuban-American Construction Company of Habana, which is the Company said to be planning the next big deal and bleeding of the Treasury, to wit: the construction of the Central Highway. This paper hints that Mr.Rivero, the Director of "Diario de la Marina" is the chief puller of strings in this next big affair.

The criminal ambition of the Banking Commission which intends to have the "Limones" mill grind this year with financial backing obtained from moneys in the Banco Nacional, is said to be the cause for claims that are to be brought through diplomatic channels against the Government by British and American depositaries of said Bank.

The Ambassador called upon the Secretary of Public Works to look after the interests of an American property of lands near Camp Columbia occupied by the Government.

EL HERALDO - December 7, 1924.

A special cable despatch from New York states that Mr. Earl D. Babst, President of the American Sugar Refining Company has expressed himself quite alarmed at the Cuban sugar strike situation, and has expressed himself against the Directors and Managers of the General Sugars Company, Cuba Cane Sugar Corporation and other American firms, for their manner of handling the strike problem in Cuba.

Article stating that Carlos Loveira, an official of the Department of Agriculture, has left for Washington on an official mission to confer with President Gompers of the American Federation of Laborers, seemingly about the strike situation.

EL MUNDO - December 8, 1924.

EDITORIAL referring to the strike situation. It states that the laborers are taking a wrong stand in insisting upon the appointment of delegates at the sugar mills, which delegates very ofteh cause them expense and do not render practical results. That the matter of forming labor unions is not the problem at hand, because they have a right to form unions, and that it would be a very simple matter for these unions to deal directly with Capital through committees, without the need of appointing delegates. In addition thereto, the special circumstance or manner in which the sugar crop is harvested, must be taken into

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consideration. It points out the fact that in Australia, in the mining district, arbitration courts were appointed to decide upon the differences between laborers and capital, thus avoiding costly strikes, which same method was followed out in the State of Kansas. That the thing to do in Cuba is to adopt measures so that strikes will not be possible in the sugar industry during the time of the harvest, even though it be necessary to grant the laborers proper living conditions, increase in pay, etc.

The President of the Chamber of Commerce of Santiago de Cuba has addressed a letter to the President of the Republic protesting against the boycott ordered by th Railway Brotherhood, and the 72 hour period granted to the Government for solution; asking the Government to adopt energetic measures to put an end to this state of affairs.

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HERALDO DE CUBA - December 8, 1924.

The Secretary of Public Works has requested another appropriation of $500,000.00 for the repair of the streets of Habana. $200,000. were previously granted for this work, making a total of $700,000.

Cuba is still threatened by a general strike, although in official circles a satisfactory understanding is expected between mill-owners and laborers.

Dr. Regueiferos aspires to a Justice of the Supreme Court. In a message to Congress, President Zayas has requested the creation of two of these offices, one of which will be given to the Secretary of Justice. Efforts are being made to have the Bill increasing the number of Magistrates, passed next week.

EDITORIAL commenting upon the scandalous deal of the Central Highway, and stating that after the country spends the large sum of $385.000,000.00, the road will be constructed so badly, that it will soon have to be repaired or constructed all over again, because the promoters of the enterprise are of a very doubtful solvency, and, besides, the Department of Public Works usually returns the bond put up to guarantee the work as soon as it is delivered by the contractors; and there will be no way of demanding responsibilities or the immediate repair. And then, it will be utterly impossible to pass new appropriations for the reconstruction, after the expenditure of 385 millions for the road, 32 millions for the reorganization of the Banco Nacional, and 8 millions for the payment of the bonuses to public employees. All of which means that at the end, Cuba will have no Central Highway, but suffering the burden of a heavy loan.

EL HERALDO - December 8, 1924.

Commenting upon the lavish expenditure of public funds, this paper states that the appropriation of $550,000.00, additional, for electoral expenses has mysteriously disappeared, and practically the same has happened with the appropriation of $400,000. for the Department of Public Instruction. The third assault upon the Treasury planned at present, consists of a Decree appropriating an additional sum of $500,000.00 for the repair of roads and bridges of the country, which sum will also pass in a mysterious manner to the hands of grafters.

Referring to the trip of Colonel Tarafa, this paper states that his only object in view is to oppose the construction of the Central Highway, with all his energy, and that if necessary, he will seek the support of the American Government taking advantage of the circumstance that the Consolidated Railways were incorporated under the laws of the U.S., because said Company would be affected by the construction of the Central Highway.

Article commenting upon the recent visit of General Crowder to Secretary Carrera, and stating that it was in connection with the payment of some lands claimed by Mr. Barlow. The article refers to the close friendship between General Crowder and Secretary Carrerá. It also states that the original claim was for about $74,000.00, which was favorably reported upon, but the payment postponed as there were no funds at that time. Later on the claim was increased to $164,000.00 by Engineer Simonetti, who was to get the difference. But Sandoval was removed from office, before payment was effected, and now Secretary Carrerá only wants to pay what is just and proper; and it is rumored that at the last conference, General Crowder approved the idea of Secretary Carrerá.

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Article stating that the sewers of the City of Habana are completely abandoned at present, and the City is threatened by a great disaster and a great epidemic.

LA PRENSA - December 8, 1924.

Referring to the strike, Secretary Iturralde said this morning that the crop would be accomplished by all means, and that the Government would adopt the necessary measures giving all the necessary guaranties to the sugar mills; that the Government will demand the immediate resumption of traffic in all lines of public service, giving them all the guaranties which they may require.

Statements signed by PresidentZayas in connection with the ratification of the Hay-Quesada Treaty (See "Havana Post" of December 9th).

General Machado will not return from the Isle of Pines to-day, as was announced recently.

EL MUNDO - December 9, 1924.

A conference was held yesterday at the Palace between the Representatives of the mill owners and of the laborers. Each side maintained its point of view, and no understanding could be reached. The President of the Republic will draft a Memorandum to-day, which he will submit to both parties. - The Supervisor of Central "Jaronu" is grinding normally. - "Cunagua" has commenced to grind. The cutting of cane at Central "Cespedes" continues without any interruption. The manager of Central "Santa Ana" reported to the Department of the Interior that the personnel of that mill, consisting of 257 men, had come to an understanding with the mill-owners, and were working normally. Central "Santa Amalia", near Cardenas, will commence to grind on the 12th. Central "Guipuzcoa" (Province of Matanzas), started grinding yesterday morning. "Central Ulacia" has commenced to grind. - Grinding was also commenced at Central "Punta Alegre" yesterday. - The strike at Central "Miranda" has been officially ended. The Union was not recognized, but the Company increased the wages and salaries, and took measures to clean the factory and living quarters.

President Zayas and his Party will leave for Santiago de Cuba at 1:30 P. M. next Friday.

DIARIO DE LA MARINA - December 9, 1924.

Commenting upon the conference held yesterday at the Palace between the laborers and the mill owners, this paper states that after the conference, the representatives of the laborers informed that it had been decided to declare the general strike next Friday, at 6:00 A.M.

EL TRIUNFO - December 9, 1924. - This paper states that the Department of Public Works is rapidly giving the finishing touches to the matter of the dredging of the Port of Cardenas. Great activity is displayed in this, because the promoters of the "affaire" are anxious to collect their share. The $700,000.00 which are to be delivered to the Company, constitutes the price which the Company paid for the monopoly, and is to be distributed among the promoters. The paper also states that the deal will fail to go through, because the Supreme Court will declare the unconstitutionality of the Law, and the "thieves" will have to reiumburse whatever sums theymay have collected.

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HERALDO DE CUBA - December 9, 1924.

The Supreme Court has just notified the Department of the Treasury of a decision rendered favorably in an appeal filed against a resolution of the Debt Commission. A claim for $240,000.00 was cut down to $27,000.00 by the Debt Commission, and now the Supreme Court orders the payment in full of the amount claimed.

Hostilities began between the laborers and the mill owners at the conference held yesterday at the Palace. The mill owners refused to recognize the Union Delegates, and the laborers refuse to work unless the delegates are recognized. The Joint Committee of Labor Unions held a long and secret meeting last night, and the departure of the labor leaders for the Province of Oriente confirms the rumors of the declaration of a general strike.

Chief Engineer Cuellar has submitted a lengthy report to the Secretary of Public Works, which will be forwarded to President Zayas, explaining the necessity of installing water-meters in Habana.

Cable despatch from Washington stating that Senator Borah, President of the Committee on Foreign Relations, is of the opinion that the Isle of Pines has always belonged to the United States; that after a careful inspection of the records, he has not found any document which may contain the slightest indication that the Isle of Pines is not a property of the United States. - In spite of the opinion of Senator Borah, it is believed that the opinion of President Coolidge and of Secretary Hughes will prevail, and the Treaty ratified.

EL HERALDO - December 9, 1924.

Article very unfavorably commenting upon the Budget of the Municipality of Habana, prepared for the coming fiscal year. The Income is placed at $5,500,000.00, and the estimated expenditures at $7,387,638.04.

Representative Gil intends to make an accusation before the House, against the Secretary of Justice, in connection with certain illegal actions of the Banking Commission. This refers to some barges belonging to Messrs. Betancourt and Co. which were completely abandoned and rendered useless. The claim for damages will probably amount to about $800,000.00.

LA PRENSA - December 9, 1924.

This paper also states that a 48-hour general strike was declared by the Joint Committee of Labor Unions, to start on Friday at 6:00 A.M. Nothing is officially known as to the attitude which the Railroad Brotherhood will assume, inasmuch as this labor organization can only declare a general strike after submitting it to a referendum. It is only in Cárdenas and Santiago de Cuba where the railroad men are in favor of the general strike.

President Zayas, in a memorandum, recommends the laborers to accept the terms proposed by the mill-owners. These terms are: the improvement of living conditions, the payment in cash when so desired by the laborers, the approval of the labor retirement law, and eight-hour working day, creation of centers of culture, etc.

LA NOCHE - December 9, 1924.
EDITORIAL entitled "AN UNPRECEDENTED SCANDAL" - Commenting upon the

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electoral appeals filed, stating that they constitute a swindle. Some of the appeals have been withdrawn after the appellants received a certain sum from a given candidate, but have maintained the appeals against the election of other candidates. The editorial states that a careful investigation must be made in connection with this scandalous business.

EL MUNDO - December 10, 1924.

This paper comments editorially upon the Memorandum prepared by the President containing the bases for a solution of the strike, which bases have been accepted by the mill-owners, and states that the laborers should accept them, or else they run the risk of losing a strike which they had already won.

Article stating that General Machado returned unexpectedly yesterday from the Isle of Pines.

Text of the communication addressed by the President of the Republic to the Laborers, informing them of the advantages which he had obtained from the mill-owners, and recommending them to postpone the strike.

Telegram from Moron announcing that all traffic was stopped in the lines of the Cuba Northern Railways yesterday morning. This is also announced in another telegram from Jucaro.

DIARIO DE LA MARINA - December 10, 1924.

President Coolidge, according to a cable despatch from Washington, has already commenced to draft his decision on the controversy regarding the sugar tariff.

EDITORIAL, commenting upon the labor conflict, and stating that a careful investigation reveals the purpose of a small group of persons who have no connections whatever with the sugar mills, of organazing a labor Syndicate, and impose it on the laborers and the mill owners.

EL TRIUNFO - December 10, 1924.

This paper quotes an article published in the Heraldo de Cardenas, stating that the Dredging Law recently approved will compel the shippers of sugar to seek other outlets; and if no sugars are shipped through that port, it will mean the total ruin of Cardenas.

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HERALDO DE CUBA - December 10, 1924.

New activities displayed in connection with the scandalous deal of the "Vedado Extension". Councilman Narciso Morán has a motion which he intended to present at yesterday's session of the Municipal Council (which was not held for the lack of quorum) requesting that the "expediente" be delivered to him, to study whether nr not the project was harmful to the interests of the Municipality. This means that despite the veto of Acting Governor Ruiz, there is a movement on foot to revive this scandalous project.

Article favorably commenting upon the communication addressed by President Zayas to Enrique Varona and other members of the Commission of Laborers, in connection with the settlement of the sugar-mill strike.

Article unfavorably commenting upon the appropriation of $21,873.90 which Secretary Carrerá has secretly obtained for repairs of the Presidential Palace; and stating that it is difficult to understand what repairs are necessary in a new building, such as the Palace is. The article also states that Secretary Carrerá has been careful to see that the Decree is not published in the Official Gazette so soon.

The water problem of Habana remains unsolved. The residents of many districts of the city have complained of the scarcity of water during the last few days. The appropriations granted during the epidemic of typhoid fever, have disappeared, and nobody seems to worry about this problem at the present time.

This paper continues its campaign against the Temporary Banking Liquidation Commission, and states that the scandalous deal of Central Limones is one of the most repugnant of the present time. The article also states that the Banking Commission does not make any effort to collect interests from the heirs of Jose Lopez Rodriguez who are now running the Centrals "España" and "Reglita".

Article referring to the cordial reception accorded to Mrs. Roosevelt. - This paper also devotes an editorial to express the immense gratitude of the Cubans for the late Colonel Roosevelt, and ends with the following paragraph: "Heraldo de Cuba" sends its most respectful and expressive salutation to Mrs. Roosevelt, the illustrious traveller who comes to this land sprinkled by the generous blood of the warrior of Santiago, for the purpose of giving greater splendor to the celebrations, which in their glorious significance serve to tighten the moral ties between the two countries."

A cable despatch from Washington announces that the discussion of the Hay-Quesada Treaty at the American Senate will probably be postponed for some time.

EL HERALDO - December 10, 1924.

This paper states that the repair of the streets of Habana constitutes a big grafting scheme. A decree has been submitted for the signature of President Zayas making a further appropriation of $.1500,000.00 for these repairs. The contractors, in connivance with the officials of the Departments of Public Works, conceived a plan whereby this new appropriation will be indispensable. They have torn the pavement in practically every street of this City, and they have become impassable. Twelve dollars

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is the amount paid at present for every square meter of new pavement, when it only costs eight dollars.

Article referring to the Hay-Quesada Treaty, and criticizing the policy of the American Government in Cuba in connection with the Bahia Honda and Guantanamo Coaling Stations. The text of the "Treaty" is also published. Declarations made by Dr. Ricardo Dolz in connection with this question.

LA PRENSA - December 10, 1924.

The Delegation No. 2 of the Railroad Brotherhood has announced officially that the Santiago Division has recalled the strike order and the order of boycott, and requests all the Delegations to maintain an attitude of expectancy.

LA NOCHE - December 10, 1924.

Article stating that thirteen sugar mills were grinding yesterday, as follows: Estrella, Camaguey, Agramonte, Vertientes, Cunagua, Jaronu, Elia, Guipuzcoa, Macareño, Tuinucu, Baragua, Punta Alegre. On the same date last year, only four mills were grinding.

EL MUNDO - December 11, 1924.

EDITORIAL commenting upon the ratification of the Hay-Quesada Treaty, and the indisputable right of Cuba over the Isle of Pines.

President-elect Machado left last night for Santa Clara, accompanied by Vazquez Bello, Ibrahim Urquiaga, and Dr. Andrés Perez Chaumont, Capt. Firmat, Capt. Llaneras and Mr. Luis Arango.

Cable despatches from Washington relating to the sugar tariff, and stating that President Coolidge will be opposed to the reduction of duties on sugars.

Section entitled "Profile of the Day", very favorably commenting upon the letter from the President to the Laborers in which the President announces the acceptance by the mill owners of the bases for a settlement of the conflict; and the article recommends the acceptance of the conditions aby the laborers.

DIARIO DE LA MARINA - December 11, 1924.

Two lamentable incidents occurred yesterday. The first one was a quarrel at the Palace between Senators Collazo and Lombard, at which they came to blows. - The other was at the Department of the Interior, xxxxxxx between Lieut. Ors (Zayas' son-in-law) and Police Capt. Ferrera.

The Joint Committee of Labor Organizations has resolved to hold in suspense the orders of a general strike, and to maintain a watchful attitude until the delegates from the Provinces of Camaguey and Oriente, who are now discussing the bases submitted by the mill-owners and the President of the Republic, come to a final decision. It was also resolved to hold a general meeting on December 14th.

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HERALDO DE CUBA - December 12, 1924.

EDITORIAL commenting with regret upon the unfavorable reports received from the United States in connection with two problems which affect Cuba greatly: the discussion of the Hay-Quesada Treaty in the American Senate, and the revision of the sugar tariff.

EL HERALDO - December 12, 1924.

In view of the fact that the Supreme Court has taken no further action in connection with the accusations against the President and others, presented by Dr. Miguel Angel Aguiar, the latter has filed a new denunciation giving further details of the crimes of malversation committed by the Government, which crimes, if continued, will surely carry the National Treasury to bankruptcy.

According to a report rendered by the Secret Police, the General strike failed because the Union of Motormen and Conductors of the Havana Electric refused to join.

LA PRENSA - December 12, 1924.

The sugar-mill strike has virtually ended, and work has been resumed in almost all the sugar-mills. The only strike which is pending solution at present is that of the laborers and employees of the Cuba Northern Railways, which strike was declared in sympathy with the stevedores of Port Tarafa.

LA NOCHE - December 12, 1924.

This paper states that the laborers have officially accepted the bases for settlement suggested by President Zayas. The laborers have asked the President to appoint a Commission formed by two mill-owners, two laborers, and a representative of the Government, which Commission must visit the sugar-mills and see that the "Zayas' Bases" are complied with.

EL MUNDO - December 13, 1924.

This paper publishes the telegrams received from Colón and from Cardenas referring to the frustrated intentions to blow up the train which carried President Zayas and his party to Santiago de Cuba.

EDITORIAL entitled "THE HOMAGE TO ROOSEVELT", stating that with this homage Cuba only pays a debt of gratitude to the most zealous defender of its independence.

DIARIO DE LA MARINA - December 13, 1924.

Letter from Enrique Perez Vilanovo commenting upon the necessity of an immediate and effective action on the part of the Government in the matter of Tariff Reforms for the protection of national industries. In spite of the fact that four projects have been presented to this end, no definite action has been taken on any of them, greatly to the detriment of Cuban industries.

Cable despatch from Washington stating that the American Senate has decided to take up the Hay-Quesada Treaty, after the discussion on the Muscle Shoal question

EL TRIUNFO - December 13, 1924.

Favorably comments upon the attitude of the Rotary Club in connection with the Central Highway, and the opposition to grant the concession for the work to a foreign company.

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HERALDO DE CUBA - December 13, 1924.

Justice of the Supreme Court Moartin Arostegui has been appointed Special Judge in the proceedings instituted in connection with the Malecon "affaire", because Judge Montero withdrew due to his friendship with Comptroller Pereira.

This paper gives an account of the meeting held yesterday by the shareholders of the Banco Nacional de Cuba, at which it was resolved to protest against the projected loan of $500,000.00 to facilitate the grinding of Central "Limones". It was also resolved to address a comunication to the President of the Temporaty Banking Commission expressing that such a transaction would be dangerous and ruinous. Other resolutions were adopted, as follows: "To request an interview with the President of the Republic for the purpose of making delivery of a memorial relating to the actions of the Temporary Banking Liquidation Commission." - "To appoint Francisco de Paula Machado to visit General Machado, President-elect in order to obtain his cooperation for the purposes for which the Commission was named."

EL HERALDO - December 13, 1924.

El Heraldo states that two hundred thousand dollars of the $500,000.00 appropriation for electoral expenses, has disappeared mysteriously.

Charges are made that great profiteering is being carried on with the Christmas Lottery tickets, 5,000 of which have been sent to Mexico.

Charges are also made that the Vento Water Works again contains the typhoid bacillus, and that the idea is to prepare another credit.

EDITORIAL commenting favorably upon the Rotary Club resolution to assist the American Chamber of Commerce in its efforts to bring a greater number of tourists to Cuba, and its campaign to avoid cheap gambling places overrunning the city as an incentive to said tourists.

LA TARDE - December 13, 1924.

A letter received by this newspaper from the Secretary of the Federation of sugar-workers, states that they have been the victims of treason in their strike campaign, the Secretary of the Interior having agitators at his orders to provoke trouble and allow the Government to use urgent measures against tha laborers.

LA PRENSA - December 13, 1924.

The contract for dredging Cardenas Bay has been awarded to "Compañia de Construcciones Maritimas, S.A."

EL MUNDO - December 14, 1924.

EDITORIAL favorably commenting upon the solution of the sugar mill strike and that the laborers have been fortunate in obtaining many benefits for their working conditions, and that although they did not receive an acceptance of the delegates on the part of the sugar mills, they have been rather fortunate in having this occur because the delegates are apt to cause them more harm than good.

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A luncheon was tended in homage to the Mayor of Habana at which the Executive Committee of the Municipal Branch of the Liberal Party ratified his nomination for a second term.

EL TRIUNFO - December 14, 1924.

EDITORIAL commenting in very favorable terms upon Theodore Roosevelt, his great work in behalf of Cuba, and the great love and appreciation which Cuba has for his efforts in its behalf. "Roosevelt is as much entitled to the admiration and affection of the Cubans as the patriots who have distinguished themselves most brilliantly in their love for the country, because, without having been born here, he struggled first, for our independence, and afterwards, while President of the United States, placed the Government and management of our affairs in our own hands....."

HERALDO DE CUBA - December 14, 1924.

This paper states that the reception tended President Zayas at his arrival in Santiago de Cuba was courteous but rather cool on the part of the people.

In an article in which no names are mentioned and no careful details are contained, it is said that if the members of the Board of Liquidation of the Banco Nacional insist in their unlawful management of the same, they will be accused before the Courts in an energetic manner.

EL HERALDO - December 14, 1924.

This paper states that the President in order to help the Mayor of Habana out of his financial difficulties which have reached a point where he has no money with which to pay the employees, is preparing to give him one million dollars through two decrees providing for funds for paying the National Police Force.

Lengthy editorial commenting upon the prodigality with which President Zayas has given out pardons since he became President.

LA PRENSA - December 14, 1924.

EDITORIAL eulogizing Theodore Roosevelt.

LA NOCHE (of December 14th) also carries an editorial speaking of the great admiration and affection which the Cubans must and do have toward ex President Roosevelt.

EL MUNDO - December 15, 1924.

Telegram from Santiago de Cuba, giving a full account of the unveiling of Roosevelt's Monument. - Summaries of speeches made by General Harbord and President Zayas.

EL TRIUNFO - December 15, 1924.

Text of a memorial addressed by prominent persons and entities of the Port of Cardenas, to the President of the Senate, protesting against the Law of Dredging, and requesting the repeal of said Law.

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HERALDO DE CUBA - December 15, 1924.

After the visit of Ambassador Crowder to Secretary Carrerá, Mr. Barlow's claim for the Columbia lands has entered into a stage of rapid progress, which will surely determine the propriety of the payment. The proceedings had been held up in the Department of Public Works, due to differences among the promoters of the deal. The article further states that before any decision is reached, Secretary Carrerá must carefully consider the conditions on which Mr. Barlow ceded the lands.....

Article stating that the creditors of the Banco Español are preparing to take energetic action against the Board of Liquidation of said Bank, in view of the many illegalities which said Commission has been committing. To counteract the protest, the Board announced the payment of an additional 5 per cent, but it was too late to stop the collective protest.

The sugar planters of Camaguey have initiated a formidable movement for the organization of a powerful association, in defence of their interests. The "colonos" of Centrals "Stewart" and"Jagueyal" have already held the preliminary meetings, and the "colonos" of other sugar mills of that Province will shortly do the same.

Article unfavorably commenting upon the Presidential Decree No. 1726, and stating that said Decree will permit some of the high officials of the Department of Sanitation to get rich before the 20th of May. President Zayas authorizes Secretary Porto to purchase all the material without the requisite of a "subasta", alleging that seven months is a very short period to call for bids and hold auctions.

The National Congress of Labor Unions has decided to meet during the month of February, 1925, at the city of Cienfuegos, and the subjects to be discussed will be decided upon before January 20th. At yesterday's session it was resolved to issue a manifesto protesting of the persecutions against the sugar-mill workers.

EL HERALDO - December 15, 1924.

Article stating that the entire stock of molasses has been shipped from Cuba due to the monopoly of foreign companies and the "naferious influence of the American Embassy which opposed energetically the idea of issuing a Decree restricting the exports of molasses from Cuba." The article also refers to the investigations made by Mr. Samper regarding the shortage of raw material for the manufacture of alcohol in Cuba, and convinced that he was doing a great service to the country, Samper prepared a Decree which provided that only 25 per cent of the molasses produced could be exported leaving the remaining 75 per cent for local consumption, and the Decree was placed before the President for signature. When the monopolizers learned of this foresighted Decree, they sought the influence of the American Embassy, and General Crowder immediately presented a lengthy memorandum which sounded like a threat if the Decree was issued. "Practice has demonstrated --the article states--that the Executive has always yielded to the demands of the American Embassy, and the suggestion of General Crowder was flatly accepted by the President, and the Decree remained unsigned."

Article commenting upon the Isle of Pines question, and stating that Senator Borah, to combat President Coolidge,will oppose the ratification of the Hay-Quesada Treaty.

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LA TARDE - December 15, 1924.

This paper advances the information that the future Cabinet of President Machado will be organized as follows:

Treasury:..... Lopez Leiva.
Presidency:... Viriato Gutierrez.
Justice:..... Jesus Barraqué.
Interior:..... Zayas Bazan, Gronlier, or Miguel M. Gomez.
State:.....Rafel Martinez Ortiz.
Public Instruction:.. Iturralde (if he is not sentenced by the Supreme Court)
Sanitation:.... Mascaró or Duque.
War:..... Montes.

Referring to other important offices in the Administration, the article states that Sarrain will be placed at the head of the Lottery during the first four or five months, and then Sebastian Planas definitely appointed; Carlos Bertot, for Chief of the Penitentiary.

EL MUNDO - December 16, 1924.

For lack of quorum, the House of Representatives failed to hold session yesterday. The Congressmen present held a secret conference, at which it was resolved to hold a session next Wednesday to discuss only the Bill providing for the payment of bonuses to public employees.

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HERALDO DE CUBA - December 16, 1924.

This paper continues its attacks against the actions of Temporary Banking Commission in connection with Central "Limones", and stating that the operation of said mill will envolve an expenditure on the part of the Banco Nacional of some two million dollars. It also states that the creditors of the Bank will be seriously affected by this transaction, and as many of them are foreigners, they are preparing to file claims through their respective diplomatic representatives.

After the session of the House of Representatives scheduled for Wednesday, and at which a Bill for the payment of the Bonuses to public employees will probably be passed, Congress will be in recess until January 12th.

EDITORIAL very unfavorably commenting upon the appropriation of funds by decrees, and stating that the "Financial Dictatorship" is in full sway at present in Cuba. The article also states that upon his arrival in Santiago, President Zayas has promised to grant an appropriation of one million dollars for Public Works in that Province, and states that the President has lost all notion of what a constitutional Government is.

EL HERALDO - December 16, 1924.

Representative Miguel Angel Aguiar appeared yesterday before the Supreme Court, and ratified the accusations for malversation of public funds made against President Zayas and against the Secretaries of Public Works and of the Treasury.

This paper criticizes the organization of the ceremonies in Santiago de Cuba in honor of the late Colonel Roosevelt, and states that President-elect Machado should have been invited to attend.

Article stating that the repairs of Central "Limones" have already been commenced, but expressing the opinion that the grinding of this sugar mill will not yield any profit to the Banco Nacional. Itis also stated in this article that the future President of the Republic is decidedly in favor of the reorganization of the Banco Nacional.

LA PRENSA - December 16, 1924.

The workers of Central "Gomez Mena", who belong to the "Agricultural Syndicate of San Nicolas", will shortly present to the Management of said Central the following petitions: (1) Recognition of the Agricultural Syndicate; (2) free access to delegate-collectors; (3) free access to sellers; (4) payments to be effected on the 3rd and 16th of every month; (5) enforcement of the Arteaga Law; (6) an increase of 20 per cent in wages; (7) cutting of cane to be paid at the rate of $1.20 for every 100 arrobas, and hauling at 60 cents for every 100 arrobas; (8) sanitation of dwelling-houses; (9)"colonos" to receive 7 arrobas of sugar for every 100 arrobas of cane; and (10) special contracts for "colonos".

EL COMERCIO - December 17, 1924.

EDITORIAL favorably commenting upon the approval of the Bill for the payment of Bonuses to public employees, by the House of Representatives to-day.

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HERALDO DE CUBA - December 17, 1924.

The strike in the lines of the Cuba Northern Railways, continues. Negotiations to end the strike were initiated four days ago, with the intervention of Judge Carballo; but unfortunately, all efforts to obtain a settlement have been useless. An ultimatum was presented to the Railroad Company by the laborers this morning, to accede to the demands made, but the ultimatum was rejected, and further complications of the conflict are expected.

EL HERALDO - December 17, 1924.

This paper comments editorially upon the lavish expenditure of public funds, and states that the friends of President-elect Machado must realize the difficult situation which will inevitably come, and must get ready to combat all projects envolving appropriations.

LA DISCUSION - December 17, 1924.

This paper publishes an article commenting upon the financial policy of President Zayas, and stating that in spite of the unprecedented heavy collections of the Treasury, the funds deposited in the national coffers have remained practically unchanged during the last eighteen months. The article further states that certain estimates made reveal that the wealth of President Zayas at the expiration of his term of office will amount to 22 million dollars. Celso Cuellar is said to have over five millions at present.

EDITORIAL, urging the payment of the gratifications to public employees.

EL MUNDO - December 18, 1924.

EDITORIAL unfavorably commenting upon the failure to approve the Bonus Bill at the House yesterday, and stating that the intentions to include the payment of the claims for "supplies" is what prevented the passage of that Bill.

All the morning papers publish a message signed by Mrs. Roosevelt, General Harbord, etc., expressing their appreciation to the people of Cuba for the warm welcome received during their stay in this country.

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HERALDO DE CUBA - December 18, 1924.

Interview with President-elect Machado. Referring to the Central Highway, General Machado said that the work is necessary and useful, but that it is inopportune to undertake the same at the present time. If the work is to be accomplished during his Administration, it should not be commenced now, especially when there are other important obligations pending and when the change of Government is so near. "I understand that the payment of the floating debt, which has already been accepted by the Debt Commission, is an obligation of a public character which should be liquidated...." General Machado also expressed himself contrary to the immediate approval of the Law of Reorganization of Banks; and that the convenience or uselessness of said project cannot be determined now, but only after a careful study by those capacitated to carry it out.....

The Association of Sugar Planters and Mill Owners have initiated a campaign in favor of the improvement of conditions in dwelling-houses in sugar-mills, and has sent out a circular to all the sugar-millsmaking certain recommendations tending to prevent diseases.

Article unfavorably commenting upon the trip to the United States of one of the members of the Temporary Banking Liquidation Commission (Mr. Marina). The Banco Nacional has had to pay the travelling expenses of Mr. Marine, amounting to $20,000.00, which amount has been charged to the expense account of Central "Limones". The creditors of the Bank have protested against the payment of said sum.

If the bases suggested by President Zayas for the settlement of the conflict in the sugar mills, are not complied with by the owners of sugar mills within a period of 72 hours, the labor organizations of this city and of the interior will hold a meeting to adopt the resolutions which the circumstances may demand, and the laborers may possibly resort to a general strike.

EL HERALDO - December 18, 1924.

This paper states that a new scheme has been planned to take possession of lands belonging to the Government. The lands in question are those in which the "Campo de Marte", or Colon Park is situated. The lands were surreptitiously recorded in the Register of Property, and a mortgage of $60,000.00placed on the property, and in favor of the Registrar, in payment of his registration "fees".

LA TARDE - December 18, 1924.

Translation of an article published in "The Evening News" relating to the construction of the Central Highway and the plans prepared by Mess. Morgan & Co. to finance the work. - "La Tarde" states with regret that practically all the remarks made by "The Evening News" are true.

"INVESTIGATIONS MADE BY MORGAN & CO." - Under the above caption, this paper states that ~~Mr. Morris~~, of the Morgan firm, held a conference with President Zayas this morning in connection with the constant bleeding of the National Treasury. After conferring with the President, Mr. Morris called on Secretary Portela and obtained certain data in connection with the expnditure of public funds.

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LA PRENSA - December 18, 1924.

A short article stating that President-elect Machado held a long conference with President Zayas, this morning.

President Zayas will not grant any audiences until after the Christmas holidays.

LA NOCHE - December 18,1924.

Gonzalez Beauville, of "Heraldo de Cuba", and Desiderio Ferreira of "El Heraldo" fought a duel this morning. Beauville received a slight wound.

EDITORIAL, unfavorably commenting upon the failure to pass the Bonus Bill in the House in spite of the efforts made by Representatives Gil and Beauville.

EL MUNDO - December 19, 1924.

EDITORIAL entitled "DECISIVE MOMENTS" - In the first place, this article states that the present Government should take advantage of the time left to the present Administration to crown the work of restoration of public liberties and of financial affairs; but that it should in ~~xxxx~~ no way devote itself to make plans, conceive projects and issue laws and resolutions on matters which the future Administration will be called upon to solve and accomplish. It also refers to the opinion expressed by General Machado to the effect that the construction of the Central Highway is useful and necessary, but that the study of this important problem should be left to his Administration. He refers in the same manner to the awarding of the contract for the Cienfuegos Aqueduct.

Declarations made by Mr. Dwight W. Morrow. He says that Cuba needs no financial help for the construction of the Central Highway, as it can take care of this work with the ordinary revenues.

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1. Enclosed will be found brief summaries of news articles and editorial comment of the Havana Press for the days:

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HERALDO DE CUBA - December 19, 1924.

Account of the meeting held yesterday by the Tariff Committee of the National Federation of Economic Corporations. Mr. Scott Thompson spoke in behalf of the cement manufacturers, and the necessity of being protected against the frequent invassion of the surplus production of other countries. - The question of duties of crude petroleum was also discussed.

The Executive Committee of the Association of Sugar Planters and Mill Owners has addressed a circular letter to all the sugar mills, requesting certain data in connection with roads, vehicles used, etc., to be used in the campaign for a rapid improvement of roads.

The Presidential and Senatorial electors of the Province of Habana, were proclaimed yesterday. The certificates of election will be forwarded to the Provincial Governor, in order that in he may summon the senatorial electors to an assembly, for the proclamation of Barrera and Hermo as Senators.

At yesterday's meeting of the Rotary Club, Dr. Balbino Gonzalez, President of the Provincial Electoral Board of Habana, submitted a report in connection with electoral problems. He referred to the process for the inscription of electors, and stated that the electors were responsible for the conflicts which daily confronted the electoral boards, because they wait until the last minute to register. He also referred to the lamentable state of abandonment of the Municipal Electoral Board of Habana, due to the lack of personnel and lack of organization. Afterwards he referred to the enforcement of Article 102, expressing his opinion that said Article should be amended, because it deprives the real electors of the right to vote. Referring to the Electoral Code, he said that it was a good work, but that a Code which, for its enforcement, has necessitated the issuing of 95 "General Instructions" and 85 "Spacial Instructions", it surely because it has many deficiencies. - Dr. Garcia Montes also delivered an address on electoral problems, and stated that the "electoral agent" was the most dangerous man in the electoral process. He said that Article 102 was good and should not be amended; but that the trouble lies in the fact that it is never enforced properly. If the provisions of said article had been applied since the year 1919, the number of excess electors carried would not be so great at present. -- The Rotary Club adopted a resolution to take steps to obtain the appointment of Juan Bautista Lamarche as Minister of Santo Domingo in Cuba.

Manifesto issued by the Cuba Northern Railways to the employees and laborers of said lines, explaining the attitude of the Company with respect to the present strike, which is the sixth of the series of strikes in that railroad during the year.

Commenting upon Mr. Morrow's conference with President Zayas, this paper states that in view of the lavish waste of public funds by the President of the Republic, the American bankers sent a representative to investigate the exact economic conditions of Cuba.

Cable despatch from Washington stating that the failure to come to a decision in the matter of the Muscle Shoals concession, has caused the discussion of the Hay-Quesada Treaty to be postponed until next month. - This despatch also quotes an editorial by Colonel Harvey, published to-day in the"Washington Post", on "Roosevelt and the Isle of Pines", stating that the ceremonies

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held last Sunday at Santiago would have had a greater significance for both countries if the United States had announced the ratification of the Treaty.....

EDITORIAL, favorably commenting upon the recent declarations made by President-elect Machado regarding the projected construction of the Central Highway, and the reorganization of the Banco Nacional.

EL HERALDO - December 19, 1924.

Text of a very lengthy communication signed by Dr. Domingo Mendez Capote, as Acting President of the Cuban-American Roads Company, addressed to Congress, giving a general description of the bases for the Construction of the Central Highway. The cost of the construction is estimated at 390 million dollars, and will place a mortgage on Cuba for a period of 40 years, in favor of a foreign company. The construction will cover a period of fifteen years. Economic resources to cover the cost of the work, etc. etc. - "El Heraldo" comments unfavorably upon this project, which will cost the Republic $1,200,000.000.00, when the total cost of the work is only 390 millions at an estimated cost of $62,200.00 per kilometer (equivalent to about $103,666.00 per mile).

Article stating that the Cuban Government has already paid 48 millions for claims approved by the Debt Commission. There only remain at present in the hands of Messrs. Morgan & Co., two millions of the $50,000,000.00 loan contracted with them. The article further states that the floating debt was wrongly calculated, as the State still owes about $14.000,000.00 for claims legally recognized. - The visit of a representative of the Morgan firm is also mentioned in connection with the above.

The following article appears among the "Palace News":
"Mr. Morris, who is said to be the representative in Cuba of Messrs. Morgan & Co., of New York, held a conference with Dr. Zayas yesterday, and shortly afterwards requested from the Department of the Treasury certain information in connection with the real conditions of the national collections and the revenues destined for the amortization of the loans contracted. It is affirmed that Morgan & Co.are trying to carry out the contracting of the Central Highway, and are already studying the manner in which the Cuban Government can pay back the millions invested in that enterprise."

The section entitled "OPINIONS", comments with regret upon the failure to approve the Employee's Bonus Bill.

LA PRENSA - December 19, 1924.

Letter addressed by President Zayas to Enrique Varona, President of the Union of Employees of the Cuba Northern Railways, in answer to Varona's letter of the 11th. After thanking Varona for the prompt attention given to certain recommendations made by the President, Zayas repeats his promise of asking Congress immediately to pass some legislation tending to solve the problems pending, and refutes some statements contained in Varona's letter.

General Agustin Cebreco, Veteran of the wars of Independence, died suddenly this morning, in this city.

A conference was held to-day between President Zayas and General Crowder, in connection with the strike of the Cuban Northen Railways, and also in connection with the delivery of certain

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books donated by Mrs. Roosevelt to the Cuban Government.
New negotiations have been started in Moron to end the strike of the Cuba Northern Railways.

LA NOCHE - December 19, 1924.

At the request of the diplomatic representative of Venezuela in Cuba, the Cuban authorities made an investigation on board the S.S. "Angelita" which arrived yesterday from ports of the United States, but no proofs of the charges made by the Chargé d'Affaires of Venezuela were found. The denunciation was to the effect that the vessel had been chartered by a group of Venezuelan conspirators, and was carrying a cargo of arms and ammunition.

This paper publishes an article referring to the division in the Conservative Party, and the accusation made against some of the leaders of having abandoned the Party.

Telegram from Camaguey stating that the negotiations to end the strike of the Cuba Northern Railways, have failed. The authorities closed the laborers' club. The strike leaders are in hiding. Soldiers have been detached to protect all the railroad stations.

LA TARDE - December 19, 1924.

"MR. CROWDER IS ALARMED", is the title of an article commenting upon the last visit of Ambassador Crowder to President Zayas in connection with the strike in the Cuba Northern Railways. The article states that General Crowder recommended the immediate solution of the conflict, and stated that it was caused serious damages to American citizens. General Crowder also referred to the excesses committed with public funds, especially in connection with the withdrawal of $300,000.00 for unknown purposes. He also took up the matter of the funds appropriated for roads and other public works, stating that the money is spent but the works are not accomplished.

EL MUNDO - December 20, 1924.

EDITORIAL, very unfavorably commenting upon the frequent strikes in the lines of the Cuba Northern Railways, and pointing out the damages which said strikes cause not only to that district but to country in general.

EL TRIUNFO - December 20, 1924.

EDITORIAL entitled "THE ELECTORAL CODE" - commenting upon the statements made by Dr. Balbino Gonzalez, President of the Municipal Electoral Board of Habana, at a recent meeting of the Rotary Club. The article states that the Electoral Code now in force is the product of many previsions, and drafted after an election full of frauds and other evil practices; and in order to prevent these frauds, the Commission in charge of drafting the Code tried to give all kinds of guarantees to the elector, but it has been seen in practice that in some cases the provisions are useless, and in others inconvenient. It also refers to the excessive number of requisites concerning appeals, by which any one can hinder the normal development of the electoral process and postpone the proclamation of the candidate elected, mrely for the pleasure of causing some worry to a political opponent. It also refers to certain drawbacks in the Law of Parties, and the useless expenses to keep up the electoral machinery.

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HERALDO DE CUBA - December 20, 1924.

Article commenting upon the the recent visit to Cuba of a representative of J.P.Morgan & Co., and stating that complications will arise in connection with the investigations made by Mr. Morrow regarding the lavish expenditure of public funds. It also refers to the visit of General Crowder to President Zayas, stating that the Ambassador demanded administrative morality in order to guarantee the interests of the loan made by American bankers. The lavish waste of the present Administration may even provoke an Interference. Zayas was unable to justify the expenditure of public funds, and his method of governing by decrees.....

The Mayor of Güines notifies the Provincial Governor that the workers of Centrals "Amistad" and "Providencia" have decided to go on strike tomorrow, by reason of the refusal of the Managers of said sugar mills to receive the visit of a Commission appointed by the laborers to discuss the terms for a friendly understanding.

Either to-day or tomorrow, the President will sign a Decree appropriating the sum of $500,000.00 for the work of paving the streets of Habana. This is said to be the second of the series of appropriation decrees for the repairs of the streets of Habana, the total cost of which is estimated by this paper at about two million dollars.

The "Compañia Cubana de Buenos Caminos" (Cuban Good Roads Company) has just been inscribed in the Mercantile Register of this city, according to this paper. Said Company has a capital of 15 million dollars, distributed in common shares at 7-1/2% and preferred shares at 7-1/2%. The domicile of the Company is given at Mercaderes 12, Habana, and will devote itself to the construction of roads in Cuba, and especially to the construction of the Central Highway. It is rumored that this Company is backed by Messrs. Morgan & Co. Messrs.Fernandez de Castro, Gaston Mora (journalist) and Doctor Rodriguez Acosta (Magistrate of the Audiencia of Habana), appear among the principal stockholders.

Text of the memorial presented by the shareholders and creditors of the Banco Nacional, to the President of the Temporary Commission of the Liquidation of Banks, protesting against the projected financing of Central "Limones" for this year's crop out of National Bank funds.

It is rumored that those whom this paper calls "the successful Palace business men" are planning another ferocious assault upon the public treasury based upon the paving of the city of Cienfuegos, in exchange for the granting of the waterworks of that city to the Company undertaking the paving as security for the said work.

EL HERALDO - December 20, 1924.

This paper alleges that the fantastic ~~xxxkan~~ legend of the surplus millions of dollars in the Treasury is destroyed by the fact of what those figures really represent, there being as a matter of fact, only two million out of the 25 which can really be considered surplus funds.

The Company which is to undertake the construction of the Central Highway, if the plans should go through, has already been organized and inscribed in the Mercantile Register. It is said

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that Messrs.J.P.Morgan & Co., of New York will take up the stock of this Company.

It is said that the visit of Mr. Monroe of J.P.Morgan & Co. to the Palace and to the Department of the Treasury was to examine Cuba's finances and to insinuate that the six million dollars surplus should be set aside for an extraordinary amortization of bonds of the $50.000,000.00 loan, but that this plan was immediately rejected by the Secretary of the Treasury.

Charges are made of immorality, disorder, lack of hygiene and order at the National Leprosy Hospital.

LA PRENSA - December 20, 1924.

Laborers of the Amistad and Providencia sugar mills have gone on strike.

LA NOCHE - December 20, 1924.

The Secretary of the Interior has stated that he has taken all the necessary steps to solbe the strike on the Cuba Northern Railway and that if these measures fail, he will adopt the necessary steps to re-establish regular traffic.

EDITORIAL entitled "CUBAN-AMERICAN CORDIALITY" . Commenting upon the return of Mrs. Roosevelt to the United States, and the significance of the ~~xxxxxxxxxx~~ ceremonies in homage to Theodore Roosevelt carried out at the historial San Juan Hill. That this act was evidence to the representatives of the United States Government of the thoughts, feeling and affection of our people toward the American people, and that at the same time, the United States Government, in reciprocity to the actions of Cuba should stop the petty quarrels and questions which are taking place in connection with the ratification of the Isle of Pines Treaty.

EL MUNDO - December 21, 1924.

The sixth medical Congress has adopted ~~xxxx~~ among its many resolutions that of requesting the Legislative Power to immediately pass laws which shall make possible hygienic living quarters for laborers at sugar mills. Also legislation to protect the working women. Also to pass laws properly regulating the child labor problem.

DIARIO DE LA MARINA - December 21, 1924.

Lengthy editorial, first of a series, bringing forth arguments wherefore the Central Highway should be constructed, and its construction be supported by the majority of the Cuban people, the economic and industrial advantages it will bring to the nation, the benefits to the smaller farmer, the benefits to the tourists' season which to-day is limited to the capital of the Republic, and the reduction of the cost of living which this will bring about.

EL TRIUNFO - December 21, 1924.

EDITORIAL, commenting upon the favorable statements given out by Mr. Morrow, of Morgan & Co., with regard to the construction of the Central Highway, which opinion is the opinion sustained by "El Triunfo", to wit: that Cuba is able, and should undertake the construction of the Central Highway as soon as possible out of surplus funds, and out of such taxes as may be imposed upon the people for that purpose.

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EL COMERCIO - December 21, 1924.

Editorial opposing the Banking Liquidation's intentions to finance the grinding of Central "Limones", and pointing out the fact that the argument of the Commission to the effect that the mill must be put to work or it will be considered as a demolished mill, is a fallacious one because many offers for leasing or buying the mill have been made to the Commission, and the Commission could more easily save the mill by doing this than to finance it in the manner planned. That the mere fact that a new manager has been appointed for the mill which already has two managers, and that said manager is allowed 25 per cent of the profits for his services, clearly shows that there is something wrong somewhere.

HERALDO DE CUBA - December 21, 1924.

Doctor Iturralde insists upon being energetic in the handling of the Cuba Northern Railway strike; and Heraldo de Cuba seems to think that the American Ambassador is behind this display of energy.

The Cuban Engineering Society has prepared an extensive document which it has presented to the Cuban authorities, protesting against the plan of granting the construction of the Central Highway to a xxixx privileged company.

The President of the Economic Corporations has presented a memorial to the Banking Commission contrary to the financing of the Central "Limones" under the plans studied by said Banking Commission.

EDITORIAL protesting against the vast expenditures of money for paving the streets of Habana, Heraldo de Cuba calling attention to the fact that the paving of Habana streets is merely a pretext to hide the effects of the Malecon, Cardenas Dredging and other ugly business deals which have been put through by President Zayas.

EL HERALDO - December 21, 1924.

EDITORIAL which calls the project of the Central Highway inopportune at the present time; that a project of this vastness and entailing such great expenditure should not be constructed without submitting the same to a referendum of the people, or at least the Government should wait until the new President and new members of Congress take charge of office and have a chance to say something on the matter.

LA TARDE - December 21, 1924.

Article commenting upon the unanimous opposition of the press to the reorganization of the Banco Nacional, not for what the reorganization is in itself, because the reorganization of bankrupt banks always represents progress and prosperity, but on account of the frauds and immoralities planned in connection with the present reorganization. The article also states that the Banking Commission is a center of scandalous grafting schemes, and refers to a simulated auction of securities representing one million dollars which have been sold for $100,000.00. Shares of the Havana Electric quoted at 90, have been made to appear as at 10. Many falsifications have been committed in connection with these scandalous deals.

"CROWDER DOES NOT WORRY ABOUT THE ELECTORAL CODE" - Quoting an article published in "The Evenening News" commenting upon the

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discussion of electoral problems at a recent meeting of the Rotary Club.

EL MUNDO - December 23, 1924.

EDITORIAL commenting upon the fact that the construction of the Central Highway is one of the first and most important deals planned by the Administration which is about to cease. The article also refers to the fact that the project is very inopportune. The project is of such an importance and magnitude that it would throw a big burden upon the coming Administrations that it will not be able to do anything else but look after the accomplishment of the work. The article also comments unfavorably upon the reorganization of the Banco Nacional.

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HERALDO DE CUBA - December 22, 1924.

Article criticizing the actions of the Banking Commission, and stating that President-elect Machado will probably intervene to prevent the scandalous "affaire" of Central "Limones". The shareholders and creditors of the Banco Nacional have requested Machado's intervention.

Irregularities in the Department of Public Works. Secretary Carrerá stated that the Casa Blanca pumps were very defective, and that the city of Habana was menaced by a serious overflow of the sewers; but after he obtained an appropriation to make the necessary repairs, he has now changed his mind and wants to dispose of the entire appropriation for his own benefit. This proves that he lied when he said that the pumps were not in a proper working condition.

According to a report submitted by the Cuban Embassy in Washington, to the Cuban Department of Agriculture, negotiations are now in progress between Ambassador Torriente and the Chilian Ambassador in Washington to have a Treaty signed between Cuba and Chile, whereby facilities will be given for the entry of Cuban Tobacco in Chile, in exchange for the free entry of Chilian fruits in Cuba. - "Heraldo de Cuba" comments favorably upon this projected Treaty, as it will open a new market to Cuban tobacco.

This paper continues its campaign against the acquisition by the State of the lands of the old slaughter-house.

EDITORIAL referring to the comments of the Cuban press upon the recent visit of Mr. Morrow to Cuba, and stating that said visit of inspection should not be a cause for mortification inasmuch as the lavish expenditure of public funds by the present Administration has given rise to the fiscalization on the part of the American bankers, to which they have a right under the terms of the contract of the $50.000.000.00 loan.

LA PRENSA - December 22,1924.

The strike in the lines of the Cuba Northern Railways, continues. The owner of Central "Nombre de Dios" has accepted the bases presented by the laborers, and work has been resumed in that sugar mill.

LA NOCHE - December 22, 1924.

EDITORIAL urging Congress to pass a Law for the payment of the Bonuses owed to public employees.

EL MUNDO - December 23, 1924.

Jose I. Lezama, the fugitive banker and merchant, gave himself up to the authorities yesterday, at Matanzas. The writ of indictment against him was changed yesterday, and he was immediately released under bail of $5,000.00

DIARIO DE LA MARINA - December 23, 1924.

The Chamber of Commerce of Moron has sent a communication to the Department of the Interior, protesting against the strike of the Cuba Northern Railways.

Article further commenting upon the construction of the Central Highway. Teh Central Highway should be completed in the

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shortest possible time, and it should not be the cause of new burdens thrown upon the people. This paper suggests the awarding of the contract to a company. The payment for the work should be made by yearly installments, and a certain percentage of the one per cent tax could be applied to the amortization of cost of the work.

EL TRIUNFO - December 23, 1924.

This paper states that the House of Representatives will not convene again until January, and that among the projects included in the program for the coming session, are: the construction of the Central Highway, the reorganization of the Banco Nacional, and the repeal of the Turismo Law.

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HERALDO DE CUBA - December 23, 1924.

Secretary of State Cespedes has been appointed Honorary Member of the Scientific Pan-American Congress now being held at Lima, according to a cable despatch received from the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Peru. Who's Who

Director of Sanitation Lopez del Valle denies the rumors that typhoid fever exists in the Province of Pinar del Rio.

Secretary Iturralde has announced his purpose to resume traffic in the lines of the Cuba Northern Railways, if the laborers fail to find a prompt solution of the conflict.

Article commenting upon the illegal actions of the members of the Banking Commission, and stating that the members of said Commission guilty of malversation will soon receive the merited punishment. The shareholders and creditors of the Banco Nacional intend to bring criminal action against them.

EL HERALDO - December 23, 1924.

Article commenting upon the fact that the Presidents of Committees of the Conservative Party have initiated a campaign against the leaders of said Party. The leaders of Habana declare, however, that the attitude for which they are combatted, is a ptriotic one. "We have refused--they state--to maintain a protest of obstruction against the proclamation of General Machado. Those who maintain the protest try to use us as tools for the obtention of offices and material advantages, but we do not believe that that is the proper policy to follow. We are disposed to defend the Conservative positions and to demand the participation in public offices to which we have a right, but never through the use of methods which might endanger our nationality." This campaign against the leaders of the Conservative Party has spread to Oriente.

Irregularities in the Department of Public Works. A defalcation has been discovered in the "Funds for Private Works". City Chief Engineer Cuellar is said to be responsible for this defalcation, which amounts to $11,000.00.

EDITORIAL, very unfavorably commenting upon the attitude of Secretary Iturralde against the laborers of the Cuba Northern Railways. This is in connection with the statements recently made by Iturralde to the effect that if the laborers fail to come to an understanding immediately, he will make the trains run by all means.

LA NOCHE - December 23, 1924.

Text of the final bases submitted by the General Manager of the Cuba Northern Railways to end the strike commenced on December 9th. The Railway Company agrees to reinstate the laborers who went on strike; to pay the personnel every 15 days, etc.

EL MUNDO - December 24, 1924.

Cable despatch from Washington stating that President Coolidge will probably announce his decision on the sugar tariff to-day.

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HERALDO DE CUBA - December 26, 1924.

The sugar mills of the Province of Matanzas are threatened by a strike, which will probably be declared during the month of January if immediate attention is not given to this problem. The laborers of that Province made certain demands, to which the "colonos" answered with a slight increase in wages, but this did not satisfy the laborers, and a Manifesto has been issued announcing the intentions of the laborers to go on strike. This paper states that the Department of Agriculture, as usual, remains indifferent to the labor conflicts.

Article referring to the scandalous "affaire" of the lands of the old slaughter-house, and stating that a Lawyer will defend the rights of the Municipality. In this connection, the article states that malversation of public funds of which Carrerá has been guilty, are so many, that this new fraud might even be the cause of his dismissal from the Cabinet.

Declarations made by Dr. Jose Rosado Aybar, Consulting Attorney of the Department of the Presidency, in connection with the purposes of the Conservative Party to hinder the proclamation of President Machado. Dr. Rosado Aybar states that Congress has no right to elect a President, as this can only be done by the Presidential electors, and Congress can only decide in case of a draw, according to the provisions of Article 58 of the Constitution.

Article stating that the plans to have the State pay an indemnity of $8.000,000.00 for the lands of the "Campo de Marte", or Colon Park, are progressing rapidly, and only a strong and energetic protest on the part of the people might prevent President Zayas from authorizing the payment of that sum. This paper states once more that said lands were ceded to the Crown of Spain over one hundred years ago. President Zayas is said to be principally responsible for this huge graft. Of the eight millions which the State will pay, five millions will be used to buy consciences and to hush the press.

The solution of the conflict of the Cuba Northern Railways was obtained by the dismissal of the Strike Committee. The clause which provided that the laborers could not declare any strike for a period of two years, was excluded from the Bases signed between the Company and the laborers. Secretary Iturralde sent copies of the messages received at the Department of the Interior to President Zayas and to Ambassador Crowder.

Cable despatch from Washington: Ambassador Torriente called on Secretary Hughes to bid him good-bye before sailing for Cuba. Torriente's trip has no political significance. Against all expectations, President Coolidge failed to announce his decision on the sugar tariff yesterday. -- According to "The National Republican", organ of the National Republican Committee, Senator Borah will allege that the Senate has no powers to dispose of any part of the national territory, to oppose the ratification of Hay-Quesada Treaty.

EDITORIAL entitled "EIGHT MILLION DOLLARS FOR THE CAMPO DE MARTE".- calling this the climax of the Zayas' Government which overwhelms the display of fantasy by converting in possible things those things which one dares only forge in his imagination. That this is all a matter of enough money with which to buy a few consciences and it is just as easy to extract

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the millions from the Treasury to buy a monastery in ruins as it is to pay the false signers for the expropriation of the old slaughter-house property, and it is just as easy to pay a couple of million dollars for a few rocks upon the water front as it will be to buy a public Park for the Government which has always belonged to the Government. The article ~~xxxx~~ terminates by stating that this is merely a vivid example of the corruption of the present situation in Cuba.

EL HERALDO - December 26, 1924.

It is expected that the Supreme Court within the next few days will render a decision in the charges brought by Miguel Angel Aguiar against the President of the Republic and the Secretaries of Public Works and the Treasury for malversation of public funds.

Miguel Angel Aguiar, in an interview states that the construction of the Central Highway at the present time under the conditions of financing which have been commented upon in the press would constitute a disastrous and very deep crisis for the Republic.

LA PRENSA - December 26, 1924.

EDITORIAL commenting upon the need of enacting proper labor legislation which will put an end once and for all to the abnormal conditions under which this year's crop is being carried on. That the problem seemed about to be solved but as a matter of fact, it still continues unsolved even at those mills which have accepted the conditions imposed by the laborers. The President, ~~xxx~~ in a message to Congress, has already recommended that this be done.

Ambassador Torriente will arrive this afternoon.

LA NOCHE - December 26, 1924.

EDITORIAL commenting upon the immorality and corruptness of the Municipal Courts.

EDITORIAL (from "La Lucha") commenting upon the ratification of the Hay-Quesada Treaty, and the intentions to submit the question to the Supreme Court of the United States, and stating that Cuba will probably lose the Isle of Pines.

EL MUNDO -- December 27, 1924.

EDITORIAL entitled "AFTER A MOMENTARY SOLUTION HAS BEEN OBTAINED, IT IS NECESSARY TO GIVE SOME THOUGHT TO THE DEFINITE SOLUTION" - Commenting upon the settlement of the conflict in the Cuba Northern Railways, and the necessity of enacting proper laws regulating the relations between capital and labor.

EL TRIUNFO - December 27, 1924.

Upon his arrival yesterday, Ambassador Torriente made the following declarations in connection with the Isle of Pines question: "There no reason for worry or anxiety. The Hay-Quesada Treaty will be ratified, and the Isle of Pines will continue to be ours because it belongs to us "de jure" and "de facto", and because it is so desired, sincerely and nobly, by the great American people worthily represented by the Senate."

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HERALDO DE CUBA - December 27, 1924.

Article referring to the arrival of Ambassador Torriente, and his statements to the effect that Cuba's sovereignty over the Isle of Pines is assured. Dr. Torriente will return to Washington during the first fortnight of January, as his presence is necessary there to defend the rights of Cuba when the question of the Isle of Pines is discussed at the Senate.

The question of the illegal purchase of the lands of the old slaughter-house is now in the hands of President Zayas for final action, and everything seems to indicate that it will be put through.

The city of Santiago de Cuba will suffer the consequences of the shortage of water next summer, due to the guilty negligence of President Zayas. The President has not even acknowledged receipt of the report submitted by the experts, and the problem remains unsolved. - The report submitted rejects all the proposals presented, and recommends the awarding of the contract to the best bidder.

Text of Decree No. 1,767 appropriating the sum of $500,000. for the repair of the streets of Habana. "Heraldo de Cuba" calls special attention to the fact that this Decree bears the date of December 12th, and was published in the Official Gazette of December 26th. It further states that this is a proof of the very friendly relations between President Zayas and those accused by the people as defrauders of the Treasury.

Article stating that the shareholders and creditors of the Banco Español will follow the example of the creditors of the Banco Nacional, and intend to act energetically in order to prevent certain illegalities of the Board of Liquidation.

The Company which is to undertake the dredging of the port of Cardenas, collected yesterday from the National Treasury the first advance of $700,000.00.

Article further commenting upon the scandalous deal of the lands of Campo de Marte, or Colon Park, and stating that a Registrar of Property has already inscribed the lands in the name of the presumptive heirs. Important documents relating to these lands have disappeared from the National Archives.

Secretary of State Cespedes has informed President Zayas of the visit received from Ambassador Crowder, who, as Dean of the Diplomatic Corps, will deliver the address of salutation at the New Year's reception at the Palace.

"THE VULTURES" - Article commenting upon scandalous deals planned by the present Administration, which will finally cause the bankruptcy of the Treasury. It refers to the proposed indemnification of $8.400,000.00 to the presumptive owners of the Campo de Marte.

EDITORIAL unfavorably commenting upon the movement initiated by the Political committees of the Conservative Party to obstruct the proclamation of President Machado.

Another editorial, commenting upon the Isle of Pines question, and expressing the conviction that the decision of the Senate will be a just one.

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EL HERALDO - December 27, 1924.

Article stating that President Zayas has spent $7.500,000.00 in an illegal manner, and asking the Prosecuting Attorney of the Supreme Court to order that a careful investigation be made in the different Departments of the Government. The President has signed Decrees appropriating funds, contrary to the Law of the Budget, up to $6.004,883.69; and he has also authorized transfers of credits for the sum of $1,667,397.49.

LA TARDE - December 27, 1924.

"La Tarde" publishes to following figures to prove that the sum of over 23 millions said to be deposited in the National Treasury, is only a "camouflage", because in reality, there are only $674,835.06 not pledged to other obligations:

Special funds in deposit, not belonging to the State	$ 6.552.773.06
Amount retained for checks outstanding	9,121,263.82
Amount pledged as a result of the liquidation of the last Budget	6.734.305.65
Real amount deposited in the Treasury not pledged to other obligations	674,835.06
Total amount deposited in the Treasury	$23.083,177.59

Besides the above, there is a public debt amounting to over one hundred million dollars, and other interior obligations still pending. Therefore, it is impossible to deny that the National Treasury is bankrupt.

EL MUNDO - December 28, 1924.

EDITORIAL entitled "A NEW TYPE OF BUSINESS" - Unfavorably commenting upon the scandalous deals such as the one in connection with the lands of the old slaughter-house and with the lands of the Campo de Marte, for which the State will have to pay several millions.

A banquet was given yesterday in honor of the President-elect, Machado, by the officers of the Army. Speeches were made by Colonel Espinosa, Dr. Barraque, and General Machado.

"THE MEN OF THE NEW GOVERNMENT" - Article praising Dr. Jesus Maria Barraqué.

EL TRIUNFO - December 28, 1924.

Dr. Lopez del Valle, Director of Sanitation, is taking the necessary steps to see that the Sanitary regulations are enforced in all the sugar mills and other manufacturing plants.

The principal leaders of the strike at Punta Alegre have been sentenced to 180 days inprisonment.

HERALDO DE CUBA - December 28, 1924.

The announcement made by the Executive that there is a surplus of $21.000,000.00, is a great farce. Said 21 millions cannot be spent because they are funds in trust or pledged to other obligations. The State owes 36 millions at the present time. In reality, there is a deficit of $14,984,274.25 at the present time. The floating debt alone, which has already been approved, amounts to 14 millions.

The campaign of this paper against the actions of the Temporary Commission on Banking Liquidation, continues. To-day's article states that the members of said Commission are taking advantage of the holidays to plan a new scandalous deal.

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With the idea of benefiting the contractors (Valdes & Co.), the Secretary of Public Works has ordered that the streets of Habana be reconstructed, instead of being repaired. In this way, there will be a larger margin of profit for all concerned.

EDITORIAL entitled "THE MOST IMPORTANT THING IS TO BE IN GOOD TERMS WITH THE MEN OF THE NORTH" - stating that as a result of the recent visit of a representative of Morgan & Co., the Department of the Treasury has hastened to make remittances for the payment of exterior loans, at the same time it ordered the payment of $700,000.00 for the dreging of the port of Cardenas. By paying duly and promptly the interest and amortization of the foreign loans, the American Government leaves President Zayas to act with absolute liberty .....

Article by Ramon Vasconcelos commenting upon the wave of scandalous deals now sweeping over Cuba, and refers to the Santa Clara Convent deal, the Malecon, the dredging of the port of Cardenas, the Banco Nacional de Cuba, the lands of the old slaughter-house, the Central Highway, the lands of Campo de Marte.....

EL HERALDO - December 28, 1924.

Article commenting very unfavorably upon the present conditions of the National Treasury. The cash balance deposited in the Treasury only amounted to 21 millions yesterday; but only $600,000.00 are not pledged to other obligations.

Article stating that the enforcement of the Arteaga Law would compel the mill-owners to spend 10 million dollars, but it is impossible to obtain this sum from the banks doing business in Cuba; and for that reason the President of the Republic has recommended to the Secretary of the Treasury to be forbearing and indulgent--and therefore the abuses will continue.

LA TARDE - December 28, 1924.

Article commenting upon the present financial conditions of Cuba, stating that the foreign loan has been increased by fifty million, and the interior loan has been considerably increased. When Zayas turns over the Government to Machado, the country will be bankrupt.

DIARIO DE LA MARINA - December 29, 1924.

Article commenting upon an article recently published in "The New York Times" referring to the question of the Isle of Pines, and stating that this is the first time that stress is laid in the fact that the status of the Isle of Pines is somewhat similar to that of the Philippine Islands.

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HERALDO DE CUBA - December 29, 1924.

One hundred thousand dollars will be spent for the work of adaptation of the old building of the Santa Clara Convent, for the installation of the Government offices. Secretary Carrerá has already made the distribution of the places to be occupied by the different offices. "Heraldo de Cuba", however, believes that this will be a useless expenditure, because the building is in a very ruinous condition, and after the amount stated above has been spent, Carrerá's gang will require a larger amount to complete the work.

It has been announced that the Temporary Commission on Bank Liquidation will terminate its work in about five months. Many fraudulent deals are likely to take place during said five months, because it is impossible to do in five months what the Commission has not been able to accomplish in about three years. This article also states that the debt of the Banco Nacional with the Government is being liquidated in a mysterious manner, because the shareholders and creditors of the Bank are not kept informed of the negotiations in progress.

Article stating that the strike in Centrals "Providencia" and "Amistad" has been ended. The bases of the agreement which puts an end to these strike are being discussed at the Department of the Interior.

Irregularities in the Department of Agriculture. - The laborers of the division of Vegetable Hygiene, most of whom do not do any work, only collect fifty per cent of their wages, as they have to pay the other fifty per cent for "commission".

President-elect Machado leaves to-day for Santa Clara to be present at the festivals prepared in his honor in the capital of said Province.

The Palace has spent $120,000.00 during the last six months in feasts and receptions. The greedy relatives of the President have taken advantage of the entertainments given in honor of Mrs. Roosevelt, to justify the payment of certain bills. Five thousand dollars appear to have been spent in flowers alone for the reception given in honor of Mrs. Roosevelt.

EL HERALDO - December 29, 1924.

A new scandalous "affaire" has been planned. The new deal projected is connected with the lands of Camp Columbia. - The Representative of an American company will visit the President to-day, to offer a tract of land near Cojimar in exchange for the lands now occupied by Camp Columbia. The lands of Camp Columbia are appraised at 7 million dollars, but the lands at Cojimar are only worth one million dollars.

Article referring to frauds in the Departament of Public Works, and stating that more than four million dollars have been illegally spent.

LA TARDE - December 29, 1924.

EDITORIAL entitled "DOWN WITH THE GOVERNMENT" - commenting upon the corruption prevailing in the Administration, and stating that the immoralities during the last ten years of the Colonial Government, which preceded the revolution of 1895, never attained the immoralities of the present days. It also states that the only way to check the present state of corruption is by deposing the

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President of the Republic and the members of his Cabinet, and place themmin the hands of the Courts, accused by Congress as guilty of common crimes. Some of the accusations made by "La Tarde" in this article, are: Smuggling with the complicity of the Custom House; introduction of undesirable immigrants; grabbing of lands belonging to the State; all the members of the Cabinet (with the exception of Cespedes) are enr iching themselves by all means, and all laws enacted are for purposes of graft; the sentences of the Courts are seldom complied with; the convicts escape from the Penitentiary on account of the doubtful morality of the keepers; the Rural Guard has instituted the "flogging" in the country..and prostitution,bribery, scandal and graft are rampant.....

DIARIO DE LA MARINA - December 30, 1924.

Secretary Cespedes stated yesterday that he has received very good reports regarding the ratification of the Hay-Quesada Treaty, and that as soon as the American Senate settles some questions which appear in the Order of the Day, it will take up the discussion and approval of said Treaty. Dr. Cespedes also said that very shortly, probably by the end of the ~~week~~ week, the Foreign Office will give out some information to the press regarding this important problem.

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1. Enclosed will be found brief summaries of news articles and editorial comment of the Havana Press for the days:

December 30, 31, January 1, 2, 3, 4, 5.

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December 30, 1924 (Afternoon)
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HERALDO DE CUBA - December 30, 1924.

Valdes and Company, contractors of the repairs of the streets of Habana, will collect to-day $400,000.00, out of the recent illegal appropriation of $500,000.00. All the steps necessary to effect the payment were taken yesterday.

Article commenting upon the intentions to revive the project for the construction of the "Habana Bridge", over the entrance of the bay. This paper is of the opinion that the Bridge will not be constructed, and that the only purpose/ aimed consists in the payment of two million dollars as indemnity for some barren lands. Furthermore, the bridge cannot be constructed, because when the project was published some years ago, the American Government expressed its disapproval, inasmuch as in a case of war, the bridge could be easily blown up, and the debris would block up the entrance of the bay.

EDITORIAL, commenting upon the lack of water in certain districts of Habana.

Another editorial, very unfavorably commenting upon the revival of the project of the "Habana Bridge".

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Article further commenting upon the claim in connection with the lands of the Campo de Marte. The Bureau of Properties of the State has been trying to retain the proceedings in its possession, as it understands that if Dr. Zayas has to decide on the claim, the State will surely be dispossessed of said lands.

Article further commenting upon the scandalous deal in connection with the lands of Camp Columbia. The promoter contends that the State will save $100,000.00 per year. The plans for the new fantastic Military Camp include splendid buildings intended for hospitals, Club, Academies, fields for target practices, Polo grounds, etc.

Secretary Portela has submitted to President Zayas, for signature, a Decree appropriating the sum of $180,000.00 from surplus funds, to cover special expenses of the Department of the Treasury, as follows: $150,000.00 for tax stamps, $20,000.00 for unforeseen expenses (imprevistos), and $10,000.00 for printing material and office supplies.

LA PRENSA - December 30, 1924.

Captain Suarez informs the General Staff of the Army that the laborers belong to the National Agricultural Syndicate of Guines have returned to work.

Article unfavorably commenting upon the projected exchange of the lands of Camp Columbia, for other lands in Cojimar.

LA NOCHE - December 30, 1924.

EDITORIAL entitled "LABOR LEGISLATION" - This editorial states that the Presidential Message relating to labor legislation, was sent yesterday to the House of Representatives. The President has on several occasions before recommended Congress to pass laws on labor questions, but Congress has failed to act. The article further states that this negligence on the part of Congress is something really sad and lamentable.

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EL MUNDO - December 31, 1924.

Telegram from Batabanó stating that the laborers of Central "Julia" (in the Province of Habana) have gone on strike. The Rural Guard has arrested many labor agitators.

DIARIO DE LA MARINA - December 31, 1924.

EDITORIAL entitled: "SENATOR BORAH, THE SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES,AND THE ISLE OF PINES." - This editorial comments very bitterly upon the attitude and argument assumed by Mr. Borah to oppose the ratification of the Hay-Quesada Treaty, calling the same "a violation of all principles of justice and of international good faith to despoil Cuba,overwhelming her by the unsurmountable force of the United States, of a right which undoubtedly belongs to her, upheld by its most illustrious statesmen and by its Supreme Court." - Mr. Borah's argument is to the effect that the Isle of Pines is part of the territory of the United States because it was ceded to it by Spain in Article 2 of the Treaty of Paris, and the Senate is not authorized by the Constitution to cede any part of the United States territory. The editorial, in refutation of Mr. Borah's argument, cites the decision of the Supreme Court of the United States in the Pearce case, which declared that the Isle of Pines was included under the political subdivision of the world called Cuba. It mentions the fact that Mr. William R. Day, one of the justices handing down this decision, was President of the American Delegation which discussed and drafted the Treaty of Paris, and therefore knew the whole situation when the decision was rendered. The Senate, by accepting Mr. Borah's argument, will cause a rebellious and revolutionary doctrine against the very institutions of the United States. And the effect of adopting such an argument would be to cause great mistrust in Latin-America toward the United States.....

EL TRIUNFO - December 31, 1924.

Telegram from Santa Clara, stating that at a festival held in his honor, President-elect Machado gave an outline of his program of Government. Among other things, he said : "My Government shall be a Government of Honesty and Rectification... My partisan policy will be that of the Liberal Party, but all honest elements will have room in my Administration... I will persecute immoralities, and will not hesitate in dismissing the officials and employees who may fail to carry out the program which I have taken upon myself." He also referred to the necessity of many schools, aqueducts, roads, and an Army which will comply with its duty....

Article unfavorably commenting upon the rumors of the projected exchange of the lands of Camp Columbia.

EL COMERCIO - December 31, 1924.

The President has signed a Decree appropriating the sum of $25,000.00 for various obligations of the Departament of Public Works.

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HERALDO DE CUBA - December 31, 1924.

The laborers of Port Tarafa have returned to work, according to a report from the Military Supervisor at Nuevitas. Reports have also been received at the Department of the Interior announcing that Centrals "Merceditas" and"Agramonte" have commenced grinding.

The press reporters have been invited to an interview with Secretary Cespedes, who will make some declarations in connection withthe legal status of the Isle of Pines. The interview will take place on Friday, January 2nd, at 11:30 A.M.

EDITORIAL stating that it can safely be said that the scandalous projects of the Central Highway and of the Banco Nacional have died with the year 1924.

EL HERALDO - December 31, 1924.

ARTICLE commenting upon the lavish expenditures of public funds. 19 millions have been spent for public works during the last few months. The appropriation of six million dollars of the last loan, for public works, disappeared mysteriously. There is not a single road in anything like a good condition, and only a few public buildings have been completed. Only $100,000.00 are left over from the special appropriation of two million dollars. The Prosecuting Attorney of the Supreme Court is requested to investigate these expenditures.

Article stating that Mr. Hershey offers to build the "Puente Habana", or bridge over the entrance of the Bay, if he obtains a concession for 99 years, and the lands necessary on both sides of the bay.

LA PRENSA - December 31, 1924.

Count Portalegre, who has been appointed First Secretary of the Spanish Legation in Habana, arrived to-day from Spain on board the S. S. "Cristobal Colon".

Jose Meisdedos Martinez, a Spanish labor agitator, will be deported to-day on the "Satrustegui".

EL MUNDO - January 1, 1925.

The President has signed the following Decrees:
Amplifying the appropriation for propaganda in favor of Cuba abroad, to $20,000.00 (The original appropriation was for $3,000.00);
Appointing Lieut. Angel Mas as Military Supervisor of Gibara;
Appointing Lieut. Rafael Azcain as Supervisor of Cardenas;
Granting an appropriation of $25,000.00 for material and other expenses of the Army.

DIARIO DE LA MARINA - January 1, 1925.

Article by Jorge Roa commenting upon the fact that Cuba is threatened by a local crisis during 1925, and that the only possible remedy would be to contract a foreign loan to be devoted entirely to public works. The distribution of this money among the laborers would diminish the effects of the crisis.

HERALDO DE CUBA - January 1, 1925.

At yesterday's meeting of the Rotary Club, the project for the construction of the Central Highway was bitterly criticized.

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Article by Ramon Vasconcelos entitled "1924" - outlining the balance of the year just ended. In the DEBIT side he places the Santa Clara Convent deal, the water problem, Strikes, the Malecon "affaire", Dredging of the Port of Cardenas, Malaria, a noticeable increase in gambling, illiteracy, governing by Decrees, the projected Central Highway, and the schemes planned in connection with the lands of the old slaughter-house and the lands of Campo de Marte. In the CREDIT side: Public liberties, non-reelection, withdrawal of the Army from politics, end of the Interference, consolidation of peace, Unity of the Liberal Party and honest elections. Finally it states that a deficit will appear during the first six months, but that there will be a surplus after May 20th.

EL HERALDO - January 1, 1925.

Article commenting upon the lavish expenditures of public funds. Forty-two millions have already been paid out during the first six months of the current fiscal year, and a similar amount will surely be spent during the next six months, making a total of 84 millions, in spite of the Budget.

A project of Law regulating the entry of immigrants will be discussed during the next session of Congress. Representative Castellanos has more radical views on the subject, and wishes to reduce the entry of immigrants to a minimum, as he understands that this is the only way of improving the conditions of the native laborers. He is of the opinion that by limiting immigration, the wealth is increased.

EDITORIAL commenting upon the convenience, and even the necessity, of establishing Juvenile Courts in Cuba.

Telegram from Victoria de las Tunas (Oriente) stating that a fight took place between several Haitians and employees and "colonos" of the Estate Santa Rosa, as a result of which two were killed and several wounded.

LA NOCHE - January 1, 1925.

Dr. Aurelio Sandoval, ex Secretary of Public Works, died this morning.

EL MUNDO - January 2, 1925.

EDITORIAL commenting upon the lack of water in Habana. For some years past the residents of Habana have been suffering from the scarcity of water during Summer, but this year the water is scarce in Winter, and nothing has been done to solve the conflict.

Declarations made by Dr. Francisco de Paula Machado in connection with the reorganization of the Banco Nacional de Cuba. He is of the opinion that this is a problem of the greatest importance. Necessity of liquidating the accounts previously. How the reorganization can be effected. Necessity of averting an economic collapse. His opinion regarding the grind of Central Limones. He is fully aware that said sugar mills needs important repairs, but as the grinding this season is of a very doubtful result, it is better to leave Mr. Casanova do the grinding for his own account, and not plunge the Banco Nacional into a very problematic venture.

Full account of the New Year's reception at the Palace.

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DIARIO DE LA MARINA - January 2, 1925.

EDITORIAL entitled "THE RIGHT OF CUBA OVER THE ISLE OF PINES AND THE DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE OF THE UNITED STATES" - Commenting upon the fact that all the proofs, of a historical, geographical, political & administrative nature, show beyond all doubt that the population of the Isle of Pines was a part of the Cuban people; and therefore it is covered and protected by the Joint Resolution of April 20, 1898, and also by the the Declaration of Independence of July 4, 1776.....

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January 3rd (Morning)

HERALDO DE CUBA - January 2, 1925.

Article by Gonzalez Beauville commenting upon the fact that Zayas and Menocal are two men who have governed the country in a lamentable manner, but that, however, a combination of the two would make an ideal President for Cuba. Referring to Menocal, the article states that he was a tyrant and took away all public liberties; he twisted the law to suit his conveniences, falsified suffrage, protected his friends, wasted the public funds and exhausted the Treasury; but never defrauded the Treasury for his own personal benefit, did not sell laws and decrees, and did not enrich himself with the funds of the Treasury. On the other hand, Zayas did not violate suffrage, has respected all public liberties, and permits the people to fully enjoy said liberties; but he takes possession of what does not belong to him, uses the Treasury as an experimental field for fraud, and has made a system of malversation; and everything is quoted during his Administration, such as laws, decrees, checks, etc. .....

Talking to the reporters yesterday after the reception, President Zayas said that he believed the Treasury would have again 26 millions, because the revenues collected during the present month will probably amount to 10 millions. The President recognized that the floating debt amounted to 14 millions, and this leaves a balance of only 7 millions.....

Referring to a recent conference held by shareholders and creditors of the Banco Nacional, this paper states that everything seems to indicate that action will be brought against the members of the Banking Commission. However, it was agreed to wait until the first payments are made against the funds of Central Limones, to proceed against the members of said Commission. The Commission has not replied to the protest filed by the shareholders and creditors.

The "Lonja del Comercio de la Habana" (or Habana Produce Exchange) will present at the Second Congress of Economic Corporations, recommending that Habana be made a free port.
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The acts of violence committed, and the threats to oust the laborers and their families from the dwelling houses, has aggravated the strike of Central "Julia". The leaders of the movement will arrive to-day to confer with the Secretary of the Interior and with the Provincial Governor.

The laborers of Central "Providencia" are ready to declare another strike, if the owner of said mill, Mr. Aspuru, fails to fulfill the promises made.

Biographical sketch of Dr. Rafael Iturralde, one of the prominent politicians who will fill "an important position in the Administration of President Machado."

EL HERALDO - January 2, 1925.

Article referring to new grafting schemes contemplated by the present Administration. Zayas desires to undertake the construction of the Central Highway, the construction of the "Palace of Justice" the cost of which is estimated at one million dollars, and the termination of the Capitol. He also intends to spend $2.000.000.00 more in the Vento Water Works.

Telegram from Guantanamo stating that an important meeting took place last evening to protest against the Concession of a Refrigerator, planned by the Mayor. The relations between the

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Mayor and the Municipal Council are so strained, that the members of said Council intend to ask for the appointment of a Supervisor to protect them against possible abuses on the part of the Police which is under the sway of the Mayor. (A short telegram in "El Mundo" of Jan. 3rd announces that the Mayor of Guantanamo has been assassinated).

LA TARDE - January 2, 1924.

A group of Councilmen of the Municipality of Habana have conceived the idea of obtaining a loan of four million dollars, with the pretext of adapting the Vento Water Works to the needs of the city of Habana. The promoters of the scheme intend to obtain large benefits, and base their plans on Chapter I, Article 179 of the Municipal Organic Law, and also in Section VI, articles 241 to 249 of said Law. They also intend to unearth an old Military Order to avoid the necessity of submitting the matter to a referendum as provided for in Article 247 of said Organic Law.

"LA PRENSA" - January 2, 1925.

PALACE NEWS: - Orders have been given to advance to the Municipality of Habana the sum of $139,153.83 for the payment of salaries of the National Police corresponding to the month of December. An appropriation of $3,000.00 has been granted to cover the expenses of embalming and transportation to Cuba of the corpses of the members of the Consular Service Caballero and Lecuona.

LA NOCHE - January 2, 1925.

The revenues collected by the Treasury during the month of December amounted to $6.679,046.91. - The cash on hand on December 31, 1924 amounted to $23.193,678.33.

EL MUNDO - January 3, 1925.

Cable despatch from New York referring to an article published by Mr. F. Schneider in connection with the financial and economic conditions of Cuba. He is of the opinion that if the expenses of the Government continue as at present, Cuba will have to face a very difficult situation. It is necessary that sugar maintain a price of 3-1/2 cents per pound, otherwise Cuba will not continue enjoying good economic conditions. He further refers to the manner in which the Government succeeded in stabilizing the economic conditions and obtaining a surplus in the Treasury.....

"At the time of going to press, we receive the following telegram from our Correspondent in Guantanamo: 'Guantanamo, January 3rd. The Mayor of this city, Manuel Salas, has been assassinated. Will send further details tomorrow.'"

"El Mundo" publishes the following account of the interview granted to the reporters yesterday by Secretary Cespedes:

"The Secretary of State invited the newspaper men to a a conference yesterday morning, in connection with the question of the Isle of Pines. The Cuban Ambassador in Washington, Dr. Torriente, who was also present, explained in a very brilliant manner the real present situation of the famous agreement known as the Hay-Quesada Treaty. - Dr. Torriente is of the opinion that Cuba is not threatened with the loss of its sovereignty over the Isle of Pines, a territory which has been, is and will continue to be Cuban, not only in a moral and geaographical order, but also in a juridical order. He made a brief review of the last steps taken to obtain the definite approval of said Treaty, and referred briefly to the diplomatic efforts made to that end. He recalled the decision of the Supreme Court of the United States, in which

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it is emphatically declared that the Isle of Pines belongs to Cuba. Mr. Day, one of the Justices who signed this decision, was also one of the delegates who took part in the negotiations for the signature of the Treaty of Paris and for the signature of the peace, and this fact was verified directly by Dr. Torriente. The Marques de Villaurrutia, who appeared among the Spanish commissioners who signed the Treaty of Paris, in a letter addressed to Dr. Torriente ratifies that at the Paris conferences the question of the Isle of Pines was never discussed. In the census made in 1899 by the American Government, the Cuban population of the Isle of Pines was recorded, considering said Island ~~xxxx~~ as part of the Territory of Cuba. - Dr. Torriente demonstrated his capacity and his very special interest in this question, which has absorbed practically all his diplomatic activities during the last few months. In a future article we intend to analyze more carefully some of the arguments proving that the Isle of Pines has always been Cuban, and will continue to be Cuban, even if the Senate of the United States fails to ratify the Hay-Quesada Treaty, which he does not expect will take place. Dr. Carlos Manuel de Cespedes also made similarly optimistic remarks, recommending the press to undertake a joint and decisive action on this question. The illustrious Chancellor of the Republic is of the opinion, like Dr. Torriente, that the Isle of Pines which "de facto" and "de jure" belongs to us, will never cease to be Cuban, but he believes that the people, and consequently, the organs of opinion should not disregard such an important problem, and it is to the interest of everyone that we show to the whole world, and especially to the American people--where there are many personages who recognize the right of Cuba to ownership of the Isle-- the example of a patriotic union, of a united front in opposition to the schemes of certain elements. - The meeting was a very cordial one, and both the Secretary of State and the Ambassador were very attentive to the newspaper men who offered to cooperate with them patriotically in the civic struggle for upholding the rights of Cuba to the possession of the Isle of Pines, and to facilitate them with whatever data might be necessary in connection therewith.

Telegram from Jovellanos announcing that the cane-cutters and cane carriers of that district have gone on strike, and have demanded an increase in wages.

DIARIO DE LA MARINA - January 3, 1925.

This paper publishes the text of the speeches exchanged between Ambassador Crowder and President Zayas, at the New Year's reception at the Palace.

EDITORIAL entitled "LEGISLATION ON ~~xxxxx~~ SUGAR QUESTIONS" - Commenting upon the Presidential Message recommending the necessity of enacting laws on questions affecting the sugar industry in general, and suggesting the manner in which Congress should undertake the study of this important problem.

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January 5th (Morning).

HERALDO DE CUBA - January 3, 1925.

The members of the Consular Service who were declared as "surplus" (or "excedentes") when the economic readjustmentwas effected, are now protesting against the new appointments proposed by the Secretary of State. According to them, a decree has been submitted to the President appointing Mr. Maribona who was expelled from the Consular Service because the Police of Paris proved that he was running an opium ~~kk~~ den. They also protest against the proposed appointment of Justo Lambea, also expelled from the Service for having taken part in a scandalous quarrel at Seville; and against the appointment of Orlando de Lara who does not have the necessary requisites to enter the service.....

"DECREE 1794" - Article very unfavorably commenting upon the lavish expenditures of the Department of Public Works.

At the request of the merchants, Under Secretary of the Treasury, E. Culmell, has signed a resolution holding in suspense the normal inspections of the books and accounts of the merchants to verify that they comply with the stamp tax act and the law of the tax of four per cent. "Heraldo de Cuba" comments very unfavorably upon this Decree, because it annuls the provisions of a Law of Congress. This Decree, like those signed by President Zayas, tend to eliminate the powers of Congress.

EDITORIAL entitled "A JUST CAUSE AND A RIGHT RECOGNIZED IN THE UNITED STATES" - Favorably commenting upon the recent interview at the Department of State, in connection with the Isle of Pinas question.

The President and the Secretary of the Association of farm-hands and Agricultors of Batabanó called yesterday on the Secretary of the Interior and the Provincial Governor and filed a formal protest against the abuses committed at Central "La Julia".

EL HERALDO - January 3, 1925.

Cesar Madrid, Political Director of "El Heraldo" has filed before the Fiscal of the Audiencia of Habana, a strong accusation against the City Chief Engineer and the Contractor Valdes, relating to "A new and spectacular fraud committed in the Department of Public Works. The Engineer and the Contractor are accused of having entered into a combination to withdraw in an illegal manner the sum of $430,000.00 from the National Treasury. Said money was paid out yesterday. The article states that the denunciation was admitted by the Fiscal, and forwarded to "the Good Judge" Saladrigas for investigation.

Article unfavorably commenting upon the recent Decree granting an appropriation of $25,000.00 for special expenses of the Department of Public Works.

EDITORIAL unfavorably commenting upon the fact that President Zayas refused to receive a Commission of ladies on the occasion of the New Year's reception, in spite of the fact that they represented an association of Veteran Conspirators.

At a meeting held by the Colonos of Centrals "Chaparra" and "Delicias", they agreed to accept the bases of the Company. The "colonos" will receive from 4 to 4-1/2 arrobas of sugar for every 100 arrobas of cane, according to their classification.

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The cane-cutters of the District of Batabanó have gone on strike.

The Labor Syndicate of Camaguey has addressed a communication to the President of the Republic requesting that the 25 laborers kept in the jails of Camaguey and Moron be immediately freed.

The Association of Merchants of Habana intends to effect a revision of Tariff of the Port of Habana, which is one of the most expensive ports at the present time.

LA DISCUSION - January 3, 1925.

"THE CENTRAL HIGHWAY" - This article states that "La Discusion" has been combating Zayas for his errors and administrative crimes; but it now seems that the President desires to make up for his many errors, and intends to carry out the project of the Central Highway, which this paper considers as "a national necessity," and states that the work should be accomplished in spite of the protests of the "eternal opponents."

LA TARDE - January 3, 1925.

"THE SUGAR PROBLEM AND THE CUBAN INTERESTS" - This article commences by explaining the gradual increase of the production of sugar in the world, which in 1871 amounted to only 3 million tons; 6 millions in 1885, and 10 millions in 1897. At that time very few countries produced sugar, and the Governments of England, France, Belgium and Germany had to encourage the production, and in this way, the total production of the world reached the amount of 17 millions in 1912. This excess in production brought about a crisis in 1913, during which year the Cuban sugar manufacturers were practically bankrupt, but were saved by the war of 1914.- In 1916 the Cuban production amounted to only one million tons, but it has now gone up to about 5 millions. This fast increase in Cuba is due principally to investment of American capital, and to effect this the Cuban sugar manufacturers did not suffer in the least, but on the contrary, when they sold their plantations to Americans, they were saved from bankruptcy and suddenly became wealthy. - It finally states that there is an excessive production of sugar at the present time, and suggests the convenience of a reduction, ending as follows: "We also believe that Cuba may not have to resort to this reduction, because as the United States is the largest consumer, and as Cuba enjoys a benefit of 20 per cent in the Tariff, she is in an exceptionally good condition for competition, and the beet manufacturers may be compelled to reduce their production as was the case in 1913".

"CUBA'S BANRUPTCY AND FOREIGN CRITICISM" - Favorably commenting upon the declarations recently published by Mr. Schneider referring to the financial conditions of Cuba.

LA PRENSA" - January 3, 1925.

Section entitled "DEL MOMENTO" - stating that "La Prensa" will continue its campaign in favor of the approval of the Law of Gratifications.

LA NOCHE - January 3, 1925.

EDITORIAL favorably commenting upon the very optimistic declarations made by Dr. Torriente in connection with the Isle of Pines question.

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DIARIO DE LA MARINA - January 4, 1925.

"THE HAY-QUESADA TREATY" - Commenting favorably upon the recent declarations made by Secretary Cespedes and Ambassador Torriente. This paper suggests the idea that all educational centers, as well as the professional, civic and mercantile organizations of Cuba address themselves to similar organizations of the United States, explaining the matter briefly, and asking them to use their influence in the American Senate in favor of Justice.

EL TRIUNFO - January 4, 1925.

Article stating that when the time comes, the Conservative members of Congress will get together with the Liberals for the proclamation of President Machado. Aurelio Alvarez is the first prominent leader of the Conservative Party who recommends the acceptance of the defeat of his Party. Other prominent members of the Party are opposed to the idea of placing obstacles to the proclamation of General Machado.

A Treaty of Extradition was signed yesterday between Cuba and France. Secretary Cespedes and the French Minister, M.Aymé Martin, represented their respective Governments.

General Herrera, Chief of the General Staff of the Army, gave a dinner yesterday in honor of President Zayas and President-elect Machado.

EDITORIAL commenting upon the recent declarations published by Mr. Schneider, stating that said declarations constitute a criticism, unjust to certain extent, of the present Administration. However, the article expresses the hope that President Zayas will pay attention to the clamors of public opinion and of the press, and check the policy of lavish waste followed by Secretary Carrerá of the Department of Public Works.

COASTWISE VIGILANCE - Article commenting upon the accusations made against Cuba by high officials of the Government and the press of the United States that this country is the center of operations of smugglers of immigrants and liquors; and stating that the Cuban Government should take steps to stop this traffic.

EL COMERCIO - January 4, 1925.

This paper publishes the following news item:

"The President signed a Decree yesterday granting an appropriation of$117,877.02 to increase the Retirement Funds of the Army."

HERALDO DE CUBA - January 4, 1925.

The projected construction of the "Habana Bridge" has received a deadly blow by the opposition of President-elect Machado. Intimate friends of General Machado affirm that the President-elect condemns all lavish waste of public funds.

The Department of State has addressed a circular letter to all the diplomatic representatives of Cuba, informing them that they must all present their resignations on May 20th, to facilitate the actions of the Government of General Machado. The acceptance of resignations, or ratifications in office, will be communicated by cable. The members of the Consular Service are also expected to do the same.

Letter addressed by the President of the Compañia Azucarera Calimete, to the President of the Association of Sugar Planters and Mill Owners, setting forth the difficulties encountered in the present crop, and announcing a great shortage in this year's production.

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"CARLOS MANUEL DE CESPEDES" - Article stating that General Machado will retain Dr. Cespedes at the head of the Department of State, because he has filled his office with great tact and success. The article also points out some of the good things accomplished by Dr. Cespedes.

EDITORIAL commenting upon the aggressive campaign of the beet sugar manufacturers against the reduction of the sugar tariff.

Another EDITORIAL commenting upon the financial dictatorial regime inaugurated by President Zayas, referring more especially to the recent Decree appropriating the sum of $25,000.00 for expenses of the Department of Public Works.

EL MUNDO - January 5, 1925.

EDITORIAL commenting upon the coming session of Congress, and stating that by the number and importance of the new projects which will be present, said session seems to be the beggining of a new legislature rather than the end of an Administration. Among the projects in view, are: the construction of the "Habana Bridge", and the payment of $400,000.00 for the pumps of the Palatino Reservoir, which pumps, according to this paper, are not worth one hundred thousand dollars.

Telegram from Cardenas unfavorably commenting upon the concession for the dredging of that port, and stating that as the time approaches for the beginning of the works, those who know the conditions of the port have the absolute conviction that the Company which obtained the concession, will not be able to do anything of what the law provides. Important elements of Cardenas intend to wage a fierce campaign against said Law, by proving before the Courts that it is unconstitutional.

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HERALDO DE CUBA - January 5, 1925.

Article commenting upon the activities of the creditors and shareholders of the Banco Nacional, and stating that they will probably proceed this week to take real action against the members of the Banking Commission.

A brief review of the activities displayed by those who are endeavoring to claim the ownership of the Colon Park (or lands of Campo de Marte).

EDITORIAL, entitled: "AMERICAN IMPERIALISM" - Commenting upon a recent cable despatch from Russia relating to an article published by Trotzky "in which he makes a detailed and foresighted analysis of the sense which guides American policy, and the imperialistic tendencies clearly noticed in the neighbor Republic." This editorial also states that the evolution of American imperialism has been quickened considerably by the Great War, and it would not be strange if the United States were compelled to adopt agressive attitudes as soon as its commercial expansion in Asia encounters serious difficulties. It further states: "This possibility of future wars, which should not be a cause of great worries for Cuba if our Governments had followed a wise policy of economic and military independence, becomes a real motive of alarm by reason of two fundamental facts: the poverty of Cuban industry and agriculture in relation to the necessities of consumption, and the very grave error committed by the Government of General Menocal by establishing a precedent of military solidarity with the United States in the European War, instead of affirming the absolute neutrality which corresponds to weak nations....."

EL HERALDO - January 5, 1925.

In an article criticising the economic policy of the present Administration, this paper states that on Saturday last, there was a balance of only $12,000.00 with which to meet any situation which might arise. The National Treasury is threatened by a deficit which would cause a new crisis. The cash on hand continues to decrease in an alarming manner. Last Saturday the cash on hand only amounted to 20 millions.....

Article unfavorably commenting upon the scandalous deal projected in connection with the lands of Campo de Marte.

It has been learned that President-elect Machado has requested from the Department of the Treasury, in an unofficial manner, all the data relative to the Budget now in force, as he intends to make a careful study, for the purpose of recommending the approval of a Budget for the coming fiscal year, which will may fill the necessities of the country.

EDITORIAL "Review of the Week" - Commenting upon the Isle of Pines problem.

The Department of the Treasury has made the following remittances: $85,000.00 to Speyer & Co. for account of interest and amortization of the 35-million-loan; $32,000.00 to Morgan & Co. in payment of interest, and $29,000.00 also to Morgan & Co. for account of amortization of the 10-million-dollar loan.

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LA PRENSA - January 5, 1925.

PALACE NEWS: - Reports received at the Department of the Interior state that the workers of Central "La Julia" have returned to work. The end of the strike at Central "Dos Rosas" is also announced. - The President has signed a Decree appropriating the sum of $150,000.00 to increase the appropriation for the printing of tax stamps. - Postmaster Cartaya has submitted a project of reforms in the Department of Communications. -- The President will shortly sign a Decree making certain appointments in the Consular Service, and decreeing the expulsions of several members of that Service against whom grave accusations have been made.

LA NOCHE - January 5, 1925.

This paper publishes the following news item: "A grave rumor circulated yesterday in the Palace, in connection with the first session to be held by the House of Representatives." - It has been learned from a reliable source that President Zayas will sail for Europe during the month of May, or June.

EL MUNDO - January 6, 1925.

EDITORIAL commenting upon the unquestionable rights of Cuba over the Isle of Pines.

The section "Profile of the Day" is also devoted to the Isle of Pines question.

Interview with Dr. Viriato Gutierrez in which he expresses his optimism regarding the future Administration of General Machado, and states that "an honest public administration depends entirely on the person who presides the National Executive."

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HERALDO DE CUBA - January 6, 1925.

Article by Gustavo Gonzalez Beauville, urging President Zayas and his friends in Congress to take up the matter of the Reform of the Constitution which has been pending in the Senate for a long time. Beauville states that the Amendment of the Constitution should cover the following essential points: (1)suppression of reelection; (2) extension of the presidential term to six years; (3) increase of 12 senators, in order that 24 may constitute the majority, and 12 the minority, reducing the senatorial period to six years, and the total renewal of the members of the Senate when the President of the Republic is elected; and (4) the necessity of being Cuban by birth, or naturalized citizen who may have served in the wars of independence, to be eligible for senator or member of the House of Representatives.

Article unfavorably commenting upon the projected construction of the Habana Bridge, and the grafting scheme planned by the promoters of said enterprise. The article states that the promoters know very well that the Bridge will not be built, and, in fact, they are not really interested in its construction. All they want is that the project get well under way, in order that the lands beyond the Cabaña fortress may become more valuable. After this, they will seek the expropriation by the Government of said lands to be used for the foundations of the Bridge, and then the lands appraised "with the prodigality which characterizes Zayas' Administration."

A commission of residents of Jaruco are endeavoring to obtain the re-establishment of the Municipality of Bainoa.

This paper bitterly attacks Secretary Carrerá for the concession granted to Valdes & Co. for the paving of the streets of Habana, and states that in spite of the defective way in which the streets are repaired, the Secretary of Public Works accepts the work as good, because he gets sixty per cent of the profits.

President Zayas will hold conferences with the leaders of Congress, in order to obtain the immediate approval of the Amnesty Law for electoral crimes, requested by him in a Message to Congress.

Referring to a Memorial addressed to the Presidents of the Senate and of the House by the Board of Education of Matanzas requesting certain reforms in educational legislation, it is stated that illiteracy is increasing in an alarming manner, and that there are at present in Cuba over one million children of school age who receive no instruction whatsoever.

"ENRIQUE HERNANDEZ CARTAYA" - Article stating that in view of the fact that Mr. Gonzalez de Mendoza refused to accept the appointment of Secretary of the Treasury, General Machado has decided to appoint Dr. Hernandez Cartaya for this important post in his first Cabinet. The article further refers to the honesty and competence of Dr. Hernandez Cartaya for the office.

EDITORIAL commenting upon the fact that the project of an amnesty for political crimes has again been revived, but that the real object of it is to include those guilty of frauds and malversation of public funds.

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EL HERALDO - January 6, 1925.

Article commenting upon the Isle of Pines question. It refers to the recent declarations made by Ambassador Torriente. It states that what the people of Cuba want to know at present is the real status of the question, whether in reality the United States continues to dodge the question, or whether the Americans are preparing a new combination connection with it. "The people of Cuba know that they have a right which has not been recognized. They have struggled in vain for twenty years to obtain it. Now that everybody thought that the optimistic views of the State Department would be confirmed, the question plunges once more into the strange darkness of congressional manipulations....." The article also states that the dealers in lands, backed by "imperialists", are planning to buy the Isle for about 20 million dollars.....

LA NOCHE - January 6, 1925.

It is rumored in political circles that as soon as Dr. Vazquez Bello, President of the Liberal Party, returns to Habana, President-elect Machado will hold an important conference with the principal leaders of said Party to discuss the question of the appointment of the members of the new Cabinet.

EL MUNDO - January 7, 1925.

EDITORIAL entitled "OUR MOST IMPORTANT PROBLEM" - Commenting upon the projected reorganization of the Banco Nacional de Cuba, and the declarations recently published by Dr. Francisco de P. Machado in connection with said project.

DIARIO DE LA MARINA - January 7, 1925.

Article by Jorge Roa, favorably commenting upon the intervention of President-elect Machado in the approval of the Budget for the coming fiscal year, and states: "This indicates that General Machado has fully realized that all the public problems revolve around the economic welfare of the nation."

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HERALDO DE CUBA - January 7, 1925.

The President of the Republic has signed a Decree fixing a scale of wages for the laborers of the ports of Matanzas and Mariel.

Article praising Dr. Jesus Maria Barraqué, said to be indicated for the post of Secretary of Justice in the Cabinet of General Machado.

EDITORIAL stating that "Heraldo de Cuba" will carry on an energetic campaign in favor of the Amendment of the Constitution, as outlined in an article by Gonzalez Beauville published yesterday.

EL HERALDO - January 7, 1925.

Article stating that the Department of the Treasury is a center of corruption. This is the Department of the Administration where the greatest irregularities are committed. No regular business can be transacted in this Department, unless a certain percentage is paid as commission. This keeps the marchants in a constant state of alarm. The public funds are not safe in the handsof persons possessed of the most greedy appetites.....

Article denouncing a contraband of 500 kilograms of opium cleared by the Custom House of Habana three days ago. The opium was concealed in a consignmentof 27 cases of second-hand furniture received by Francisco Gaupera.

Article commenting upon the assassination of the Mayor of Guantanamo, and stating that it is connected with the deal of the "Caujeri" estate.

LA NOCHE - January 7, 1925.

This paper states that Congress will discuss the project of Constitutional Amendments in one of the first sessions which will be held this year. Said project includes the extension of presidential term to six years, eight years for the members of the Senate, and six years for the members of the House, and contains an article prohibiting presidential reelections. The article also states that the majority of the Liberal members of Congress are in favor of these reforms as they are a part of the program of the Liberal Party. Many Conservative members of Congress are also said to be in favor of the project.

EL MUNDO - January 8, 1925.

EDITORIAL, commenting upon the necessity of reforming the penitentiary system in Cuba.

"THE EXPLOITATION OF OUR CREDIT BY FOREIGN BANKS" - Article commenting unfavorably upon the activities of the National City Bank in Cuba, and stating that said Bank is using the funds of its depositors to obtain the ownership of the sugar mills and lands of Cuba. The article also states that during a certain panic of the Bank, it was announced that the National City Bank had been appointed "agent" of the Federal Reserve Board of the United States; that "agent" does not mean the same as "member" of that Banking institution, and it has been learned that there are only two "members" of the Federal Reserve of the U.S. in Cuba: the branches of the Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta and of the Federal Reserve Bank of Boston.

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DIARIO DE LA MARINA - January 8, 1925.

According to figures obtained at the Department of the Treasury, the expenses made by the Government during the first six months of the present fiscal year (July to December), amounted to the sum of $43.389,000.00. The amount available on January 2nd, was only $395,585.55. The remaining 19 millions are affected to other obligations, axxfaxkawax among others: Special Funds: $6.467,147.33; Office of the Paymaster: $7.185,484.23 All the obligations of the Government up to December 31st have been paid out. Among the amounts lately withdrawn, or about to be withdrawn from the Treasury, are: $2.000,000.00 for roads, and $700,000.00 for the dredging of the port of Cardenas.

The conflict with the Colonos of "Chaparra" and"Delicias" has been settled.

EL COMERCIO - January 8, 1925.

The Chase National Bank will commence to do business in Cuba next Monday, and will take over the business of the American Foreign Bank.

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HERALDO DE CUBA - January 8th.

Article by Gonzalez Beauville further commenting upon the necessity of approving certain constitutional amendments.

The Central Electoral Board admitted the recusation filed by Dr. Pedro Herrera Sotolongo, against Judge Balbino Gonzalez, for alleged infractions of the provisions of the Electoral Code, and also for the declarations made by Dr. Gonzalez at a meeting of the Rotary Club; but refused to accede to the petition of suspending Dr. Gonzalez from Office. The proceedings were forwarded to the Provincial Electoral Board, with the request to submit a report on the charges made by Dr. Herrera Sotlongo - and the hearing of the case has been set for January 13th at 2 P.M.

Article commenting upon the irregularities in connection with the granting of pardons. The "expedientes" are even stolen by servants of the Palace from the Office of the President, to exact money from the interested parties.

Article unfavorably commenting upon the instructions recently issued by the Assistant Secretary of the Treasury holding ~~xxx~~ in suspense the inspection of books in connection with the tax of four and six per cent, and stating that if this order is maintained, the collection of revenues will decrease.

EDITORIAL recommending that the surplus in the Treasury be used for the payment of Bonuses to public employees.

Another EDITORIAL very unfavorably commenting upon the two projects for the construction of the Central Highway, and stating that a good system of roads could have been constructed in Cuba without the necessity of loans or special taxes which would pledge the Republic for many years.

Article by Ramon Vasconcelos, entitled, "BILL OF INDEMNITY"- Commenting upon the necessity of suppressing presidential reelection from the Constitution, and stating that this is the source of all the political evils of Cuba.

At a special meeting held on the 7th, the Ayuntamiento of the Isle of Pines protested energetically against the defamatory campaign against the authorities and the people of Cuba, in the press of the United States, by residents and non-residents of the Isle of Pines.

EL HERALDO - January 8th.

Commenting upon the accusations filed by Dr. Miguel Angel Aguiar in connection with the Malecon deal, this paper states that Secretary Portela, Culmell, two Engineers and Chinamen O'Reilly will be indicted. Charges also appear against the Secretary of Justice, Judge Sousa and Prosecuting Attorney Barrinaga. It has been ascertained that a check for $25,000.00 was endorsed, in payment of a participation in the business. Chinaman O'Reilly, in whose name the payment was effected, was the preson who lent his name for this scandalous grafting scheme...

Article commenting upon the irregularities in the Department of Taxes, stating that many illegalities are found in connection with the payment of the tax of four per cent. It also states that several Banks do not ~~xx~~ pay the tax of eight per cent.

Article commenting upon the Isle of Pines question, and the evil purposes planned by the American imperialists and traffickers.

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The article states that the scheme planned in connection with the Isle of Pines, although not well defined, is based on the claim for an indemnity by those who acquired lands in said Island believing that it was American territory.

Dr. Antonio Iraizos, who is at present Under Secretary of Public Instruction, has been appointed Minister to Japan. - Dionisio Velasco, Jr., will go to Italy as Commercial Attaché.

LA PRENSA - January 8th.

The Municipality of Habana intends to grant an appropriation of from 20 to 30 thousand dollars for the inaugural celebration of President Machado, on May 20th.

A Decree has been signed granting an appropriation of $50,000.00 "to strengthen the Budget of Expenditures of the Department of the Treasury."

EL MUNDO - January 9, 1925.

EDITORIAL entitled "THE FORTHCOMING WORK OF CONGRESS" - Stating that public opinion is anxiously awaiting the future sessions of Congress because it has been announced that there will be presented many projects of such a magnitude, that not all of them, but any one of them, if approved, would mortgage the economic future of Cuba for many years. The editorial states that this is absurd, because as Congress will be renewed shortly, the initiative of such projects should be left to those who will be called upon the carry them out. - The Amendment of the Constitution is the only important problem which the present Congress should undertake.

The Managing Director of the Chocolate Factory "La Ambrosia Industrial" was shot to death yesterday, supposedly by laborers of said factory who have been in strike for some time.

Miguel Angel Campa will go to Italy as Minister of Cuba.

DIARIO DE LA MARINA - January 9, 1925.

EDITORIAL entitled "A NECESSARY PROPAGANDA" - Favorably commenting upon the active campaign of propaganda initiated by the Department of State, to defend the rights of Cuba in the Isle of Pines question.

EL TRIUNFO - January 9, 1925.

Article commenting upon the protest of the Cuban residents of the Isle of Pines against the campaign of defamation carried on by those who are opposed to the ratification of the Hay-Quesada Treaty.

EDITORIAL, commenting upon the projected amendment of the Constitution, stating that Congress should study this problem very carefully in order that the cure may not be worse than the disease itself.

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HERALDO DE CUBA +- January 10th.

Article commenting upon the recent Decree issued by President Zayas authorizing the Secretary of Justice to make the appointment of Notaries. Secretary Reguciferos wanted Zayas to sign certain appointments illegally made, but the President did not wish to assume the responsibility of such appointments, and has preferred to authorize Secretary Reguciferos to do so. The appointments are said to have been quoted at from $14,000.00 to $15,000.00 each.

EDITORIAL commenting upon the question of the illegal appointment of Notaries

EL HERALDO - January 10, 1925.

The Association of Sugar Planters and Mill Owners will hold a meeting to discuss the recent restriction of credits by foreign banks.

Charges are brought against the Secretary of the Interior to the effect that great irregularities have been committed in the Department of the Interior with the appropriation for electoral expenses. It states that this credit, which it places at 1.500,000.00 has been greatly misappropriated, and that the Secretary has not failed to take an active part in the same. This is part of a campaign against the supposed appointment of Dr. Iturralde for Secretary of Public Instruction in Machado's Cabinet.

LA DISCUSION - January 10, 1925.

This paper calls the dickering at Washington over the Hay-Quesada Treaty ratification "a plot against the Cuban sovereignty."

LA PRENSA - January 10, 1925.

This paper reports that there was another riot at the jail last evening due to the bad condition of the food served them. That the Warden invited the reporters to visit the jail and interview the inmates (because it seems it had been arranged for certain inmates to report favorably upon conditions therein) and the reporters upon investigating were able to corroborate everything that has been stated in the press about the disastrous condition in the Havana Jail.

LA NOCHE - January 10, 1925.

EDITORIAL speaking favorably of the actions of Secretary Iturralde at the head of the Department of the Interior, especially in view of the continued attacks in the press making him responsible for the ocurrences in the Havana Jail, for the gambling in the city and for the scandals in the Penitentiary. It further states that on the other hand, Secretary Iturralde can be credited for the successful way in which he has handled the various labor conflicts without having to resort to violence.

EL MUNDO - January 11th.

A banquet was given yesterday in honor of President-elect Machado, by a prominent business man of Havana, Mr. Manuel Negreira. At a speech made by General Machado, he said that Cuba needed the generous and enthusiastic cooperation of all persons residing in Cuba. He also referred to the necessity of

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more schools at school-teachers, and to the necessity of spending the funds appropriated in the accomplishment of the work for which the appropriation was intended. He also said: "During my term of office, the Presidential Palace will not only be the residence of the President and his family, but a place to where all citizens can call to complain whenever anybody threatens to rob them, because I will put all rascals in jail." "It is necessary to consolidate the Republic for the Cubans, Spaniards and foreigners (and let it be understood that I do not consider the Spaniards as foreigners, but consider them equal to the Cubans) to have a Republic with liberty and democracy, as dreamed of by Marti, as defended by Maceo, and as thought of by Maximo Gomez."....."I will govern with the Liberals and the Populars to whom I owe my election, but if these should ever be opposed to these ideas, I will govern with all."

EL COMERCIO - January 11, 1925.

At a recent meeting of the National Federation of Economic Corporations, the following resolution was adopted:

"FIRST: The President will appoint a Commission to draft a message supporting the Hay-Quesada Treaty, which message will be delivered to the Secretary of State, to the Ambassador of the United States, Mr. Crowder. SECOND: to send a circular letter to all the Economic Corporations regarding this question, and requesting them to give their opinion on the same. THIRD: To publish a pamphlet in English, which will be widely distributed in the United States, which, besides dealing with the legal aspect of the question, may reflect the state of mind of the Cubans;and it will also contain exact and authorized information on the subject."

HERALDO DE CUBA - January 11, 1925.

In an article criticizing the actions of the Temporary Banking Commission, this paper states that said Commission is trying to evade the legal auction of the building where the Banco Español had its main offices, because the members of said Commission are trying to award said building to themselves for a very insignificant sum. The shareholders and creditors of the Bank protest energetically against this new scheme.

EDITORIAL, commenting upon the drawbacks of Presidential Reelection, and the necessity of amending the Constitution.

EL HERALDO - January 11, 1925.

Article referring to the Administrative frauds in the Department of Public Works. City Chief Engineer Cuellar is carrying on a systematic campaign of persecution against Mr. Pozo, Head of the Street Cleaning Bureau. Pozo has called on the President to complain against the attitude of Cuellar, and to furnish proofs of the malversation of $16,000.00 by Cuellar.

Using the menace of a bubonic plague in Habana as a pretext, Chief Engineer Cuellar and Secretary of Sanitation Porto are planning a new fraudulent scheme in connection with the construction or repair of side-walks in the commercial district of Habana.

EL MUNDO- January 12, 1925.

Cable despatches from New York referring to the appointment of Mr. F. B. Kellog, and stating that President Coolidge desires to assume the absolute management of the foreign relations.

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HERALDO DE CUBA - January 12th.

The Liberal Party celebrated its last electoral victory yesterday with a banquet at the"Trpical" gardens, in honor of Mayor Cuesta, leader of the Liberal Party in the Province of Habana: Dr. Gonzalez Sarrain, President of the Provincial Assembly, and Mr. Jose Franco, Political Member before the Municipal Electoral Board. Dr. Vazquez Bello was one of the orators, and sang the praises of the Administration of President Zayas. Sarrain also spoke, and said that the motto of General Machado should not be "With all and for all," but "WITH THE LIBERALS, AND FOR ALL."

A group of Veterans and Patriots held a meeting and decided to reorganize their Association for the purpose of combating the corruption in the handling of public funds, and to work in favor of any initiative tending to the moral and material aggrandizement of the Cuban nation, but without the use of methods of violence. It was also resolved to congratulate the defeated candidate of the Conservative Party, General Menocal, for his noble and patriotic attitude in accepting the result of the last elections; and also to congratulate General Machado, not only for his electoral victory but also for his purposes expressed at Camp Columbia and repeated at other places, of undertaking, when in power, the program of rectifications so much desired by the Cuban people. It was also resolved to hold a "Pro Isle of Pines Meeting" next Sunday, and will invite Bustamante, Mendez Capote, Loynaz del Castillo, Dolz, Aurelio Hevia, Fernando Ortiz and Gustavo Gutierrez to enlighten the people on the Isle of Pines question. The resolutions adopted are signed by: Miguel Llaneras, General Mas, Colonel Luis Yero Miniet, Col. Perez Stable, Muñiz Vergara (Captain Nemo), Fidel Miro, Gustavo Gutierrez, Dr. Luis de Luis, Mario Garcia Velez, General Lara Miret, Juan Marinello, Oscar Soto, Ruben Martinez Villena, Enrique Hernandez Otero, and others.

Interview with Senator Rivero, in which he declares himself decidedly in favor of the Amendments of the Constitution already approved by the Senate. He says that indirect election is a farce, and believes that the Senators and the President should be elected by direct election, in order to avoid the possibility of the defeat of a national majority.

EDITORIAL, commenting upon the Reform of the Constitution and stating that this is a good opportunity to carry out said reform .

EDITORIAL entitled "THE FALL OF HUGHES" , stating that the resignation of Secretary Hughes greatly affects Cuba, because Mr. Hughes is a real guarantee for this Republic at the head of the Foreign Office. His withdrawal from the State Department opens an interrogation, because the foreign policy of the United States is practically always influenced by Wall Street, and this pressure oftenaffects the weak countries of America, especially those which, like Cuba, are deeply rooted with the commerce and industry of the United States.

EL HERALDO - January 12, 1925.

This paper refers to the immoralities in the Department of Justice, and states that during the year 1924 299 pardons were granted. In some cases, the price charged for these pardons amounted to $25,000.00, as in the case of Doyaso. The Titles of Notaries are also sold out to the aspirants.

Article referring to the movement of funds in the National Treasury, and stating that the revenues collected in 5 months

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amounted to nearly 40 millions. The expenditures during the same period amounted to 42 millions. - This article refers to the statistical resumé covering the months of July to November, sent to the Official Gazette for publication.

Commenting upon the manner in which the relatives of President Zayas are becoming rich, this paper states that Comptroller Pereira has purchased a four-story building, the cost of which is upwards of $300,000.00, while he has a salary of only $4,500.00 a year.

Article commenting upon the accusations made by the press of Cuba against members of the diplomatic and consular services, but stating that the press has failed to refer to the frauds committed by representatives of foreign countries in Habana, to the contraband in diplomatic pouches, to the issue of false passports, and other irregularities. In this connection, the article states that the Central-American Consulates in Habana are always inclined to favor contrabands, and that the Embassy of the United States has proofs of the complicity of the Consuls in this matter.

LA PRENSA - January12, 1925.

Secretary of Justice Regueiferos is drafting an ample report recommending the establishment of shorter working hours in all Government offices.

The new Mexican Chargé d' Affaires, Mr. Efrain Rebolledo, will arrive on January 14th.

The strike of farm-hands of Jovellanos, has been settled.

Text of the resolution adopted by the Municipal Council of the Isle of Pines, referring to the campaign of defamation carried on in the Isle of Pines and in the United States by residents and non-residents of the Isle of Pines.

LA NOCHE - January 12, 1925.

The President signed a Decree submitted by Secretary Carrera, ordering the payment of $50,000.00 for the termination of the work of the Institute of Habana.

EL MUNDO- January 13, 1925.

EDITORIAL commenting upon the resignation of Secretary Hughes. It states that Cuba maintains so close relations with the U.S., that a change of Secretary of State of that country cannot be looked upon with indifference in Cuba. Mr. Hughes has undoubtedly been a good friend of Cuba, who knows Cuba and the Cubans very well, who has always respected the sovereignty of Cuba and recognized the capacity of the Cubans for self-government. The new Secretary, Kellog, [redacted], according to Mr. Brisbane and the last cable despatches received, is 100 per cent American, and at the same time an attached friend of President Coolidge, and who will conform to the ideas of President Coolidge more than Mr. Hughes has done. "El Mundo" does not believe that the change will affect Cuba in the least. "So long as our conduct may continue to be that of a cultured people.....our people must and will continue to merit the respect of others, and especially of the United States, because that is the country with which we have the closest international relations."

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The Senate held no session yesterday for the lack of quorum, as there were only 12 Senators present. One more would have sufficed to have a legal quorum. The senators present, however, held an extra-official conference, and tried to make up a legislative program. It was agreed to invite all senators to conference to-morrow at 3:00 P.M., to discuss the convenience of undertaking immediately the reform of the Constitution. The policy to be followed will be decided upon at said conference.

Representative German Lopez has presented to the House a motion concerning a declaration of principles in connection with the Isle of Pines question.

Cable despatch from New York stating that the withdrawal of Secretary Hughes may affect the ratification of the Hay-Quesada Treaty.

DIARIO DE LA MARINA - January 13, 1925.

Dr. Chardon, Secretary of Agriculture of Porto Rico, delivered a lecture yesterday concerning the disease of sugar cane known as "Mosaic".

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HERALDO DE CUBA - January 13th.

Article referring to the recent conference held by a number of senators concerning the projected amendment of the Constitution. The article also states that the senators will hold another conference tomorrow (Wednesday), after which they will hold a session on the same day, to approve the amendments.

Article referring to the "Orgy of Immoralities", and stating that the scandalous deal of the "Habana Bridge" has been revived once more. - Another scandalous deal is prepared in connection with the water problem of Habana: the Municipality of Habana is trying to float a loan of three million dollars to solve this problem. - The article also refers to the construction of the Central Highway, and, finally, to Dr. Porto's scheme in connection with the construction of side-walks, the cost of which has been estimated at five hundred thousand dollars by the Secretary of Public Works.

"JOSE ANTONIO VAZQUEZ BELLO" - Article praising this gentleman said to have been selected by General Machado for the office of Under Secretary of the Interior.

This paper states that President Zayas has consulted the Supreme Court whether he is authorized to grant appropriations by Decree, as he has been doing in a very liberal manner. This attitude of the President is bitterly criticized by Heraldo de Cuba, stating that Dr. Zayas is an able jurist, and knows perfectly well that he has no right to do so.

EDITORIAL commenting upon the fact that the Bill of Amendment of the Constitution is progressing satisfactorily.

The Cuban Society of International Law has published a pamphlet in the United States, in which they compiled a set of documents proving the right of Cuba over the Isle of Pines.

EL HERALDO - January 13th.

The daily article disclosing administrative immoralities, is now devoted to "THE VENALITIES OF THE PALACE". It states that the Executive wants to undertake the construction of the Central Highway by all means, so as to receive his corresponding margin of profit. Another scandalous affaire projected, is in connection with the payment of salaries of employees reinstated in office. The Liberal members of Congress, however, are trying to prevent the holding of session in the House, to check the policy of lavish waste of the present Government. - The fortune of President Zayas is estimated at present at six million dollars, deposited principally in the National City Bank of New York and in the Bank of London.

Article unfavorably commenting upon the conferences recently held concerning the immigration problem. This paper is in favor of the importation of white immigrants, by families.

Article criticizing the inactivity of the Secretaries of the Treasury and of Agriculture in connection with the despoliation of lands in the district of Caujeri.

Article commenting upon the unexpected resignation of the American Secretary of State, Mr. Hughes. A reporter called at the Cuban Department of State, and was able to ascertain that the resignation caused the natural surprise and anxiety; but the high officials of said Department believe that the policy of the

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American Foreign Office will not undergo any change in the hands of Mr. Kellog, and the cordial relations between Cuba and the United States will continue as heretofore. It was also learned in diplomatic circles that there will be no changes in the American Embassy in Cuba, and General Crowder will continue at the head of this Embassy.

EDITORIAL commenting upon the surprise which has caused the unexpected withdrawal of the American troops from Nicaragua after thirteen years of Military occupation, and states:

"What should be the opinion of the peoples of Cuba, Panama, Porto Rico, San Domingo, etc., concerning this evacuation? Does this act, perhaps, authorize us to think that Uncle Sam begins to have a tender heart and begins to give up gradually his stubborn desires of conquest? Who knows! The policy of the Pacific is on foot, with its worries, anxieties and problems for the future. The "yellow" peril is more intense at this precise moment due to the naval manoeuvres of the Pacific, and the fall of Hughes gives rise to the thought of a new front for the preparation of we do not know what plans. For all these reasons we should not look with magnanimous eyes upon the evacuation of Nicaragua. The modern Caesars of the White House still have before them the little ships of the Black Fleet to think of abandoning willingly such a marvellous and strategic position as Nicaragua....."

LA PRENSA - January 13, 1925.

PALACE NEWS: The President conferred this morning with Senator Compte, in connection with the Reform of the Constitution. An appropriation of $30,000.00 has been granted to the Department of Public Works, for improvements of buildings of the Government, and another appropriation of $20,000.00 to the Department of Public Instruction, also for improvement of Government buildings. The Secretary of the Interior has annulled the resolution of the Municipal Council which authorized the "Vedado Extension."

EL MUNDO -January 14, 1925.

EDITORIAL ENTITLED "ABSURD PROJECTS" - Very unfavorably commenting upon the projects pending in Congress, and especially upon the construction of the Central Highway. It is affirmed that the project of the Central Highway, alone, if approved, would mortgage the country for a period of thirty years, and conservative estimates place the cost of this road at 500 millions, and some say that it will cost one billion dollars.

Article commenting upon ~~the~~ "THE CASE OF THE NATIONAL CITY BANK", criticizing the methods employed by this Bank in Cuba, and referring to the losses suffered by the Bank during the last two years.

Article referring to the visit of a Commission of the Federation of Economic Corporations to General Crowder, and the text of the resolution delivered to the Ambassador, concerning the ratification of the Hay-Quesada Treaty.

EL TRIUNFO - January 14, 1925.

This paper also refers to the visit of a commission of the Federation of Economic Corporations to Ambassador Crowder; and stating that General Crowder assured to the members of said Commission that the Hay-Quesada Treaty will be ratified, and adding that the opinion of the American people is favorable to this ratification.

Another article commenting upon the right of Cuba to the Isle of Pines.

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HERALDO DE CUBA - January 14th.

It has been learned from a reliable source that President-elect Machado will leave, within a few days, for Santa Clara, where he intends to spend two months.

Article unfavorably commenting upon the rumors that President Zayas intends to go to Italy as a Special Ambassador, when his term of office expires, to return the visit of the Special Mission which came to Cuba recently on board the steamship "Italia".

Account of yesterday's meeting of the Provincial Electoral Board of Habana. Rafael Guas and Gonzalez Beauville will be proclaimed, and their certificates of election delivered to them. Many appeals filed before the Civil Chamber of the Audiencia, have been withdrawn. Complaints filed by Herrera Sotolongo, and the decisions reached by the Board on the same. The Board took cognizance of a communication signed by Mr. Jose R. Cano announcing his intentions to file an appeal of unconstitutionality against certain resolutions of this Board, and decides to refuse the acceptance of this announcement.

Eulogy of JUAN CLEMENTE ZAMORA, said to have been selected by General Machado for the office of Director General of Posts.

Article stating that the promoters of the Central Highway are again active. The article also states that they have approached Machado and tried to obtain his cooperation, but Machado flatly refused to listen to their proposals. One million dollars were offered to General Machado for his cooperation in this scandalous affair. Efforts are also being made to obtain four subsidies for railroads, three of which refer to lines already constructed. The article further refers to the activities of the promoters of other scandalous deals, such as the payment of the floating debt, the Habana Bridge, and the lands of Campo de Marte.

The question of the Revision of the Constitution will be finally decided upon at the conference to be held this afternoon, and the Bill of Amendments approved without further delay. After the Senate ~~it~~ approves said Bill, it will be submitted to a referendum.

The Association of Foreign Firms protests against the Decree 1761 (demanding certain special requisites in connection with the importation of goods which pay duties "ad valorem"), and demand an extension of thirty days for the enforcement of the provisions of said Decree.

Article referring to the resolution of the Economic Corporations concerning the Hay-Quesada Treaty, and the visit paid to General Crowder by a Commission, stating that the American Ambassador said that the Government of the U. S. is in favor of the ratification of the Treaty, Secretary Hughes being its principal supporter. General Crowder will report by cable to Washington of the visit of the members of the Economic Corporations.

A Commission has been appointed to draft new Regulations for the Army. The following officers will be members of said Commission: Colonel-Auditor Guerrero, Lieut. Col. Bernal, Major Usatorre, Captain Pereda and Captain Perez Arocha.

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EL HERALDO - January 14, 1925.

Article referring to certain declarations recently made by Dr. Fernando Ortiz in Holguin in connection with the sad conditions of the country at the present time. He said that 52 per cent of the inhabitants of Cuba are illiterates. More than 50% of the children of school age do not go to school. 68% of the children are not enrolled in schools. During the last 15 years illiteracy in youth has increased 15% among whites , and 22% among colored people, etc.

Article stating that President Zayas is trying to convince Machado that the construction of the Central Highway should be undertaken without delay - and refers to a conference between Zayas and Vazquez Bello relative to this question.

Commenting upon the "FRAUDS OF THE BUDGET" - this paper states that Zayas will turn over the Treasury overdrawn and with heavy deficits. If the lavish wastes of the Secretaries are not checked at once, the banruptcy will be inevitable. The receipts during the present fiscal year will probably amount to 90 millions, but the expenditures will be greater.

LA HABANA - January 14, 1925.

President Zayas will soon send a Message to Congress relating to restrictions on immigration in general, and requesting to be authorized to fix the number of immigrants from each country who can be permitted to land in Cuba.

LA NOCHE - January 14, 1925.

Under the title of "LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM", the following news article appears: "Representatives Alfonso and San Pedro, who called this morning at the Palace, informed us that the Liberal members of the House from the Province of Santa Clara held a meeting yesterday and resolved not to constitute a quorum in the House of Representatives until a legislative program which is now being prepared, is finished, which program will include the Revision of the Constitution; and this resolution will prevent the enactment of laws rejected by public opinion."

The Government has been officially notified that the German training ship "Berlin" will arrive in Habana on January 31st.

EL MUNDO - January 15, 1925.

EDITORIAL commenting upon the intensification of the campaign in favor of the ratification of the Hay-Quesada treaty, and the declaration of principles proposed by Representative German Lopez.

Cable despatch from Washington announcing that the Senate of the United States will commence to discuss the ratification of the Hay-Quesada Treaty to-day.

DIARIO DE LA MARINA - January 15, 1925.

The Senate did not discuss the Bill of Amendments of the Constitution yesterday. At a conference held by a number of Senators, it was resolved to appoint a Commission formed by Senators Menocal, Castillo, Juan Gualberto Gomez and Manuel Rivero to confer with the leaders and Presidents of the Parliamentary Committees of the House, to hear their opinion concerning the project of Reforms; and they will have another conference next Monday.

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AVISADOR COMERCIAL - January 15, 1925.

This paper comments editorially upon the mysterious disappearance of a young Representative in company with three hundred thousand dollars, shortly after the approval of the Law of Dredging of the port of Cardenas, and stating that this sudden disappearance of a member of the House, and of the money, has greatly displeased a large number of Representatives.

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HERALDO DE CUBA - January 16, 1925.

Article by Gonzalez Beauville, unfavorably commenting upon the present trend of events in the Cuban Congress, and pointing out the necessity of an energetic action on the part of the leaders of the Liberal Party to suppress from the present program of Congress certain laws considered as immoral, and which prevent the normal development of legislative activities. Said laws prejudicial to the Treasury, and without any benefit for the people, carry appropriations aggregating 505 millions, as follows:

Central Highway	$ 390.000,000.00
Banco Nacional	31.000,000.00
Employees Bonus Bill	6.000,000.00
Floating Debt	14.000,000.00
Purchase of lands of Campo de Marte	8.000,000.00
Three subsidies to railroads already constructed	2.500,000.00
Two subsidies to railroads not constructed	2.000,000.00
Budget of 1925-26	80.000,000.00

Beauville also refers to the lack of moral authority of the Liberal leader Zaydin, and states that General Machado and Dr. Vazquez Bello should take a decisive and energetic action in defence of the Liberal Party and of the people of Cuba.

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Article stating that the project for the construction of the Central Highway entailing a loan of 40 millions, will not go through. That the Central Highway will be constructed in accord with the project of Gonzalez Beauville, through a yearly expenditure of 5 million dollars included in the Budgets.

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Eulogy of FELIPE GONZALEZ SARRAIN, who will be Director General of the Lottery in the Administration of General Machado.

Another article commenting upon the construction of the Central Highway, criticizing the first two projects presented, and pointing out the advantages of the project presented by Gonzalez Beauville, the text of which is given in full.

EDITORIAL commenting upon the fact that both branches of Congress are in favor of the Revision of the Constitution.

Another EDITORIAL entitled "CUBAN TERRITORY" concerning the rights of Cuba over the Isle of Pines.

Article by Ramon Vasconcelos, commenting upon the new activities displayed by the scattered forces of the Association of Veterans and Patriots, and says: "If the Veterans and Patriots renew their activities to cooperate in good faith to the political and administrative normalcy of Cuba, well in good; but if they intend to carry on a systematic opposition, they will waste their time because public opinion will not take them seriously....."

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① The Consul of Japan in Havana has been ordered by cable by his Government to close the Consulate here and to proceed to Japan, via Panama.

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EL HERALDO - January 16, 1925.

Article commenting upon the necessity of proper banking laws in Cuba. It refers to the deficient banking inspection at the present time, and to the irregular organization of certain banks.

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Referring to the irregularities in the Department of Public Works, this paper denounces a fraud in connection with the revenues for "Dredging", stating that the revenues collected from July to November, 1924, amounted to $910,248.82, and the payments made during the same period, chargeable to said item, amounted to $1.220,747.16.

This paper publishes a tabulated statement showing the amounts paid for the various departments of the State from July to November, 1924, and stating that the Treasury has paid four millions more than what it should have paid. The total amount disbursed during said period, amounts to $34,981.293.57.

EDITORIAL, commenting upon the grave outlook of Cuba at the present time, due principally to the low price of sugar and the lavish expenditure of public funds.

LA DISCUSION - January 16, 1925.

Commenting upon the discussion of the Hay-Quesada Treaty in the American Senate, this paper states that Senator Borah has been bribed by Messrs. Fetter and Willis, and states that this is vulgar conspiracy to take away the Isle of Pines from Cuba. The article states that Fetter is a swindler, and Willis and adventurer.....

Commenting upon the closing of the Japanese Consulate in Habana, this paper states that the relations between Cuba and Japan have been broken, and that the Military and Commercial Mission coming to America will not visit Cuba.

LA PRENSA - Januaryl6, 1925.

EDITORIAL commenting upon the purposes to establish certain restrictions to the importation of immigrants, and stating that it is necessary to select the proper immigration. The Haitian and Jamaican immigrants may not be very desirably, but they are the most suitable for the work in cane plantations. This paper is against the importation of Chinamen, Russians, Poles, etc., as they are not fit for the work in the country.

EL MUNDO - January 17,1925.

EDITORIAL, favorably commenting upon the definite withdrawal of General Jack from Cuba.

The Secretary of the Treasury has been notified of the charges brought against him in the "Malecon affaire". The same notification was served on Assistant Secretary Culmell, Comptroller Pereira, Paymaster Sust, and J. R. O'Reilly, a broker.

This paper states that the construction of the Central Highway should not be approved until after General Machado takes possession of office.

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A well-known Congressman has prepared the following project of law which he intends to submit to Congress shortly:
"ONLY ARTICLE: The public officials and authorities by popular election shall be elected for a period of six years. The Senators, Representatives, Provincial Aldermen, Municipal Councilmen and Members of the Boards of Education shall be renewed in halves every three years. - The President of the

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Republic, Provincial Governors and Mayors shall not be reelected for a second term immediately following that for which they were elected."

Said article is followed by some transitory provisions, the last one of which reads as follows: "The candidates of the electoral ticket of the Conservative Party in the Provinces of Habana, Matanzas, Santa Clara, Camaguey and Oriente (referring to Senators), and those of the "Liberal-Popular"ticket in the Province of Pinar del Rio, in the elections of the first of November, 1924, shall be considered as elected by the Minority in said elections; one-half of them to cease in office the first Monday of April, 1931, and the other half the first Monday of April, 1934, and it shall be determined by drawing who are to cease in 1931, and in 1934."

Ambassador Torriente leaves to-day for Washington.

EL TRIUNFO - January 17, 1925.

This paper refers to the hasty departure of Ambassador Torriente, and states that he is to act energetically in the Isle of Pines question.

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HERALDO DE CUBA - January 17th.

Article by Gonzalez Beauville explaining that he is in favor of the construction of a Central Highway in Cuba, but that he combats two of the projects presented because they are immoral, and only constitue pretext for illegal expenditures of public funds. The writer also explains the manner in which he was asked to defend the project of the Foundation Corporation, and the bribes offered in connection therewith.

Eulogy of MARIO RUIZ MESA who will be appointed Under Secretary of the Treasury in Administration of General Machado.

In an article referring to the appeals filed against the election of certain candidates during the last elections, it is stated that when the Civil Chamber of the Audiencia of Habana opened the packages of ballots, these did not tally with the votes mentioned in the scrutiny sheets.

Article commenting favorably upon the campaign of propaganda made in the United States by the Cuban Society of International Law, in defence of the rights of Cuba in the Isle of Pines question.

EDITORIAL, very favorably commenting upon the attitude assumed by the American Chamber of Commerce concerning the Hay-Quesada Treaty.

EL HERALDO - January 17th.

"THE WORRIES OF MR. MARTYN" - Article commenting unfavorably upon the note given out by the Secretary of the Interior in connection with the recent visit of the Vice-President of the National City. Dr. Iturralde states that Mr. Martyn has demonstrated the prosperous situation of the Bank; but, on the other hand, the balances presented by the Bank show that it has sustained losses in 1922 and in 1923. The balance for the year 1924 has not yet been presented. If said balances presented are false, and were made to evade the payment of taxes, Dr. Iturralde should immediately make the corresponding denunciation before the Courts.

Article referring to the activities of the "Pro Isle of Pines Committee. A cablegram of congratulation has been sent to the American Senators who defend the rights of Cuba.

This paper states that practically all the reports published relative to men who will be appointed by General Machado, are false, and are caused to be published by the very persons who are seeking to be appointed. In reality, General Machado has only decided to appoint the following persons: Barraqué, for the office of Secretary of Justice; Viriato Gutierrez, Secretary of the Presidency, and Dr. Carlos Miguel de Cespedes for one of the Portfolios.

EDITORIAL, referring to the Isle of Pines question, and warning the Cuban landowners not to sell their properties to American citizens, because if they continue to do so, the American landowners in this Island will soon demand the annexation of Cuba to the ~~xxxxxxxxxxxx~~ United States, following the example of the property owners of the Isle of Pines.

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LA PRENSA - January 17th.

This paper states that the port authorities of Habana have learned in an unofficial manner that the former Minister of the United States in Cuba, Mr. William E. Gonsales will arrive to-day from Key West.

Reports have been received at the Department of the Interior of the excitement prevailing in the Isle of Pines. The Cubans tried to destroy the offices and shops of an American paper published in said Island, as an act of revenge for an article published by said paper stating that there were no native Cubans in the Island, but only Americans.

EDITORIAL, favorably commenting upon the project Revision of the Constitution.

EL MUNDO - January 18th.

Cable despatch from Washington relative to the discussion of the Hay-Quesada Treaty in the American Senate, and the defence of the Treaty made by Senator McCormick.

Translation of an Article published by Mr. Gardner L. Harding in "The New York Times" defending the rights of Cuba over the Isle of Pines.

EL TRIUNFO - January 18th.

Ertiele by Napoleon Galvez unfavorably commenting upon the projected revision of the Constitution.

"THE MAN FOR THE JOB" - Very favorably commenting upon the appointment of Mr. Mason as Manager of the United Rys. of Habana.

EDITORIAL, favorably commenting upon the projected revision of the Constitution.

Another EDITORIAL, commenting upon the corruption prevailing in the Judiciary. It also refers to the necessity of revising the Law of the Judiciary, which is the principal source of this evil.

EL HERALDO - January 18th.

Commenting upon the Isle of Pines question, this paper states that the American annexationists of the Isle of Pines are publishing articles in "The Isle of Pines Appeal" to arouse the anger of the Cubans, and provoke riots, as a part of their campaign against the ratification of the Hay-Quesada Treaty; while the Americans residing in the main land of Cuba are in favor of the ratification of the Treaty.

HERALDO DE CUBA - January 18th, 1925.

Gonzalez Beauville again refers to the projected construction of the Central Highway, and states that the two big projects will not be discussed, and can be considered as defeated, because his own modest project (the one calling for a yearly appropriation of 5 million dollars) has the right of priority in Congress.

Article referring to a meeting held yesterday by prominent leaders of the Liberal Party. - Sarrain bitterly criticized the present Electoral Code, and stated that it is the origin of the political corruption. He suggested the appointment of a Committee to study the reforms which should be made in the Electoral Code.

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Barreras endorsed the opinion of Sarrain, whereupon it was resolved to appoint said Committee, to be presided by Sarrain. They also dealt with the Isle of Pines question, and resolved to send a cablegram of congratulation and appreciation to the American Senators who are in favor of the ratification of the Treaty. - Barreras and Cueto declared that they knew nothing about the projected amendment of the Constitution, nor the persons who defended the project. Cueto suggested the appointment of a Committee to study certain points relative to the project. Gonzalez Beauville explained and defended the projected reforms. The Commission suggested, was appointed, and will be formed by Gustavo Gonzalez Beauville, Jose R. Cueto, Carlos Guas, Alberto Barreras, Giordano Hernandez and Rafael Guas. Other subjects of minor importance were discussed. It was resolved to hold another meeting next Saturday.

The President of the Republic is waiting for an answer to the consultation made to the Supreme Court relative to his powers to issue appropriation decrees, to sign many appropriation decrees which have been submitted to him. This article also refers to the "Malecon Affair", and states that if the guilty parties are sentenced, they will not have the benefits of the amnesty law, because the first crime (the inscription of the lands) was made prior to the promulgation of the amnesty law.

EL HERALDO - January 18, 1925.

Article commenting upon the corruption prevailing among the officials of the Government whose term is nearing expiration, and stating that the usurpation of lands is one of the crimes in which they are indulging. It states that the State has been dispossessed of 106 "caballerias" in the Province of Camaguey. (1) It also refers to a decision of a Judge of Habana, by which the State has been deprived of a tract of land adjoining the "Castillo del Principe", the cost of which is estimated at about one million dollars, including the buildings erected in the premises. (see other paper for (2))

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Article unfavorably commenting upon the erection of a statue in honor of President Zayas.

EDITORIAL, commenting upon the discussion of the Hay-Quesada Treaty in the American Senate.

LA NOCHE - January 18, 1925.

This paper states that the American Consul in Habana denounced a projected clandestine shipment of immigrants from Jaimanitas; but as the authorities of this port have no jusrisdiction over said shipping point, and notified to Custom House to furnish a launch for that service. The denunciation was made yesterday, but at Noon to-day no action had been taken.

EL MUNDO- January 19, 1925.

Cable despatch from Washington giving further details of the discussion of the Hay-Quesada Treaty in the Senate of the United States, and of the allegation of Senator McCormick in defence of said Treaty.

DIARIO DE LA MARINA - January 19, 1925.

EDITORIAL, favorably commenting upon the attitude of the American residents of the Island of Cuba in connection with the Isle of Pines question.

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HERALDO DE CUBA - January 19th.

Cable despatch from New York giving the text of an Editorial published in "The New York World" under the title of "A New Policy in the Caribbean Sea", criticizing the policy followed by the United States with respect to the countries in Central America and in the Antilles, during the last 25 years.

This paper urges the authorities to take energetic measures to check gambling, especially in Marianao, where it has acquired great intensity.

Irregularities in the Department of Communications. Postmaster Cartaya and Vicente Pola are accused of malversation and frauds.

REVIEW OF THE WEEK: This Editorial refers to the Isle of Pines question, and states that in spite of the optimistic views of Ambassador Torriente, in spite of the unanimous and unparalleled campaign of the press of Cuba, and in spite of the good intentions of some of the principal newspapers of the United States, the American Senate may still postpone the discussion and resolution of this important problem. - It also refers to the Central Highway and states that two projects have been presented in the House of Representatives, but that the projected presented by Gonzalez Beauville has the right of priority, the second project being the one calling for a foreign loan of 40 millions.

The shareholders of the Banco Nacional will study the conditions in which the Banking Commission will leave said Bank, to see whether the Bank can be reorganized, or liquidated at once.

LA PRENSA - January 19th.

Ambassador Crowder has requested that diplomatic franchise be granted to the postal officials of the United States who will come to Cuba to confer with officials of the Department of Posts of Cuba concerning a postal agreement.

The Military authorities have taken charge of the city of Santa Clara to prevent the repetition of the recent racial riots in that city.

Under the title of "AN IMPORTANT DECREE", this paper states that the President of the Republic has signed a Decree which provides that Mr. Atanasio de Querejeta y Molaber has the right to collect interests at the rate of 6% per annum on $280,858.20, from July 10, 1915 to April 20, 1918, said amount being the cost of 20,500 cubic meters of sand extracted from the estate "Barreras".

EDITORIAL entitled "THREE GOOD REASONS" favorably commenting commenting upon the defence made of the Hay-Quesada Treaty by Senator McCormick.

Cable despatch from Mexico announcing that according to a recent ruling, all persons will require passports to enter that country, including American citizens.

DIARIO DE LA MARINA - January 20, 1925.

This paper publishes the full translation of Senator McCormick's speech in defence of the rights of Cuba over the Isle of Pines.

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EL MUNDO - January 20, 1925.

EDITORIAL entitled "ROADS, MORE ROADS" - Cuba has been in existence during 25 years, and during all that period, the Cubans have been clamoring for roads. With the exception of the Administration of General Gomez, the other Administrations of Cuba have paid very little attention to this important problem. Now that the expiration of the present Administration is approaching, a real fever of road construction is sweeping over Cuba. The article refers to the projects presented, and states that as General Machado has promised to pay special attention to this important problem, it would be better to leave its decision to his Administration.

EL SOL - January 20, 1925.

This paper publishes an interview with the Secretary of State, Dr. Cespedes, who expressed himself very optimistic concerning the ratification of the Hay-Quesada Treaty. He referred to the official steps which had been taken, and the untiring activity of private individuals. He said that if the United States failed to recognize the sovereignty of Cuba over the Isle of Pines, the liberty of Cuba would be greatly diminished.

EL TRIUNFO - January 20th.

EDITORIAL commenting upon the projected reform of the Constitution, and defending that part which authorizes the Executive to have the initiative of laws. In this connection, it states that although the Constitution grants no such authority, this has been done on previous instances. It states that during the Administration of General Gomez, the President sent a project of law already drafted, and Dr. Ferrara opposed its discussion, in defence of a constitutional principle. During the Administration of General Menocal, several projects were presented to Congress which had been unofficially drafted at the Palace. If the President had the initiative of laws, the activities of Congress would be more lively, because, in the first place, the incompetent members of Congress would have no fear of the great task of drafting projects....

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HERALDO DE CUBA - January 20th.

Article criticizing the awarding of the contract for the supply of pumps for Palatino and Casa Blanca pumping stations, to Mr. C. Martin, who is said to be only a dummy contractor. The contract was awarded for the sumof $337,000.00. As the appropriation granted for the purchase of these pumps amounted to $500,000.00, this paper states that the difference, or $163.000,00 has already been pocketed by Carrerá and his followers.

Cable despatch from Washington referring to the declarations made by the General Commissioner of Immigration, Mr. W.W.Husband, to the effect that there are at present 20,000 foreigners in Cuba waiting for an opportunity to enter the United States.

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Article referring to the recent decision of the Supreme Court, refusing to take action against the Executive for misappropriation of funds or usurpation of powers of Congress. "Heraldo de Cuba" states that by this decision, the President is tacitly authorized to continue disposing of the funds of the Treasury at his will.

Telegram from Puerto Padre stating that the laborers and employees of Central "Chaparra" have decided to go on strike at the expiration of a period of 24 hours, if the Company refuses to accede to their demands. The petitions made by them are: 8-hour working day, recognition of their Union, free trade and increase of salaries.

EDITORIAL entitled "THE REFORM OF LEGISLATION SHOULD NOT BE FRAGMENTARY" -Unfavorably commenting upon the motions presented from time to time for the partial reform of the Codes, and especially upon a project of law presented by Representative Pino for the suppression of Articles 340, 341 and 342 of the Law of Civil Procedure, stating that this abolition would place the Courts and Judges in a position inferior to that which they now have for the depuration of the rights of the litigants.

Another EDITORIAL entitled "THE FLAG WHICH COVERS DAMAGED MERCHANDISE" - Unfavorably commenting upon the purposes to include the payment of the balance of the Interior Debt (or claims of contractors approved by the Debt Commission) in the Law authorizing the payment of bonuses of public employees.

In connection with the appeal filed against the election of A. del Pino, the Civil Chamber of the Audiencia of Habana orders the opening of 24 packages of ballots of electoral colleges of this city.

EL HERALDO - January 20th.

Article very unfavorably commenting upon the recent decision of the Supreme Court in relation to the complaint filed against the Executive by Dr. Miguel Angel Aguiar, and stating that said decision constitutes the granting of authority to the President to ransack the Treasury.

LA PRENSA - January 20th.

Cable despatch from Washington referring to the declarations made by President Coolidge concerning the Isle of Pines question. President Coolidge sincerely hopes that the Hay-Quesada Treaty will be ratified, and states that the Isle of Pines belongs to the Republic of Cuba.

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EDITORIAL entitled "CHANGE OF SYSTEM" - Commenting upon a recent article published in "The New York World" commenting in a favorable manner upon the change of system of the American Government in its relations with the countries in the Caribbean Sea, as evidenced by the evacuation of Santo Domingo and the withdrawals of the troops from Nicaragua.

An appropriation of $41,000.00 has been granted for the termination of the work on the Maine Monument, the contract for which has been awarded to Felix Cabarrocas. - A decree has been signed authorizing the construction of the Law School in the University of Habana, the cost of which has been estimated at $179,969.39. The proceeds of the sale of the old Institute, or $130,000.00 will be applied to the construction of this School.- A further appropriation of $300,000.00 has been granted for the repair of the streets of Habana.

EL MUNDO - January 21, 1925.

THE EDITORIAL refers to the Isle of Pines question, and states that Cuban public opinion received yesterday two distinct impressions in connection with the discussion of the Hay-Quesada Treaty: the opinion of President Coolidge, and the amendments suggested by Mr. McKellar.

The Law of Gratuities was approved yesterday by the House. (See Running Comment of Congress).

Cable despatch from Washington referring to the Isle of Pines question. President Coolidge declares himself in favor of the ratification of the Treaty. Senator Copeland spoke against the rights of Cuba.

This paper keeps up its campaign against the National City Bank. A letter signed by "M.C." is published to-day referring to the question of guarantees to Cuban depositors, to the relations of the Bank with sugar enterprises, and to the business which the Bank grabbed by reason of the crisis of 1920.

DIARIO DE LA MARINA - January 21, 1925.

Text of the decision rendered by the Supreme Court in the complaint filed by Dr. Miguel Angel Aguiar against certain actions of the President.

The grinding of cane will probably be stopped in the district of Guantanamo, as a result of the attitude of the employees of the Eastern Railroad, because the Company may not be able to meet the demands made for increase of salaries. The sugar mills affected are "Ermita" and "Almeida".

EL COMERCIO - January 21, 1925.

EDITORIAL entitled "COOLIDGE AND CUBA" -Very favorably commenting upon the recent declarations made by President Coolidge in which he declared himself in favor of the ratification of the Hay-Quesada Treaty.

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HERALDO DE CUBA - January 21, 1925.

This paper comments very unfavorably upon the recent appropriation of $300,000.00 aor the work of repair of the streets of Habana, and upon the provisions of the decree that Valdes & Co. are to do the work.

Dr. Angel Mestre Diaz has been appointed President of the Audiencia of Santa Clara. -- Dr. Fernando Zayas appointed Magistrate of the Audiencia of Habana. -- An appropriation of $34,327.00 has been granted for the construction of a bridge over the Almendarez River, for the new road which will connect Vento road with the street "Adolfo Castillo" in Marianao. -- An appropriation of $14,000.00 was granted to reinforce the Budget of the Department of Public Instruction.

An article further commenting unfavorably upon the recent decision of the Supreme Court which authorizes the President to legislate by decrees.

Referring to the last session of the House of Representatives, this paper states that with the pretext of the Bonus Bill, and after six months of inactivity, the House approved bills carrying appropriations for $23.000,000.00.

"THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, IMPROVIDENT AND WITHOUT BEARINGS." - Unfavorably commenting upon the last session of the House and the manner in which the Bonus Bill was adopted.
"FINANCIAL DICTATORSHIP 'WITH THE CONSENT' OF THE SUPREME COURT" - Editorial commenting unfavorably upon the recent decision of the Supreme Court.

EL HERALDO - January 21st.

Article criticizing the policy of granting appropriations by decrees, and stating that the Treasury is in danger of being exhausted again. The appropriations to which this article refers are: For the termination of the Maine Monument, $41,500.00; for the construction of a building in the University, $179,969.39; for the construction of a bridge over the Almendares River, $34,327.95, and $300,000.00 for the repair of the streets of Habana.

Referring to the "savings" of the President, this paper states that Dr. Zayas has purchased recently bonds ~~xxxxx~~ of the 50-million loan, for the sum of $600,000.00.

The actions of Secretary Iturralde are bitterly criticized. The article states that he is responsible for the present state of degeneration. Alcohol, gambling, narcotic drugs and prositution (which the article calls "the four horsemen of the Apocalypse") are now making great progress in Cuba.

Commenting upon the recent appointment of Dr. Fernando Zayas as Magistrate of the Audiencia of Habana, this paper states that President Zayas continues to give protection to his relatives.

Referring to the Querejeta "affaire" (a recent Decree by which the President authorized the payment of a large sum for interest due), this paper states that the Department of Public Works turned down this outrageous claim seven years ago.

"RESPECT FOR THE VANQUISHED."- Article by Desiderio Ferreira

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commenting upon the proximate arrival of the German training ship "Berlin", and stating that there is a movement on foot among certain foreighn elements tending to prevent the entertainment of the ship and its crew with due honors. The people of Cuba justly enjoys the fame of being hospitable, noble and generous, and they should not fail to comply with their duties merely to please the hate of mean spirits incapable of understanding the greatness of pardon.

LA PRENSA - January 21st.

Ten decrees have been submitted to the President, and will be signed at any moment, granting appropriations for the different Departments of the Government.

EDITORIAL, very favorably commenting upon the declarations made by President Coolidge relative to the Isle of Pines question.

EL MUNDO - January 22nd.

The EDITORIAL refers to the approval of the Bonus Bill, and bitterly criticizes the inclusion in the same of the payment of the floating debt, and expresses the hope that the Senate will not approve it, or that the President will veto it. This law not only disposes of the total surplus existing at present, but also affects future budgets, and if it is finally sanctioned, the coming Administration will only be an executor of the will of the present Administration.

Cable despatch from Washington stating that late Senator Lodge was decidedly in favor of the right of Cuba to the possession of the Isle of Pines.

Article stating that President Zayas, accompanied by President-elect Machado, Ambassador Crowder, and others, will probably go to Matanzas on February 1st, where they will board a ship which will take them to the place where a monument will be inaugurated, and which marks the place where General Emilio Nuñez landed an expedition on February 26, 1895.

DIARIO DE LA MARINA - January 22nd.

The ratification of the Hay-Quesada Treaty was discussed at a meeting of the National Council of Veterans held yesterday. They will express their gratitude to President Coolidge.

EDITORIAL, favorably commenting upon the approval by the House of the Bill authorizing the payment of the Bonuses to public employees and of a part of the floating debt. It also expresses the hope that the Senate will approve said bill, and that the President will sanction it.

EL TRIUNFO - January 22nd.

Article favorably commenting upon the projected revision of the Constitution.

EDITORIAL, favorably commenting upon the declarations made by President Coolidge with respect to the Isle of Pines question.

Another EDITORIAL, against the Bill approved by the House ordering the payment of the floating debt. Said debt--the article states--refers to claims made by contractors for works which, for the most, were never accomplished.

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HERALDO DE CUBA - January 22nd.

This paper states that in previos articles it announced that the President was waiting for the decision of the Supreme Court in the complaint filed bt Dr. Aguiar, to sign various appropriation decrees which had been submitted to him, and that the President knew that said decision would be favorable to him, and he so informed his Secretaries who were becoming impatient for the delay in authorizing appropriations for their respective departments. The friends of the President affirmed that Dr. Zayas himself had drafted the decision. Subsequent events have shown that Heraldo de Cuba was right. As soon as the decision was known, and before it was published in the newspapers, the President proceeded to grant new appropriations. It is affirmed that there are about25 decrees placed before the President for signature. - The President was visited yesterday by the Secretaries of the Treasury, Public Works, Justice and Sanitation, and submitted decrees carrying apprpriations for their respective departments. When Dr. Porto left the Palace, he took with him a decree already signed, granting an appropriation for the purchase of cattle for the Sanitary District of Santiago de Cuba (12,000 dollars).

There was no session in the lower House yesterday, for lack of quorum. The members of the Parliamentary Committee of the Conservative Party held a conference, and appointed a commission to study the projected reforms of the Constitution. Practically all the members of the House are decidedly in favor on the reforms.

Article commenting unfavorably upon the projects for the construction of the Central Highway supported by Mendez Capote and By Dr. Jose I. Rivero, for 400 millions and 40 millions, respectively.

EDITORIAL, very unfavorably commenting upon a bill presented in the House, signed by Gil, San Pedro, Albarran, Goderich and Pozo, referring to a concession for transportation, immigration and colonization. The Bill establishes export duties on sugar, molasses and tobacco, and only the company to which the concession is granted can have the right to draw against these funds. The people of Cuba will have to pay about 20 million dollars every year for this concession. The bill also authorizes a bond issue of 5 millions, with the collateral guarantee of the State, for certain urgent expenses.

El HERALDO - January 22nd.

Referring to the recent decision of the Supreme Court, this paper states that the President has authorized the members of his Cabinet to ask for all the money they may need, and he has already received nine petitions for appropriations.

Interview with Colonel Aurelio Hevia in connection with the Isle of Pines question. Col. Hevia has been studying the process of the Hay-Quesada Treaty, and proves that the arguments of to-day are the same as those of 20 years ago. He states that the Cuban territory will not be sold, and that it is a grave danger to place it in the hands of foreigners.

EDITORIAL commenting upon the Immigration Bill presented in the House, and stating that it should be carefully studied in order that it may a useful work for the country, and not a disguised means to foster private interests. The writer states that he is not fully aware of the text of said Bill, but criticizes the project in the form of a concession to a private company.

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EL MUNDO - January 23, 1925.

EDITORIAL referring to the decision of the Supreme Court which tacitly authorizes the President of the Republic to continue granting appropriations without the intervention of Congress, and stating that the policy adopted by Dr. Zayas, together with the policy of lavish waste which Congress intends to follow as indicated by the many Bills presented carryin g appropriations, places the Treasury at the verge of a grave financial crisis, and will probably be exhausted when President Zayas delivers the ~~xxxg~~ Government to General Machado.

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EL TRIUNFO - January 23rd.

This paper publishes an article against the Law of Gratuities, and expresses the hope that the Senate will not approve the same.

General Machado has contributed with $1,000.00 for the statue of Dr. Zayas.

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HERALDO DE CUBA - January 23rd.

Article commenting upon the lavish expenditure of public funds and the financial difficulties which the forthcoming Administration will have to face. The article refers to the payment of two and half millions for the lands expropriated for the Malecon, and to the payment of $700,000.00 for the fantastic dredging of Cardenas Bay. That there seems to be a conspiracy to loot the Treasury. The President issues decrees granting large appropriations; Congress enacts laws by virtue of which many millions are taken out of the Treasury; and when some citizen dares to file a complaint before the highest Court of the Republic, denouncing the unconstitutionality of granting appropriations by decrees, the Venerable Magistrates, strictly confining themselves to the letter of cleverly prepared proceedings, declare in the name of the Republic and by authority of the Law, that "there is no ground for action due to the lack of evidence."... And with this tacit authorization, the President prepares to issue a large number of appropriation decrees.....

"AN INTRIGUE OF THE PROMOTERS OF THE CENTRAL HIGHWAY AGAINST MR. CROWDER." - Unfavorably commenting upon the project supported by Dr. Rivero, Director of Diario de la Marina, and refers to the difficulties encountered by the promoters of said project. Dr. Rivero boasts of having obtained the promise of support from the President of the Republic, through the payment of one million dollars to Dr. Zayas. The article also states that steps are taken to obtain the consent of the American Foreign Office to float an interior loan, a deal in which many difficulties are encountered due to the obligations contracted by reason of the 50-million-dollar loan. The promoters of the forty-million project have also resorted to the intrigue against General Crowder, against whom they hurl the most degrading adjectives, and say that his opposition to the project is not backed by his Government, but only caused by his resentment against certain American lawyer who intervenes in this deal. Telegrams against Ambassador Crowder have been sent to various periodicals of the United States, but the American press have refused to publish them. It is also known that influences are being moved in Washington in order that the American Senate may be indisposed towards the Ambassador, knowing that if they finally succeed in eliminating General Crowder, their plans will become more feasible.

EDITORIAL referring to the projected amendment of the Constitution, and commenting unfavorably upon the intentions to"manufacture" twelve new senators who were not elected.

EL HERALDO - January 23, 1925.

"LETTER OF MARQUE" - Further commenting upon the decision of the Supreme Court concerning the appropriation of funds by decree.

Article stating that the smuggling of 1,000 kilograms of opium through the port of Habana, will be denounced before the League of Nations. Collector of Customs, Jose Maria Zayas, Dr. Laureano Fuentes, and Dr. Celso Cuellar del Rio, are said to be mixed in this business.

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The last Epidemiological Bulletin published by the Department of Health states that the following cases of infectious diseases exist in the Republic:

Typhoid fever	40
Malaria	166
Diphtheria	9
Measles	10
Chicken-pox	2
Tetanus	1
Infantile paralysis	1

"LA PRENSA" - January 23, 1925.

Under Secretary of the Interior De la Torre left this morning for the Isle of Pines. His trip is supposed to be in connection with the recent events there, although absolue secrecy has been maintained concerning the real object of his trip. Dr. De la Torre had a long conference with the President yesterday afternoon.

It is generally believed in government circles that the President will sanction the Bonus Bill.

"WORDS AND DEEDS" - Editorial commenting upon the speech of Secretary Hughes broadcasted by radio, in which he recommended the adoption of the Monroe Doctrine as a part of the foreign policy of the Spanish-American countries, and stating that the United States had no desires of expansion. This article states that the Spanish-American countries did not have to reply to the statements made by Mr. Hughes, as his arguments were refuted the next day by Senator King, attacking and condemning the imperialistic policy of the present American Administration. Senator King also recommended the immediate ratification of the Hay-Quesada Treaty, and added that the United States was paying too much attention to the interior affairs of Cuba.....

LA NOCHE - January 23, 1925.

Article commenting upon the fact that the Isle of Pines will be taken away from Cuba, and gives the following advice to the Cubans; "If at last we are despoiled of the Isle of Pines, let us set fire to it from every side so that it will be converted into a heap of ashes...."

Mr. Manuel Sanguily died last night. His funeral will take place at 8:30 A.M. tomorrow (Sunday).

"EL MUNDO" - January 24, 1925.

EDITORIAL further commenting unfavorably upon the lavish expenditure of funds by the present Administration which is about to cease. This editorial refers especially to the resolution of many claims filed before the Civil Service Commission by employees who were dismissed many years ago. Many of these appeals which have been pending for many years, have been favorably decided for the claimants, and hundreds of thousands of dollars have already been paid in this way, and it is believed that by the 20th of May, millions of dollars will have been paid....

Account of the meeting of the Cabinet held yesterday. The President referred to the recent decision of the Supreme Court by which it is finally established that the Law of Bases approved

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for a fiscal year cannot be applied to another fiscal year together with the administrative part of the Budget. The President called the attention of his Secretaries that this decision had been unanimously adopted by the Supreme Court. The President also praised the attitude of President Coolidge with respect to the Isle of Pines question..... The Secretary of the Treasury referred to the present condition of the Treasury, and said that the revenues collected during January had already exceeded 7 millions, and that there were more than $24,300,000.00 deposited in the Treasury at the present time .....

DIARIO DE LA MARINA - January 24, 1925.

This paper refers to a meeting "Pro Isle of Pines" held yesterday by the students of the Medical School of the University. Telegrams sent by Dr. Enrique Hernandez Cartaya, to: Secretary Hughes, expressing the appreciation of the professors and students of the University of Habana to Secretary Hughes and President Coolidge for their support to the Hay-Quesada Treaty; to the Universities of Columbia, Yale, Harvard and Cornell, requesting their cooperation to the defence of the integrity of the territory of Cuba; and to Ambassador Torriente informing him of the meeting and congratulating him for his activities in the Isle of Pines question.

EL TRIUNFO - January 24, 1925.

EDITORIAL entitled "WHAT MUST THE PRESIDENT DO?" - Referring to the manner in which the recent decision has been commented upon, and stating that in view of the peremptory necessities of the country, and of the censurable inactivity of Congress, the President can do nothing else but act as he does. By the censurable abandonment of its duties, Congress offers every opportunity to the President to become a Dictator; but Dr. Zayas, who is a democrat and fully aware of his duties, has not wanted to overstep his constitutional powers.... This editorial also states: "We are very sorry to say so, but what happens in Cuba, speaks very little in favor of our competence for self-government....."

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January 26th (Morning).

HERALDO DE CUBA - January 24th.

Article by Gonzalez Beauville explaining his opposition to the Bonus Bill recently approved by the House, which Bill, in reality, only served to authorize the payment of the floating debt and to amend certain provisions of the Lottery Law. Beauville states that if the tax of $2.00 on every Lottery ticket is suppressed, the conditions should be brought back to their former state, and the selling price of tickets limited again. - He also comments unfavorably upon the intentions of the House to pass a Law increasing the number of members of that Legislative Body, and states that according to the provisions of the Electoral Code, that is a question which should be decided by the Provincial Electoral Boards.

This paper states that the importers of rice are trying to obtain from the President a Decree prohibiting the importation of rice in Cuba, as was done during the Administration of General Menocal.

EL HERALDO - January 24th.

The Mixed Committee of Senators and Representatives appointed to study the projected constitutional amendment, held a meeting yesterday, and resolved to accept the opinion of the Senate on the following points: Non-reelection; extension of presidential term to six years; direct election of President; direct election of Senators, increasing their number to six for every Province. No decision was reached as to the extension of powers of Congressmen, Mayors, etc.

"WITHOUT FAITH AND WITHOUT HOPE" - Article by Cesar Madrid commenting unfavorably upon the recent decision of the Supreme Court and the policy of lavish waste of President Zayas.

EDITORIAL, favorably commenting upon the rumors that as soon as the new government is inaugurated, an amnesty will be passed in favor of the members of the Army who took part in the revolution of February, 1917.

LA PRENSA - January 24.

Cable despatch from Washington stating that President Coolidge has urged the Senate to hasten the ratification of the Hay-Quesada Treaty.

DIARIO DE LA MARINA - January 25, 1925.

Cable despatches from Washington referring to the ratification of the Hay-Quesada Treaty. One of said despatches states that the original Treaty signed between the United States and Cuba, has been lost.

Text of a message sent by the President to the Congress of the Republic requesting the approval of a Bill authorizing the Executive to fix the number of immigrants which should be permitted to enter Cuba every year.

HERALDO DE CUBA - January 25, 1925.
Article commenting unfavorably upon the Immigration and Colonization Bill presented in the House of Representatives.

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The announced assembly of prominent leaders of the Liberal Party was held yesterday, presided by Dr. Sarrain. Barreras suggested the convenience that each Municipality should prepare, through the Executive Committee of the Liberal Party, a project of all such questions which might be of interest or benefit to the inhabitants of the Municipality, including public works, educational improvements, and other problems. All the attendants expressed their approbation of the suggestion made by Barreras.

Article commenting unfavorably upon the Bonus Bill, and stating that only a year ago, the President sent a long message to Congress saying that such a Bill could not be enforced , for administrative and economic reasons. The article states that in said message the President made a careful analysis of the Bill to prove its nullity. But now that the Bonus Bill is used only as an excuse to cover many illegalities, the President finds it good and proper, and uses for its support and defence practically the same reasons,but inverted, which he used to oppose it.

EDITORIAL entitled "ZAYAS, THE CABINET AND THE TREASURY" Commenting upon the policy of lavish waste of President Zayas.

EL HERALDO - January 25, 1925.

Under the title of "THE REPETITION OF THE TRAGEDY", this paper publishes an article commenting upon the state of alarm existing at present caused by the repetition, one by one, of all the circumstances which brought about the final disaster of the Administration of General Menocal, such as the lavish expenditure of public funds by the President, the disorderly state of affairs in the Post Office, and even the restriction on the importation of rice projected by a group of unscrupulous dealers.

LA NOCHE - January 25, 1925.

EDITORIAL entitled "TO THE AMERICAN PEOPLE" - Warning the American people against the purposes of a group of unscrupulous politicians who are trying to disposses Cuba of her rights to the Isle of Pines.

EL MUNDO - January 26, 1925.

EDITORIAL, commenting upon the Isle of Pines question, and stating that the Cuban people had never before become so impassioned as at present, because Cuban public opinion did not think it possible that the American Senate would refuse to ratify the Hay-Quesada Treaty, even though it was only as a matter of formula.

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HERALDO DE CUBA - January 26th.

This paper further comments upon the last meeting of the Cabinet, and states that no matter of importance was discussed at said meeting, and states: "According to the official note given out, everything runs smoothly if governmental spheres, which leads us to suppose that the officials of the Government, having enriched themselves, are now disposed to let the last months of the present Administration go by without attempting any new assault upon the Treasury. However, the joy with which the President announced to the members of his Cabinet the recent decision of the Supreme Court authorizing him tacitly to dispose of the funds of the Treasury, is sufficiently eloquent....." The article adds that a decree is pending the signature of the President authorizing the construction and repair of side-walks in the commercial district of Habana, and according to information obtained, the contract for this work will be awarded to one of the relatives of the Secretary of Sanitation, and will leave a substantial margin of profit for all concerned. It also refers to an appropriation for the renewal of the Palatino pumps, and states that $100,000.00 have already been distributed among the persons interested in this transaction.

Article stating that the Supreme Court has asked for the documents relating to the concession for the dredging of the port of Cardenas, to make certain investigations inconnection with the denunciation filed by Dr. Miguel Angel Aguiar, but that Secretary Carrerá refuses to surrender the documents in question.

Article stating that after the failures met by Celso Cuellar in Marianao, he now intends to open gambling places in Habana, and tries to bribe to Captains of Police.

EL HERALDO - January 26, 1925.

This paper protests against the sequestration of "Venezuela Libre", a paper published in Habana against the present system of Government in Venezuela.

Commenting upon the project of Budget for the coming fiscal year, this paper states that although the project has already been sent to Congress, no copy of it has been given out to the press. However, it has been learned that the estimated incomes amount to $74,402,537.83, which is an absurd amount as compared with the real collections obtained during previous years. The estimated expenditures are placed at $77,791,650.00, or about 5 millions more than the Budget now in force..... (The tabulated resumé published in this same issue, however, places the Income at $77,791,650.00; and the Expenditures at $74,402,537.83, leaving a surplus of $3.389,112.17).

LA PRENSA - January 26, 1925.

The Municipal Mayors have been reminded that according to a Law of Congress, next Wednesday (January 28th) is a National Holiday (anniversary of Marti's birthday).

Cable despatch from Washington stating that according to a report rendered by Major Shutan, and forwarded to Washington by Ambassador Crowder, peace and quietness prevails at present in the Isle of Pines, and that the presence in said Island of the Assistant Secretary of the Interior, De la Torre, has put an end to all causes for disturbance.

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EDITORIAL entitled "A NATIONAL PROBLEM" - commenting upon the Isle of Pines question which is now in its critical period, and the possible complications indicated by recent cable despatches from Washington. This paper insists on the necessity of intensifying the campaign in Washington to defend the rights of Cuba, and states that Cuba has already complied with its part of the agreement, granting coaling stations to increase the range of action of the American fleet, and this concession should be used as an argument in support of the rights of Cuba, and reminding that said concession tacitly means the recognition of the rights of Cuba over the Isle of Pines.

EL MUNDO - January 27, 1925.

This paper continues its campaign against the National City Bank, and in to-day's editorial states that the recent advertisement published by said Bank, which constitutes an indirect answer to the campaign against it, to the effect that the New York Central Office of the Bank supports the transaction of its Branch in Cuba, is not sufficient, inasmuch as it is not clearly determined whether the Board of Directors is sufficiently empowered to assume such a responsibility.

The Senate held no session yesterday for the lack of quorum. The Senate will probably approve the Bonus Bill to-day.

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HERALDO DE CUBA - January 27th.

Article by Gonzalez Beauville in which he criticizes the activities displayed by the promoters of fraudulent or immoral deals, such as the Bill increasing the number of members of the the House of Representatives, the Tourismo Bill, and especially the projects for the construction of the Central Highway. In connection with this last project, the promoters say that President Zayas has agreed to sign the Bill which Congress may approve against the payment of a large sum to him. The Bill to which Beauville refers is the one entailing an expenditure of 400 million dollars. - Beauville also states that the Interference is giving new signs of life, and states: "This is caused by the Bonus Bill which violates the Law of the Loan, and the Executive will again receive the famous Memoranda which came very near upsetting the Republic only two years ago.... And that wave of mud and corruption which sweeps from the higher spheres, threatens to invade everything. The humblest employee of the remotest Ayuntamiento tries to profiteer by his insignificant job...."

Text of a Project of Law presented in the House, and signed by Jorge Garcia Montes, Miguel Angel Aguiar, German Wolter del Rio and G. Gonzalez Beauville, which tends to define the responsibility of the President of the Republic in cases of malversation of public funds, in order to prevent that the Executive, by means of Decrees, may dispose of public funds at his will and caprice supported by the irregular opinion of the Supreme Court.

Article stating that the Senate will not approve the recent appointments in the Consular Service. Senator Menocal has initiated a movement of protest against said appointments.

The Cuban Consul in New York, Medrano, suggests to the Mayor of Habana the convenience of designating an orator to speak on the Isle of Pines Question at the coming celebration of the anniversary of the sinking of the "Maine".

"VOID LEGISLATION" - Article commenting upon the moral crisis which Cuba is experiencing at the present time, and which is worse than the financial crisis which were about to destroy the Republic. It states that the action of Congress is practically null, and the House and the Senate only convene to cooperate in the work of demoralization of President Zayas. It also refers to the Bonus Bill, and justifies the attitude of the American Foreign Office in opposing this Bill. It also states that only a personal interest prompts Zayas to sanction this Bill.

Article commenting upon the interest taken by the American Chamber of Commerce in the propaganda in favor of tourism to Cuba, stating that it has contributed with $3,000.00 for this good work; but that the Department of Agriculture refuses to grant $25,000.00 for the work of propaganda, in spite of the fact that it has been requested to do so three times by the American Chamber of Commerce.

Article commenting upon the Amendment of the Constitution, advancing the information that it will be approved by a great majority.

EDITORIAL entitled "RIVALRY OVER THE CENTRAL HIGHWAY" (Translation published in "The Havana Post" of Jany. 29th).

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This paper states that it will present a formal accusation against the Collector of Customs of Habana, Jose Maria Zayas, and against Celso Cuellar and L. Fuentes, as responsible for the recent contraband of opiumm

Article commenting upon the state of corruption prevailing at present in the Department of Public Work, where the greatest crimes of fraud and malversation are committed.

Article very unfavorably commenting upon the appropriation of $52,853.65 for the termination of the work of the Institute of Habana. This article also criticizes the recent decision of the Supreme Court, and states that all these appropriations violate the Law of the Loan of October 9, 1922.

LA DISCUSION - January 27, 1925.

Article commenting upon the attitude of the Senate concerning the Bonus Bill, and criticizing the intervention of General Crowder in this matter (Already translated in full).

LA PRENSA - January 27, 1925.

Cable despatch from Miami announcing that Mr. Sheffield, Ambassador of the United States in Mexico, will arrive here next Friday.

LA NOCHE - January 27, 1925.

EDITORIAL entitled "OUR CAMPAIGN ON THE ISLE OF PINES QUESTION" - Further commenting upon a recent article published by this paper in which it was stated that if the Isle of Pines was taken away from Cuba, said Island would be converted into ashes.

EL MUNDO - January 28, 1925.

Editorial commenting upon the fact that both Speakers of the Senate and of the House should be Liberals.

A short article stating that certain obstacles have been encountered in connection with the Bonus Bill at the Senate, and that Senator Dolz and Gonzalo Perez were designated to confer with President Zayas on the subject. The Bonus Bill will probably be discussed in the Senate next Monday.

PALACE NEWS: An extension of thirty days has been granted for the enforcement of Decree 1,761 which refers to the new requisites demanded for the importantion of merchandise which pay duties "ad valorem". - The President has sent messages to Congress referring to the following: Asking for an appropriation of $5,000.00 to be delivered as an aid to the American Fair Trade League for the work carried on in the United States in favor of Cuban tobacco, and a yearly appropriation of $20,000.00 for work of propaganda in favor of Cuban tobacco abroad; requesting an appropriation of $111,444.00 to be paid to the Queensland Insurance Co., for the 100 bonds of $1,000.00 each which were stolen from the National Treasury, and another message requesting the restriction or prohibition of Jamaican Immigration. - The President has signed a decree granting an appropriation of $7,500.00 for repair of streets in the town of Camajuaní.

DIARIO de la MARINA - January 28, 1925.

"Declaration of Principles" approved by the Ayuntamiento of Habana concerning the sovereignty of Cuba over the Isle of Pines. This

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resolution will be transmitted by cable to President Coolidge, to the American Senators and to the diplomatic representatives of Cuba abroad.

Article stating that President Zayas will go to France to lay the corner-stone of the "House of Cuba" in Paris.

HERALDO DE CUBA - January 28, 1925.

Article stating that General Betancourt is in favor of the free importation of rice, and will oppose any measure to restrict the importation of this product.

The projected reforms of the Constitution will be discussed by the Parliamentary Committee of the Conservative Party next week. Public opinion is said to be greatly in favor of the Amendments.

EDITORIAL commenting "Aagainst the Impunity of the President," referring to the recent projected presented in the House, clearly defining the responsibility of the President when he disposes of the funds of the Treasury without the proper authorization.

Another editorial "CONFIDENCE LOST ABROAD" Unfavorably commenting upon the intentions to approve the Bonus Bill, and referring to the representations made by the American Embassy that the interests of Morgan & Co. are affected by said project.

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"The President of the Republic and the Secretary of Justice are responsible for a scandalous despoliation of lands of the State valued at ten million dollars" - Article stating that the President has in his possession the report of the Department of the Treasury denouncing the despoliation of the rich estate of Caujeri, but he fails to take action and annul that serious decision. Those who have unlawfully appropriated said lands to themselves, are negotiating their sale to a powerful American company.

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This paper further comments upon the opposition of Ambassador Crowder to the Bonus Bill, and stating that the senators courteously acceded to the request of President Zayas to postpone the discussion of the Bill, although the majority of them were not willing to accept the suggestion.

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of school children
Article referring to the parade/which took place this morning in commemoration of Marti's birthday, and as a part of the campaign in favor of the ratification of the Hay-Quesada Treaty. This paper states that in a short address, General Machado said that when he takes possession of office, he will know how to defend the sovereignty of Cuba against any unjust despoliation, and re-affirmed the right of Cuba over the Isle of Pines.

Thirty-nine Chinamen arrived on board the S.S. "Robert E.Lee". This is announced in a short article under the heading: "The Chinese Invasion continues."

EDITORIAL commenting upon the failure of the Senate to discuss the Bonus Bill, and stating that according to current rumors, the President recommended the postponement of the debate at the request of Ambassador Crowder. This article also states that La Prensa always opposed the addition to this Bill of the payment of a part of the floating debt.

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According to a note given out by the Secretary of the Interior there is no danger of any disturbance of the peace in the Isle of Pines; that only some individual quarrels existed, which have been satisfactorily settled. The note also refers to the cordial and friendly action of Major Shutan, sent with special instructions from the American Embassy to the Isle of Pines.

LA TARDE - January 28, 1925.

This paper publishes a cable despatch from New York stating that Morgan & Co. have protested against the Bonus Bill approved by the House of Representatives of Cuba. Mrgan & Co. understand that more than the $183,000.00 paid should have been set aside for the amortization of bonds of the Floating Debt, and have sent a report to the American State Department, so that the matter may be taken up through the proper diplomatic channels. Ambassador Crowder is already in touch with the Cuban Secretary of State with respect to this question.

EL MUNDO - January 29, 1925.

EDITORIAL entitled "THE DANGER" - referring to previous articles published against the lavish expenditures of public funds. It also refers to the Bonus Bill, and to the protest of Morgan & Co. in the exercise of a proper right, although shameful to this country.

El Mundo publishes to-day the full text of the Hay-Quesada Treaty.

EL TRIUNFO - January 29, 1925.

This paper states that the Senate insists on approving the Bonus Bill exactly as it was passed by the House; but that the President, true to his opinion, and in defence of the funds of the Treasury, will be compelled to veto it.

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Subject: Havana Press Comment. (3090)

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1. Enclosed will be found brief summaries of news articles and editorial comment of the Havana Press for the days:

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January 29, 1925 (Afternoon)
January 30, 1925 (Morning).

HERALDO DE CUBA - January 29th.

This paper comments favorably upon the memorial services held yesterday evening in the City Hall of Habana, organized by the Association of Revolutionary Emigrants to commemorate the anniversary of Marti's birthday. Speeches were made concerning the Isle of Pines question, and Heraldo de Cuba states that the patriotism of the Cuban people has been clearly demonstrated. General Betancourt spoke as President of the National Association of Veterans of the Independence, and said that he relied on the Cuban people for the everlasting maintenance of the independence, although he recognized that the patriotic sentiment had diminished somewhat, and it was necessary to stimulate it.... Dr. Carlos Manuel de Cespedes also spoke and referred to the Isle of Pines question. He declared that the fact that the solution of the problem favorable to Cuba had been placed in doubt, had caused all the Cubans to get together for their defence. He said that the Isle of Pines was an integral part of the territory of Cuba, by tradition, by history and by geography, and that the Americans inspired by their respect for right and justice, will so recognize it.

Interview with the Commissioner of Immigration, Dr. Francisco Hernandez, in which he refers to the necessity of enacting proper immigration laws on the basis of selection, so as to be able to reject all undesirable immigrants. The article also contains some statistical data on Immigration, and gives the following arrivals of Chinamen during the last four years: In 1921, 5,314; 1922, 1,522; 1923, 2,061; 1924, 3,319. The total number of immigrants arriving in Cuba during the year 1924, was 54,670.

Article commenting very unfavorably upon the grafting schemes which constitute the "last sweep" of the present Administration, and stating that it is difficult to understand how Congress, the Executive, etc. are rivaling frantically in their eagerness for lucre, pillage, waste and despoliation... and refers more especially to the project for the construction of the Central Highway entailing an expenditure of about 400 millions.

EDITORIAL stating that "Heraldo de Cuba" is in favor of the construction of the Central Highway, but without any grafting schemes.

EL HERALDO - January 29, 1925.

Article referring to the irregularities in the Department of Public Works, stating that there is more corruption in this Department than in the Lottery or in the Department of Communications. The Office of the City Chief Engineer is constantly spending large appropriations.

Referring to the usurpation of lands of the State, this paper publishes an article to-day disclosing the plans to steal a large tract of land in Habana, adjacent to the National Penitentiary.

LA PRENSA - January 29, 1925.

Article commenting upon the Bonus Bill and the "discrete intervention of the American Embassy", as well as upon the purposes of the senators the approve the Bill exactly as it was passed by the House, which compel the President to veto it.

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LA NOCHE - January 29, 1925.

Mr. W. H. Field, Senator of the United States who called to-day on President Zayas, declared to the reporters that the Isle of Pines is and should continue to be Cuban.

A Committee of Senators formed by Compe, Rivero, Gonzalez Clavel and Castillo, conferred this morning with the President on the Bonus Bill pending in the Senate. The object of the conference was to learn the opinion of the President on said Bill. The article further states: "The President of the Republic maintains the same opinion which he expressed yesterday, that he was fundamentally in favor of the Bill, and that the public employees should collect what is owed to them, xxx the same as the persons who hold certificates approved by the Debt Commission."

EDITORIAL unfavorably commenting upon the recent note given out by the Department of the Interior concerning the conditions existing at present in the Isle of Pines. The editorial states that if nothing had happened there, as expressed in said Note, there would have been no need for the trip of Assistant Secretary De la Torre and Major Shutan to the Isle of Pines.

LA DISCUSION - January 29, 1925.

EDITORIAL entitled "LACK OF MORAL AUTHORITY - ZAYAS AND THE REVIVAL OF FOREIGN INTERFERENCE" - Commenting with regret upon the revival of the Interference, and the causes which gave rise to it. It states that the suspicious desire to include the payment of the Floating Debt in the problem of the payment of an obligation contracted with public employees, has provoked this regrettable incident. It also states: "The best answer which could be given to the remarks received from Washington or from the Ambassador of the U.S., would be to add to the official reports showing that Cuba is faithfully complying with its foreign obligations, other data proving that in Cuba the Treasury is handled with great honesty and that the President never oversteps his powers in contravention of the Constitution."

LA TARDE - January 29, 1925.

Text of a Bill presented by Sagaro and others, providing for a reward of one-third of the property recovered, to be granted to individuals who discover frauds which lead to the recovery of lands belonging to the Government; and also granting Veterans who are situated, as squatters or otherwise, upon lands belonging to the Government, the right to have said lands recorded in their names, provided they claim the same within one year after this law goes into effect, and that they pay the assessed value of said lands fixed by experts appointed for the purpose.

DIARIO DE LA MARINA - January 30, 1925.

Text of Dr. Bustamante's speech on the Isle of Pines question, broadcasted by radio last night

EL MUNDO - January 30, 1925.

In connection with the appeals filed against the election of Pedro Herrera Sotolongo and Jose.R. Cano, the Audiencia has rendered a decision adverse to these candidates, and has ordered that they be stricken off the list of candidates, as the charges of electoral frauds made against them, were proved.

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HERALDO DE CUBA - January 30th.

In spite of the opposition of the shareholders and creditors of the Banco Nacional, the Temporary Banking Commission will sale at auction tomorrow seven buildings of that banking institution, which, according to this paper, constitutes a new despoliation.

Article commenting in a favorable manner upon the decision of the Audiencia against the election of Herrera Sotolongo and Cano, and quotes Article 217, 240 and 243 on which said decision was based.

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EDITORIAL entitled "CUBAN OPPOSITION TO THE ADDITIONAL ERRORS OF A LAW" - Commenting unfavorably upon the additions made to the Bonus Bill, and refers to the protest of the American bankers filed through the diplomatic channels. Heraldo de Cuba states that there should not be made to prevail in this question patriotic sentiments which should be left for conflicts of a different character; that it is up to the Government to decide whether the bankers are right or not, and adds: "But the point which we wish to clear out is this: the Bill passed by the House should be amended by the Senate, not because this is requested by any Ambassador or demanded by American bankers, but for well founded reasons expressed in Cuba, and by organs of Cuban public opinion." (1)

EL HERALDO - January 30, 1925.

"THE BONUSES, MORGAN'S FIRM AND THE PUBLIC EMPLOYEES"- Article very unfavorably commenting upon the protest filed by Messrs. Morgan & Co. against the Bonus Bill, and the methods of "oppression" used by said financial institution, in Latin-American countries. (2)

Article commenting upon the frauds in the Custom House of Habana, and stating that the profits cleared every year amount to $400,000.00. It also states that silks, clothing, perfumes and crude oil constitute the inexhaustible sources of graft, and that the Administrator of the Custom House of Habana in complicity with the Inspectors, have a well organized system of fraud.

Partial elections will be held tomorrow in several colleges of the Municipalities of Cruces and Santo Domingo (Province of Santa Clara.

LA DISCUSION - January 30, 1925.

Article stating that the Senate will approve the Bonus Bill, and that the President will sign it. The President has already formed an opinion as to the application of the surplus of the Budget, and he knows that the Government can dispose of a part of the surplus in the manner it may see fit. At a recent conference held with the President by Senators Compe, Rivero, Castillo and Gonzalez Clavel, it was resolved to postpone the discussion of the Bonus Bill until next week, in case the Ambassador may have some other reason to give to oppose said Bill; otherwise, the Senate will approve it.

LA PRENSA - January 30, 1925.

General Crowder held a long conference with the President this morning, and it is generally believed that the Bonus Bill recently passed by the House was discussed at said conference. It is af-

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firmed that President Zayas has clearly explained to Ambassador Crowder that said Bill in no way affects the funds of the Treasury pledged for the payment of the obligations of honor of Cuba, especially when Cuba is faithfully paying all its obligations and the surpluses of the Budgets are quite satisfactory. When the President was asked concerning said interview, he answered through his Aide Cordovés that General Crowder had not discussed with him the payment of bonuses to public employees, but only spoke to him about the problem of the Isle of Pines, and that they both agreed that nothing abnormal had occurred in the Isle of Pines.

EL TRIUNFO - January 31, 1925.

This paper also refers to the conference between General Crowder and President Zayas, along the same lines as published in La Prensa.

EDITORIAL, commenting upon the policy of peace and tolerance followed by Dr. Zayas during his Administration, and refers to the message sent to Congress requesting the approval of an amnesty bill for all electoral crimes committed during the last elections. It also states that the members of the Army who took up arms against the Government in 1917 should also be amnestied.

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HERALDO DE CUBA - January 31st.

Declarations made by Representatives German Wolter del Rio and Aquilino Lombard, favorable to the proposed amendment of the Constitution.

Article commenting upon the conference held yesterday between Ambassador Crowder and President Zayas. Although it was officially announced that only the Isle of Pines question was discussed, it has been learned that the Bonus Bill recently passed by the House was the main object of the conference, and that the Ambassador requested the postponement of the discussion of this Bill by the Senate until the Embassy had time to study carefully the project approved by the House. - In connection (3) with this question, rumors circulated yesterday among friends of Dr. Zayas that the President took up with General Crowder the matter of purchasing from Morgan and Company "a considerably amount of bonds of the Republic which they purchased at ridiculous prices in times of crisis." Heraldo de Cuba states that this is one more deal to be added to those of the "last sweep" of the present Administration.

EL HERALDO - January 31, 1925.

Commenting upon a conference held yesterday between President Zayas and the Mayor of Habana, and stating that there are intentions at the Palace to revive the question of a Municipal Loan of $10,000,000.00 to solve the water problem of Habana.

EDITORIAL entitled "THERE WILL BE NO STATUE" - commenting upon a meeting of students of the University and of the Institute of Habana, which will be held shortly for the purpose of preventing the erection of a statue in honor of President Zayas before his term office expires.

LA PRENSA - January 31, 1925.

Ricardo Perez Alfonseca, the new Minister of San Domingo in Cuba, arrived to-day.

The Department of the Treasury has announced that the debts of the Republic, on December 31, 1924, amounted to $99,768,800.00.

EDITORIAL commenting upon the conference between General Crowder and Dr. Zayas regarding the Bonus Bill, and the declarations attributed to Dr. Zayas to the effect that the enforcement of said Bill would not in the least affect the payment of the obligations of the Government. The editorial states that if the Senate approves this censurable Bill, the President should veto it.

Dr. Pedro Herrera Sotolongo has filed an appeal of unconstitutionality against the decision of the Civil Chamber of the Audiencia of Habana which annulled his election as a member of the House of Representatives.

LA NOCHE - January 31, 1925.

The following article appears among the Palace News:
"The Secretary of State held a long conference with President Zayas this morning. In spite of the secrecy maintained we have been able to learn that the conference was about the Hay-Quesada Treaty, and it is said that President Coolidge has held a conference with the senators opposed to the ratification of the Treaty at which conference the President of the United States informed

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said senators that the Isle of Pines was and should toncinue to be Cuban."

EL PAIS - January 31, 1925.

"HAS THE AGGRESSIVE INTERFERENCE REVIVED?" - Article very unfavorably commenting upon the steps taken by Ambassador Crowder to prevent the final approval of the Bonus Bill passed by the House. - It states that the payment of the bonuses to public employees is the settlement of a leggl and legitimate debt;"and as to the runner added to said Bill referring to the payment of claims to contractors of the State, it is necessary to bear in mind that this is not an excessive amount because the Bill only provides for the payment of 25% of these claims, and the balance to be paid in four yearly instalments."

EL MUNDO - February 1, 1925.

A cable despatch from Washington announces that those who oppose the ratification of the Hay-Quesada Treaty will not be able to obtain a sufficient number of votes to prevent the ratification.

HERALDO DE CUBA - February 1, 1925.

Commenting upon the recent note published referring to the debts of Cuba, this paper states thatit is only an excuse to justify new assaults upon the Treasury.

Article criticizing those who speak against the interference of General Crowder in the matter of the Bonus Bill. It states that it is not the fault of General Crowder if the people of Cuba become indignant against the Executive and Congress for their repeated mistakes and excesses. "This is not a question of Mr. Crowder or of the personal representative of the President of the United States. This is merely a question of an Ambassador of a friendly country who demands, through the diplomatic channels, that a financial transaction be respected...."

Article denouncing a scheme planned at present in Cienfuegos, by which the wharf of the State, adjacent lands, as well as the warehouses and Custom House building, will become the property of private individuals. An appeal to the President-elect, to the Courts of Justice and to Congress, to take action so as to prevent this despoliation.

"A TERRIBLE BLOW AGAINST CIENFUEGOS" - Editorial unfavorably commenting upon the intentions to grant the concession of all the facilities of the port of Cienfuegos to a private company, for a period of 99 years.

EL HERALDO - February 1, 1925.

EDITORIAL entitled "THE LOSS OF THE COUNTRY" Commenting, with great regret, upon the fact that the lands of Cuba are rapidly passing to the hands of foreign companies and individuals.

LA PRENSA - February 1, 1925.

The Official Gazette of yesterday contains the text of the last 15 messages sent by the President to Congress suggesting the approval of different laws.

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LA NOCHE - February 1. 1925.

Text of a letter from Mr. William Green, President of the American Labor Federation, to Juan Arevalo, of the Railroad Brotherhood of Cuba, in which Mr. Green states that the American Federation supports the rights of Cuba over the Isle of Pines.

EL MUNDO - February 2, 1925.

EDITORIAL entitled "THE ISLE OF PINES IS UNQUESTIONABLY CUBAN" - Favorably commenting uponthe recent speech of Dr. Antonio Sanchez de Bustamante on the Isle of Pines question.

DIARIO DE LA MARINA - February 2nd.

Full account of the ceremonies of unveiling the monument erected near Matanzas, held yesterday. Summaries of the speeches of General Betancourt, General Crowder and Dr. Zayas.

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HERALDO DE CUBA - February 2, 1925.

Article by Gonzalez Beauville referring to the new grafting schemes planned by the present Administration, such as the granting of the facilities of the port of Cienfuegos, together with the water-works of that city to a company previously organized by relatives of Dr. Zayas; and also refers to the Immigration and Colonization Bill presented in the House, stating that this Bill is immoral and illegal.

Cano and Herrera Sotolongo have not yet filed their appeal against the decision of the Audiencia of Habana.

EL HERALDO - February 2, 1925.

The House wants to restrict the powers of the President ~~of the President~~ in matters of public expenditures, and a Bill has been presented for that purpose, signed by Representatives Garcia Mon, Soto Izquierdo, Wolter del Rio, Verdeja and Miguel Angel Aguiar, reading as follows:

"The following paragraph shall be added to Article 4 0 4 of the Penal Code: 'The President of the Republic shall incur the same responsibility when he may dispose of public funds without being duly authorized by a Law.'"

LA PRENSA - February 2, 1925.

EDITORIAL entitled "PRESIDENTIAL MESSAGES" - Commenting upon the fact that among the messages recently sent by the President to Congress, there are four which refer to matters of punlic benefit and deserve the immediate consideration of Congress, These messages refer to: the amnesty Bill for electoral crimes, the project of Budget for the coming fiscal year, a bill regulating the relations between Capital and Labor, and a bill establishing certain restrictions to undesirable immigrations.

LA NOCHE - February 2, 1925.

In an editorial entitled "A SCANDALOUS BILL", this paper protests against the projected Immigration and Colonization Bill, which constitutes a monopoly to be granted to a private company.

EL MUNDO - February 3, 1925.

The editorial commences by referring to the recent statistics published by the Government showing that there was a difference of 150 millions in favor of Cuba, between the import and export trade during 1924. It then states that said difference of 150 millions does not in reality come to increase the amount of wealth in Cuba, because the Cubans work with foreign capital. The article then winds up by attacking the methods employed by the National City Bank with its customers, and states that the Bank has grabbed Cuban properties valued at more than fifty million dollars during the last five years.

The President has again requested the Senate to postpone the discussion of the Bonus Bill until he has finished the study of this project.

The Mayor has sent a message to the Municipal Council recommending the creation of a new tax consisting of twelve per cent on the interests derived from the mortgage of city properties.

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There was no session in the House of Representatives, due to the lack of quorum. The Parliamentary Committee of the Liberal Party held a meeting and discussed the projected amendments of the Constitution, but without adopting any resolution. The discussion of this problem will be continued next Monday.

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HERALDO DE CUBA - February 3, 1925.

Article stating that a group of rice dealers who have large stocks of rice on hand, are seeking the support of President Zayas to restrict the importation of that product, and the President has asked for a period to study the case. Intimate friends of the Palace are said to be acting as "agents" of the rice dealers.

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Two different articles referring to the projected concession of the wharves, warehouses, etc., of Cienfuegos, to a private company.

The Parliamentary Coommittees of both political parties in the House of Representatives, have undertaken the study of the proposed Consitutional Amendments. In the Liberal Committee, Mr. Gonzalez Beauville is opposing the extension of the senatorial period to twelve years.

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A motion will be presented in the House asking the President of the Republic to explain the matter of the projected concession at Cienfuegos denounced by Heraldo de Cuba.

THE EDITORIAL also refers to the Cienfuegos concession.

Another editorial commenting upon the fact that Congress only devotes its activities to suspicious projects, such as the construction of the Central Highway, The Habana Bridge, railroad subsidies, imaginary public works, Immigration and Colonization Bill, etc.

The Executive has requested the Senate to postpone the discussion of the Bonus Bill as an act of courtesy toward the Ambassador of the United States. The President explained to Ambassador Crowder that it was possible to pay the Bonuses and at the same time pay all the obligations contracted with Cuba. As is natural, the Ambassador forwarded the opinion of President Zayas to his Government, but no answer has yet been received by the American Embassy. The articles further states: "One of the reasons which prompted Dr. Zayas to request the Senate to have this courtesy toward the Government of the U.S., was, according to Dr. Zayas, that the American Senate in discussing in good faith the problem pending regarding the possession of the Isle of Pines, for which the Americans have made themselves worthy of this courtesy on the part of the Cuban Senate."

Bonuses (2)

EL HERALDO - February 3, 1925.

Article stating that the proposed amendments of the Constitution are favorably considered by the Parliamentary Coommittees of both parties in the House of Representatives. Representative Castellanos is opposed to the extension of powers.

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This paper also protests against the proposed concession of shipping facilities in Cienfuegos.

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EDITORIAL, very unfavorably commenting upon the proposed Immigration and Colonization Bill.

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Interview with Dr. Ricardo Perez Alfonseca, the new Minister of San Domingo in Cuba, in which he refers to the political, social and financial conditions of his country, and states that the agreement, or "Convention" signed with the United States constitutes the greatest victory of San Domingo .....

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Article containing the reasons on which Dr. Herrera Sotolongo bases his appeal against the decision of the Audiencia of Habana. He contends that the annulment of his election is unconstitutional, because only the House of Representatives can decide on the validity of the certificates of election. He asks the Supreme Court to declare the unconstitutionality of the following Articles of the Electoral Code: articles 217 to 246 (the entire Chapter XIII), because they infringe Article 55 of the Constitution; and also Article 221, because it infringes Articles 11 and 84 of the Constitution.

EL MUNDO - February 4, 1925.

EDITORIAL entitled "NEW SCANDALOUS PROJECTS?" - protesting against the projected concession of the shipping facilities in Cienfuegos.

Cable despatch from Washington stating that President Coolidge understands that American sugar does not need further protection, and that, consequently, the present tariff will remain unchanged.

DIARIO DE LA MARINA - February 4, 1925.

Interview with Mr. Ricardo Perez Alfonseca, Minister of San Doming in Cuba. He refers to the political situation in San Domingo, to a commercial treaty between San Domingo and Cuba and a revision of the tariff in both countries, to the American-Dominican convention, and the projected loan of 25 million dollars. The Pope will be the Arbiter in the boundary disputes between Haiti and San Domingo.

EDITORIAL referring to the necessity of encouraging immigration, but criticizing the project of Immigration which tends to create new taxes.

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HERALDO DE CUBA - February 4, 1925.

Article stating that the creditors and shareholders of the Banco Nacional have at last commenced to take action against the members of the Banking Commission. This paper states, however, that it cannot give further details, in compliance with a request made by the interested parties.

This paper continues to attack the construction and repair of the side-walks, projected by Secretary Carrera.

Objections made by Dr. Diaz Pardo to the Immigration and Colonization Bill, which is said to constitute an irritating monopoly, and a menace to the country.

Article further commenting against the projected concession in the port of Cienfuegos, stating that by this concession the State will lose fourteen million dollars.

Referring to the arrival of the S.S. BOOKER T. WASHINGTON, this paper states that Marcus Garvey and his followers intend to give lectures at a theatre of this city, as part of the propaganda in favor of their race, and to impress upon the colored people of Cuba the necessity of getting together for the vindication of their rights and as a protest against the unjust way in which they are often treated in the United States.

EL HERALDO - February 4, 1925.

The outrageous Immigration Bill constitutes the most audacious monopoly ever attempted in the Republic. Under the pretext of aiding the bring of laborers to Cuba, a law has been planned to extract six million dollars from the Treasury. This Bill establishes heavy duties on articles of prime necessity, to collect many millions which will be placed at the disposal of a company for a period of thirty years. Besides, the lands of the State, the Provinces and the Municipalities would be placed at the disposal of this company. If the contract is cancelled, the State will have to pay an indemnity of $200,000.00 for every year of the concession which may be pending. Other details of this Bill.

In spite of the secrecy maintained, it has been learned that at the request of Postmaster Cartaya, Secretary Iturralde has prepared a Decree, which he has submitted to the President, appropriating the sum of $150,000.00 to wipe out a deficit existing in the Department of Communications, for material and supplies.

This paper also refers to the arrival of the colored leader Marcus Garvey, and states that the Police is closely watching the movements of this man who has a sentence pending in the U.S.

Commenting upon the Bonus Bill, this paper states that the Republic has paid out more than 30 millions of its debts during the last two years, and should not now be humiliated with an unjust diplomatic demand. President Zayas did not wish to see Ambassador Crowder yesterday, and postponed the conference for this afternoon. The opinion maintained by Messrs. Morgan and Co. is considered as absurd.

EDITORIAL entitled "THE STATE IS GRADUALLY LOSING ITS LANDS." After commenting with regret upon the Isle of Pines question, it states that many Cubans are unlawfully taking possession of lands

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which they afterwards sell to foreign companies so as to be protected against any possible claims. If this is not stopped, foreigners will soon own more than ninety per cent of the lands of the Island of Cuba, and then a conflict similar to that of the Isle of Pines will arise, as it is a well known fact that the main argument of those who oppose the ratification of the Hay-Quesada Treaty is that the American property owners, who control ninety per cent of the lands of the Island, can be better protected by the American flag.

At a session held last Monday by the "Commission on Statistics and Economical Reform", a report submitted by Dr. Rogelio Diaz Pardo, member of said Commission, was approved. Said report is contrary to the taxes mentioned in the Immigration and Colonization Bill.

The Lonja del Comercio also protests against the Immigration Bill, creating new taxes.

LA PRENSA - February 4, 1925.

This paper states that the President conferred this morning with Senators Castillo and Rivero, concerning the Bonus Bill. "At this interview--the article states--the President expressed his points of view in favor of the approval of said Bill, and it was agreed that the American bankers had an error of interpretation when they think that the Bill which orders the payment of the bonuses affects the Law of the Loan of 50 million dollars. In the study of the Bonus Bill made by the President of the Republic, he has re-affirmed his opinion of the existence of this error made by the American bankers, and for this reason, in the conference which he will hold with General Crowder, he will make the proper explanations in order to convince him of this." The article further states that Senator Rivero said that the Bill will be approved by the Senate next week, and that if it is not done earlier, it is because some more conferences will have to be held, so as to clear out the point properly.

LA NOCHE - February 4, 1925.

This paper also refers to the conference between the President and Senators Rivero, Castillo, Silva and Gonzalez Clavel, and states: "When said Congressmen were leaving the Palace, Senator Rivero said that the President of the Republic had explained that the reason which prompted him to request the postponement of the discussion of the Bonus Bill, was because he desired to hear the opinion of different persons, inasmuch as the American bankers considered that said Bill affected the Loan of 50 million dollars. Senator Rivero added that the President read to them several articles of the Bonus Bill, and that he considered that the opinion of the American bankers was not right, and, consequently, he fully approved of the Bonus Bill. Said Bill will be discussed and approved by the Senate next week. This is not done earlier because there is a desire to end this question satisfactorily."

Ten new inspectors of the Tax of One per Cent have been appointed.

LA TARDE - February 4, 1925.

This paper refers to the intentions of holding bull-fights in Habana, and states that a ring is being constructed for this purpose at the "Habana Park".

EL MUNDO (February 5th) publishes a telegram from Washington stating that General Machado is contemplating a trip to Washington before taking possession of office

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Telegram from Santiago de Cuba, stating that the failure on the part of the Railroad Company to fulfill the agreement signed last December will probably give rise to a new labor conflict. A Committee of laborers has left for Camaguey to demand the fulfilment of the agreement, and if the Company refuses to do so, a strike will follow. - The motormen and conductors of Santiago are also drafting some demands from the Electric Co. There seems to be a collusion between the railway and tramway employees to declare a general strike in Santiago de Cuba.

DIARIO DE LA MARINA - February 5, 1925.

Cable despatch from Washington, stating that Senator Copeland has presented a motion recommending the appointment of a Committee of five senators to study the clauses of the Hay-Quesada Treaty, and the conditions existing in the Isle of Pines. The motion states that the Treaty threatens the property rights of the American citizens who reside on the Isle of Pines, and requests that the investigation be made especially in connection with this point.

Secret Agents of the United States are carrying on an investigation in Cuba, in connection with requests made to the American Government for permits to export large quantities of whiskey to Cuba, for medicinal purposes.

EL TRIUNFO - February 5, 1925.

Judge Vivancos implicated in a swindle of 3 million dollars. This refers to the estate left by Miss Betancourt. Jose Luis Novo and Carlos Zayas are also accused in this case, and will be arrested at any time. Saladrigas has been appointed Special Judge in this case.

EDITORIAL commenting upon the necessity of undertaking the revision of the Constitution at once.

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HERALDO DE CUBA - February 5th.

Article by Gonzalez Beauville, protesting against the prohibition of the importation of rice, and stating that it is a new grafting scheme planned by the relatives of the President. The Decree of prohibition is called by Beauville "the Decree of Hunger"; that the people of Cuba cannot, and should not, tolerate such a scandalous graft. That if the decree is issued, there will surely be a strong and energetic protest on the part of the people, and the men in power are warned not to awaken the sleeping lion, because if they do so, it will be a very dangerous game for them to play.

Commenting upon the recent conferences relative to the Bonus Bill, this paper states that the promoters of this scheme have taken advantage of the opposition of General Crowder to the Bill, to demand a higher rake-off from the contractors who have claims pending.

Opinions expressed by Dr. Rosado Aybar and Mr. Leonard E. Brownson, relative to the Hay-Quesada Treaty. - Dr. Rosado Aybar states that the Isle of Pines is not a Cuban possession, but a part of the territory of Cuba.

EDITORIAL protesting against the purposes to prohibit the importation of rice.

Another Editorial, unfavorably commenting upon the motion presented in the American Senate by Senator Copeland, asking that an investigation be made in connection with the Isle of Pines question.

EL HERALDO - February 5, 1925.

This paper states that the Department of Sanitation of Cuba is implicated in the Whiskey scandal. The American experts sent to Cuba have proved that the Whiskey ordered for Cuban hospitals, and authorized by physicians of the Department of Sanitation, never came to Cuba, but sold in the United States.

"Morgan and Co. have a great friend in General Crowder, but Zayas refutes his arguments against the Bonus Bill." - Article stating that in spite of the opposition of General Crowder, the Bonus Bill will be approved.

A new grafting scheme planned: the construction of the Capitol. In order to give a legal aspect to this deal, the promoters will use as an argument the Sanitary Congress which is to be held in Cuba. Two million dollars will probably be appropriated for the completion of this building.

"El Heraldo" announces that it will organize a campaign in favor of the ratification of the Hay-Quesada Treaty throughout the Republic.

EDITORIAL unfavorably commenting upon the sale of lands of Cuba to foreigners. If this practic continues, Cuba will no longer belong to the Cubans.

LA DISCUSION - February 5, 1925.

This paper also refers to the 'Rice scandal', and states that this is a consequence of the derogation of Decree 1,089 which regulated the profits on articles of prime necessities.

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A strike of harbor workers will probably take place in Habana very soon, because the ship owners do not comply with the resolutions of the Labor Intelligence Commission.

Dr. Cespedes is opposed to the desires of President Zayas with respect to certain appointments in the diplomatic corps. The Secretary of State is desirous of purifying the diplomatic service, and strongly objects to the appointment of incompetent or disreputable persons. There seems to exist a plot against Secretary Cespedes, at the Palace; but--this paper states--General Machado has requested him to hold on to his office, regardless of what may happen, as otherwise the service will be filled with incompetent persons.

Irregularities in the Department of Sanitation. The Inspectors have a rake-off of $100.00 for every consignment of potatos landed in Cuba.

LA PRENSA - February 5, 1925.

The Secretary of State announced that he will give out to-day a note referring to the conference held with General Crowder this morning.

Section entitled "DEL MOMENTO" refers to the explanations given by President Zayas to Ambassador Crowder concerning the payment of the Bonuses, and adds: "But what has not been said, is whether President Zayas is in accord with the payment of 25% of the Floating Debt, the only thing against which the people have protested in connection with the Bill approved by the House; but we will see very soon whether the Senate approves the entire Bill, or amends it in a more convenient manner..."

LA NOCHE - February 25, 1925.

This paper announces that a harbor strike will be declared in Habana tomorrow.

LA TARDE - February 5, 1925.

Article referring to the Bonus Bill, and the conferences held between Ambassador Crowder and the President. It states that General Crowder demands the fulfilment of an agreement, and that besides the obligations contracted by reason of the loan, there are others of a different nature. Zayas, as usual, says one thing to the Senators, and another to Gen. Crowder. The article also states that when the 50-million loan was contracted, the Government of Cuba obligated itself to maintain a Budget of not more than 64 millions, and a certain amount as surplus, which does not exist at present.

EL HERALDO - February 6, 1925.

EDITORIAL entitled "THE DANGEROUS QUESTION OF THE PAYMENT OF BILLS FOR SUPPLIES." - Very unfavorably commenting upon the Bonus Bill as approved by the House

DIARIO DE LA MARINA - February 6, 1925.

EDITORIAL entitled "THE 'LEADERS' OF THE RACE" - Very favorably commenting upon the rumors that Spain intends to send a Special Mission to attend the ceremonies of the inauguration of President Machado.

General Crowder has informed the Department of State that General Pershing will arrive in Cuba early next month.

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Article stating that Secretary Carrera will submit to the President, for signature, a decree appropriating the sum of $600,000.00 for the repair of the road from Habana to Pinar del Rio.

This paper also refers to another decree about to be signed, appropriating the sum of $100,000.00 for the repair of the Public Works building.

EDITORIAL entitled "BULL-FIGHTS AND DANCE OF MILLIONS", protesting against the intentions to hold bull-fights in Habana, which is specifically prohibited in the Military Order No. 187 now in force; and also commenting unfavorably upon the intentions to spend two million dollars for the completion of the Capitol Building, giving as a pretext for this that there is not an adequate building in Habana for the sessions of the coming Pan-American Congress.

EL HERALDO - February 6, 1925.

Article protesting against the projected Immigration and Colonization Bill, stating that the Customs surcharges alone will yield four million dollars every year, for the Company. It also states that this is an anti-Cuban law, as it paves the way to foreigners to acquire lands belonging to the State, the Provinces and the Municipalities. "While we are claiming the Isle of Pines, we are giving away part of our country."

"Morgan & Co. have been defeated in the legal controversy with the Government." - Article commenting favorably upon the fact that Morgan & Co. have finally accepted the opinion maintained by the President, and that they will raise no further objections to the Bonus Bill as approved by the House.

Interview with Dr. Gonzalo Perez in qhich he expresses his opinion contrary to the extension of powers. He would only accept this amendment in case it is inspired by a noble desire of cordiality.

"THE MONOPOLY OF IMMIGRATION" - Editorial very unfavorably commenting upon the projected Immigration Bill, and stating that if this project finally becomes a Law, it would create serious conflicts of an international character.

"LA PRENSA" - February 6, 1925.

A conference will shortly be held at the Palace for the purpose of preparing a program of festivals to celebrate the inauguration of President Machado.

"At the request of Senator Gonzalez Clavel, the President has signed a decree granting the necessary appropriation for the construction of an aqueduct in Gibara." - An appropriation of $138,190. has been granted to defray the expenses incurred in the deportation of pernicious foreigners from Cuba.

The laborers of the "Machina" and "San Francisco" wharves went on strike this morning, as a sign of protest against the Port of Havana Docks Co. and other companies, for their failure to comply with the resolutions of the Labor Intelligence Committee.

There have been filed with the Provincial Government the By-Laws of an Association, the aims of which will be to combat energetically the Platt Amendment.

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EL MUNDO - February 7, 1925.

EDITORIAL commenting upon a report submitted by the President of the National City Bank of New York, in which he refers to the profits made by the foreign branches of said Bank, and to the prosperity of its business in Cuba. The article states that this is in contradiction to the affirmations made in Cuba that the Bank made no profits, to elude the payment of taxes in this country.

Account of the Cabinet Meeting held yesterday. The President stated that after a consultation with the Secretary of Justice, he had prepared a Memorandum referring to the fulfilment of paragraph second of Article IV of the Law of October 9, 1922, and after said Memorandum was read, the members of the Cabinet were of the opinion that the purchase and retirement of bonds outstanding at present was not considered convenient. - It was resolved that General Pershing and the members of his party, will be guests of the Nation during their stay in Cuba. Honors corresponding to his high rank will be paid to General Pershing. Secretary Portela announced that there were in the Treasury, at the present time, $25.190,694.63, and that more than 10 million dollars were collected during the month of January. - In view of the delay in the arrival of the materials for the Maine Monument, the unveiling of this Monument was postponed for February 24th.....

DIARIO DE LA MARINA - February 7, 1925.

Next Wednesday, Dr. Salvador Massip, Professor of the University, will give a lecture at the Cuban Red Cross building, on the different regions of Cuba, in their various geographical aspects, and coming to the conclusion that the Island of Cuba can be divided into nineteen Provinces, scientifically considered.

This paper has been carrying on a campaign in favor of the acquisition of a training ship, and, to-day, it publishes a letter from Captain Juan Rivera, Director of the Naval Academy of Mariel, in favor of this project.

EDITORIAL entitled "MEASURES OF PRECAUTION" - Commenting upon the necessity of reorganizing the Cuban banking institutions.

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HERALDO DE CUBA - February 7th.

This paper attacks the construction of new stables planned by the Department of Public Works, and states that this is only one of the grafting schemes of Secretary Carrerá. It also speaks against the concession to utilize the garbage of Habana to a company, suggested to the President by Secretary Carrerá.

The National Federation of Economic Corporations protests against the signing of the decree restricting the importation of rice.

EDITORIAL entitled "MONEY AND WORKS IN THE CABINET" - Commenting unfavorably upon the resolution adopted at the last meeting of the Cabinet with respect to the amortization of debts, stating that the conslusion reached is in harmony with the financial policy in vogue, and states: "As it comes within the powers of the President of the Republic to take up the bonds of the issues of 1904, 1909 and 1915, the President suggested, and was immediately agreed upon....not to take up these bonds, there being money to do so; that is to say, not to diminish the debt of Cuba. This is because the amortization of bonds does not leave any rake-off, but on the other hand, it is to their interest to retain the funds for purposes which we all know, and which the country deplores".

EL HERALDO - February 7, 1925.

Commenting upon the usurpation of lands of the State, "El Heraldo" states that "Central Boston", of the United Fruit Company was constructed in land of the State and has been enjoying their usufruct for a period of 19 years, but the Bureau of Properties has taken no pains to investigate and clear out this fraud.

Article criticizing the projected Immigration and Colonization Bill supported by Mr. Govin, of "El Mundo".

EDITORIAL commenting upon the international perils of the Govin Bill on Immigration.

LA DISCUSION - February 7, 1925.

This paper refers to the activities of the American annexationists of the Isle of Pines, and states that they are planning a revolutionary movement directed against the Cuban authorities. Mr. Charles F. Fetter is said to be the leader of the movement.

LA NOCHE - February 7, 1925.

A plot to start a strike in the sugar mills of the district of Moron, was discovered by the Military Authorities. The Rural Guard arrested several labor agitators.

The following decrees have been sent to the Official Gazette for publication: granting an appropriation of $200,000.00 for the construction of a road from Palma Soriano to Baire (Oriente); granting an appropriation of $60,000.00 for the construction of a road from Jaguey Grande to Manguito (Matanzas), and a third decree authorizing the transfer of $4,000.00 for the payment of temporary personnel of the Department of ~~the~~ Justice, and $7,000.00 for the payment of salaries of the Judicial Police.

This paper announces that the President will sign the Bonus Bill as soon as it passed in the Senate.

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DIARIO DE LA MARINA - February 8, 1925.

Feature article protesting against the infringement of the Arteaga Law by Cuban Sugar manufacturers, and urging the Government to see that all sugar laborers collect their wages in cash.

HERALDO DE CUBA - February 8, 1925.

The strike in the docks of Habana has been temporarily settled. A final decision in the conflict is expected at a meeting of the Labor Intelligence Committee to be held tomorrow. The laborers will return to work, but they demand the dismissal of all the "fixed personnel."

Article referring to the conference held yesterday between General Crowder and President Zayas, and stating that the Bonus Bill will probably be postponed by the Senate until next Tuesday, as the President has to make certain recommendations, before said bill is approved, to please the representatives of foreign banking institutions.

Secretary Iturralde has emphatically declared that no bull-fights will be permitted in Cuba.

EDITORIAL commenting upon the recent conferences held at the Palace, at which the President has been endeavoring to convince General Crowder that the payment of the foreign loans will not be affected by the Bonus Bill. The editorial states, in part, as follows: "The men of the Palace, who avail themselves of every opportunity to praise to skill of the President in his discussions with the ex Special Envoy, proclaim a new great victory of what they call "a national cause". It is true that victory has always been obtained here by those who are interested in the illicit schemes of contractors. Victory has also been obtained by those who are directly interested in the success of the Lottery business, because the tax of ten per cent on every lottery ticket will be removed." It further states that the public employees have only be used as a tool, and they will only get the crumbs.

EL MUNDO - February 9, 1925.

EDITORIAL commenting upon the fact that Nothing would justify the failure to ratify the Hay-Quesada Treaty.

Instead of being checked, the administrative corruption continues in an alarming manner. - Laws which will exhaust the Treasury completely, if it is not depleted before by decrees carrying appropriations which are spent without any moral justification. The country is seriously threatened with a situation similar to that of 1921. If this policy of lavish waste is not checked, General Machado will not be able to carry out his program of regeneration and progress. -- This article also comments upon the conferences between President Zayas and General Crowder, and criticizes the stubborn attitude of the President. "It is evident, therefore--the article states-- that this is a very dangerous question which might cause serious difficulties to the country, because it is an evident fact that the American bankers affected by this question, as they are not in possession of the bonds of the loan under consideration, they will not be able to make a violent opposition to the approval of a law by the Congress of the Republic, which has full powers to do so, but they can file vexatious claims if they consider that they are harmed in the contract signed with them, and in which powers were given to them which might perhaps not have been granted...."

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HERALDO DE CUBA - February 9th.

Article commenting upon the "Rice Decree", and stating that in spite of the declarations made by Secretary of Agriculture Betancourt to the effect that he knows nothing about the proposed restriction of that commodity, the persons interested in that decree continue to display great activities. On the other hand, the press of Habana is carrying on a more intensive campaign against said restriction

A "Labor Congress" will be held in the City of Cienfuegos beginning February 15th. One of the subjects to be discussed will be the organization of sugar-mill laborers.

Heraldo de Cuba has been summoned to appear as a witness in the proceedings instituted against Judge Vivancos, in the case of the estate left by the late Miss Betancourt.

Article criticizing the methods employed by the Port of Havana Docks Company with its laborers, which constantly provoke labor conflicts.

Translation of the opinion given by Mr. Gardener L. Harding concerning the Isle of Pines question.

EDITORIAL commenting upon the attitude which this paper has always maintained with respect to the Bonus Bill. "Heraldo de Cuba" has always been in sympathy with the payment of the bonuses to public employees, but it always opposed the idea of using the pleasant word of "gratifications" to protect the payment of debts of a doubtful nature.

EL HERALDO - February 9th.

"Doctor Zayas conspires in the Palace to retain the possession of the 800 "colecturias" which he unduly enjoys."- Article referring to the efforts made by President Zayas to have the members of the House approve the regulations governing the Lottery Law, which regulations were approved by the Senate a long time ago, and states that if these Regulations are approved, it will be impossible to take away from the President the 800 "colecturias" which he has at present.

Telegram from Camaguey stating that the laborers protest against the projected Immigration and Colonization Bill (Govin Bill), and they contend that it will only serve to increase the cost of living in Cuba.

Interview with Mrs. Pilar Jorge de Tella, President of the Feminine Club of Cuba, in which she states that said Club protests against the Immigration Bill presented by Mr. Govin. She said that the so-called Immigration Bill, is a bill of treason, ignominy and graft, and that if it is approved, it will mean the ruin of Cuba.

EDITORIAL, commenting upon the necessity of approving the Bonus Bill.

Article commenting upon the disorder and corruption prevailing in the Department of the Tax of One per cent., and the constant complaints of the merchants.

LA PRENSA - February 9, 1925.

PALACE NEWS: Mr. Clarence Marina held a conference with the President this morning. He was accompanied by Dr. Cespedes,

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Secretary of State (Nothing in said in this paper as to the object of the conference). - "Senators Rivero and Castillo held a conference with the President on the Bonus Bill recently approved by the House. It is affirmed that said Bill will be subjected to certainmodifications in the Senate." --

The Secretary of Justice has sent a letter to the Prosecuting Attorney of the Supreme Court forwarding articles recently published concerning infringements of the Arteaga Law, and asking that action be taken to enforce the provisions of said Law.

LA NOCHE - February 9, 1925.

This paper refers to the conference of Senators Rivero and Castillo with the President, and advances the information that the Bonus Bill will be modified by the Senate, and returned to the House for approval.

Article against the proposed appropriation of two million dollars for the termination of the works of the Capitol.

EDITORIAL entitled "SCANDALOUS IMMORALITY" Protesting against the rider tacked on to the Bonus Bill, ordering the payment of 50 per cent of the claims approved by the Debt Commission.

LA TARDE - February 9, 1925.

The following articles appears under the titled of:"WASHINGTON AND THE BONUS BILL." "The Department of State of Washington confirmed, without making any commentaries, the information that the Ambassador of the United States in Cuba, Major General Enoch Crowder, had called to the attention of the Cuban Government that the Bill relating to the payment of bonuses to public employees which required the use of a part of the surplus of Budget, is in opposition to the provisions of the contract for the loan of 50 million dollars. No details of this question have been received here, neither is it indicated what further steps will be taken in the matter. Unofficially informed centers of this city believe that the project will not be approved in view of the objections raised by the banquers."

EL MUNDO - February 10th.
This paper publishes a cable despatch from Washington announcing that the possibility of the ratification of the Hay-Quesada Treaty is making headway in Washington, and stating that President Coolidge has personally requested several Senators to approve the Treaty. Senator Borah is said to be the only "leader" of any important opposed to the ratification.

The President has signed the Regulations Governing the Tourismo Law (a law enacted on August 8, 1919, and published in the Official Gazette of August 12, 1919). The full text of said regulations are published in this paper.

Dr. Clarence Marine held a conference with the President yesterday, and discussed matters relating to the actions of the Banking Commission.

DIARIO DE LA MARINA - February 10th.
Letter from General Machado accepting the appointment of Honorary President of the Executive Committee of the Pro Isle of Pines Organization.

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HERALDO DE CUBA - February 10th.

The Senatorial Electors of the Province of Habana met yesterday, and proclaimed the election of Barreras and Fernandez Hermo as Senators for this Province.

Article stating that the "rice decree" will not be signed by the President.

Several Provincial Aldermen held a conference with "the future President of the Senate", Dr. Manuel Varona Suarez, at which they expressed their dissatisfaction for the Constitutional Amendments as approved by the Senate, and stated that the term of office of Provincial Aldermen and Municipal Councilmen should continue as at present.

EDITORIAL entitled "SHAMES AND CONFLICTS WHICH SHOULD HAVE BEEN AVOIDED." It refers to the perplexity and irresolution of the Senate in the matter of the Bonus Bill, as and when it receives direct impressions from the Palace. "At the Palace, Zayas and Crowder have fought face to face as in the agitated days of the dual régime. What the Ambassador asks for, it seems, is that our Congress may not pass laws prejudicial to financial obligations contracted, and which contain severe clauses. These objections do not constitute a peril for such points of the Bill pending which order the partial payment of the employees' bonuses." ....."Nobody doubts that this incident, which could have been prevented by following the disinterested advice of Heraldo de Cuba, weakens and diminishes the authority of our National Powers. The origin of these disagreeable symptoms of authority of the Interference, is very clear: the economic chaos and financial dictatorship which Cuba has been suffering since July, 1924, when Congress failed to approve the Budget and to ratify the legality of the financial life of the country.....If Ambassador Crowder has returned to the Palace has again visited the Palace assuming a tone which is not pleasing to the Cuban people, it is the fault of the disorder, confusion and unrestraint of the last stage of Zayas' Administration. Let us hope that the shames and conflicts will go no farther."

Another EDITORIAL commenting upon the fact the the Reforms of the Constitution are not progressing very rapidly, but expressing the hope that all the obstacles will finally be surmounted.

EL HERALDO - February 10th.

All the labor organizations of Camaguey energetically protest against Covin's Immigration Bill, which, in their opinion, is very prejudicial to Cuba. An interview with labor leader Antonio Rivero in which he denounces the perverse attempt of this absurd plan against the Cuban laborer. The immigration problem has been selected as an excuse for a fraudulant deal at the expense of this unfortunate country. The labor organizations of Camaguey will hold meetings of protest against the Immigration Bill.

Article referring to the usurpation of about 10,000 "caballerias" of land in the Zapata Swamps", and stating that if an honest and energetic investigation is made, the complicity of high officials of the Administration, several Congressmen, and even a Registrar of Property, will be proved.

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EL HERALDO - February 10th.

EDITORIAL, protesting against Govin's Immigration Bill. It states that the promoters of this already famous Bill are trying to procure lands, houses, machinery, etc. for every family which they intend to bring to Cuba, but that, however, they forget that thousands of their compatriots are lacking work, lands, and even shelter. It has been demostrated that Govin's Bill greatly affect the industrial classes, but more especially affects the Cuban laborer. Govin's plan is some sort of a "Homestead", an English institution which tends to consolidate the English home, and to protect English subjects against the rigors of adversity. Therefore, it is difficult to ~~xxxxxxx~~ imagine how in Cuba they are trying to give all these advantages to foreigners, and not to Cubans in the first place, when the Cuban laborers are living in barracks and in dirty places.....

Telegram from Cardenas: "The agricultors, merchants, industrialists, and all the social classes of Cardenas, in general, enthusiastically applaud the patriotic and energetic campaign which "El Heraldo" is waging against the Immigration and Colonization Bill."

The President of the National Association of the Sugar Industry has announced that said organization is preparing a Manifesto of protest against Govin's Immigration Bill.

LA PRENSA - February 10th.

The new Minister of San Domingo in Cuba, Mr. Ricardo Perez Alfonseca, presented his credentials this morning.

General Crowder, accompanied by two American Lawyers, called on the President. It is said that the conference was about a claim for lands which has given rise to a lawsuit defended by American lawyers.

The new Minister of Panama in Cuba, will arrive tomorrow on board the "Essequibo".

The laborers of Central "Merceditas" (in Melena del Sur) have gone on strike. The non-payment of their salaries for the month of January, and the scarcity of foodstuffs at the store, has been the cause of this strike.

Cable despatch from New York announcing that Mr. Manuel Marquez Sterling has been asked to write a history of the progress of Cuba by the Carnegie Foundation.

LA NOCHE - February 10th.

A cable despatch from Washington states that the Department of Immigration of the U.S.has asked for detailes from the State Department concerning the possibility of filing a claim with the Cuban Government, requesting the restriction of the clandestine shipments of undesirable immigrants.

DIARIO DE LA MARINA - February 11, 1925.

The Bonus Bill passed by the House, was approved, with amendments, yesterday by the Senate. Therefore, it has been sent back to the House, for ratification.

President-elect Machado, President Zayas and Secretary of State Cespedes, held a long and secret conference yesterday.

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EL MUNDO - February 11, 1925.

EDITORIAL commenting upon the lavish expenditure of public funds, which will leave the Treasury exhausted when the Government is turned over to General Machado; and stating that "El Mundo" has not said or insinuated that the morale of Machado's Administration will depend upon the amount of money which Zayas' Administration will leave in the Treasury. What "El Mundo" has said is that General Machado will not be able to fulfill his program of regeneration and improvement if the Treasury is turned over to him completely exhausted, and the future financial capacity, or public credit, affected.

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HERALDO DE CUBA - February 11th.

Gonzalez Beauville states that there is a movement on foot in the House of Representatives to disavow the decision of the Courts of Justice annulling the elections of Representatives Herrera Sotolongo and Cano, and to accept their election as legal and valid. Beauville strongly protests against this, and states that he will take up the legal aspect of this question in a future article.

Article unfavorably commenting upon the aspirations of Dr. Carlos Portela to the Mayorship of Habana at the coming partial elections.

Referring to the projected exchange of the lands of Camp Columbia for others near Cojimar, this paper states that the men of the Palace are giving the finishing touches to this fraudulent deal. The promoters of this deal had a long conference with the President yesterday morning. The article also states that General Crowder was received by the President after the Minister of San Domingo had presented his credentials. It further states: "In spite of the natural secrecy maintained, we were able to learn that the visit of the promoters of the exchange of the lands of Camp Columbia, and that of the Ambassador of the U.S. and American attorneys are so closely connected, that everything leads to the supposition that before many days are over, the President will sanction this scandalous deal which will be a new stigma upon the Administration of Dr. Zayas."

Article entitled "NATIONAL BANKRUPTCY" - Article commenting upon the statements made by President Zayas to the effect that he will leave not less than 25 millions in the Treasury when his term of office expires, and upon the lavish appropriation of public funds. The article refers to the present surplus (of about $5.600,000.00), and states that if the Bonus Bill is finally approved, there will be a deficit. Zayas may leave 25 millions, but there will be 30 millions pledged to various obligations.

The editorial refers to the Bonus Bill, and advances the information that the Amendments of the Senate will be ratified by the House, stating that the only difficult step of the last stage of the Bill will be the signature by the President if the Ambassador of the United States should insist in his objections.

EL HERALDO - February 11th.

An article stating that the Budget of the present fiscal year has already reached the astonishing sum of 88 millions, and that if from now to May 20th new appropriation decrees and laws are issued, as will surely be the case, the Budget of this year will amount to 93 or 95 million dollars.

EDITORIAL referring to the Immigration and Colonization Bill, and stating that Mr. Govin, the author of the project, has said that the export tax on sugar, tobacco and molasses will not be harmful to these agricultural industries, but that, on the contrary, they will be benefited, inasmuch as they will save large amounts which they spend every year for bringing laborers. The editorial goes on to analyze this argument, and states that it does not convince either the manufacturers or the laborers. It further states: "For the purpose of bringing a few thousands of foreigners, the Republic, according to Mr. Govin, must create a monopoly, pay the company 15 per cent of the transaction it makes, and two per cent for collection, increase

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the import and export tariffs, calculating a revenue of eighteen millions a year, increase the cost of living of the employees, the medium classes and the laborers, grant the right of compulsory condemnation, and a few other advantages. We would like to know whether Mr. Govin has examined all these details!....."

LA NOCHE - February 11, 1925.

PALACE NEWS: $150,000.00 have been appropriated for the construction of some sections of the road from Jaguey Grande to Perico.-- The construction of the road from San Antonio de los Baños to Alquizar has also been ordered. An appropriation of $97,185.00 was granted for this work.

EDITORIAL, bitterly criticizing the Senate for the approval of the Bonus Bill, and for the passage of other bills carrying appropriations.

EL MUNDO - February 12, 1925.

In an editorial, this paper applauds the opposition made by Senators Dolz and Varona Suarez to the Bonus Bill, and after referring to the dangers which this Bills entails, it states: "In spite of all this, in spite of the efforts made by Dr. Dolz and Dr. Varona Suarez, the Bill was approved in the Senate, and as soon as the opinion of the two legislative bodies is harmonized, which differed somewhat in the way the Bill should be drafted, it will undoubtedly be signed by the President. This means that the policy of waste continues in full sway, at the risk of producing the greatest evils. We are sliding down the incline with greater rapidity...."

Account of yesterday's session of the Senate. (See "Rnning Comment").

The Bonus Bill, as amended by the Senate, was ratified yesterday by the House of Representatives, and sent to the President shortly after 9:00 P.M.

DIARIO DE LA MARINA - February 12, 1925.

This and other morning papers publish a letter addressed by Mr. J.M.Govin to the Technical Director of "El Heraldo" concerning the bitter opposition made by the latter paper to the Immigration Bill. Govin states that he is incapable of trying to have a Law passed which would be ruinous to the country; that he likes to have the Bill criticized and combated, but with an unprejudiced mind; that in spite of everything said, he still has the firm conviction that after the independence of Cuba, this Law is the only one which could consolidate the national sovereignty by the increase of the population of Cuba and the defence of its economic conditions, "and the only means to maintain forever our political independence....."

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Article criticizing the attitude of President Zayas toward the projected exchange of of the lands of Camp Coumbia; and stating that as the "Rice Decree" failed to materialize, Dr. Zayas has now turned his activities to the exchange of the lands, to make up for the former.

This paper announces that Bishop James Canon, President of the "World's Prohibition League", will come to Cuba by the end of this month. He will give his first lecture on "The situation of prohibition in the United States", on March 1st.

In connection with the recent decision of the Audiencia of Habana, this paper states that Herrera Sotolongo and Cano, overwhelmed by the weight of evidence, now seek refuge in Constitutional technicalities.

EDITORIAL, favorably commenting upon the ratification of the Bonus Bill by the House, and stating that this is merely the fulfilment of an obligation contracted . It states that in order to judge yesterday's session of the House, one must be confined to an opinion of relativity. "As to the Interior Debt, there must be recognized the legitimacy of its origin as well as the fact that the claims were duly approved by the Debt Commission. In spite of all that, there were mixed dishonorable interests in the legislative process, and as a consequence, there were stumbles and delays which the public employees could have avoided. By all means, after the clouds of the opposition of American bankers, backed by Ambassador Crowder, were dispersed, this vexatious question has been finally cleared out...."

Another Editorial scoring the Immigration and Colonization Bill, and stating that in spite of the almost unanimous opposition, the promoters are still pushing the Bill forward.

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Article criticizing Govin's immigration project, and stating that nothing is gained by making promises that cannot be fulfilled, but that, on the contrary, Cuba will be prejudiced, because (1) the immigrant indignantly returns to his country complaining of having been deceived; (2) the good name of the Government suffers, because it appears immoral and unworthy of inspiring confidence;(3) the country loses its credit as useful for colonization; (4) the Governement loses all the money spent in bringing colonists, or spent for purposes of colonization, and (5) The only thing gained is the humiliation that European Governments may publish Notes or Warnings such as that published by the British Government against Brazil on June 12, 1886.

EL MUNDO - February 13, 1925.

In an editorial entitled "SLIDING DOWN THE INCLINE" -this paper comments unfavorably upon the announcement that President Zayas is devoted to the study of the project for the construction of the Central Highway, and states: "This means that immediately after the approval of the payment to contractors, under the disguise of a "Bonus Bill", the President is preparing the hasty approval of the Central Highway Project, to pull this deal through before his term of office expires.... Everything leads to the supposition that in a like manner, efforts will be made to sanction other projects which keep public opinion in a state of alarm, and

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which have been mentioned recently in these columns, such as the resumption of the works of the Capitol, the dredging of the port of Cienfuegos along the same lines as that of the port of Cardenas, and so many others which will not only serve to deplete the Treasury, but also to mortgage the economic future of the Republic for many years." It also states that if the President signs the Bill of payment to contractors ("El Mundo" does not wish to call it Bonus or Gratification Bill), the conditions of the Treasury will be very precarious when the change of Government takes place. That if the construction of the Central Highway is added to this, the work of the future Government will have to be confined to the payment of obligations contracted by the present Government; that is to say, Machado will only act as Executor of Zayas' will and testament.....

DIARIO DE LA MARINA - February 13, 1925.

Section entitled "FROM DAY TO DAY" - Unfavorably commenting upon the Alvarez Bill approved by the Senate, by which the laborers are authorized to declare strikes whenever they think that a strike is convenient to their interests. The writer states that the House will probably amend said Bill in the sense of authorizing the laborers to declare "revolutionary strikes", because, as there had been no strikes for the last three months, things were becoming very tedius in Cuba.....

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EDITORIAL entitled "A 'CUBAN' BILL". - Commenting favorably upon a Bill presented in the Senate requiring all ecclesiastical dignitaries in Cuba to be Cubans.

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HERALDO DE CUBA - February 13th.

Article by Gonzalez Beauville, further commenting against the intentions of Herrera Sotolongo of trying to become members of the House of Representatives in spite of the decision of the Audiencia. The article states that Herrera Sotolongo has presented a Bill in the House to repeal the article of the Electoral Code which deals with exclusions, thinking that by doing so he will entangle the problem in a questionable juridical aspect, regarding the responsibility in which he and Cano have incurred. - That instead of trying to obtain this new legislation, it would be more prudent for Herrera Sotolongo and Cano to prove before the Courts of Justice that they have not used bribery to obtain their election.....

EDITORIAL commenting upon the fact that the Ayuntamiento of Habana has revived the period of corruption that gave rise to the serious consideration of the suppression of the municipal authorities.

Another editorial protesting against the projected exchange of the lands of Camp Columbia, saying that the Government has a a convenient body of troops quartered near the city for purposes which can be easily explained, and that no licit interest recommends the transfer of said troops to another place.

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Article commenting upon the fact that the looting of the National Treasury by the Zayists has been unprecedented, and will have no parallel in the history of Cuba. It states that the "Zayas' Tribe" places in danger the Cuban Treasury. Forty-three million dollars have been spent in six months. The appropriations for the Department of Public Works have been spent, but no works have been accomplished. Even Zayas has spent the exhorbitant amount of $250,000.00 for attentions of the Palace.

Article referring to the campaign in favor of the Hay-Quesada Treaty which the "Patriotic Mission of "El Heraldo" will undertake. Many associations have sent their adhesion to this nationalistic campaign. Many Mayor have requested that the "Mission" visit their respective Municipalities. Said "Patriotic Mission" will leave Habana on the 22nd for Santiago de Cuba, where the first pro-Isle of Pines meeting will be held on February 24th. The meeting will be presided by the Mayor of the Isle of Pines; Dr. C. M. de Cespedes, Secretary of State; President-elect, General Machado; Dr. Valdes de la Paz, and others. "El Heraldo" will defray the expenses of this tour through the Island.

EDITORIAL criticizing those who try to have President Zayas appear before History as "The Restorer", claiming that he has restored public liberties, and has also restored the National Treasury. "El Heraldo" states that the above affirmations made by the defenders of President Zayas are absolutely unfounded.

LA PRENSA - February 13, 1925.

This paper announces that the meeting of the Cabinet scheduled for to-day, has been postponed.

Cable despatch from Mexico, announcing that Mr. Romero Ortega, formerly Under Secretary of State in the Cabinet of President Calles, has been appointed Minister Plenipotentiary to Cuba.

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L'A NOCHE - February 13, 1925.

EDITORIAL entitled "OUR ECONOMIC FUTURE", commenting upon the state of alarm existing in the country, caused by the laws and decrees carrying appropriations; and makes special mention of the Bonus Bill. The editorial also states: "We are informed that the appropriations granted by Presidential Decrees amount to over twelve millions; there is no doubt that there are some appropriations granted for good and honest purposes, but most of them, as everybody knows, are only granted for the benefit of certain given persons, of those who form the eternal "camarillas", greatly to the detriment of the administrative honesty and moral credit of our country....."

The Labor Intelligence has finally settled the harbor strike of Habana in a satisfactory manner. The laborers resumed work this morning.

EL MUNDO - February 14, 1925.

The new Minister of Panama in Cuba, Dr. Narciso de Garay, arrived yesterday on board the S.S. "ESSEQUIBO".

The Committee on Sanitation of the League of Nations, will make a tour beginning next March, and will visit Cuba, the United States, Canada and several European countries. Said Committee is formed by Representatives of Argentine, Brazil, Costa Rica, Cuba, Mexico, Paraguay, Salvador, Uruguay and Venezuela.

DIARIO DE LA MARINA - February 14, 1925.

Letter from President Zayas to the President of the House of Representatives, acknowledging receipt of a communication sent by the latter informing of the "Declaration of Principles" adopted by the House in connection with the Isle of Pines question; and heartily congratulating the House for this patriotic resolution.

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HERALDO DE CUBA - February 16th.

Gonzalez Beauville analyzes the legal aspect of the exclusions of Herrera Sotolongo and Cano, and comes to the conclusion that the only thing for them to do is to appeal to the Supreme Court against the decision of the Audiencia, which he considers as a very just and proper decision. The House of Representatives can only decide on the validity of the election of its members after they produce their certificates of elections issued by the corresponding Electoral Boards. - If the unconstitutionality and repeal of the article of the Electoral Code on exclusions, should prosper, Herrera Sotolongo and Cano could never be benefited by it, because the laws cannot have retroactive effects.

Interview with Dr. Jose Barnet, Cuban Minister to China, in which he refers to his activities and the beneficial results obtained for Cuban commerce and industries. Due to his efforts, Cuban tobacco is now advantageously known in China. He is of the opinion that China can become a great market for Cuban sugars.

The Budget of the Municipality of Habana will amount to about 6-1/2 million dollars.

Article referring to the activities of the shareholders and creditors of the Banco Nacional de Cuba, for the obtention of a rectification of the illicit methods employed by the members of the Banking Commission; and announcing that the final resolutions adopted will shortly be known.

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Kinta Arai, First Secretary of the Japanese Legation in Mexico, is now in Habana on his way to Chile. He will give a series of lectures on the progress and development of Japan.

EDITORIAL: Comments upon the approval in Congress of the Bonus Bill during the last week, and states that it is now in the hands of the President, who is to say the last word; but that the people of Cuba can place no confidence in a President who has approved the Dredging Bill of Cardenas, and has unlawfully disposed of public funds by decrees. - The editorial also refers to the projected reforms of the Constitution, and criticizes the intentions of the Senators to extend their term of office to twelve years.

EL HERALDO - February 16th.

Article commenting upon the corruption prevailing in the Department of Communications. Secretary Iturralde is said to be responsible for the state of affairs. He takes no action against the conditions existing in said Department, because he gets a rake-off. The Department of the Treasury never receives any liquidation from the Post Office.....

LA TARDE - February 16th.

This paper publishes an article accusing President Zayas of delaying the promulgation of the Bonus Bill in a premeditated and criminal manner, as he wants to issue several decrees before, disposing of the funds intended for the payment of the bonuses. The article further states that the President gets a rake-off of 50 per cent of every appropriation granted by decree.

EL MUNDO - February 17th.

This paper states that at the request of Mr. Govin, it will publish the text of the Immigration and Colonization Bill presented.

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but explains that "El Mundo" is not in favor of said Bill. The first part of said project appears in this issue.

PALACE NEWS: Secretary of the Treasury Portela has delivered to the President, for signature, the Regulations governing the Bonus Law. The President has already drafted the Decree relating to the withdrawal of bonds of the Loan of 1905 for the amount of $83,000.00.

Section "Profile of the Day", very favorably commenting upon the fact that President Coolidge has asked to Senate of the United States to convene in special session, for the final disposition of the Hay-Quesada Treaty.

DIARIO DE LA MARINA - February 17, 1925.

This paper publishes the Program of the Sanitary Conferences which will take place in Habana from March 2nd to March 8th.

A banquet was given last night at the National Theatre in honor of the victorious candidates Machado and de la Rosa. Speeches were made by Benito Lagueruela (offering the banquet); Manuel Mencia (eulogy of Machado); Antonio Iraizos, who sang the praises of Democracy, and warmly praised the actions of President Zayas, saying also that a great deal was to be expected of the Administration of General Machado, not for the promises he made during the electoral campaign, but on account of the solemn obligations contracted with the people of Cuba after his electoral victory; Jose Ramon Cruellis, who explained the reasons which prevented President Zayas from attending the banquet, and Felipe Gonzalez Sarrain, who spoke in the name of General Machado, and made the summary of the speeches, and requested a close union between the Liberals and the Populars for the good work of Government planned by General Machado.

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HERALDO DE CUBA - February 17th.

The Mayor of Batabanó, Dr. Antonio Perez de Oliveras, availed himself of the recent visit of the Provincial authorities of Habana to Nueva Gerona, who went there for the inauguration of a park recently constructed, for referring to the question pending before the American Senate, and said: "Morally and geographically, the Isle of Pines is as Cuban as the other small islands which surround Cuba, and its inhabitants are and will continue to be Cubans, even though there may be some persons who try to submit them to the sovereignty of the U.S. We cannot admit that possibility without inflicting a grave offense to the powerful nation which has given repeated proofs of its love for right, justice and liberty, fighting side to side with our patriots in the fields of Cuba for the noble and sacred cause of our independence....."

Article denouncing the immoral scheme planned by the "Compañia Nacional de Azucares, in complicity with the members of the Temporary Banking Commission, to elude the payment of eleven million dollars which it owes to the Banco Nacional de Cuba. It also states that in connection with this scheme, the consent of the National Park Bank, of New York, has been obtained for the sale at auction of five notes of $500,000.00 each.

Article commenting upon the Central Highway project entailing an expenditure of 400 millions, and stating that according to latest indications, said project will be presented in the Senate, and not in the House of Representatives. The article also states that if such a law is enacted, Machado will not fulfill it, because an immoral law passed by a corrupt Congress, can be repealed by another Congress desirous of lending its cooperation to a work of good government.

EDITORIAL commenting upon the projected reform of the Constitution, and bitterly criticizing the intentions to increase the number of members of the House of Representatives.

EL HERALDO - February 17th.

Declarations made by Mr. Ramon J. Martinez, President of the Association of Sugar Planters and Mill Owners, in connection with Govin's Immigration and Colonization Bill. He states, among other things: "The Immigration Bill would ruin the country and would put an end to our political independence....Govin's plan is the greatest crime which can be committed against the country.... A formidable monopoly has been planned against the country and against Cuba, for the sole benefit of an imaginary company....." He also states that by said law, powers would be taken away from the State, and refers to the evils of a "forced immigration", and also states that the Company has no capital, and does not assume any obligations.....

The EDITORIAL also comments against the Immigration Bill, and states that said Bill constitutes the "last sweep" of the present Administration

Text of a long Manifesto issued by the National Association of the Sugar Industry, energetically protesting against Govin' Immigration and Colonization Bill.

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LA PRENSA - February 17th.

This paper announces that President Zayas will sign the Bonus Bill this afternoon.

Cable despatch from New York referring to an editorial published by the Brooklyn "Daily Eagle" stating that the Americans remember too much the blowing up of the "Maine", and that a certain degree of forgetfulness is desirable in connection with this tragedy.

LA NOCHE - February 17th.

According to reports received in the Department of Sanitation, a case of small-pox has appeared in Santiago de Cuba in the person of a Jamaican immigrant.

The Association of Sugar Planter and Mill Owners contends that the use of notes to pay the wages of laborers is perfectly legal; and that the use of chips is what is prohibited by the Arteaga Law. (Text of the communication sent to this effect to the Secretary of the Treasury.

LA TARDE - February 17th.

This paper states that the delay of President Zayas in signing the Bonus Bill constitutes a new source of alarm. Before President Zayas signs the Bonus Bill, he wants to issue several appropriation decrees for amounts to be illegally spent in the various Departments of the Government, and this places the Bonus Bill in danger inasmuch as there will be little money left to comply with the provisions of said Bill. It also states that what constitutes the most scandalous scheme in connection with said Bill, is the purpose to pay the gratifications or bonuses to the imaginary employees which appeared in the pay-rolls of the Departments of the Lottery, Post Office and Public Works during the first year of the present Administration.

EL MUNDO - February 18, 1925.

EDITORIAL commenting upon the decision of the tax-payers of Cienfuegos to go on strike as a sign of protest because the Government has failed to fulfill its promises of commencing the construction of the road from Cienfuegos to Santa Clara without further delays. "The decision adopted by the residents ~~thy~~ of Cienfuegos, of refusing to pay State, Municipal and Provincial taxes, is certainly a serious question. But it cannot be denied that the tax-payers who so generously contribute to defray the expenses of the Administration, have at least the right of making themselves heard when their petition is a just one..."

Article stating that the Central Highway project which appeared to be dead, is again giving signs of life. It is said that the Senate intends to pass a project which nobody knows, but which probably contains the same perils of the other projects. Inasmuch as the law which regulates the relations between the two legislative bodies provides that when one of said bodies takes the initiative on some law the other has to refrain from taking cognizance of a similar project, the Senate cannot consider such a project because two projects of that nature have already been presented in the House of Representatives.

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HERALDO DE CUBA - February 18th.

EDITORIAL, unfavorably commenting upon the intentions of the Government of Cuba to grant the extradition of political exiles, requested by the Mexican Government. - In another article, this same paper states that in all probability, the Cuban Government will not grant the extradition of Major Ricardez Broca.

Article commenting upon the claim of Mr. Barlow, and stating that $500,000.00 will be paid for lands which have never belonged to him. After Barlow's claim is settled, the Government will then proceed to effect the exchange of the lands of Camp Columbia.

EL HERALDO - February 18th.

Article commenting upon the corruption prevailing in the Department of the Lottery, and stating that after May 20th there will be radical changes in the high officials of said Department.

Article commenting upon the very censurable work of Government of President Zayas, and of the scandalous actions of many of the members of his Cabinets, and refers to the Secretaries "kicked out by a foreigner". Referring to the Cabinet of Honesty, the article states: "We need not speak of the so-called "Cabinet of Honesty". The members of this Cabinet were not selected by Zayas. Zayas would have never appointed a Despaigne as Secretary of the Treasury..." - It finally states that several of the members of his Cabinet are at present subject to criminal proceedings.

EDITORIAL explaining why Zayas cannot, ans should not, be called the "Restorer of the National Treasury."

It is feared that the sugar crop in the district og Guantanamo will be stopped. The laborers of Central "Soledad" have gone on strike, and the laborers of other mills will probably do the same.

Article commenting very unfavorably upon the Immigration and Colonization Bill.

Declarations made by the labor leader Abelardo J. Adan, against Govin's Immigration Bill. Among other things, he says: "Govin's Project, rather than an attack against the people, is a crime against the country, and its promoters should be prosecuted and sentenced as traitors and bad Cubans."

Telegrams from various parts of the Island protesting against Govin's Immigration Bill.

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The Bonus Bill has been signed by the President, and will be published in the Official Gazette to-day. There will also appear in the Official Gazette a set of regulations governing said Law. - The President is still suffering from an attack of grippe. - The President has signed a Decree suppressing the surcharge of two dollars on every lottery ticket.

The Supreme Court has dismissed the appeal filed by Herrera Sotolongo and Cano, against the decicision of the Audiencia of Habana which annulled their election.

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LA NOCHE - February 18, 1925.

EDITORIAL very unfavorably commenting upon the censurable activities of Congress which is approving scandalous laws during the last days of the present Administration. Italso comments unfavorably upon the Central Highway Project which, according to public rumors, the Senate intends to pass.

EL MUNDO - February 19, 1925.

EDITORIAL entitled "THE POLICY OF LAVISH WASTE CONTINUES" - Commenting upon the payment of back salaries to employees who have been reinstated in office by order of the Civil Service Commission, and the payment to contractors ordered by the so-called "BonusBill", and stating that these are only excuses to justify the expenditure of the funds now deposited in the Treasury, with the consequent danger of bringing about a situation similar to that which existed in Cuba four year ago.

Text of the decision of the Supreme Court dismissing the appeal filed by Herrera Sotlongo and Cano.

The American Institute of International Law will hold a special session in Habana. The following are mentioned among the distinguished persons who will come to Cuba to attend said session: Alejandro Alvarez, prominent International Lawyer of Chile; Mr. James Brown Scott, President of the American Institute of International Law (who will arrive to-day by way of Florida); Mr. Rodrigo Octavio, of Brazil, and Luis Anderson, of Costa Rica.

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It has been announced that the proclamation of General Machado and Mr. Carlos de la Rosa will take place on March 10th.

(7) Mr. Kinta Arai will give his first lecture this afternoon, at the University of Habana, on "The Japan of To-day".

"A JUSTIFIED ALARM" - EDITORIAL commenting upon the low price of sugar at present, and the already high cost of production, and stating that there are certain bills pending, which, if approved, would harm the Cuban manufacturers to a great extent; and also criticizes the lack of foresight on the part of Congress.

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HERALDO DE CUBA - February 19, 1925.

Article commenting upon the scheme planned by the members of the Banking Commission to defraud the National Bank of Cuba. It is said that their plans consist in preventing the acceptance of the proposal made by the National Park Bank, in order to enable them to sell of the properties held by Central "España", and make a profit of about eight million dollars to be distributed among themselves.

EDITORIAL commenting upon the fact that the claims against the National Treasury have become a profitable industry. It states that the system of indemnifications has enthroned itself to such an extent, that the Bills now drafted (such as the Immigration and Central Highway Bills) contain clear and specific stipulations concerning the payment of indemnifications.

Another EDITORIAL commenting against the Bonus Bill, and stating that public employees could have collected the full amount of the gratifications owed them; but that according to the opinion of the Executive and of Congress, it was not worth the while to enact a law for the sole benefit of those who "could give nothing in return", and that is why the payment of claims for supplies was included in the Law of Gratifications.

EL HERALDO - February 19, 1925.

Third of a series of articles signed by "M. S." commenting against Govin's Immigration and Colonization Bill.

The "Patriotic Mission" under the auspices of "El Heraldo" will start on its tour of Propaganda Pro-Isle of Pines next Sunday.

Article announcing that a decree granting an appropriation of $300,000.00 more for the repair of the streets of Habana, has been submitted to the President for signature.

Text of a letter in which Mr. Manuel A. Suarez, as President and in the name of the Association of the Tobacco Industry, protests energetically against the Govin's Immigration Bill.

LA DISCUSION - February 19, 1925.

EDITORIAL in which, after pointing out the urgent need of a Central Highway in Cuba, it states that the lack of laborers constitutes one of the secondary, but important problems of that project. It further states that Congress should not pass the Central Highway Bill without first solving the problem of desirable immigration and by families.

LA TARDE - February 19, 1925.

This paper states that an epidemic of typhoid fever has appeared in the district of Guanajay. Eight or ten cases of that disease are said to exist in the farm "Chacon".

EL MUNDO - February 20, 1925.

EDITORIAL commenting upon the fact that the non-ratification of the Hay-Quesada Treaty would bring serious consequences. If the Senate of the United States rejects said Treaty, it would be equivalent to the non-fulfilment of the Platt Amendment which provides that said Treaty be signed between the two countries. The Treaty is signed, but one of the parties fails to ratify it.

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and rejects it after it is signed. This would mean the non-compliance with the Permanent Treaty, and even the Platt Amendemtnt, and Cuba could denounce it "ipso facto." Moreover, it would automatically become a worthless treaty, without any possible future efficacy. "However, we do not think that it is necessary to consider this point, because we are still fully confident of the efforts made by the American Government to have the Senate approve the treaty in which the rights of a small nation are recognized....."

Cable despatch from Washington referring to an article published by Mr. Hapgood (who recently abandoned the management of the "Hearst International) in which he states that the American Imperialism is of a financial character, and that his definition is: "The investment of capital in foreign countries, and the guarantee of these investments with all the resources at the disposal of the Government of the country affected."

Text of Decree No. 249 containing the Regulations Governing the Law of February 18th (Law of Gratifications).

PALACE NEWS: - A decree was sent yesterday to the Official Gazette authorizing an appropriation of $300,000.00 for the repair of the streets of Habana. - Due to the illness of the President, of the Secretary of the Interior and of the Secretary of State, no meeting of the Cabinet will be held to-day.

In the course of his lecture, yesterday, Mr. Kinta Arai said: "Japan is not a warring nation. We are pacifists. The war with China took place because that country did not know what Japan was and tried to abuse us; and the war with Russia took place because we had to defend the cause of Justice. What would be the fate of men and of nations without Justice?... We do not want wars, nor desire them. We will only have them if someone compels us to it...."

DIARIO DE LA MARINA - February 20, 1925.

The revenues collected by the National Treasury during the first 18 days of this month amount to $4.606,128.54. - The amount deposited in the Treasury on February 18th amounted to $24.825.016.01.

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HERALDO DE CUBA - February 20th.

Article commenting upon the frauds committed by the members of the Banking Commission with the properties of the Banco Nacional; also stating that the machinery of Central "Limones" is being stolen.

EDITORIAL stating that the Central Highway Project calling for an appropriation of upwards of 400 millions is progressing, but expressing the hope that it will not become a Law.

EL SOL - February 20th.

In an interview granted to a reporter of "El Sol", General Machado bitterly attacks the Central Highway Project patronized by Dr. Domingo Mendez Capote (the project which calls for an appropriation of about 400 million dollars). Machado states that said project means the ruin of Cuba; that a Central Highway should be built, but with the normal resources of the country; that said project is a scheme of the Conservative Party, and may possibly have defenders in the Senate where the Conservatives are in majority at the present time; that he has promised an honest and competent administration, and he is sure the people will see his promises fulfilled; that he has sworn, and now repeats his oeath, that if such a law is enacted, it will not be enforced during his Administration; he gives warning to Cubans and foreigners not to invest their money in such an enterprise, because the law or concession would be repealed during his Administration, and no indemnifications will be paid, because whoever invests his money, would do so in bad faith and only with the malicious idea of claiming indemnifications.....

EL HERALDO - February 20th.

This paper protests against the provisions of the Regulations governing the Bonus Bill, because the employees of the "Series B" are treated in a very unjust manner. They earn very little, and the regulations order the payment of the smallest percentage to them.

Article commenting upon the actions of Secretary Carrerá, and stating that he has broken all records of administrative irregularities. The article states that Secretary Carrera has made valid a contract for public works granted during the period of General Menocal, and annulled during the period of readjustment. Said contract referred to the construction of two kilometers of road for the sum of $100,000.00, and Secretary Carrera is said to have received $30,000.00 for giving legal force to it.

LA PRENSA - February 20th.

President-elect, Machado, and the President of the House of Representatives, Vazquez Bello, called on President Zayas this morning "to inquire about his health."

Mrs. Thilite Morth Moore, President of the National Women's Council of the United States, will arrive Sunday on board the S.S. "ORCOMA", to confer with all the Presidents of the Feminine Clubs of Cuba in connection with the International Women's Congress to be held in Washington.

The "Asociacion de Hacendados y Colonos" continues receiving protests against the Labor Bill patronized by Mr. Aurelio Alvarez.

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LA TARDE - February 20, 1925.

This paper defends the Central Highway Project patronized by Dr. Domingo Mendez Capote, and states that the arguments used against said project are as inconsistent as malicious.

EL MUNDO - February 21, 1925.

Article commenting upon the Central Highway Project, and stating that the announcement made to the effect that the Senate will discuss said project, will probably be confirmed. It states that this project is an iniquitous attempt against the interests of the commonwealth. After expressing the hopes that such a Bill will not be passed, the writer states: "And we believe that the new Government will not be obligated to fulfill a contract made now and which is harmful to the national interests; furthermore, we believe that it would annul such a contract, and bring criminal action against the persons responsible for the same... Under these conditions, we do not believe that there will be any serious company which will plunge into such a risky enterprise. But, if there be any, it would be well to give them warning beforehand of the risk they run, so that they may not be able to say that they have been deceived."

DIARIO DE LA MARINA - February 21, 1925.

The President of the Republic is still suffering from a severe attack of grippe.

General Gerardo Machado and his family will sail for the United States, via Key West, on March 8th. He has already made reservations of a coah and two drawing rooms in the "Havana Special" train.

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HERALDO DE CUBA - February 21, 1925.

The members of the Executive Committee of the Liberal Party, of Bejucal, accompanied by Major Robau, Senator-elect Barreras and the Provincial Governor of Habana, Antonio Ruiz, called on General Machado, to inform him of the problems of that Municipality which needed an urgent solution. General Machado answered that his work of Government will be very honest and democratic. That his Liberal origin, his identification with the people which elected him and his resolute and decided purpose of responding to the noble aspirations for rectifications expressed by the people, demand that the men who will cooperate with him in the Administration, be Liberals who are fully in accord with this program of national reconstruction, which he has more than once outlined and ratified.....

Article commenting unfavorably upon the recent appropriation of $300,000.00 for the repair of the streets of Habana, stating that this appropriation completes the sum of $1.600,000.00 appropriated for street repairs.

Mr. A. C. Campbell, property owner of the Isle of Pines, and American citizen, has written to General Machado, as follows: "I have sent to the two Senators of my native State (Georgia), the following cablegram: 'Being one of the principal property owners of the Isle of Pines, and after a stay of several months in said Island during which I made an ample and careful study concerning the sovereignty of the Isle of Pines, I am convinced that the Isle of Pines is, and has always been, an integral part of Cuba, and therefore I am decidedly in favor of the ratification of the Hay-Quesada Treaty, removing the Custom House duties on all fruits harvested in this Island.'"

EL HERALDO - February 21, 1925.

Declarations made by Representative Aquilino Lombard, in which he bitterly attacks Govin's Immigration and Colonization Bill. He considers Govin's Plan as an attempt against the Cuban Laborer.

Mr. Ramon Larrea, Member of the Habana Produce Exchange, and Vice President of the National Civic Economic Association, attacks Govin's Immigration Bill, and gives a tabulated statement to show that figuring on the basis of the imports and exports of 1923, the taxes collected by reason of said Bill would amount to EIGHT million dollars per year, and states that this is a very conservative estimate.

LA DISCUSION - February 21, 1925.

This paper comments very unfavorably upon the declarations recently made by General Machado in connection with the Central Highway Project. Machado warns Congress that he will not accept laws contrary to his will and caprice, which is very much like announcing that he will become a Dictator.

EDITORIAL, also commenting against the declarations made by General Machado. The article states that Machado has no authority at the present time to repudiate a Law of Congress.

LA PRENSA - February 21, 1925.

Signed declarations given out by General Machado, repudiating the Central Highway Project, in which he warns foreign capitalists not to invest any money in the Central Highway venture.

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LA TARDE - February 21, 1925.

Article entitled "THE FLAG OF MACHADO" - Very sadly commenting upon the declarations made by General Machado in connection with the Central Highway Project, and stating that the flag which he now waves is "the flag of dictatorship."

HERALDO DE CUBA - February 22, 1925.

This paper protests against the article of "La Tarde" attacking General Machado for his recent declarations; and states that Machado is perfectly right in repudiating the Central Highway Project, because it would be a law of ignominy which would tend to weaken the national institutions.

Mr. Edward Sykes, one of the most prominent Wall Street Brokers and honorary Chief of Police of New York, is expected to arrive here on the 27th instant. The object of his trip is to have an importance conference with President Zayas, and then he will immediately return to the United States. The announced visit of Mr. Sykes has caused great sensation in high official spheres. He is believed to be the bearer of an important mission in connection with the projected construction of the Central Highway. - Mr. Sykes has been recommended to Senator-elect Barreras, who will introduce him to Dr. Zayas.

EDITORIAL very unfavorably commenting upon the recent appropriations for public works.

"EL HERALDO" - February 22, 1925.

The laborers of Central "Chaparra" will probably go on strike as a protest for the abuses committed against the laborers of "Juan Claro".

LA DISCUSION - February 22, 1925.

Article commenting upon the recent declarations made by the President-elect, General Machado, in connection with the Central Highway Project, and stating that they constitute an improper appeal to North-American public opinion, and also that he wants to discredit Congress. This improper attitude of General Machado have placed him in a position of queer and incrédible bolshevism.....

LA PRENSA - February 22, 1925.

The new Minister Plenipotentiary of Mexico to Cuba, Mr. Romeo Ortega, will arrive tomorrow.

Reply to General Machado in connection with the Central Highway Project." - This paper publishes the opinion "of a prominent Lawyer whose name will be known some day", refuting the declarations made by General Machado, and stating that Machado has incurred in judicial errors; that the Executive can in no case declare as harmful the concession granted by Congress...

LA NOCHE - February 22, 1925.

The Railroad Brotherhood of Cuba has joined in the protest of the residents of Sabtiago de Cuba against the concession of the aqueduct of Santiago de Cuba.

EDITORIAL, very unfavorably commenting upon the Central Highway Project patronized by Dr. Domingo Mendez Capote, and praising the attitude of General Machado in connection therewith.

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EL MUNDO - February 23, 1925.

In an Editorial, this paper comments very favorably upon the declarations made by General Machado contrary to the Central Highway Project.

DIARIO DE LA MARINA - February 23, 1925.

EDITORIAL commenting very favorably upon the attitude assumed by Senator Swanson, in connection with the Hay-Quesada Treaty.

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HERALDO DE CUBA - February 23, 1925.

Article by Gonzalez Beauville commenting very favorably upon the recent declarations made by General Machado in connection with the Central Highway Project; and defending Machado from the attacks made against him. He also states: "We believe that all his energy will not be too much to put an end to all those common crimes which are daily committed by venal officials against the Public Treasury; and we consider, in spite of the fact that we are Congressmen, that a check should be placed to the excesses of Congress, because the Independence of the Powers of the State does not mean unlimited licentiousness or unrefrained administrative corruption which prevail at present, and which justify the most drastic actions..."

A n article stating that the workingmen of the Province of Oriente threaten to declare a general strike if the serious water problem of Santiago is not settled soon.

Labor agitation in the Province of Camaguey. The Railroad Brotherhood of Cuba is not satisfied with the labor agreement existing at present, and has filed new petitions with the Cuba Railroad Company.

Article criticizing the intentions of Dr. Carlos Portela to run for Mayor of Habana at the coming elections.

EL HERALDO - February 23, 1925.

This paper supports the declarations made by General Machado in connection withthe Central Highway Project; and states that there exists a conspiracy in the Senate to foil the purposes of Machado and pass the Central Highway Project. If Machado continues to oppose the Project, he will not be proclaimed as President-elect. The article further states that the Project under considerationhas a majority in the Senate, and although the opposing and defending forces are almost equally divided in the House, cohersion or bribery might be used to push the deal through.

Article commenting upon the lavish waste of public funds by the present Administration. Over 50 million dollars have been spent during the first seven months of the current fiscal year. But President Zayas is not yet satisfied, and intends to spend six millions more: 2 millions for the construction of the Capitol; $500,000.00 to wipe out deficit in the Department of Communications; one million for the construction of several roads, and other appropriations to be granted to the Departments of State, Sanitation and Interior.

EDITORIAL, very favorably commenting upon the declarations recently made by General Machado in connection with the Central Highway Project.

LA DISCUSION - February 23, 1925.

"THE TRUTH ABOUT THE CENTRAL HIGHWAY" - Article refuting the arguments used against the Project of the Cuban American Roads Company, trying to prove that the cost of the work is not excessive, that the work has absolute technical guarantees, and that the Company will only make a reasonable margin of profit.

Another article commenting upon the declarations made by General Machado against the Central Highway Project, and stating that Machado insults the Congress of the Republic, and that the Liberals, Populars and Conservatives will get together to check the dictatorial aspirations of Machado.

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LA PRENSA - February 23, 1925.

The dedication of the "Maine" Monument which was scheduled to take place tomorrow, has been postponed. The ceremonies of dedication of said monument will be included in the program of festivals in honor of General Pershing.

LA TARDE - February 23, 1925.

In an article entitled "THE THEORY OF DISSOLUTION - THE DESTRUCTION OF THE POWERS OF THE STATE, OR THE UNHINGEMENT OF A STATE" this paper bitterly criticizes the declarations recently made by General Machado to the Associated Press. The statements made by Machado are refuted in this article, which contains a list of the taxes which would be created by the Central Highway Bill, stating that said taxes will only amount to a little over 10 millions a year, and not thirty millions.

HERALDO DE CUBA ---- February 24, 1925.

An amendment has been presented to the projected Bill of Reforms of the Constitution, which provides that all the Presidents of the Republic, when their terms of office expire, shall be appointed Senators for life.

Interview with Mr. James Brown Scott, in which he say that he is firmly convinced of the rights of Cuba over the Isle of Pines, and believes that the Senate of the United States will ratify the Hay-Quesada Treaty.

The local authorities did not permit the holding of the Pro-Isle of Pines Parade which was to take place yesterday.

At a meeting of the Executive Board of the National Federation of Economic Corporations, it was resolved to protest against the Immigration and Colonization Bill, and to support the declarations recently made by General Machado against the Central Highway Project.

"MORAL DICTATORSHIP OF GENERAL MACHADO FOR THE REGENERATION OF CUBA" - Article criticizing the bitter opposition made to the recent declarations of General Machado, and stating that the point under discussion can be briefly summarized as follows: There is a corrupt and rapacious Government which takes away everything, and there is an urgent and imperative public necessity, which is the Central Highway. There are two or three groups of thieves which taking advantage of the coincidence of such opportunities, have planned a scheme to steal several millions of dollars, dazzling the country with the mirage of good roads, tempting the President to a complicity paid with liberality. - During four years of Administration, President Zayas did not want to build a Central Highway, but when his term of office is coming to an end, he plunges into the adventure of approving a ruinous law under the disguise of a public necessity. So, Zayas and Congress who remained inactive in moments of ease and liberality, now want to approve said Bill now and bequeath it to the future Administration, which, on assuming power, will only find obligations, mortgages and debts. In the face of such a perspective, the President-elect does not remain with folded arms, and fully realizing that in the present days passivity produces more harm than the participation in errors, adopts a precise and given attitude, and hastens to warn the country that that law of despoliation will not be enforced, and that he will not accept the apparent legality of a real illegality.....

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Heraldo de Cuba - February 24, 1925.

Interview with the new Mexican Minister, Mr. Romeo Ortega, in which he only referred to the work of regeneration undertaken by President Calles.

EL MUNDO - February 25, 1925.

EDITORIAL entitled "NEW COMMENTARIES ON THE DECLARATIONS MADE BY GENERAL MACHADO" - It states that the emphatic declarations made by the President-elect have caused great enthusiasm in the country; and his affirmations that the Central Highway Law will not be enforced during his Administration, have been criticized by a few. "General Machado has not said a single word contrary to the Constitution, or against the law, liberty or democracy of our political régime. Machado has merely said that a law by which the country will be made to pay over one billion dollars for a work which could be accomplished for ten or twenty millions, is harmful to the national interests, and consequently it will not be enforced, his Government will be unable to enforce it, because contracts of that nature are not legally binding. And warning is given to business men, national or foreign, not to invest in this venture if they wish to save themselves from losses and troubles....."

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This paper states that General Machado will sail for the United States on April 8th, and will visit New York and Washington, and will only be absent about two weeks.

DIARIO DE LA MARINA - February 25, 1925.

EDITORIAL entitled "THE SWORD OF THE GENERAL?" - Commenting upon the recent declarations of General Machado in connection with the Central Highway Project, and stating that he has gone a little too far, although his declarations are plausible due to the causes which inspired them. The future President should not have said that if that project ever became a law, he would not enforce it and fail to collect the taxes established by it, during his Administration. That means the announcement of a purpose in contravention of the provisions of the Constitution, and this will bring greater evils than those which he intends to remedy. It is to be regretted that General Machado failed to realize the full extent of that part of his declarations which indicates his intentions of governing against Congress and of disregarding the laws which may not be to his liking.

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HERALDO DE CUBA - February 25th.

EDITORIAL criticizing Senator Antonio Gonzalo Perez for his recent senatorial activities, and especially for his proposed amendment to the Bill of Reforms of the Constitution, concerning the appointment of ex Presidents of the Republic as Senators for life.

Article referring to the strike in the districts of "Delicias" and"Chaparra", and the abuses committed with the laborers by the Company which owns said mills and by the military Supervisor.

EL HERALDO - February 25, 1925.

Article stating that a group of members of the House of Representatives have presented a Bill to repeal the Tourismo Law. Although this paper considers this move as good, it doubts very much of the sincerity of the authors of the Bill, thinking that it is perhaps only a strategic move to hide some other grafting scheme.

Article commenting upon irregularities in the Custom House and in the Department of the Lottery.

Cable despatch from New York stating that the declarations recently made by General Machado in connection with the Central Highway Project, were favorably commented upon in financial circles.

EDITORIAL entitled "A CENSURABLE INITIATIVE" - Unfavorably commenting upon the amendment of Senator Gonzalo Perez, relating to the appointment of ex Presidents as life-long Senators.

LA PRENSA - February 25, 1925.

PALACE NEWS: - Many visitors were seen at the Palace this morning, but the President, who is still sick, only conferred with the Secretaries of the Treasury, War and Navy and Public Works; Doctor Rey, and Chief of Police Placido Hernandez. - Two decrees have been signed, granting the following appropriations: $4,604.00 for repairs of the "Albarran" bridge in Santa Clara, and $200,000.00 for the aqueduct, sewerage and paving of the city of Camaguey.

EDITORIAL criticizing the declarations of General Machado in connection with the Central Highway project.

EL MUNDO - February 26, 1925.

Several cables despatches from Washington relating to the death of Senator Medil McCormick, one of the strongest defenders of the ratification of the Hay-Quesada Treaty.

Article commenting upon the fact that the grafting members of the Conservative Party, displeased by the failure of the Central Highway Project, are now conspiring against the proclamation of General Machado. This article also refers to a long circular sent out to his fellow-members of Congress by Dr. Santiago Rey, President of the Parliamentary Committee of the Conservative Party, expressing his points of view in connection with existing conditions. Dr. Rey recognizes the fruitlessness of the work of Congress during the last few years, and makes the sensational declaration that "if a halt imposed by patriotism, is not made, A DICTATORSHIP IS CLAMAROUSLY DEMANDED of the Executive by an intense and unanimous feeling of repulsion against the Representatives."

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HERALDO DE CUBA - February 26, 1925.

Mr. Otto C. Mohr, recently appointed Minister Plenipotentiary of Denmark in Cuba and Brazil, arrived here yesterday on board the S. S. "Robert Lee". He will present his credentials next week, after which he will sail for Rio Janeiro.

A cable despatch from Mexico City announces the arrival to that city of Dr. Alejandro Rivas Vazquez; stating that the object of his trip is "to start negotiations with President Calles for the recognition by Mexico of a revolutionary Government in Venezuela which is being organized by several leaders who combat the nepotism of Juan Vicente Gomez."

This paper publishes some extracts of the circular sent out by Dr. Santiago Rey, but without making any commentaries for the present. - In the parts of the circular quoted in this article, Dr. Rey states that the efficacy of the organization of Congress had been lost; the Conservative Party was a strong organization which could regulate the life of the country, but that said Party has now lost everything; that the Cubans are gradually losing their lands and properties; he refers to the lack of money in circulation, and states: "if, for example, we produce 10 and consume 15 from abroad, and have no savings with which to pay that difference, how will we pay it?"; he refers to the high cost of living without any justified causes; and to the crisis of the nationality.

EDITORIAL entitled "TOUCHING THE BOTTOM OF THE SAFE" - This editorial refers to the recent appropriation of $200,000.00 granted for works in the city of Camaguey, and stating that about a month ago, an appropriation for a similar amount was granted for the same purpose. - Commenting upon these lavish expenditures, the article states that they constitute a premeditated act to create difficulties to the future Government.

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"MACHADO IS NOT A DANGER FOR CUBA" - Article by Desiderio Ferreira, very favorably commenting upon the declarations of General Machado to the Associated Press, in connection with the Central Highway Project.

Text of a report submitted by Dr. Ramiro Cabrera to the Executive Committee of the National Federation of Economic Corporations, which report was approved by said Committee, protesting against Govin's Immigration Bill.

LA PRENSA - February 26, 1925.

Article commenting upon the purposes to hinder the proclamation of General Machado. The intentions on the part of the members of the Parliamentary Committee of the Conservative Party to place obstacles to the proclamation of Machado, seem to have failed, due to the conciliatory attititude of Dr. Santiago Rey and Dr. Evelio Alvarez del Real. - Dr. Alvarez del Real has emphatically stated: "I will not lend my cooperation to any movement within my Party, which may tend to hinder the proclamation of the President-elect. I confess that at first I was deeply affected by Machado's declarations, but upon analyzing them, that first impression has disappeared. According to the Constitution, General Machado must swear, or promise, to obey and enforce the laws. This oath (or promise) which he must take before assuming office, implicitly carries the most absolute ratification. The country can feel

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at ease with respect to this matter, because the person who is to take that oath is a man of honor. Neither as a Congressman can I have any fear as to the future integrity of my rights and duties. The stability of the Republic guarantees the powers of Congress. A state of war between the Powers of the State would cause the collapse of the nationality. Machado is a good patriot incapable of provoking it. The attitude of the Conservatives cannot be of aggression, but of expectancy. Any violence or threat directed against General Machado would not be well received by public opinion....."

EDITORIAL further criticizing the declarations of General Machado against the Central Highway Project.

LA NOCHE - February 26, 1925.

3220 Text of a Bill presented in the House, and signed by Representatives, Mulkay, Pino, Sardiñas, etc., to repeal the Tourismo Law.

LA TARDE - February 26, 1926.

This paper states that Ambassador Crowder and General Herrera conferred yesterday with Secretary of State, Cespedes, concerning the lands of Camp Columbia on which tanks are built. "Despite the fact that there is a decision of the Supreme Court recognizing the right of the State to own said lands, there are two American lawyers at present in Habana trying to obtain the recognition of the rights of their clients to said lands. Not long ago, General Crowder, accompanied by these two American lawyers, conferred at length with the President of the Republic regarding this claim. Everything seems to indicate that President Zayas is trying to ellude the scandal which the transfer of these lands would produce, and has authorized Ambassador Crowder to settle the question with the Secretary of State. The American lawyers are bearers of a great number of documents with which they try to prove the rights of their clients to the possession of said lands which General Jose Miguel Gomezacquired at a very reduced price, and which are worth millions at present."

Opinions given by several Senators and Representatives concerning the Central Highway Project. Practically all of them are in favor of the construction of the Central Highway; and criticizing the declarations recently made by General Machado. Some of them say that they have not yet studied the project, but that when the time comes, they will do what they consider convenient for Cuba.

Article commenting upon the alarm caused in Washington by the declarations of General Machado. The writer even goes as far as to say that the future Government might not be recognized by Washington.

EDITORIAL commenting upon the declarations made by Ex Admiral of the American Navy, Mr. Bradley A. Fiske, concerning the possibility of a war between the United States and Japan; and stating that the threat of an international war is now hanging over Cuba. The editorial ends as follows: "We Cubans cannot refuse to lend the military cooperation which the United States may demand, because, if during our misfortunes they were by our side, at the hour of peril we should share with them their military glories, or their sorrows and fatigues."

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EL MUNDO - February 27, 1925.

EDITORIAL commenting upon the projected reform of the Constitution, and stating that the only part which should be amended is that which refers to presidential reelections, because the Constitution of Cuba is one of the most advances, of the most democratic, and of the most nearly perfect in the world

Interview with Dr. Antonio Bosch, Mayor of Regla, praising the declarations recently made by General Machado concerning the Central Highway project.

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HERALDO DE CUBA - February 27, 1925.

Article referring to the meeting held yesterday by the creditors and shareholders of the Banco Nacional de Cuba. Reports were submitted by the various committees appointed, after which it was resolved to request an interview with Dr. Regueiferos for the purpose of discussing the main points of the problem, which will finally determine the future situation of said banking institution. The interview with Dr. Regueiferos will take place this afternoon.

Article stating that next Saturday the President will receive the visit of Mr. Edward Tickef, a Wall Street Banker; and commenting upon the rumors that said visit is closely connected with the Central Highway Project.

Secretary Betancourt, of Agriculture, states that he was deceived by the promoters of the so-called International Poultry Show, which in reality is nothing but an exhibition for commercial purposes.

EDITORIAL entitled "THE LAST SWEEP OF THE LEGISLATIVE POWER"- Favorably commenting upon the declarations of Dr. Santiago Rey which have created so much discontent among the Conservative members of Congress; and stating that the criticizims of Dr. Rey are also applicable to the Liberal and Popular factions of Congress. The corruption in Congress is nothing but a consequence of the corruption of the Executive; but that Congress is principally to blame because it refused to take proper action against the President in due time. When the President commenced to grant illicit appropriations, with an absolute disregard for the Constitution, it was the duty of Congress to stop him. Congress failed to do so, and the results are visible. In Congress, the "last sweep" is called; Central Highway, Immigration, railroad subsidies, etc.

EL HERALDO - February 27, 1925.

Telegrams referring to the "Patriotic Mission" patronized by "El Heraldo" which is carrying on a work of propaganda in favor of the ratification of the Hay-Quesada Treaty, through the Island. At a meeting held in Santiago de Cuba, one of the orators, Dr. Max Henriquez Ureña, said: "While President Wilson was defending in Europe the right of liberty of small nations, he imposed foreign interference in Nicaragua and Guatemala, by the force of the bayonets."

At a meeting held by the "Colonos" of Centrals "DELICIAS" and "CHAPARRA", they resolved not to cut any more cane for said mills if the Company refuses to give them 5 arrobas of sugar for every 100 arrobas of cane. The telegram states that 1,125 colonos were present at said meeting.

LA DISCUSION - February 27, 1925.

This paper publishes the following article in connection with the recent declarations of General Machado: "It was rumored yesterday that an important conference will be held shortly between General Machado and a group of Congressmen including the leaders of the political parties. It seems that General Machado desires to explain that he did not make the declarations as they were published, and that in order to deny the current rumors that he was opposed to the Central Highway Project because he has the

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ambition of undertaking that scheme under his Administration, he was disposed to leave his friends in absolute liberty of action to vote in favor of the project, provided that the Bill was amended in the sense of limiting the fabulous profits which are detrimental th the country. It is for this reason that all action in connection with this matter has been stopped in Congress. The truth of all this will be known at any moment."

LA TARDE - February 27, 1925.

This paper continues to publish the opinions of different members of Congress favorable to the construction of the Central Highway.

Declarations made by the President of the Chamber of Commerce of Santiago de Cuba, favorable to the construction of the Central Highway.

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EDITORIAL, favorably commenting upon the possibility of reorganizing the Banco Nacional de Cuba, and stating that the revival of this Bank, which is a question of skill and of some official support, is a great necessity for Cuba.

HERALDO DE CUBA - March 1, 1925.

This paper refers to the visit of Mr. Edward Sikes,(a Wall Street Broker) to President Zayas, and states: "The principal object of Mr. Sikes' visit was to salute President Zayas. But as Mr. Sikes, due to the character of his business and his financial connections in the United States and in Cuba, is perfectly acquainted with the financial conditions of this country and with the problems which affect directly the commercial development of this country, he expressed his opinion concerning the reorganization of national banking institutions. General Machado happened to call at the same time, and took part in the conference...."

The strike continues in the Centrals "Delicias " and "Chaparra".

EL HERALDO - March 1, 1925.

Manifesto issued in Camaguey by the Vice President of the Railroad Union, protesting against Covin's Immigration Bill, and stating that instead of deliverying the lands of Cuba to a foreign company, they should be offered to the Cuban farmers.

EDITORIAL commenting upon the campaign initiated by this paper in favor of the ratification of the Hay-Quesada Treaty, and stating that the decided cooperation of the daily periodicals of the interior contrasts greatly with the silence of the Habana papers. It also states that everybody should greet General Pershing on his arrival with the words: "WELCOME, GENERAL PERSHING. THE ISLE OF PINES IS OURS!

LA TARDE - March 1, 1925.

Article in defence of the Central Highway Project. Advantages offered by the plan of constructing a perfect system of roads in Cuba. It states, among other things, that with the bases proposed by the Cuban American Roads Company, the State will not have to issue any bonds or make any loan: Cuba will pay for the works on easy terms without having to ask for the support of the foreign banking institutions, as this would necessitate the consent of the Washington Government. "In our plan, nothing of this will happen, because the work will be accomplished by Cuba, for Cuba, and without any foreign interferences, inasmuch as the relations and obligations with the United States are not affected."

EL MUNDO - March 2, 1925.

Under the title of "AN IMMORAL SYSTEM" - this paper publishes an editorial very unfavorably commenting upon the policy of lavish waste of the present Administration, and stating that the largest amounts illegally appropriated have been for the Department of Public Works. It also criticizes the system of awarding contracts withtout the previous requisite of a "subasta".

The Presidential and Vice Presidential Electors will meet in an Assembly on March 10th, in accordance with the provisions of Article 257 of the Electoral Code.

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DIARIO DE LA MARINA - March 2, 1925.

Interview with Dr. Manuel Marquez Sterling, in connection with the Sixth Pan-American Congress to be held in Habana, which he is preparing. Among other things, he said: "As you know very well, these conferences lead toward the ideals of cooperation, progress and mutual guarantee of the Republics of America, large and small...." "The meeting of this International Congress of America, in Habana, constitutes a real victory of our diplomacy.." "But the policy which the Government of Cuba is to follow in these conferences, is somewhat delicate; and must be entrusted to diplomats of long experience and proven patriotism. On my arrival to Valparaiso in March 1923, to represent Cuba at the Fifth Congress, the newspapermen interviewed me regarding the tendencies which constituted the program of our Delegation; and desired to know whether it was our intention to present ourselves before the Assembly with our eyes full of tears and our mouths full of complaints. I seemed to understand that that did not do us any good; that in diplomacy, to inspire pity is to be lost, and I answered in terms different from those which my interlocutors expected. 'Cuba --I said--will not present before the Conference any particular question of exclusively political interest. On the other hand, we will support all such initiatives of a general character which being of evident benefit to all the sister republics of ~~thm~~ America, may contribute to solve our own affairs and serve as a guarantee for the reality of the future....."

EDITORIAL favorably commenting upon the good work realized by the "Debt Commission", which has already been dissolved.

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HERALDO DE CUBA - March 2, 1925.

Article by Gonzalez Beauville entitled: "Haughtiness at the Church. Menocal, the ex-gentleman. Zayas benevolent. The person amnestied by Zayas." - In this article, Beauville refers to the incident at the wedding of General Carrillo's son, last Saturday, and states that when President Zayas approached a group formed by General Menocal and others, Menocal refused to chake hands with the President and turned his back on him. General Menocal is very bitterly criticized for his ungentle conduct toward Dr. Zayas, who besides being the President of the Republic, is also an aged man.

EL HERALDO - March 2, 1925.

Referring to the Central Highway, this paper states that the project of the Cuban American Roads Company has failed, thanks to the declarations made by General Machado. Margan and Company have recommended their clients to give the idea of this big project. The Washington Government will not support the 350-million-dollar project. The article states, however, that the central roadway will be constructed in accordance with the Military Plan of 130 millions, and 3,500 kilometers of road.

A group of Veterans of the Independence have addressed a communication to the Senate and the House of Representatives, protesting against the usurpation of lands of "Caujerí", and making certain accusations against the Secretary of Justice.

LA PRENSA - March 2, 1925.

Messrs. Narciso Garay and Romeo Ortega, Ministers of Panama and Mexico, respectively, will present their credentials tomorrow.

The eight million dollars for public works, from the last 50-million dollar loan, have been exhausted. In the future, all the appropriations for public works will be taken from other funds of the Treasury.

LA NOCHE - March 2, 1925.

This paper states that General Machado has offered the Portfolio of State, in his Cabinet, to the present Head of said Department, Dr. Carlos Manuel de Cespedes. However, as Dr. Cosme de la Torriente has indicated a desire to resign as Ambassador in Washington, Dr. Cespedes may prefer the appointment of Ambassador.

EL MUNDO - March 3, 1925.

EDITORIAL entitled "THE DANGEROUS ACTIVITIES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS." - Commenting upon the irregularities in the Department of Public Works, and the system employed to defraud the National Treasury with imaginary works, or contracts awarded to those who pay a substantial rake-off.

Telegram from Santiago de Cuba, giving a detailed account of the arrival of General Pershing, yesterday.

The lack of quorum prevented the Senate from holding session yesterday. However, a group of senators exchanged views regarding the Reforms of the Constitution, but no definite agreement was reached. Some of them expressed in favor of the extension of powers of the President, Vice President, Senators and Represent-

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atives who are to continue in office; but others want to include the Senators and Representatives whose term of office expires this year. It is believed that the Senate will not discuss the Problem of the Reforms, until this question of the extension of powers is definitely settled.

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HERALDO DE CUBA - March 3rd.

Commenting upon the projected Reforms of the Constitution, this paper states that the opponents of the Reforms have a majority of two votes in the Senate; but that the defenders of the Project hope to win these votes. The Project will probably be discussed next Monday.

Detailed account of the solemn reception accorded General Pershing in Santiago de Cuba. Concerning the Isle of Pines, General Pershing said in Santiago that Cuba had a perfect right to said Isle, and that he considered that the Hay-Quesada Treaty will be finally approved by the Senate of the United States, as there was a majority in favor of the ratification of the Treaty.

EDITORIAL commenting upon the evil activities of Congress in this last period of the present Administration, and upon the necessity of carrying on a work of obstruction to prevent the passage of immoral Bills which would pledge the Republic for a number of years, even if the projected Reforms of the Constitution fail to pass.

Another EDITORIAL entitled "STRIKES AFTER STRIKES" - commenting unfavorably upon the threats of a new strike in the lines of the Cuba Company.

EL HERALDO- March 3rd.

Commenting upon the irregularities of the present Administration, this paper states that the lavish expenditure of public funds is unprecedented. It gives the example of the Department of Public Works, which, with a yearly appropriation in the Budget of $5.092,781.00, had already spent the sum of $7.032,511.00 during the period from July 1st to January 31st. - The Department of the Interior is already overdrawn in the amount of $1.500,000.00. The total expenditures from July to January 31st, amounted to $57.725,615.56.

This paper announces that Dr. Oscar Soto has written a book entitled "EL FRACASO DE LA REPUBLICA EN CUBA" (The Failure of the Republic in Cuba), and that this paper will begin to publish the same in a series of articles commencing next Sunday.

LA NOCHE - March 3, 1925.

Dr. Bartolomé Sagaró has finally acceded to withdraw the complaint which had filed against Secretary Iturralde for the suppression of "El Heraldo" during the last revolution.

The Agricultural Syndicate of Madruga has presented a petition to the management of Central "San Antonio", demanding: the recognition of said syndicate, more wages and less working hours.

EL MUNDO - March 4, 1925.

There was no session in the Senate yesterday, due to the lack of quorum. The defenders of the Project of Reforms of the Constituion have not been able to obtain the 16 votes which they need to pass said Project.

General Machado held a long and secret conference with President Zayas yesterday.

Yesterday the President signed several appropriations decrees amounting to nearly one million dollars, for various public works

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throughout the Island. One of said decrees grants an appropriation of $200,000.00for the sewerage of Manzanillo; and another, $200,000. for the sewerage and paving of Guantanamo. The Secretary of Public Works is also authorized by the Decree No. 296, to spend the sum of $518,000.00, without the necessity of dividing said sum into twelve equal parts, of the appropriation mentioned in Chapter Five of the only article of the Budget now in force. The Decree No. 1587 of November 14, 1924 ordered the expenditure of the sum of $518,000.00 which was to be taken from funds available in the Treasury, to reinforce the appropriation of Chapter Five, only article, for the upkeep, maintenance and repairs of roads and bridges in the Republic. Inasmuch as the Secretary of Public Works informed the President that it was necessary to undertake these works simultaneously, the appropriation could not be divided into twelfth parts, and therefore he was authorized to waive this requisite.

EL TRIUNFO - March 4, 1925.

The Supreme Court has confirmed the decision of the Audiencia of Habana by which the election of Herrera Sotolongo and Cano were annulled.

EDITORIAL commenting upon the fact that the Project of Reforms of the Constitution is being used by some to foster their personal interests.

Another editorial stating that the policy of lavish waste of the Secretary of Public Works must be checked.

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HERALDO DE CUBA - March 4, 1925.

Article commenting unfavorably upon the recent appropriations granted by decrees, and amounting to nearly one million dollars; stating that other appropriations are expected shortly "which will only serve to enrich many persons."

After six months' work, the Labor Intelligence Committee appointed to settle the disputes between the employers and employees of the harbor of Habana, submitted a project of tariff and regulations governing the work in the port of Habana. This project of tariff and regulations, however, has been flatly rejected by the ship owners, who have also ordered their delegates to withdraw from said Intelligence Committee. The laborers contend that the delegates appointed by the ship-owners have been carrying on a work of obstruction during the six months which the Committee has been at work on this problem.

Great pessimism prevailed yesterday in the Senate in connection with the projected Reforms of the Constitution, as it was generally believed that the Reforms will not be passed.

The new Ministers of Panama and Mexico, presented their credentials yesterday.

EDITORIAL commenting with regret upon the failure of the project of reforms of the Constitution. The personal ambition of the present members of the Senate has been the principal cause of the failure of this project.

Another editorial commenting unfavorably upon the constant strikes in sugar mills, and stating that these strikes seem to constitute a premeditated plan against the normal development of the present crop.

EL HERALDO - March 4, 1925.

Commenting upon the irregularities in the Department of the Lottery, this paper states, among other things, that "with two million dollars and the most hateful speculation, the Central Company, Alfredo Zayas Arrieta and Pardo Suarez have exploited the people and corrupted Congress." With the illegal and outrageous sale of lottery tickets, the firm of Rodriguez Hermanos have acquired ninety houses, and the firm of Blanco y Hermano has built two houses valued at $1.200,000.00.

This paper continues its campaign against Govin's Immigration and Colonization Bill. It quotes to-day the opinion of several Municipal Mayors, and others, contrary to said Bill.

LA NOCHE - March 4, 1925.

A passenger train from San Luis to Guantanamo was fired upon. One of the passengers was killed, and another seriously injured.

LA TARDE - March 4, 1925.

This paper publishes an interview with General Pershing, during which General Pershing said that he is of the opinion that the Isle of Pines rightfully belongs to Cuba.

Article commenting upon the Zayas-Menocal incident, and stating that Menocal was right in refusing to shake hands with

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a man who, instead of being grateful to Menocal, had betrayed him.

EL MUNDO, March 5, 1925.

EDITORIAL entitled "MILLIONS AND MORE MILLIONS" - Very unfavorably commenting upon the policy of lavish waste which marks the last period of the present Administration, and especially upon the recent appropriations for Public Works amounting to nearly $1.000,000.00.

The President signed the following Decrees yesterday: One cancelling the appropriation granted by Decree 258, of Feb. 24th, and reducing said appropriation to $66,000.00; another decree granting $50,000.00 more for the completion of the "Maine" Monument; decrees granting $50,000.00 and $35.000.00 for repair and reconstruction of roads in the Province of Oriente.

EL SOL - March 5, 1925.

The following article appears under the caption "WILL MONTES AND BETANCOURT RESIGN?" - "In political and Palace circles, the situation of two members of the Cabinet, General Armando Montes, Secretary of War, and General Pedro Betancourt, Secretary of Agriculture, is being commented upon in diverse and picturesque manners, it being said that they ratified the discourteous action of General Menocal, remaining impassive at his side on the fatal night when the tragic ex-President converted the vestibule of a Catholic Temple into a corner of the "batey" at Chaparra, while other personages less obligated, hastened to shake the hand of the illustrious Chief of State, as a silent protest against the unusual and unqualified act which they had just seen. Public opinion expects, as an apology of this very disagreeable incident, the resignation of these officials who, if they have forgotten the unavoidable duties of gratitude, it is assured they will not be able to disregard other more binding considerations of elementary decency. Let us wait....."

Decree No. 1761 has been annulled. This decree established certain requisites for Consular declarations on goods imported.

DIARIO DE LA MARINA - March 5, 1925.

Text of the message of congratulation sent by President Zayas to President Coolidge upon his inauguration as President.

EDITORIAL, commenting upon the retirement of Mr. Hughes, and stating that a change of Secretary of State of the United States is a very important universal event due to the important position of the United States in the World's politics and the steength which that nation showed during the war with Germany; and when the outgoing Secretary is a notable and vigorous statesman, such as Mr. Hughes, the event becomes of greater interest and deserves special attention. According to the opinion of eminent American writers, Mr. Hughes has been one of the most conspicuous Secretaries of State of the U. S., and one who has obtained the greatest successes. Perhaps he was not able to amply develop his personal views with respect to the international policy of his country, due to the frank hostility of the Republican Party. The Editorial refers to the success obtained by Mr. Hughes at the "Conference for the Limitation of Naval Armaments", and to the establishment of cordial relations with Mexico. As to the relations with other Latin-American countries, Mr. Hughes' policy is described as "prudent, friendly and well-intentioned." The editorial ends as follows: "With respect to Cuba, Mr. Hughes' policy

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has been of respect and consideration, and also frankly favorable to the ratification of the Hay-Quesada Treaty. We greatly desire that Mr. Hughes' successor will follow the same honest line of conduct."

EL TRIUNFO - March 5, 1925.

This paper interviewed General José B.Aleman, who was a member of the Constituting Convention, concerning the projected reforms of the Constitution, and his only answer was: "Do not touch the Constitution."

EDITORIAL, eulogizing General Pershing, and stating that his presence in this country is unquestionably a great honor to Cuba. It also states: "The presence of General Pershing indicates for us a marked distinction from the Government of the United States, because it sends its greatest and most famous General to represent it before the Government and the People of Cuba, which is equivalent to declare us worthy of special attention, as any other country of the world."

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HERALDO DE CUBA - March 6th.

EDITORIAL entitled "GENERAL DAWES AND THE ISLE OF PINES QUESTION" - After referring to the first actions of General Dawes as President of the Senate of the United States, the article states that he bitterly criticized the conduct of certain members of the Senate who have placed obstacles to the ratification of international treaties which constitute obligations of honor for the United States; and ends as follows: "Observing the reality, without letting ourselves be led by sentimentality, there is a reason to believe that in this case we have a powerful ally in the Isle of Pines dispute. General Dawes is an honest and upright character, ready to defend noble causes. And ours is one of them, without dispute."

Another Editorial unfavorably commenting upon a recent Decree appropriating the sum of $300,000.00 for the purchase of apparatus for the chlorinization of waters, which purchase is to be effected withtout the requisite of calling for bids.

EL HERALDO - March 6th.

This paper still keeps up its campaign against the irregularities in the Department of the Lottery, and states that the grafts of the high officials of that Department amounts to over $100,000. per month .

Dr. German Wolter del Rio has been appointed Political Director of this periodical.

Commenting upon the announcement made by the Department of State of the cancellation of the official ceremonies in honor of General Pershing, this paper states that said announcement has given rise to the most varied rumors in official circles, as there is something strange in the illness of General Pershing. The article states, in part: "The diplomatic excuse has been the indisposition of the Chief of the American Army, but suspicious persons ask themselves how can General Pershing attend the ceremonies of the inauguration of the Maine Monument, when he is so sick that he cannot attend a Military Parade. Those who know certain diplomatic secrets believe that something grave has happened, when the program has been changed from a pompous official tone to a character of mere diplomatic courtesies. Some people affirm that there is certain coldness in the relations by reason of the declarations made by President Zayas some days ago, when he said that 'he hoped tha Hay-Quesada Treaty would be ratified before the Maine Monument was inaugurated'.....".

LA NOCHE - March 6, 1925.

EDITORIAL entitled "TO THE AMERICAN PEOPLE" - This is an appeal addressed to the American people, asking their support in the defence of the rights of Cuba, against the attempts made by a group of American politicians without honor and without conscience who try to take away a part of Cuba's territory (the Isle of Pines).

EL MUNDO - March 7, 1925.

Yesterday, the President signed a decree appropriating the sum of $100,000.00 for the termination of the works of the "Maria Jaen" Hospital for the Prevention of Tuberculosis .

Dr. Angel C. Betancourt, President of the Supreme Court, died last night. His burial will take place tomorrow, Sunday, at 9:30 A. M.

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DIARIO DE LA MARINA - March 7, 1925.

According to a resolution of Postmaster Cartaya, the mail ~~xxxx~~ delivered at the Arsenal Wharf at the last minute, and to be sent by the P. & O. steamers, will pay double postage. Only first-class mail will be accepted.

EL TRIUNFO - March 7, 1925.

This paper comments unfavorably upon the absurd rumors concerning the illness of General Pershing, and states that the best proof of the cordial relations existing at presen_t between the Governments of Washington and of Cuba, is the presence of that Special Embassy in this country.

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HERALDO DE CUBA - March 7, 1925.

This paper states in a short article that the laborers have issued a Manifesto protesting against Govin's Immigration and Colonization Bill.

EL HERALDO - March 7, 1925.

This paper comments upon the fact that Ambassador Crowder has been excluded from the list of persons who will speak at the dedication of the "Maine" Monument, and states that this exclusion has caused great excitement in dimplomatic circles. Special care has always been taken to include General Pershing in the list of orators in all celebrations in which the United States takes part, and his exclusion in the present case gives rise to the belief that something abnormal occurs.

"THE PILLAGE OF WALL STREET AND THE SOVEREIGNTY OF LATIN-AMERICA" - Commenting upon the charges recently made against the American Government by Senator Lewis S. Gannet.

LA TARDE - March 7, 1925.

This paper refers to the rumors that as soon as General Machado takes charge of the Government, Menocal's Decree which annulled the "Dragado" concession will be repealed, and the Dredging Law will again be placed in force. Mr. Norman Davis is already in Habana negotiating this transaction, and Dr. Ferrara has been called by cable.

Article favorably commenting upon a communication sent by the Chamber of Commerce of Ciego de Avila to the Senate and the House of Representatives, in defence of the Central Highway Project.

EL MUNDO - March 8, 1925.

Cable despatch from Washington, announcing that a Commission sent by the American residents of the Isle of Pines, to Washington, to protest against the ratification of the Hay-Quesada Treaty, have filed before the Departments of State and of War, an accusation to the effect that Japanese are settling in large numbers in said Island. Mrs. Marguerite Hardner , and Mrs. Harriet Wheeler gave out the following declarations: "Japanese have been settling in the Isle of Pines as colonizers. They are obtaining the lease of lands ~~every~~where, with options of purchase. A group of 100 have landed in one month. They are openly hostile to this Government. Their leaders say that Japan will, when the proper time comes, make an attack to liberate the Philippine Islands from the American yoke....."

DIARIO DE LA MARINA - March 8, 1925.

The following orders of payment were issued by the Department of the Treasury, from March 2nd to March ~~Ma~~7th:

Decree 288 -	For Maceo Park.....$	7.059.63
" 290 -	Improvements Reparto Naranjito...	5,000.00
Resolution of Jan. 7th -	Cuba North.R.R. subsidy.....	207,274.32
Decree 287 -	Matanzas Institute, furniture,etc.	15,000.00
" 293 -	Pictometric studies	8,344.00
" 294 -	Paving & sewerage of Guantanamo...	200,000.00
" 295 -	Paving and rainage of Matanzas....	200,000.00
	carried forward.....$	642,677.95

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Brought forward	$642,677.95
Decree 304 - Apparatus for chlorinization.....	335,500.00
" 305 - Travelling Expenses Secr. of State..	40,000.00
" 299 - For the "Maine" Monument	50,000.00
" 300 - Road from Banes to Tasajera.....	50,000.00
" 301 - Road Holguin to S. Pedro Cacocum....	35,000.00
Resolution of Feb. 25th - Paving of 26th Street, Vedado to.Puentes Grandes..	75,000.00
Decree 317 - Printing of statistical reports of the crop of 1923-24	1,700.00
Road Palma Soriano to Baire	200,000.00
Gibara Aqueduct	100,000.00
Road Jaguey Grande to Perico.....	156,000.00
Repair of streets of Habana	300,000.00
Sewerage and paving of Camaguey.....	200,000.00
Sewerage and paving of Camaguey.....	95,185.05
Termination of works of Maceo Park.....	43,987.82
Repair of streets, Decree 15/25.....	300,000.00
Total.....	**$ 2.625,050.82**

Text of a communication addressed by the Mayor of Habana, to General Pershing, informing him that he has been declared guest of honor of the City.

HERALDO DE CUBA - March 8, 1925.

This paper affirms, in a categoric manner, that Dr. Enrique Hernandez Cartaya will be the Secretary of the Treasury in the Cabinet of General Machado.

EL HERALDO - March 8, 1925.

This paper refers to a secret meeting recently held by the Delegation No. 2 of the Railroad Brotherhood, at which the present labor conflict was carefully studied, and it was resolved to act in defence of the railroadmen of Camaguey. The railroadmen will demand higher wages, and a general railroad strike is likely to take place shortly.

LA TARDE - March 8, 1925.

This paper comments unfavorably upon the attitude of the railroads in Cuba, and states that the railroad monopoly is carrying an active campaign against the Central Highway Project. The article states that "Mr. Clear, one of the principal directors of the Consolidated Railroads, arrived in Habana this week, expressly for a meeting which the high officials of that Company will hold, at which a definite action against the Central Highway project is to be decided upon." It also states that Mr. Clear represents English capital. (La Tarde is strongly in favor of the Central Highway Project).

EL MUNDO - March 9, 1925.

Serious racial disturbances took place in Cruces (Province of Santa Clara) yesterday. Two persons were killed. The Army was called, and order was restored.

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HERALDO DE CUBA - March 9, 1925.

Article stating that in all probabilities, the shareholders and creditors of the Banco Nacional de Cuba will shortly undertake the study of an important project of reorganization of said Bank. The article also states that one of the principal points of this project refers to the liquidation of the debts of the Government. The authors of the project expect to obtain official support to carry out this work.

Eulogy of Dr. Juan Gutierrez Quiros, who will probably be the successor of Dr. Betancourt as President of the Supreme Court.

President-elect Machado will sail for the United States next Friday (March 13th).

Dr. Adolfo Castellanos protests against the manner in which the Cubans are treated in Key West by the Immigration Officials of the United States. This protest was filed before the Cuban State Department, and at the same time claims $300.00 for damages.

LA PRENSA - March 9, 1925.

The President has signed a Decree granting an appropriation of $100,000.00 for the printing of tax stamps.

EDITORIAL entitled "ROADS FOR THE ISLE OF PINES" - This editorial states that whenever one of the Provinces of Cuba has requested an appropriation for public works, said appropriation has only been granted when the other Provinces obtained their corresponding share; but that, for some reasons or other, the Isle of Pines has always been left out of this equitable distribution. This omission or negligence is now corrected in the Central Highway Project, which provides for the construction of a system of roads in the Isle of Pines, to the extent of 150 kilometers.

Section entitled DEL MOMENTO, "ZAYAS, PERSHING, MARIATEGUI....." Commenting upon the great significance of the dedication of the "Maine" Monument, stating that it has served to wipe out all differences of appreciation concerning the destruction of that battleship. Parts of the speeches of President Zayas, General Pershing and Minister Mariategui, are quoted in this article.

LA NOCHE - March 9, 1925.

Mr. Jose Manuel Govin has been appointed Superior Delegate of Immigration and Colonization, with a salary of $5,000.00 per year.

EDITORIAL criticizing the inscription of the "Joint Resolution" on the "Maine" Monument, and stating: "We do not think that the Joint Resolution has anything to do with the destruction of the "Maine". The explosion of this battleship, according to categoric affirmations made by the press and the Government of the United States, was a fortuitous event, and Spain is free from all historical blame, as has been proclaimed before the world. Why, then, connect these two events? If it is maintained, against the emphatic declarations of the press and of the Government of the United States, that the explosion of the "Maine" was the initial cause of the present period of our history, then the inscription of the "Joint Resolution" on the Monument is perfectly justified." La Noche further recommends the suppression of this inscription.

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EL MUNDO - March 10, 1925.

Commenting upon the irregularities of the present Administration, this paper states that if the policy of lavish waste is not checked, Cuba will be in worse economic conditions than those which it suffered four years ago. If the money left in the Treasury is pledged to urgent obligations already contracted, and having also pledged the economic future of the country, the sacrifice imposed upon the people with the heavy taxes during the last four years, will have been useless. The article comments unfavorably upon the following appropriations: the dredging of the port of Cardenas; the appropriation for the termination of the "Maria Jaen" Hospital; the purchase of apparatus for the chlorinization of water, and the endless appropriations ~~mk~~ for the repair of the streets of Habana...

The Senate held no session yesterday, but 15 Senators held a secret conference regarding the projected reforms of the Constitution. No definite decision was reached. "Dr. Varona Suarez --the article states-- who presided the meeting, informed us that all the Senators present were, in principle, in favor of the projected reforms, although every one of them expressed his personal views concerning concerning certain reforms. The extension of powers, for example, was combated by some Senators. And as no decision was reached concerning the problem, it was resolved to hold a new conference tomorrow, to discuss the same subject."

DIARIO DE LA MARINA - March 10, 1925.

Count Rivero has been authorized to exercise the functions of Consul of Hungary.

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Telegram of congratulation/sent by the Government of Cuba to the Government of Spain, for the participation of the Spanish Minister in the dedication of the "Maine" Monument.

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HERALDO DE CUBA - March 10, 1925.

Referring to the lavish expenditure of public funds, this paper states that Secretary of Public Works, Carrerá, has already spent, in the course of only a few months, the sum of 18 million dollars. The State pays $27.00 and $28.00 for the square meter of granite pavement, when its real cost is only $7.00.

The laborers of the port of Habana have resumed work. After some conferences held by the Labor Intelligence Committee, the conflict was ended. Said Committee will now carry out certain investigations to definitely settle the problem.

A dinner was given yesterday by Dr. Carlos Miguel de Céspedes, to the following persons: Alberto Barreras, Governor Antonio Ruiz, Dr. Miguel Mariano Gomez, Mr. Gustavo Parodi and Mr. Octavio Céspedes. The article states that those present spoke about political questions "and especially about certain public works which will greatly benefit the Province of Habana."

Article referring to the conference held yesterday by a group of Senators, and stating that as no final decision was reached concerning the projected reforms of the Constitution, they agreed to hold another conference tomorrow, Wednesday.

"Heraldo de Cuba" refers to the trip of General Machado to the United States, and states that it has been able to confirm that the first Cabinet of President Machado will be formed as follows:

Presidency:	Dr. Viriato Gutierrez
Treasury:	Dr. Enrique Hernandez Cartaya
Public Works:	Dr. Carlos Miguel de Céspedes
Justice:	Dr. Jesús Maria Barraqué
Sanitation:	Dr. Francisco Maria Fernandez
Public Instruction: .....Dr.	Rafael Iturralde
State:	Dr. Rafael Martinez Ortiz
Agriculture:	Mr. Manuel León
War and Navy:	Col. Francisco Lopez Leyva
Interior:	Com. Rogerio Zayas Bazán

EDITORIAL, commenting upon the necessity of investigating the causes of the recent racial disturbances in the Province of Santa Clara, to avoid repetitions of the same.

EL HERALDO - March 10, 1925.

Article entitled "UNCONSCIOUSNESS OR CYNICISM?", commenting unfavorably upon the speech made by President Zayas at the inauguration of the "Maine" Monument. "President Zayas said:

> '...if the people of Cuba desire to maintain upright the two columns of freedom and justice, they must have an unmovable base of virtue....."

These words, which reveal an absolute state of uncosciousness or of an unheard-of cynicism from the lips of the most corrupt and corrupting ruler which Cuba has ever had, would move us to laughter, if they did not mean the sad reality of our future. It is the same as if we heard a drunkard preaching temperance....."

Commenting upon the projected reforms of the Constitution, this paper states that 17 Senators are already in favor of the project, and the finishing touches will probably be given at the conference to be held next Wednesday.

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LA NOCHE - March 10, 1925.

This paper states that the vacancy left by the death of Dr. Betancourt, President of the Supreme Court, will not be filled until after May 20th. General Machado will probably appoint Dr. Juan Gutierrez Quiros, to fill said vacancy.

EL MUNDO - March 11, 1925.

Cablegram from Washington announcing that upon motion presented by Senator Pepper, the Senate has decided to discuss the Hay-Quesada Treaty to-day. It also states that Senator Pepper has declared: "The Isle of Pines Treaty must be ratified, because it is an act of international justice, and also because it has been laying in the Senate for a long time." An amendment proposed by the Republican Senator Willis, from Ohio, would guarantee to the residents of the Isle of Pines the same protection established in the Bill of Rights of the Constitution of the United States.

EDITORIAL, further criticizing the policy of lavish waste of the present Administration.

Cable despatch from Washington referring to the changes which President Coolidge contemplates in the foreign service. Rumors have circulated concerning the withdrawal of Ambassador Crowder from Cuba, but it has been impossible to obtain any confirmation of these rumors.

DIARIO DE LA MARINA - March 11, 1925.

Telegram from Nueva Gerona, Isle of Pines, signed by Mr. A. G. Campbell (Manager of the Santa Rita Hotel), stating that the declarations made in Washington concerning the arrival of Japanese colonists, are absolutely false.

Secretary of State Céspedes sent the following cablegram yesterday, to Ambassador Torriente in Washington:

"The Battleship "Utah" with General Pershing and the American Mission,who leave here the kindest memories, sailed this morning for the United States. The speech made by General Pershing at the inauguration of the "Maine" Monument was hig hly appreciated. Kindly congratulate that Government in behalf of the Cuban Government for it, as well as for the speech of Admiral Dayton. Express thanks for the presence of the marines of the "Utah" who were very much applauded by those present, and who gave special brilliancy to the act."

EL TRIUNFO - March 11, 1925.

This paper refers to the rumors that a group of Congressmen (members of the House of Representatives) intend to bring a criminal action against Secretary of Public Works Carrerá, for malversation of public funds. The future Secretary of Public Works, Dr. Carlos Miguel de Cespedes, called yesterday at the House, and held a long and secret conference with several Representatives belonging to the Liberal and Conservatives parties, and it is said that he placed in their hands a bulky report of the "acts of depredation" committed by Secretary Carrerá.

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Article stating that President Zayas and some of his relatives are planning a new grafting scheme in connection with the Dredging of the port of Cárdenas, which will leave them a profit of about two millions dollars. No details are given of the character of this deal.

EDITORIAL, unfavorably commenting upon Govin's Immigration and Colonization Bill, and stating that the manufacturers and planters, as well as the laborers, protest against said Bill.

LA NOCHE - March 11, 1925.

PALACE NEWS: - The President was visited this morning by the Secretary of Public Works, who spoke about certain appropriations which he needs for his Department. The Secretary of the Treasury conferred with the President in connection with the payment of the 25% of the claims of contractors of the State. The President was also visited by the Provincial Governor of Matanzas, accompanied by the Mayors of Sabanilla, Cidra, Bolondrón and Union de Reyes, who requested the immediate construction of roads in that Province. "The President is about to sign an important decree relating to the National Treasury." Within the next few days, the President will hold an important conference with President-elect, Machado, at which there will probably be settled certain political matters of vital interest.

The revenues collected by the National Treasury during the first 10 days of this month, amounted to $2.340,578.47. The amount deposited in the Treasury on the 10th, ~~amounted~~ was $22.587 689.81.

EDITORIAL, favorably commenting upon the motion presented in the American Senate by Senator Pepper, for the immediate discussion of the Hay-Quesada Treaty.

In the section entitled "AL DIA", this paper comments as follows upon the rumors of the withdrawal of Ambassador Crowder from Cuba:

"It is spoken of the changes which President Coolidge will make shortly. Among said changes, there appears that of Ambassador Crowder for another diplomat, in the office which General Crowder has filled here since the times of President Harding. We regret that that notice may be true; but we do not believe that it is devoid of foundation, due to the source in which the information was obtained. Therefore, Ambassador Crowder may be withdrawn from Cuba shortly."

LA TARDE - March 11, 1925.

Article stating that in view of the unsteady conditions in which General Machado will receive the National Treasury next May, he has started negotiations to obtain a loan of 30 million dollars, and this is the principal reason of his trip to the United States. "The first steps taken in connection with this deal --the article states-- was with a New York Bank which maintains several branches in Cuba, and the proposals were rejected. Immediately after this refusal, a bitter campaign against said Bank was started by certain newspapers..... Later on, another powerful banking institution which has just acquired the branches which another bank had in Cuba, has accepted, in principle, the possibility of a loan, provided the White House gives its consent. At this stage of the preliminaries

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of the juicy deal, planned at 82 per cent of the issue, with interest at 6 per cent, it becomes indispensable that the interested party, General Machado, call at the anti-chambers of the White House to explain the reasons which compel him to request a new loan for Cuba, and to obtain the necessary authorization....." "The victory of General Machado is about to become a great disaster for the country. What else can he offer in Washington, except the Country itself, to obtain the consent for this thirty-million-dollar loan?"

Article bitterly criticizing President Zayas for the recent appropriation of $100,000.00 for the termination of the "Maria Jaen Hospital."

EL MUNDO - March 12, 1925.

The following decrees were signed by the President yesterday: granting an appropriation of $309,600.00, for the repair of telegraph wires, and the renewal of several telegraph stations; granting an appropriation of $5,000.00, which is to be placed at the disposal of the Secretary of State, as Cuba's contribution for the erection of a Monument to the Unknown Soldier, at Liege, Belgium; $5,000.00 for the installation of several Legations and Consulates in Europa and China; $5,000.00 for the renewal of the furniture of the Legation in Madrid; $5,000.00 for tthe repairsof the building occupied by the Cuban Legation in Panama; and $5,000.00, as Cuba's contribution for the erection of a Monument in Peru.

DIARIO DE LA MARINA - March 12, 1925.

Biographical sketch of Dr. Jesús Maria Barraqué, who, at a session held yesterday by the Assembly of Presidential and Vice Presidential Electors, was elected President of said Assembly.

An account of the short session held yesterday by the Assembly of Presidential and Vice Presidential Electors.

Wireless message received yesterday by the President of the Republic, from General Pershing:

"Upon leaving Cuba, my companions and I desire to express to Your Excellency our cordial appreciation for the warm welcome and generous hospitality accorded to us by the Government and the people of Cuba. We will remember for a long time our visit to that fine city of Habana, and in a kind manner the friends which we made in your Country. We return to our country with renewed faith in the traditional and permanent friendship between Cuba and the United States. My companions join me to wish great happiness and prosperity to the Cuban people and to express to Your Excellency our personal congratulations. (Signed) Pershing."

Cable despatches from Washington referring to the discussion of the Hay-Quesada Treaty in the American Senate yesterday, and to the work of obstruction of certain Senators.

EL TRIUNFO - March 12, 1925.

This paper comments editorially upon the information recently published in connection with the future Cabinet, and states that General Machado has not yet selected the men who are to form his Cabinet.

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HERALDO DE CUBA - March 12, 1925.

The Federation of Labor of Habana has sent a communication to the President of the Republic, protesting against the abuses committed with the strikers by the Military Supervisor of Puerto Padre.

Article commenting against the selection of Dr. Ramon Zaydin for President of the House of Representatives; and criticizing General Machado for having recommended some of his friends to vote for Zaydin, stating that this is Machado's first mistake.

Article stating that at a meeting which the Presidential Electors will hold next Sunday, Dr. Barraqué will outline the program of Government of General Machado.

Accusations have been filed against Valdes & Co., contractors of the repair of the streets of Habana, for swindle of $12,000.00, and attempted swindle of $100,000.00.

EDITORIAL unfavorably commenting upon the intentions to pass the Bill of Reforms of the Constitution by surprise. This paper states that it is in favor of the Reforms, but not in favor of a "Coup D'Etat."

EL HERALDO - March 12, 1925.

Ex-Judge Vivancos was indicted by Judge Saladrigas, for the crimes of swindle, bribery and prevarication, in connection with the estate left at the death of Mrs. Dolores Betancourt Agramonte. His arrest was ordered, but finally released under bail of $15,000.00.

LA NOCHE - March 12, 1925.

Labor leader Juan Arevalo who went to Camaguey to investigate labor conditions, reports that there will be no railroad strike, and that the existing conflict will be satisfactorily settled.

The patriotic mission "Pro Isle of Pines", patronized by "El Heraldo", returned to-day to Habana "after a successful tour through the Island", according to this paper.

EDITORIAL, unfavorably commenting upon the projected reforms of the Constitution. It states that the Cuban Constitution is good, and should be left as it is. Congress should devote its activities to other more important and urgent problems.

DIARIO DE LA MARINA - March 13, 1925.

On march 8th, this paper published a list of the "Orders of Payment" issued by the National Treasury from March 2nd to March 7th, amounting to $2.625,050.00. "Diario de la Marina" publishes to-day a list of the Orders of Payment issued from March 7th to March 11th, as follows:

$ 10,000.00	for the installation of Signal Towers in Habana
100,000.00	for t he printing of tax stamps
1,000.00	for funeral expenses of Armando Arrufat, Canary Islands
40,000.00	for the payment of rentals and travelling expenses, Department of the Treasury
309,000.00	materials for the Department of Communications
$ 460,000.00	TTotal

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HERALDO DE CUBA - March 13th.

Commenting upon the reorganization of the Banco Nacional de Cuba, this paper states that the efforts made by the creditors and shareholders of said Bank, seem to have failed due to the attitude assumed by the Banking Commission. Fearing that the foreign (especially American) creditors might file claims, the Commission has decided to give them a share in the wide margin of the liquidations. It is rumored that Commissioner Marine is the principal protector of these new "allies". Everybody knows that, not long ago, eight magnificent building of the Banco Nacional were sold, in spite of the pr otest of the creditors and shareholders. The Commission will now proceed to the sale of the buildings corresponding to the branches in Camaguey, Cienfuegos, Guantanamo and Holguin, which are considered as indispensable in case of a future reorganization of the Bank.

EDITORIAL commenting upon the "DISASTROUS BANKING LIQUIDATION" and expressing the hopes that the future President of the Republic will check the excesses of the boards of liquidation of the banks.

The failure on the part of the mill-owners to cary out the bases of the agreement, has caused the laborers of Central "Gomez Mena" to go on strike. This strike was declared yesterday morning by the Agricultural Syndicate of San Nicolas.

EL HERALDO - March 13, 1925.

Telegram from Guantanamo announcing that a group of Indians from Caujeri will come to Habana to protest against the despoliation of their lands. They will attend the inauguration of General Machado, and will ask him to prevent the iniquitous usurpation of their properties.

Article commenting upon the impending railroad strike, and stating that the relations between the Railroad Brotherhood of Cuba and the Cuba Company have been broken.

LA PRENSA - March 13, 1925.

This paper publishes the first dispatches from Washington announcing the ratification of the Hay-Quesada Treaty

Treasury Department:
Revenues collected on March 12th.....$ 306,228.53
Revenues collected March 1 to March 12th... 2.920,490.61
Amount deposited in the Treasury, March 12th 22.141,650.29

EL MUNDO - March 14, 1925.

EDITORIAL entitled "THE ISLE OF PINES IS UNQUESTIONABLY CUBAN" - Very favorably commenting upon the ratification of the Hay-Quesada Treaty, and stating that American fair play triumphs." (See translation in "Havana Post" of March 15th).

Ambassador Torriente sent the following cablegram to Dr. Sanchez de Bustamante:

"Treaty approved. I express my appreciation for your help and that of the Cuban Society of International Law which you successfully preside."

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Resolutions adopted at yesterday's Meeting of the Cabinet. Patriotic speech of Secretary Cespedes, informing of the ratification of the Isle of Pines Treaty (Already translated in full).

DIARIO DE LA MARINA - March 14, 1925.

EDITORIAL commenting upon the fact that "The decision regarding the Isle of Pines is of extraordinary importance for the World's peace and its moral progress (For translation, see Havana Post of March 15th).

HERALDO DE CUBA - March 14, 1925.

EDITORIAL, very favorably commenting upon the recognition of the rights of Cuba over the Isle of Pines.

Cable despatch from New York quoting extracts from editorials of "The New York Times" and "The New York Herald and Tribune" praising the decision of the American Senate in connection with the Hay-Quesada Treaty.

LA PRENSA - March 14, 1925.

General Betancourt, The President of the National Council of Veterans, has issued a Manifesto inviting all the Veterans of the Independence to take part in the parade which will take place next Wednesday.

Referring to the ratification of the Hay-Quesada Treaty, Secretary Cespedes said that this is only the first part of the program prepared by him when he took charge of the Department of State. The other numbers of said program include: a Treaty of Reciprocity with the United States, and the introduction of Cuban Sugars in the Far East. - He also said that the itinerary of the Parade, will be: Starting point: Maceo Park, marching through the Malecon, Avenida de las Palmas, Prado and Campo de Marte. The order of march will be as follows: National Police, Veterans of the Independence, Escort of Honor of the President of the Republic, the National Ensign, the President of the Republic and General Crowder with the members of the Cabinet; members of Congress and members of the Judiciary, authorities in general, Corporations, Societies, Public Schools, Chambers of Commerce, Clubs and other organizations, and lastly, forces of the Navy and of the Army. - That day, all public offices will be closed.

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EL MUNDO - March 15, 1925.

Cable despatch from New York, quoting the editorial comments of "The New York Evening Post", "The New York Evening Sun" and "Brooklyn Eagle", favorable to the ratification of the Hay-Quesada Treaty.

DIARIO DE LA MARINA - March 15, 1925:

Cablegram received from Ambassador Torriente:

"Washington, March 14th.

"Secretary of State, Habana.

In compliance with contents of your cablegram I have sent a note to the Secretary of State asking him to express to the President of the Republic and to the Senate the profound gratitude of the people and the Government of Cuba for the approval of the Isle of Pines Treaty. I have also visited Secretary Kellog this morning, and verbally expressed to him the same sentiments as well as my personal gratitude. He begged me to send to you his cordial salutation; I asked him to obtain for me an interview with President Coolidge to salute him and express our gratitude for his decisive help. I also visited Dr. Leo S. Rowe, Director General of the Pan-American Union who has always so enthusiastically cooperated with me in my efforts to obtain the approval of the Treaty, and I expressed to him the gratitude of the people and of the Government of Cuba for his efforts, which he appreciated. I also visited Dr. James Brown Scott, President of the American Institute of International Law and Secretary of the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, who has always supported our rights verbally and in writing, and to whom I also expressed our gratitude. Yesterday evening I personally expressed the same sentiments to Senators Warton, Pepper, Swanson and Robinson who have so energetically and successfully maintained the justice of our ~~right~~ cause. I did the same with some of the other Senators who spoke in favor of our right. (Signed) TORRIENTE, Ambassador."

EL TRIUNFO - March 15, 1925.

Ambassador Crowder, who was invited to witness the parade from the Terrace of the Presidential Palace, expressed his desire to march in the parade with the President of the Republic.

EDITORIAL very favorably commenting upon the attitude of the Senate of the United for the approval of the Hay-Quesada Treaty.

Secretary Cespedes has announced that President Zayas will send tomorrow a message to Congress referring to the approval of the Isle of Pines Treaty.

HERALDO DE CUBA - March 15, 1925.

A banquet was given yesterday at Calabazar, in honor of President-elect Machado. General Machado made a speech and referred to his program of Government, stating that the country needed many roads, many schools and proper sanitation; and promised to conduct a very honest Administration. Referring to the Central Highway Project, he said: "It is preferrable to have a free country with narraw paths, than to have a mortgaged Republic with a Central Highway." He also said that the country cannot stand more taxes, and that Cuba will not be free until it has pa i d out all i ts debts, and ended as follows: "To carry out this program, the only thing needed is SHAME, SHAME and SHAME"

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EL MUNDO - March 16, 1925.

General Gerardo Machado and Mr. Carlos de la Rosa were elected yesterday by the Assembly of Presidential and Vice Presidential Electors. Patriotic speeches were made by Dr. Barraqué, Francisco Camps, General Machado, Martinez Ortiz and Matias Duque.

EDITORIAL commenting uponthe efforts of the Secretary of Public Works, Carrerá, to explain his attitude at the head of his Department. El Mundo states that the lavish expenditure of public funds in that Department has no possible justification.

Cable despatch from Buenos Aires stating that "La Nacion" praises the attitude of the United States for the ratification of the Hay-Quesada Treaty.

EL TRIUNFO - March 16, 1925.

Text of a communication sent to the President of the Republic by Mr. Urbano del Castillo suggesting the printing of special postage stamps bearing the inscription: "Isle of Pines"Republic of Cuba" to be used only in mail posted in the Isle of Pines, in order that the sovereignty of Cuba over said Isle may be known all over the world.

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HERALDO DE CUBA - March 16, 1925.

In connection with the proceedings instituted against the firm of A. Valdes & Co., contractors of public works, for the crimes of swindle, Dr. J. R. Cortazar has requested the appointment of a Special Judge. The swindles committed by said firm are said to amount to about two million dollars.

Referring to the recent decision of the American Senate in connection with the Isle of Pines question, this paper comments unfavorably upon the projected manifestion of thanks to the American people, and states that thanks are given when a favor is obtained, but not when a right is recognized; that there is certainly a cause for joy, but not to give thanks for anything.

EL HERALDO - March 16, 1925.

This paper announces that a work of depuration and selection will soon take place in the Cuban Diplomatic Service, and many changes will occur.

The Chambers of Commerce protest against the scandalous frauds which are constantly committed in the Cuban Customs.

Commenting editorially upon the ratification of the Hay-Quesada Treaty, this paper states: "The decision of the American Senate has been, in truth, an act of justice which, if not recognized, would have given rise to the impassined comments of an entire Continent. We also believe that the American Senate is the one who should give certain explanations to the Government of Cuba for having delayed so many years an act of clear justice. We were the stronger from the very beginning. because rights was on our side, resplendent like the Sun....."

LA PRENSA - March 16, 1925.

At the close of business on March 14, the cash on hand in the National Treasury amounted to $21.868,245.94.

Cable despatch from Washington announcing that Ambassador Cosme de la Torriente will present his resignation effective May 20th.

LA TARDE - March 16, 1925.

In spite of the fact that this paper has always criticized the statements made by General Machado on former occasions, it now quotes his speech of acceptance of his election as President, and comments upon it in a very favorable manner.

EL MUNDO - March 17, 1925.

Under Secretary of State, Dr. Patterson, confirmed yesterday the resignation of Ambassador Torriente, adding that Dr. Patterson had presented his resignation since the month of October, but that at the request of President Zayas, he had remained in office until the ratification of the Hay-Quesada Treaty.

Yesterday, the Cuban Senate approved the Hay-Quesada Treaty as ratified by the American Senate. It was resolved to send cablegrams of congratulation to the American Senate and to Ambassador Torriente; Text of the message sent by President Zayas.

Secretary of Agriculture, Betancourt, announced that President

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Zayas has signed a Decree authorizing the landing of 1,500 "Antillian" immigrants for Central Boston.

Among the decrees which Secretary Carrerá submitted to the President, for signature, the following appear: granting an appropriation of $163,000.00 for the construction of the road from La Pilarica to Santiago de Cuba; another decree granting an appropriation of $39,790.00 for the construction of the road from Santiago de Cuba to El Cobre.

The House of Representatives held a short session yesterday. Two appropriation bills were approved. (See Running Comment).

DIARIO DE LA MARINA - March 17, 1925.

The strikes in Centrals "Chaparra" and "Delicias", continue. There are no hopes of an early settlement.

A manifestation of protest against the scarcity of water was held the day before yesterday in Cienfuegos

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HERALDO DE CUBA - March 17th.

The Suprema Court has confirmed the sentence against the members of the Association of Veterans and Patriots of Matanzas who seconded the revolutionary movement of Santa Clara.

All the labor organizations of the port of Habana intend to go on a general strike on March 2 0 th, as a protest for the failure to solve the tariff question.

EDITORIAL rejoicing over the ratification of the Hay-Quesada Treaty, and stating that only an event of such importance has been able to awaken the activities of the Cuban Congress which had remained idle after the failure to pass certain grafting bills. The editorial also refers to the amendments made to the Treaty, stating that said amendments in no way affect the exxence of the original Agreement, and therefore, they were immediately accepted by the Cuban Senate. It further states that the amendment presented by Senator Borah has been commented upon in Cuba to be only a personal desire of Senator Borah to endorse the Treaty, after his long opposition to the same, because it is impossible to think that he is not aware of the fact that the Platt Amendment is applicable, and has always been applied to the Isle ofPines.

EL HERALDO - March 17th.

EDITORIAL entitlec "TOMORROW'S MASQUERADE" - Unfavorably commenting upon the official parade of thanks to the U.S. for the ratification of the Isle of Pines Treaty, and states, in part: "The President of t he Republic will march at the head of t he Parade--according to the official program--while General Crowder, Ambassador of the United States, has been invited to go to the Palace to see the official Manifestation. And this is practically the same, symbolically, as to deliver, even for a few moments only, the sovereignty of Cuba to the Ambassador of a powerful nation....."

LA PRENSA - March 17, 1925.

PALACE NEWS: - President-elect Machado held a long and secret conference with President Zayas this morning. It has been learned, however, that during the conference they resolved to appoint Dr. Gutierrez Quiroz for President of the Supreme Court.

LA NOCHE - March 17th.

Referring to the conference between Zayas and Machado, this paper states that the following subjects were discussed: important matters connected with the present and the future Administration, the filling of important posts in the Administration of General Machado, and the projected reforms of the Constitution pending in Congress.

EL MUNDO - March 18th.

Cable despatch from Washington stating that the announcement of the resignation of Ambassador Torriente has caused great regret in Washington.

The members of the Cuban Senate will take part in the Parade this afternoon. They will hold a special session tomorrow to discuss the reforms of theConstitution.

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The President signed a Decree yesterday appropriating the sum of $62,102.49 for the construction of a road from Isabela to Sagua la Grande (Province of Santa Clara).

Official reports were received yesterday of the termination of the strike in Central "Gomez Mena".

DIARIO DE LA MARINA - March 18, 1925.

The Secretary of State gave out the following declarations in connection with to-day's parade:

"The Cuban manifestation which our beautiful capital will witness on Wednesday, March 18th, will be a historical event of great importance in the annals of the country; it will not be a manifestation of gratitude to the United States, but of satisfaction of the Cuban people for the resolution of the American Senate, and of appreciation for the conduct and attitude of the Government and of the people of the United States. Nothing more expressive or more appropriate can be made to celebrate the approval of the Treaty which recognizes the ownership of Cuba over the Isle of Pines."

Cable despatch from Ambassador Torriente referring to the visit which he paid to President Coolidge.

EL TRIUNFO - March 18th.

This paper publishes an editorial commenting with regret upon the announced resignation of Ambassador Torriente, and expressing the hopes that his resignation will not be accepted, because the country needs the cooperation of upright and competent men.

Article entitled "JOY AND SATISFACTION" - Very favorably commenting upon the Manifestation which will take place to-day to celebrate the ratification of the Hay-Quesada Treaty.

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HERALDO DE CUBA - March 18th.

President Zayas has signed a Decree regulating the Immigration Law, which deals especially with the White Slave Traffic.

Article unfavorably commenting upon the aspirations of Dr. Celso Cuellar del Rio to become the President of the Senate. There are three aspirants to this office: Dr. Varona Suarez, Dr. Clemente Vazquez Bello, and Dr. Cuellar del Rio. Heraldo de Cuba is in favor of Dr. Varona Suarez.

EL HERALDO - March 18th.

This paper refers to the Manifesto issued by a group of students of the University of Habana, quoting only one or two paragraphs of the same, and comments upon it in a very favorable manner.

An article by Jose Manuel Cruz very unfavorably commenting upon the official parade scheduled for to-day, stating that Cuba has nothing to be thankful for, because the American Senate only approved a Treaty signed long ago, recognizing an undisputable right of Cuba.

DIARIO DE LA MARINA - March 19, 1925.

This paper publishes a full account of the Manifestation held yesterday, and states with great satisfaction, that there was not a single incident to mar its success.

Parade

EDITORIAL commenting upon the ~~xxxx~~ held yesterday, and stating that although it was not a failure, it cannot be said that it was a great success. The people failed to show great enthusiasm, principally on account of the statements made by the Secretary of State that the Manifestation was to be an expression "of appreciation and gratitude" to the Executive and Legislative Powers of the United States; when it should have been only an expression of satisfaction for the ratification of the Hay-Quesada Treaty. The editorial further states: "This incident will serve to teach our governments to take into consideration the susceptibleness of the people and the opinion which they have , more clearly and more firm every day, of the decorum and the rights of the Nation. As to the United States, it will interpret the popular feeling in its proper significance. Cuban public opinion appreciates the beautiful example of respect to the rights of others which the United States has just given, but it does not mistake justice and restitution for favor and gift. The United States, according to our best understanding, does not lose, but gain, thereby, because, in a moral order, it is better to be just than to be generous."

EL MUNDO - March 19, 1925.

EDITORIAL, commenting upon yesterday's Parade, and stating that it has been, without doubt, the most beautiful act to show the appreciation of the Cuban people for the attitude of the United States in approving the Hay-Quesada Treaty.

The President of the Republic filed an accusation for criminal libel against the Students of the University who signed a Manifesto containing insults to the Cuban authorities and the Diplomatic Agents of the U. S. The students were arrested, and released under bail. The case will be heard by a Correctional Judge.
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HERALDO DE CUBA - March 19, 1925.

Article by Gonzalez Beauville very bitterly criticizing the attitude of the members of the Senate in connection with the projected reforms of the Constitution. According to Beauville, the Senators are trying to pass by surprise a bill of reforms ~~which~~ which is very anti-democratic, because it suppresses all elections in Cuba until 1930, and increases the number of the members of the Senate and of the House of Representatives

Yesterday, the President of the Republic told the reporters that the real motive of the Manifestation had been twisted. "It is not of gratitude--he said--but only an expression of the joy and enthusiasm of the people for the happy solution for Cuba of the debates on the Hay-Quesada Treaty. And it is the more so, that General Crowder marched in the parade, and he was not going to render homage to his own country."

EDITORIAL entitled "CORDIALITY, WITHOUT SERVILITY" - Favorably commenting upon the Manifestation held yesterday as an expression of joy, and defending President Zayas and the Government from the attacks made by certain elements, of servility.

Article by Ramon Vasconcelos, favorably commenting upon the success of yesterday's parade, and the great enthusiasm shown by the people of Habana.

EL HERALDO - March 19, 1925.

Commenting upon yesterday's Manifestation, this paper states that Zayas, who with his parade of yesterday wanted to appropriate to himself the glory of the liberation of the Isle of Pines, is the person who most strongly combatted the Hay-Quesada Treaty in the Cuban Senate many years ago. The ratification of the Treaty was pushed forward by the American property owners of the Isle of Pines, and then the Cuban people began to take an interest in the question, but the Cuban Foreign Office did not bother about it for many years. It was only at the last stage that Ambassador Torriente made every effort to obtain the ratification.

EDITORIAL commenting upon the efforts made by El Heraldo to obtain the ratification of the Hay-Quesada Treaty; and referring to the official manifestation of thanks to the American people, which constitutes an act of servility, atenuated to some extent by the official statements made by Secretary Cespedes that it was only an expression of the satisfaction of the Cuban people. El Heraldo now launches the idea of holding a Manifestation of Gratitude toward Latin-America for the moral support given to Cuba during the negotiations for the ratification of the Treaty.

The section entitled "OPINIONES" also comments upon the lack of success of the official manifestation held yesterday.

LA PRENSA and LA NOCHE comment very favorably upon the success of yesterday's parade. - "La Noche" publishes an editorial criticizing the attitude of the students of the University, and states that some action must be taken against their meddling in everything.

EL MUNDO - March 20, 1925.

EDITORIAL, favorably commenting upon the declarations made by the Secretary of the Cuban Chamber of Commerce in New York, to

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the effect that Cuba needs tariff concessions more ample than those stipulated in the present Treaty of Reciprocity. The editorial states that the United States absorb at pr esent practically the entire volume of Cuba's exports; and Cuba is one of the pr incipal consumers of American goods, in spite of its small population, and anything done in favor of commercial relations will benefit both countries.

The Senate held no session yesterday. The special session called, was postponed for to-day. A group of Senators held a conference, and exchanged views concerning the projected reforms of the Constitution. "El Mundo" is of the opinion that the Reforms have no favorable atmosphere in the Senate, and that the opinion prevailing in the Senate is that the Reforms projected will not be approved.

Cable despatch from Washington, referring to the activities of the opponents of the Hay-Quesada Treaty, who now want to bring up the question of Cuba's debt to the United States, for the purpose of creating difficulties to the Cuban Government. (This cable despatch also appeared in the "Havana Post" of March 20th).

The President signed a Decree yesterday granting an appropriation of $10,040.53 for the termination of the road from Pedro Betancourt to Jovellanos (Province of Matanzas).

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HERALDO DE CUBA - March 20th.

Report to the effect that the Senate has decided to remain in permanent session in order to discuss the constitutional amendments, and that there seems to be some hope of passing at least a part of the amendments proposed.

The Audiencia of Havana has sustained an appeal against a decision of the Debt Commission revoking a claim of $185,089 brought by a local firm.

It is stated that mortgage creditors are about to foreclose a mortgage that was placed on General Menocal's Vedado residence.

Port Laborers of Havana went on a protest strike for four hours on March 20, against the failure of the employers of heeding the dictates of the Intelligence Committee and the failure to act on the Part of the Direction of Labor of the Department of Agriculture.

EDITORIAL commenting upon the constitutional amendments in the Senate and stating that several Senators have taken hold of what was a healthful measure for the nation in order to convert it into a project which will protect them personally. This refers to the extension of their tterms of office and the creation of perpetual Senatorships of which there has been some talk.

EDITORIAL commenting on the protest strike of harbor laborers and criticising the inefficiency of the Intelligence Committee Law.

EL HERALDO - March 20th.

Article stating that when Machado takes office Dr. Guillermo Patterson will resign the post of Under Secretary of State and will not be appointed to a diplomatic post as had been rumored. That this is due to the enmity existing between Machado and Patterson because the latter during the February 1917 revolution placed the president elect on a black list as Pro-German.

The Secretary of the Treasury alarmed at the drop in revenue has asked the tax collectors to be more efficient in their services.

The Cuban Telephone Company has brought an action against the government to recover $66,000 damages suffered during the 1917 revolution. This claim was rejected by the Debt Commission.

EDITORIAL: Severely criticizing the President for his action against the students of the University that spread about a libellous sheet against the recent demonstration in connection with the ratification of the Hay- Quesada Treaty. The writer is specially bitter because the President has brought this action for libel against himself and against the American Ambassador and is surprised at such an action from a man who has stood the gr eatest insults ever uttered against an authority in Cuba.

LA PRENSA - March 20.

The Secretary of the Interior has called a conference of laborers, colonos and mill men, in connection with the strike at the Chaparra, Delicias and Gomez Mena sugar mills.

Reports that an American gunboat is running up and down the coast beyond the three mile limit evidently on the lookout for rum runners leaving Havana.

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LA TARDE -March 20.

Article commenting on the fact that the Isle of Pines question has not been settled yet this being shown by the cable despatch from Washington which comments upon the possibility of bringing up the matter of Cuba's debt to the United States and thus causing a compromise based upon relinquishment of the Isle of Pines.

DIARIO DE LA MARINA - March 21.

The Senate held a session yesterday afternoon with the presence of ~~twenty~~ fourteen Senators, which session was to have discussed the constitutional amendment bill and therefore created a great interest in the public. However the Senators present decided to postpone discussion of this much talked of matter in order to clean up business on the order of the day and this was done. The session passed bills carrying endowments for schools amounting to $150,000, as well as several appropriation and pension bills.

The Secretary of State has given out an official note in which he expresses his thanks and that of the government to all those who took part in the demonstration of satisfaction as a result of the ratification of the Hay Quesada Treaty. The note also expresses the steps taken to exchange ratifications of the treaty.

The Senate passed a bill providing that all high church dignitaries in Cuba must be Cuban citizens.

EDITORIAL: Commenting upon the need of taking up and settling the tariff reform bill as soon as possible putting the same upon a more protectionist basis. The editorial comments in this connection upon the recent Executive order to the affect that all waters used in Cuba be subjected to a chlorinization process.

EL MUNDO - March 21-

EDITORIAL: Commenting upon the applause of the people during the demonstration of Wednesday at seeing President Zayas and President elect Machado marching side by side, and how sad it is that Zayas has allowed the last months of his government to be the cause of such scandalous inroads upon the public monies in matters that do not benefit the nation at all.

Section entitled "Perfil del Dia", commenting upon the attitude of the old opponents of the Hay-Quesada Treaty in the American Senate, who are indignant for their defeat , and want to take revenge in some other manner. But that luckily for the Cubans and for the good American citizens, the United States is a people who know all that peoples should know to avoid their falling into vexatious situations. The article also states that the affirmations to the effect that the American residents of the Isle of Pines are not treated with consideration and respect, is a great falsehood. The Americans are treated with great consideration not only in the Isle of Pines, but in the Island of Cuba as well.

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HERALDO DE CUBA - March 21st.

According to a cable despatch from Washington, the exchange of ratifications of the Hay-Quesada Treaty will be made on Tuesday, March 24th.

Colonos of Centrals "Delicias" and "Chaparra" conferred yesterday with the Secretary of the Interior, and requested guarantees for the xtx laborers who are now in strike in said sugar mills (District of Puerto Padre). Secretary Iturralde informed them that Colonel Eduardo Pujol had been appointed to act as Supervisor. Pujol will try to settle the conflict in an amicable manner.

EDITORIAL, favorably commenting upon the failure to approve the Bill of Reforms of the Constitution, and stating that this defeat was predicted by Heraldo de Cuba.

EDITORIAL entitled "THERE ARE NO SUCH OLD BILLS OF UNCLE SAM." Unfavorably commenting upon the threats made by the old opponents of the Hay-Quesada Treaty; and stating as follows: "The defeated partisans of the annexation of the Isle of Pines must not think that Cuba can be intimidated by the disagreeable expectatation of an unfounded claim for millions of dollars. Let them be sure that if they present the claim to us, with all the corresponding vouchers, and the claim is justified, we will not hesitate to pay it in order to main friendly relations with the colossus. But Cuba will not have that opportunity of proving its solid solvency before the world. Because all this talk of a fantastic claim is only bunk.

LA PRENSA - March 21, 1925.

The students who signed the Manifesto insulting the Cuban authorities and the diplomatic representatives of the United States, were fined by the Correctional Judge. When the students left the Correctional Court, they organized a manifestation, and marched to the Palace to protest against the decision of the Judge, but when they were in front of the Palace, they became excited, and a clash with the Police followed. Several students and policeman came out with slight wounds. The students will probably be accused of sedition.

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LA NOCHE - March 21, 1925.

EDITORIAL commenting upon the struggles between Capital and Labor in Cuba, and upon the necessity of a foresighted labor legislation.

EL MUNDO - March 22, 1925.

EDITORIAL commenting with regret upon the events of yesterday, and stating that the clash between the students and the Police should have never taken place. It appeals to the President to have a stroke of magnanimity in order to settle the conflict without delay, and thereby avoid further complications.

Cable despatch from New York referring to an editorial published in the "Evening Post" and in the "Philadelphia Ledger" stating that the United States should not accept the erection by Cuba of a Monument in Washington to commemorate the ratification of the Isle of Pines Treaty; because if a monument were erected for every act of justice of the U.S., there would be no rrom for so many statues in Washington.

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DIARIO DE LA MARINA - March 22, 1925.

At a meeting held yesterday by the new Senators and Representatives of the Popular Party, it was resolved to organize the "Parliamentary Directorate of the Popular Party". Dr. Jose Manuel Cortina was disgnated to act as President; General Carlos Gonzalez Clavel, Vice President; Dr. Juan Manuel Alfonso, Secretary, and Dr. Elpidio Perez, Secretary of Correspondence. The article states that at said meeting "it was resolved to maintain a perfect unity of thought and action in Congress, and boldly to support the policy of President-elect General Gerardo Machado, and to issue, in due course, a declaration of principles..."

Relating to the trip of the Cuban Minister in Spain, this paper publishes the following article: "The Secretary of State has requested us to publish that the distinguished Cuban Minister in Madrid, Dr. Mario Garcia Kohly, who is now on his way to Cuba, is not coming to confer, as has been published, on the bases which "were proposed" for a Commercial Treaty between Cuba and Spain, but on those which "will be proposed" for this Treaty."

General Machado held a long conference with President Zayas yesterday. -- Colonel Pujol conferred with the Secretary of the Interior, and received proper instructions for the settlement of the labor conflict at "Delicias" and "Chaparra". -- Several decrees carrying appropriations were submitted to the President by the Secretaries of Public Instruction and of War and Navy. - The President has granted an appropriation of $100,000.00 for the maintenance of the aqueduct of Cienfuegos, and for improvements in the water service of that city.

Section entitled "DE DIA EN DIA" - bitterly criticizing the Bill recently passed by the Sen[illegible] providing that all high dignataries of the Church must be Cuban by birth.

EL TRIUNFO - March 22, 1925.

Article commenting upon the clash between students and the Police in front of the Presidential Palace, and stating that it was the natural result of a series of errors which must be stopped. It states, in the first place, that the students are not guilty of hostility toward the United States; but that the Manifesto was drafted and issued by a small group of students, without consulting their companions. The President did not bring any pressure to bear on the Judge which sentenced the students. It was a bold intent on the part of the students to try to dissolve the manifestation of the 18th, but it was still a bolder act to try to protest in a riotous manner in front of the Palace, and also to attack the Police, as they did. The Police repelled the attack in a very benign manner.....

EDITORIAL commenting with satisfaction upon the failure to pass the Bill of Reforms of the Constitution, and stating that the Cuban Constitution is one of the most nearly perfect in the world, and the only change it needs is the suppression of reelection for all elective offices.

HERALDO DE CUBA - March 22, 1925.

At a recent meeting of the new Directorate of the Popular Party, the following resolutions were adopted: (1) To maintain a united front in the discussion of all national problems which may be brought to the consideration of Congress; (2) to claim from their allies, the Liberals, the Presidency of the Senate or of the House, for a member

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of t he Popular Directorate; (3) to recommend to General Machado, in due course, the appointment of members of the Popular Party for some Portfolios in the Cabinet; (4) Dr. Cortina, or Dr. Celso Cuellar del Rio, will be the candidates recommended by the Popular Directorate, if the Presidency of the Senate is granted to the Populars; if the Presidency of the House is granted, then Dr. Carmelo Urquiaga is the candidate recommended by the Directorate.

EDITORIAL, very unfavorably commenting upon the recent Bill approved by the Senate concerning the citizenship of the high dignataries of the Church.

EL HERALDO - March 22, 1925.

This paper has been encouraging the students right along. It bitterly criticizes to-day the attitude of the authorities toward the students, making the most bitter accusations against the Government. The head lines, printed in red, in the front page, state: "The base of Zayas' Monument has been stained with the generous blood of students."

LA NOCHE - March 22, 1925.

EDITORIAL commenting upon the clash between the students and the Police, and stating that the attitude of the Police was perfectly justified, especially when the students had no authorization to hold the manifestation of protest.

LA TARDE - March 22, 1925.

This paper defends the attitude of the students of the University, and states that a motion will be presented in the House requesting the dismissal of the Chief of Police. It also states that "the standard-bearers of Liberty have sprinkled with their blood the place where the statue representing servility will be erected."

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HERALDO DE CUBA - March 23, 1925.

According to the provisions of the Constitution, the renewal of the House of Representatives will take place the first Monday of April (April 6th), and the candidates to the Presidency of that body are already displaying great activities. After the voluntary withdrawal of Dr. Miguel Mariano Gomez, there remain three candidates; Dr. Ramón Zaydin, Com. Enrique Recio, and Dr. Santiago García Cañizares. According to Heraldo de Cuba, Dr. Recio is the strongest candidate.

Article stating that the laborers of the tobacco industry will organize a political party, and will take part in the coming partial elections in the Municipality. After that, they will spread their activities until a national party is organized.

EDITORIAL entitled "THE VERTIGO OF RAPACITY" - Commenting upon the policy of lavish expenditure of President Zayas, and stating that he has forgotten his oath or promise to turn over the Government to General Machado with 25 millions in the Treasury. This editorial also states that a new grafting scheme is being planned at present. This scheme consists in condoning the fines imposed to Insurance Companies, amounting to over $200,000.00, and this will leave a profit of about $100,000.00 to its authors. It finally states that at present there are only 4 million dollars "not pledged to other obligations.

EL HERALDO - March 23, 1925.

"COVERING DIRT WITH BLOOD" - Article referring to the attitude of the Government toward the students of the University, and giving some details of the political life of Dr. Zayas to show is low moral structure. In the beginning of his public life, Dr. Zayas was Councilman of the Municipality of Habana, from where he was expelled by the Military Governor, General Wood, as Zayas devoted himself "to the sale of votes and resolutions of the Council." Through fraud, he was elected member of the Constitutional Convention, and as Secretary of said Convention, he profiteered with the appropriations for material and supplies. From the Convention he passed to the Senate, but his activities were checked by Estrada Palma. Then he became arbiter of the Revolution of August, and under the protection of Governor Magoon, he organized the sale of pardons. As President of the Republic, he could only follow the same line of conduct, and broke all his previous records of graft. "And now, in the midst of that mudmire in which he has always lived, as a fish in the water, this man whose name could have been made great by his intelligence, but which has been belittled by his avarice, has tried, in the last days of his Administration, to sprinkle with blood of children the mud in which he has lived, and he has done so with the blood of the students....."

"A NEW ATTACK ON THE CONSTITUTION" - Article by Oscar Soto criticizing the Bill recently passed by the Senate concerning the citizenship of dignataries and ministers of the church. Soto states that said Bill is contrary to the Constitution.

Article stating that the Department of Public Works does not comply with the provisions of the law which requires the employment of 75 per cent of native labor to all public conractors.

EDITORIAL entitled "THE CRIME OF THE WEEK", commenting upon the clash of the students with the Police in front of the Palace.

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LA DISCUSION - March 23, 1925.

This paper states that Dr. Iturralde cannot be Secretary of Public Instruction in the Cabinet of General Machado, after his participation in the events of last Saturday. The labor organizations support the students. The attempt committed against the students will be repelled with a strike.

LA PRENSA - March 23, 1925.

The Secretary of the Treasury told the reporters that the receipts for the current month amount to over ~~sexenxmillionsx~~ 5millions. The total receipts for the month will probably come up to seven millions. Secretary Portela is very optimistic over the collections for the month of April, which he thinks will come up to 10-1/2 millions.

LA NOCHE - March 23, 1925.

Due to an accident in the Palatino Pumping Station, the subdivision of Vibora and Jesus del Monte will be without water to-day and tomorrow.

Dr. Regueiferos has been made members of the Academy of Who's Who Jurisprudence of Madrid, Spain.

EL MUNDO - March 24, 1925.

Cable despatch from Washington announcing that the exchange of ratifications of the Hay-Quesada Treaty was signed yesterday by Secretary Kellog and Ambassador Torriente.

DIARIO DE LA MARINA - March 24, 1925.

Letter from the Bishop of Matanzas to Senator Gonzalo Perez, energetically combating the Bill relative to the citizenship of the clergy. The letter states that the Bill in question is an open infringement of Article 26 of the Cuban Constitution, and constitution a persecution against the Catholic Church.

News article referring to a Manifesto issued by the Federation of Students, in connection with the sad events of the 21st. The article states that in said Manifesto, accusations are made against the Secretary of the Interior, Police Captain Valdes Miranda; and also requesting General Machado to give up his intentions to appoint Dr. Iturralde as Secretary of Public Instruction. Said Manifesto announces the intention of bringing criminal action against the Police officers who may be responsible for the clash of the Police with the students. The students will hold an Assembly in the University this afternoon (March 24th) at four o'clock, and a strike of forty-eight hours will be declared on Wednesday.

EDITORIAL, commenting upon the Bill concerning the citizenship of the Clergy, which contrary to the Constitution.

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HERALDO DE CUBA - March 24, 1925.

Commenting upon the administrative irregularities, this paper states that the Department of Public Works constitutes the greatest shame of the present Administration, and General Machado must ask Dr. Zayas to dismiss Secretary Carrerá immediately, because if Carrerá continues at the head of said Department, the Government will soon be bankrupt.

After the failure of the negotiations initiated, the railroad men of Oriente and Camaguey will probably go on strike today. This means that all railroad service from Santa Clara to Santiago de Cuba will be stopped.

Article commenting very unfavorably upon the intentions of the Temporary Banking Liquidation Commission to appoint Dr. Celso Cuellar del Rio as the Attorney of said Commission.

EDITORIAL giving certain reasons why the President of the Senate should be a member of the Liberal Party.

Another EDITORIAL, commenting upon the irregularities of the Department of Public Works.

EL HERALDO - March 24, 1925.

Article stating that in the past elections, General Machado made a pact with the Popular Party, one of the conditions of which was that Machado would give three portfolios in his Cabinet to members of the Popular Party. One of the persons recommended by President Zayas now, is Dr. Rafael Iturralde, for the Department of Public Instruction. This article states that Dr. Iturralde is absolutely incompetent for said office, besides having stained his hands with the blood of students. The article further states that there are other members of the Popular Party who could be recommended by President Zayas for the office in question, because Iturralde would be a discredit to the Liberal Administration.

Article stating that the American Embassy, with the aid of an American revenue cutter, has discovered the secrets of certain shipments of gasoline. Smugglers were shipping alcohol and opium as gasoline. The Commercial Attaché of the American Embassy is in possession of evidence of the alcohol trade and of the smuggle of gasoline in Cuba.

EDITORIAL, commenting upon the fact that during the last twelve years Cuba has not had a constructive Administration as General Machado has promised to the Cubans, but that he will not be able to do anything if President Zayas continues his policy of lavish waste.

EL MUNDO - March 25, 1925.

The Executive Committee has called to a meeting which will be held on March 26th, with the following Order of the Day: (1) Appointment of a Commission to prepare the program for the festivities of the inauguration of President Machado; (2) To request the repeal of Article 102 of the Electoral Code; (3) To initiate a campaign in defence of the newly registered electors to enable them to vote at the coming elections; (4) To study the Reforms of the Constitution now pending before the Senate.

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President-elect Machado held a long conference yesterday with Secretary of the Treasury, Portela. They discussed matters concerning the next Budget, and certain political questions. General Machado expects to sail for the United States on Arpil 13th.

DIARIO DE LA MARINA - March 25, 1925.

Letter from Senator Gonzalo Perez replying to the Bishp of Matanzas, and ratifies his opinion concerning the citizenship of the Clergy, as expressed in his project of law. He states that the Supreme Court would have to decide on the constitutionality of the law; and that his doctrine is not a new one....

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HERALDO DE CUBA - March 25, 1925.

General Machado visited President Zayas yesterday afternoon, accompanied by Representative Clemente Vazquez Bello and by the Secretary of the Treasury, Dr. Portela. After the conference, General Machado informed the reporters that he had conferred with Dr. Zayas on the budget for the coming fiscal year, which he desires to study as it will apply to the first year of his Administration. He also said that they had discussed political questions.

Article stating that the President has sent to the Official Gazette, for publication, several Messages to Congress, as follows: Message recommending the appropriation of the sum of $185,000.00 for the purchase of a Pedagogical Museum exhibited in Habana last year by the Guarantee Sales Co; another Message recommending certain modifications of the Railroad Retirement and Pension Law; and a third Message relating to certain doubts in connection with the Law of October 9, 1922. According to the President, the Law of August 29, 1905, confers powers to Congress to fix the amount of the annual amortization of the bonds issued in accordance with the provisions of said Law. The President states that Congress fixed the amount of $50,000.00 for the first year, and that amount has remained unchanged. The last Bonus Law ordered the cancellation of bonds amounting to $183,000.00, and reference is made to that which the Executive had ordered for the amount of $1.817,000.00, stating that both amounted to $2.000,000.00, with which, if the annual amortization of $50,000.00 is not altered, several interpretations may be given to the question, which, in the opinion of the Executive, might give rise to the following questions:

"(a) Is it understood that the amount fixed to be amortized out of the surplues of the 1923-1924 Budget is to be considered establishedfor amortizations out of the surpluss of the present and future Budgets, unless modified by a subsequent Law?

(b) In the event that the surplus of the present and future fiscal years is applied to the amortization of these bonds in the amount already fixed, is this amount to be $2.000,000.00 or $183,000.00?"

Commenting upon the irregularities in the Department of Public Works, this paper publishes an article stating that the Government has already paid out the amount of $400,000.00 for the dredging in the Isle of Pines, which work has not been accomplished. The contract was awarded to Mr. Mahony, who now claims the amount of $150,000.00. Another contractor, Mr. Daddy, proposed to do this work for only $60,000.00.

"CARRERA AND PUBLIC OPINION" - Article criticizing the actions of Mr. Manuel Carrerá as Secretary of Public Works, stating that he has an absolute disregard for public opinion.

EDITORIAL entitled "THE CONGRESSMEN, ZAYAS, AND THE LOOTING OF THE TREASURY" - Unfavorably commenting upon the visit of a group of Congressmen from Santa Clara to the Palace, who asked Dr. Zayas to grant large appropriations for the construction of roads in their Province.

Another EDITORIAL commenting upon the threats of a railroad strike, and making an appeal to both the railroad companies and the laborers to give up their uncompromising attitude.

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LA DISCUSION - March 25, 1925.

Article referring to the return of Ambassador Torriente, and stating that his friends are preparing a very enthusiastic reception which will be a national demonstration for the success of his negotiations in connection with the ratification of the Hay-Quesada Treaty.

LA PRENSA - March 25, 1925.

A Committee of representative elements of the Province of Santa Clara, presided by Dr. Santiago Rey, visited the President this morning, and requested Dr. Zayas to grant the necessary appropriations for the sewerage and paving of the city of Santa Clara, and some aid to the Municipality of that city for the construction of a Great Avenue, and other important and urgent improvements in that Province. Dr. Zayas said that he was greatly desirous of granting the appropriations requested, but expressed his fears of new and unjustified attacks of certain periodicals if he signed the decrees of appropriation for said works. The commissioners unanimously expressed their profound regret for the violent and unjust attacks from a part of the press for the granting of appropriations which will be scrupulously spent in the accomplishment of the works demanded. Finally, the President promised to decide on this petition promptly. -- The Secretary of Public Works will shortly hold a conference with the President, to discuss the continuation of the works of the Capitol of Habana.

The total amount deposited in the National Treasury at the close of business on March 24th, amounted to $20.445,890.94.

EL MUNDO - March 26, 1925.

EDITORIAL entitled "UNTIMELY PETITION" - Unfavorably commenting upon the appropriations for public works requested by by a Commission from the Province of Santa Clara.

Telegram from Banes, announcing that the laborers of Central "Bsoton" went on strike yesterday morning, demanding an increase of 25% in their wages.

DIARIO DE LA MARINA - March 26, 1925.

Text of a cablegram from Ambassador Torriente to President Zayas, announcing that the ratification of the Hay-Quesada Treaty had been exchanged. He also says that President Zayas has had the glory of obtaining the ratification of a Treaty which had been pending for twenty years; he thanks the President for having selected him to represent Cuba in the United States, and for having appointed him to carry out the negotiations in connection with said Treaty. Now that he has accomplished the work, Torriente requests the President to accept the resignation which he presented last October, and asks him to order the publication of this cable, in order that the reasons of his resignation may be known. He states that from President Coolidge, his Government and all the citizens, he has only received signs of affection and sympathy toward Cuba. He announces his departure from Washington on April 1st, and asks the President to accept his resignation effective after his arrival in Habana.

Long interview with Dr. Viriato Gutierrez, future Secretary of the Presidency, giving an outline of the program of government of President Machado.

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1. Enclosed will be found brief summaries of news articles and editorial comment of the Havana Press for the days:
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HERALDO DE CUBA - March 27th.

Interview with Mr. Ramón del Valle, of Colombia, who is now in Habana on his way to México. While in Habana, Mr. Valle will give a series of lectures on "the methods employed by the Yankee Imperialism for the subjugation of the weak and defenceless Spanish-American countries." In the course of the interview he said that the Yankee Imperialism in America can only be checked by means of an energetic and civilizing action; that his native country, Colombia, is practically ruled only by the Clergy and the Americans; referring to President Ospina, he said that the worst thing xx in him was that he was an unconditional admirer of the Americans; that according to the opinion of Uncle Sam, all the peoples of the earth have a right to enjoy liberty, except those which possess oil fields; that the only aspiration of the Americans is to subdue and enslave America with the terrible policy of the dollar.....

The Secretary of Public Works has ordered contractor Valdes not to tear any more streets until those already torn are properly repaired.

The Federation of Economic Corporations will resume its campaign for the suppression of the Four Per Cent Tax. To this effect, a commission of said Federation will visit Secretary Portela next Tuesday.

Telegram from Camaguey stating that the Railroad Brotherhood will issue a Manifesto dealing with the possibility of a new railroad strike.

EDITORIAL entitled "LET US PREPARE TO DEFEND THE SOURCE OF CUBA'S WEALTH." - It states that after the ratification of the Hay-Quesada Treaty, which was the only international problem pending, it becomes necessary to turn to the economic problems. In this connection, the article refers to the Fordney Tariff, approved as an obligation of honor of the Republican Party shortly after the inauguration of the late President Harding. That the protectionist tendency is rooted so deeply in the present Administration, that President Coolidge has not wished to exercise the powers conferred upon him to make a reduction of 50 per cent of said high Tariff. It further refers to the necessity of carefully investigating what American industries are more closely connected with Cuba, to seek their cooperation in a campaign tending to obtain certain advantages for the Cuban products.

EL HERALDO - March 27, 1925.

This paper comments unfavorable upon the recent appropriation of $75,000.00 to meet certain obligations of the Palace. The article states that the President grants no appropriations for asylums, but he has to pay the Bills for the chickes, eggs, etc. consumed at the Palace; that if there were a virile Congress in Cuba, President Zayas would be called to account for this scandalous appropriation.....

Article commenting upon the fact that slavery still exists in Cuba; stating that 700 English negroes were sold by the Chaparra Company. In the Province of Oriente, Haitian and Jamaican women and children are sold for $20.00 and $25.00.....

The students' protest has spread through the Island. The students of Santa Clara have asked General Machado not to place

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Iturralde in his Cabinet, and Machado replied that he had not yet decided anything in this connection. -- The Police prevented the Normal School girls from holding an Assembly yesterday, in the Headquarters of the Labor Associations. This Assembly will be held tomorrow at the Payret Theatre. -- The students have published an ironical Manifesto launching the idea of erecting a statue in honor of Dr. Leopoldo Sanchez, the Correctional Judge who sentenced them.

LA PRENSA - March 27, 1925.

Dr. Arturo Aballí has been chosen to preside the Cuban Delegation to the Seventh Latin-American Medical Congress which will be held in Mexico City next May. The same Decree grants an appropriation of $6,000.00 for the expenses of this Delegation.-- Another Delegation has been appointed to represent Cuba at the Seventh Annual Session of the International Labor Conference of the League of Nations. An appropriation of $15,000.00 is granted for the expenses of this delegation.-- The President has also granted an appropriation of $3,969.48 for the construction of a branch of the sewer system in the Vibora suburb.

LA NOCHE - March 27, 1925.

Telegram from Jatibonico stating that yesterday, the Rural Guard tried to arrest a group of Hatitians and Jamaicans who were found gambling. The gamblers attacked the soldiers, who were compelled to use their weapons. A Haitian was killed and several wounded. Two of the Cuban soldiers were also wounded.

EL MUNDO - March 28, 1925.

The name of Major Shutan is mentioned as one of the travelling companions of President-elect Machado, to the U. S. next month. It is rumored that Machado will also be accompanied by Messrs. Nestor Mendoza, Martinez Ortiz and Viriato Gutierrez.

The President signed a decree appropriating the sum of $24,000.00, to purchase from the Buenavista Company, the lands on which some tanks which supply water to Camp Columbia are installed. $500.00 more are granted for expenses of the deed of purchase.

DIARIO DE LA MARINA - March 28, 1925.

Dr. Carlos de la Rosa will give a banquet in honor of General Machado, next Monday, at the Hotel Telegrafo.

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HERALDO DE CUBA - March 28, 1925.

Commenting upon the appropriation recently granted by the President to pay Mr. Barlow, this paper states that Mr. Barlow will only receive $12,000.00, as the other $12,000.00 will have to be paid to Dr. Zayas himself for his share in the business.

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President Zayas has granted an appropriation of ~~$200,000.00~~ for the repair of the rolling stock of the Department of Public Works.

EDITORIAL entitled "THE STATE PURCHASES ITS OWN LANDS" - Unfavorably commenting upon the recent Decree ordering the payment of $24,000.00 to Mr. Barlow.

EL HERALDO - March 28, 1925.

This paper publishes an editorial referring to the necessity of abolishing the four per cent tax, especially in view of the present crisis due to the low prices of sugar.

"BARLOW FRIEND OF THE EMBASSY" - Article stating that Mr. Barlow has obtained the payment of $24,000.00 for lands which have never belonged to him, but only through the efforts of General Crowder. The article ends as follows: "The 'chivo' has been consummated. Where is, then, that victory of Zayas over the Interference of which the defenders of the President speak so much?"

LA TARDE - March 28, 1925.

This paper publishes an article entitled "ZAYAS, DAMN YOU" very unfavorably commenting upon the purchase of certain lots from Mr. Barlow near Camp Columbia, and stating that in spite of the fact that a decision has been handed by the Supreme Court recognizing the ownership of the State to said lands, two American lawyers came to Cuba to defend the rights of Mr. Barlow, and refers to the intervention of Ambassador Crowder. If it is proved that the lands belong to private individuals, and the State needed them for some public service, condemnation proceedings should have been instituted, and after the lands were appraised by experts, Congress should have granted an appropriation to purchase them, but nothing of this has been done.....

EL MUNDO - March 29, 1925.

This paper states that the Secretary of State will accompany General Machado in his trip to the United States next month.

Cable despatch from New York (by the "Interocean Press" in combination with "La Nacion" of Buenos Aires) referring to the rumors of the withdrawal of General Crowder from Cuba, and other changes in the diplomatic service of the UnitedStates.

HERALDO DE CUBA - March 29, 1925.

"ROOSEVELT AND THE ECONOMIC POLICY BETWEEN CUBA AND THE UNITED STATES" - Article commenting upon the fact that the Fordney Tariff which causes great harm to Cuba's chief industry, is not in accord with the principles mainted in the White House when Cuba became an independent country, and quotes some statements made by ex President Roosevelt, as follows: "The Republic of Cuba

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has accepted a special relation in our system of international policy, under which she gives us certain points of defence, and we are morally obligated to give herthe benefits of our economic system."

Cable despatch from Washington announcing that Colonel Frank H. Lawton has been decorated by President Coolidge with the diploma of the "Silver Star" for his heroic deeds in the battle of Santiago de Cuba, during the Spanish-American War.

The laborers of the Cuba Company will probably declare a railroad strike at the beginning of April.

LA PRENSA - March 29, 1925.

This paper states that in accordance with the promises made by President Zayas, he will abolish the tax of four per cent on profits, before his term of office expires.

EL MUNDO - March 30, 1925.

EDITORIAL commenting upon the lavish expenditure of public funds, and protesting against the granting of an appropriation for the construction of sewers and paving in the city of Santa Clara. This appropriation was requested several days ago by a group of Congressmen from the Province of Santa Clara, and "El Mundo" states that the Congressmen should have never made such a request, when the powers to grant appropriations of this nature reside in Congress. The article also states that the Secretary of Public Works has reported on the urgent necessity of such works.

EL TRIUNFO - March 30, 1925.

Cable despatch from Washington, reading as follows:
"By reason of the resignations of several Ambassador and Ministers of the United States abroad, accepted by President Coolidge, rumors have again circulated regarding the possibility of the return to Cuba of General Crowder, who has fulfilled the mission entrusted to him by ex President Wilson and ex President Harding, of acting as Counsellor of the Cuban Government until the restoration of republican normalcy in the Island, where a new Government will shortly be inagurated as the result of the peaceful and legal elections held on November 1st, without any foreign interference."

List of the members of the new Cabinet , taken from the "Evening Post" of yesterday.

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HERALDO DE CUBA - March 30th.

Article by Gonzalez Beauville stating that Dr. Ramón Zaydin will be elected for President of the House of Representatives; but he maintains his points of view in the sense that Zaydin is not morally capable to preside that Legislative Body.

Several months, Celso Cuellar obtained an appropriation of $90,000.00 for the construction of a road from Agramonte to Perico (Province of Matanzas). When the electoral period was over, the construction of said road began; but the appropriation was exhausted when only nine kilometers of road had been constructed. Heraldo de Cuba considers that $10,000.00 per kilometer is an exhorbitant price. Celso Cuellar obtained another appropriation of $156,000.00 to continue the construction of the same road, and the contractors are constructing it in such a deficient manner that the residents of that district and the newspapers of Matanzas are continually protesting.

The uncompromising attitude of the Company which owns the Centrals "Chaparra" and "Delicias" prevents the solution of the strike in the district of Puerto Padre.

This paper publishes an article referring to the lavish expenditure of public funds by the present Administration, and recommending all taxpayers to refuse to effect the quarterly payment of the tax of one per cent due next month, in order that said money will not fall into the hands of the greedy persons who are now at the head of the Administration. The law establishes certain penalties for those who fail to pay said tax during the first 20 days of April; but Heraldo de Cuba promises to take the necessary steps to obtain the condonation of the fines which ~~xx~~ may be imposed for the failure to make payment within the lawful period. By refusing to make said payment during the present Administration, the taxpayers will realize a patriotic and laudable work.

Cable despatch from Washington (sent by the Special Correspondent of Heraldo de Cuba): "It is affirmed in diplomatic circles that Secretary Kellogg has suggested to President Coolidge that in the future, only persons conversant with the Spanish language be appointed as representatives of the United States in Latin-American countries. Mr. Kellog bases his petition on his own bitter experience, because, when we went to the Pan-American Congress at Santiago de Chile he was totally isolated while his colleague Mr. Fletcher talked intimately with the other delegates in their own language."

Senator Hiram Johnson, who is now in Habana, expresses his satisfaction for the ratification of the Hay-Quesada Treaty.

LA PRENSA - March 30, 1925.

The new Minister of Denmark will present his credentials next Thursday. - President Zayas will go to Guines next Sunday; and to Vueltas (Province of Santa Clara) on April 23rd.

LA NOCHE - March 30, 1925.

A group of professional men held a meeting yesterday at the office of Dr. Hernandez Miyares for the purpose of adopting certain resolutions in connection with the reception to be accorded to Dr. Torriente. The following resolutions were adopted: (1) To be present at the wharf to welcome Dr. Torriente; (2) To give a banquet in his honor, at the National Theatre, which will

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take place on Saturday,(April 16th (?), at which speeches will be made by President Zayas, Antonio Sanchez de Bustamante, Evelio Rodriguez Lendián, Jose Manuel Cortina, and Dr. Torriente himself; (3) to send a cablegram to Dr. Torriente informing him of the resolutions adopted. -- This cablegram was sent, and Dr. Torriente accepting the banquet and stating that any date after he had had some rest would suit him.

EL MUNDO - March 31st, 1925.

EDITORIAL, favorably commenting upon the campaign for the abolition of the tax of four per cent. The tax of four per cent was established during the European War to ay the increase in salaries to public employees, and later it was maintained in force to help the amortization of the 30-million loan. Both causes have disappeared. The salaries of public employees was reduced several years ago, and the 30-million dollar loan was liquidated when the 50-million dollar loan was obtained. Therefore, it is only just that said tax be abolished, especially in view of the serious economic situation of the country at the present time.

DIARIO DE LA MARINA - March 31, 1925.

Article referring to the activities of the persons in charge of the organization of the reception in honor of Dr. Torriente. A beautiful arch will be constructed in front of the office of the Captain of the Port, and another arch in front of the residence of Dr. Torriente. Three bands will take part in the ceremonies: the band of the General Staff of the Navy will be stationed near the landing place; the band of the General Staff of the Army will be stationed at the park in front of the City Hall, and the Municipal band in front of the residence of Dr. Torriente. The Mayor of Habana has promised to address a Manifesto the people inviting them to take part in the reception. All the members of the Cabinet will send flowers to Mrs. Torriente.

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HERALDO DE CUBA - March 31, 1925.

Cable despatch from New York: "The New York Times" comments in a favorable manner upon the financial situation of Cuba, and states that this is the only country which has totally paid its war debt. In view of the marvellous progress of Cuba, it does not give credit to the rumors circulated yesterday in financial circles relative to the floating of a loan of $200.000,000.00 for the purpose of developing an ample program of road construction; that Machado seems inclined to the plan of "Pay-as-go" in connection with this road construction. This cable despatch also refers to the trip of General Machado to the U.S., and that the future President of Cuba will be entertained by bankers, merchants, manufacturers and professional men.

Article stating that if President Zayas abolishes the four per cent tax by Decree, as he has promised, he will be accused in Congress, in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution.

Article announcing that the Provincial Governor of Oriente will intervene in the conflict between the Cuba R.R. and its laborers. The problem has become more serious due to the dismissal of 700 laborers. The labor organizations of Habana have sent monetary aid to the strikers of Puerto Padre.

"THE MORAL FACTORS IN THE ECONOMIC POLICY OF THE UNITED STATES." - Commenting upon the necessity of a change in the policy followed by the U. S. toward Cuba. In this connection, the editorial refers to one of the Messages sent by ex President Roosevelt to the American Congress in 1902, in which he stated that the U. S. is morally obligated to help Cuba.....

EL HERALDO - March 31, 1925.

"THE ENEMIES OF CUBA AND MR. COOLIDGE" - This article refers to the trip of General Machado to Washington and the great importance of his conference with President Coolidge, and states: "We can, of course, make no definite affirmation concerning the interview between President Coolidge and General Machado. Powerful reasons compel us to be discrete. But the importance of this conference will be realized when it is known that certain elements are greatly interested in holding this conference in the presence of persons who do not want the march of national events radically changed with the advent of the new Government. This intention is not only bold, but foolish, and General Machado will do as he pleases. We already know that Dr. Nestor Mendoza, a loyal and intimate friend of the General will act as Interpreter when Machado visits the White House.."

EL MUNDO - Mpril 1, 1925.

EDITORIAL commenting upon the organization of the new Government. In accordance with the agreement made with the Popular Party, Machado will have to give certain portfolios to members of said Party. The persons to be appointed must be freely selected by General Machado, because if they are imposed by Dr. Zayas, there will be a dual Administration.

Representatives of the National Federation of Economic Corporations visited Secretary Portela yesterday, and requested the abolition of the four per cent tax. The Secretary of the Treasury promised to bring the matter to the attention of President Zayas.

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DIARIO DE LA MARINA - April 1, 1925.

This paper publishes an interview with Dr. Enrique Hernandez Cartaya, in which he says that the noble promises of the President-elect, and the clearness of his political program, have compelled him as a Cuban, to accept the Portfolio of the Treasury.

This paper publishes a list of the appropriation decrees signed during the month of March by the President of the Republic, amounting to $3.128,780.72 (This list includes certain appropriation Bills approved by Congress).

Cable despatch from Washington: Mr. Alexander P. Moore, Ambassador of the United States in Spain since 1923, has presented his resignation to-day. The resignation has not yet been accepted, but the announcement of his definite retirement is expected soon. Mr. A. Kingsley Macomber has been recommended by Senators from the State of Connecticut to fill the vacancy left by Mr. Moore.

EL SOL - April 1, 1925.

Secretary of Justice, Regueiferos, has submitted to the President a full report of the session of the Codiffication Commission, held on Monday afternoon. At the request of Dr. Hernandez Cartaya, his report on the reforms of the Electoral Code will remain pending until his return from the United States. The project creating a National District, which will include the Municipalities of Habana, Regla, Guanabacoa and Marianao, is practically finished. The Codification Commission intends to finish its work before May 20th.

EL TRIUNFO - April 1, 1925.

There will be no railroad strike for the present. The railroad laborers have decided to await the arrival of Mr. Horatio Rubens, who sails to-day from New York, before they take any action.

Cable despatch from Washington announcing that Dr. Torriente will arrive on Friday afternoon .

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HERALDO DE CUBA - April 1, 1925.

The Department of Sanitation will adopt energetic measures against the narcotic-drug traffic. Secret plans have been prepared to check the smuggling of narcotic drugs. This will probably require the modification of the Pharmacy Regulations.

The delegates of the Railroad Brotherhood in Habana state that no resolution has been adopted to declare a strike.

Feature article commenting upon the fact that the President of the Senate must be a member of the Liberal Party, and strongly combats the election of Celso Cuellar for this office.

Article announcing that Mr. Horatio Rubens is expected to arrive in Habana next Sunday, to try to settle the conflict existing between the consolidated railways and its employees.

EDITORIAL commenting upon the present campaign for the abolition of the four per cent tax, and stating that Congress alone is empowered to create or abolish taxes. The merchants should change their tactics, and appeal to Congress, instead of to the President, for the abolition of said tax.

Letter addresed by Senator Gonzalo Perez to the Bishop of Matanzas, further referring to the question of the nationalization of the Clergy, and proclaiming the sovereignty of Cuba in this question.

Article referring to the recent meeting of the Codification Commission, and stating: "The National Codification Commission, which had been in recess for a very long time, has again given signs of life, holding a meeting and adopting several resolutions. The Secretary of Justice, Dr. Regueiferos, who acts as President of said Commission, visited Dr. Zayas yesterday and informed him of said meeting, and telling him that the following were present at said meeting: Hernandez Cartaya, Montoro, Wolter del Rio, Fernandez Junco and Mariano Aramburo. After his conference with the President, Dr. Regueiferos informed us that the project of Electoral Law prepared by Dr. Hernandez Cartaya had been studied at said meeting, and it was resolved to postpone the discussion of the project until the return of its author from the U.S. According to Dr. Regueiferos, Montoro promised to submit, at the next meeting, the project of Organic Law of the Judiciary, prepared in the Department of Justice three years ago, by Dr. Angel Betancourt, President of the Audiencia; Doctors Lancis, Gutierrez Balmaseda, and others. It was agreed to take up at the next meeting Dr. Carrera Justiz' project relative to the creation of the Federal District of Habana. The Commission intends to meet every Monday, in order that it may send to Congress, before May 20th, several projects of law."

LA PRENSA - April 1, 1925.

The revenues collected by the National Treasury during the month of March, amounted to $8.140,382.24. --At the close of business on March 31st, there were $19.872,880.91 deposited in the Treasury. -- Secretary Portela belives that more than ten million dollars will be collected during the month of April.

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LA NOCHE - April 1, 1925.

EDITORIAL, commenting with regret upon the fact that Dr. Francisco Maria Fernandez will not be the Secretary of Sanitation in the Cabinet of General Machado, because that is one of the offices to be filled by a member of the Popular Party, according the the electoral agreement made between the Liberal Party and the Popular Party.

EL MUNDO - Aril 2, 1925.

EDITORIAL commenting upon the new threats of a railroad strike, and stating that strikes are so frequent ~~in~~ this country, that Cuba will soon be known as"the country of the strikes." It also comments upon the damages caused by the strikes, and refers to the necessity of a proper labor legislation.

The Mayor of Habana invites the people of Habana to be at the ~~wharf~~ wharf next Friday (Appil 3) at 3:00 P.M., to accord an enthusiastic welcome to Ambassador Torriente.

EL TRIUNFO - April 2, 1925.

This paper publishes the following news article:
"WITHDRAWAL OF GENERAL CROWDER? - Rumors circulated in official circles yesterday, relative to the withdrawal from this country of the Embassador of the United States, General Enoch Crowder, who, it is said, will be sent to another mission of his Government. However, we have not been able to confirm this rumor."

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1. Enclosed will be found brief summaries of news articles and editorial comment of the Havana Press for the days:

April 4, 5, 6, and 7.

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HERALDO DE CUBA - April 4, 1925.

EDITORIAL commenting upon "THE IRRITATING PROTECTIONIST IRRECONCILABILITY IN THE UNITED STATES". It refers to a recent cable despatch announcing the intetions of a group of American Congressmen to further increase the American Tariff, and states that "that disquieting perspective of an increase of the already too high duties on sugar is a consequence of the legislators and statesmen of the U.S. having abandoned the noble and just path marked by the illustrious Theodore Roosevelt when he indicated certain moral obligations to the Great Republic in its economic policy toward Cuba...." It further states that Cuba should adopt a defensive attitude, and suggests that "the attack is the best method of defense." urging the necessity of revising the Tariff now in force in Cuba.

EL HERALDO - April 4, 1925.

Article commenting very unfavorably upon the recent appropriations granted for the repair of the streets of Habana, and stating that the President intends to grant another appropriation for $500,000.00 for the repair and maintenance of "Roads and Bridges".

LA PRENSA - April 4, 1925.

General Machado called at the American Embassy this morning, to see one of the originals of the Hay-Quesada Treaty recently ratified.

The President has signed decrees granting appropriations, as follows: $95,000.00 for the construction of three wards at the Army Hospital; $38,963.00 for the construction of the road from Santiago de Cuba to El Cobre, and $14,781.00 for the termination of thee wards at the Calixto Garcia Hospital.

General Herrera, Chief of the General Staff of the Army, left this morning for the United States.

Centrals "Nuestra Señora del Carmen" and "Loteria", in the district of Jaruco, have been purchased by the Hershey Corporation.

LA NOCHE - April 4, 1925.

Among the changes which General Machado intends to make in the high personnel of the State Department, the following are mentioned: Dr. Guillermo Patterson will go to England as Minister; Dr. Miguel Angel de la Campa, now Minister in Italy, will be appointed Under Secretary of State.

EL MUNDO - April 5, 1925.

Article stating that the President has sent a message to Congress asking for an appropriation of $350,056.60 to pay the war material purchased from the United States during the European war.

DIARIO DE LA MARINA - April 5, 1925

Guatemala will send a Special Mission to attend the inauguration of President Machado. Dr. Francisco Sanchez Latour will come as Special Envoy and Ambassador Extraordinary.

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INTERVIEW with Mr. William J. Gonzales, ex Minister of the U. S. in Cuba, in which he refers to the satisfaction of the Americans for the ratification of the Hay-Quesada Treaty. He also refers to the necessity of fomenting tourism in this country, and states that a well organized action in this respect would yield about 25 millions every year.

Spain will be represented at the inaugural ceremonies of President Machado by a Special Mission presided by Dr. Adolfo Bonilla San Martin, Professor of the Central University of Madrid.

HERALDO DE CUBA - April 5, 1925.

The Supervisor of Moron reports that a railroad strike is imminent, and speaks of the possibility of a clash between the soldiers and the strikers.

EL MUNDO - April 6, 1925.

EDITORIAL, favorably commenting upon the general protest of the residents of the city of Cienfuegos for the manner in which the Department of Public Works is spending the appropriation granted for improvements of the aqueduct of that city. It also points out the contrast between the conduct of the residents of Cienfuegos, and the indifferent attitude of the residents of Habana in connection with the repair of the streets, stating that in Habana over two millions have been spent for a few minor repairs.

Text of a communication sent by the Mayor of Cienfuegos to the President of Republic, requesting that an investigation be made in connection with the appropriation of $100,000.00 granted for the repairs of the aqueduct.

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HERALDO DE CUBA - April 7, 1925.

Colonel Carrillo, Chief of the Military District of Santa Clara Province, has discovered the existence of a racial conspiracy in that Province. Meetings were being held by colored people in their efforts to organize a seditious movement, taking advantage of the recent clashes between the white and colored elements in several towns. The authorities do not give much importance to this movement, but are taking the necessary precautions.

Referring to the strike in the Eastern Provinces, this paper states that the Colonos of "Chaparra" and "Delicias" have called the strike off, but the laborers refused to accept the bases proposed. The President of the Railroad Brotherhood of Camaguey announced that a Manifesto will be issued to-day addressed to the authorities, to the people, and especially to the railroad men explaining the problem and the steps taken to arrive at a settlement of the conflict.

The shareholders and creditors of the Banco Nacional will hold a conference with President-elect Machado, and will bring to his attention, in a definite manner, the grave problem of the Banco Nacional. Accusations are made against the members of the Temporary Banking Commission because they failed to protest in due course against the abuses committed.

Referring to the question of the Aqueduct of Santiago de Cuba, this paper states that it constitutes the most scandalous deal of the "last sweep" of the present Administration. The project of using the waters of the river Mogote, is believed to be the worst of all. Other details of this scandalous deal.

Varona Suarez has withdrawn his aspirations to the Presidency of the Senate. This paper announces that Vazquez Bello will be elected Presidente, and Alberto Barreras, Vice President.

Article referring to the excursion of President Zayas and other officials of the Government to Güines, and stating that a fantastic sum has been spent in the repair of this road. The reconstruction of this road has cost at the rate of $5,000.00 per kilometer.

EDITORIALS: "REGUEIFEROS TO THE UNITED STATES" - Very unfavorably commenting upon the appointment of Dr. Regueiferos as Delegate of Cuba to a Convention of Architecture and Art which will be held in the City of New York.

Commenting upon the recent abuses committed by the Army against farmers in the District of Holguin.

Another editorial, unfavorably commenting upon the concession granted in connection with the Aqueduct of Santiago de Cuba.

EL HERALDO - April 6, 1925.

A long article denouncing the existence of a nest of smugglers of immigrants and liquors in Jaimanitas Bay, near Marianao. A road has been constructed by the Department of Public Works to facilitate the means of communication with that place of contraband.

"NOT ZAYAS" - Article stating that the persons to be appointed to fill the offices assigned to the Popular Party in the Cabinet of General Machado, should be selected by the National Executive Committee of the Popular Party, and not by Dr. Zayas.

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LA DISCUSION - April 6, 1925.

EDITORIAL commenting upon the opening of the new Congressional Period, and stating that the future government will be a "Government of Coalition", in spite of what the Machadists may say to the contrary. The future President does not have a majority in Congress. The "Populars" will decide all the issues./- The expectations of the country.

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LA PRENSA - April 6, 1925.

Rogelio Zayas Bazan, the future Secretary of the Interior in the Cabinet of General Machado, will arrive from the United States tomorrow (Tuesday). His friends and partisans will give him an enthusiastic welcome.

Orders have been issued by the Secretary of State to grant special courtesies to Honorable Alfred Nénrichk, Senator of Belgium, Secretary of the Institute of International Law, and now acting as President of the Commission on Arbitration between the United States and England; who is expected to arrive in Habana by the end of this week.

EDITORIAL, commenting upon the organization of the new Congress. It states that the Conservatives have lost the majority which they had in the Senate, where the Liberal-Popular Coalition is now in majority. - In the House the change is not so remarkable. The Conservatives still hold fifty seats in the House, and if these fifty votes are skilfully handled, they can be used to great advantage. - The new legislative period is something like an anticipation of the actions of the new Government to be inaugurated on May 20th, and the newly elected Senators and Representatives are morally obligated to cooperate with General Machado for the purpose of carrying out the promises made to the country. Much good is expected of the new elements of Congress./ (3)

EL MUNDO - April 7, 1925.

EDITORIAL, very favorably commenting upon the election of Dr. Clemente Vazquez Bello as President of the Senate. - Dr. Varona Suarez deserves special credit for this election, because he sacrificed his aspirations for the good of his Party.

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/CONGRESS: The first legislature of the Twelfth Congressional Period was initiated yesterday in both the Senate and the House of Representatives./- Accounts of the sessions held by both branches of Congress.

The Municipal Council of Habana initiated its new legislative period yesterday

Article commenting upon the scarcity of water in many suburbs of Habana, and stating that no steps are taken to solve the water problem of Habana.

At a meeting held yesterday by the members of the Commission in Charge of the Organization of the Entertainments in Honor of Dr. Cosme de la Torriente at the office of Dr. Hernandez Miyares, the following resolutions were adopted: (1) to announce, in accordance with the desires expressed by Dr. Torriente, that the banquet organized by the professional men of Cuba will be the only one to which Dr. Torriente will attend; (2) that inasmuch as the National Theatre is not available for the 16th, the date

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of the banquet will be announced in due course.....

Cable despatch from Philadelphia, stating that the "Philadelphia Enquirer" publishes an editorial welcoming the future President of Cuba; that Machado is a great promise for Cuba, and that his trip to the United States has a great significance.

The Department of Sanitation has confirmed the existence of a case of Infantile Paralysis in the suburb of La Vibora. The necessary precautions have been taken to prevent the spreading of this disease.

DIARIO DE LA MARINA - April 7, 1925.

EDITORIALS:

"THE NEW SENATE"- Favorably commenting upon the election of Dr. Clemente Vazquez Bello for the Presidency of the Senate, and the advantages of placing that legislative body in the hands of young and energetic men, but with administrative experience. Heretofore, the Cuban society has been ruled by men formed in the opposition and the revolution, who as a rule, were good critics and brave warriors, but seldom good administrators and able and constructive statesmen. The present Senate, however, has all the essentials to be useful. "There is nothing so advantageous for Cuba, whose evolution demands such a difficult and necessary requisite: EFFICIENCY."

"TARIFF REFORM."- Expressing the hopes that the present legislature will finish the much needed reform of the Tariff.

"A SPANISH MISSION TO CUBA" - Commenting upon the great significance of the Special Mission which Spain will send for the inauguration of President Machado.

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HERALDO DE CUBA - April 7, 1925.

Gonzalez Beauville protests against the turn which the case of Herrera Sotolongo and Cano is now taking. In spite of the decision of the proper Courts, a group of members of the House of Representatives are trying to have Herrera Sotolongo proclaimed as a member of said House, and at the same time disregarding the petitions of Cano. - Beauville has continually combated the purposes of Sotolongo and Cano; but if the House proclaims Herrera Sotolongo (a thing which he considers as shameful and immoral) he would be the first to ask that Cano be also proclaimed.

The Director General of Sanitation, Dr. Lopez del Valle, denies the existence of Infantile Paralysis in Habana.

EDITORIALS:

"THE LAST SCANDAL" - Commenting upon the fraudulent expenditure of the appropriation of $100,000.00 granted for improvements of the aqueduct of Cienfuegos, and stating that a new grafting scheme is being planned in connection with the aqueduct of Santiago de Cuba.

"THE MORAL ATMOSPHERE OF THE NEW CONGRESS" - Commenting upon the fact that the present reorganization of Congress marks the beginning of an era of political regeneration, and this may serve to check to a certain extent the "financial dictatorship" of the present Administration.

Ambassador Torriente called on President Zayas yesterday. Information was obtained at the Palace to the effect that the resignation presented by Dr. Torriente will be accepted within a few days. Mr. Rafael Sanchez Aballí will be appointed in his place, as soon as General Machado takes possession of office.

EL HERALDO - April 7, 1925.

Article giving new details of the activities of the bootleggers in Habana and Jaimanitas bays, and stating that there are now in Cuba many Secret Agents of the United States carrying on a careful investigations. This paper also publishes an interview with the Commander of a fleet of American vessels which are patrolling the coasts of Cuba trying to prevent the liquor contraband.

LA PRENSA - April 7, 1925.

A commission of residents of Cienfuegos presided by Mayor Aragones, called on President Zayas to complain against certain irregularities committed in connection with the appropriation granted for works of improvement of the aqueduct of that city, and offered to furnish further evidence of these irregularities. President Zayas promised that he would order an investigation made immediately.

It has been announced that President Zayas will send a Message to Congress referring to certain changes in the Budget for the coming fiscal year.

Dr. Rafael Martinez, who will probably be appointed Minister to France, conferred yesterday with President-elect Machado.

The cash on hand in the National Treasury at the close of business on April 6th, amounted to $19.321,313.21. - The revenues collected during the first six days of April amount to $1.539,570.00

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A NOCHE - April 7, 1925.

Rumors circulated yesterday to the effect that the list of Machado's Cabinet would undergo some changes. It was said that Iturralde will be the Secretary of War, and Dr. Fernandez Mascaró the Secretary of Public Instruction.

DIARIO DE LA MARINA - April 8, 1925.

Text of a communication sent by the Cuban Society of Engineers to the President of the Republic, requesting that the idea of awarding the contract for a part of the works of the aqueduct of Santiago de Cuba be given up, until the definite studies of the project are finished; and that the studies of the project up to Mogote River be continued without loss of time.

Article quoting several paragraphs of the last message sent by President Zayas to Congress. - The article states that the Message is a very lengthy document, conscientiously written, and "Diario de la Marina" promises to study and comment upon it in due course. This is the last message which President Zayas sends to Congress reporting on the general conditions of the country.

The Senate held a special session yesterday for the purpose of electing the President, Vice Presidents and Secretaries, with the following result:

President:..... Clemente Vazquez Bello;
First Vice President - Alberto Barreras;
Second Vice President- Adolfo Silva;
Secretaries: ..... Celso Cuellar del Rio, and
Rosendo Collazo.

EDITORIALS: "GEORGE WASHINGTON'S ADVICE" - Commenting upon the projected erection by Cuba of a Monument of Gratitude in Washington, this paper quotes some paragraphs from Washington's Farewell Address of September 17, 1796, in which he recommended his countrymen to exclude "the permanent and inveterate antipathies against certain nations", as well as the "impassioned sympathy toward others," cultivating, on the other hand, "sentiments of friendship for all."

"REFORM OF THE CODES NOW IN FORCE"- Commenting upon the fact that now that Congress has been reorganized, the reforms of the Civil, Penal and Mercantile Codes now in force, should be undertaken.

EL TRIUNFO - Arpil 8, 1925.

EDITORIAL unfavorably commenting upon the rumors to the effect that the Cuban Congress which has just been organized, has already announced the possibility of undertaking the reforms of the Constitution for the suppression of presidential reelections, but which, in reality is for the "extension of powers."

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HERALDO DE CUBA - April 8th.

Article stating that President Zayas intends to finish the liquidation of the banks subject now to the rulings of the Banking Commission, before the expiration of his term of office. The article also refers to a meeting called by Mayor Cuesta, of the bondholders of the Banco Español de la Isla de Cuba, for the purpose of selecting the men who are to represent said banking institution.

Article expressing the hopes that the House of Representatives will not even take into consideration the petition of Herrera Sotolongo to be recognized as a member of the House.

EDITORIAL criticizing the protest filed against the certificate of election of Representative Francisco Zayas Arrieta. - The article states that a protest filed against the validity of the election of a member of the House should refer to matters which affect the competence of the person elected, or to the process of the election; but the protest against Zayas Arrieta, filed by Heliodoro Gil, is not based on any of said reason, and merely constitutes a criticism of the actions of the present Administration; and therefore the protest should be disregarded. In view of the nature of the accusations contained in the document presented by Representative Gil, it would be more proper to bring it to the attention of the Courts of Justice, for investigation; but it does not invalidate the certificate of election of Zayas Arrieta.

EL HERALDO - April 8, 1925.

Commenting upon the scandalous deal of the aqueduct of Cienfuegos, this paper states that the Turk Tarrab is mixed in it. Eighty-five per cent of the appropriation granted, was fraudulently spent. The Economic Corporations of Cienfuegos have protested against this swindle.

The EDITORIAL also refers to the fraudulent deal in connection with the Cienfuegos Aqueduct, and states that everything seems to indicate that the persons guilty of malversation in this case will not remain unpunished, because President Zayas has promised to act on the matter; and General Machado has also promised to investigate the matter when he takes possession of office.

The Secretary of Justice called at the Palace yesterday, and informed the President of the meeting of the Codification Commission held the day before. At said meeting, it was resolved to continue the debates on the following laws: Organic Law of the Judiciary, Law Relative to Foreigners, and the Law relative to the Federal District. One of the members of the Commission suggested the reform of the Civil and the Contentious-Administrative Procedures. The Secretary of Justice was of the opinion that the oral trial for civil cases should be maintained in full. Members of the Senate and of the House will take part in the future debates of the Commission. The next meeting will be held on Monday, Apr.13th.

The President of the Republic has instructed the Secretary of Justice to order an investigation made in the Court of First Instance and of Instrudtion of Ciego de Avila, where Judge Jose Maria Beltran is said to have committed a series of irregularities in the fulfilment of his office.

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LA DISCUSION - April 8, 1925.

EDITORIAL commenting upon the fact that Congress should take up immediately the discussion and approval of the Budget for the coming fiscal year, so as to put an end to the "financial dictatorship.

Telegram from Governor Mendez Peñate denying the existence of a racial conspiracy in the Province of Santa Clara.

LA NOCHE - April 8, 1925.

General Machado will suggest a plan for the settlement of the present railroad conflict. According to Dr. Viriato Gutierrez, Machado's plan will be announced next Monday.

EL MUNDO - April 9, 1925.

EDITORIAL entitled "NATURAL CONSEQUENCES" - Several cases of Infantile Paralysis have appeared in Habana, causing the natural alarm among the residents. The Sanitary authorities say that they are unable to combat this disease, due to the lack of water in certain districts of the suburb of La Vibora, and this brings up again the question of the scarcity and bad quality of water in Habana. During the last four years the Government has been promising to solve the conflict, but nothing has been done. When the epidemic of typhoid fever appeared last year, the Government promised that the water problem would be solved promptly. Large sums of money have been spent for improvements of the aqueduct, but the scarcity of water continues. A question of such a vital importance should be solved without loss of time, and "El Mundo" expresses the hopes that the future Government will give preferent attention to it.

Telegram from Cienfuegos stating that according to the opinion of the experts appointed by the Court of Instruction, the motor purchased for the aqueduct of Cienfuegos does not cost over $900.00 The Court has issued the necessary orders to stop the payment of the check for $88,000.00.

DIARIO DE LA MARINA - April 9, 1925.

Doctor Torriente spoke at a meeting of the Rotary Club held yesterday. He referred to the newspaper campaign waged in Cuba for the ratification of the Hay-Quesada Treaty. He praised the spirit of justice of the great American people, and their friendship toward Cuba. He also praised the attitude of Secretary Hughes and of President Coolidge for their constant support to the cause of Cuba.

DIARIO DE LA MARINA - April 9th.

EDITORIAL entitled "CHINESE IMMIGRATION". - It states that more than eighty Chinamen landed yesterday in Habana, and refers to the illicit methods used by Chinese immigrants to come to this country. It further comments upon the dangers of asiatic immigration.
Another EDITORIAL commenting upon the uncleanliness of the city of Habana, and expressing the hopes that the future Secretary of Public Works will give preferent attention to this question.

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HERALDO DE CUBA - April 9th.

Interview with Colonel Rogerio Zayas Bazan, future Secretary of the Interior in the Cabinet of General Machado, who has just returned from the United States. He begins by paying a tribute of admiration to the patriotism and local pride of the Americans, and refers to the wonderful organization of educational institutions, police service and penitentiary systems of the United States. He finally refers to his intentions of carrying on an energetic campaign against prostitution, gambling, narcotic drugs, etc.; and to the necessity of encouraging the influx of tourists.....

The Representative in Habana of the Railroad Brotherhood declared yesterday that the strike in the Eastern provinces may be declared at any moment.

EDITORIAL commenting upon the fact that the railroad strike seems to be inevitable; and criticizing the lack of action on the part of the Department of Agriculture, Commerce and Labor.

Another editorial, very favorably commenting upon the cordial relations existing between the members of Congress which constitute the majority, and the future President of the Republic, General Machado.

Article stating that Dr. Gonzalez Manet will remain at the head of the Department of Public Instruction in the first Cabinet of General Machado.

General Menocal has definitely retired from political life, and will devote his activities to the sugar industry. He has acquired a large tract of land in the Province of Camaguey where he will foment a new sugar-mill called "Santa Marta."

EL HERALDO - April 9, 1925.

EDITORIAL very unfavorably commenting upon the economic policy of the present Administration, and especially upon the appropriations recently granted by the President of the Republic. During the last six months, the Government has wasted over fifteen million dollars, including the amount of the loan destined for public works. Of that amount, at least twelve millions have been fraudulently spent, in a manner similar to that denounced by the residents of Cienfuegos.

Commenting upon the contraband of immigrants, liquors and narcotic drugs, this paper publishes an article ~~xxxxxx~~ stating, in part, as follows: "We have expressly denounced before the Supreme Court, the contraband of narcotic drugs, immigrants and liquors carried on through the ports of Jaimanitas and Habana, as well as the large stock of liquors in transit now deposited on the wharves intended for Puerto Cortes, and to our knowledge, no action whatsoever has been taken.... The Prosecuting Attorney of the Supreme Court is probably awaiting instructions from the President of the Republic, and the President, in turn, is probably waiting until the American Embassy requests the Government to take some action. And it may also happen that the American Embassy is waiting for a definite report from the Commercial or Military Attaché... In the meantime, the illicit traffic continues with growing intensity.... It is logical to suppose that "weighty reasons" prevent the Prosecuting Attorney from takeing action.... The Government must take some action, to avoid the case of having to receive a humiliating note from the American Government. We cannot imagine that the President of the United States has given

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instructions to the Ambassador to take no action, or to the Commercial Attaché to fail to report on a thing which he cannot fail to see; unless he has been careful to file the Notes which the Department of the Treasury sends to the Embassy through the Department of State, or the notes failed to arrive to their destination for some other reasons.....

LA PRENSA - April 9, 1925.

Mexico will send a Special Mission to attend the ceremonies of the inauguration of President Machado. Aaron Saenz, Minister of Foreign Relations, and Jose Alvarez, Chief of the General Staff of President Calles, will be members of said Special Mission.

EL MUNDO - April 10, 1925.

Article referring to the scandalous deal in connection with the Cienfuegos aqueduct, and stating that the Department of Public Works is giving decided protection to this illicit transaction.

The Senate and the House of Representatives will hold a joint session next Wednesday (April 15th) to proceed to the proclamation of General Machado as President.

The Decree accepting the resignation of Ambassador Torriente, was sent yesterday to the Official Gazette.

DIARIO DE LA MARINA - April 10, 1925.

Molasses exporters have been exempted from the payment of the tax of one per cent, according to a Decree signed by the President of the Republic.

EDITORIAL entitled "THE ORGANIZATION OF THE SENATE" - Commenting very favorably upon the members who were selected to constitute the Board, and stating that special attention should be given to the selection of the different Committees.

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The House of Representatives held a session yesterday (See Running Comment of Congress).

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HERALDO DE CUBA - April 13, 1925.

A group of importers has requested the Department of Agriculture to establish certain restrictions against the importation of potatoes from Canada. This paper protests against such intentions, because Canada is one of the regular sources of supply of that commodity.

The residents of Perico, Agramonte and other towns of the Province of Matanzas, have filed a protest before General Machado against the contractors of the road from Agramonte to Perico because they are not living up to the specifications of the contract for such work, and are defrauding the Government.

EL HERALDO - April 13, 1925.

Commenting upon the "last sweep" of the present Administration, this paper states that "Benito Lagueruela and other land-grabbers" are trying to unbury an old lawsuit for the purpose of claiming the ownership of the "Quinta de los Molinos" which for over a century has belonged to the Government; and refers to the criminal negligence of the Bureau of Properties of the State.

Article stating that Francisco Martinez Lufriu has not lost his influence at the Palace. Through the intervention of Martinez Lufriu, the President granted an appropriation of $200,000.00 for some imaginary works in the Province of Oriente, and for which Martinez Lufriu obtained a commission of $20,000.00.

LA PRENSA - April 15, 1925.

"THE SCANDALOUS DEAL IN CONNECTION WITH THE CIENFUEGOS AQUEDUCT." - The article states that some days ago, the Mayor of Cienfuegos and other prominent persons of that city appealed first to President Zayas, and then to President-elect Machado denouncing the guilty actions of the Chief Engineer of the Aqueduct, Mr. Alfredo Colli. They gave full details of the fraudulent manner in which the appropriation of $100,000.00 had been spent. Among the proofs, furnished, there appears the purchase of motor for the sum of $88,000.00, the market value of which does not exceed $8,150.00. If President Zayas permits this scandal to pass unpunished, General Machado will order a careful investigation, referring the matter to the Courts; but in the meantime, the residents of Cienfuegos have already taken steps to defend their interests, and have filed a complaint before the Court of Instruction. The Mayor of Cienfuegos has already announced that feeling is running high in that city, and the possibility of disturbances is even predicted.

LA NOCHE - April 15, 1925.

The Second National Women's Congress inaugurated its sessions yesterday, presided by Mrs. Pilar Morlon de Menendez and by President elect Machado. - In a speech made by General Machado, he said that during his Administration he will maintain the same program of the revolution of independence, that is to say, that men and women should have the same rights and the same duties. "My Government--he continued--shall be a government of rectification, of morality of honesty, and women will be permitted to enter the jails for the purpose of educating the unfortunate inmates....." "Cuban women have always given proofs of being capacitated to act in public life; and the present Congress is one of the best proofs...."

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A clandestine landing of Antillian immigrants was discovered by the Cuban authorities in the Province of Oriente. Three Haitians and one Dominican were arrested and sent to jail. -- According to reports received by the Secretary of the Interior, the Union of Laborers of the Sugar Industry of Puerto Padre has decided to call off the strike against The Cuban-American Sugar Company. Work will be resumed there immediately.

EL MUNDO - April 14, 1925

EDITORIAL quoting a Manifesto issued by the Mayor of Cienfuegos and other prominent persons of that city, explaining the steps taken by them to safeguard the interests of the commonwealth, in connection with the appropriation granted for the aqueduct; and protesting against the threatening attitude of the Secretary of Public Works.

Telegram from Cienfuegos: Dr. Rogelio Bernal, Judge of Instruction has held as evidence, the proceedings instituted in the Department of Public Works for the construction of the aqueduct, and also the stub of the check issued for $88,000.00. After certain investigations, the Judge issued writs of indictment against: Faustino Meruelo, Administrator of the Aqueduct, who signed the check in question; the Chief Engineer of the Aqueduct, Alfredo Colli, and the contractor Tarrab.

The Senate and the House of Representatives will convene as a single body on April 16th, at 4:00 P.M. to proceed to the proclamation of the President and Vice President of the Republic elected on November 1st -- in compliance with the provisions of Article 58 of the Constitution, and Article 4 of the Law governing the relations between the two legislative bodies.

A "National Association of Ex Members of Congress" has been organized in this City. Among the purposes aimed by this Association, the following appear: "This Association will only initiate and support all ideas which may be expounded and which may tend to the welfare of all moral and material interests...." "As other organizations, this Association will endeavor to improve all customs enthroned of late and which may be the cause of justified criticisms, and which impair the prestige with which we must be surrounded and to which we have a perfect right by reason of our high degree of civilization....."

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1. Enclosed will be found brief summaries of news articles and editorial comment of the Havana Press for the days:
April 14, 15, 16, and 17.

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HERALDO DE CUBA - April 14th.

As a result of the intervention of Col. Zayas Bazan in the conflict between the Controlled Railways and its employees, a truce of fifteen days has been obtained. During that period, a Commission will study the means of arriving at a friendly settlement, and it is believed that this will be obtained.

The Local Head of Sanitation of Trinidad (Province of Santa Clara) reports the existence of a case of cerebro-spinal meningitis in that city.

This paper states that there are at present 29 cases of typhoid fever in the suburb of La Vibora, this being a consequence of the scarcity of water in Habana.

EL HERALDO - April 14th.

This paper comments upon the case of cerebro-spinal meningitis in the city of Trinidad, and refers to the unsanitary conditions existing throughout the Republic. The article also refers to the existence of cases of measles and diphtheria in Habana.

The American Embassy has again protested against the actions of Judge Beltran, of Ciego de Avila, who has usurped lands belonging to the Cuba Company. The lands grabbed by this venal official are worth about $100,000.00.

EL MUNDO - April 15, 1925.

"MUST ZAYAS' STATUE BE ERECTED?" - Editorial commenting upon the scandalous deals and illegalities committed during the last year of the present Administration, which have completely annulled the previous worthy actions of President Zayas, and stating that public opinion is contrary to the erection of a statue in honor of Dr. Zayas.

The President signed yesterday several decrees granting appropriations for public works, as follows:

$ 5,941.88	for the completion of a school house in Veguitas;
$49,643.32	for improvements and repairs of a school in Colon;
50,000.00	for the reconstruction and repair of the road from Holguin to San Pedro de Cacocum;
240,000.00	for the reconstruction of the road from Cienfuegos to Manicaragua;
100,068.01	for repair of the road from Habana to Guanabo;
70,000.00	for the paving of Garzon Avenue, in Santiago de Cuba;
70,000.00	for the repair of the road from Santiago to San Luis;
60,000.00	for the repair of the road from Caimito to Capellanías (Province of Habana); and
9,926.94	for the construction of a section of road at El Cano.
$655,580.15	Total

Referring to the case of the aqueduct of Cienfuegos, "El Mundo quotes the following article published in "La Correspondencia" of Cienfuegos: "Mr. Luis P. Doria, Engineer of the firm of Melchor Armstrong and Desseau Company, gave his deposition before Judge Bernal, as follows: 'That he knew the motor in question, because he sold it to a Mr. Gutierrez of the General Machinery Company; that Messrs. Urechaga & Co. of Matanzas used said motor during a period of four years, and that the price of sale was $2,200.00...'"

Dr. Zaydin, President of the House of Representatives, called on Dr. Zayas yesterday, and after the conference, he informed

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the reporters as follows: "That he had spent over an hour discussing the Budget for the coming fiscal year with the President; that President Zayas is of the opinion that the revenues will amount to over 96 millions, and for this reason the expenditures will be increased.

DIARIO DE LA MARINA - April 15, 1925.

According to a decision of the Secretary of the Treasury, the members of the orchestra of the Don Lanning theatrical company will be deported, because the Immigration Law does not permit the bringing of contracted musicians to Cuba.

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HERALDO DE CUBA - April 15, 1925.

The Assistant Chief of the Judicial Police has been sent to Ciego de Avila to make certain investigations in connection with the conduct of Judge Beltran. - This Judge was accused of certain irregularities in the fulfilment of his office, and for this reason the Audiencia of Camaguey ordered Magistrate Aragoñ to proceed to Ciego de Avila to investigate the denunciations; but the night before Magistrate Aragón arrived, thieves broke into the Court stealing many documents, especially those which referred to the accusations made against the Judge. This supposed robbery seems to have been framed by the Judge, and this is what the Judicial Police is trying to investigate.

By Decree No. 546 published in the Official Gazette of yesterday, Dr. Carlos Manuel de Cespedes is appointed in special commission abroad at the expiration of the leave of absence which he now enjoys, but Heraldo de Cuba states that the character of the mission entrusted to him is not mentioned in the Decree. During Dr. Cespedes' absence, Dr. Regueiferos will continue to act as Secretary of State ad interim

Dr. Lopez del Valle will go to the United States to make certain studies in connection with cotton-oil. This seems to be a consequence of the efforts made the National Association of Foreign Firms to obtain the necessary authorization for the importation of cotton seed oil for the manufacture of bread, etc.

EDITORIAL, unfavorably commenting upon the recommendations made by President Zayas in the sense that the Budget of expenditures for the coming fiscal years should be increased.

The National Federation of Economic Corporations continues its campaign in favor of the repeal of the tax of four per cent on profits

EL HERALDO - April 15, 1925.

Referring to the activities of the smugglers of liquors and immigrants in Habana, this paper states that the prohibition agents in New York seized a cargo of rum on board the S. S. "Siboney" of the Ward Line. The "Peter Crowell" has also been seized, and found to have on board 1,000 cases of whiskey, 40 cases of opium and sixty Chinese immigrants.

Article commenting upon the present state of abandonment of sanitary conditions in Cuba, and the impending danger of meningitis and measles.

Feature article protesting againstthe intentions of Dr. Iturralde to become a member of the Cabinet of General Machado, and stating that a man who served as volunteer in the Spanish Army during the struggle for independence, cannot and should not be placed at the head of the Army of the Republic.

Dr. Rafael Martinez Ortiz has published a pamphlet referring to the necessity of extending the Treaty of Reciprocity between Cuba and the United States.--This article of "El Heraldo" contains several paragraphs quoted from said pamphlet.

EL MUNDO - April 16, 1925.

EDITORIAL commenting upon the lavish expenditure of public funds, and referring not only to the appropriation decrees recently signed by the President, but also to the defective manner in which

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the works are accomplished, and the awarding of the contracts without the previous requisite of a "subasta". In this connection, it refers especially to the construction of the road from Agramonte to Perico, in the Province of Matanzas, and states that a part of said road which was repaired only six months ago is again impassable. $90,000.00 were spent in the repair of that part of the road, and now the President has granted an appropriation of $156,000.00 for the repair of the second part. The residents of that section of the country have raised a general protest against the defective manner in which the road is repaired, and they now speak of bringing a collective action similar to that brought in the city of Cienfuegos against the scandalous deal of the aqueduct.

Yesterday's session of the House of Representatives was entirely devoted to the appointment of the permanent Committees. Congress will hold a joint session at four o'clock this afternoon, for the proclamation of the President and Vice President elected on November 1st.

Text of the writ of indictment issued by Judge Bernal, of Cienfuegos, against Alfredo Colli, Miguel Tarrab and Faustino Meruelo, in connection with the scandalous deal of the aqueduct of that city.

"El Mundo" is publishing a series of articles signed by "J. A. C." on "THE VENTO WATERWORKS - WHAT HAS BEEN DONE, AND THAT WHICH MUST BE DONE."

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HERALDO DE CUBA - April 16th.

Cable despatch from Washington announcing that the Corrresondent of Heraldo de Cuba has not been able to obtain the confirmation of the rumors concerning the appointment of Mr. Rafael Sanchez Aballí as Ambassador in Washington.

EDITORIAL commenting upon the appointment of the Permanent Committees of the Senate. - After the last period of indifference and inactivity in the legislative life during which the Committees hardly gave any signs of life, the present agitation provoked in connection with the Presidencies of the various Committees may mean a purpose to revive Congressional activity. One of the Committees most disputed was that on Railroads, as if Congress were on the eve of discussing the granting of subsidies "which often create scandals and cause a decrease of the funds of the Treasury".

EL HERALDO - April 16th.

The informations published by this paper have checked the activities of the bootleggers in Habana. Not a single case of rum was shipped yesterday. However, they still have 100,000 cases of liquors stored on the docks "in transit to Puerto Cortes". These bootleggers, headed by Mr. Gwin, and with the assistance of the powerful allies they have in Habana, will try to run the blockade, and they are also trying to overcome the resistance of the Customs Officials of Habana to the clearance of their goods. The article also gives a list of some of the ships which have been seized by the prohibition fleet which is now guarding the coasts of Cuba and Florida.

The Railroad Brotherhood announces the possibility of a new conflict, due to the uncompromising attitude of the railway company.

LA PRENSA - April 16th.

Dr. Regueiferos leaves for Washington tomorrow, and will act as Delegate of Cuba to the Convention of Architects. During the absence of Dr. Regueiferos, Dr. Iturralde will act as Secretary of Justice, and Dr. Gonzalez Manet the Acting Secretary of State.

The money deposited in the National Treasury on April 15th amounted to $17.889,215.19. - The revenues collected during the first 15 days of April amounted to $3.912,750.74.

LA NOCHE - April 16th.

EDITORIAL entitled "OUR COMMERCIAL RELATIONS WITH THE UNITED STATES." - Commenting upon the trip of General Machado to the United States and his purposes to obtain the revision of the Treaty of Reciprocity now in force. In this connection, this editorial states that the present Treaty gives more advantages to the U. S. than to Cuba, and for this reason, while the Americans exports to Cuba have had an increase of 25%, the Cuban exports to the U.S. have only had an increase of 6%; and the Cuban market for American goods is only surpassed by England, Japan, Canada, France and Germany. Therefore, if the negotiations initiated by General Machado are properly conducted, they will obtain great success.

Cable despatch from Savannah, referring to the declarations made by General Machado in connection with the revision of the present Treaty of Reciprocity with the United States.

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At a conference held between General Menocal and the Conservative members of Congress, he recommended them to attend the joint session of Congress, to proclaim General Machado as President, and to lend their cooperation to the new Government in all patriotic and beneficial work.

EL MUNDO - April 17, 1925.

This paper refers to the efforts made by American and Cuban commerciael elements to obtain the revision of the Treaty of Commercial Reciprocity now in force, and publishes a lengthy article on the disadvantages of the present Treaty to both Cubans and Americans.

DIARIO DE LA MARINA - April 17th.

The proclamation of General Machado and Mr. De la Rosa took place yesterday at a joint session of Congress. They were elected President and Vice President, respectively, by a majority of 125 votes. General Menocal and Dr. Mendez Capote only obtained the 11 votes of the electors of Pinar del Rio.

EDITORIAL commenting upon the campaign in favor of the repeal of the tax of four per cent on profits. The article states that the Senate is responsible for the maintenance of this tax, because the House passed a bill repealing it, and the President was disposed to sanction said Bill. Opinions contrary to the maintenance of said tax have been given by doctors Bustamante, Mendez Capote, De Beci and Hernandez Cartaya; and states that the report of Hernandez Cartaya is of the greatest importance, because he has filled the office of Secretary of the Treasury, and will fill the same office in the Cabinet of General Machado. The editorial states that either Congress must repeal that tax without further delay, or the President hold in suspense the collection of the same if he considers that he has no powers do adopt a more radical measure; but one thing or the other must be done immediately.

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1. Enclosed will be found brief summaries of news articles and editorial comment of the Havana Press for the days:
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HERALDO DE CUBA - April 17th.

Normal conditions are being rapidly restored in the lines of the Consolidated Railways of Cuba. The new working agreement requested by the laborers is being studied, and it will probably be accepted.

EDITORIAL, commenting upon the cordial reception accorded to General Machado in the United States, the opportunity of his trip to that country, and the favorable perspective for the revision of the Treaty of Reciprocity between Cuba and the United States.

EL HERALDO - April 17th.

President Zayas is trying to take away from the xx hands of the Judge of Cienfuegos to proceedings in connection with the fraudulent deal of the aqueduct. It is alleged that the Judge of Cienfuegos has no jurisdiction over this case because the crime was committed in the National Treasury. The Judge of Instruction of the First Section of Habana will claim the proceedings. This seems to be only a combination to stay the proceedings.

"LETTER FROM "LIBORIO" TO JULIO A. MELLA" - Article referring to the purposes of the students of tearing down the statue of Dr. Zayas, if this statue is erected before May 20th; recommending the students not to carry out their purposes; but commenting sarcastically upon the"great deeds"accomplished during the Administration of President Zayas. In this connection, the article refers to the recommendations made by Dr. Zayas to his brother to treason the cause of independence; to the dissolution of the Liberal Party because Zayas refused to give up the Presidency of the Party; to the severe admonitions of Ambassador Crowder by reason of the corruption prevailing in the Administration "which placed the country in such an imminent danger that only the magnanimous attitude of the great Republic of the North saved the Cubans through the decision that Zayas could not remain in the Presidency for another period of four years", etc.....

Referring to a letter of Celso Cuellar said to have been published yesterday, Mr. Govea, President and largest shareholder of El Heraldo, challenges Celso Cuellar to prove how their respective fortunes were made, and offers the names of the following persons to form part of a Court of twelve to decide on this question: Nestor Mendoza, Barraque, Viriato Gutierrez, Jorge A. Belt, Salvador Cuedes, Martinez Escobar, Regino Truffin, Jacinto Pedroso, Ambrosio Morales, Balbino Gonzalez, Luis Diaz, Ernesto Sarrá, Eliseo Cartaya and Tomas Bordenave.

LA PRENSA - April 17th.

A railroad strike is imminent in the Eastern provinces of Cuba. The Cuba Company is accused of rejecting the bases which it had formerly accepted. All traffic will probably be stopped with the next few hours.

The new Minister of France, M. Gaston Liebert, will present his credentials next Thursday.

EL MUNDO - April 18, 1925.

EDITORIAL very unfavorably commenting upon the appropriation of public funds by decree, as practiced by President Zayas; and in this connection, it quotes part of a letter which President

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Zayas wrote to General Crowder under date of April 30, 1921, in which he emphatically stated that the President had no powers to dispose of public funds by decree.....

Cable despatch from Washington, referring to the declarations made by President-elect Machado in connection with his future Administration. He affirmed that during his term of office, the problems of highways, and of Pan-Americanims, will be studied, and that the revision of the present Treaty of Reciprocity with the United States will probably be effected. - The leader of the Conservative Party, Santiago Rey, congratulates Machado on his proclamation.

DIARIO DE LA MARINA - April 18, 1925.

A freight train of the Cuba Northern Railways was blown up by the strikers near the station of Central Patria. The "infernal machine" placed on the tracks had been calculated for the heaviest locomotives of the Company, but it was made to explode by the weight of three tank cars loaded with molasses.

Cable despatch from Washington referring to an interview granted by Dr. Carlos Manuel de Cespedes to the United Press, in which he defined Pan-Americanims as follows: "Real Pan-Americanims is a movement in intense cooperation among the American republics, based on a profound and mutual respect and genuine affection." He further said: "I believe that the attitude of the United States, as revealed recently by the ratification of the Isle of Pines Treaty, is in strict accord with that interpretation of Pan-Americanism," and referred to the very cordial relations existing between the United States and Cuba.

The President has sanctioned a Law granting an appropriation of $25,000.00 as Cuba's contribution for the erection of a statue of Marti in New York.

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HERALDO DE CUBA - April 18, 1925.

The Department of Public Works has announced that the new pumps installed in Palatino will commence to give active service next week, and this will solve the problem of the scarcity of water in all the districts of Habana.

One of the sailors of the steamer "Cabo Punta" which arrived to the part of Cienfuegos from India, is suspected of having died of the bubonic plague.

EL HERALDO - April 18, 1925.

Telegram from Camaguey announcing that labor leaders Enrique Varona, Miguel Angel Jimenez, Pedro Urquia, Polidor Exposito and Ramon Estrada, believed to be implicated in the explosion of a bomb near Central "Punta Alegre", were arrested yesterday. The laborers protest against said arrests, and it is generally believed that this is only the beginning of an era of persecution against the laborers.

LA PRENSA - April 18, 1925.

This paper publishes the following news article: "The President has signed a decree granting an appropriation of $50,000.00 to reinforce the item of "Unforeseen Expenses of the Department of State", in order to take care of the expenses of General Machado to Washington."

Cable despatch from Washington: "The attitude of General Machado, President-elect of Cuba, in refusing to use an automobile in poor conditions when he went from the Hotel Mayflower to the Washington Arsenal yesterday on his way to Mount Vernon, has been very favorably commented upon in all circles of this capital. - Everything indicates that a mistake was made in sending said automobile to transport the President-elect of Cuba who was a guest of honor of the U. S. Government. The State Department made it understood that this was due to a mistake made in one of the offices, and that immediately one of the best automobiles which the Department has for use of the diplomatic service was sent to the Hotel Mayflower."

LA NOCHE - April 18, 1925.

A remittance of $119,565.13 has been made to Messrs. Speyer and Company, in payment of interests of the 35-million loan.

An assembly of railroad men will be held in Camaguey within the next few days. At said assembly, the laborers will be informed of the efforts made to solve the conflict with the Cuba Company, which has refused to accept any of the petitions made by the Union. The day for the declaration of a strike will probably be agreed upon at this meeting.

EL MUNDO - April 19, 1925.

Referring to the recent appropriation of $50,000.00 for "Unforeseen Expenses of the Department of State", this paper explains that the money is not to defray the expenses of the trip of General Machado, but only to pay the expenses of the reception given by the Cuban Embassy in Washington, and for the entertainments in Cuba of the Foreign Missions which will come for the inauguration of President Machado.

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Cable despatch from New York referring to the declarations made by General Machado of his visit to Washington. Among other things he said: "What I admired the most is the majestic serenity of that beautiful city which makes it the worthy capital of a great people; what I appreciate the most were the constant deferences shown to me by President Coolidge, as well as the intense sympathy and interest of that Government for the welfare of my people....."

Secretary Iturralde informed the reporters that he did not believe the laborers would cary out their threats of a general strike as an act of revenge for the arrest of several labor leaders; but that if a general strike breaks out, it will be regarded as a public disturbance, and the most energetic measures will be adopted by the Government to check it.

DIARIO DE LA MARINA - April 19, 1925.

The following appropriations have been granted by Presidential Decrees: $50,000.00 "to reinforce the item of 'Unforeseen Expenses of the Department of State;" - $80,000.00 for the construction of a section of road to connect the highways between Santa Clara and Sagua, and Santa Clara and Esperanza; - $210.000 for "Roads and Bridges" of the Budget of the Department of Public Works; -

Article entitled "THE OPINION OF REPRESENTATIVE ELEMENTS OF THE UNITED STATES WITH RESPECT TO SPANISH-AMERICA." - It states that the economic, political and spiritual relations of the United States with Spanish-American countries are becoming more intimate, more ample and more frequent every day; that this is the more evident with respect to Cuba, that it would be puerile to deal on the question. "However, it is queer to notice that in all Spanish-American countries, -including Cuba- little or nothing is known of the opinion of representative political and governmental elements of the U. S. with respect to Spanish-American questions, and the nature, character and extension of the relations which must exist between the Americans and the peoples of Spanish-America. However, there is nothing more important than to penetrate the bottom of that thought, as well as the sentiments, necessities and previsions which guide it..." Because Diario de la Marina realizes the importance of all this, it announces that it will begin to publish tomorrow a series of articles by the famous writer Mr. Neville O'Neill, "in which, in a clear and concise manner, with direct and first-hand informations, the ideas of the most representative elements of the U.S. will be given, on the question of the relations with Spanish-America....."

HERALDO DE CUBA - April 19, 1925.

This paper states that a general railroad strike is imminent, in view of the attitude assumed by the Government toward the labor leaders.

LA LUCHA - April 19, 1925.

This paper publishes a telegram from Cienfuegos announcing that the case of bubonic plague in the person of a sailor of the English steamer "Cape Point", has been confirmed.

LA DISCUSION - April 19, 1925.

Article signed by Tomás Julia, entitled "STRONG....BUT ALL IN CUBAN." Commenting with great regret upon the publication by "El Mundo" of a part of a letter addressed by Dr. Zayas to General Crowder on the question of appropriation decrees, and stating, in

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part, as follows: " It is true that, as our important colleague states, 'our people will read with astonishment that paragraph of a letter from Dr. Zayas to General Crowder, which had remained unpublished until now, and for the authenticity of which we vouch.'" "Yes, we are astonished, not so much for the attitude of the newspaper, as for what the Ambassador has done in furnishing that letter in order to give vent to his personal hatred for Dr. Zayas..."

EL MUNDO - April 20, 1925.

Antonio G. Mora, Editor of "El Mundo", received the following cablegram from General Machado: "Thanks for having denied information published yesterday of a decree to pay the expenses of my trip to this country. The trip is of a purely private nature, and it can only be paid by me."

EDITORIAL commenting upon the successful trip of General Machado to the United States, and the cordial reception accorded to him at all points visited.

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HERALDO DE CUBA - April 20, 1925.

Referring to the railroad conflict in the lines of the Cuba Company, this paper states that the Railroad Brotherhood has notified the Company that a strike will be declared at the expiration of a period of 72 hours, unless the Company accepts the demands made by the Union. - The railroad men of Habana will probably second the movement of Camaguey. - New arrests have been ordered in connection with the blowing up of a freight train.

EL HERALDO - April 20, 1925.

"CRIMES WITHOUT PUNISHMENT" - Commenting upon the corruption prevailing in the Administration, this paper states that the Penal Codes establishes severe punishments for the crime of "Theft leading up to murder", even though the thief did not have the premeditated purpose of killing. The article states that this is the crime of the officials of the Government who, by stealing the funds of the Treasury, bring misery to the country, and cause the death of unfortunate children, etc. And in spite of all these crimes, the person chiefly responsible is trying to erect a statue to himself. - The epidemic diseases which are breaking out in Habana and in the interior are caused by the abandonment of the Department of Sanitation, and this is a horrible crime, for which this corrupt administration is responsible. .The article further criticizes the attitude of Dr. Porto, and especially that of Dr. Lopez del Valle who is regarded by the writer as a "bluff", and who, instead of remaining in Cuba to look after the improvement of sanitary conditions, obtains the appointment as member of a Commission to a Congress on "Urbanization", but this is only a pretext, the real object being to meet General Machado in the United States and obtain his confirmation in his present office...

EDITORIAL commenting upon the trip of General Machado to the United States, and stating that the American press remarked, shortly after General Machado landed in the U.S., that it was becoming a custom for the Presidents-elect of Spanish American countries to visit the White House before taking possession of office. This was like a hint that they called to receive instructions for their future actions. "El Heraldo" states that in the case of General Machado the American Press is greatly mistaken; because Machado, or better still, the Liberal Party, does not need any indication as to the policy which it must follow. The trip of General Machado is purely of pleasure, and, if anything else, of cordiality between the United States and Cuba, and a proof of this is the manner in which he was welcomed by the President and the people of the United States.

LA PRENSA - April 20, 1925.

PALACE NEWS: A group of Congressmen belonging to the three political parties, and presided by Dr. Zaydin, held a long conference with President Zayas, with whom they discussed matters relating to the budget for the coming fiscal year, the revision of the Tariff, especially for the protection of sugar and tobacco abroad, and the banking legislation. It is the purpose of Congress to solve these questions before Machado is inaugurated, if possible. "Afterwards, the Congressmen requested certain public works and other improvements for their respective provinces." -- President Zayas will leave for Vueltas on Friday night, accompanied by several Secretaries of the Cabinet, to attend the unveiling of a bronce tablet which marks the place where Juan Bruno Zayas (brother of the President) rose in arms against the Spanish Government. They will return to Habana on Saturday night.

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LA NOCHE - April 2o, 1925.

An enthusiastic reception will be accorded to General Machado on his arrival from the United States. All necessary arrangements are being made by prominent elements of this city.

This paper denounces a scandalous deal now in project. A broker by the name of Bermudez is making arrangements to sell to the Government the building now occupied by "Belen" College belonging to the Jesuits. This religious institution has asked two million dollars for the property, but the broker wants the Government to pay $3.700,000.00. Senator Cuellar is said to be implicated in this deal. The Jesuits have agreed to sell the property for two millions, but they flatly refuse to sign any deed for a larger amount.

EL MUNDO - April 21, 1925.

EDITORIAL entitled "THE EXPENSES OF THE TRIP OF GENERAL MACHADO." - Referring to the rumors that the Government had appropriated the sum of $50,000.00 to pay the expenses of the trip of General Machado to the United States, this paper states that the origin of said rumors can be found in the wording of the Decree No. 604, which begins as follows: "WHEREAS, by reason of the trip of General Machado, President-elect, and persons who accompany him, to Washington, United States of America, the Cuban Embassy will give a reception in that city; WHEREAS, by reason of the change of Government, several foreign missions will come, the expenses of which will have to be paid; WHEREAS, there being no appropriation in budget of the Department of State to take care of said expenses....." "The expenses of the trip?- (the writer asks?) - The writer further states that there was absolutely no reason to mention the name of General Machado in said decree, and this is what led to the misunderstanding. - The article also refers to the recent decree granting an appropriation of $210,000.00 "to reinforce the appropriation for Roads and Bridges."

Letter from the Rotary Club of Cienfuegos to "El Mundo" in which the Rotary Club states that the members of said Club have requested the President of the Republic to stop the auction for the awarding of the contract of the road from Cienfuegos to ~~fuck~~ Cumanayagua, as they prefer that the work be done under the Administration of General Machado.

"THE CONDITIONS IN WHICH DR. ZAYAS RECEIVED THE NATIONAL TREASURY FROM GENERAL MENOCAL, AND THE CONDITIONS IN WHICH DR. ZAYAS WILL DELIVER IT TO GENERAL MACHADO." - El Mundo will give every possible assistance to the country to clear out the details of this important question. General Machado, on his part, will demand that no details will be omitted in rendering accounts. -- In this article El Mundo states that when Secretary Iribarren turned over the Treasury to Mr. Gelabert, the first Secretary of the Treasury in the Cabinet of Dr. Zayas, the Government had in its possession securities amounting to $22.544,797.70 guaranteeing the deposits which the Government had in the National Bank of Cuba. El Mundo promises to publish a list of these securities in a future article. - When Secretary Despaign demanded that said securities be deposited in the National Treasury, the Comptroller of the State failed to return securities amounting to $6.950,000.00, a list of which is given in this article. -- El Mundo firmly believes that the new Government will make a very careful investigation in connection with all these securities.

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DIARIO DE LA MARINA - April 21, 1925.

Colonel Quero, Chief of the Military District of Camaguey, conferred with President Zayas yesterday regarding the measures which will be rapidly adopted in case a railroad strike breaks out.

EL TRIUNFO - April 21, 1925.

President Zayas has received the following cablegram from General Machado, dated New York, April 19th: "I have had an enthusiastic welcome on my arrival here. All the honors received in Washington I have considered as extended to the Republic. I think this will be a source of satisfaction to you. Best regards."

Article unfavorably commenting upon the inactivity of Congress. The House of Representatives could not hold session yesterday, as only 54 members answered the roll call.

EDITORIAL stating that the present Congress must enact laws to protect the national industries.

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HERALDO DE CUBA - April 21st.

As a result of the intervention of Governor Zayas Bazan in the railroad conflict, the Railroad Brotherhood has held in suspense the order of strike which had been given. The conflict will probably be solved today or tomorrow. The laborers are still awaiting a categoric answer from the Railroad Company. Colonel Quero, Chief of the Military District of Camaguey, is now in Habana, and has conferred at length with Secretary Iturralde concerning the labor conflict.

The Department of Public Works is preparing a new "chivo", for which the Government will pay about two million dollars. This is in connection with the purchase of automatic sweepers for the the city of Habana, and motor trucks for the collecting of garbage. This paper states that President Zayas will make a clear profit of about $300,000.00 in this deal.

EDITORIAL commenting unfavorably upon the activities of a group of Congressmen who are still trying to pass the Reforms of the Constitution - there real purpose being the obtention of the "extension of powers."

According to a resolution adopted by the Association of Printers, no newspapers will be published on May 1st, when the Cuban workers celebrate their "Labor Day.g

EL HERALDO - April 21st.

This paper states that the illegal appropriations by decrees have reached the astounding sum of 12 million dollars. It also gives a tabulated chart of the total expenditures made by the different Departments of the State during the first eight months of the present fiscal year, showing a total expenditure of $57.396,863.95.

Article commenting against the erection of the statue to Dr. Zayas, and stating that the statue should not be blown up, but beheaded.

Article stating that the Sanitary Regulations cannot be enforced due to the lack of water in Habana.

Referring to the corruption in the Department of the Lottery, this paper states that Alfredo Zayas Arrieta has appropriated to himself all the "Collecturias" which were held by the members of Congress whose term of office expired this month, and that he intends to take away the colecturias from all the other members of Congress, giving as an excuse that he wants to turn over the Department to his successor free from all obligations; but with said colecturias in his hands during the next three drawings, he will clear a profit of not less than $500,000.00.

A bill has been presented in the House of Representatives, signed by Santiago Rey, Vito Candia, Bartolomé Sagaró, Evelio A. del Real and Martin Mora, recommending the appointment of a Commission to investigate the causes of the absorption of the Cuban wealth by foreigners, and to recommend the measures which must be adopted to retain the 50 per cent of said wealth which still remains in the hands of Cubans.

The Association of Sugar Planters and Mill Owners will request the abolition of the tax of 10 cents which they now pay on every bag of sugar manufactured.

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LA DISCUSION - April 21, 1925.

There seems to exist a spirit of rebellion among certain members of the Majority in the House of Representatives. The Board recently elected will probably not last very long. Among the most prominent "insurgents", the following are mentioned: Gil, Wolter del Rio, Recio, Sagaré and Eliseo Figueroa. Changes are likely to occur very shortly. It is not possible to guarantee that harmonious relations exist among the Liberals in the House.

EDITORIAL commenting upon the fact that the projected Reforms of the Constitution will suffer a new defeat, because the "Extension of Powers" has aroused the ambition of all those who fill elective offices.

The SENATE held no session yesterday, due to the lack of quorum.

LA PRENSA - April 21, 1925.

The following appropriations have been granted by decree: $50,000.00 for books and printings, for the Department of the Treasury, and $15,000.00 for the paving of the streets of the suburb of Naranjito.

Article very favorably commenting upon the subsidy of $6,000.00 per year granted by a Law of Congress to the "Pro-Cuba Committee" of New York.

EL MUNDO - April 22, 1925.

EDITORIAL protesting against the concession which the Government intends to grant to a private company, "La Antillana", for the exploitation of a wireless service between Santiago de Cuba and Habana. - If this concession is granted, General Machado will have to annull it, because services of this nature must be operated by the Government, according to the provisions of a Royal Ordinance which is still in force in Cuba.

With the advent of Summer, the residents of Habana begin to suffer once more the consequences of the lack of water, and the Department of Public Works remains with folded arms. Visits to the Vento Reservoir and to the Palatino Pumping Station are frequently announced, but nothing practical is done to remedy the evil.

The banquet in honor of Dr. Cosme de la Torriente, has been scheduled for Monday, May 4th. - The Committee in charge of the organization of this banquet is working with great enthusiasm. Among the last adhesions received, the following names appear: The Vice President of the Republic, General Carrillo; Senators Vazquez Bello, Varona Suarez, Compte, Villalón, Martinez Moles, Verdura and Collazo; Secretary of Agriculture Betancourt, and Assistant Secretary Schweyer, Representatives Rey, Fernandez, Verdeja, Reyes, Planas, German Lopez, Wolter del Rio, etc.

DIARIO DE LA MARINA - April 22, 1925.

The Justice and Code Committee of the Senate held a meeting yesterday. Two Senators were appointed to report on the Reforms of the Constitution (See Running Comment of Congress).

EDITORIAL commenting upon the necessity and convenience of paying off the debt of Cuba at the earliest possible date. - The Editorial states that according to the last message which President

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Zayas sent to Congress, the debts of the Republic amount to $99.580,400.00, but that there must be added $11.500,000.00 still owed of the so-called Floating Debt, making a total of $111.080,400.00. By diving this amount into the 3.368,923 inhabitants of Cuba, shows a debt of about $29.00 per capita. This is unquestionably one of the smallest debts in the world, and it cannot, and should not constitute a reason for alarm. The rapid reduction of the Debts of Cuba during the last three years, is a proof of the vitality and wealth of the country, and the facility with which it can meet its obligations. The article states, however, that it would be a lamentable policy not to be decidedly in favor of the total amortization of the debts within the shortest possible period. "An exterior debt creates obligations of an economic nature with the money-lenders, and also constitute perils which, though remote, are true and terrible in case an unfortunate crisis should affect the public Treasury. We have already had a lamentable example of this during the last few years of our history....."

EL TRIUNFO - April 22, 1925.

The President of the Republic will visit the Santa Clara Convent, to see the work that has been accomplished there. $96,000.00 have been spent in the work of adaptation . That old convent building will house the following offices of the Government: The Department of Public Instruction, the National Museum, Offices of the Superintendents of Schools, the Board of Education, and Warehouses of the Department of Public Works.

Mr. Lecuona, Acting Secretary of the Presidency, gave out the following statements yesterday: "The Honorable President of the Republic wishes to state that there has been absolutely no foundation in the rumors circulated of having granted an appropriation of $50,000.00 for the expenses of the visit which the Honorable President-elect, General Gerardo Machado, is making to the neighboring Republic of the United States. The decree granting that appropriation clearly explains its object, though it was due to an agreement with the President-elect, within the cordiality and harmony which must exist between a Government which will coonstitutionaly cease and a Government which will be constitutionally organized, and the more so when there exists a good and old friendship. The above is proved by a cablegram received by the Department of State from Dr. Carlos Manuel de Cespedes, which reads as follows: 'xxxx 'Arrived well. General Machado asks whether the Decree for $50,000.00 has not yet been signed, as he considers that the $25,000.00 for said missions are insufficient."

EDITORIAL entitled "DIPLOMATIC EXPENSES", commenting upon the fact that the $50,000.00 appropriated recently, were necessary to enable the Cuban Embassy and Consulates in the United States to entertain General Machado properly, and these being unforeseen expenses, they could not have been included in the Budget.

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HERALDO DE CUBA - April 22, 1925.

EDITORIAL commenting upon "THE CONGRESSIONAL OUTLOOK". It states that it is not possible to form an opinion of the future steps of the present Congressional period by the first actions of Congress; because while the House remains idle and gives signs of weariness, the Senate has already commenced to grant appropriations for pensions, gifts and public works, with great liberality. This attitude of the Senate, if kept up, will soon exhaust the funds of the Treasury, and the people of Cuba will have to be thankful for the inactivity of the House of Representatives. It is rumored at the House that that branch of Congress will not commence to act normally, awaiting the Bill of Reforms of the Constitution which will be passed by the Senate, because it is to the interest of the members of Congress to approve these reforms before May 20th; otherwise, the much desired "extension of powers" will not pass.

EL HERALDO - April 22, 1925.

This paper states that its campaign against the venalities of Judge Beltran, of Ciego de Avila, have caused a group of Congressmen from that Province to present a Bill in which they propose to divide the Court of First Instance and of Instruction of said city into two different Courts: one of First Instance and another of Instruction; and, as a reason, they state in the preamble that "the Court of First Instance and of Instruction of Ciego de Avila is a constant source of worry for the Audiencia of Camaguey as it is very much behind in the transaction of the cases entrusted to it, with great detriment to the administration of justice and the right of the interests of the citizens due to the large number of cases in the hands of said Court; that this same chaotic situation gives rise to the Judge to put aside many civil cases brought before him under the excuse that 'he was prevented from acting by reason of the preferent attention given to matters of a criminal nature'.....leaving the door open to the Judge to put a price to his resolutions of a civil character....."

EDITORIAL, commenting upon the illicit appropriation of funds by decree, and stating the twelve millions have been disposed of in this way since the Supreme Court issued its famous declaration that there was no punishment applicable, although that constituted an overstepping or usurpation of powers. It further comments upon the manner in which said appropriations have been spent, and cites, as an example, the appropriation granted for the Cienfuegos aqueduct in which only two per cent of the appropriation was actually spent for improvements, and the people were defrauded of the remaining ninety-eight per cent. On the other hand, President Zayas cannot allege ignorance of the Law. His letter to General Crowder, part of which was published by El Mundo, proves that he knows that he commits a crime whenever he signs a decree granting an appropriation.....

LA PRENSA - April 22, 1925.

EDITORIAL commenting upon the inactivity of Congress. This paper urges the members of Congress to get busy as there are important bills pending, and stating that they should give preferent attention to the discussion and approval of the Budget for the coming fiscal year.

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LA NOCHE - April 2 1925.

A telegr from Cienfuegos states that great excitement prevails in at city by the appearance of new cases of cerebro-spinal menintis, and that the Sanitary authorities have taken no steps to revent the spreading of the disease.

The cas of bubonic plague in the person of a sailor of the steamer "Cas Point", was not confirmed. Said steamer, which had been set to the Quarantine Station of Mariel, has now been ordered to roceed to Cienfuegos again to unload its cargo of rice.

Artice protesting against the scarcity of water in Habana, and statin that the Department of Public Works cannot solve this long standing problem by means of visits to the Vento Reservoir and the Palatino Pumping Station.

EL MUNDO - April 23, 1925. (part filed under 2410 — Sanitation)

Text of the speeches made by Mr. Morrow and by General Machado, last night in New York.

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HERALDO DE CUBA - April 23rd.

In spite of the fact that the period of 72 hours granted by the Railroad Brotherhood, has expired, there are still hopes of arriving at a settlement of the railroad conflict. - Members of the House of Representatives confer with the labor leaders. - Text of a cablegram sent by Mr. Rubens to Mr. Galdos, stating that the passive resistance ordered by the Brotherhood last February, was only a demonstration of force and violated the terms of the last agreement; that the Railroad Company cannot enter into any negotiations while the Brotherhood maintains its present attitude, as any agreement arrived at would not be worth the paper on which it was written.

The promoters of the scheme to building a restaurant and gambling establishment near the Luz Caballero Park, are now very active trying to obtain the concession.

EDITORIAL, very favorably commenting upon the appointment of Senator Jose Manuel Cortina as member of the Committee which is to study and pass upon the projected reforms of the Constitution; this appointment being a great step forward in favor of the reforms.

EL HERALDO - April 23, 1925.

Cable despatch from New York stating that during the month of April, 39 ships carrying contraband of liquor and immigrants were seized by the fleet of American Revenue Cutters guarding the coasts of Florida. Said contraband ships started off from the ports of Habana and Almendares River, Matanas Sagua la Grande and Cardenas. These cases will come up before the Federal Court of Florida on May 4th. The American authorities are surprised to see that the Cuban officials do not take any action on the cases denounced.

LA DISCUSION - April 23, 1925.

This paper states that rumors have circulated to the effect that Dr. Alfredo Zayas will be the President of the Supreme Court.

LA PRENSA - April 23, 1925.

The new French Minister, M. Gaston Liebert, presented his credentials this morning.

At the close of business yesterday, there were $20.152,270.74 deposited in the National Treasury. The revenues collected from April 1st to April 22nd, amounted to $7.052,458.77.

Article very favorably commenting upon the speeches made at the banquet given in honor of General Machado in New York, and stating that the most important statements were those made by Mr. Morrow when he referred to the rights of independence and citizenship of the Cubans. Referring to the statements made in connection with the Platt Amendment, this article states: "Thinking in Cuban, these statements so clearly expressed, constitute the most striking and most important of all those made at the banquet.."

LA NOCHE - April 23, 1925.

Rumors have circulated to the effect that hypothecary bonds of Central Australia for the sum of $1.000,000.00 confiscated by the Government from the Banco Nacional, had disappeared. - It has now been learned that those who appear as owners of Central Australia

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have offered those same bonds in guarantee of a loan of $400,000.00 which they are trying to obtain; and La Noche will try to investigate how that could happen.

EL MUNDO - April 24, 1925.

EDITORIAL very favorably commenting upon the speeches made at the banquet in honor of General Machado in New York, and especially the speeches of General Machado and Mr. Morrow: Machado explaining the advantages of facilitating the entry of Cuba sugars in the United States, for the benefit of both countries. Of Mr. Morrow speech, this article states that "it was a demonstration of how business men of that country understand the convenience of bringing closer, of facilitating and of fomenting the great current of commercial relations between both countries."

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This paper publishes "A/list of the Securities of the Banco Nacional confiscated by the State, and of which an account will have to be rendered when the Treasury is handed over to the next Government." It also publishes the text of the Contract entered into between the State and the Banco Nacional -- and asks: "What are the interests on more than twenty millions during four years?" "The Government should have in its possession the majority of the shares of the Bank, which would make its reorganization possible, - but does the Government really have those shares?"

DIARIO DE LA MARINA - April 24, 1925.

This paper states that a project of Law has been presented in the House of Representatives to solve the water problem of Habana. Said bill declares as works of urgent public necessity, the impounding and use of the springs existing near the Vento Reservoir. - The river water not to be mixed with the spring water. The contract for the works to be awarded by auction.

EDITORIAL, favorably commenting upon the Bill presented in the House for the solution of the water conflict of Habana.

Another EDITORIAL, commenting upon the projected Reforms of the Constitution, and laying stress on the fact that there is no such "Independence of the Judiciary" at present in Cuba because the Magistrates and Judges are now appointed by the President of the Republic in accordance with the provisions of Article 68 of the Constitution, ~~thus~~ Paragraph VII, Section II.

EDITORIAL entitled "THE PRIDE OF SPANISH ANCESTRY" - Very favorably commenting upon the speech made by Mr. Morrow in New York, and stating that it was a brief, but good lesson of cubanism.

EL TRIUNFO and EL COMERCIO carry editorials commenting very favorably upon Machado's speech in New York, and the efforts which he is making to obtain advantages for Cuban goods.

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(EL) HERALDO DE CUBA - April 24, 1925.

At a banquet given in honor of General Machado by the Merchants' Association of New York, the President-elect of Cuba said: "Cuba has had four Presidents: a school-teacher, two generals and an academician; and I, the fifth President, will be the 'Merchant President', and the merchants and manufacturers of this country, or of any other country who may come to cooperate with us in the progress of Cuba, will always find in me a colleague willing to help all those who come to work for the welfare of my country."

EDITORIAL, entitled "FIRMLY AND CONFIDENTLY? CUBA FACES THE FUTURE" - Commenting upon the importance of the banquet given in honor of General Machado at the Hotel Astor. - Referring to Mr. Morrow's speech, this paper states: "Among the most salient declarations in the speeches made at that memorable banquet--to which Elihu Root and Charles E. Hughes, proven friends of Cuba, sent their adhesions by means of cordial messages--we must refer to the phrases of the Banker Mr. Morrow when he affirmed that the business men of the United States respect and maintain the sovereignty of the Cuban State. When he referred to the recent figures of the volume of trade between the two countries, this renowned Financier stated that the balance of trade apparently contrary to the interests of the great Republic, is compensated by the profits of the American capital invested in this Island."

EL HERALDO - April 24, 1925.

The President-elect of Cuba, General Machado and his future Secretary of the Interior, have taken up the grave problem of contraband with the high authorities of the United States. The new Government will give close attention to the Clandestine shipment of narcotic drugs, liquors and immigrants. - Accusations are made against the Cuban authorities of being in connivance with the pirates to violate the law. Serious charges appear against the Secret and Judicial Police bodies of Habana, who refused to give assistance to American Secret Agents. The Jaimanitas Bay has become famous in Florida for the contraband expeditions. (From a special cable despatch from Key West, Fla.)

LA DISCUSION - April 24, 1925.

In the section entitled "NOTA DEL DIA" this paper comments very unfavorably upon the speeches made by General Machado and by Mr. Morrow in New York, recently. The article states that Machado is trying to win the good graces of the beet-sugar manufacturers; that he is preparing the way for the construction of the Central Highway in accordance with the plans of the Cuban American Roads Company, etc. - Referring to Mr. Morrow's speech, the article states that Machado and Cespedes must have blushed to hear Mr. Morrow sing the praises of the Platt Amendment which so so humiliating for Cuba; that Mr. Morrow praised Spain because he was recently in that country trying to place a large loan, and he is also trying to negotiatiate another loan with General Machado..

LA PRENSA - April 24, 1925.

PALACE NEWS: -Owing to the serious illness of his mother-in-law, Dr. Zayas has desisted from his trip to Vueltas. - President Zayas has sanctioned the Law granting a donation of $10,000.00 to General Miro y Argenter. - He has also sanctioned the law granting a pension of $6,000.00 per year to Juan Gualberto Gomez.

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According to a cablegram received by Dr. Gustavo Gutierrez, General Machado expects to arrive in Habana on May 4th.

EDITORIAL referring to the solemn promises made by General Machado in his recent speech in New York when he said: "The Government under my Administration intends to carry out the greatest material improvements possible; the largest possible amounts will be devoted to extend the means of communication, especially roads. The construction of the Central Highway will be undertaken, and in this way, the principal centers of population and of consumption will be connected....."- In this connection, the editorial defends the plan of the Cuban-American Roads Company, and states that this proyect does not require advances, loans, or other onerous charges, and gives an exceptional opportunity to General Machado to carry out his projects.

EL MUNDO - April 25, 1925.

EDITORIAL very unfavorably commenting upon the attitude of Secretary Carrerá in refusing to furnish certain data requested by Representative Chardiet in connection with the reconstruction of the road from Habana to Guines. - The editorial also states that the width of this road, which was originally of 7 meters, was reduced to five meters.

The President has granted another appropriation of $500,000.00 for the repair of the streets of Habana.

Cable despatch from New York referring to a banquet given in honor of General Machado yesterday, at the "Bankers Club". - It also gives the full text of the speech made by General Machado at this banquet.

A telegram from Ciego de Avila announces that there are 30 cases of typhoid fever in that city.

EL TRIUNFO - April 25, 1925.

A question will be brought up before the House next Monday, which will undoubtedly cause great sensation in the country. A large group of members of the House, belonging to the Liberal and Conservative Parties who took possession of office this month, will make a declaration of principles in the sense of obtaining a formal promise from those whose term office expires in 1927, of supporting a formal accusation against the President of the Republic if he continues disposing of the public funds by decree. Representative Claret is said to have initiated this movement.

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HERALDO DE CUBA - April 25, 1925.

Article very unfavorably commenting upon the decree signed yesterday granting another appropriation of $500,000.00 for the repair of the streets of Habana. The money granted for street repairs during the last three months, amounts to $2.900,000.00.

EL HERALDO - April 25, 1925.

This paper also protests against the last appropriation of $500,000.00 for the repair of the streets of Havana, and states that Zayas is endangering the future of the country; that if the policy of lavish waste continues, Cuba will not be able to meet its obligations.

Immediately after Machado returns to Habana, he will confer with Dr. Zayas to decide on the persons recommended by the Popular Party to fill the three portfolios in the next Administration in accordance with the agreement made during the electoral period.

Cable despatch from Key West referring to the activities of the smugglers of liquors and immigrants. It states that the Federal authorities of Monroe County (Key West) are aware of the complicity of a member of the Cuban Senate and of the "Commodore" of the Jaimanitas Club. A whole fleet of pirate ships is held in Atlantic City, and the guilty parties will receive the condign punishment. The schooner "Iride" was sunk by the Revenue Cutters when trying to land a contraband in the American coasts. - A member of the Port Police of Habana who furnished certain information to the American authorities has been dismissed from office.

A rumor circulated in commercial circles yesterday, to the effect that Dr. Clarence Marine had presented his resignation as member of the Temporary Banking Commission, "to which high office he was appointed by express recommendation of the Government of the United States." It has not possible to obtain any confirmation, because the Commission is in recess until May 4th.

LA PRENSA - April 25, 1925.

EDITORIAL. Referring to the recent Bill presented in the House for the solution of the water problem of Habana, this paper states that the appropriation asked for in said Bill ($500,000.00) is too small to solve such a great problem, and expresses the opinion that it will only be one more project of the series presented, but that it will not solve anything.

HERALDO DE CUBA - April 26, 1925.

Article stating that Mr. Horatio S. Rubens is in direct communication with the Railroad Brotherhood in Camaguey, and that his intervention is likely to bring a satisfactory solution of the railroad conflict. Hopes are entertained that the strike will nor be declared.

EDITORIAL protesting againstthe purposes to increase the National Budget to about $90,000,000.00, especially at a time when the price of sugar is so low, and Cuba is at the verge of a sever crisis.

Text of a Bill presented in the House by Bravo Acosta, Alliegro, Goderich and others, referring to the construction of an aqueduct in Santiago de Cuba by means of a concession to be granted by the President of the Republic.

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EL HERALDO - April 26, 1925.

This paper continues to publish special cable despatches from Key West, Fla., concerning the contraband of liquor and immigrants. It states to-day that "under the protection of the Cuban authorities, 10,000 cases of Champagne were shipped in the port of Habana last Winter, to smuggle them into the United States." The President extends its protection to the undesirable immigrants which enter the United States; and, in spite of the repeated requests, he has not wanted to sign a decree submitted to him to put an end to these contrabands. - Praiseworthy task carried out by Mr. Ferguson to put an immediate check to these frauds.

Article stating that thirteen new cases of typhoid fever in Ciego de Avila have been reported.

EL MUNDO - April 27, 1925.

This paper publishes a detailed list of the securities belonging to the Banco Nacional de Cuba which were confiscated by the Government showing the collateral guarantees of said securities. This list is published in order that the Government may not try to say that some of the securities were sold at a sacrifice because they were not guaranteed, when, in fact, all the securities were perfectly guaranteed.

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HERALDO DE CUBA - April 27, 1925.

Article commenting upon the fact that the promises made by President Zayas that he would deliver the Government to his successor with more than twenty million dollars in the Treasury, will not be fulfilled, because he has been spending the public funds in a lavish manner, and continues to do so. General Machado will receive the Treasury in a very precarious condition.

EDITORIAL commenting upon the fact that the projected Reforms of the Constitution will be defeated once more on account of the many amendments pinned to the original project extending the term of all elective offices.

Referring to the trip of General Machado, another editorial states that the President-elect has accomplished a great patriotic work which will be very fruitful for the Republic of Cuba, bringing closer the relations between the two countries.

Editorial, stating that there will be no railroad strike due principally to the steps taken by Governor Zayas Bazan, of Camaguey, the discrete attitude of the railroad men, the spirit of conciliation of the railroad company, and the intervention of Mr. Horatio S. Rubens.

EL HERALDO - April 27, 1925.

The Secret Police has submitted a report to the Secretary of the Interior denouncing the existence of a plot to blow up or destroy the statue of Dr. Zayas which is now being erected, but the report does not state who are implicated in this plot.

Cable despatch from Key West stating that the Federal authorities of the United States are aware of the complicity of influential men in the Government of Cuba and of Cuban police authorities with a gang of counterfeiters which is displaying great activities in Cuba; and if the Government of the United States has not taken energetic measures, which would place Cuba in a very embarrassing situation, it is only because the Government of the U.S. entertains the hopes that a radical change will take place in Cuba with the advent of the Administration of General Machado.

Article stating that Dr. Zayas relishes the hope of being appointed President of the Supreme Court as soon as he abandons his present office; but his relatives are still more desirous of this appointment as a means of preventing many future risks.

LA PRENSA - April 27, 1925.

The Department of State has been officially notified that special missions will be sent to the inauguration of President Machado by the following countries: Spain, Argentine, Mexico, San Domingo, Guatemala, Colombia and Belgium.

LA DISCUSION - April 27, 1925.

EDITORIAL entitled "THE CENTRAL HIGHWAY WILL BE CONSTRUCTED", commenting upon the change of opinion of General Machado in connection with the Central Highway. - The reference which General Machado has made in one of his recent speeches in New York to the necessity of constructing the Central Highway, has caused a great surprise; because a work which under the Administration of President Zayas he considered very detrimental to Cuba, seems to him to be very beneficial if constructed under his Administration.

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EL MUNDO - April 28, 1925.

EDITORIAL commenting upon the informations published by this paper concerning the securities of the Banco Nacional confiscated by the Government. "El Mundo" now asks the following questions: "What has been done with said securities? Have the interests accrued in all this time been collected, or to whom have they been paid? Does the Treasury have in its possession one-half plus one of the total number of shares of the Bank, which, in accordance with the agreement signed, the State should have taken over until all its credits were totally collected, and the possession of which shares would now facilitate the reorganization of this banking institution as a foundation of the Cuban wealth, without which our economic independence would be more precarious every day? - These serious questions have never been satisfactorily answered during the last four years....."

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HERALDO DE CUBA- April 28-

This paper speaks of the spread of measles and scarlet fever throughout the city due to the indifference shown by the Department of Sanitation.

President Zayas and General Machadao will go to Vueltas during the coming month to take part in the ceremonies in honor of Juan Bruno Zayas the president's brother.

E D I T O R I A L: Commenting upon the inertia of Congress and the financial situation of the country. The subject matter of this editorial is the need of Congress to enact a budget for the coming fiscal in order to avoid the situation created by failure to pass a budget last year which placed in the hands of the executive the arbitrary disposition of treasury funds, and that although there is no fear that the coming president will abuse such power if a budget is not passed, nevertheless Congress is duty bound to pass the budget. That the president has overstepped the limits of legality and morality in his disposition of credits because the provision of the Organic Law of the Executive Power extended for another year the prior year's budget when Congress fails to enact one was inserted by Crowder and Magoon as a safeguard and to avoid the occurrence of President Palma's administration when Congress failed to enact a budget.

The Department of Sanitation has sent Dr. Agostini to Ciego de Avila to stamp out the outbrek of typhoid fever in that locality.

EL HERALDO- April 28.-

Seventy millions of dollars of the present fiscal year have already been paid out by the Treasury. Up to the present time all budget expenditures including the unlawful decrees amount to $93,000,000. The Treasury is on the verge of a crash and the Secretary finds it difficult to meet the peremptory budget expenditures.

The low price of sugar is casting upon Cuba shadows of great future danger. Seven Centrals are to be demolished among which are Socorro, Maria Victoria, Cacocum, Carmen, Union, Fortuna and Porvenir. The Wall Street speculators order the bankers not to advance monies for financing the coming crop.

A member of the Havana Secret Police, Tomas Rodriguez has been circulated as a bootlegger by the U. S. authorities at Key West. Heraldo charges that this man is protected by Iturralde.

LA NOCHE- April 28

Jose Pennino, importer of marble held a conference with Gen. Crowder asking that facilities be granted in New York for clearance and dispatch of the Zayas monument which is coming to Cuba via said port. Mr. Pennino stated that the Ambassador took a great interest in the matter and cabled the Customs authorities of New York so that there will be no delay at that point when the said monument arrives.

DIARIO DE LA MARINA- April 29-

The Senate approved the appointment of Rafael Sanchez Aballi to the post of Cuban Ambassador in Washington. The committee report on the constitutional amendments which was scheduled to be

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read yesterday was not read for lack of quorum. The Committee however did meet but has decided nothing definite, at least no report has been given to the press on this subject.

LE PRENSA - April 28, 1925.

EDITORIAL entitled "NEW ORIENTATIONS" - Commenting upon the fact that the statements recently made by Mr. Rowe, Director of the Pan-American Union, and the comments of the "Evening Sun" on Mr. Morrow's speech, coincide in affirming that the financial activities of the citizens of the United States with respect to the other countries of America tend to follow new channels, because while Mr. Rowe affirmed recently that "there is a certain tendency on the part of American institutions which have invested money in South America not to continue intervening in the political affairs of South America", adding: "It is important to notice that the Americans take precautions against the insidious doctrine tha the extension of American investments in Latin-America is a kind of imperialism", - the "Evening Sun", when commenting upon the speeches made at the banquet in honor of General Machado, stated that the essence of Mr. Morrow's speech could be synthesized in this recommendation made to American business men: "When you are doing business in Cuba you must act the same as in any other foreign country, and not try to avail yourselves of the Government of the United States or of the Platt Amendment as a means to obtain what you desire." -- The editorial further states that according to statistical figures published by "The New Democracy", the total amount of the loans made during 1924 by the National City Bank of New York alone, to Spanish-American governments and corporations, amounts to $191,310,000.00.

EL MUNDO - April 29, 1925.

Cable despatch from New York (April 28th) stating that the New York Herald Tribune will refute the idea of General Machado concerning the necessity of repealing the Platt Amendment.

Referring to the scandalous deal in connection with the Cienfuegos aqueduct, this paper states that Judge Bernal firmly maintains his writ of indictment and imprisonment against Mr.Colli.

According to official reports received by the Cuban Government, the Government of Austria will send a Special Mission to attend the ceremonies of the inauguration of President Machado.

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HERALDO DE CUBA - April 29, 1925.

Cable despatch from New York stating that at a banquet given last night by the National Automobile Chamber of Commerce in honor of General Machado, the Special Correspondent of Heraldo de Cuba obtained the following information: That a group of important automobile manufacturers intend to organize a large Corporation, and after May 20th this Corporation will ask President Machado to send a message to the Cuban Congress recommending the convenience of granting a contract whereby said Corporation agrees to construct and maintain a Central Highway in Cuba. This would be a system of "Toll Roads", and the Municipalities crossed by these roads would take care of the registry and collection of a special traffic tax. - The despatch gives other details of the proposed transaction, and states that Mr. Henry Ford is the principal promoter of this scheme. -- If this plan is carried out, Cuba would have a magnificent system of roads, without any loans or onerous taxes.

Text of two bills which have been presented in the House of Representatives suggesting the adoption of a resolution to ask that the President furnish details concerning the transactions of the Temporary Banking Commission, such as the authorization to make certain doubtful payments to the Garanty Trust Company, and the amounts paid by the National Sugars Company of Cuba to the State as well as to some foreign banking institutions.

EDITORIAL entitled "THE TREASURY MUST PAY ITS LEGITIMATE DEBTS". Unfavorably commenting upon the attitude adopted by the Department of the Treasury in certain cases, refusing to pay legitimate debts, because by doing so, the Secretary of the Treasury is only filling up the national coffers in an artificial manner, and this will only serve to create difficulties to the coming Administration. - The public funds should not be spent in a lavish manner; but the State must pay all its legitimate debts.

EL HERALDO - April 29, 1925.

This paper states that the President signed a decree yesterday granting an appropriation of $55,000.00 more for the construction of the road from Holguin to Cacocum, adding that ~~thx~~ during the Administrations of Menocal and Zayas, over one million dollars have been granted for this road.

LA PRENSA - April 29, 1925.

A yacht has been stolen from its owner, in Jaimanitas Bay, and then used to carry a clandestine cargo of immigrants to the United States. The owner filed the corresponding denunciation before the port authorities.

EDITORIAL unfavorably commenting upon the fact that the many bills now pending in Congress, carry appropriations totalling nearly fifteen million dollars.

LA NOCHE - April 29, 1925.

Under the title "IMPORTANT PROJECT" - this paper publishes the following news item:

"In spite of the secrecy recommended, we have been able to learn that at the secret session of the House of Representatives held yesterday, a Bill was presented by which the salaries of members of the Senate and the House of Representatives are increased to $1,000.00, istead of the $600.00 which they have at present.

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EL MUNDO - April 30, 1925.

EDITORIAL very favorably commenting upon the recent declarations made by President-elect Machado concerning the abolition of the Platt Amendment; and stating that "El Mundo" has been always of the opinion that Cuba does not need said Amendment to fulfill all its international obligations.....

Cable despatch from New York. In an interview granted by Senator Alberto Barreras concerning the project Reform of the Constitution, he said that the most important points of said Reforms are those which refer to the suppression of presidential reelections, and the limitation of parliamentary immunity. He is not in favor of the extension of elective offices.

Referring to the securities of the Banco Nacional de Cuba confiscated by the State, this paper publishes today the text of the Affidavit of Delivery of the Treasury by Iribarren to Gelabert, from which it appears that only in Treasury bonds, there were nearly $6.000,000.00.

The gasoline launch "Silvio" which had been stolen from its owner and used to carry immigrants to the U.S., suffered an accident at sea and was compelled to return to the point of departure. The vessel was seized by the authorities, and those on board were arrested. The "Agent" or "Broker" has also been arrested.

EL TRIUNFO - April 30, 1925.

Text of a letter dated April 25th, addressed by General Ernesto Asbert to General Machado, in which Asbert states that the Reform of the Constitution with extension of powers constitutes an insult to the Cuban people, and Machado should express his opposition to such plans.

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HERALDO DE CUBA - April 29, 1925.

Article referring to the project reforms of the Constitution. - The Senate intends to undertake the Reforms early in May. The Codes Committee has already approved several articles, such as the one which refers to the increase of the members of the Senate, and the renewal of the House in 1930. Compatibility of office of Senators and Representatives. The embers of Congress may be appointed for the office of Secretaries of the Cabinet, Professors, and Envoys in Special Missions.

The Association of Sugar Planters and Mill Owners of Cuba is opposed to the creation of the new taxes suggested in the project of the Cuban-American Roads Co. for the construction of the Central Highway.

Referring to the case of the yacht "Silvio" which had started from the port of Jaimanitas with a lot of immigrants on board, but captured later on account of an accident suffered at sea, this paper states that in spite of the repeated contrabands of immigrants, the Cuban authorities remain with folded arms.

A new case of cerebro-spinal meningitis is reported in Habana; and in Ciego de Avila, the apidemic of typhoid fever is making headway.

In view of the repeated labor strifes, the Government has ordered the quartering of the troops to prevent or check any disturbances which might be attempted on May Day.

Under the caption "A NEW COUP DETAT IS ATTEMPTED" - this paper publishes an editorial stating that the projected "extension of powers" still prevails in the projected R„forms of the Constitution.

EL HERALDO - April 29, 1925.

Referring to the corruption prevailing in the present Administration, this paper states that a very juicy "affaire" is being planned ~~xx~~ at the Palace in connection with the abolition of the tax of four per cent on profits. In order to obtain the abolition of this hateful tax, large sums have been collected among the taxpayers. Assistant Secretary of the Treasury, Culmell, is said to act as "agent" for this transaction.

Details of the attempted shipment of immigrants to the U.S. on board the yacht "Silvio". - Each immigrant was to pay the sum of $125.00 at the time of being landed on American shores.

EL MUNDO - ~~xxxii~~ May 2, 1925.

Letter from Dr. Carlos Miguel de Cespedes to General Asbert replying to the letter which Asbert addressed to General Machado relating to the projected Reforms of the Constitution. In this letter Cespedes defends the "extension of powers", but states that the electoral body will finally decide on this question.

Who's Who

EL TRIUNFO - (May 2nd) states that Dr. Manuel de Castro Targarona will be appointed for the office of Assistant Secretary of Public Instruction, as successor of Dr. Iraizos, who has resigned after being appointed Minister to Japan.

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HERALDO DE CUBA - May 2nd.

Article unfavorably commenting upon the recent decision rendered by the Supreme Court confirming the scandalous and immoral deal relative to the dredging of the port of Cardenas which was passed in the House of Representatives without a legal quorum.

EDITORIAL. Commenting upon the proposed revision of the Constitution, this paper states that great headway is being made in this connection, but that the present plan is not of "reforms" of the Construction, but of "destruction of the spirit of the Constitution";and that the suppression of presidential reelections is only being used as an excuse for the extension of the term of elective offices.

EL HERALDO - May 2nd.

Article stating that the President of the Republic is about to sign a decree ordering the payment of $700,000.00 to indemnify the supposed owners of the lands occupied by the "Monteagudo"Park in Vedado, and that $400,000.00 of said amount will be paid as "rake-off".

EL MUNDO - May 3, 1925.

Opinions of of prominent business men of the United States relative to the visit of General Machado to the United States. As a whole, these opinions are highly encomiastic for the President-elect of Cuba, and constitute a happy anticipation for the Republic. The opiniones here published are signed by: Mr. Gary, President of the U.S. Steel Corporation; Mr. Dwight W. Morrow; Mr. Wiggin, of the Chase National Bank; Mr. Pierson, President of the Irving Bank Columbia Trust Co.; Mr. Barr, of the Chae National Bank; Mr. Norman H. Davis; Mr. Low, of Johnson & Higgins; Mr. Earl D. Babst, President of the American Sugar Refining Co. -and 16 others.

DIARIO DE LA MARINA - May 3, 1925.

EDITORIAL commenting upon the smuggling of alcoholic beverages and immigrants. - After referring to the origin of these two evils: the Volstead Act and the restrictive Immigration Law, the article states: "The crime committed is not so blameble in those miserable exgiles, as in those who take advantage of the conditions prevailing to profiteer. Both the smuggling of liquors and the clandestine shipment of immigrants have increased so much that their sphere of action is not confined to the poor and vagabond sailors. Uncrupulous merchants, ship-owners , politicians who think that the authorities will close their eyes to their activities, also devote themselves to this illicit traffic, and even spend large sums of money in it, just as if it were a legitimate business. The corresponding authorities must put an end to all these excesses, and keep a closer vigilance of our coasts. It must be born in mind that any indifference in this respect would give rise to a crime which is not only prejudicial to our laws but which also ~~xxxxxxxxx~~ makes our powerful neighbors believe that our police is not effective."

HERALDO DE CUBA - May 3, 1925.

Dr. Zayas and his family will move out of the Palace on May 10th, and will establish their residence at "Finca Maria" in Wajay.

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The President of the Republic has signed a decree granting an appropriation of $149,000.00 for the continuation of the construction of the road from Palma Soriano to Baire.

LA NOCHE - May 3, 1925.

Text of a communication addressed to the President of the Republic by the Association of Sugar Planters and Mill Owners asking for the abolition of the tax of 10 cents on every bag of sugar manufactured, stating that said tax is unwarranted and detrimental.

A serious disturbance occurred in Manzanillo when Special Judge Solis was carrying on certain investigations in connection with certain supposed electoral frauds. One man was killed and many more injured as a result of the quarrel, and the troops had to be called to restore normalcy.

EL MUNDO - May 4, 1925.

EDITORIAL very favorably commenting upon the result of the trip of General Machado to the United States, and the opinions expressed by prominent business men of the U.S. in connection therewith. "The greatest success of the trip of the President-elect, is without doubt the confession made by the magnates of the sugar industry of the United States of the great injustice committed with our country --the Editorial states-- when, after our country delivered all its sugars for the consumption of the allied countries during the European wars, practically at a price of cost, when we could have become fabulously rich by selling the sugars at current prices, the official control of prices was suddenly abandoned without any previous preparation, and the market collapsed, and Cuba suffered the most tremendous economic crisis recorded in History."

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HERALDO DE CUBA - May 4, 1925.

EDITORIAL: "REVIEW OF THE WEEK" - favorably commenting upon the declarations made by General Machado to the effect that at the expiration of his term of office he intends to return to the United to request the abolition of the Platt Amendment.

EL HERALDO - May 4, 1925.

Article stating that the fortune accumulated by Secretary Iturralde should be investigated. When Iturralde became member of the Cabinet, he was poor, and at the present time he has a farm for which he paid $300,000.00, and is spending $100,000.00 in the cultivation of the same, and he is also constructing 11 kilometers of private railroad lines.

LA DISCUSION - May 4, 1925.

Article stating that the projected reforms of the Constitution are strongly combatted by public opinion, principally on account of the proposed "extension of powers", and everything tends to indicate that said reforms will not be approved.

EDITORIAL unfavorably commenting upon Machado's "second platform" or post-electoral promises, and stating that he will not be able to carry out all the promises made in Cuba and abroad because he has no sufficient strength in Congress.

LA TARDE - May 4, 1925.

Irregularities in the Temporary Banking Liquidation Commission. Auctions of the assets of the Banco Nacional de Cuba are being simulated by said Banking Commission. Everything is ready for the auction of Central "España" and annexities. The building which was occupied by the Central Offices of the Banco Nacional will also be sold at auction. The Commission permitted the confiscation of this building for the sum of $200,000.00 owed for unwarranted taxes.

EL MUNDO - May 5, 1925.

EDITORIAL commenting upon the great reception accorded to General Machado upon his return from the United States, yesterday.

Declarations made by General Machado at the time of sailing from Key West expressing his appreciation for the signs of affection and consideration shown to him during his stay in the U.S.

Text of the wireless messages sent by General Machado to President Coolidge and to Secretary Kellog, expressing his profound gratitude for the cordial reception accorded to him by the people of the United States.

DIARIO DE LA MARINA - May 5, 1925.

Letter from Colonel Manuel Despaigne, explaining: that on April 29th, "El Heraldo" published an article signed by Lucilo de la Peña which Despaigne considered offensive to his person; that the next day he commissioned Muñiz Vergara and Oscar Soto to demand an explanation or satisfaction, and while his seconds were endeavoring to see Peña, the latter published an article (on May 2nd) challenging Despaigne to a duel. That Despaigne has refrained from replying to the attacks of Peña, because his seconds are still endeavoring to obtain an explanation.

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EDITORIAL unfavorably commenting upon the attitude of Congress in connection with the approval of the Budget for the coming fiscal year. Judging by the present attitude of the House, the Budget will not be approved before June 30th; and if it is approved, it will be done in a hasty manner. In either case, it is contrary to the financial principles of the country, and shows an absolute disregard of Congress of the obligations contracted with the Nation.

EL TRIUNFO - May 5, 1925.

EDITORIAL entitled: "OUR ECONOMIC INDEPENDENCE" - Favorably commenting upon the steps taken by General Machado in the United States to obtain the modification of the present Treaty with the United States, which will finally result in the economic independence of Cuba, principal basis of the political independence.

Another editorial stating that public opinion is opposed to the projected reforms of the Constitution, because the people has fully realized the purposes aimed with said reforms, which is only to obtain certain benefits for a few.

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HERALDO DE CUBA - May 5, 1925.

Cuba has been invited to send representatives to the American Postal Congress to be held in Mexico City beginning October 15th of this year.

The work of the Codes Commission on the reforms of the Constitution, changes the system of Government and establishes certain privileges. It is feared that the people might give vent to their ire by reason of the abuses committed against them. It is intended that the next reforms be made by the people themselves by means of a referendum.

Summary of the speeches made by by Dr. Rodriguez Lendian, Dr. Sanchez de Bustamante and Dr. Cosme de la Torriente, at the banquet given in honor of Dr. Torriente last night.

Full account of the enthusiastic reception accorded to General Machado on his arrival here yesterday.

EL HERALDO - May 5, 1925.

President Zayas and General Machado will hold a conference this week to decide on the persons who will be appointed to the office of Secretaries of the Cabinet by recommendation of the Popular Party. The present candidates are: Dr. Gispert or Dr. Pereda, for the Departament of Sanitation; Dr. Portela for the Department of Agriculture; and Dr. Iturralde for the Department of War and Navy. The Liberal Secretaries, are, as has already been announced:

Department of State:	Carlos Manuel de Cespedes;
Department of the Treasury:	Dr. Hernandez Cartaya
" Justice	Dr. Barraqué
" Public Instruct.	Dr. Mascaró
" Public Works:	Dr. Carlos Miguel de Cespedes;
" Presidency:	Viriato Gutierrez
" Interior:	Commander R. Zayas Bazán.

The official announcement will be made after the conference between Zayas and Machado.

Three million dollars have been taken out of the Treasury in 24 hours. "El Heraldo" states that this has been the most violent assault upon the Treasury during the "last sweep" of the present Administration, to make payments more or less fantastic of obligations of the Budget and appropriations by decree. This violent looting has no precedents, even in the times of the Menocal Administration. -Several items of the Budget are already overdrawn. The appropriation for material of the Post Office is overdrawn in more than $150,000.00; and in the item for Transportation of the same Department, there is a deficit of about $500,000.

An energetic campaign will be initiated to obtain the reduction of the duties on sugar in the United States. Some Cuban merchants and importers, and other American interests will lend their cooperation to this great work.

Referring to the liquidation of the defunct banks, this paper states that one of the members of the Cabinet of General Machado has offered an important position in the Banking Liquidation Commission to a very prominent business man, in order that he may finish the liquidation of the banks which are still under the control of the Banking Commission, at the earliest possible date. It is also rumored that said "prominent business man" is willing to accept the appointment, provided he is given ample

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powers to make all the investigations which he may deem necessary for the liquidation of said banks.

LA TARDE - May 5, 1925.

This paper publishes an article as to how Dr. Zayas received the National Treasury, and the great lie in connection therewith during the four years of his Administration. To better defraud the national interests, his Administration has been claiming during the four years that the economic situation inherited from the previous Administration was disastrous. The Administration of President Zayas negotiated a loan of fifty million dollars, which has been shamefully wasted, and fomented frauds in the Banking Commission in order that the State might lose its credits against the Banco Nacional. It further states that when President Zayas was inaugurated, there were $33.752.038.50 in the Treasury, as follows: $5.417,940.00 in cash; $5.790,000.00 in bonds of the Treasury, and $22,544,797.70 in sound securities delivered by the Banco Nacional to the State in guarantee of its debt.

DIARIO DE LA MARINA - May 6, 1925.

According to a cable despatch from Guatemala, the Government of that country will send a Special Mission to the act of inauguration of President Machado, presided by Dr. Eduardo Aguirre Velazquez. Said Mission will sail from Veracruz (Mexico) within the next few days, and will arrive here on or about May 15th.

The Government of Costa Rica will also send a Special Mission, according to a cable despatch from San José.

EDITORIAL, criticizing the recent attitude of a group of Congressmen who called on President Zayas to ask for appropriations by decree for public works in their respective provinces. The editorial further points out the inconsistency of the attitude of these Congressmen with a Bill presented in the House requesting that all appropriation decrees issued by the President be declared null and void. Although this bill is inspired in a good doctrine, it will never be possible to enforce it, because Congress alone is responsible for the present state of affairs, as it failed to regulate in due course the expenditures of the State.....

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HERALDO DE CUBA - May 6, 1925.

The members of the Board of Liquidation of the Banco Nacional have announced that Mr. Casanova, who undertook the grinding of Central "Limones", has sustained a loss of $50,000.00.

EDITORIAL commenting upon the trip of General Machado to the United States and the cordiality existing between the United States and Cuba. It also states that everybody recognizes that this is a good opportunity to undertake a revision of the Treaty between the two countries; but that in order to carry out a proper action in defence of Cuban products, the Congressq of Cuba should not try to create new export taxes as in the case of the "Immigration Bill" and another Bill which tries to establish the basis of antagonism between the sugar planters and the mill owners. "If we ourselves being by creating difficulties to our principal source of wealth--the sugar industry--what can we demand from others?"

EL HERALDO - May 6, 1925.

The Judicial Police believes to have discovered a "factory" of American bank-notes in Marianao. Large sums of this counterfeit money has appeared in La Ceiba and Marianao, especially in gambling establishments. The American Embassy has issued warnings. Fors has requested authorization to search a grocery store in Marianao. - This paper also publishes the facsimile of one of these forged twenty-dollar notes.

The following decrees were signed yesterday, granting illegal appropriations of public funds:
$3.298,000.98 for the work of installation of the rural school "Francisco Zayas y Alfonso";
$ 50,000.00 for the construction of a small section of road between the towns of Guaguabo and Jimaguayú in the Province of Camaguey;
$ 2,055.39 to pay what is owed to the contractor of the road from Santa Clara to Caibarien (this paper states that there is no such road);
$ 4,870.00 and $1,000.86 for work done in the Institute of Habana.

"It has been learned from a reliable source that some days ago an important conference was held between Ambassador Crowder and two or three prominent members of the Federation of Economic Corporations. The Ambassador of the United States showed great interest in the very efficient work of the Tariff Commission of the National Federation of Economic Corporations;his interest was such that two stenographers took down everything that was said relative to the necessity of making in Cuba a careful study of the reforms of the Tariff now in force, by the persons of such renowned competence who are now working on this complicated problem. Certainly, the Ambassador ordered that notes of all the arguments be taken down,to send a detailed report to his Government which is also interested in everything connected with the reforms of our Tariff."

LA PRENSA - May 6, 1925.

Article stating that the English schooner "John Packart" which sailed from Habana with a cargo of alcoholic beverages for Puerto Cortes, was captured by the American dry fleet off the coast of Florida. The information received in Habana reveals that said schooner had also clandestine immigrants on board.

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Under the title of "MORE ABOUT THE REFORMS OF THE CONSTITUTION", this paper publishes a summary of the reforms approved by the Codes Committee of the Senate, and states that a final solution of this problem is ~~xxxxxx~~ near.

EL MUNDO - May 7, 1925.

EDITORIAL, commenting once more upon the securities of the Banco Nacional confiscated by the State to guarantee the debt of the Bank, and stating that these securities constitue a sacred trust, which could be used as the basis for the reorganization of the Bank, and, consequently, to pay the credits of the depositors of said Bank; and this is one of the most important problems which the coming Administration will have to solve....

At a session held yesterday, the House of Representatives passed a Bill granting an appropriation of $100,000.00 for the festivities in connection with the inauguration of President Machado. (See Reunning Comment of Congress).

"EL TRIUNFO" - May 7, 1925.

EDITORIAL, commenting upon the inactivity of Congress. Many believed that with the renewal of the members of Congress, ~~xxxxxxx~~ a radical change would take place in the procedures ; but to the great surprise of all, everything continues as before, in spite of the fact that there are many urgent problems pending, especially the discussion and approval of the Budget for the coming fiscal year.

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HERALDO DE CUBA - May 19th.

Article by Gonzalez Beauville commenting upon the purposes of creating a Cuban Embassy in Spain, and stating that that would be a useless expenditure. The article also states that no benefits whatsoever have been derived from the Legation which Cuban maintains in Spain at present. -- This articles also denies the rumors which have circulated to the effect that the object of the trip of General Machado to the United States was to negotiate a loan of eight million dollars, and states that Machado is opposed to this loan.

$13,928,535.91 have been illegally spent during the last 10 months and 20 days of Administration of President Zayas. - Carlos Portela is now a very wealthy man. In spite of the repeated promises made by President Zayas, he will not deliver the Treasury with $25.000,000.00.

Before taking possession of his office, the new Secretary of Public Works, Dr. Carlos Miguel de Cespedes announces his purpose of solving the problem of the congestion of traffic in Habana. Mayor Cuesta will lend all the necessary cooperation.

EL HERALDO - May 19th.

This paper states that Dr. Zayas abandons the Presidency of the Republic with a fortune of 10 million dollars, and insists on maintaining the 800 "colecturias" which he has enjoyed during his incumbency, alleging that they are granting for a life time. His son, Alfredo Zayas Arrieta, declares that he has only been able to save one million dollars.

The following appropriations were granted by Decree yesterday:
$85,000.00 for the construction of Hospital in Bayamo;
$ 8,000.00 to reinforce the appropriations of the Budget for the Department of Sanitation, and
$ 3,000.00 for the re-installation of the Cuban Legation in London.

It was rumored in mercantile circles yesterday that the present Congress will suppress the tax of four per cent on profits, and increase the gross sales tax to 1-1/2 per cent. It is believed that the economic corporations of Cuba will object to the increase of the gross sales tax.

LA PRENSA - May 19th.

Frustrated attempt to kill Mr. Carrerá, Secretary of Public Works. Two men armed with revolvers attacked him yesterday as he was leaving the Presidential Palace. Carrerá disarmed one of them while the servants of the Palace took care of the other. - Carrerá objected to the arrest of these men, and they were immediately released. This magnanimous attitude of the Secretary of Public Works is very favorably commented upon.

EL MUNDO - May 20, 1925.

The Special Embassies from Argentina, Spain, Panama and China, presented their credentials to President yesterday morning. Text of the speeches exchanged between the Ambassadors and the President. -- The Special Missions from Holland, Santo Domingo, Italy and Switzerland, also presented their credentials yesterday morning. -- At four o'clock in the afternoon, the members of the Special Embassies and Missions and their wives were received by President and Mrs. Zayas.

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"PROMISES AND REALITIES" - Unfavorably commenting upon the fact that President Zayas has failed to fulfill his promise of handing over the Government with 25 million in the Treasury. General Machado receives the Government with only $17.663,192.15, or more than SEVEN MILLIONS short of what the President promised. Without the check of the Law of Basis of the Budget, President Zayas has been acting as a real financial dictator, and has disposed of the public funds at will. From January 1st, 1925, to May 19th, the President has granting, by decree, appropriations amounting to more than 10 million dollars, most of which has been applied for the purchase of material and for public works, without the previous requisite of a "subasta". The appropriations granted during the last 5 months, are as follows:

During the month of January.....	$ 1.492,880.71
February.....	1.816,390.20
March.....	3.133,821.47
April	2.608,983.51
During the first 20 days of May	1.130,034.84
with a total of ...	$10.182,110.73

Under the title of "THE PERSONALITY OF GENERAL MACHADO" - this paper publishes a biography of the new President of Cuba.

"Biography of the new President of Cuba, General Machado," by Dr. Jesús María Barraque.

EL MUNDO - May 21, 1925.

Declarations made by Dr. J. M. Barraqué. "I Know how to deal out justice, as one who loves it knows how to do so." - His condition as a Liberal, and the promises made by the Liberal Party, have compelled him to accept the appointment for the Office of Secretary of Justice without any hesitation, with all the responsibilities attached to said office..... Without any personal ambition, fully realizing the magnitude of the task, and knowing the desires of the Cuban people, he offers the co-operation of his scant knowledge, and puts to contribution the only thing he is proud of: his firmness of character.....etc....

EDITORIAL relating to the attitude of this paper toward the new Administration, and stating that it will cooperate to the work of good government, but that it will strongly combat the actions of any official of the Government which may not be strictly in line with the interests of the commonwealth.

Accounts of the act of installation of the new members of the Cabinet.- Speeches exchanged between some of the outgoing and incoming Secretaries.

Statements given out by Dr. Viriato Gutierrez, Secretary of the Presidency, regarding the First Cabinet Meeting held yesterday. General Machado said at the Meeting, that the Members of his Cabinet will decide with an absolute liberty of action, all matters entrusted to them, and that his Government will be of strict honesty and legality.....

DIARIO DE LA MARINA - May 21, 1925.

EDITORIAL entitled "THE LANGUAGE ANS SPANISH-AMERICANISM" - Very favorably commenting upon the speech made by Dr. Bonilla San Martin, the Special Ambassador from Spain, at the time of presenting his credentials on the 19th instant.

Short account of the act of unveiling the statue erected in honor of Dr. Zayas. Summary of the speeches made by Gonzalez Clavel and Dr. Cortina.

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May 22nd (Morning)

HERALDO DE CUBA - May 21, 1925.

Just before handing over the Government to General Machado, Dr. Zayas signed decrees granting 29 pardons to criminals. According to this paper, $10,000.00 were paid for one of these pardons.

EL HERALDO - May 21, 1925.

In an article commenting upon the re-appointment of Dr. Carlos Manuel de Cespedes to the office of Secretary of State, this paper states that his actions at the head of the Department of State can be summarized as follows: When Dr. Cespedes was first appointed, the Republic was going through a very difficult situation, and a foreign interference in the domestic affairs of Cuba virtually existed, and this was to such an extent that the American Legation was entrusted to a Chargé d'Affaires, as the Minister had retired in view of the cold diplomatic relations. Mexico and England had also withdrawn their plenipotentiary representations. Important claims had been filed by England, Belgium, Italy and France, which were a source of great worry because in many cases it was impossible to accede to the demands principally on account of the difficult situation of the Treasury. The Republic could not be represented in any Congress, which are acts of civility and culture which intensify international relations. - Dr. Cespedes solved all the conflicts then existing; restored the diplomatic relations with Mexico, succeeded in getting rid of the foreign interference, and the Legation of the United States was raised to the rank of Embassy. He will continue to carry out the same policy. A Treaty of Extradition will shortly be signed with Mexico; five important treaties with the United States are now being studied, the most important of which refers to commercial questions. There will also be an ample reorganization of the diplomatic and consular services.....

Referring to the future attitude of this paper, "El Heraldo" states that it will cooperate with the new Administration to develop the program of regeneration. Its motto will be: "TO SERVE CUBA", and it will serve Cuba in an untiring manner, bitterly criticizing any official of the Government who fails to comply with his duties or tries to take advantage of the situation for his own personal benefit.....

LA PRENSA - May 21, 1925.

The following appointments have been made in the Department of the Treasury:
Dr. Aurelio Mendez, General Comptroller of the State;
Mr. Luis Aizcorbe, Central Accountant;
Mr. José Maria Quero, Head of the Division of Taxes.

LA NOCHE - May 21, 1925.

Captain Julio Morales Coello has been appointed Chief of the General Staff of the Navy.

EL MUNDO - May 22, 1925.

This paper carries an editorial commenting with regret upon the appointment of Mr. Andres Pereira for the office of Secretary of Agriculture, and stating that this appointment is simply the fulfilment of an obligation of honor by a man of honor. Pereira is principally attacked for his actions in connection with the liquidation of the Banco Nacional.

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The members of the Special Embassies and Missions called yesterday at the Palace to pay their compliments to the new President. Speeches were exchanged between the Special Ambassador from Mexico as Dean of the Special and Residents Missions, and President Machado.

Account of the Cabinet Meeting held yesterday. The most important feature of this meeting, was the speech made by Secretary of State Cespedes who was unable to attend the first Meeting held on the 20th, as he had to accompany the outgoing President to his residence. Secretary of Agriculture Pereira failed to be present at this Meeting.

A reception was held yesterday at the Palace in honor of the Special Missions and Diplomatic Corps accredited in Cuba.

The reporters were informed yesterday at the Department of Sanitation of the increase in the number of cases of typhoid fever in Ciego de Avila (Province of Camaguey). The total number of cases existing at present, is as follows: Province of Pinar del Rio, 2; Habana, 11; Matanzas, 7; Santa Clara, 3; Camaguey, 8; and Oriente 8. Total, 39. - There are at present 57 cases of malaria in the Province of Oriente.

President Machado will not grant audiences until next week.

The Department of Public Works is being moved to the old Santa Clara Convent building.

DIARIO DE LA MARINA - May 22, 1925.

Cable despatch from Atlanta, stating that the "Atlanta Journal" publishes an interview with Mr. Charles E. Mitchell regarding the very bright prospects of Cuba at present.

EDITORIAL entitled "THE RESPONSIBILITY AND AUTHORITY OF THE CABINET" - Very favorably commenting upon the declarations made by President Machado to the effect that he will leave his Secretaries in absolute liberty of action to decide on matters pertaining to their respective Departments.

Another EDITORIAL entitled "THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE" - Favorably commenting upon the declarations made by the new Secretary of Justice, Dr. Barraqué.

An important interview with the new Secretary of Public Works, in which Dr. Carlos Miguel de Cespedes announces his program. The new Law of Public Works which will xx be presented in the House next week is a synthesis of an extensive program which could change the life of the Republic in four years. - Taxes to be created for a "Special Fund for Public Works," as follows: Tax on consumption of gasoline: 10 cents per gallon; surcharge of 15 per cent on Custom House duties on all articles of luxury imported; Surcharge of 3 per cent on duties of articles not considered as of "prime necessity"; an appropriation of 8 million dollars in the Budget of every fiscal year; a single national tax on all vehicles; 50 per cent of the surplus of the Budget of every fiscal year; suppression of the tax of 4 per cent, and increase of the tax on gross sales to 1-1/2 %.

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HERALDO DE CUBA - May 22, 1925.

Statements given out by the new Secretary of Public, Dr. Carlos Miguel de Cespedes. "Having been appointed by the Honorable President of the Republic to the office of Secretary of Public Works, I am fully aware of my great duties as a man and as a Cuban. I know that I will have to make the sacrifice of my personal interests and of my welfare, for my friend and for the country: those two altars in which the greatest and most disinterested sentiments of human heart must be worshipped. I know that a man who betrays the confidence placed in him by a friend, is a traitor; and wicked and traitor the man who avails himself of Power to profiteer by the sacred interests of the country confided to his Administration or custody..... Inspired by a sincere ambition of glory, and a still greater and more sincere desire to help General Machado in his great work of moral and material reconstruction of the country, I have prepared an ample constructive program of Public Works which I hope we will be able to carry out with the support of the Legislative Power."

EDITORIAL entitled "LET US SUPPORT THE CAMPAIGN OF MORALIZATION" - Very favorably commenting upon the program prepared by the Secretary of the Interior, Zayas Bazan, to stamp out gambling, prostitution, etc.

Another editorial, favorably commenting upon the policy which the new Secretary of the Treasury, Hernandez Cartaya, intends to carry out.

LA PRENSA - May 22, 1925.

The Provincial Governors of Pinar del Rio, Matanzas, Santa Clara, Habana and Oriente, had a conference this morning with the Secretary of the Interior, at which the program of Government of Commander Zayas Bazan was discussed. The Governors were asked to initiate an active and energetic campaign against all vices, such as gambling, prostitution, narcotic drugs; and to get in touch with the Mayors for the enforcement of the Organic Law of the Municipalities.

The President of the Republic will shortly address a Message of Salutation to Congress, by virtue of hisinduction into office.

LA NOCHE - May 22, 1925.

Officers of the Army will reorganize the Street Cleaning Department. Captain José Treserra has been appointed Supervisor of this important service.

Who's Who

Juan Clemente Zamora has been appinted Director General of Communications (or Postmaster General).

EL MUNDO - May 23, 1925.

EDITORIAL commenting favorably upon the declarations made by the new Secretary of Justice, Dr. Jesus M. Barraqué.

Declarations made by Secretary of the Interior Zayas Bazan. The restoration of the so-called "Zone of Tolerance" does not form a part of the program of the new Administration. The Government of General Machado intends to elevate the moral level of the Cuban society.

General Machado conferred with the newspaper reporters for the first time yesterday afternoon. He said that no news will be

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concealed from them. He affirmed that his only purpose was to do things after a mature thought, and that he would never adopt any resolution in haste. He also said that there will not be many changes in the personnel.

The Special Ambassador from Spain was received in audience by the President yesterday.

DIARIO DE LA MARINA - May 23, 1925.

This paper carries an editorial commenting favorably upon the program of public works prepared by Secretary Cespedes, and outlined in an interview published yesterday.

The Secretary of Public Works has suspended all the works which were being carried out by contract.

Dr. Miguel Figueroa y Hernandez has been appointed Magistrate of the Supreme Court.

EL TRIUNFO - May 23, 1925.

Article directed to the President of the Republic, recommending the immediate liquidation of the Banco Nacional de Cuba, in view of the fact that the plans of reorganization of this Bank have definitely failed.

Editorial, favorably commenting upon the program of Public Works prepared by Dr. Carlos Miguel de Cespedes.

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HERALDO DE CUBA - May 23, 1925, contains an Who's Who

Article by Ramon Vasconcelos, commenting upon the actions of Dr. Zayas as President of the Republic. The writer states, among other things, that it is a pity that Dr. Zayas should not be so honest as learned and intelligent. His actions have always be guided by his "legal temperament"; and instead of guiding his actions by norms of morality, he has adjusted them to strictly juridical norms. He has never said: "This is good", or"this is bad; but "this is legal, or illegal", and whenever some of his actions have been illegal, he has endeavored to create a law or legal ~~disposition~~ provisions to justify his conduct. And this explains how his Government, if not the most honest, has perhaps been the most respectful of the law.....

EL HERALDO -(May 23, 1925)

Who's Who

~~This paper~~ begins to criticize the attitude of Dr. Hernandez Cartaya as Secretary of the Treasury, and states that although Cartaya's honesty has never been questioned, he does not seem to have the necessary energy to reorganize his Department. It is a well known fact that the Department of the Treasury is full of dishonest officials of the old regime, but Hernandez Cartaya has only made two new appointments of high officials, one of which is greatly discussed in political circles.

Article demanding the abolition of the so-called"Tarafa Law" which is said to be causing the ruin of the country.

Under the title of "THREE LAW-OFFICES", this paper comments unfavorably upon the reorganization of three law-offices directed by influential persons of the new Administration which will endeavor to obtain the supremacy of "great juridical and financial speculations of a technical and national character." The article calls attention to the fact that the reorganization of these law-offices has not been inspired by the welfare of the country, and states: "It is to be feared, on the other hand, that besides the immediate and direct aim of their personal gain, they will obtain, with the total discredit of the civil regime, the fall of the Republic." After stating that their the people in general, nor the masses of the Liberal Party will have a Law-Office to defend their interests, the writer adds: "On the other hand, the Platt Amendment will find its most effective collaborators in those who prepare with the public scandal, the abject renunciation of sovereignty infavor of foreign interventors."

Article referring to the European immigrants who come to Cuba and await the first favorable opportunity to enter into the United States in a clandestine manner. There are about 30,000 of these at present in Cuba. The American press and the Federal Government of the U. S. confirm the reason for the campaign initiated by "El Heraldo" against the bold smugglers who have established their base of operations in Habana. During 1922, only 25,993 immigrants came to Cuba, but in 1923, 75,461 immigrants were admitted in Cuba.....

PALACE NEWS: - The Special Ambassador from Spain was received in private audience by the President yesterday. -- The President has asked for all the projects of Law which Congress sent to President Zayas, as he wants to study them. -- The President will shortly sanction a Bill passed by Congress donating a parcel of land to the "Club Atenas" and granting an appropriation of $50,000.00 for the construction of the Club house.

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EDITORIAL favorably commenting upon the appointment of a Military Supervisor for the reorganization of the Street Cleaning Department.

EL MUNDO - May 24, 1925.

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The verification of the moneys deposited in the National Treasury was finished yesterday, with the following result:

Cuban gold.....	$ 2.600,000.00
American gold	1.705,000.00
American Bank-Notes	10.066,000.00
Cuban Silver and Nickel....	1.874,420.00
American copper and nickel.	111,950.00
Total	$ 16.357,370.00

The verification of paper and securities will be continued tomorrow.

The first act of the new Comptroller of the State, Dr. Aurelio Mendez, after taking office, has been to deliver to the General Treasurer of the Republic the securities of the Banco Nacional.

The following appointments have been made in the Army:
Colonel Emiliano Amiell, Chief of the Forces detached in the the Province of Santa Clara;
Colonel Carrillo, Chief of the Military District of Pinar del Rio;
Colonel Cepeda, Chief of the Military District of Camaguey;
Colonel Quero, Chief of the District of the Cabaña Fortress, and in commission in the Division of Alcohol Taxes;
Colonel Rasco, Inspector General of the Army.
Captains Oscar Celis Menendez, and Rodríguez de Leon have been placed under the direct orders of the President.

DIARIO DE LA MARINA - May 24, 1925.

Text of the speeches exchanged between the Secretary of State, Dr. Cespedes, and the Mexican Ambassador as Dean of the Special Missions, at the banquet given yesterday at the Vedado Tennis Club by the Secretary of State in honor of the Special Missions and the Diplomatic Corps.

EL TRIUNFO - May 24, 1925.

This paper states that according to a report submitted to the Secretary of the Interior, the Jai-Alai games are not working in accord with the Turismo Law, and consequently, a decree will shortly be signed closing down all the Jai-Alai games.

HERALDO DE CUBA - May 24, 1925.

Doctor Americo Portuondo, Representative for Oriente, who called on the President yesterday, informed the reporters that General Machado was opposed to certain Public Works Bills pending in the Senate, and to the Central Highway Project.

Dr. Heliodoro Gil, Representative for Pinar del Rio, has filed a criminal complaint against Dr. Alfredo Zayas for misappropriation of public funds, stating that payments have been made for the dredging of the ports of Cuba, when no such work has been accomplished. Accusations are also made in this denunciation, against ex Secretary of the Treasury, Portela; ex Secretary of Public Works Carrerá; Celso Cuellar, Moises Vieites,

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Francisco Zayas Arrieta and Andres Pereira. $ 6,500,000.00 are said to have been paid for works of dredging which have not been accomplished.

LA PRENSA - May 24, 1925.

The Secretary of the Interior has been informed of a movement initiated by the Mayor of Melena del Sur, who has called all the Mayors of the Province of Habana to a meeting, to discuss the cooperation which said Mayors will lend to the campaign of moralization initiated by the new Government.

EL MUNDO - May 25, 1925.

A telegram from New Orleans states that Charles Dorsn, of Sacramento, was arested at the time of boarding ths S.S. "Atlantida" for Habana. He had in his possession/tax stamps of Cuba amounting to $70,000.00. /counterfeit

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A great monument will be erect in Colon Cemetery in honor of the members of the American Legion of Habana who died in the battlefields of Europe during the last war.

EL HERALDO - May 25, 1925.

This paper defends the decision rendered by the Audiencia of Habana in the case of Alvarez, Gomez Mena & Co., and states that the Audiencia has ordered the payment of a just claim, because the work in question was really accomplished.

Article stating that the arbitrary Decree No. 1572 which prohibited the meetings of the members of the Association of Veterans and Patriots, will shortly be repealed.

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If the Fishermen's strike is not solved promptly, a general strike in the harbor of Habana is likely to occur. A commission of harbor laborers will visit Secretary Zayas Bazan today.

EDITORIAL favorably commenting upon the first actions of the Secretary of the Interior, Zayas Bazan, after taking office. He has already commenced to carry out his program of moralization.

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"El Heraldo" states that even after the victory of the Liberal Party, for which it has fought so hard, it will continue to combat the evils of the Administration, and to demand the fulfilment of the program of regeneration. It believes that the victory has not yet been fully attained. It will be obtained not by the electoral triumph of the Liberal candidates, but by the triumph of the program of the Liberal Party.

The Caujeri indians are decided not to permit the usurpation of the 18,000 caballerias of land held by them. They have addressed a communication to Secretary of Justice Barraqué, in which they accuse Judge Caiñas of having protected the usurpation with his decision.

Article commenting upon the actions of some of the members of the present Cabinet, and stating that they do not seem to be acquainted with the program of regeneration of President Machado. In the first place, the article mentions the Secretary of War and Navy. He has done nothing more than to appoint four Aides, and to increase the civil list of his Department. - The Secretary of Agriculture "moves as a shadow, and his activities have been confined to the dismissal of certain employees, and the appointment of others....." -- The Secretary of Sanitation passes the time whistling, "and the appointments he has made show that he is out of tune...." -- "The Secretary of the Treasury is continually studying. We know that Dr. Hernandez Cartaya is a very studious man, and that is probably why he has no time to do anything tangible...." -- "The Secretary of Justice spoke and made two appointments of Magistrates. The people want actions, not words. Let us wait." -- "The Secretary of State has not changed his beaurocratic structure. He is very parsimonious and discrete, and when he adopts some resolution, it takes him twelve years to think it, and other twelve years to decide...." -- The only three secretaries who have grasped the program of General Machado and who mean to carry it out, are Zayas Bazan, Viriato Gutierrez, and Carlos Miguel de Cespedes. These have demonstrated their "constructive conditions."

EL MUNDO - May 26, 1925.

EDITORIAL entitled "WHAT WHICH CAN AND MUST BE DONE IMMEDIATELY" Commenting very favorably upon the program of Public Works prepared by Dr. Carlos Miguel de Cespedes, and stating that this program whould be carried out without delay.

The President of the Republic held a short conference with the members of his Cabinet, this morning. The regular Meetings of the Cabinet will take place every Thursday, from 9:00 A.M. to 12:00 Noon. - The project of Budget for the coming fiscal year will be brought to the attention of the Cabinet at the next meeting. Dr. Carlos Miguel de Cespedes said that President Machado will send a Message to Congress requesting the necessary appropriation to solve the water problem of Habana in a definite manner. - Mr. Evelio Ayala, Minister Plenipotentiary of Uruguay, will present his credentials this morning. - President Machado visited the Mexican war ship yesterday afternoon.

DIARIO DE LA MARINA - May 26, 1925.

The Special Mission from Mexico pays homage to the heroes of the Independence of Cuba. Wreaths were placed yesterday afternoon at the base of the monuments to Marti and Maceo

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EL TRIUNFO - May 26, 1925.

The lack of quorum prevented the House of Representatives from holding session yesterday. - This paper states, however, that the members present held a secret conference, at which accusation were hurled against the Secretary of State for having failed to invite the members of Congress to the social acts held in connection with the inauguration of President Machado.

A Treaty of Extradition with Mexico was signed yesterday, by Mr. Aaron Saenz, as Secretary of Foreign Relations of Mexico, and Dr. Carlos Manuel de Cespedes, as Secretary of State of Cuba. 3650

Text of the Report submitted to the Secretary of the Interior by Dr. Manuel Secades, Consulting Attorney of the Department of the Interior, in connection of games of skill and luck. Dr. Secades recommends the derogation of the Turismo Law.

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HERALDO DE CUBA - May 26, 1925.

Article by Gonzalez Beauville in which he begins to publish and comment upon the cablegrams sent by the Cuban Minister in Washington, Dr. Cespedes, in a confidential manner, to Secretary of State Desvernine, in which General Gomez is accused of trying to bring about an American Intervention in Cuba to supervise new elections. - Beauville accuses Dr. Cespedes of acting as a spy of the tyrannical Government of Cuba in a plot against General Gomez, and of requesting the cooperation of General Crowder.

Interview with Dr. Manuel R. Angulo, Eminent jurist, Liberal of a clean history, who was a sort of an Ambassador of our Party before the Government at Washington when the abuses of the Menocal Administration compelled us to adopt an energetic attitude". - This is said to be the first of a series of interviews which Heraldo de Cuba intends to publish concerning the organization of the first Cabinet of General Machado. - Dr. Angulo believes that the first Cabinet does not fully respond to the purposes and desires of General Machado, but seems to be only the result of obligations previously contracted. "In any way, considering the Cabinet as a whole, it seems to be quite satisfactory, because whatever be the tendencies of some of its members, and their respective histories, the ideas and purposes of the majority will always prevail, and the majority of the Secretaries are identified with the ideas and purposes of General Machado....." Dr. Angulo further criticizes the appointment of members of the Conservative Party in the present Administration, because the verdict of the people rendered on November 1st, is that they do not want to be governed by the Conservatives, and that they demand to be governed by the Liberals.....

Article further combating the recent decision of the Audiencia of Habana which reversed a decision of the Debt Commission, and stating that it establishes a juridical doctrine which will cost the State more than fifteen million dollars. According to three of the Magistrates of the Civil Chamber of the Audiencia, the Debt Commission has no powers to reduce or modify the Bills presented by creditors of the State. If this opinion prevails, all the work done by the Debt Commission, will be considered as illegal. Text of the order given by Reguaiferos to the Prosecuting Attorney instructing him to withdraw from the appeal of cassation, and also text of the decision rendered, and of the private vote.

EDITORIAL commenting upon the recent editorials of "El Mundo" stating that they aim to prove that there is not a cent left in the National Treasury, apparently for the purpose of preparing the way for a new loan. Heraldo de Cuba states that there no no reason for alarm, because Secretary Hernandez Cartaya will restore the financial level of the country disturbed by the illegal manipulations of the past Administration.

Another editorial stating that this paper will continue its compaign against the recent decision of the Audiencia, despite the insults and threats of other newspapers.

EL HERALDO - May 26, 1925.

Article entitled: "THE LIBERAL FLAG DOES NOT PROTECT CRIMINALS" Commenting unfavorably upon the appointment of certain persons in the present Administration, and stating that General Machado will be compelled to make radical changes very soon.

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In an article referring to the immoralities in the Administration of the Municipality of Habana, this paper publishes a detailed list of the amounts owed by the Municipality of Habana to the Central Government, as follows:

Amount still owed for the Aqueduct of Vedado..$	246,500.00
Share of the Municipality for the sewer and paving of the city of Habana.....	5,000,000.00
Interest owed up to 1921.....	1.274.918.30
Market - Decree 59 of Jan. 15, 1917	462,500.00
Moneys advanced for the payment of the Police Force, from Oct. 1920, to June 1924.....	2.609,809.92
Total.....$	9.593,728.22

Besides, there are about one million dollars for "Sanitary Quota" not included in the above list, "and probably other decrees have been ommitted."

Letter from Dr. Claudio G. Mendoza in connection with the taxes which can be applied to the construction of the Central Highway, and expresses his opinion that a law of Congress is necessary to apply part of the one per cent tax for the construction of the Central Hgihway, but that the contract for the $50.000,000.00 loan does not prevent the application of the one per cent tax, or any other new tax which may be created, to any obligation which may be contracted by the State.

LA DISCUSION - May 26, 1925.

This paper refers to an incident between General Machado and Secretary of the Treasury, Cartaya, in connection with the filling of a vacancy in the Department of the Treasury. As soon as General Machado learned that Mr. Jose Carlos Diaz, Consulting Attorney of the Treasury Department, was taking steps to obtain his retirement, he sent word to Secretary Cartaya to reserve the office for a member of the Liberal Party who knows nothing about the legal affairs of that Department. The article states also that Secretary Cartaya insists on the promotion of Dr. Rafael de Pazos who is lawfully entitled to the appointment.

LA PRENSA - May 26, 1925.

Mr. Carlos de la Rosa, Vice President of the Republic, paid a visit to the Mexican war ship "Anahuac" yesterday, where he was entertained by the Mexican Minister and the Mexican Consul General.

Military Supervisors have been appointed to act as heads of the Division of Alcohol Taxes in the different provinces. Secretary Hernandez Cartaya informed that the reorganization of the Division of the Tax of One per Cent will commence next week.

Secretary of the Interior, Zayas Bazan, visited the penitentiary this morning, and verified the lack of shoes and clothing for the inmates; whereupon he immediately gave orders to supply the convicts with the necessary clothing and shoes.

LA NOCHE - May 26, 1925.

This paper states that Military Supervisors have been appointed for the Division of Taxes, Department of Public Works and the Penitentiary, and refers to the rumors that Army officers will be appointed to supervise all the other Departments of the State, as the Government understand that the civil elements are the cause of the present state of demoralization in Public Administration.

The Special Missions from Argentina, Switzerland, Holland and Belgium, sailed yesterday. - The Mexican Mission sailed this morning. The Mission from Uruguay will leave tomorrow.

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Cable despatch from Saint Louis, Mo. (dated May 25th) reading as follows: "According to announcement made by the Police, J. A. Moyiman, lithographer, and Max Enger, owner of a printing shop of this city, confessed that they had printed the Cuban tax stamps to the amount of $250,000.00 which were found in possession of a man arrested in New Orleans last Saturday. The arrest of Boyiman and Enger was a consequence of the arrest of Charles E. Doran on board a vessel which was about to sail from New Orleans for Cuba. The Federal Agents believe that the Cuban tax stamps were going to be used to seal the bottles of whiskey brought in by bootleggers, for the purpose of giving them the appearance of containing legitimate whiskey."

EL MUNDO - May 27, 1925.

El Mundo publishes an editorial replying to one published yesterday by Heraldo de Cuba, stating that Heraldo de Cuba is greatly mistaken because El Mundo is opposed to the contracting of new loans, and adds: "We know that during the recent visit of General Machado to the United States, the American bankers offered him fifty, one hundred, two hundred millions of dollars, or any amount he wanted to carry out his administrative program. But we also know that General Machado is opposed to place more liens on the country....."

Another EDITORIAL commenting upon the actions of Dr. Cartaya as Secretary of the Treasury, who "has commenced to act". Doctor Cartaya has assumed the Presidency of the Temporary Banking Commission, and has also ordered an investigation to be made in the Department of Agriculture, Commerce and Labor, where a fraud of over one hundred thousand dollars is said to have been committed. But Dr. Cartaya will meet with great obstacles in his purposes of moralization. As President of the Banking Commission, he will have to make a careful investigation of the past actions of this organization, especially in connection with the securities of the Banco Nacional confiscated by the State, and which were illegally held during four years by the General Comptroller of the State. But it so happens that the person who illegally held those documents, Mr. Pereira, is now one of the members of the Cabinet, and it is difficult to predict whether Secretary Cartaya will be at liberty to bring to the attention of the Cabinet the result of his investigations. - As to the fraud said to have been committed in the Department of Agriculture, the accounts necessarily had to be approved by the Office of the General Comptroller, that is to say, by Mr. Pereira. And again Dr. Cartaya will be prevented from placing the matter before the Cabinet, in spite of his honesty, prestige, and clean history.....

It is affirmed that General Mario G. Menocal will shortly pay a visit to President Machado. The visit may take place to-day.

Cable despatch from New York. - Declarations made by General Crowder upon his arrival from Cuba. "When we interviewed the General, he was more explicit than ever, and gave to his declarations a tone of cordiality which contrasted with those of his previous trip to this city about a year ago, during the days of political anxieties in Cuba..... General Crowder said: "The affairs of Cuba are very satisfactory. It seems that everything will develop in accord with the necessities of that country. All the fundamental problems between Cuba and the United States have been solved. With the exaltation of General Machado, a very competent man, everybody is happy in Cuba....."

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DIARIO DE LA MARINA - May 27, 1925.

Article by Ramiro Guerra commenting upon the faulty distribution of schools in the Republic, and giving a descriptive chart, ~~showing~~, showing the lack of proportion between the inhabintants of the different provinces, and the number of school rooms.

The Province of Habana has	1	school room	for every	312	inhabitants
" Pinar del Rio	"	"	"	"	"	379	"
" Matanzas	"	"	"	"	"	405	"
" Santa Clara	"	"	"	"	"	491	"
" Camaguey	"	"	"	"	"	544	"
" Oriente	"	"	"	"	"	665	"
The City of Habana has	"	"	"	"	"	828	"

Biographical sketch of the new Under Secretary of State, Dr. Miguel Angel de la Campa.

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