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CORRESPONDENCE AND RECORD CARDS OF THE
MILITARY INTELLIGENCE DIVISION RELATING
TO GENERAL, POLITICAL, ECONOMIC, AND
MILITARY CONDITIONS IN CUBA AND THE
WEST INDIES
1918-1941

Roll 3

Cuba and the West Indies: Political Conditions
(MID 2657-Q-144 to 2657-Q-225)

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INTRODUCTION

The 10 rolls of this microfilm publication reproduce correspondence and record cards of the Military Intelligence Division (MID), that relate to conditions in Cuba, Haiti, and the Dominican Republic (also known as Santo Domingo), from 1918 to 1941. The documents reproduced are largely reports from the U.S. military attache assigned to Cuba and his assistants, although there is a significant number of records from the Department of State in Washington, the diplomatic staff of the American legation at Havana, and U.S. Marine Corps units stationed on the islands. The correspondence, from which the eight files reproduced on this microfilm publication were extracted, and the related records, are part of the Records of the War Department General and Special Staffs, Record Group (RG) 165.

Background

The Military Intelligence Division originated in 1885, when Adj. Gen. Richard C. Drum directed Maj. William J. Volkmar of the Military Reservation Division to organize a Division of Military Information. Drum's action was in response to an increasing need for the systematic collection and dissemination of information relating to foreign and U.S. military services. The Military Information Division, as it became known, functioned as an adjunct of the Military Reservation Division until 1889. By providing for "the pay of a clerk attendant on the collection and classification of military information from abroad," the congressional appropriation act of September 22, 1888 (25 Stat. 481), laid the necessary financial groundwork for the Adjutant General's confidential order of April 12, 1889, which established the Military Information Division as "a separate division under the personal supervision of the Adjutant General." The act also led to the detail of the first military attaches to

U.S. diplomatic posts at London, Paris, Berlin, Vienna, and St. Petersburg in 1889.

An act of February 14, 1903 (32 Stat. 830), reorganized the War Department hierarchy by creating the War Department General Staff headed by the Chief of Staff. Six months later, Secretary of War Elihu Root's order of August 8 directed the transfer of the Military Information Division and its records to the Office of the Chief of Staff, effective August 15, 1903. Under the new organization what had been the Military Information Division became the Second Division (of three), of the General Staff. War Department General Order 128, dated August 12, 1908, provided for the reorganization of the General Staff into sections and thereunder into such committees as necessary for the transaction of business. As a result of this order the Second Division (military information) was merged with the Third Division (military planning and education) to form the Second Section. A reorganization of September 26, 1910, abolished the Second Section and transferred its responsibilities, including military information, to the new War College Division.

The entry of the United States into World War I on April 6, 1917, greatly increased the work of the War College Division. To deal with the growing intelligence workload, the Chief of Staff, in a memorandum dated April 28, 1917, directed the establishment of a separate military information section within the War College Division. A reorganization of the General Staff, under the authority of War Department General Order 14, dated February 9, 1918, abolished the War College Division, and all intelligence functions passed to the Military Intelligence Branch of the newly created Executive Division.

A second major reorganization of the War Department General Staff occurred under the authority of General Order 80, dated August 26, 1918, which established a separate Military Intelligence Division (MID), headed by an officer designated as director of military intelligence who would function as an assistant to the Chief of Staff. As a result of War Department General Order 41, dated August 16, 1921, the MID was given the additional designation of G-2 and was constituted as one of the five General Staff divisions, each under the immediate control of an assistant Chief

of Staff. This part of the organizational structure of the War Department remained largely unchanged through World War II.

The Military Intelligence Division, however, underwent a number of internal reorganizations during this quarter century. In early 1921 the MID's three principal functions, collecting and evaluating military information and disseminating military intelligence, were split between its Positive and Negative Branches. During the next 18 months the division abolished these two branches and divided the functions among three geographical sections: Latin American, European, and Far Eastern. This division of work among three entirely separate sections resulted in a wide divergence of method in handling information, and failed to produce well-thought-out studies on general questions affecting two or more of the geographical sections. Consequently, in October 1924 the head of MID placed the three geographical sections under his newly created Intelligence Branch, to a ensure better coordination of the collection and evaluation of military information and dissemination of military intelligence. The 1924 reorganization remained in place until 1942, although by 1939 the number of geographical sections had increased to seven.

The principal means employed by the MID to collect military information about foreign countries was to send military attaches and observers abroad for this purpose. As noted above, the U.S. Army sent its first five military attaches abroad in 1889. By 1922 the MID had 45 military attaches and assistants on duty in 30 countries. Though by 1938 their numbers had decreased to 32, they soon increased greatly with the advent of war in 1939. The United States first assigned military attaches to Cuba in 1902. A list of military attaches stationed in Havana from 1902 to 1941 follows these introductory remarks.

The main duties of a military attache were to observe and to report on the organization, training, equipment, doctrine, and operation of foreign military forces. In addition, the attache reported on political, economic, and social conditions in the country to which he was assigned, especially as they influenced military affairs. To carry out this work, the attache had the assistance of a small staff including one or more assistant

military attaches who prepared their own reports. The military attache and his assistants usually sent to the MID several copies of their more important reports which often included newspaper articles, magazines, maps, photographs, official government publications, and similiar enclosures. There, one copy was filed with the division's general correspondence in the manner described below, and another was placed in the so-called Regional File that the MID maintained for research and reference purposes. This file contains military, naval, political, economic, social, and psychological information on foreign countries. It is arranged by country or region and thereunder by a special subject classification scheme, first called Strategic Index (1918-22), and later, Index Guide (1922-44). The latter scheme subsumes all information under nine primary headings designated by four-digit numbers within the range of 1000 to 9960. Furnished with the current edition of the Strategic Index or Index Guide, the military attache from his post abroad indicated the proper file classification number in the block provided on the form on which he prepared his report. The Regional File served as the prime source of information from which the MID staff and its predecessors, compiled the Digests of Information concerning each country, prepared the Combat, Economic, and Political Estimates for the major nations of the world, and wrote special studies on military subjects.

Records Description

The Military Intelligence Division filed correspondence in accordance with the "record card system," utilized widely by the War Department in the late 19th and early 20th centuries. On each incoming and outgoing communication and enclosure, a record clerk placed in the upper-right corner of the first page a master number representing the main subject of the communication. When no subfile was involved, the clerk simply added a numerical suffix following a hyphen to the master number to indicate the next sequential transaction (e.g., 2067-54, 2067-55). To indicate a subfile, the records clerk entered an alphabetical or numerical suffix following the master number, and an additional number representing the transaction under the subfile.

At the subfile level the MID used letters to indicate particular countries or geographical areas. In a file numbered 2657-Q-266, for example, the letter Q represents Cuba and the West Indies. States. Most individual documents filed under these letter designations were numbered in chronological order by date received. Some, however, have a second subfile number denoting a more specific subject category, with sequential numbers following. For instance, many monthly reports on Cuban Army strength are filed under 2012-100 with individual reports numbered 1 to 96. Thus a typical file number containing all these elements would be 2012-100/55.

After the clerk had assigned a file designation to the communication, he summarized its contents on a record card and placed the same file designation on it. The record card was then filed numerically according to its assigned file designation. Subsequently, record cards were annotated to show the routing and ultimate designation or disposition of a communication. The clerk also prepared name, subject, and geographic index cards as finding aids to the communications. In addition, the MID kept chronological lists ("Dispatch Lists") of all communications received from an attache at a particular post.

This publication reproduces the following eight MID files relating to Cuba and the West Indies for the period 1918 to 1941:

MID 2657-Q---Political Conditions, Cuba and the West Indies
MID 2655-Q---Economic Conditions, Cuba and the West Indies
MID 2056-----General Conditions in Cuba
MID 2012-----Army, Cuba
MID 2079-----Aeronautics, Cuba
MID 2608-----General Conditions in Haiti and Santo Domingo
MID 2020-----Army, Haiti
MID 2353-----Army, Santo Domingo

The records filed under the two master numbers pertaining to political and economic conditions throughout the region, have been filmed immediately afer the record cards and are followed by files on one or two of the three Caribbean countries--Cuba, Haiti, and the Dominican Republic (in that order). Within each master number the documents have been filmed by file designation. The volume of records

filed under the two master numbers for general political conditions and economic conditions, and under the three files on Cuba, is substantial. There are cosiderably fewer records in the three files on Haiti and the Dominican Republic.

The gaps often found in the sequential numbers following master numbers have two principal explanations. First, during the late 1920s the War Department destroyed a large number of individual documents among the general correspondence of the MID as "useless papers." This action was authorized by an act of Congress, dated February 17, 1889 (25 Stat. 672). Second, on August 7, 1941, the MID abandoned its numeric file system and adopted the War Department decimal classification scheme. At that time the numeric file was closed and many documents were transferred to the new file. For most communications transferred, a clerk prepared a card and inserted it in the numeric series where the communication had originally been filed, citing the decimal designation under which the communication was then filed. These transferred documents are in the G-2 decimal file, which is part of Records of the Army Staff, RG 319.

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Record Cards

The record cards for the eight master numbers of the MID correspondence relating to Cuba and the West Indies appear on roll 1 of this microfilm publication. The record cards are filmed in the same sequence as the eight master numbers. They provide a synopsis of each document (including those dated before mid-1941) that were transferred to the decimal file. The record cards also serve as a finding aid to the documents filmed in this publication.

Correspondence

Political Conditions, Cuba and the West Indies. (MID 2657-Q). Reports and other records in this master file include information on Cuban political parties, elections, political corruption, and political violence. There are a few similar reports on conditions in Haiti, the Dominican Republic, and Puerto Rico. In the early 1920s the

military attache reported extensively on the 1920 Cuban national elections (MID 2657-Q-1 to -90); graft and abuse of office President Zaya, 1920-24 (MID 2657-Q-249); the unsuccessful revolt by army veterans, 1923-24 (MID 2657-Q-143); and the 1924 election of President Machado (Mid 2657-Q-225/1 to -70). This master file also includes a large number of reports (MID 2657-Q-330/1 to -452) on anti-government violence in the 1930s, some of which deal with Col. Fulgencio Batista. Other reports discuss U.S. reactions to the 1920 Presidential election (MID 2657-Q-268), the activities in the United States of Cuban and other West Indian nationalist and revolutionary groups (MID 2657-Q-102, -350, -370), and German and Japanese espionage activities in Cuba (MID 2657-Q-395) and Haiti (MID 2657-Q-396), 1940-41.

Economic Conditions, Cuba and the West Indies. (MID 2655-Q). With the exception of the 1921 reports on the salt industry of Curacao (MID 2655-Q-14) and the economy of the Dominican Republic (MID 2655-Q-15), one each, and the report on the control of petroleum production in Puerto Rico in 1941 (MID 2655-Q-107), all of the records in this master file pertain to the Cuban economy. Many of the reports relate to the Cuban sugar industry (MID 2555-Q-1, -8, -11, -18 to -21, -33, -48, -51 to -60, -63, -65, -81); the cultivation of coffee (MID 2655-Q-50), rice (MID 2655-Q-16), and other foodstuffs (MID 2655-Q-18 to -21, -93); the production of henequen (MID 2655-Q-79); and Cuba's petroleum (MID 2655-Q-95) and mineral resources (MID 2655-Q-61, -100 to -103).

A number of reports deal with immigration laws and immigrant problems (MID-2655-Q-73, -76, -80, -85, -87, -94, -98, -99). Also included is a history of the operations of the Cuban National Lottery, 1921-23 (MID 2655-Q-32) and a copy of the military attache's "Estimate of the Economic Situation," May 1923, 150 pp. (MID 2655-Q-64). Many of the 1919-22 reports have file classification numbers of the Strategic Index imbedded in the text and most of the reports of the 1930s bear typed four-digit Guide Index numbers in the upper-right corner of the first page.

General Conditions in Cuba and the West Indies. (MID 2056). The records in this master file both complement (and in a few instances) duplicate the

documents in the files on political (MID 2657-Q) and economic (MID 2655-Q) conditions and relate almost exclusively to Cuba. Most of the 1918-19 reports, many of which were prepared by U.S. Marine Corps units on duty in the Camaguey and Oriente Provinces, deal with strikes and labor unrest in Cuba (MID 2056-65 to -184). Other reports for this period document the course of the "Spanish" influenza epidemic on the island (MID 2056-34, -46, -48, -53, -67, -78, -85, -122, -134, -165) and the October 1919 outbreak of smallpox in Havana (MID 2056-194).

Other records include an April 1920 office memorandum prepared by the military attache describing the members of his staff, his relations with the American Legation in Havana, and provides biographical sketches of prominent Cubans and others "who have proved themselves valuable and discreet" (MID 2056-196); a copy of the July 1923 "Estimate of the Economic-Military Situation" (MID 2056-219); and the 1925 MID digest of information on the Island of Pines (MID 2056-229). Between December 1938 and July 1941 the military attache prepared a series of 35 "Comments on Current Events," which contains information on German nationals in Cuba and the activities of Colonel (later President) Fulgencio Batista (MID 2056-250); and a series of reports on each of the principal cities of Cuba, which describes the city's power plants, water works, telephone and telegraph facilities, radio stations, gas and oil storage plants, ice plants, airfields, harbor facilities, police, military forces and installations, newspapers, magazines, prominent American citizens in residence, and its government (MID 2056-253). Scattered throughout this master file are copies of, or clippings from, the Havana Post, Havana Evening News, The Times of Cuba, Himley's Weekly Review of the Cuban Sugar Crop, and El Hombre Nuevo.

Army, Cuba. (MID 2012). Much of the documentation in this master file consists of monthly strength reports and station lists of the Cuban Army, 1918-41 (MID 2012-4, -6, -12, -21, -34, -39, -42, -49, -56, -64, -137, and especially -110); biographical sketches ("who's who") of prominent Cuban Army officers, 1931-40 (MID 2012-132 to -168); and periodic reports on the loyalty, discipline, and morale of the Cuban Army, 1931-40

MID 2012-133, -146). Included in the latter is substantial information on the September 1933 revolution and the activities of Colonel Fulgencio Batista, especially during 1933-34. Other records deal with the organization of the Cuban Army (MID 2012-18, -44, -73, -93, -101, -116, -119, -157), the pay and emoluments of its officers and enlisted men (MID 2012-124), its retirement and pension laws (MID 2012-110), and its annual budgets, 1932-41 (MID 2012-140, -165). This master file also contains information on the Cuban Rural Guard (MID 2012-98, -99) and the National Police Force (MID 2012-137).

Aeronautics, Cuba. (MID 2079). The records in this file cover military and commercial aviation. Included is a series of annual reports, 1924-39, on the organization, training, bases, appropriations, aircraft, and aeronautical equipment of the Cuban Air Service (MID 2079-15). Other reports on military aviation discuss "Good-will Flights" of the 1930s (MID 2079-43, -59), aircraft accidents (MID 2079-52), landing fields and possible landing fields (MID 2079-10, -44), flights of Cuban military aircraft over U.S. territory (MID 2079-56, -60), and cadet, flight, and combat training at Cuban aviation schools (MID 2079-36 to -40, -61, -62). Aspects of commercial aviation discussed include air traffic control and regulations (MID 2079-20), foreign interests involved in Cuban aviation (MID 2079-21), and commercial air routes (MID 2079-16). This master file includes many Depa[illegible]ent of State documents.

General Conditions in Haiti and Santo Domingo. (MID 2608). Most of the reports in this file are 1921 monthly summaries of intelligence compiled by U.S. Marine Corps units stationed in the two countries which describe the political, economical, and social conditions on Hispaniola. This file also includes a number of 1940 reports on harbor facilities, water supply, electrical power, and other municipal features of the principal cities and towns of Haiti and the Dominican Republic. These reports were received from the head of the U.S. Military Mission in Haiti and the U.S. naval attache stationed in the city of Santo Domingo.

Army, Haiti. (MID 2020). The three reports

comprising this master file deal with the establishment of a Dominican air and naval station at Calderas Bay (1939), leadership changes in the Garde de Haiti (1940), and the participation of the cadets of L'Ecole Militaire d'Haiti in the June 1941 maneuvers of the Garde de Haiti. The last two reports were prepared by the chief of the U.S. Military Mission in Haiti.

Army, Santo Domingo. (MID 2353). This small file consists of two items: a May 1918 report from the American Legation in Santo Domingo on the organization of the Guardio Nacional Dominicana and a 1925 memorandum from the Department of Commerce enclosing two Spanish newspaper clippings on the creation of a Dominican army.

Security Classification

Many of the documents filmed in this microfilm publication were classified as secret, confidential, or restricted at the time of their creation and had those classification markings stamped, typed, or written on them. With the exception of six documents (MID 2657-Q-361/18 to 2657-Q-361/24) relating to communications intelligence, the National Archives and the Department of the Army have reviewed and declassified all of the records filmed in this publication.

Related Records

In RG 165 are additional intelligence records relating to Cuba, Haiti, and the Dominican Republic. Information on all three countries can be found under other file designations of the MID correspondence, 1918-41. Because the records under other file designations either did not relate exclusively to Cuba, Haiti, and the Dominican Republic, or relate to less significant subjects, they are not reproduced here. Access to these records is by the name, subject, and geographic indexes to the MID correspondence and by the dispatch lists of incoming reports to the MID. The name index has been filmed as Name Index to Correspondence of the Military Intelligence Division of the War Department General Staff, 1917-1941, M1194; the geographic index as Geographic

Index to the Correspondence of the Military Intelligence Division, 1917-41, M1474 (roll 4 of which contains the principal entries for Cuba); and the dispatch lists as Registers of Communications Received from Military Attaches and Other Intelligence Officers ("Dispatch Lists"), 1889-1941, M1271 (roll 1 of which lists the reports from the military attache in Havana).

The segments on Cuba, Haiti, and the Dominican Republic in the Regional File of the MID contain copies of some of the documents reproduced in this microfilm publication, as well as many other documents submitted by the military attache at Havana and other sources.

Records relating to naval intelligence, including naval attache reports, and records of the Military Government of Santo Domingo (Dominican Republic) 1917-24, are in the Records of the Office of the Chief of Naval Operations, RG 38. Information about Marine operations in Cuba, Haiti, and the Dominican Republic can be located among Records of the U.S. Marine Corps, RG 127.

Many records pertaining to U.S. relations with Caribbean nations are found in General Records of the Department of State, RG 59. Microfilm publications of related records include Records Relating to Political Relations Between the United States and Cuba, 1910-29, M509; Records Relating to Internal Affairs of Cuba, 1910-1929, M488; Records Relating to Political Relations Between the United States and Haiti, 1910-29, M611; Records Relating to Political Relations Between the United States and Haiti, 1930-39, M612; Records Relating to Internal Affairs of Haiti, 1910-29, M610; Records Relating to Internal Affairs of Haiti, 1930-39, M1246; Records Relating to Internal Affairs of the Dominican Republic, 1910-29, M626; Records Relating to Internal Affairs of the Dominican Republic, 1930-39, M1272; and Records Relating to Internal Affairs in the Dominican Republic, 1940-44, M1277.

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From: The Military Attaché, Havana.

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

Subject: News articles from Havana Press.

Lieut. Col. G.S. Norvell, General Staff,
Chief, Latin-American Subsection,

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1. There is enclosed herewith a brief summary of news articles and editorial comment appearing in the Havana press of August 17 and 18th.

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Major, Gen. Staff,
Military Attaché.

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Aug. 17 (Evening)
Aug. 18 (Morning)

BRIEF SUMMARY OF NEWS ARTICLES AND EDITORIAL COMMENT IN THE HAVANA PRESS.

HERALDO DE CUBA: (Aug. 17)

The Heraldo continues to play up on the Veteran's movement as a feature. However all it does is fully report the sessions of the assembly with more detail than the other papers. However this has all been included in yesterday's separate memorandum on the Veteran's campaign. The Heraldo mentions an oath that has been taken by the veterans behind this movement, which is as follows: "I swear on my honor and for my country and for all the men who offered their lives for it, to devote myself intensively to obtain the moral and material aggrandizement of my country and the suppression of all the causes opposed thereto." It also reports that the first signature after this oath is that of Col. Manuel Despaigne.

The Heraldo reports upon the rumor current in Havana that the Senate is getting ready to pass a bill in Monday's session supressing the Lottery and that the House will immediately pass the same.

EDITORIAL: Commenting upon the great progress and growth of the veteran's movement which now counts upon municipalities, organizations, institutions, students of the university and other factors. That the movement cannot be stopped now and that it is only the natural outbreak of the dorman spirit of protest in the people. The editorial regrest and sees with great displeasure that the authorities are proudly trying to give no importance to the matter and have not realized the seriousness of it, and have made no attempt to correct their errors and meet the protestants half way.

LA PRENSA: (Aug. 17)

Carries two EDITORIALS on the veteran's movement. The first of these expresses the pleasure of the paper at the fact that this movement is not taking on the proportions that were expected of it. That the reaction of those who took the cloak of veteranism to protect personal interests seems to be on the reaction. Well known veterans have protested against this movement because it might lead to dangerous results for Cuba.

The second of these editorials calls this the "political movement disguised as economic-veteran" and also sates that it is dying down. That brought down to what it really is it has no great importance, no greater importance than that had by protests made everywhere by enemies of the authorities in power. That fortunately it is in its period of dissolution and there is no use giving too much importance to it.

DIARIO DE LA MARINA: (Aug. 18)

The National Association of Industrials, at a special meeting held yesterday resolved to appoint a committee of its members to carefully study the Tarafa Plan.

The Economic Corporations held a meeting yesterday afternoon under the direction of Dr. Pedro Pablo Kohly. A telegram from the Santiago de Cuba Chamber of Commerce was read suggesting the holding of an assembly of Cuban economic corporations exclusively for the purpose of discussing the Tarafa Plan. Luis Marino Perez proposed that a questionnaire be prepared and given out with respect to the Tarafa Plan, among the economic corporations. This was agreed upon and the questionnaire will be submitted for approval at a special meeting to be held on Monday. This is all this paper has to say on this meeting.

The regular weekly meeting of the Cabinet took place yesterday. All the Secretaries were present. The President reported that he had held conferences with the Santiago de Cuba authorities who are opposed to two sections of the

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recent law relative to the water supply for that city. That he had promised them to correct this and that the Congressmen have promised to modify the law in that sense. The President likewise reported that he had held conferences with the mixed university committee and had arrived at a solution of the university difficulties and that a Decree was being prepared embodying these points. The president stated that since the last meeting and at the present time certain occurrences have taken place which everyone is well acquainted with, and that he hoped they would be solved slowly in a pacific manner as was the desire of everyone. The Secretary of Agriculture, President of the Veterans Council, expressed his complete accordance with the president's statements. He reported to the cabinet that he had sent a message to the Senate asking it to delay somewhat the passage or action on the Tarafa Plan until all sides had been heard. The Secretary of the Treasury reported on the problem of the payment to the U.S. government of $7,000,000 of the 1917 debt. That he expected this matter would very soon be solved properly. The meeting authorized the Secretary to enter into whatever contracts he deemed proper for this purpose. Other matters of lesser importance were discussed.

EL MUNDO: (Aug. 18)

Feature article entitled "Good Companies" This is the reverse of the recent editorial complaining of American companies that have been seeking the aid of the State Department at Washington to solve their difficulties. It mentions certain companies in Cuba which are really aiding Cuba and willing to abide by Cuban decisions on all matters. It cites the Santiago de Cuba electrci power company which recently reduced the rate of power for the government, and the Cuban American Sugar Company, which employees so many Cubans.

Washington dispatch: Stating that the President has declared that the U.S. would protect American interests in Cuba. That he understood there was a great current of opinion against the Tarafa Bill in Cuba. That the foatation of the Cuban $50,000,000 loan had as condition precedent certain acts of administrative moralization on the part of the Cuban government, which are now being violated by the passage of the recent Lottery Law. (This is carried in full in the Havana Post of today).

EDITORIAL: Criticising the Association of City Property Owners for their recent attitude in addressing a memorial to the Mayor asking that he do certain things to correct his administration. These include reduction of water rates, of property taxes, prohibition of improper spending of City Money, proper use of city budget etc. The Mundo believes this is going too far and reminds the property owners that they have never thought of the very high rentals charged by them.

In reporting upon the meeting of the Hacendados and Colonos of yesterday this paper states that it expressed itself frankly against the project. That the president asked that speakers address the meeting, pro and against the project, but no one spoke in favor of it while Messrs Machado and Alzugaray spoke very lengthily and bitterly against the project.

EL TRIUNFO: (Aug. 18)

As editorial commenting upon the tempest in a teapot started by the defender of certain American Companies before the State Department at Washington. That the threatening cloud has passed over and nothing is left of the storm except a systematic campaign of libel of certain American newspapers like the Philadelphia Public Ledger. That this failure has been due to the lack of reason and of right of the persons who had the anti-patriotic idea of calling upon Washington to help them. That it is up to the House of Representatives to continue its task and get to work on Electoral Law which is badly in need of important modifications.

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COMERCIO, August 18:

Press comment

In its column entitled "Between Us", this paper today criticizes the movement which it calls "The Movement of National Regeneration". It expresses surprise that the declaration of principle and Bulletin No. 1 issued by the assembly because it clearly shows that all the Veterans want is the suppression of the recent Lottery Law, the ~~xxxp~~ non-enactment of the Tarafa Bill and the matter of their pensions, when such a movement ought to contain a very extensive program of reforms necessary for the country, such as "regulation of immigration", "the form of institutions of learning", "wiping out of gambling", "promulgation of new codes to substitute the old laws" and other measures of great importance for the nation. In other words, that the veterans are merely looking out for themselves and for matters which deeply interest them.

Criticizes narrowness of V. + P. movement.

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COMERCIO, August 18:

Press comment

In its column entitled "Between Us", this paper today criticizes the movement which it calls "The Movement of National Regeneration". It expresses surprise that the declaration of principle and Bulletin No. 1 issued by the assembly because it clearly shows that all the Veterans want is the suppression of the recent Lottery Law, the xxxp non-enactment of the Tarafa Bill and the matter of their pensions, when such a movement ought to contain a very extensive program of reforms necessary for the country, such as "regulation of immigration", "the form of institutions of learning", "wiping out of gambling", "promulgation of new codes to substitute the old laws" and other measures of great importance for the nation. In other words, that the veterans are merely looking out for themselves and for matters which deeply interest them.

Criticizes narrowness of V. + P. movement.

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1. There are enclosed herewith brief summaries of news articles and editorial comment of the Havana Press covering the days August 24 to 28 inclusive.

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August 24 (Evening)
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BRIEF SUMMARY OF NEWS ARTICLES AND EDITORIAL COMMENT IN THE HAVANA PRESS.

HERALDO DE CUBA: (Aug. 24)

Unfavorable comment on resolutions of Nat'l. Council of Vets.

EDITORIAL unfavorably commenting upon the resolutions adopted by the National Council of Veterans. That the resolutions of this body with respect to the Veterans Assembly has produced in the mind of the people a new and bitter disillusion. The situation of the times demanded of the veterans measures fully patriotic and disinterested and the only thing that has worried the Veterans Council has been the measure that a political organization would have adopted for the advantage of its party. Sincere and far-reaching declarations were needed while those of the Council are narrow, vain, timid and frivolous. The National Council did not measure the spirit nor the character, nor the extraordinary development of the Veterans Movement but took greater care in mere matters of formality and placed the By-laws of an association above the rights granted by the Constitution to all the citizens of the Republic. General Betancourt who presided the meeting of the Council did not enjoy the independence of mind which should have been demanded of him by his fellow members. In an official note signed by the President of the Republic, it had already been officially declared and in a threatening tone that it was not admissible for persons who belong to the administration to use the language employed by the protestants who initiated and sustained the movement of "Maxim". Therefore General Betancourt could not have presided that session of the Council with absolute independence of action. Nevertheless, the civic action of the protesting veterans will not be extinguished by the blow given it by General Betancourt and his associates, the campaign will go on without rest for the cause of virtue and the cause of Cuba's future prosperity.

LA PRENSA: (Aug. 24).

Tarafa

EDITORIAL commenting favorably upon the despatch received from Washington relative to a satisfactory compromise having been reached between the interests in conflict in the matter of the Tarafa Plan. That the statements of Colonel Tarafa have been so well founded that the State Department has become convinced. There is nothing in the project which might be taken as a confiscatory measure and very much less as an anti-American movement. The conflict is not between American and Cuban interests but between American interests invested in the sugar business and American interests in the railway business. It is to be expected that in view of this situation, those who have bitterly opposed the plan here will not continue in this attitude.

LA MOORE: (Aug. 24).

Smith - Crowder controversy.

This newspaper carries an editorial, the only one which has appeared in any of the newspapers of Havana, commenting upon the attitude of Captain Smith before the American State Department for non-protection of his interests by the Ambassador of his country here. The editorial very briefly makes a history of Captain Smith's life and mentions the fact that he possessed property near the seashore at a time of the well-known troubles caused by the urbanization of the Marianao playa. It relates how Smith's house was destroyed on account of his refusal to turn it over to the company and how the Courts of Justice have failed to help him because parliamentary immunity was used as a check against him by a Congressman who assumed the responsibility. The editorial simply comments what peculiar things are seen in Cuba. Here is a man whose rights are trampled, who demands justice and has not received it neither through the courts nor through the diplomatic channel "used on so many occasions to settle claims which surely are not as just and legitimate as that of Captain Smith".

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EL MUNDO: (Aug. 25)

Instruction Schools

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EDITORIAL commenting upon the fact that as the end of the formation of the statistics which are being made at the Department of Public is being reached, great evidence is shown of the lamentable abandonment in which the Cuban school system has fallen in the course of time, for lack of the proper elements with which to properly handle the instruction of the Cuban children. According to these statics in the Province of Havana alone, 60,000 children of the school age do not receive any education whatsoever. Proportionally the same can be said of the other provinces, and it can be stated without fear of exaggeration that nearly fifty per cent of children of schoolage in Cuba is not receiving an education, in spite of the fact that there exists a Constitutional Provision to the effect that instruction is obligatory. The figures show that in order to properly attend to the instruction of the children, approximately one million dollars would be needed to be expended in five or six hundred more class rooms. However, thing of such little importance are not the subject for people to waste their energy on because personal ambition cannot be satisfied thereby.

Exp

EDITORIAL commenting upon the fact that the talk of the suppression of the Lottery and creation of new taxes to make up the treasury deficit caused by said suppression has caused a great stir in the financial world. El Mundo however seems to think that there should be no cause for unrest because Cuba should have a tax upon the wealthy. In Cuba taxes have always been passed in a manner in which the greater number of people are damaged. Taxes upon income, profits, inheritances and property, scientifically and equitably regulated would improve the condition of the poor who would cease to be the only exploited people. El Mundo therefore thinks that capital should be taxed as well as wealth and in doing so, other taxes such as the 1% tax could be repealed.

New taxes suggested to replace lottery revenue

DIARIO DE LA MARINA: (Aug. 25)

Tarafa

EDITORIAL commenting upon the attitude of Washington as has been reported in despatches with respect to the Tarafa Plan. That those who believe that the Washington Government was disposed to take advantage of Cuba's political struggle in order to obstruct or restrict the liberty of the Cuban Congress by rejecting the Tarafa Plan has been sadly mistaken. It could not be expected that the Washington Government would commit the blunder of violently restricting the right of the Congress in order to satisfy certain American sugar companies whose interests are not only contrary to those of our country, but also to those of other entities that are also American and which do business here. If the Washington Government could only look at the lawyers who approached it to attack the Tarafa plan and those who appeared to defend it as mere representatives of private interests, and naturally this would force it to act in a conciliatory manner upon realizing that one of the two interests represented coincide with the interests of Cuba, for which reason the House of Representatives converted this plan into a bill and passed it. The American Foreign Office directed by a very able and talented statesman who aspires to win for his country the affection of all the Latin American nations could not consit the injustice of imposing upon Cuba the will of the claiming corporation because thereby they have more or less capital invested in Cuba. Up to the present time, everything leads this paper to assure that the high authorities of Washington will not assume the responsibility of closing for Cuba the road which it has adopted for vigorising its finances ~~xxthexxxxxfxxxxx~~ through the Tarafa Plan. And that if on any occasion that government should have felt presented from interfering in Cuba's affairs, this is the time that it should so feel, because besides the fact that this is a very legitimate thing, a nation which has paid off its War debt just as this nation has done, certainly deserves respect and consideration of its credit.

U.S. attitude discussed

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EL TRIUNFO: (Aug. 25)

New attitude of govt. toward V.A. mount?

An article stating that the Government considers the Veterans Assembly and actions as causing public disturbance and that after the resolutions adopted by the National Council of Veterans, all action of this kind is considered anti-patriotic. That the government has looked upon this as a movement of revolutionary tendencies and has caused the government to change the attitude that it first took with respect to this matter. El Triunfo insists on considering General Monocal as the moral instigator of this movement. That the government follows closely every detail of this movement and if matters continue in their present state, it is assured that the Government will adopt an inmediate energetic resolution and action to put an end to this movement.

Electoral code

EDITORIAL commenting upon the fact that another week has gone by and Congress has not taken the trouble to even study the solution of the problems before the country. It also urges upon Congress the need for undertaking at once the reform of the Electoral Code.

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HERALDO DE CUBA. (Aug. 25).

Bello?

Vasquez Vello, President of the Cuban House of Representatives, publishes an article in the Heraldo which he states he decided not to publish until after he had become acquainted with the deliberation and resolution of the National Council of Veterans. That it is a well known fact that all social classes are never satisfied with the labors of Congress. That it is a characteristic note of Cuba's representative system that all those who take part in politics work with a distructive rather than a constructive intent. Hence the reason that nobody, not even the press, has ever made the most modest praise of the Nation's Congress. That it is clearly noticeable during the short period of Republican existence of Cuba, the worst the Government and the greater the arbitrariness on the part of the Executive, the more submission is shown on the part of the notable men of the nation and praises are bestowed by the highest class editorialists. All this tends to show that Cuba lacks mentalities and men of high moral who are willing to cooperate in the task of good government and shows that Cuba is a nation of detestable colonial habits and with a growing ferment toward Americanism which belies the virtues of its critics and the goodness of the cause supported. Referring to the National Council of Veterans, he says that the members thereof "as supreme judges of patriotism issued their decision and by censuring the wrong route selected with the authoritiy which they have and with the respect inclosed by their age and their merits demand the performance of duties and obligations which no one can refuse. " He terminates by stating "the mutual forgetting of all slander must be ordered by decree and this was done nobly by the Supreme Institution on the night of August 22nd." And ends by advising that all Cubans should work for the aggrandisement of the Republic morally and materially without puerile vanity or mistakened pride which provoke deep wounds which are very dangerous for the consolidation of Cuban Institutions.

Congressional reaction

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The Heraldo states in an article that the plan for the reelection is being proposed at the President's country estate. That the first meeting for this purpose was held the other day and it was agreed that a Committee to handle the matter be formed composed of Messrs. Wilfredo Fernandez, Juan Alberto Gomez, Santiago Rey, Ernesto Asburt and another prominent politician. The idea is that in this manner re-election will have the sumptuous aspect of a national movement.

DIARIO DE LA MARINA (Aug. 26).

Project of Natl Council of Vets. re pensions.

The Committee of Veterans appointed by the Council for studying the ways and means to assure the payment of their pensions, held a meeting yesterday to discuss these ways and means. It is reported that a project was approved which solved the question absolutely and which permits the regularization of the payment of these pensions. This project will be remitted to the lower House of Congress where several Congressmen have promised its immediate passage.

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Refutation of art. by Speaker of House. See previous page

HERALDO DE CUBA (Aug. 26)

In a feature article, this newspaper refutes that part of the article published in the same paper of the 25th by the Speaker of the House of Representatives, which refers to the fact that public opinion, the higher class men of the nation, and the press have never bestowed any praise upon the Congress. The Heraldo blames the Congress for this attitude and to support its contention, mentions a series of bills passed by Congress against the opposition of the whole nation. That this class of legislation has caused a situation of popular principle which has recently been shown in a great civic movement. The Heraldo says it is alright to ask a mutual forgetting of the slander of the past but that for doing so, those responsible for the situation should not falsify history.

Tarafa

In an Editorial, the Heraldo objects to that part of Bulletin No. 9 of the Veterans Assembly, which contains the displeasure of the Veterans for discussing the Tarafa matter in Washington and stating that they would not accept any solution offered by Washington. This editorial defends Mr. Tarafa and states that he did not go to Washington to seek the support of the State Department but merely went there for the purpose of counteracting the opinion that had been expressed by those contrary to the plan before the State Department.

Lottery

The Secretary of the Treasury has received x/regulations of the recent Lottery Law and is studying them, especially with regard to the form in which the bonuses will be paid to the public employees and the pensions to the Veterans of the Independence. Mr Cartaya stated that he will to avoid the negotiating of the bonuses of the employees and will therefore see a formula to prevent the intervention of speculators in said payment. There is talk again of a possibility of making some combination whereby Alfredo Zayas Jr. will again be placed at the head of the Lottery Department.

EL MUNDO: (August 26)

An editorial favorably commenting upon the Heraldo Article of Mr. Vasquez Bello asking for peace and for a solution of the Cuban problems. That although El Mundo cannot agree with all the statements of Vasquez Bello, the intention inspiring said article forces this paper to warmly applaud him. Of course this newspaper takes issue with the author of that article because El Mundo has often praised Congress when Congress deserved praise.

Tarafa

The Chamber of Commerce of the Island of Cuba in a letter addressed to the President of the Senate and signed by its President, Mr. J. M. Cartaya, stating that the Board of Directors of said organization on two occasions has discussed the Tarafa Plan and that the Chamber of Commerce adopted a resolution declaring itself energetically opposed to the project passed by the House of Representatives on the grounds that this gives place to a monopoly of land transportation.

Chamber of Commerce opposed

LA MARINA: (Aug. 26)

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An editorial comments upon the fact that Cuban securities in the New York stock market have increased in value in spite of the extraordinary noise that has been made by the veterans and their fellows since the beginning of the famous assembly and that this is a very highly satisfactory symptom of the state of affairs of the Republic.

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DIARIO DE LA MARINA: (Aug. 27) U.S.

EDITORIAL entitled "Imperialistic Propaganda" commenting upon the imperialistic tendencies which are being manifested and developed among certain elements in the United States in the measure that this nation increases in force and power by preparing their sphere of action and their work of conquest. This article refers specially in a critical way to an article that has appeared in the last number of review of reviews by Mr. Silvester Baxter entitled "Uncle Sam in Cuba and in the Phillipines". The editorial terminates by stating that the work of Mr. Baxter is an example among many others of how the American Imperialists are paving the way in their own country for their future depredation: that Cuba should realize the positive danger of this brazen and hateful propaganda carried on in journals and periodicals of great prestige and immense circulation and to denounce the same before the honest minds of the American people as a work of ambition and egoism without scruples.

NOTE: The newspapers in the great majority continue disregarding or not making any mention of the Veterans Assembly. Heraldo and Mercurio are the only papers that continue giving importance to this movement. The movement has boiled down to a matter of holding daily sessions and issuing bulletins, because in spite of the fact xxxthx that the same has been in session daily since August 12th, no action of any kind has been taken up to the present time in connection with the program maped out at the beginning of the session. V. + P. mvmt. — attitude of press.

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BRIEF SUMMARY OF NEWS CURRENT AND EDITORIALS IN THE HAVANA PRESS.

HERALDO DE CUBA. (Aug. 27)

An article pointing out the very terrible situation that is taking place in the city of Santiago de Cuba for lack of water. That an epidemic is threatening to seize the town. The rivers have dried up and there is no available supply of water except from a few wells. Industries are not able to function.

At the meeting of the Mendieta wing of the Liberal Party held last night, Mendieta made a speech in which he bitterly attacked the reelectionist intentions of President Zayas. He stated that "reelection means grave trouble, malice, cupidity and crimes". He asked that all Liberals support him as a leader and he was sure the party could not lose at the coming elections. About 15,000 people took part in this meeting from reports in the press.

Dr. Roberto Hendez Rosato, Governor of Santa Clara whose name had been mentioned among those of the politicians who were to form the committee for preparing the reelection campaign, in an open letter to the Heraldo denies this fact and states that he is decidedly against reelection, mmmmon reorganization of parties and extension of powers.

The Heraldo contains another lengthy EDITORIAL again commenting upon the fact that it has been considered a systematical attacker of the government. It takes issue with this viewpoint and states that it has often praised the government and the Executive when such praise was necessary, however it has been opposed and is opposed heart and soul to the reelection, to the extension of powers and to administrative immorality, official frauds and opposed to everything that has tended to undermine the normal development of the republican life of Cuba. Against reelection because it is the breeder of disturbances and trouble for the nation. Against the extension of powers, because it is a disguised reelection and more repugnant because it perverts the most rudimentary principles of democracy and because it protests and harbors the prolongation of a mandate in persons who have lost the confidence of their principals. Against the non reorganization of political parties because it means the entrhoning of a sort of dictatorship of the worst elements of society over the better elements that is anxious to renew its authorities and put in proper men for office. Against administrative immorality, almost converted into a system of government, because in addition to perverting the customs and damage public interests it may carry us to a point of difficulties in the international relations especially after the recent interpretation of the Platt Amendment agreed upon between the American Foreign Office and the Chief Executive. That is the systematic opposition of the Heraldo and none other.

LA PRENSA: (Aug. 27)

The Prensa carries this note: "In official circles it was rumored this morning and this afternoon that the government, in view of the situation of alarm created throughout the nation, and of which the Department of the Interior had received certain reports yesterday, studied the possible application of the preventive measures that may at any time be the safeguard of order, and if necessary even going so far as to suspend the constitutional guarantees. To-day at noon approximately, secret session was held in conference between the Chief of Police and the principal officers of the forces under his orders."

Hernandez Cartaya, Secretary of the Treasury makes certain statements in refutation of those of Col. Despaigne to the effect that the 1% tax would produce around $14,000,000 this year and that therefore in suppressing the Lottery no new taxes would be needed. Hernandez Cartaya does not believe

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that the proceeds from the 1% tax for this year will be over $10,000,000.

EDITORIAL once again commenting upon the Tarafa Plan, this time with regard only to the consolidation of railways, and with data of the situation for such consolidation under British and American standards states that this system under the Tarafa Plan does not constitute a monopoly but will benefit Cuba in the long run. Tarafa

LA MARINA: (Aug. 27)

Statement supposed to have been given out by the President with regard to the rumors of trouble to the effect that the government has no news of any disturbance of the public order and that it fears no such disturbance. (Govt. reaction)

EL MUNDO: Refering to the article published in Saturday's Heraldo by the Speaker of the House Vazquez Bello, and commenting upon the same in the same light as all the other papers, to wit, praising Vasquez Bello for his wise advise for solution of Cuban problems and mutual forgetting of past grievances, but objecting to the attack made on the press to the effect that the actions of Congress have never been praised.

EL MUNDO: (Aug. 28)

Feature editorial entitled "Por paz and orden" Stating that this paper following its usual line of conduct has studied the recent developments in the nation's situation very conscientiously and can assure the people that at the present moment there is no reason whatsoever for fearing any situation of imminent danger. No one ignores that the financial situation of the republic is prosperous, that Cuban securities are on the rise in the public markets, and that the payment of the war debt has had a great effect on the U.S. government. The constitutional life in the political order is developing among normal lines and the political parties commence to urge on their campaigns with entire freedom of action. Therefore all that there is is the continued efforts of certain elements of discontents who spread about exaggerated rumors, but fortunately the Cuban people has learned that it will not lose its equanimity. (Press / Pro-administration trend / Govt.)

Dr. Leopoldo Cancio, Secretary of the Treasury in the Cabinet of Gen. Menocal in a lengthy letter addressed to the Hacendados y Colonos, qualifies the project of transportation and shipping, otherwise known as the Tarafa Plan as monopolistic. That railway consolidation did not need congressional sanction and the project is contrary to the democratic ideals of the republic. He defends the present organization on the grounds that it is not defective and inefficient. Tarafa

The Secretary of the Interior was interviewd by El Mundo with respect to the rumors of possible suspension of constitutional guarantees as a result of rumors of public disorders. Dr. Iturralde stated that notwithstanding what had been said with respect to disorders in the interior of the island none of these rumors were true. That public acts (such as the veteran's movement) were taking place in the interior but order was not being disturbed. It is true that certain of the speakers used harsh terms to criticise the government, said Iturralde, but this does not mean that they have asked that the laws be violated. The government is on the look out. It has not thought of adopting extreme measures because up to the present time ~~because up to the present time~~ the Veterans and their adherents have strictly complied with all the laws. If the protestants should use violence, the authorities would counteract the same by use of the means within their reach, and would put a stop to any outbreak that might mean an attack upon the laws of the republic. The Secretary stated with regard to the suspension of the constitutional guarantees, stated that if the situation should become serious enough such an extreme measured would be resorted to. A manif station of protest is scheduled for to-morrow but up to the present time permission for the same (Govt. reaction)

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had not been asked for. The Secretary refused to state whether the permit would be granted or refused as he desired to first hold a conference on the matter with the Mayor. The Chief of Police and of the Secret Police held lengthy conferences yesterday with the Secretary of the Interior in order to receive special instructions for preventing a disturbance of order in case tomorrow's manifestation is held.

Special dispatch from New York reports a conference held by Gelso Cuellar, son-in-law of President Zayas with a promientn group of bankers in New York, among which were the Governor of the Federal Reserve Board and other prominent members of the board, which conference is called a vistory and diplomatic triumph because he succeeded in impressing these gentlemen with the satisfactory situation of Cuba and the very prosperous condition of its finances, thus destroying the continued attacks for Cuba contained in many of the newspapers of New York and Washington.

DIARIO DE LA MARINA: (Aug. 28)

Contains an interview with the Secretary of the Interior very similar to that contained in El Mundo. This is followed by a feature article entitled "Let us look toward the north" commenting upon the fact that a state of alarm is being produced which will cause Cuba harm even though it is confirmed that the same is totally unjustified. The reports and rumors which went about yesterday and were denied by the Secretary of the Interior will of course be picked up by the American press and grossly exaggerated. The Marina does not deny that the situation has reached a dangerous point but it cherishes the hope that a reaction will take place as soon as the Veterans realize that their campaign has been confounded and may cause trouble to the nation. The fate of Cuba is in the hands of its liberators. However, not only veterans are in the movement which has agitated public opinion, but it is a dangerous fact that politicians have joined this movement and perhaps these only desire to break out with their passions and under the protection of the moral force given by the veterans. In this moment of uncertainty the best proof of the Marina's patriotism consists in calling upon the Veterans asking them to return to the nation the necessary peace of mind in order that all may labor for the progress of the nation.

EL COMERCIO (Aug. 28)

EDITORIAL commenting upon the rumors of yesterday which caused so much unrest until denied by the proper authorities. The editorial is practically in the tone of that of the Marina and askes all elements to act wisely, leave their differences aside and work for the benefit of Cuba, because this sort of thing is not going to benefit anyone and much less the republic.

MERCURIO (Aug. 28) Reports upon a declaration of principles adopted by an assembly of chambers of commerce and industrial associations of Santa Clara to the effect that: "That it recognizes as a fundamental principle of its existence that of intervening in the public life of the nation through the political organizations, in order to prepare in the future for the abandoned condition of economical institutions in Cuba. And that consequently it appoints a Reporting Committee to report upon the form in which it shall intervene in the organization of political parties."

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August 29 (Evening)
August 30 (Morning)

BRIEF SUMMARY OF NEWSARTICLES AND EDITORIAL COMMENT IN THE HAVANA PRESS.

HERALDO DE CUBA.(Aug. 29)

Congressman Sagaro and Governor Gronlier of Matanzas have both expressed to the Heraldo de Cuba their opposition to the Presidential re-election, the extension of powers and the non-reorganization of political parties. Ept 3610

In an EDITORIAL, the Heraldo makes the inquiry as to what has happened, commenting upon the change of attitude of the President of the Republic, after his statements to the Heraldo which were published in yesterday's issue. That the President received a group of Congressmen and after telling them that in principle he had given no importance to the Veterans' movement, he then spoke of conspiracies, of precautions against possible disorder, of energy to see that the public authorities are respected and other such words. The Heraldo asks "is it that the right of citizens to express their opinions has disappeared?". The Heraldo looks upon all of this as being very strange and unless the President has news which no one else has about what is taking place, there certainly is no reason for making threats and warnings just about the time that the mass meeting was announced. The Heraldo again advises serenity to the veterans and at the same time it asks the Government to be prudent. That it would be very much to be lamented that for lack of tact, this movement which is one of salvation might be converted into a hot-bed of passion and culminate in disaster. V. & P. meet.

LA PRENSA : (Aug. 29).

La Prensa announces in its news columns that the Veterans Assembly of the Marti Theatre was held yesterday morning and lasted a little over three hours. That the place was absolutely crowded and that order reigned, there being no trouble whatsoever. A new Executive Committee was elected composed of Messrs. Garcia Velez, Carino and Alsumagaray, Despaigne, Soto, Izaga and Carbonel. Speeches were made but not in a violent tone. The Prensa reports that the Secretary of the Interior received a report every five minutes on the progress of the Assembly. meeting of 8/29/33 New Exec. Com.

The Secretary of the Interior has stated that there is no truth whatsoever in the rumors in cable dispatches which affirm that the Government of Cuba has established a cable censorship. The Secretary reports that such censorship does not exist even for telegraph messages to the interior of the Republic. Cable censorship?

Ept X

The general staff denies that there has been any movement of troops for fear of an outbreak on account of the Veterans movement. That the batallion that was sent to this city is on its way to Cabanas for target practice and had to go through the city. Maj. Burleigh (army)

A last moment despatch from New York states that the parties in controversy on matters of the Zarafa Plan have arrived at a compromise which has been considered a substantial and complete agreement of all the points under discussion. No details are mentioned. Zarafa agreement?

In an EDITORIAL, La Prensa is pleased to note that its prediction contained in yesterday's editorial as to the outcome of yesterday's mass meeting of veterans has come true. That there should not have been any reason for fearing a disturbance as the outcome of yesterday's meeting and that the facts certainly bear the Prensa out. That the pity is that these exaggerated matters always rebound in an exaggerated manner away from here where we are being carefully looked at and where there are elements

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seeking occasions to present the Cuban as needful of a rigid tutorship.

LA NOCHE: (Aug. 29)

EDITORIAL stating that a person who is well acquainted with the characteristics of the Cuban people commented upon the attitude of the veterans in assembly and stated that there is nothing at all to fear from this movement because there does not exist in Cuba at this time any leader capable of dragging the people to a revolution, because faith has been entirely lost in great men and the experience in the past shows that all these veterans are doing is making an awful noise but are not accomplishing anything.

Press comment

EL MUNDO: (Aug. 30)

A special despatch from New York stating that Dr. Celso Cuellar, son-in-law of President Zayas, was given a lunch by the President of the National City Bank. Mr. Mitchell made an address outlining the plans and efforts of the National City Bank to develop great activities in Cuba in order to cooperate in the development of this country. He announced that the National City will soon construct a building which will occupy a whole block. Mr. Mitchell praised President Zayas for his accomplishments in rehabilitating the interior and exterior credit of Cuba. Dr. Cuellar replied that never in the history of Cuba had the Island been so prosperous. Dr. Cuellar also spoke of the sanitary conditions of the Republic and of the cordial relations between Americans and Cubans in Cuba.

Tarafa agreement

An Associated Press Despatch carried in the Havana Post in full, to the effect that Colonel Tarafa has been forced to give in on several points in his agreement with the sugar people.

Dr. Luis Machado states that the Tarafa Plan is a great threat against the stockholders of railroad companies. That it constitutes a monoply and it is detrimental to the railway industry.

NOTE: The report of the Veterans Assembly of yesterday will be contained in a separate memorandum.

The Senate held a session yesterday and passed the ~~Conference~~ Conference Committee's report on the Bill creating the Cuban Embassy in Washington. (See running comment).

DIARIO DE LA MARINA: (Aug. 30)

The House of Representatives held a session yesterday afternoon and also passed the Conference Committee's report on the Cuban Embassy bill. A motion was also adopted prohibiting five ex-Congressmen who have taken a prominent part in the Veterans' movement from having access or entering upon the House of Representatives. (See running comment).

Congressional reaction

EL TRIUNFO: (Aug. 30)

The Department of the Interior reports that absolute quiet reigns in the interior of the Island.

The Secretary of the Interior has given out a statement commenting upon the fact that certain newspapers commenting upon the situation, especially in the eastern provinces have stated that the attitude of the veterans has assumed the proportions of a threat against the powers and the stability of the independence. That the government considers the campaign of these papers very damaging for the interests of the nation. That it is true that in the interior

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Success of V. & P. in interior.

the campaign of the veterans have met with certain enthusiastic support but the exciteme nt has been in such small proportion that the authorities have not deemed it necessary to adopt the attitude and measures published by certain newspapers and which are only rumors. The Department has observers in the interior and has reports to the effect that all alterations of the public order are absolutely false. That it is all a rumor to raise the public expectations. That the government will not restrict the freedom of citizens who meet to express their opinion and would only take radical measures in the case that the meeting is held to follow a distinct end from that of the program announced by the protestants.

Praises of Zayas

In an EDITORIAL, this newspaper comments upon the statements of the President whom it calls a profound observer who is well acquainted with the situation in hand. That while it does not desire to praise President Zayas' government, it cannot fail to state that many things have been done by President Zayas which make his government far superior to that of General Menocal, because he has restored the freedom of press and of word and has placed the Governments finances in a prosperous condition. That this very prosperous condition of the Treasury is precisely the cause of all these attacks upon the Government by those anxious to get their hands near this money.

EL COMERCIO: (Aug. 30)

Tarafa agreement

EDITORIAL commenting upon the despatches from Washington which state that a favorable compromise has been reached with respect to the Tarafa Bill whereby the clauses deemed objectionable and detrimental to the sugar industry have been favorably compromised. El Comercio is glad of this because this favorable law will soon go into effect. That the part of the bill which refers to the consolidation of the railroads does not damage any legitimate interests and that it will be a good thing in the long run for the country and especially the sugar industry.

MERCURIO: (Aug. 30)

As usual, this newspaper carries in complete detail the accomplishments of the veterans' Assembly. It carries a report today to the effect that the Committee appointed yesterday will today be received by both Houses of Congress and will deliver to said legislative bodies the petitions prepared demanding rectification in legislative and government proceedings.

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BRIEF SUMMARY OF NEWS ARTICLES AND EDITORIAL COMMENT IN THE HAVANA PRESS. — V.A. P. mont. re interior Govt. reaction

NOTE: The chief topic of interest in the newspapers of yesterday and to-day is the attitude of the government and the statements of the Chief Executive with regard to the rumors and reports of disturbances and conspiracy for seditious movements in the interior of the island. The movement set on foot by the Veteran's in their assembly of August 12 which has held daily sessions since that date is said to be the cause, and the government is showing evident signs of either absolute ignorance of the real situation or great worry for events which it expects will take place. The Veterans are to hold a huge mass meeting this morning at one of the theatres, for which permission has been given by the government although permission was refused for the huge manifestation or parade which was to follow the meeting. Troops have been quartered in Havana and the police have been given special orders to prevent all trouble, yet there does not appear anywhere real reports of uprisings or of trouble. L.L.S. — Permission granted for mass meeting but in interior of mentality

HERALDO DE CUBA: (Aug. 28)

The Heraldo treats these rumors of sedicious conspiracies and attacks on the government in its usual manner of not committing itself as to being in favor with the opposition shown by the Veterans and other elements but yet tacitly showing its sympathy with this movement. Its article to-day says that at the voice of rectification and moral house cleaning the three eastern provinces are warmly moved. That the situation is deemed a delicate one but that nevertheless absolute calm reigns in Oriente and Camaguey according to reports of the General Staff, and that while the Secretary of the Interior believes there is no danger of any uprising the manifestation of the Veterans is prohibited and machine guns are held in readiness. The Heraldo asks, why not adopt an attitude of rectification and living up to its promises instead of making this display of force?

An article stating that the Liberal Leader of the House, Dr. Ramon Zaydin will adopt a program against the Lottery, the extension of powers and the non reorganization of political parties. A motion to this effect will be presented to the Executive Committee of the Party. — 3700 E.T.

The Heraldo has opened a section to receive contributions from prominent Liberals on their views of the reelection.

President Zayas gave the following note to the Heraldo: "There does not exist any state of disturbance in the interior of the nation, the acts which have taken place at different places have been carried on with the permission of the government, therefore, there is no reason for alarm." — Executive reaction

LA PRENSA: (Aug. 28)

The Prensa reports great activities at the Palace during the day. The president received the Secretary and Under Secretary of the Interior, the Chief of the National Police, the Commander of the Fifth Military District, Col. Castillo and held a lengthy conference on the measures to be adopted by the government to prevent any disturbance of public order. It was decided to grant the permit for holding the Veteran's mass meeting, although the permit for the parade was refused. Nearly 70 Congressmen called upon the president. They stated that the object of this conference was to map out the legislative program in order that Congress might soon adjourn. — Executive reaction — Congressional reaction

The President of the National Council of Veterans, Gen. Betancourt, Secretary of Agriculture has addressed a letter to the chairmen of the delegations to this Council in the Interior of the Island. The letter states — Natl Council of Vets.

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that the special circumstances due to the attitude of a group of members of the Association caused it to call its annual meeting ahead of time this year, the reason for which meeting was to adopt the line of conduct to be followed by the National Council in this respect. It calls attention to the delegations of the first of the resolutions adopted at that meeting to the effect that they are all obliged to follow and fulfil the resolutions of the Council but that this does not mean that each of its members will not have the right of defending ideas and opinions of any political party or group to which he may belong. That the by-laws of this institution tend to prevent as much as possible political debate the duty of the veterans being to lend their aid to the republic when it needs it. It ends by stating that he hopes that in accordance with what has been said the recipient will make special efforts to maintain the council closely united and prevent political passions from existing the association, undermining the union which constitutes its force and thus make the nation be sure of finding the veterans always willing to serve it at critical moments of its future.

The Prensa publishes the result of the conference between Congressmen and the president as follows: That with respect to the Veteran's movement he had at first paid little attention to it because he believed all citizens had a right to freely express their opinions; but that due to the political character which it has taken on it is a threat for the public peace due to the steps which certain interested American elements have attempted to take in Washington and due to the excited attitude of the directors of the movement who have recently passed the limits of lawfulness he has been forced and deemed it his duty to act in a secret manner, but efficient manner; that he is perfectly well acquainted with all the secret and public plans of the movement and has taken all class of measures to counteract it, since he is not willing to consent that freedom be converted into license and in a disturbance of the public peace. That he emphatically assured that this movement did not have the support or warmth of Washington because the sovereignty of Cuba and the independence of its powers have never enjoyed more absolute freedom and have never been freer from interference than at the present time. That he believes that the mass meeting which is to be held in the Marti theatre should be granted a permit, thus following his line of conduct of always respecting the law, but as certain elements pretend to conspire by taking advantage of the occasion, he has taken every class of measures in order to prevent any disturbance of the public order. That he will act with the same energy which he has shown up to the present time in being complacent and tolerant, and that he asked Congress its cooperation for the determinations which he might have to adopt in the imperative necessity which he finds himself in of protecting, strengthening and consolidating the public powers and seeing that they are respected; and that he would not consent nor tolerate any insults upon the Congress of the Republic because it represents the National sovereignty and all citizens are obliged to respect it. That he understands that the legislature should not adjourn yet and that the Committee appointed by the representatives shall prepare a program of urgent laws which are necessary at this time and shall furthermore be forewarned of every intent which might be detrimental to the national interests.

EDITORIAL: Commenting upon the rumors about the serious proportions reached by the veterans movement in some towns of the interior. That fortunately these rumors have not been confirmed. That the fact that order has not been disturbed up to the present time by the violent preachings is not sufficient to quiet the nation on the possible results of this state of affairs. That the movement of the veterans has been taken advantage of by elements foreign to it and has carried it to a point where it is dangerous. That it is to be expected, due to the special circumstances of the status of Cuba, that a halt will be called in the road of more or less violent explosions, and to consider that a bit of good will and sane thinking will make all problems be fully solved by the Cubans.

LA NOCHE: (Aug. 28) In an EDITORIAL this paper comments upon the fact that for some time back there has been nothing but talk of dangers and threats.

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"Tropical hysteria"

of deaf popular fermentation and of possible disaster. That this is caused by tropical hysteria. That the meeting of three or four old generals under a campaign of "camouflage" patriotism causes this state of affairs. Then the editorial states that if this catastrophe is to take place, to let the thing take place and be done with it, because it is getting tired of hearing all this talk that leads to nothing.

Army

Under orders from the President a batallion of the troops stationed at Camp Columbia will be quartered in this city in order to be used in the case of disorders. The policehave been given special orders. The president is preparing a proclamation to address to the people.

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DIARIO DE LA MARINA: (Aug. 29)

Police

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The president has addressed a message to Congress asking for an appropriation of $80,200 for expenses of the police department. This is divided into several items, such as purchase of horses, fodder, ambulances, etc. Also an item for the increase in salaries.

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Harmony among Cubans for conservation of republic needed

In a first page feature EDITORIAL entitled "For the Republic" the Marina affirms that the nation is on the verge of a crisis which might be very dangerous to the nationality. Therefore this paper does its duty in these moments of grave danger for Cuba by lifting its voice in an invocation to all of those who really love their country and place it before all passion and individual or partisan interest. Cuba needs honesty in its administration, needs efficiency in its national services, needs equitable and just laws, needs probity, zeal and intelligence in all those who discharge duties, but above and foremost to all these things the need of imperiously maintaining harmony among its children and the duty of conserving the republic stands out. The international situation is very delicate and serious. The least unfortunate incident might incite elements which moved by diverse interests work arduously and tenaciously for the purpose of belittling the independence of Cuba. That the Marina has opposed the Veterans movement for the danger it saw in it. Bad governments pass and others take their place, the errors of the past are always remediable, but a new eclipse of Cuba's sovereignty would be a shame and a humilliation. No man nor group of men has a right to hurl this affront at the government. Therefore the Diario requests to-day's members of the assembly, veterans and non veterans, as well as all those who back this movement throughout the republic, and the government which rules the destines of everyone, to be calm, show moderation, tolerance, decision and resolutions inspired in defense of the interests of the nation.

Pack demonstration

Attitude of U.S. State Dept. misrepresented

EL MUNDO (Aug. 29)

Dispatch from Washington (Universal Service) To the effect that a conference was held at the State Department by under Secretary Phillips with General Crowder and the Cuban Charge D 'Affaires. No statements were given out after this conference. The meeting is supposed to be related with the news of a seditious movement in Cuba and that the name of General Crowder has been used as being one of the inducers of this movement. General Crowde showed his indignance that this movement should be coupled with his name. The dispatch continues to state that it was stated at the State Department that the U. S. government maintains the doctrine of condemning all movements against contituted governments, and that it will support by all means within its reach the republican institutions of lawfully constituted Latin American nations.

Dr., Pablo Desvernine, Ex Secretary of State, in a long article states that the Zarafa Plan will impoverish the Cuban sugar industry. That he sees no justification for the seeming privilege granted to railways over other industries.

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Pres. interview to "El Mundo"

The president gave a lengthy interview to El Mundo on matters of general interest, the substance of which is as follows:

Executive reaction

That Dr. Cuellar had gone to the States on a pleasure trip just as many other Cubans do. He carries no mission of the government, but it is natural that newspapermen should seek to interview him on Cuban affairs and it is also natural for him to tell them of the prosperous condition of Cuba, of the political situation, of the freedom with respect to rights and tolerance with respect to opinions upheld by this government.

That the Constitution does grant the people the right of meeting or associating for all lawful purposes. But that the exercise of this right is subject to rules and adjective provisions the observance of which can be demanded; and that even without disturbances of the public peace there are meetings which are not pacific. The government up to this moment has tried to look at the veterm's movement headed by Garcia Velez as a pacific and unarmed meeting; and if their purpose becomes accentuated so that it appears that there is an intent to form an organization for determined purposes, it will consider that the right of association is being exercised and will see that the provisions of the Law of Associations is complied with.

That he does not expect anything disagreable to take place at the mass meeting announced at the Marti Theatre which will make necessary corrective measures. The holders of this meeting will see that they adhere strictly to the law.

That he has read the allegations published in Discusion to the effect that this movement is backed by General Menocal using Garcia Velez as his means toward an end. Nothing is wrong in this as both generals have the right to think and act as they please. That this is borne out by the fact that personal friends of the General have joined the movement.

Unfortunately he has noticed that the veterans and patriots are beginning to believe that they are the object of hostility and persecution and speak of possible aggression and placing the responsibility upon the government; that this is a symptom of little success in their campaign and little assurance of meeting with further success. The government does not consider itself responsible for such acts, if they take place; and shall continue to make efforts so that they shall not take place, but will act with energy if trouble does take place. That no obstacle has been placed against any meeting in any part of the republic. That no incidents have taken place.

That all that has happened is that in Holguin, a group of citizens, 4,000 according to the dispatch, ran about the streets shouting "Hurrah for Cuba" "Down with tyranny". This is all that has happened, and now we will join these shouts....."Hurrah for free Cuba"....forever and "Down with tyranny...when it exists."

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"All Cubans"

EDITORIAL: Entitled "All Cubans" commenting upon the fact that much has been said of the mass meeting to be held by the veterans to-day, in the light that it has been looked upon as a dangerous move and the cause for trouble. El Mundo thinks there is much tropical phantasy about this belief. The men who will meet at Marti have been meeting daily for sixteen days and at times have spoken vehemently and harshly but merely in the light of making use of the right of citizen criticism. The Executive Committee has time and again reiterated that its work is a pacific propaganda, within lawful methods, and it cannot be supposed that old veterans will desire to cause a disturbance which will hurt Cuba's future and her independence. Both factions are composed of Cubans. The leaders of the movement are Cubans and those at the head of the destinies of Cuba are likewise Cubans. Those who will to-day raise their voices to seek reforms are also Cubans. This is proof of the fact that we live in a democratic republic. There is no doubt that there will be cordiality between both sides of this quarrell. There will be neither victors

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nor vanquished because among Cubans all will be victors. And the greatest victory will be that which consolidates the fraternal impulse for the welfare of the nation.

The Director of Sanitation reports upon his trip to Consolacion del Sur, in Pinar del Rio where there has been an epidemic of typhoid fever. That the epidemic is almost entirely in the outskirts of the city where people have been drinking the water from a shallow stream. That the proper steps are being taken to wipe this out at once.

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EL TRIUNFO (Aug. 29)

No need for alarm.

EDITORIAL stating that there is no reason for alarm. That all this effort and propaganda to cause the people believe that there is danger of an uprising is meeting with no attention because everyone well enough understands the real situation. That the Cuban people will arise only for noble ideals and the Cubans are not sufficiently foolish to lend themselves for the service of personal interests, not merely by exposing their lives but by provoking difficult situations for the country. Revolutions need a national cause and it is necessary that the people should feel deeply wounded in their sentiments, their rights ~~xxxxxxxxxxxxxxx~~ thwarted and deprived of liberty in order for violence to be used. The Triunfo attributes all of this movement to the struggle between the railway and sugar interests for advantageous positions in the Tarafa Plan and that since the American Government has not interferred in this matter, the interested parties have appealed to the comical threat of a fictitious revolution. That the Government is also to blame, not only for its mismanagement, but because it has stored up $25,000,000 in the Treasury which have opened the appetite of certain people who are desirous of putting their fingers in the pie.

MERCURIO (Aug. 29)

Importance of mass meeting

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This newspaper which continues to be the organ of the Veterans in their movement comments upon the fact that this morning will witness one of the national events of greatest importance in the history of Cuba. It refers to the mass meeting to be held at the Marti Theatre. That the flag of legislative and governmental rectification which has been raised by the followers of Garcia Velez now waives throughout the Republic and that under its fold, a line of battle has been formed by unarmed soldiers of a mixed class, including old soldiers, the youths of the nation, the Cuban women and associations of every order. The Editorial states that it can justly be alleged that the President up to the present time has adopted an attitude which speaks very highly for the respect of his government of the rights of citizens, but that unfortunately recent notices lead the veterans to believe that the President is to change his attitude and that they will today be limited in the use of their constitutional rights by the presence of armed forces at the place where they are to meet. That if this were true, Dr. Zayas would commit a grevious mistake and that it hopes that this will not happen and that the assembly will held its mass meeting without obstacles in a environment of pure Cubanism.

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HERALDO DE CUBA: (Aug. 30)

Lottery regulations drafted.

An article commenting upon the fact that the Secretary of the Treasury has finished studying the lottery law and has already drafted the regulations for the same; that he is preparing another regulations for the payment of the employees' bonuses. That the Secretary has presented a memorandum to the president with his viewpoints on certain obscure provisions of the new law which should be made clear in the regulations. The Secretary is of the opinion that the new law does not contain any provision relative to the value at which tickets may be sold, in other words, that the free sale of tickets is not authorized by the law.

Repudiation of alleged attitude of U.S. State Dept.

Special correspondent in Washington sends a dispatch stating that the State Department received a translation of the article appearing in El Mundo under the heading of the Universal Service relative to the statement given out at the State Department that the U.S. government would adhere to its preestablished doctrine of upholding constitutional governments in Latin America. The officials of the State Department advised Charge Padro that no one in the department had made the above statements. That it is commented in official circles that it is indeed a coincidence that the Veterans program is similar to the demands made by Crowder.

EDITORIAL commenting upon the statements given out by the president to the newspaper El Mundo. That this shows a two sided Zayas. In one paragraph he speaks of applauding the legality in the exercise of their rights shown by the Veterans in assmebly, while in another he talks of possible strict measures and that these meetings of the veterans should hold themselves strictly within the provisions of the laws. The Heraldo asks "which of the two is the real Zayas?" It would like to believe that the first is the real Zayas, the true democrat, restorer of public freedom in speech and press. This real Zayas should drwon the other false Zayas, in this way only will he be at the height of the position he holds and satisfy the desires of the whole of his people. The times are serious ones, the government itself has said so, although it is not known whether it has said so to cause fear or to announce a real intention. But in order to put an end to a movement which has been started precisely for the good of Cuba there is no need to resort to violence.

LA PRENSA: (Aug. 30)

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The following laws have been sanctioned by the Executive: Granting an appropriation of $400,000 for the Department of Public Works to be used in the city of Havana. The law granting an appropriation of b$134,000 so that the Debt Commission may continue its work.

Report of the incident which took place at the Marti assembly between General Loynaz del Castillo and Oscar Soto, Secretary of the Assembly. The matter seems to have rested on the fact that the General was not given a very important position on the directive board. This has been confirmed by the resignation sent by Castillo to Garcia Velez. He has stated to this newspaper that he has decided to withdraw from the movement.

EDITORIAL. Commenting on the fact that the mass meeting was held without any incident to disturb the regular normalcy of activities. That everyting went on just as usual and that even Congress held its sessions. The Prensa believes that the increase of 1/8 in sugar prices has been due to the fact that the market has been assured of normal conditions in Cuba. The Prensa congratulates both the Veterans and the government for the good sense displayed.

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EL MUNDO: (Aug. 31)

Reception of V. + P.'s committed by Congress,

The Committee appointed by the Veterans of the Assembly yesterday called upon the committee of congressmen ready to meet them at the Senate. They were received by the President of the Senate who made a speech allusive to the occasion, expressing the good will and intentions of the Congress and showing a tendency to meet the veterans half way in their demands. The Veterans then delivered their memorial containing the requests addressed to the congress for legislative reforms. The Committee also called at the Palace and delivered the memorial to the Chief Executive. (See report of yesterday's assmebly and accomplishments).

EDITORIAL. Commenting upon the conferences of Col. Tarafa in Washington. That when the first reports of the seeking of a compromise by Tarafa with his opposers came, the Mundo considered this a great mistake on his part. That it based this opinion on the fact that Tarafa himself had called his railroad consolidation plan a national one. That it is strange that in a nationalistic plan the first thing that has been done is to seek the support of the foreign office of another government. That this attitude gave this newspaper the real measure of the project and proved that in all this controversy there is nothing a private interest at stake against the interests of the republic. That the Mundo combats the consolidation because it is necessary to make a stand against possible monopolies. That in a matter of Cuban legislation it does not seem proper that the advice of a foreign counsellor should be most authorized. The railway consolidation will have its effects in Cuba and there is no logic in believing that while the Cuban people repudiate legislation that damages them, it be presumed, that because a foreign government shows its favor to the same, it will pass. Those that think in that manner do not appreciate the privileges of Cuba's sovereignty.

EL TRIUNFO: (Aug. 31)

Crowder's attitude

EDITORIAL. Commenting upon the displeasure shown by Gen. Crowder at the fact that his name has been used in connection with the supposed uprising which was to take place. That the audacious politicians headed by General Menocal have certainly had their bluff called. That the comical sedition announced and carefully propagated has failed. It was inopportune because in order to provoke movements of this class so that they shall meet with success it is necessary that the political and economical situation of a country be extremely bad, so that popular explosion will result. That although conditions are not satisfactory at the present time, at least they are not as bad as is necessary for such a movement to take place. The Triunfo repeats the much commented fact that personal freedom has been restored by the present government, that the public treasury is replete with money, that finances are prosperous, that interior and exterior debts are being promptly paid, etc. That the main vulnerable point is the activities of the Congress. That if this body acted properly in favor of the interests of the republic and not discuss only matters of personal benefit to its members, the life of the republic would be near to the ideal sought by the people.

good point of present govt

Criticism of Congress

DIARIO DE LA MARINA: (Aug. 31)

The Santiago de Cuba Chamber of Commerce has remitted to the Senate its conclusions with regard to the Tarafa Plan. Some of these are contrary and some in favor of the legislation on suppression of sub ports and consolidation of the railwoads. The association advocates the prohibition of importations through the sub ports by referring to contraband which causes damage to lawful commerce.

See Hughes' speech on Monroe Doct.

The Diario publishes a dispatch from Minneapolis where Secretary Hughes made a speech with reference to the Monroe Doctrine. Also the cable version of the speech.

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Favorable comment on V & P mass-meeting 8/29

EDITORIAL. Commenting upon the mass meeting held by the Veterans at the Marti theathe. That the press reports upon the said mass meeting have dissipated the fears that had been foremost in the minds of the people of possible disturbance of the nations peace. It was feared that certain elemmets which take advantage of all such situations to let themselves be heard and to make trouble would cause trouble; it was believed that the speeches and actions would not be guided by prudent patriotism. That fortunately the assmebly was held peacefully and quietly, the veterans exercising their constitutional rights in the proper manner. That the resolution containing the program adopted and requested of Congress certainly fills the desires of the people and while this paper does not agree with all its points it certainly believes that the majority of them are right to the point. That now that this assembly has taken the proper road all should work toward an end of continuing this orderly procedure and to guarantee in a firm manner the welfare of the nation, by attending promptly and fully the requests of the veterans which are deemed just and proper.

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1. Enclosed will be found Brief Summaries of News Articles and Editorial Comment in the Havana Press, covering the dats September 3 to 7 inclusive.

2. I also enclose herewith translation of a Proclamation issued by the Assembly of Veterans and Patriots, referred to in my despatch No. 1953 of August 31,1923. This Assembly held another meeting on August 4th, but nothing of particular interest was discussed.

There is no likelihood of aggressive action on the part of this Association until it is determined what steps the President of Cuba and both Houses of Congress will take on the twelve recommendations submitted to them by this Association.

While the activities of the Veterans and Patriots Association have diminished considerably in the city of Havana since the presentation of the recommendations to the President and Congress, there is evidence of greater activity in the Provinces, for the purpose of securing the reforms demanded by said Association.

3. On the 4th inst. the Secretary of the Interior notified the Veterans and Patriots Association that it would not be allowed to hold any further meetings until their organization was registered and incorporated in accordance with law. This was immediately done.and the Association is now organized as a civic body,and will continue to hold meetings without the necessity of a special permit.

In the city of Santa Clara, Province of Santa Clara, Sr. Vicente Soler, President of the Chamber of Commerce of that city, has placed himself at the head of the new organization in that section, for the purpose of pressing the twelve demands, and other reforms. Many veterans and other Cuban citizens, have affiliated themselves with this new organization.

4. In a conversation had yesterday the 6th inst. with General Enrique Loynaz del Castillo, he informed me that there is no truth in the report that he had disassociated himself from the Veterans and Patriots organization and their movement; he said the reason he had not been attending their meetings lately was that he could not spare the time from his business, but that he would accompany General Garcia Velez to the various Provincial capitals

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within a few days, for the purpose of organizing branches of the new incorporated groups.

During this conversation with General Loynaz del Castillo he intimated that he was not satisfied with the program of the Veterans and Patriots Association, and stated plainly that he was in favor of more energetic action than had been taken by that body. He intimated that during the early days of this movement he strongly advocated that the Veterans and Patriots proceed to the Houses of Congress and take possession and throw out the members,- and was very much disappointed and disgusted because the other leaders of the Association would not follow his advice. He said that in the early days of this movement this could have been accomplished without bloodshed; but admits that it is now too late to attempt to overthrow the Government because the Government were now prepared with armed and secret forces, to prevent such a movement.

5. About ten days ago a disagreeable incident occurred in this city, involving General Garcia Velez and which now bids fair to lose General Velez his post as Cuban Minister to England. A local group of Liberals were placing a sign over their headquarters "Long live President Zayas" etc., when General Garcia Velez, who was standing near, called out that the sign should read "Death to President Zayas" etc.

It is reported that the President has asked General Garcia Velez to explain his attitude in connection with this incident, or to present his resignation as Cuban Minister to England.

see explanation in front articles (#II)

6. Dr. Ramon Zaydin, the Liberal leader in the House of Representatives, has announced that he will initiate a campaign against re-election and constitutional reforms for extension of term of office. The Governors of the Provinces of Havana, Matanzas, Santa Clara, Camaguey and Oriente, all Liberals, have announced in public statements that they oppose re-election, the non-reorganization of political parties, and the extension of term of office.

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BY THE
GREAT ASSEMBLY OF VETERANS AND PATRIOTS.

TO THE NATION.

The Great Assembly of Veterans and Patriots which met for the first time in Havana on the 12th inst., in order to protest against the Lottery Law; against the unpremeditated approval of the so-called railroad consolidation law in the House of Representatives, and in order to request the normalization of the payment of the pension due to the members of the Army of Liberation, carrying them by means of a law into the nation's budgets, resolved at the Assembly held last Wednesday at the Martí Theatre to address itself to the Nation, setting forth the program of rectification which itproposes to bring into effect by means of public action which has been organized and which actuates under the most strict legality, with just hopes that the road to the aspiration of the citizens will not be obstructed by obliging the people, foiled in their desires of revindication, to defend their rights in the field of dangerous violence, which end will surely not be sought, for the honor and glory of the Republic, by those who are most obliged to hear its clamours and to justly decide upon its demands.

Those who in their unmeasured lust for diverging the most pure movements, attribute to this one, strengthened by the sanest opinion of Cuba, interested viewpoints, intentions of placing personal interests which would be malicious at this moment, no matter how legitimate they might be, above their ideals of patriotic rectification and moral justice, lie with full knowledge of their acts.

The Great Assembly of Veterans and Patriots does not intend to mix in the life of the political parties invited by it to take part in this debate of light against darkness; but aspires only to set in motion, as it has already done, the live and conscious forces which suffer in the troubles of this time the consequences of those who prepare their ruins for their own advantage and provoke disaster through their demoralizing methods. The vast Assembly of Veterans and Patriots declares once again that it has no other object in view than to safeguard the country from culpable disorder, by placing on high the decorum and the dignity of the nation directed by incapacity, when not by bad faith of those who have placed themselves by decree in the position of its owners.

And for the achievement of such lofty intentions, entirely separated from partisan solution and partisan animosity, those who have assumed the direction of this eminently popular movement will consecrate all their energies, the old energies and the same spirit of sacrifice which encouraged the pioneers and maintainers of the ideals of their country in its struggle for independence.

Neither the fear that we be attacked and accused as suspicious of following "bastard finalities". nor the fear that we be hostalized or insulted without reason, as enemies of peace, will detain the degenerative action which will surmount all the obstacles which from the start will not discourage us but which on the contrary shall serve to put to a test the strength of our valor and the generous and fecund tenacity which encourage and comfort the Cuban heart before the ills of the nation.
Our program is not one of hatred but of rectification to aspire to lay

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a veil over the past if it is done on the basis of commencing to purify the present and to strengthen the future, if not to act in cullusion. Ambition, fraud, immoderate desire of lucre have poisoned and corrupted the soul of our country and there is no logic nor patriotism, nor honest foresight which can carry us into circumstantial facts which do not have as their basis the removal and substitution of the rotten foundation upon which the Republic is toppling, by re-establishing with freedom of deep roots and democratic spirit, the predomination of honesty over crookedness which is on the vanguard, and of creating capacity over enthroned ignorance.

With laws of lifelong colecturias and of scandalous monopolies, with laws that are being planned in the darkness to prevent the reorganization of the political parties and chain the fate of the nationality to the extension of powers; with laws of profitable ammesties and of public business deals elaborated for the benefit of a few and to the detriment of the national institutions, it is not possible to dream of courteous solutions.

Without anger nor recriminations, respectfully exercising a constitutional right and in the use of another, not less noble but more direct, that possessed by the authority over their mandataries, we have addressed a memorial to the Legislative Bodies of the Republic inviting them, with words of serene patriotism, to undertake a joint action which will put an end to the stupidity which is undermining the nationality and which converts ~~to~~ from the night to the morning, the mendicants of the eve into wealthy persons, divides the Cubans into castes through the concession of privileges and monopolies from which not even the air we breathe will escape, unless we call a halt on the march to perdition which we have begun.

The Great Assembly of Veterans and Patriots has recommended to the Legislative Bodies the twelve points which are hereafter mentioned.

FIRST: The repeal of the Lottery Law.

SECOND: To prevent the enactment of the law which creates a railroad monopoly in our country.

THIRD: To enact a law which will fix the punctual collecting of the pensions of the Veterans of the Independence.

FOURTH: Legislation which will guarantee through practical procedure the absolute independence of the Judiciary.

FIFTH: Repeal of the provisions of the Electoral ~~Law~~ Code which give voice and vote in the Assemblies of the Political Parties, as members thereof, to the Congressmen, Governors, etc. whereby the renewal of said organizations is made impossible.

SIXTH: To enact an Accounting Law which will prevent the disposal of public funds without effective liabilities.

SEVENTH: To fix the limits of parliamentary immunity in order to prevent the impunity under the same of those guilty of common crimes.

EIGHTH: Enactment of the law which will harmonize the efforts of capital and labor, guaranteeing the preferential right of the Cuban laborer with respect to the foreigner in the industries and labors of the nation.

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NINTH: Abolition of Presidential re-election at the time when Constitutional Amendments are taken up.

TENTH: That the Constitutional Republic be also amended to the effect of granting to the Cuban woman an equality of political rights for these two objects: to be elector and elective.

ELEVENTH: The non-enactment of amnesty laws for common crimes.

TWELFTH: That the enactment of the law by which tariff franchise is granted to the Ferrocarril del Norte de Cuba be desisted from, because it greatly damages the Public Treasury and the industries and commerce of Cuba.

The Great Assembly of Veterans and Patriots lifts its voice before the Honorable People of Cuba to report of all it has done and to beg of it to continue lending its support to this enterprise of national reconstruction, civic pride and indispensable rectification. Let no one hold himself aloof in this solemn hour in which the nation calls to all consciences and is anxious to awaken with its shout of despair those who yet, timid or hesitating, have not answered its call. Let no one stay behind in this hour of great resolutions. Those convicted of crime or fearless in the commission of the same will be very few and the gaze of the wide-awake people will follow them in their shameful road until the shame of seeing themselves pointed out will convert them to this cause.

Havana, August 31, 1923.

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September 11th 1923

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No.- 1956

From: The Military Attaché, Havana.

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

Subject: The Cuban Political Situation.

1. Nothing of importance has occurred in the political situation of Cuba since my last report (No.1954 of Sept.7). Yesterday the Veterans and Patriots Association issued the following bulletin:

"First: The veterans announce that 10ddays have elapsed since they made their first demand for reforms in the management of public affairs, and that nothing has been done as yet.

"Second: To signify that the veterans and patriots have observed strict legality in their propaganda because they have believed that the honor of the republic could be defended in that manner, and not because the Cuban people are afraid to employ other methods to maintain republican spirit and prestige.

"Third: That the National Association (of veterans and patriots) which is being organized will not recognize any authority that may attempt to prevent them from exercising their rights."

2. There are enclosed herewith brief summaries of news articles and editorial comment of the Havana press covering the days September 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11.

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From: The Military Attaché, Havana.

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

Subject: Cuban Press Comment.

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1. There are enclosed herewith Brief Summaries of News Articles and Editorial Comment in the Havana Press of the days September 11, 12, 13, and 14th.

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BRIEF SUMMARY OF NEWS ARTICLES AND EDITORIAL COMMENT IN THE HAVANA PRESS.

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"HERALDO DE CUBA" - September 11, 1923.

Senator Feliz del Prado is opposed to reelection and to the extension of powers. He states that if two reelections of a personal character have caused bloodshed, the extension of powers, which is a "collective reelection", might sink the Republic. "Reorganization must also be effected, for the good of Cuba and of the political parties; because if there is no reorganization, the political parties will dissolve by themselves as a sign of protest of their affiliates; and the existence of the parties is necessary for republican normalcy."

Cable despatch from Washington: Albert W. Fox, Correspondent of the "Washington Post" and who is now in Havana, has sent his first article on the Cuban situation. Mr. Fox states that Cuba is rapidly on the decline (See "Havana Post" of Sept. 12th).

EDITORIAL commenting upon the conferences held between Mr. Celso Cuellar del Rio and Secretary Hughes, and also the conference between Mr. Clarence Marine and Secretary Hughes. That in spite of all the optimistic reports submitted by Mr. Cuellar del Rio to Secretary Hughes, Cuba is in a very bad position at the present time. It is true that there are many millions now deposited in the Treasury, but it is also true that Cuba owes much more, and the payment of the debts of the State are constantly postponed.

"LA PRENSA" - September 11, 1923.

Information was obtained at the Department of the Lottery to the effect that 40,000 petitions for Colecturias have been received. In other words, there are 20 aspirants for each Colecturia.

An article very favorably commenting upon the orders given by the new Director of the Lottery to sell tickets directly to the public at the offices of said Department.

An article stating that according to unofficial informations obtained, Ambassador Crowder will arrive in Havana the latter part of this week, or early next week. The article also states that it was only a few days ago that General Crowder had "formal" conferences with Secretary Hughes.

The President has now in his possession, pending his signature, the Decree establishing the manner in which the payment of gratuities shall be made, in accordance with the Lottery Law recently passed.

Mr. Clarence Marine has returned to Havana.

EDITORIAL, unfavorably commenting upon the re-establishment of the Municipality of Baja, recently approved by the House. That practically all the Municipalities suppressed during the Administration of General Wood, have been reestablished, in spite of the fact that the reasons which recommended their suppression still exist.

EDITORIAL entitled "UNJUST AND ARBITRARY" - Unfavorably commenting upon the manner in which the immigration laws are enforced in the U.S., in connection with the smuggling of immigrants.

"EL MUNDO" - September 12, 1923.

"A LAMENTABLE PERSISTENCY" - Article unfavorably commenting upon the rumors that the Senate intends to approve shortly the so-called Tarafa project, with slight modifications.

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"El Mundo" - September 12, 1923.

It was rumored yesterday that a group of armed veterans of Alquizar had "gone to the woods", or taken arms against the Government. In an interview with the reporters last night, Dr. Iturralde denied such rumors and stated that no alteration of the peace had taken place.

EDITORIAL entitled "CUBA ON THE DOWNFALL" - Unfavorably commenting upon the article about Cuba published by the "Washington Post"

"DIARIO DE LA MARINA" - September 12, 1923.

EDITORIAL ENTITLED "A DANGEROUS POLICY" - Unfavorably commenting upon the economic policy of the present Administration. "The present Executive, in spite of the efforts of the Secretary of the Treasury, perists in the same economic error as incurred by President Palma, without stopping to consider the lamentable consequences which that policy brought about." "The harm done to the country cannot be calculated, and entails great responsibilities for the high powers of the Nation."

"EL TRIUNFO" - September 12, 1923.

EDITORIAL commenting upon the return of General Crowder. After stating that General Crowder's return has given rise to many commentaries of the most varied character, the writer says: "The declarations made by Mr. Harding shortly before his death, and the recent declarations made by Mr. Rubens, favorable to Cuba and her institutions, are not sufficient to stop the insanity of the traitors nor their lamentable work, trying to discredit the country in a destructive fury, and hoping that the American Minister, as an obedient dummy, may have reported there against the visible and tangible truth of our present condition, and may bring, as a consequence, in his portfolio converted in a box of disagreeable surprises, a decree of intervention. However, we can assure that the hermetical traveller, whose silence is exploied to spread out all kinds of rumors, foolish and unpatriotic, upon his arrival to our shores, will not be the messenger of evils for Cuba, nor that, as Sampson, will he come to overthrow the columns of the Cuban temple with the strength of his country, because, in spite of the predictions which announce catastrophes for Cuba and provoke them for their own benefit, Cuba offers all possible guarantees to the United States, and her flourishing state is the best shield with which Cuba defends herself from the dwarfs who try to attack and destroy her."

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FROM "HERALDO DE CUBA" - September 12, 1923 .

Re: Article commenting upon the proximate arrival of General Crowder, And the article written by Mr. Fox which was published in the "Washington Post."

Anxiety over Crowder's return before rectification is accomplished.

CROWDER AD PORTAS.

Since the crisis began, lamentably provoked by Congress by the approval of the Law of life long Colecturias, and General Crowder was called to Washington to confer with Secretary Hughes, we recommended the convenience of taking advantage of his absence to solve internal difficulties and to repair what was "out of joint", as it is always better to settle matters for oneself in a deliberate manner, than to undertake the work under the spurs of necessity, and within a peremptory period.

Unfortunately, nothing has been done, and the days go by without giving a thought to the future, letting things happen with a Mohamedan fatality.

The Ambassador of the United States will again be in Havana within a few days, and President Coolidge has ratified the confidence placed in the Ambassador by his predecessors and also making the best eulogies of him; and Secretary Hughes has surely given precise instructions to him in connection with the office he holds.

The cry of "Hannibal ad portas" commoved the Romans making them think of the manner to conjure the grave danger which threatened them; and the cry of "CROWDER AD PORTAS" should also make our rulers be more foresighted, more compromising, less proud, and less stuck to error.

Will they be capable of getting out of the trenches and of feeling the stings of patriotic necessity?

For article

Otherwise their insensibility would have to be condemned in the highest tone, because at the time when General Crowder is about to return the American press is speaking with an extraordinary and almost brutal clearness, and the correspondence sent by Mr. Fox to the "Washington Post", which is the most authorized newspaper in the capital of the United States, the extract of which was transmitted to "Heraldo de Cuba" by our deligent correspondent in that city, must have surely caused, in our rulers, the effects of a catapult properly aimed.

The policy of Dr. Zayas --the correspondent says--- is leading Cuba to two grave solutions: Intervention or Revolution.

The Administration and Congress are accused of anti-American and opposed to the application of the reforms promised at the time of the moral readjustment.

Do we have any necessity of pointing out the gravity of that exposition of the problem made by a newspaper man who has come expressly to inform the people of the United States regarding Cuban affairs?

The crisis has been able to dodge a violent solution, Mr. Fox states, because the veterans and patriots have not wanted to get away from legality, and they are still waiting for the rectifications requested from the public powers.

And then adds: Ambassador Crowder is the axis on which the opposing forces revolve.

Consequently, it is proper to ask, first: What will Crowder do?

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And then: What will the Government do in view of the activities and petitions of the American Ambassador?

We spoke yesterday of mist and fog, to-day we must say that the storm is approaching, and the thundering can now be heard.....

The coincidence between the petitions of the veterans and patriots and the recommendations made by the Ambassador, ~~xxx~~ is pointed out by the correspondent of the "Washington Post", who at the same time considers that the former ~~xxxxxxxx~~ do not step beyond legal grounds, afraid of the condemnation flung by the White House in former times against revolutionary movements.

This would make our peace very precarious, and it becomes necessary to strengthen and make it fast at all costs.

The veterans and patriots will surely see with indignation that they are accused of interventionists, and will have to prevent by all means to be regarded as instruments of foreign purposes; but, on its part, the Government cannot cover itself with the robe of haughtiness, nor get out of the hole boasting of a declamatory nationalism which, if it is not accompanied by the spirit of sacrifice, firmness and justice, it will be regarded as a very dangerous "camouflage."

It seems to us that the only saving orientation is to come to an understanding among Cubans on the basis of justice, without prolonging the state of opposition with Byzantine struggles, because only coming to an understanding we can destroy the acute threat of the interference based on unfulfilled promises and on the legitimate desire of the Cuban opinion which ~~xxxxxx~~ repudiates the persistency in the methods which brought about the ~~xxxxxxxxxxxxxx~~ memoranda which ended with Memorandum No. 13, which landed on the back of the Government like the strike of a whip.

For patriotism, for convenience, and for decorum, the repetition of that offensive situation must be prevented, and for that purpose, there is no other formula than that luckily expressed by the illustrious Marquez Sterling: "Against foreign interference, domestic virtue."

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FROM "EL MUNDO" - September 12, 1923. EDITORIAL.

Re: Commenting upon the articles published by Mr. Fox in the "Washington Post."

CUBA ON THE DECLINE.

The Cuban events have always been of interest to the United States. The excessive amount of foreign capital distributed in our country, and not so equitably as it should be, causes our opinions and our attitudes to be interpreted in different manners, sometimes properly, and sometimes erroneously. At the present time, a distinguished writer has come to Cuba for the purpose of been acquainted with our social conditions. And as the days elapse, this gentleman and writer sends articles to his newspaper with the judgment of his temperament, which, as all human judgments, runs the risk of being mistaken. It is said that Cuba is on the decline, with fatal inclinations to Revolution or to Intervention. Although these two terms may appear different, they are not so, and if we now accept the difference, it is for respect to the translative sense which the author gives to the classification. As for us, we wish to signify that, for the Cubans, the two terms contain an equal result, and that, consequently, the two offer justified misgivings and natural repugnance to the deep patriotic sentiment. In Cuba, a revolution would invariably bring, regardless of who is benefited by it, the interference of the United States, and the interference of a foreign power is the loss of our sovereignty. This is a consequence which foes not please the Cubans, and which compels patriotism to the most remarkable abnegations. Neither the Cuban Government can aspire to an intervention, nor the Cuban people want to revolt. In the first case, it is absurd, because nobody who is enjoy the pleasures of life wants to deprive himself of it. And in the second case, because considering national independence as a very valuable reward, it is impossible to conceive that it be despised through caprice.

It is convenient to root in the mind of the Cuban people that the revolution was made in the year 95, and that at that time the sympathies of the whole world had to be on our side, for the obvious reason that nobody can conscientiously declare himself against an injustice, unless unconfessable interests guide him. Rather than a revolution which will bring about the intervention of the United States, the Cubans will come to an understanding. We will not lack the spirit of solidarity to surmount the greater antagonisms; we will get together for a good cause. It is true that since the times of the famous Notes of Minister Gonsales, a wrong idea of our rights as a peeople has been formed in Cuba. But that idea emanates from a false appreciation. It is not the United States which will cure us of our evils, nor the one who will inject civic energies to us. The vital celules to subsist, are to be found in ourselves. Our misteps in our path only respond to the circumstance of all society in course of formation, and above all, to every human conglomerate. Virtues in Cuba are many, to consider that the future of a nationality which created its existence in the struggle of an immense martyrdom, is dependant from an action or from a word of a foreign representative.

Let the foreign writers inform that such and such activities are noticed in Cuba, but that said activities, which are civic modalities of our institutional entity, do not aat toward the loss of our sovereignty. Although by different roads, the Cubans carry the same ideal in their hearts: the Country. And for the country, they will again, if necessary, be united to defend it and to maintain it far, very far, from all mediatization which may threaten it.

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"HERALDO DE CUBA" - September 12th.

A cablegram from Washington denying a former despatch which stated that Mr. Clarence Marine had conferred with President Coolidge regarding Cuban affairs. The despatch adds that Mr. Marine shook hands with the President at a public reception, but that the President is not personally acquainted with Mr. Marine, and President Coolidge does not know anything about Mr. Marine's "status" in Cuba.

An article stating that many members of the House of Representatives have signed a document wherein the House is requested to undertake the suppression of the Lottery at an early date. That there is a spirit of hostility at at the present time at the House, against the President, because he wants to throw all the blames on Congress. The idea of a policy of rectification is finding its way among the members of Congress.

The sale of tickets at the offices of the Lottery is a mockery. The publi vigorously protested yesterday. Only one ticket was sold to each person, and the employees in charge of the sale used all kinds of tricks to delay the sale. The purchasers had to answer a long interrogatory, and they were even asked the race to which they belonged. This gave rise to some discussions, which was especially what the employees were looking for. The public was beginning to get impatient. At last, when 19 tickets had been sold, the office was closed. This gave rise to a clamarous protest, which degenerated into a riot.

"CROWDER AD PORTAS" - An article commenting upon the proximate arrival of General Crowder. The article begins: "Since the crisis began, lamentably provoked by Congress, by the approval of the life long colecturias, and General Crowder was called to Washington, we recommended the convenience of taking advantage of his absence to solve internal difficulties, as it is always better to settle matters for one-self in a deliberate manner, than to undertake the work under the spurs of necessity and within a short fixed period. Unfortunately, nothing has been done..... The Ambassador of the U.S. will again be in Havana within a few days, to whom President Coolidge has ratified his confidence... and to whom Secretary Hughes has surely given precise instructions in connection with the office he holds. The cry of "HANNIBAL AD PORTAS" commoved the Romans, making them think of the manner to conjure the grave danger which threatened them; and the cry of "CROWDER AT PORTAS" should also make our rulers be more foresighted, more compromising, less proud, and less stuck to error. Will they be capable of getting out of the trenches and of feeling the stings of patriotic necessity?" The article goes on speaking of the necessity of a prompt rectification, and states that now that Crowder is about to return, the American press is speaking in a very clear and almost brutal manner. This is said in connection with the correspondence sent by Mr. Fox to the "Washington Post".

An article stating that Mr. Luis Marino Perez will shortly be appointed Commercial Attache to the Cuban Embassy in Washington. This appointment is favorably commented upon.

Cable despatch from Washington: The "Washington Post" published yesterday the second article sent by Mr. Fox from Havana.

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Cable despatch from Washington (sent by Mr. W.T. Mason): A Washington newspaper publishes a correspondence referring to the crisis of the Cuban Government quite different from the articles published by the Washington Post. The

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U.S. attitude

article states that "the American Government is trying to stabilize the Cuban situation with the least possible interference in the internal affairs of Cuba; and this is demonstrated by the attitude of the Government officials of Washington. ..... The American Government is following very closely the development of events in Cuba, as shown by the fact that a series of conferences were held yesterday between the Sub-Secretary of State Philips, Ambassador Crowder, and the Cuban Charge d'Affaires Padro, at which the recent laws promulgated in Cuba were discussed. All the informations to the effect that General Crowder condemns or supports the Veterans' movement, are absolutely false. The Truth is that neither Ambassador Crowder nor the State Department had any knowledge in connection with that question, which is very difficult in itself, judging by the details published in the newspapers of the U.S. ..... According to trustworthy information, the question of the Tarafa law has been cordially settled between Colonel Tarafa and the representatives of the American interests affected by said Law, and General Crowder has declared that he will shortly return to Cuba to take possession of his office in an effective manner."

An article stating that the articles published by "La Noche" regarding the attitude of General Crowder in connection with the ~~renewal~~ renewal of Dr. Zayas, "have been fully confirmed in an article published by an important newspaper of the United States."

"EL MUNDO" - September 13th.

"CUBAN NATIONALISM" - An article commenting upon the articles published by Mr. Fox in the "Washington Post". The article states that nothing is so pleasing for the Cuban people as to know that they are governed by a man who tries to eliminate every opportunity which limits or restricts the free use of the rights as a sovereign people...."

Fox articles

EDITORIAL entitled "THE REVOLUTION" - Unfavorably commenting upon the rumors of a possible revolution in Cuba. - That up to the present time, everybody, including those who show their discontent, have repeatedly declared that public peace will not be disturbed, and that their attitude only responds to a civic work consecrated by the Constitution. That a civil war would always bring fatal consequences. "The clauses of the Platt Amendment are very clear, and the interpretations to which said clauses are submitted by the Governments of the United States are applied by virtue of different conveniences. The very speech of Mr. Hughes, referring to the policy developed in America, and principally in the Caribbean region, indicates that it is not up to us to fix the extent of the interventions of the United States in the affairs of American countries, but that said extent has been fixed beforehand, and not by us, and that it will be fixed in the future in accordance with North-American conveniences. That is to say, that by the work of destiny we find ourselves under an influence which weighs on us, and which will oppress us at any time. As the Cubans know that, it is not likely that they will defy the perils....."

DIARIO DE LA MARINA" - September 13th.

U.S. press

"A DANGEROUS MISUNDERSTANDING" - Editorial, unfavorably commenting upon the unfriendly, bitter, and sometimes threatening articles against Cuba published in the press of the United States. That not only the daily press contain such articles, but that they have also appeared in "The National Geographic Magazine", "The American Review of Reviews" and "The Outlook". That on Aug. 29th "The Outlook" published an editorial entitled "Independence, or Impudence" which clearly shows the spirit with which it was written. Said editorial ends as follows: "The patience of the United States with respect to Cuba is very long suffering. There is, however, a limit beyond which things cannot go." According to the editorial of "La Marina", this is a frank threat.

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"HERALDO DE CUBA" - September 13, 1923.

An article stating that at the opening of the present school period, about 20,000 children were unable to inscribe, in spite of the efforts made by their parents, due to the lack of sufficient number of schools. A manifestation of pretest is being planned, to request the creation of more schools.

Mr. Horacio Diaz Pardo, ex-member of the House of Representatives, and at present Mayor of Matanzas, has made the following declarations: "The same as the Governor of Matanzas, Dr. Juan Gronlier, and the illustrious Chief of the Liberal Party in the Province of Matanzas, with whom I am sincerely identified, I think, affirm, and promise to be against reelection, against the extension of powers, and against the non-reorganization of the political parties."

The sale of tickets at the offices of the Lottery yesterday, was also a joke. The sale commenced at 7:00 A.M. and ended at 8:00 A.M. Very few tickets were sold during that time. (The article states that if the hours of sale are changed again to-morrow, tickets will probably be sold from 4 to 5 A.M.)

Senator Manuel Rivero tries to find out the surplus of the Budget during the current year, and for that purpose he has requested and obtained some data from the Department of the Treasury. Congress has approved special bills of appropriation which already amount to several million dollars. - Senator Rivero is said to have declared the following: "The Executive must vete all the laws granting special appropriations which Congress may approve, because if things continue as at present, a deficit may arise at any time."

Dr. Torriente will take possession of his new post in Washington by the end of October. He will negotiate in Washington without taking into consideration the semi-official information furnished by Mr. Celso Cuellar del Rio. Dr. Torriente accepted the appointment under certain conditions; that he will remain in Washington only the time necessary to solve the problems now pending; that in his negotiations with the American Government he will enjoy a freedom of action compatible with the service which he intends to render to his country, and that he will abandon the Embassy as soon as any differences arise between him and President Zayas, which may not be settled for the benefit of the public interests affected by the relations between Cuba and the U.S, which, Dr. Torriente understands, must be maintained within the terms of the most absolute cordiality. "The American press, which at the present time is treating the Cuban Government without any consideration, and at times in a very aggressive manner, has published articles praising Dr. Torriente by virtue of his election as President of the Geneva Assembly; and this fact seems to prepare a good reception for him in diplomatic life of Washington." - The article further states that General Crowder will return to Havana early in October.

Cable despatch from Washington: (Sept. 13) "The Washington Post" published yesterday the third article sent by Mr. Albert W. Fox from Havana. (The despatch contains a summary of said article).

Many cases of typhoid fever have appeared in Guines. The high officials of the Department of Sanitation have gone to Guines to study that epidemic disease.

An article stating that a conference was held yesterday at "Villa Maria" to decide on the persons which will appear in the reelectionist ticket at the coming presidential elections. It is affirmed that Santiago Rey and Wifredo

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"Heraldo de Cuba" - September 13, 1923 (Continued).

Fernandez have been designated to direct the campaign of reelection, and it was decided that Reelection be proclaimed by the Conservative Party and the Popular Party, forming a coalition under the name of National League. As to the distribution of the offices, it was resolved to follow the same procedure employed the year 1920, that is to say, to make an equitable distribution. Wifredo Fernández and General Pinó Guerra will be the candidates for Senators , for the Province of Pinar del Rio. Havana: Antonio Gonzalo Peñez and Jose Maria Espinosa. As to Matanzas, nothing has been decided, awaiting the return of Mr. Celso Cuellar del Rio, who wants to have a seat in the Senate. Dr. Iturralde also wants to be a Senator. This however, may not be possible, because the Conservatives will not tolerate the designation of two Popular for that Province. Province of Santa Clara: Manuel Rivero and probably Senator Figueroa whose term in office will cease. Camaguey: nothing decided. Oriente: Dr. Regueiferos at present Secretary of Justice, and the other to be appointed by the Conservative Party. As can be seen, Juan Gualberto Gomez has been discarded. Oriente would not stand for him, and there is no place elsewhere.

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EDITORIAL entitled "THE CUBAN IDEAL" - After stating that the most sacred ideal of the Cubans is to be free and independent, and that Cuban virtue is the only barrier which can be opposed to the dangers which threaten the country, the article states: "Dr. Zayas is too intelligent to fail to know the origin of certain enthusiasms which want to form a curtain of smoke around him, and will not allow himself to be deceived. An error at the present moment would be fatal, and his fall at the present moment --and this should not be forgotten by him or by the Cubans-- might be the fall of all our institutions."

In an article giving a short biography of President Coolidge, the following is stated:

"Mr. Arthur Constantine writes: 'Those who wish to know the new President of the United States, must review the American History, and know the way of thinking of its founders. Coolidge is like one of said founders.' Among the ols Presidents, his likeness could be found in John Quincy Adamas, who was from Massachusetts. Adamas was who, being the Secretary of State of President Monroe, prepared and drafted the so-called "Monroe Doctrine", and the prediction can be made that President Coolidge will maintain the same opinion which the author of said Doctrine had: a defensive policy of the United States to maintain the Western hemisphere out of the claws of European imperialism. "Mr. Collidge will never interpret the Monroe Doctrine in the sense that it grants rights to the United States to meddle in the interior and international affairs of Latin America." He will not think that he has a moral mission to fulfill within Spanish-American frontiers."

The Economic forces of the Province of Santa Clara desire to become a political organization.

"LA PRENSA" - September 13, 1923.

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EDITORIAL favorably commenting upon the idea now taking root among the economic forces of the country to get together and organize political parties taking an active part in public life. In this connection, the article quotes part of a report submitted by General Wood, wherein he regretted that the Conservative element, mostly composed of land-owners merchants and professional men, did not show much interest in the elections then held.

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An article entitled "American Impressions" - endorsing the article recently published by "El Mundo" entitled "Cuban Nationalism", commenting upon the articles published by "The Washington Post".

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"La Prensa" - September 13, 1923. (Continued).

Cable despatch from New York (September 12) - The affairs of Cuba have a preferent attention in New York. - The Tarafa Law, the veterans movement and the Lottery Law, have given opportunity for comments. All the informations furnished tend to show a general incapacity, bad faith, or an effort to carry out no rectifications

"LA NOCHE" - September 13, 1923.

A short interview with Dr. Casuso at the Palace when he was about to see the President. Dr. Casuso stated that he had taken advantage of his stay in the United States to confer with prominent members of the American Congress, and that all of them said: That their Government had not thought of intervening in Cuba, since there are no reasons for such action; that the United States desires to maintain the Cuban Government; that Cuba is in a prosperous condition; that the American Government does not meddle in the interior affairs of Cuba, and that the United States will only intervene in Cuba diplomatically, as well as in any other country, when the interests of American citizens may be in danger.

"EL MUNDO" - September 1[illegible], 1923.

"SUSPICIOUS ATTITUDE" - An article unfavory commenting upon the articles published in the "Washington Post" That articles show that Mr. Fox has allowed himself to be easily influenced by that part of Cuban opinion which tries to win the friendship of the American Chancery, in spite of the fact such persons boast of a great patriotism.

"DIARIO DE LA MARINA" - September 14, 1923.

EDITORIAL entitled "OUR OPINION" - Commenting upon the Veterans Movement. That it is true that the Assembly of Veterans and Patriots has tried to be within the limits of legality and order and consequently there is no fear of any revolution, but that, however that movement has given rise to the withdrawal of capital.

"EL TRIUNFO" - September 14, 1923.

An important fraud of alcohol taxes [illegible]en discovered in Camaguey. The alcohol had been shipped as "denaturalcohol", but it turned out to be pure alcohol, and it was from Centrarticle.

EDITORIAL commenting upon the fact an anti-Cuban campaign is being carried on in the United States, to show that there is in Cuba at the present time a current of antiagainst the United States, and in some cases stating that the Presi[illegible] the Republic is the leader of said anti-American movement. That ther[illegible] such hatred or ill-will against the United States in Cuba; but thdoes not mean that the Cubans aspire to become a colony subordinated Department of War of the United States.

"MERCURIO" - September 14, 1923.

EDITORIAL entitled "THE ELOQUENGURES". This editorial shows that $31.500,000.00 are wrung every yom the people of Cuba by the Lottery, which amount is distributed in lowing manner: $17.640,000.00 for prizes; $4.100,000.00 for the snd $9.760,000.00 which goes to the hands of "speculators".

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BRIEF SUMMARY OF NEWS ARTICLES AND EDITORIAL COMMENT IN THE HAVANA PRESS.

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"HERALDO DE CUBA" - September 21, 1923.

In an article giving a detailed information of the events which took place yesterday in connection with the Veterans and Patriots, it is stated that the order of arrest was given by the Department of the Interior, and that the arrests made created great anxiety in Havana. The President of the Republic was not in accord with the measures adopted, and as soon as he was informed, he ordered that the men arrested be immediately freed. The order signed by General Garcia Velez, and dated in "The Woods of Cuba" was absolutely authentic, and was given out by the Cuban Minister in London.

According to telegrams received by the General Staff of the Army, everything is quiet in the interior.

Cable despatch from Washington: "The Washington Post" comments upon Mr. Fox's article in its first editorial of to-day. The editorial states that the United States does not covet Cuba, and adds: "The American people would be very sorry to see the Cuban people plunge into a civil war, as the Americans do not wish to see their Government to intervene in Cuba."

EDITORIAL entitled "ARE THEY STILL PERSEVERING IN THEIR ERROR", wherein "Heraldo" expresses its opinion that violent methods should not be used. (See Havana Post" of September 22nd).

"LA PRENSA" - September 21, 1923.

A SENSATIONAL RUMOR: "It was rumored to-day in certain circles that two of the prominent persons whose presence is requested by the Special Judge in the case against the veterans and patriots, are hidden in this city in residences which, by reason of the right of extra-territoriality, are beyond the jurisdiction of the authorities of the country. The names of some of the prominent persons alluded to have been closely connected with the countries in the agencies of which they are hidde, according to the rumors."

"LA NOCHE" - September 21, 1923.

The ex-members of the Army have offered their support to the Government, and are willing to enlist whenever the Government needs them.

"EL MUNDO" - September 22, 1923.

THE SENATE held session yesterday. The Tarafa Law was approved (See Running Comment).

An article stating that the Special Judge continues studying the case against the Veterans and Patriots. The Police ratified its reports. No warrants of arrest have been issued.

Article entitled ~~XXXXX~~ "THE TARAFA LAW" - Unfavorably commenting upon the Tarafa Law approved yesterday by the Senate."

EDITORIAL commenting upon the fact that peace prevails throughout the country, and that there does not exist the remotest possibility of of a revolutionary movement in Cuba.

"DIARIO DE LA MARINA" - September 22, 1923.

An article stating that the Government will continue to authorize the holding of sessions by Veterans and Patriots, Absolute peace prevails in the country.

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"Diario de la Marina" - September 22, 1923 (Continued).

Mr. Rafael Ruiz Lopez, Municipal Judge of Yaguajay, who was said to have been rebelled against the Government, appeared yesterday at the office of the Secret Police to state that he had not taken arms against the Government.

EDITORIAL entitled "TOLERANCE HAS COME TO AN END" - Favorably commenting upon the instituting of criminal proceedings against the Veterans and Patriots.

"EL TRIUNFO" - September 22, 1923.

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An article stating that General Garcia Velez and Colonel Despaigne are hiding in the Horter Building, Obispo 7; and Dr. Alzugaray is on his way to the United States. - The Veterans and patriots are organizing a picnic "to celebrate the publicity obtained during the last few days", but that nothing has been learned as to the place where the picnic is to take place, or the date.

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"MERCURIO" - September 22, 1923.

Tarafa

EDITORIAL, unfavorably commenting upon the approval of the Tarafa Law by the Senate.

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"HERALDO DE CUBA" - September 22, 1923

An article stating that Mr Nelso Cuellar, who arrived recently from the United States, visited the Secretary of the Treasury, yesterday. Cuellar delivered a report to Dr. Cartaya relating to his actuations in financial circles of New York, and also informed Dr. Cartaya of the good credit enjoyed by the Cuban Administration in Wall Street and in Washington. He explained to the reporters that the drop in price of the Cuban bonds was only due to speculation in the market, but that it had nothing to do with the credit of Cuba in the U.S. He was asked about the opinion in the United States regarding reelection in Cuba, and he gave the following answer: "I authorize you to declare in my name that 'Dr. Zayas' Administration is in good standing in all financial and political circles of the U.S.' Now, do not ask any more questions about this matter."

Letter from General Gerardo Machado to Dr. Roberto Mendez Penate, Provincial Governor of Santa Clara, congratulating him for his initiative in connection with the conference to be held shortly by the five Provincial Governors of the Island, and also suggesting the platform which the Liberal Party should have at the coming elections, as follows: (1) Ample guarantees for life, property and individual liberty, strengthened by strong penal sanctions which do not exist at present; (2) Invigorating education of the moral individuality of the citizens; (3) Encouragement and development of wealth in general; (4) An intense policy of an agricultural, industrial and commercial order, especially in its medium and small aspects; (5) A vigorous impulse to means of communication and transportation; (6) Encouragement of work in all its aspects; (7) Encouragement and securities to savings of the people; (8) Encouragement of good and honest activities of all the classes which form the conglomerate of the nationality; (9) Efficiency, honesty and discipline in all public services, and (10) Careful maintenance of public order, without which there can be no peace or prosperity in the people.

An article commenting upon the disappearance of General Garcia Velez. It is believed that he is still directing the movement from his hiding place, but the Government is closely watching him.

The joint session of Congress will take place next week. Dr. Aurelio Alvarez declares that a program will be prepared, which will include all urgent laws. The ample program of the Veterans and Patriots will be taken up shortly.

Cable despatch from Washington: - The Government officials seemed to be greatly worried by the news that about twenty members of the Association of Veterans and Patriots had been arrested. It is feared that a drastic action on the part of President Zayas might provoke a civil war in Cuba, which this Government would look upon with regret, in spite of the fact that some officials of the American Government may sympathize, individually, with the ideals of the Veterans in Cuba. Instructions have been given to the attaches of the American Embassy in Havana to keep the Department of State well informed of everything. Nothing has been said as to the attitude of the Department of State in case of a civil war. That attitude will probably not be revealed before the events take place. Ambassador Crowder will probably return to Havana within the next ten days.

In view of the persistent rumors to the effect that the American Government had declared Dr. Cosme de la Torriente as "persona non grata", "Heraldo decided to investigate the truth at its source. The result of the investigation was that the Cuban Government has not yet consulted the American Government with respect to said appointment; but it is believed that Dr. Torriente will take possession of his new office by the end of October.

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"Heraldo de Cuba" - September 22, 1923.

Cuban situation discussed & remedy suggested.

EDITORIAL, commenting upon the situation of Cuba at the present time. The editorial states that according to reports received from civil and military authorities, absolute peace prevails throughout the country, but that nobody can deny that a state of uneasiness exists. It is true that the people of Cuba are not in favor of a revolution because they understand that it would mean the loss of the Republic, but that this is by no means an alluring situation, as the danger has not passed, and anything is likely to occur if the Government continues blind and inconsiderate. That the present problem cannot be solved by the Government by means of machiavelic actions trying to create divisions among the ranks of the veterans and patriots who are momentarily without a visible head, nor by flattering the army men by giving them money. What Dr. Zayas ought to do to appease public sentiment, is to prove that he is against reelection in Cuba, as he has always maintained in theory. "After the danger of reelection has been discarded, and when Congress promises that it will not pass lamentable laws such as the law relating to the extension of powers, the law of non-reorganization of the parties.....everybody will realize that it is more patriotic convenient and logical to wait for the coming elections and do away with alarming preparations."

Cable despatch from Washington: The truth of Mr. Celso Cuellar's visit to Washington. He only spoke to Mr. Hughes four minutes. Cuellar's desire to present a verbal report to the Board of Reserve, caused a great surprise to the officials of said Board, because, ordinarily, that is a duty of the Cuban Charge d'Affaires, through the Department of State. His report was listened to with a courteous smile.

"LA PRENSA" - September 22, 1923.

Tarafa

Cable despatch from Washington: The Tarafa Law approved yesterday by the Cuban Senate is considered here as satisfactory, as it is believed that the points which gave rise to a protest of American interests, have been taken out. Comment

EDITORIAL favorably commenting upon the Tarafa Law approved yesterday by the Senate.

"LA NOCHE" - September 22, 1923.

A news article denying the rumors that General Garcia Velez and others were hidden in the American Embassy

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V. & P. Leaders (3)

"EL MUNDO" - September 23, 1923.

Judge Valdes Anciano has found that the Association of Veterans and Patriots was not legally constituted, because they failed to attach a list of the members of the Executive Board, as provided by Law, at the time of inscribing said Association in the register of the Provincial Government.

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V. & P. illegally organized (1)

Telegram from Santiago de Cuba, stating that the Secretary of the Interior issued a resolution prohibiting the holding of meetings of veterans and patriots.

"DIARIO DE LA MARINA" - September 23, 1923.

V. & P.

The Department of State gave out the following information yesterday: "The information published by a newspaper of this city stating that the directors of the Assembly of Veterans and patriots had obtained full and absolute guarantee because it was so demanded by the American Government, is absolutely unfounded. It is also not true that the Secretary of State visited the American Embassy several times yesterday, said visits having been said to be connected with the above mentioned information, because the last time the Secretary of State visited the American Embassy was when he paid a visit to General Crowder the day of the glorious anniversary of the independence of the U.S. on the 4th of July of this year.

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"Diario de la Marina" - September 23, 1923 (Continued).

An article by Jorge Roa, unfavorably commenting upon the Movement of Veterans and Patriots, with the following titles: "Partial reproach, or a method to win followers. The disease of the ambuscade discovered by Alberdi. The frontiers of two lives. Judgment is based on facts. Retrospective examination of the apostles of foreign intervention. 1906 vs. 1917 vs. 1923. A solution with new Cubans. Laws of evolution and violent regeneration."

"EL TRIUNFO" - September 23, 1923.

The Secretary of the Treasury confesses that there are great fraud in the Department of Alcohol Taxes. However, in spite of the campaign of the press, he stubbornly maintains that Department in an anomalous situation, with an Officer of the Army at its head.

"HERALDO DE CUBA" - September 23, 1923.

EDITORIAL favorably commenting upon the letter written by General Gerardo Machado, to Colonel Mendez Penate, Provincial Governor of Santa Clara.

"LA PRENSA" - September 23, 1923.

An article stating that the President had a very strenuous time during last week, and gives a resume of the conferences he had, and of the matters which were brought to his attention.

"LA NOCHE" - September 23, 1923.

An article stating that the Provincial Governor of Havana has ordered the cancellation of registry of the Association of Veterans and Patriots, in view of the fact that said Association did not comply with all the requisites of the Law when its inscription was recorded.

"EL MUNDO" - September 23, 1923.

A letter from the Secretary of the Association of Veterans and Patriots to "El Mundo", denying the information published that the Association of Veterans and Patriots had not been legally organized. The writer of the letter, Dr. Gustavo Gutierrez, states that they have nothing to fear inasmuch as the Association was organized according to the provisions of the Law, and was officially constituted, as shown by the Minutes signed on September 19th, a copy of which is also published.

An article commenting upon the Bill presented to the House of Representatives of the United States by Mr. Rogers, in connection with the foreign service of the United States. It is stated in the article that the diplomatic and consular service of the United States are far inferior to those of any other great country, and also inferior to the foreign service of several small countries. That there is neither consular nor diplomatic career in the U.S. The personnel is appointed and dismissed at will, and the promotions are not governed by any fixed rules, etc.

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"HERALDO DE CUBA" - September 24, 1923.

Interview with Dr. Jose Ramon Xiques in connection with the present crisis of Cuba. Referring to General Garcia Velez, Dr. Xiques says: "To remain hidden, without his definite opinion and his purposes being known with certainty, is an absurd fact. His attitude is likely to cause great damage to the country. He provokes a state of anxiety, which is worse than a revolution. His attitude creates a state of uneasiness in business, and an atmosphere of pessimism and anguish in all social classes." He also stated that a revolution is the most horrible danger that can be imagined; "because after a revolution, even if it only lasts forty-eight hours, comes the intervention, and, with the intervention, the death of the Republic." Then he recommends an understanding among Cubans, and that he prefers anything to a Crowder or a Magoon. "Zayas, with all his shamefacedness, with all the horrors and torpidness of his Government, is preferable to all that."

The friends of Menocal condemn the movement of Veterans and Patripts, and deny the rumors that Menocal is the inspirater of that movement. The members of the Conservative Party who are in favor of the Santa Clara Convent deal, desire to control some Departments of the State, in order to help Zayas.

It is officially announced that absolute peace and order prevails in the country. The last drastic order issued by Secretary Iturralde has caused great disgust throughout the Republic. Said order was to compel the Mayor of Santiago de Cuba to sign a Decree prohibiting the veterans and patriots from celebrating any public acts.

Typhoid fever is increasing in Guines, and the residents of that place are greatly alarmed. The focus of infections extends from the swamps of Guamamon, near Guines, to the town of San Nicolas. Dr. Agostini, Chief of Vaccination of the Department of Sanitation, has been sent to Guines to try to check the disease.

EDITORIAL - Review of the Week." - Making a short history of the movements of Veterans and Patriots during the last week, after which, it is stated: "And in the meantime, the President, who is inactive in reality or in appearance --and in this case the appearance is as bad as the reality--does not do or say anything. Sandoval continues at the head of the Department of Public Works. The Lottery is a center of corruption. Iturralde and Manet are carrying out a campaign in favor of reelection, and exasperate the people of the Province of Oriente. Celso Cuellar has ridiculed his country and his father-in-law in Washington, and flings phrases of international optimism, which makes us think of the Ambassadors of the 'Merry Widow'. This is the balance of the situation. A very delicate and grave situation, which could, however, have a rapid favorable ~~xxxxxxxxx~~ solution. It would only be sufficient that the President takes a stand worthy of the Public Powers. Will he do it? We hope so..... It is still time to save Cuba. Tomorrow.... tomorrow it would be too late. And our unheeded pleas will only have a weak consolation: that of shouting to the assassins of Cuba: 'WE HAD TOLD YOU SO.'"

"EL UNIVERSAL" - September 24, 1923.

An article stating that the Government is trying to appease the protest of the Veterans and Patriots, resorting to bribery. That Tarafa is willing to give $500,000.00 and the Government will give an equal sum, and they think that with one million dollars they can bribe the leaders of the Veterans Movement, and stop the protest against the Tarafa Law. The Government persists in the

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"El Universal" - September 24, 1923 (Continued).

idea of bribery, because it knows that if the movement is still on foot when General Crowder returns, the Government ~~[illegible]~~ is defeated.

An article by Ramon Vasconcelos, commenting upon the fact that the future of Cuba will depend on the attitude which President Coolidge may assume with respect to the foreign policy of the United States, but that his future policy is not yet known.

An article entitled "IT IS STILL TIME", dedicated to General Garcia Velez. Unfavorably commenting upon the last bulletin issued by Garcia Velez declaring that the Assembly of Veterans and Patriots is in recess, owing to "the bombastic proceedings instituted" against said Assembly. That it would be preferable to keep up the campaign against administrative corruption, and even with greater energy; that there is a reality, and that is, that the Government of Dr. Zayas in incapacitated to continue guiding the destinies of the country. And what is still worse, there is no organized force to stop the corruption of that Government.

An article stating that Judge Valdes Anciano has been fooled, because the Association of Veterans and Patriots is legally organized throughout the country.

"LA PRENSA" - September 24, 1923.

PALACE NEWS. The reporter learned from a reliable source that the Government had been informed ~~[illegible]~~ that during the last few days, Colonel Despaigne had held some telephonic conferences with General Crowder, and asks: "Is it possible that Colonel Despaigne is asking for an Intervention?"

"EL MUNDO" - September 25, 1923.

PALACE NEWS: The President has granted an interview to Mr. S. V. Stiles, Representative of the Associated Press. Said interview will take place next Thursday, at LL:00 A.M.

"DIARIO DE LA MARINA" - September 25, 1923.

EDITORIAL commenting upon the urgent necessity of some proper Banking Legislation.

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1. Herewith will be found brief summaries of news articles and editorial comment of the Havana Press for the days September 26, 27, and 28, as well as a full trabslation of an article appearing in "El Universal" of the 28th, by Ramon Vasconcelos.

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"HERALDO DE CUBA" - September 26, 1923.

An article entitle "TITI AND CELSITO" (Alfredo Zayas Arrieta and Celso Cuellar del Rio), stating that the President signed yesterday the appointment of his son as Director General of the Lottery, and that yesterday, it was also learned that Celso Cuellar del Rio, the President's son-in-law, will be the "soul" of a formidable gambling place which will soon be opened in Marianao, with all the luxuries of the modern international gambling places. Consequently, two relatives of the President will be the supreme controllers of gambling in the country. "Heraldo" is inclined to believe that it made a mistake when they thought that the President would change his methods when he saw that the Republic was at the verge of disaster.

Dr. Carlos Alzugaray, who has just returned from the United States, states that the relations between Cuba and the United States, are very strained at the present time. He also says that the Washington Government does not lend any material or moral support to the Government of Cuba; that the Washington Government is fully aware of the extraordinary importance of the movement of veterans and patriots, and that the Government of the U.S. as well as the American people have been very pleased to see the awakening of the national conscience of Cuba, due to the fact that their aspirations and desires coincide with those of the Washington Government; that the articles written by Mr. Fox have had such a good acceptance, that they do not seem to express the opinion of a correspondent, but the opinion of the people and of the Government of the United States, xxx which reveals a thorough knowledge of the interior affairs of Cuba. He further stated: "I believe that grave events will shortly take place, but that the responsibility of said events shall not fall on those who, through their conduct, have given rise to the justified demands of the entire population..... The Government has the money and the force, but we have the "right" which is worth more than the money, and a force superior to that of the Government: the moral force. Now we will not be stopped by any consideration, not even by that of the economic interests in danger, which have to give way to the great interests of the country; nor that of a false patriotism which tries to frighten us with puerile fears. The Cuban people feel strong in their demands, and feel confident in the great American democracy. - To-day, or never."

Dr. Varona Suarez answers the question of "Heraldo", stating that he is not in favor of a revolution, and advocates for a friendly settlement.

Felix Martinez Goberna states: "Those who protest can persevere within legal means; to lose faith in the use of their civil right, is to ddeclare their incompetence and to predict death.

The appointment of Alfredo Zayas Arrieta has been submitted to the Senate; Senator Pardo Suarez urges its approval.

An article entitled "WE WERE RIGHT" - Critisising the actions of General Garcia Velez as leader of the movement of Veterans and Patriots.

"EL UNIVERSAL" - September 26, 1923

EXPLANATION by Ramon Vasconcelos, favorably commenting upon an article written by Carlos Mendieta, published in this same issue. Vasconcelos says, among other things: "There is a Constitutional Appendix which binds Cuba to the United States, and there is a Representative of the U.S. who supervises the actions of the Cuban Government at a respectable distance. One is certainly not in a bed of flowers when his ankles are chained. Portugal lives under the tutorship of England. France carries Belgium by the hand.

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"El Universal" - September 26, 1923. (Continued).

Such is the fate of the small states born within the sphere of influence of the great powers. Cuba is under claws which caress her, but which can crush her at any time. Any foolhardy action of forgetfulness of the reality of things, might bring with it punishment, and perhaps death. Treaties between unequal parties, are fulfilled by the stronger whenever he desires or wants; and by the weaker when the stronger wants. Crowder represents the interference, the shackle, but it cannot be denied that within the relativity of things, he has at times acted with a higher sense of justice than Doctor Zayas himself. After the crack, Cuba fell well within one of the cases of the Platt Amendment: it did not fulfill its economic obligations; Morgan claimed the interest and amortization of a loan, and Mr. Harding's Special Envoy did not resort to extreme measures, but helped the Government to solve the crisis. Then and afterwards, the velleities and transgressions of the President have given rise to claims and complaints on the part of the person who is now the Ambassador of the U.S., which Doctor Zayas promised to consider, but scoffed at them forthwith until he exhausted, if not the patience of Gen. Crowder, at least the licit means to move him to amend. If it were said that at certain moments the ex Prevost defended the independence of Cuba with greater warmth than our Government, it would not be a hyperbole. We still persist in doing crazy things. The return of Crowder, as Colonel Mendieta affirms, is an incognito. What powers from Coolidge does he bring? Will he apply radical methods? Colonel Mendieta refers to all this in article published below, making a calm and conscientious analysis, and desires that a timely truce be agreed upon, making it unnecessary for the American Ambassador to take a disciplinary action....."

"THE PROCESS OF A CRISIS" - by Carlos Mendieta. Commenting upon the attitude of the American Government toward Cuba, Doctor Zayas' attitude, the period of moral readjustment, the relapse to corruption, and the return of General Crowder.

The members of Congress of the Conservative Party will energetically oppose any legislative measure which may tend to prevent the reorganization of the political parties, and will also oppose the extension of powers.

A conflict has arisen between the Secretary of the Treasury, Hernandez Cartaya, and the Director of the Lottery, Alfredo Zayas Arrieta. The regulations issued by Hernandez Cartaya, governing the recent Lottery Law, excludes women from the right of being "Collectors". Zayas Arrieta will not stand for that, and says that he is the boss in that Department. Besides, Hernandez Cartaya refuses to order the issuing of certificates of gratuities. His idea is to prevent that some foreign entity may monopolize said certificates, and if the Lottery is suppressed, said foreign entity of entities might claim the amount of the certificates through diplomatic channels.

An article stating that all the employees of the Custom House are compelled to join the reelectionist movement, and those who refuse to join, are threatened with dismissal.

"LA NOCHE" - September 26, 1923.

PALACE NEWS: Secretary of the Interior Iturralde, called on the President to to give a verbal report of his trip to Oriente. - The Tarafa Law approved last night by the House of Representatives, has been submitted to the President. It is generally believed that he will sanction it. - The President has received a letter from Dr. Hernandez Cartaya, complaining of the recent appropriation laws passed by Congress affecting the surplus of the Budgets. He is especially disgusted by the Law of School Teachers, and it is rumored that if the President sanctions that Law, he will resign.

"EL MUNDO" - September 27, 1923.

Article entitled "TEACHERS AND SCHOOL ROOMS" - favorably commenting upon

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the laws recently approved by Congress increasing the number of school rooms, and also increasing the salaries of school teachers.

EDITORIAL entitled "THE MILLIONS AND CONGRESS" - commenting upon the declarations made by the Secretary of the Treasury, in connection with the appropriation laws recently approved by Congress. That the reason invoked by the Secretary of the Treasury to make such a declaration, was the lack of funds. That that is a very delicate confession, because a new collapse of the National Treasury would mean a risk. The editorial also points out the dangers of a possible collapse of the Treasury.

"DIARIO DE LA MARINA" - September 27, 1923.

Dr. Hernandez Cartaya is likely to present his resign tion as Secretary of the Treasury. (This article has already been translated in full).

Article entitled "THE TARAFA PROJECT IS ABOUT TO BECOME A LAW" - Favorably commenting upon the Tarafa Project recently approved by Congress, which is now pending the sanction of the President of the Republic.

EDITORIAL, commenting upon the Typhoid Fever in Cuba; that the spreading of that disease has greatly alarmed the officials of the Department of Sanitation. That unfortunately, said disease is not confined to the town of Cuba, but exists in many other parts of the country, and could very well be considered as an endemic, and not an epidemic disease in Cuba.

"EL TRIUNFO" - September 27, 1923.

This paper also publishes an information in connection with the probably resignation of Dr. Hernandez Cartaya.

"EL COMERCIO" - September 27, 1923.

Dr. Hernandez Cartaya has submitted to the President a plan relating to the approval of appropriations by Congress. If Congress does not diminish the laws of appropriation, Cartaya will resign.

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FROM -- DIARIO DE LA MARINA -- SEPTEMBER 27, 1923.

RE: PROBABLE RESIGNATION OF DR. HERNANDEZ CARTAYA, SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY.

In spite of the secrecy kept in official circles, we have been able to learn that the Secretary of the Treasury, Dr. Enrique Hernandez Cartaya, sent to the President of the Republic a few days ago, a letter inclosing some statements of the appropriations approved by Congress ~~xxxxxxxxxx~~ from July 1 to September 26th, 1923, which aggregate over six million dollars; and calls the attention of the President to the difficulties which could arise if he sanctions the said appropriations which Dr. Cartaya does not approve of.

Dr. Cartaya reminds that the law by which the contracting of the fifty million dollar loan was authorized, the State is obligated to reduce its foreign debts with the surpluses which may result from the general budgets of the nation, and to keep up a policy of strict economy in order to fully guarantee the interests and amortization of said financial transaction, things which are contrary to the constant increases of public expenses as approved by Congress.

Finally, he hints that if the laws affecting the Treasury are sanctioned, he does not wish to assume the responsibility of the management of the Department of the Treasury.

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FROM "LA PRENSA" - September 27, 1923.

Re: Declarations made by Dr. Hernandez Cartaya, Secretary of the Treasury, in connection with the rumors of his resignation.

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In view of the rumors which circulated yesterday regarding the resignation of Dr. Hernandez Cartaya, Secretary of the Treasury, which resignation, it was said, he had presented to the President of the Republic, the reporters of the Treasury Department interviewed him this morning. The Secretary of the Treasury stated that although it was not true that he had placed his resignation in the hands of the President, they conferred on the subject, because his work at the head of that Department must be to administer the National Treasury in an adequate an efficient manner for the interests of the country.

The frequent laws of Congress, in spite of the warnings of Dr. Cartaya, have caused him to assume that attitude. From the one million and a fraction dollars which remained as a surplus for special laws, there is not a cent left, since the last Law of the Veterans has used up the totality of the surplus of six million dollars. The so-called Mazorra Law, which amounts to about $300,000.00 cannot be enforced owing to the lack of funds.

The Secretary of the Treasury added that the President fully agreed with his points of view, and, in answer to his objections, the President stated that he would draw up a line of conduct so as to confine himself to the realities of the Budget, to which effect, he will inform Congress fully, in order that there may be a basis for the work of Congress and prevent the excessive appropriations.

Consequently, as the President and the Secretary of the Treasury are in accord as to the regulation of the expenditures, Dr. Cartaya will remain in his office, fulfilling it to the satisfaction of the President as heretofore.

The "Teachers' Law" which Congress intends to pass, cannot be approved, for the same reason, that is to say, that the remainder of the surplus has been exhausted by the Veterans Law.

The Congressmen seem to understand that the excess of three million dollars existing in the Treasury, and which was not calculated in the Budgets can be affected by laws; but on his part, Cartaya, who wants to carry out a real work of administration, maintains the opinion that a sense of prevention indicates that said amount must remain untouched so as to be able to face any economic event. Who could prevent an unforeseen crisis? What funds could be used to face of situation of that nature? An Cartaya further states that it is necessary to prevent, if it is desired to make real administration. This is not the moment to touch that excess amount. It is necessary to await until the end of the fiscal year, and when all the obligations of the Budget will have been fulfilled, then the Secretary of the Treasury will not be an obstacle to any legislative action.

Cartaya added that he had told the President that he did not wish to be an obstacle for any administrative plan of the Government.

However, after the President had ratified his confidence in Cartaya, the latter insisted that when the disposable surplus may have been exhausted for special laws, not a single amount of the revenues of the Budget could be touched.

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"HERALDO DE CUBA" - September 27, 1923.

Some more answers received by "Heraldo" in connection with the present crisis of Cuba, as follows:

Alberto Barreras, Provincial Governor of Havana: "In my judgment, the present problem has a special importance: I consider it a symptom. If I were the Government, I would have rectified everything that was possible; and if I were a member of the Association of Veterans and Patriots, I would have set aside all idea of violence, bringing the subject to channels of absolute legality. An understanding between the contending parties would suffice to restore the normal activities of the country."

Nestor Carbonell, writer and publisher: "I firmly believe that the situation is very grave. The Veterans and Patriots have stirred up the country, and have caused it to rise as a single man, at the cry of "Regeneration or Revolution', and if the former has not taken place, nor is it likely to take place, it is logical that the latter may break out with all its consequences. I am sure that there are not many Veterans and Patriots like Dr. Xiques, who, after having started the fire, wishes to put it out with a few spoonfulls of water, under the pretext that a revolution would bring about an intervention. And, who brings the revolution? Pilferage and graft enthroned in the Republic. Consequently, it is easier to save the Republic by being honest, than to lose her by being a hero. The Veterans and Patriots are more united than ever, and they are more numerous. Revolution is in the atmosphere. It only lacks what the Government to be combatted has: organization. I am not a revolutionist by all means, neither do I aspire to become a hero. I wish there would be some way to stop what is coming..... "

Senator Adolfo Silva is very optimistic; he has faith in the good judgment of his countrymen; he does not believe that peace will be disturbed; that the Government may have committed errors, but not through bad faith; that the present Government has rectified some errors committed by former Governments; "The people of Cuba have fully realized that during these threatening moments, only one purposes has guided certain personage: his presidential aspiration". He also stated that there is an Assembly of Veterans and Patriots, but that said Assembly does not represent the will of the people.

Liberal Senator Julio C. del Castillo believes that there is not the remotest danger for the country; that the people of Cuba have not welcomed the movement of Veterans and Patriots.

Article in the form of an editorial, entitled: "UNTIL WHEN" - unfavorably commenting upon the appointment of Zayas Arrieta as Director General of the Lottery, and the special mission entrusted to the President's son-in-law Celso Cuellar del Rio, and asks "When will Doctor Zayas stop the abuse of the patience and meekness of the Cuban people?" In another paragraph, it is stated: "There are some who believe that the cycle of revolutions in Cuba was closed with the proclamations of Minister Gonzales; but it was also thought that there would be no more revolutions after the declarations of Taft and Bacon..... 'Revolution' is a cruel word.....but it shall never be stricken off the political dictionary of Cuba, while there may be officials of the Government who go too far in their outrages and injustices..."

"EL UNIVERSAL" - September 27, 1923.

Secretary Hernandez Cartaya against Congress. Cartaya says that if Dr. Zayas continues to sanction all the appropriation laws approved by Congress, he will resign; that the special laws passed will ruin Cuba.

Other articles in connection with the Movement of Veterans and Patriots which will be mentioned in the special Veterans' Summary.

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"LA PRENSA" - September 27, 1923.

Secretary Cartaya explains the situation created by the special appropriations passed by Congress. He also said that he had explained to the President that he did not wish to be an obstacle for any administrative program of the Government, but that the President ratified his confidence in Dr. Cartaya.

EDITORIAL commenting upon the attitude of Dr. Hernandez Cartaya, and states that if the present Secretary of the Treasury persists in his idea of resigning, a crisis of the Cabinet is likely to supervene.

"EL MUNDO" - September 28, 1923.

The House of Representatives held session yesterday. (See Running Comment).

EDITORIAL entitled "THE VETO" - Unfavorably commenting upon the Tarafa Law, and expressing the hopes that the President will veto it.

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From -- EL UNIVERSAL -- Spptember 28, 1923.

RE: Article by Ramon Vasconcelos advocating a truce to come to a solution of the grave problems of Cuba.

The present moments are soldifficult not only regarding the internal agitation but also in connection with the threatening attitude of the exterior enemies of the nationality; the problems which have arisen demand so urgent solutions, that we desire to file ~~suff~~ off all asperities and to give a discreet truth in our parliamentary criticism so as to offer any opportunity to those who are mistaken so that they may retrace the steps they have taken and save the Republic from an impending catastrophe.

The greatest danger is Dr. Zayas, his indolent fakirism which leaves everything to be solved by time and by the inconstancy of men. That which is grave is his inalterable indifference, which ~~xxx~~ isolates him in the middle of the whirlwind and permits him to make considerations on administrative ethics while the people rage enchained by their impotence.

That is exasperating.

No one gives up.

Nobody wishes to sacrifice his pride. And those who can see clearly in the darkness tremble through fear before the perspective of an indefinite intervention.

What should worry us is not on what side victory would fall in the inevitable case of a revolution. This would be the least; perhaps it would be convenient for the country to atone a little for her sins and to get rid of some obnoxious elements. A cleaning out of scoundrels would restore its equilibrium. The consequences of an armed conflict would be the grave thing.

We would have Americans for some time. A case similar to those of Santo Domingo, Haiti and Nicaragua. And afterwards the financial control in the hands of Morgan or of some other powerful Wall street institution .

The chessboard does not change; General Garcia Velez, hidden, directs the agitation and prepares the blow. The President plays billiards and makes some slight indications regarding the re-electionist event of tomorrow. What little sovereignty is left us is strangled between the two of them.

The days become more somber as they pass; the stock market goes down like the mercury of a barometer, announcing the disturbance of credit. The lack of confidence paralyzes financial transactions. Public spirit as tight as the strings of a violin shudders with anxiety at the lightest shake.

Is this nothing?

Let us suppose that twenty desperate persons go to the woods, fire a few shots and set fire to the cane fields of any foreign company. Twenty four hours later the Government and Congress would be wiped out, and an epitaph would have to be written over the grave of national independence; and the drawn, dry, long and cold person of Mr. Crowder would

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be immediately installed at the Palace. And until the next century.

That is the desire of the American bankers, desirous of absorbing all the financial activities of the country.

Let us pay great attention to this: The United States does not want to be a mediator, but a master. It has exhausted all the indirect means to provoke the interference and it now results to a most ~~expeditious procedure~~ expeditious procedure: to let the contending parties clash so as to justify the intervention.

A desperate person, with a pistol and a box of matches can lay the bridge to the financiers of New York and Chicago.

If this is true; if the only effective formula would be an attempt against a person, and no one carries it out, there is no other remedy than to try to make Tyrians and Trojans come to an understanding without the necessity of a foreign mediation.

That is why we want to give Congress an opportunity for an ample rectification, without mental reserves.....
If Congress does so, we who criticize it, would be the first to proclaim its patriotism and to forget all its mistakes.

Let Congress not give up the honor which is offered to it, but become a decided paladin of National sovereignty avoiding the violent rupture between the Veterans and the Government, because the first shot that is fired will destroy the heart of the Republic.

Consequently let us give a truce to our discords and let us boldly undertake the solution of the main question.

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"HERALDO DE CUBA" - ~~September~~ October 1, 1923.

An article stating that the Provincial Governors, who are at the present time the real and legitimate representatives of the will of the Cuban people because they were elected at the only legal elections which have been held in Cuba since 1912, must save the Republic in accordance with the Mendieta Plan. The intervention of Celso Cuellar as a mediator, has caused great disgust among the Veterans. Colonel Mendieta is endeavoring to obtain a satisfactory solution, to prevent the ruin of the country. Carlos de la Rosa, Mayor of Cardenas, says that when all legal means are denied to the people, there is no other road to follow than that of revolution.

An article entitled "THE SITUATION" - That there are countries which change or die in the midst of wars or revolutions; and there are others which die slowly, without glory, drowned in the mud of their corruption or their incompetence, and Cuba can be counted among the latter. "From the worth, the very people who diminished our sacred rights and took away our strength, and made us become accustomed to a mortal fatalism, now look upon us with astonishment and contempt."..... "On one side, the Government which is only competent for evil actions.....; and on the other, the great mass of noble and pure people --among the best people of the world--from which the popular court which regenerated France, which caused Italy to become a great power, which saved England from its marasmus , which made the United States a great independent nation: REVOLUTION - has been taken away. ..... We have the impression that we are witnessing the sad process of our incompentence, and we ask: 'Is it possible that Cuba is trying to imitate." The article further states that Carlos Mendieta, with the Liberal Party, can save the Republic; that only a manly action can save the Republic from being absorbed.

"EL UNIVERSAL" - October 1, 1923.

EDITORIAL favorably commenting upon the declarations attributed to the President, to the effect that he intends to veto the Tarafa Law.

"LA NOCHE" - October 1, 1923.

PALACE NEWS: The President has held conferences with the leaders of both branches of Congress, and it is affirmed that an understanding has been reached regarding the attitude of the President in connection with the various laws recently passed.

"EL MUNDO" - October 2, 1923.

In an official Note given out by the State Department, the Government denies having received any Note from the American Government relative to the Tarafa Law.

"DIARIO DE LA MARINA" - October 2, 1923.

EDITORIAL commenting upon the fact that the country is eager for improvements and thirsty for renovations and changes; that the attitude assumed by the Veterans in connection with the Tarafa Law is untimely; that the structure of the Assembly of Veterans is somewhat weak, because its leaders do not seem to incarnate the legitimate aspirations of the people; the country does not want vilent shocks which may disturb the natural channels of legality.....

"EL TRIUNFO" - October 2, 1923.

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"EL TRIUNFO" - October 2, 1923.

Article by Napoleon Galvez, entitled: "THE FIG LEAF" - Establishing a parallel between the present attitude of the Veterans and Patriots, and the "Zanjon Agreement" by which the Spanish General Martinez Campos tried to cover the disaster of the first Cuban Revolution (of Yara). That the Veterans first tried to impose their twelve points, and now they are trying to come to an understanding.

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FROM "EL UNIVERSAL" - October 2, 1923.

Re: The actuations of General Crowder in Cuba.

C R O W D E R .

It has been unofficially learned that last week, the Secretary of State, Mr. Hughes, in accordance with instructions received from President Coolidge, ratified to General Crowder, Ambassador of the United States in Cuba, the ample powers conferred upon him by President Harding.

As is known General Crowder told some of his intimate friends before sailing from Cuba, that in view of the fact tha t he had exhausted all persuasive means to have Doctor Zayas rectify his methods, that he would not return unless he obtained ample faculties to force him (Zayas) to develop a vast program of administrative readjustment.

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MEMORANDUM -- GCH October 2, 1923.

VETERANS AND PATRIOTS

Activities of Monday, October 1st.

The Supreme Council of the Association of Veterans and Patriots held a session yesterday afternoon, issuing the Bulletin which we publish in this issue and wherein said Council assumes the responsibility for the attitude assumed by the students at the opening of the University courses.

Colonel Mendieta is working very tactfully in his desire of seeing the situation between Cubans and for Cubans solved, his attitude meriting the greatest applause.

Animated meetings of the Veterans were held Sunday in almost all parts of the Island, the rectifying demand made by General Garcia Velez in the "Maxim" Assembly becoming stronger all the time.

The letter directed by General Rego asking for a truce has caused a very bad impression and General Garcia Velez and other directors of the movement have respondbd to it with extraordinary energy.

To judge from the situation the outlook is more optimistic, the balance being inclined in favor of the demands formulated by the Veterans and Patriots.

BULLETIN.

For the regencration of Cuba:

The Supreme Council of the National Association of Veterans and Patriots in its session of today has agreed:

First: To declare that it has been thirty-three days since the Memorial asking for rectifications in the administration of official affairs was delivered to the Public Powers which have made no resolution whatsoever up to the present.

Second: To congratulate the acting Provincial Assembly and all the Municipal Districts of Santa Clara for the success and enthusiasm with which the provincial organization has been effected and at the same time to extend the congratulation to the other Provinces for the labor of organization which is being carried out in each one of them.

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Third: That this Supreme Council informed of the attitude of protest assumed by the Students of the National University at the opening of the session, refusing to listen to the Honorable Secretary of Public Instruction who was present at the act, representing the National Executive, because the actions of the men who exercise the Public Powers deprive them of all authority for the investiture of the respective offices, is especially pleased to make public that this courageous and civic attitude of the university students is considered as a standard of public opinion pronounced in an identical sense, against the men who are forgetting to fulfill their duties in the offices which they hold; that this organization applauds that attitude and makes it its own by deeming it a manifestation of the actuation initiated by the Great Assembly and which the National Association of Veterans and Patriots is realizing.

Fourth: To manifest to the Committees or Municipal Assemblies and to the Acting Provincial groups; and in general to the Veterans and Patriots of the Interior that if instructions and copies of resolutions of this ~~Provisional Council~~ Provisional Council do not reach them, it is not because we are inactive but because the communications with them are intercepted in this capital; and to manifest in the same manner that those instructions and resolutions insofar as refers to them will be trahsmitted through the bulletins of the Provisional Supreme Council abd by other means upon which we count and which we deem secure.

Patria y Libertad.

Habana, October 1, 1923.

I hereby certify (S) Gustavo Gutierrez, Secretary of Minutes.

BULLETIN NO. 40

For the Regeneration of Cuba:

The Provisional Supreme Council of the National Association of Veterans and Patriots, in its session of today has agreed:

First: To signify that the steps which any citizen of the Republic may take in connection with the Government for the purpose of effecting the program of rectification demanded by the National Association of Veterans and Patriots will be viewed with pleasure; and to make public that no one is authorized in its name to deal with the representatives of the Public Powers.

Second: To manifest that that program of rectifications cannot be the object of transactions, because the Veterans and Patriots have no personal nor partisan interests to defend, nor ambitions nor individual aspirations to satisfy, but simply a supreme desire of seeing order established in Cuba, as well as honesty and justice, for which reasons as long as those purposes are not obtained by definite and concrete acts of the Public Powers, the National Association of Veterans and Patriots shall not cease in their undertakings nor desist in their civic campaigns.

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Third: To issue a Manifesto to the country for the purpose of informing it of the activities displayed up to the present in this campaign of regeneration and of the conduct assumed before and after the delivery of the Memorial of August 30, 1923, to the Public Powers by the men who direct them and on the part of the Press of Cuba.

Patria y Libertad, Habana, September 30, 1923.

S) Oscar Soto, General Secretary.

Certified by Gustavo Gutierrez.

Letter from Garcia Velez to General Alfredo Rego, dated September 30th: Garcia Velez says that he is highly astonished and sadly surprised at the attitude assumed by Rego, which involves a criticism of the procedures which the Association of Veterans and Patriots have been forced to put into practice; that all the channels for a conciliation with the Government have been exhausted; that Rego is being used as a toy of the exploiters of power; that Congress will adjourn within a few days without paying any attention to the petitions made by the great Assembly. Velez asks Rego whether he wants to create a division in the ranks of the Veterans and Patriots just because Velez has not wanted to tell him of his plans for an immediate and radical change. Then states further: "I cannot understand the attitude you have assumed. If it is through fear of an intervention, that fear will not be of long duration because only three days ago I received a verbal message from you informing me that you were ready to rebel with fifty horsemen; a nonsense which I immediately disapproved because I do not conceive nor prepare any plans for a revolution and much less am I disposed th foster events which may bring about an interference of the United States..... I now fully realize why you were not hidden. You prefer to be in good standing with the present situation , even though it may be only for a few days....."

Practically all the press carries some written declarations signed by Colonel Despaigne, Dr. Oscar Soto and Dr. Emilio del Real, stating that the National Association of Veterans and Patriots does not expect nor wants the rectifications demanded to be obtained through the intercession of Dr. Cuelso Cuellar del Rio, whom only General Rego could have taken seriously; that Colonel Mendieta knows that the Association of Veterans and Patriots will only accept the fulfillment of the program approved by the Marti Assembly on August 30th, neither will be tolerate any proposition which may tend to leave that program unfulfilled.

El Heraldo publishes some declarations made by Carlos la Rosa, Mayor of Cardenas, wherein he states among other things "No one doubts that the country is undergoing severe crisis .... When the doors of legality are closed to a people, it has no other loophole left than the revolution. Are we in that situation? Unfortunately, yes." He further states that everyone knows that a revolution would be disastrous

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but that it is not improbable.

El Heraldo states that the Provincial Governors who are at the present time the real and legitimate representatives of the National Will because they were elected at the only legal elections which have been held in Cuba since 1912 find themselves under the obligation to save the Republic for its people in accordance with Mendieta's plan. The intervention of Celso Cuellar del Rio in the steps taken for a conciliation has produced a very bad effect among the Veterans and Patriots because they consider him a "Camouflage mediator" who can promise everything without the Government being obligated to fulfill anything. On the other hand, everybody has full faith and confidence in Colonel Mendieta, who makes every effort to prevent the ruin of the nationality.

The Provincial Governors have decided to take action for the purpose of obtaining ~~the~~ favorable and rapid solution to the present problems of Cuba and they want to be accepted as mediators. Colonel Carlos Mendieta is in close touch with the Governor of Havana, Alberto Barreras, and the latter in turn is in touch with the Governors of Pinar del Rio, Matanzas, Santa Clara, Camaguey and Santiago de Cuba, transmitting the suggestions made by Mendieta to have them act as mediators. The Governors of the other Provinces have delegated Alberto Barreras to act as their representative with ample powers, as shown by the following circular letter sent by Barreras to the President of the Senate, Aurelio Alvarez; to the President of the House, Clemente Vazquez Bello; and to the President of the Assembly of Veterans and Patriots, Carlos Garcia Velez: Havana, October 1, 1923. Sir: The recent agitation caused by the movement initiated and maintained by the Assembly of Veterans and Patriots has created the possibility of having the Provincial Governors act as mediators in the problem ~~in the problem~~ created by the present conflict. The Provincial Governors consider it their duty to offer their efforts and their cooperation to any Cuban measure which may bring about the cessation of a state of affairs which creates alarm and monopolizes the attention of the country, and I am authorized to affirm that they are all desirous to act directly and rapidly for the settlement of the present difficulties. However, the Governors understand that no action would be possible for obtaining such practical results if that mediation were not the product of an agreement and a resolution of the parties which seem to be in struggle; for which reason and as the Governors know that the National Executive is favorably inclined to accept said mediation, they only desire to know the opinion of the Legislative Bodies and of the Veterans and Patriots. For that purpose I beg of you kindly to inform me on the above mentioned subject after the permanent committees may have given their opinion. Awaiting your answer, etc.

(S) Alberto Barreras."

El Universal states that Alfredo Rego has been bought by the Government.

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El Universal of October 1st affirms: That Mendieta has not had any conference with Dr. Zayas, nor has he authorized any one to do so in his name; that he has not had any conference with General Rego or with Dr. Gutierrezand appeals to said gentleman to say whether this is true or not. That these explanations are made in order that Public Opinion may not be lead astray.

El Triunfo publishes an article stating that the various groups of veterans and Patriots in Havana are not in accord.

The editorial of El Triunfo of October 2nd favorably comments upon the meeting of Provincial Governors of the Liberal Party which will shortly take place in Havana, and that it is expected they will find a formula to solve the present conflict between the Government and the Veterans and Patriots.

El Universal of October 2nd is also of the opinion that the Provincial Governors will find "the formula of cordiality" for the present crisis.

The same paper carries and article by Colonel Eugenio Silva favorably commenting upon the actuation of Mendieta for the solution of the present problems in Cuba

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TRANSLATION.

Re: The Association of sugar planters and mill owners request the President of the Republic to veto the Tarafa Law.

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Havana, September 28, 1923.

To The Honorable President of the Republic.

Honorable President:

The "Asociacion de Hacendados y Colonos has the honow to address you, to beg you that after a careful study, kindly to veto the Project of Law already passed by the Senate and by the House of Representatives, which prohibits the opening of new ports and private shipping points and tends to establish a railroad monopoly in Cuba.

We already have had the honor, first when the Project was passed by the ~~xxxxxx~~ House of Representatives, and then when it was approved by the Senate, of being received by you and to deliver you our refutations addressed to said Legislative Bodies respectively, on the 9th and on the 25th of August, and to exchange views with you regarding the inconveniences and damages which the new project legislation would cause; but the first opportunity has now come to place the Project of Law in your hands to submit it to your study in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution, in order that you may approve or reject it.

The "Asociacion de Hacendados y Colonos", which we represent, has studied the amendments made by the Senate to the Project now under consideration, and has been able to notice that there still exist in the ~~xxxx~~ said Project the same prejudices which threatened the productive classes of the country, and which we have already pointed out in the two refutations herein before mentioned; and that the only thing which was left out in the new Project, is that which was the object of debates abread because it caused damages to the North-American interests.

It is not our intention to reproduce a debate which has been exhausted in our country, regarding a subject which has stirred up all the social classes, and which has been severely judged by practically every one of our jurists, our industrial men, and our merchants, whether individually or grouped into economic corporations.

Mr. President, you receive the Project of Law in a propitious condition, in order that the preparation which you have, and which we all recognise, you may study it at the light of your clear talents and of the extense public debate to which it has been submitted; and the "Asociacion de Hacendados y Colonos" trusts that in view of the reasons which have been expounded, you will kindly place your veto to said Project, and save the productive country in general, and especially the sugar industry, of the damages which said Legislation would cause.

Respectfully yours.

(Signed): Aurelio Fortuondo. - Alejo A. Carreno. - Gonzalo Freyre de Andrade. - Ramon J. Martinez. - Ramiro Cabrera. - Antonio G. Mendoza.

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"HERALDO DE CUBA" - September 29, 1923.

It has been rumored in American circles of Havana that the Washington Chancery has advised General Crowder to postpone his return to Cuba for a few days. The reasons for this postponement are not known, but it is believed in diplomatic circles that while present difficult conditions may prevail in Cuba General Crowder will remain in the U.S. . -- The American Charge d'Affaires held a long conference with Secretary Cespedes yesterday. After that conference, the rumors thata Note had been received, were officially denied.

It is rumored that the present Secretary of Public Works, Sandoval, will get out of the Cabinet. His withdrawal his attributed to some friction with the City Chief Engineer, Cuellar del Rio, brother of the President's son-in-law, in connection with the installation of water-meters in Havana.

The President has granted pardon to three persons convicted of homicide. "Heraldo" unfaverably comments upon these pardons, and states that said criminals will be used in the campaign for reelection.

EDITORIAL unfaverably commenting upon the present situation. On the one part, the Government refuses to make rectifications, and on the other, the directive elements of the Movement of Veterans have no defined orientation, - and the Republic still suffers the most serious crisis of its existance. - After pointing out the errors committed by the President and by the Veterans and Patriots, it states that the situation becomes more critical and more dangerous every day, and it is impossible to continue trying to hide it. That a revolution at the present moment would not bring salvation, but a foreign intervention, and probably forever.

"EL UNIVERSAL" - September 29, 1923.

President Zayas insists on blaming Congress for the laws recently passed, in spite of the fact that in some cases the President was consulted, and in others, Congress acted at the suggestion of the President. The Lottery Law and the Tarafa Law are given as examples. It is rumored that Zayas will veto the Tarafa Law, and will return it to Congress. This will give rise to a vigorous protest at the Upper and Lower Houses, because the President is acting maliciously against Congress, dodging the responsibility of laws suggested by him. Upon learning that the President will veto the Tarafa Law many members of the House of Representatives have flung accusations against the President, and reprisals are likely to take place. To start with, it is assured that if the President vetoes the Tarafa Law, the House will reject the veto and maintain the Law. The Senate will probbably go farther than that, and it is said that it may refuse to accept the appointment of Alfredo Zayas Arrieta as Director General of the Lottery.

Postmaster General Cartaya is opposed to reelection. "El Universal" states that Cartaya has come to an understanding with the members of Congress in order that they may not approve any law which may affect him in any way. It is for this reason that the Law creating the Department of Communications has not been passed.

Letter from the Association of Sugar Planters and Mill owners, addressed to the President of the Republic, requesting him to veto the Tarafa Law. (This letter has already been translated in full).

"LA PRENSA" - September 29, 1923.

Cable despatch from Washington: - The Government of the United States has

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requested President Zayas to await the proximate arrival of representatives of American sugar interests before signing the Tarafa Law recently approved by Congress. The officials of the State Department have been informed that the American sugar interests are convinced that some clauses affecting them have not been taken out of the Project approved. The American Government has adopted no attitude whatsoever in connection with said Law, as it has received no authentic copy of the same, such as it was finally approved.

"LA NOCHE" - September 29, 1923.

The President of the Republic made the following declarations to a reporter of "La Noche":

"I have not received any Note from the American State Department.

I cannot say whether I will veto any of the laws submitted for my sanction, but naturally, those laws which may originate expenditures greater than the estimated revenues of the Budget, cannot be fulfilled.

A revolutionary movement seems to me inconceivable but if it should arise, I will try to check it, and to punish the revolutionists

I am not quite decided to go to reelection."

Cable despatch from Washington (by Mr. W. T. Mason) - In spite of the fact that some news agencies have denied the existance of an American note in connection with the Tarafa Law, such informations are not true, inasmuch as the American State Department, in a semi-official note as given out part of the text of said Note. It is not a diplomatic complaint, or an imperative order, , but a kind request to permit the American sugar interests to present their side of the case before the Law is finally signed.

"EL TRIUNFO" - September 30, 1923.

EDITORIAL, commenting upon the necessity of reforming some article of the Electoral Code before the end of the present legislative period.

"HERALDO DE CUBA" - September 30, 1923.

An article very unfavorably commenting upon the parade and other celebrations, which marked the opening of the campaign of propaganda in favor of reelection. The majority of the attendants were people of the lowest class, dancing African dances. Postmaster General Carteya marched at the head of about 50 mail-carriers and telegraph messengers in their uniforms. There were also groups of public employees, who attended for fear of being dismissed if they did not do so. That the organizers of the parade had the biggest failure of their life. The article then states: "The President must realize that the people is against reelection, and that it would be the most incredible temerity on his part to try to run for a second term."

"LA PRENSA" - September 30, 1923.

Text of the Proclamation addressed to the People of Cuba by the "Club Alfredo Zayas", launching Zayas' candidature for a second term."

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"HERALDO DE CUBA" - September 28, 1923.

An article commenting upon the parade which will take place to-morrow night, as a part , as a part of the reelectionist propaganda. The article states that the parade will consist mostly of motor trucks of the Department of Public Works, filled with public employees. The article says: "That will be the parade which will mark the beginning of the campaign which is a mortal threat for Cuba."

An article entitled: "THAT WHICH IS NOT SAID, AND THAT WHICH SHOULD BE DONE." Unfavorably commenting upon those who invent stories in connection with an American intervention, and who spread astonishing and incredible rumors every day, and who go as far as to connect the name of the Assembly of Veterans and Patriots with the American Embassy in Cuba. The article further states that the American Embassy has not taken up with the Cuban Chancery anything in connection with the Veterans Movement, and also, the Cuban Government has not received any indication whatsoever from the American Government through the Cuban Legation. That the men of the Palace suspect that there are elements in the United States who are in favor of the Veterans Movement, and that, in case of a conflict, said elements will lend their support to the members of the Maxim Assembly.

The Rotary Club of Havana is strongly opposed to the installation of water-meters in Havana.

An article stating that the Secretary of Sanitation, in his recent trip to Sagua, recommended to the residents of that town to set fire to the Market of that town. He believes that that would be the easiest formula to free Sagua from that focus of infection. Doctor Porto believes that the people should act with great patriotism to obtain their rapid improvement.

EDITORIAL entitled: "COLONEL MENDIETA'S WORDS AND OURS". - Commenting upon the recent article of Colonel Mendieta, entitled "THE PROCESS OF A CRISIS." "Heraldo de Cuba" states that they have always maintained the opinion expressed by Colonel Mendieta. That said article deserves the applause of the the entire country.

"THE REBELLIOUS ATTITUDE OF HERNANDEZ CARTAYA" - commenting upon the fact that the attitude assumed by the Secretary of the Treasury, is perhaps the definite symptom of the gravity of the present situation. "When a man having the equanimity of the present Secretary of the Treasury, thinks that the time has come to rebel against the actions of the Executive and against the fever of projects of Congress, it is evident that the Government has come to the verge of the rapid incline of financial disaster." The editorial further comments in a favorable manner upon the firm and honest attitude of "the worthy successor of Colonel Despaigne." (former Secty Treasury)

"LA PRENSA" - September 28, 1923.

AT THE LAST HOUR: Dr. Cespedes assured the reporters that he had no knowledge of any note from the American State Department in connection with the Tarafa Law recently approved by Congress.

A meeting was held at the Club "Colonel Mendieta", at which prominent members of the Liberal Party were present. The reporters learned that Colonel Mendieta called that meeting to exchange views, and also to explain to the Liberals, in a clear and explicit manner, which are the causes which place in danger the Republican life of Cuba. Colonel Mendieta said that the danger of an American intervention was evident, because the internal political affairs of Cuba had caused great disgust in the U.S., and all those present were obligated to lend their cooperation to the work

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"La Prensa" - September 28, 1923 (Continued).

of national reconstruction. - Colonel Mendieta also outlined his policy (which is not given in the article), and everybody was pleased with it. Dr. Pedro Herrera Sotolongo severely criticized the National City Bank of New York, blaming said institution for the present difficult situation of Cuba; that said institution is now in possession of 25 sugar mills which formerly belonged to Cubans, in their majority, and that, for the purpose of obtaining said properties at a low price, it is creating discord in Cuba, and is lending large sums of money to obtain its purposes.

EDITORIAL, favorably commenting upon the attitude of Dr. Hernandez Cartaya, Secretary of the Treasury. That the present condition of the Public Treasury fully justifies the foresight of Hernandez Cartaya.

"EL MUNDO" - September 29, 1923.

New York

Cable despatch from Washington : The Americans who own properties in Cuba, have filed a protest before the Washington State Department, stating that the revised Tarafa Law constitutes a confiscatory measure of American properties in Cuba, and infringes the property rights of American citizens.

Cable despatch from Washington: The Secretary of State conferred to-day with Mr. Wilbur M. Cummings, representative of the American sugar interests in Cuba, regarding the status of the Tarafa Law recently approved by the Cuban Congress. The officials of the State Department refused to discuss the subject

"DIARIO DE LA MARINA" - September 29, 1923.

An article entitled: "THE FIRST MAGISTRATE AND THE SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY" as follows: "We published in due course that the Secretary of the Treasury had sent a communication to the President, wherein he expressed his non-conformity with the excessive expenditures approved by Congress by special laws, which is contrary to the provisions to assure the liquidation of the Budgets with a surplus. - To-day, we are in a position to say that the President of the Republic shares the opinion of the Secretary of the Treasury, and that he finds himself in the sad case of having to vete any Project of Law which may affect the Treasury in more than what is proper; which means that the causes which made the resignation of Dr. Hernandez Cartaya possible, have diasppeared."

EDITORIAL entitled "THE PREVISION OF DR. HERNANDEZ CARTAYA" - Favorably commenting upon the attitude assumed by the Secretary of the Treasury, in connection with the special appropriations passed by Congress.

"MERCURIO" - September 29, 1923.

There was a Meeting of the Cabinet at "Finca Maria yesterday - The President denied the existence of any note from the American Government. The Tarafa Law was not discussed. -

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1. Herewith will be found Brief Summaries of News Articles and Editorial Comment in the Havana Press for the days October 2, 3, 4, and 5, 1923.

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"HERALDO DE CUBA" - October 2, 1923.

An article commenting upon the disorder and corruption prevailing in the Department of Public Works. So many appointments were made in favor of agents of reelection, or for the purpose of pleasing the leaders of reelection, that the appropriations for several branches of that Department were exhausted, and it has been necessary to overdraw the monthly quotas allowed. To remedy this, in part, it has become necessary to dismiss many hardworking and honest employees. The Superintendent of the shops, for instance, complaining that he has been left with only sixty men, and as the shops usually employ about three hundred men, the Superintendent states that he will not be able to render the work required of his Department.

Article commenting upon the corruption prevailing in the Department of the Lottery. That the "botella" has reappeared in that Department, and many imaginary payrolls are paid every month. The Decree issued at the time of the moral readjustment which provided that only 5% of the revenues of that Department could be applied for the payment of personnel, was annulled by the recent Lottery Law, and the appropriation for personnel was increased to eight per cent (8%), allowing a larger margin for the appointment of imaginary employees.

An article entitled "TOWARD DISASTER" - Favorably commenting upon the intervention of Colonel Mendieta for a friendly settlement of the conflict between the Government and the Veterans and Patriots, but stating that Mendieta will meet with the passive resistance of Dr. Zayas who expects to come out victorious through his usual tricks.

EDITORIAL entitled "THE LAST HOPE", commenting upon the attitude assumed by the Liberal Provincial Governors for a settlement of the present difficulties. - Making a brief review of the present situation, the article states that Zayas became President through the protection of the Despot who then exercised the Executive Power "and the complicy of the foreign supervisor". Later, Zayas disregarded his counseller and protector, and gave rise to the famous memoranda which ended ~~ended~~ with Memorandum No. 13, and was defeated.....

Cable despatch from Washington: The speech made by Cosme de la Torriente inviting the United States to join the League of Nations, has been ~~xxxxx~~ bitterly criticized in Washington. It is still doubtfull whether Torriente will be accepted as Cuban Ambassador in Washington.

An article stating that the American Chancery will not intervene in the matter of the Tarafa Law.

"EL UNIVERSAL" - October 2, 1923.

An article entitled "CROWDER" - stating that Secretary Hughes, following ~~xxx~~ instructions received from President Coolidge, has ratified to General Crowder the ample powers conferred upon him by President Harding.

It is still rumored that Dr. Hernandez Cartaya intends to get out of the Cabinet.

EDITORIAL unfavorably commenting upon the fact that Congress is about to adjourn without having acted on the legislative measures urgently demanded by the people.

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"LA [illegible]" - October 2, 1923.

The Decree ordering the payment of gratuities to public employees, will probably be signed to-morrow by the President of the Republic.

Representatives Vazquez Bello and Santiago Rey held a conference with the Secretary of the Treasury, in connection with the laws envolving expenditures now pending in Congress. Bello and Rey told the reporters after the conference, that they had agreed with Dr. Hernandez Cartaya on the necessity of regulating the laws in order to adopt a definite plan in the future, and thereby avoid economic difficulties to the country.

The Veterans and Patriots will hold a Great Meeting on October 4th, at Central Park.

Cable despatch from New York: The American sugar interests fully realize that they cannot do anything now to prevent the approval of the Tarafa Law; that they are greatly displeased by the manner in which they were treated in the amended project, and affirm that Colonel Tarafa has deceived them. They accuse Tarafa of having caused that Law to be passed by both branches of the Cuban Congress, without having previously submitted the amended project for their approval, as had been agreed upon.

"HERALDO DE CUBA" - October 2, 1923.

At the opening session of the present school period of the University, which took place on October 1st. and when the Secretary of Public Instruction was about to pronounce the usual words opening the school period, Mella, President of the Federation of Students, got up and said that the University was an autonomous institution, and for that reason, and also because the [illegible] Executive had failed to comply with many of its promises to the students, the Executive had no right to govern the University and open its school period, and added: "The students, in the name of whom I speak, consider that the opening speech should be made by the Rector, and not by a Representative of the National Executive". Gonzales Manet whispered a few words to the Rector, and then the latter got up and declared the present school period opened. Then, Gonzalez Manet made a speech and explained that he had always tried to work for the improvement of the University, and that the Government had adopted some resolutions to obtain that purpose; that it was not his fault if many of the measures could not be adopted with the rapidity with which the students desired and that he intended to persevere in his efforts. He was interrupted by another student who said "We are tired of promises". Gonzales Manet replied that the University Assembly, for example, was not a promise, but a reality. - This incident has given rise to the most varied comments, and it is affirmed that the Government will ask that an investigation be made.

"LA NOCHE" - October 2, 1923.

It is rumored that the Secretary of Public Instruction, Gonzalez Manet, called on the President this morning, and requested that the University be closed. Secretary of the Interior, Iturralde, is of the opinion that the University ought to be closed for an indefinite period, until the students and professors came to an understanding, and that while the University remained closed, no salaries should be paid to the Professors.

"EL MUNDO" - October 3, 1923.

An article in the form of an editorial, unfavorably commenting upon the incident at the opening session of the University. It is further stated that the majority of the students do not agree with the attitude of the President of the Federation of Students.

Cable despatch from Washington: General Crowder held a long conference with the Secretary of State, this morning, in connection with Cuban affairs. The Tarafa Law was taken up at said conference.

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"EL MUNDO" - October 5, 1923 (Continued).

EDITORIAL favorably commenting upon the understanding which seems to have been reached between the Secretary of the Treasury and the leaders of Congress, in connection with laws envolving appropriations.

Dr. Verdeja will be a Presidential candidate at the coming elections. His candidature has been launched by Dr. Vera Verdura, Conservative Leader of the Province of Matanzas.

"DIARIO DE LA MARINA" - October 5, 1923.

"La Prensa" of New York carries an editorial commenting upon the Tarafa Law recently passed by the Cuban Congress, and the attitude assumed by the American Chancery.

The University will not be closed down. Gonzales Manet believes that the wisdom of the students will prevent the adoption of such a radical measure. Proceedings will be instituted against several students.

"EL TRIUNFO" - October 5, 1923.

General Machado has started his presidential campaign. In Camaguey he stated that the basis of his Government will be "Honesty and Patriotism".

EDITORIAL favorably commenting upon the attitude assumed by the Provincial Governors.

"MERCURIO" - October 5, 1923.

The President has vetoed the law recently passed by Congress granting an extension to the "Ferrocarril del Norte de Cuba" (Cuba Northern Railways) to pay back the loan obtained from the Government. The reason for the veto is because the law is drafted in such a way that the R. R. Company can postpone the payment of the loan for an indefinite period.

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"HERALDO DE CUBA" - October 3, 1923.

An article against the Lottery. All the hopes of the new collectors have faded away. They expected to make $500.00 per drawing per colecturia, and now they cannot obtain more than $40.00. Men who had been honest, but who stained their hands supporting the new Law, now realize that they covered themselves with mud, for the benefit of only one man: the President, who deceived them. The idea of life long colecturias, has also faded away, as according to the new Regulations governing the Lottery Law, the collectors can be easily dismissed at any time.

An article stating that Celso Cuellar del Rio, son-in-law of the President, obtained $40,000.00 from a gambler sometime ago, for the purpose of using his influence to authorize the opening of a gambling place in Marianao; that after said gambling place had been running for many weeks, Cuellar has become the Manager of another aristocratic gambling place, and had to use his influence to have the first one closed down. Cuellar informed "Heraldo de Cuba" that he had no connections with the new gambling place, but that the only intervention he had in the matter was as a Lawyer; that he was consulted whether or not the new gambling place would come within the provisions of the Turismo Law, and he answered in the affirmative. "Heraldo" promised to make investigations before rectifying or ratifying what it had previously published, and as a result of the investigations it can state that Cuellar del Rio is the Manager (Empresario) of, and not the Attorney for, the new aristocratic gambling place.

An article entitled "TOWARD THE VICTORY OF THE PEOPLE" - Commenting upon the present crisis, and the inevitable fall of the present Government. - Those who are impatient, desire the crisis to be solved in a few hours; while men of clear judgment understand that the liquidation of the regime of Dr. Zayas cannot take place in such a short time. That Cuba is not facing an armed revolution, but a civic revolution; and the civic revolutions act more slowly, but offer more consistent results than the armed revolutions. That the Government has soldiers and guns to fight against an armed revolution; but it lacks the adequate elements to fight against a civic revolution, which would be Right and Justice. That is why the Veterans and Patriots understand that the fall of the present regime is inevitable. Under the present circumstances, the salvation of the country only depends on the energy and patriotism of the people." The Republic has reached an inconceivable limit of disorder and corruption; ~~xxxxxx~~ not one of the constitutional organizations responds to its duty, no law is respected, no obligation is fulfilled.....

EDITORIAL commenting upon the intervention of the Provincial Governors in the present conflict. That their action, as mediators must noble, disinterested and patriotic, and must not be subordinated to the will or caprice of any organization or of any entity. That the success or failure of their intervention will depend on the manner in which they consider the problem and the use they may make of their exceptional powers. "Only a blind man can fail to see the dangers which surround us. The nation which ~~xx~~ helped us to be free....now watches us with an implacable severity, and has virtually severed diplomatic relations with Cuba. Crowder was called to Washington, and it is not known when he will return to Havana, while the diplomat proposed to the United States as our first Ambassador has not yet been declared as "persona grata". These are details the eloquence and gravity of which cannot be denied. There is not always a long distance between the friction and the rupture, and between the rupture and the hostility....."

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"Heraldo de Cuba" - October 3, 1923 (Continued).

The manner in which the incident took place at the University last Monday, has caused great disgust amon g valuable elements of the University. The Medical students have requested the dissolution of the Executive Board of the Federation of Students. Gonzalez Manet affirms that he has taken no steps to have the University closed down; that the incident will be settled in a disciplinary manner.

// Cable despatch from Washington: Prominent members of the American Legion support in Washington the Movement of the Veterans of Cuba in favor of Regeneration. One of them said that they ask the American Government to place no obstacles to the efforts of the Veterans of Cuba to redeem their native country from corruption and graft.

Cable despatch from Washington: (October 2nd) - Secretary of State Hughes and Ambassador Crowder held a conference this afternoon, at whichCuban subjects of great importance were discussed. It is understood that one of the most important subjects discussed, was that relating to appointment of the Cuban Ambassador in Washington. It has been learned from a reliable source that General Crowder was asked about the connections which are said to exist between Dr. Torriente and Mr. Alfredo Zayas, Jr., Director General of the Lottery. The Tarafa Law was also discussed. - General Crowder will leave for Havana within the next ten days.

"EL UNIVERSAL" - October 3, 1923.

✓ An article commenting upon the attitude of the Secretary of the Treasury. That the President will provoke his resignation, but if he does so, he will have to face two serious problems at the same time: the Movement of Veterans and the selection of a proper substitute for Dr. Hernandez Cartaya.

"LA PRENSA" - October 3, 1923.

An editorial favorably commenting upon the Tarafa Law. That the opponents of said Law seem to try to have the American Chancery intervene in the matter, in spite of the fact that the American Government has declared that the Tarafa Law does not contain any provision which may hurt American interests.

✓ Dr. Hernandez Cartaya told the reporters this morning that the President had approved the Project of Decree which Dr. Cartaya had submitted to him yesterday, ordering the payment of the gratuities of public employees by means of special certificates. Said Decree will be signed shortly, and it will probably appear in the Official Gazette of Friday or Saturday.

"LA NOCHE" - October 3, 1923.

// It has been learned through a reliable source that the President of the Republic has sanctioned the Veterans' Pension Law recently approved by Congress. "By doing this, Dr. Zayas fully satisfies the aspirations of the soldiers of the Independence."

Dr. Hernandez Cartaya has given the assurance that the present situation of the National Treasury cannot be more brilliant and more alluring; that he had sent a report to Morgan & Co., in which, after telling them the present situation of the Treasury, he sated that the reality has surpassed prevision.

"EL MUNDO" - October 4, 1923.

Cable despatch from Washington: Secretary Hughes has announced that Dr. Cosme de la Torriente has been declared "persona grata"; that the delay in giving an answer to the Cuban Government was only due to mere details of form, and also because Secretary Hughes was away on his vacation. General Crowder is getting ready to return to Cuba, and will probably sail aboutthe middle of October.

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"El Mundo" - October 4, 1923.

An article unfavorably commenting upon the inveterate habit of Congress to approve appropriation laws for which there are no funds. That such a system does not seem to have changed, but that the President of the Republic now seems inclined to veto any law envolving an expenditure, if such a law cannot be fulfilled because there may be no funds in the Treasury.

EDITORIAL favorably commenting upon the decision of the Secretary of the Treasury to pay the gratuities by means of special certificates, but that something must be done to prevent said certificates from going to the hands of speculators.

"DIARIO DE LA MARINA" - October 4, 1923.

Representative Bartolome Sagaro (Liberal), has presented the following motion to the House: "That the members of Congress address the President of the Republic requesting information regarding the exact situation of the country in accordance with the information published by the daily press and which are the object of comments in official circles; and if, in the judgment of the Executive, there are any reasons for alarm or danger of an interior or exterior order, to state what legislative measures are necessary to solve the problem."

"EL TRIUNFO" - October 4, 1923.

EDITORIAL, very unfavorably commenting upon the return of General Crowder to Cuba; that he is regarded as an agent of disorder who comes to disturb the country with the view of bringing about an intervention.....

"MERCURIO" - October 4, 1923.

EDITORIAL entitled "A NEW PROVOCATION?" - Commenting upon the fact that Congress has virtually adjourned, without having carried out the program of rectifications, and that such an attitude is considered as a new provocation.

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Re: Mr. Conn, Travelling Correspondent of the "Public Ledger" of Philadelphia.

MR. CONN.

According to an official note given out by the Department of State, the Honorable President of the Republic has granted an interview of a private character to Mr. Conn, this afternoon, said gentleman being travelling correspondent of a newspaper which enjoys a sad fame among the Cubans who have the bad taste of becoming indignant reading a certain class of American newspapers which take pleasure in meddling in Cuban affairs and always seek the manner of making a philosophical deduction detrimental to the Cubans, upon commenting upon any of the cases which are frequently presented in the relations between the United States and this Republic.

That paper is tThe Philadelphia Ledger", that is to say, "the daily paper of the people" of Philadelphia, which has printed all kinds of ~~inf~~ unfounded information against the good name of Cuba and its citizens.

We wish this Note to reach Mr. Conn, in order that he may bear in mind these antecedents, and not allow himself to be influenced by theorites more or less fantastical, as happened with one of his companions, a travelling correspondent of the Associated Press, who has caused""very fine"comments by his articles in "The Washington Post" on the situation of Cuba. Let Mr. Conn confine himself to telling the entire truth, examining the situation of Cuba thoroughly, and then tell what he has seen, in the assurance that we do not have to repent for anything, since our accounts are very clear and our moral, political and financial present state of affairs can advantageously stand a comparison with any other in the world, including that of the United States, about which the "Public Ledger" can still write many things, if, instead of devoting itself to bombastically commenting upon questions outside of its jurisdiction, it would give more tension to domestic questions of the United States, to the ridiculous farse of prohibition, to the immunity with which criminals and speculators live, and to many other defects which we know and which we do not wish to mention.

And that is all, Mr. Conn.

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BRIEF SUMMARY OF NEWS ARTICLES AND EDITORIAL COMMENT IN THE HAVANA PRESS.

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"HERALDO DE CUBA" - October 4, 1923.

An article commenting upon the present conflict between the Government and the Veterans and Patriots. "If the protest exists because the public powers refuse to act as they should, and these refuse to rectify because they are demanded to do so, the situation cannot be settled except through drastic proceedings." In spite of the resistance encountered, the Governors continue to act with a view of obtaining a favorable solution. - Zayas believes that the Veterans and Patriots have assumed an uncompromising attitude. - If the President vetoes the Tarafa Law, Congress will break its relations with him.

Article entitled "REELECTION PREFERS THE CHAOS" - Unfavorably commenting upon the reelectoral purposes of the Government.

EDITORIAL entitled "DIPLOMATIC ACTION" - Commenting upon the mediation of the Provincial Governors in the present conflict among Cubans. That they have received a satisfactory answer from the Veterans and Patriots, who have reduced their 12 points to 3, and if the "other side" continues to give evasive answers and to postpone matters, the mediators will have to resort to supreme resources and to drastic remedies; that the mediators, backed by public opinion, will be compelled to dictate the terms of the surrender, and put those who refuse to come to terms, out of commission through a single blow.....

The Presidential candidature of Dr. Verdeja has caused great surprise among the members of the Conservative Party, but said candidature is not seriously considered by them. At a recent conference held by the President with Aurelio Alvarez and Wifredo Fernandez, the reorganization of the National League was discussed. The National League will proclaim the candidature of Dr. Zayas for a second term.

"EL UNIVERSAL" - October 5, 1923.

An article stating that grave irregularities have been discovered in the Department of Communications. Falsehoods, imaginary payrolls and crooked manipulation of checks will be denounced to the Judicial authorities within a period of 72 hours.

"In official circles special importance is attributed to the movement of Veterans and Patriots, even though the Secretary of the Interior may say any thing to the contrary. We say this, due to a rumor which circulated yesterday with insistence, and which appears to be true. The Charge d'Affairs of the U.S., Mr. Howell, has been relieved due to his very close friendship with the Secretary of State, Dr. Cespedes, C. Van H. Engert being designated to substitute him, said gentleman now being in our Capital."... "In reference to this notice, we have received a letter no less important, which states that the Ambassador of the U.S. before of our Government, General Crowder, has declared that if President Zayas does not make rectifications, upon his return, which will take place about the middle of this month, the bases of the moral readjustment which gave rise to the formation of the "Cabinet of Honesty", will be reproduced by him.

An article stating that the President has vetoed ten of the laws recently approved by Congress; that the Tarafa Law, and the Law granting an extension for the payment of the loan made to the Northern Railways of Cuba, are among the laws vetoed. (The other laws are not listed in this article).

"LA PRENSA" - October 4, 1923.

The President of the Republic has officially denied the information published to the effect that he had vetoed the Law granting an extension for the payment of the loan made to the Cuban Northern Railways.

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"La Prensa" - October 4, 1923 (Continued).

The Decree appointing Dr. Torriente as Cuban Ambassador in Washington, will be signed to-day. Congress will also be informed to-day of said appointment. - The news that the appointment of Dr. Torriente was satisfactory to the U.S., was officially received at the State Department at a late hour yesterday.

Cable despatch from Washington: announcing that the American Government had gladly accepted the appointment of Dr. Torriente as Ambassador of Cuba in Washington.

"EL MUNDO" - October 5, 1923.

EDITORIAL commenting upon the interview granted to Mr. Crosby by the President, and expressing the hopes that the Tarafa Law will not be sanctioned.

"EL TRIUNFO" - October 5, 1923.

The Government intends to act energetically against the Veterans and Patriots, to put an end to the present state of alarm.

The Medical Students of the University withdrew their motion against the actions of the Executive Board. At an Assembly of Students, it was resolved to assume the responsibility of the actions of President Mella.

"HERALDO" - October 5, 1923.

EDITORIAL criticizing Congress for its failure to take up the Tariff Reform during the legislative period just closed.

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From: The Military Attaché, Havana.

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

Subject: Summaries of News articles and editorial comment, Havana press.

1. Herewith will be found brief summaries of news articles and editorial comment of the Havana press for the days October 6, 7, 8 and 9, 1923.

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"LA PRENSA" - October 8, 1923.

A Committee of Students of the University of Havana will be received to-morrow afternoon by the President. - The Federation of Students will hold a meeting to-day, for the purposes of appointing the Commission which will visit the President to-morrow. The students will ask the President to approve the laws beneficial to the University, and the autonomy of the University. President of the Federation Mella, stated that this is not the time to beg for mercy, but to act with energy and to await results calmly. - The strike of medical students continues.

Gonsalez Manet made some declarations to a reporter of "La Noche", denying the accusations made against him that he had insulted the students and that he had requested the closing of the University.

The representatives of American sugar interests held a conference with the President this morning, Mr. Crosby being among them. No official note was given out to the press of said conference, , but it is understood that the Tarafa Law was discussed.

EDITORIAL entitled "A SUGGESTIVE WARNING" - Unfavorably commenting upon the warning to investors contained in the Bulletin issued by the Association of Veterans and Patriots last Saturday. That said admonition shows that the movement of Veterans and Patriots has a very clear financial aspect, and its political aspect is only of a secondary nature. A disturbing movement of a political character is not so grave as an agitation supported and defended by purely financial interests.....

EDITORIAL entitled "IGNORANCE OR BOLDNESS?" - Commenting upon the ignorance of some of the representatives of American sugar interests who have come to Cuba to protest against the Tarafa Law; that the injustice denounced does not appear in said Law. That the President has undoubtedly been wise enough to see that they have not come to defend rights which they never had, but to conquer something, having in their favor the supposed incapacity of the Cubans and that sort of protection offered by Destiny.

The Association of School Teachers defends the Secretary of Public Instruction against the accusations made by the students of the University.

"LA NOCHE" - October 8, 1923.

PALACE NEWS: The Secretary of the Interior held a long conference with the President, regarding the movement of Veterans and Patriots. -- The President has vetoed and returned to Congress the Law for the construction of a highway in Nueva Paz, as there are no funds to carry out said Law. -- It was rumored this morning that the President had sanctioned the Tarafa Law and the Law of Retirement of R.R. employees. Said rumor has not been officially confirmed.

"EL MUNDO" - October 9, 1923.

THE SENATE held no session yesterday. If it holds session to-day, the appointments of Alfredo Zayas Arrieta as Director General of the Lottery, and of Dr. Torriente as Ambassador in Washington, will be taken up.

"DIARIO DE LA MARINA" - October 9, 1923.

In accordance with the promises made by Dr. Aragon, Rector of the University, to the students., he called on the President of the Republic. Dr. Aragon asked the President to give the necessary instructions in order that the/proceedigs judicial

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"Diario de la Marina" - October 9, 1923 (Continued).

against the students may be stayed. Dr. Hayes answered that he could not do anything officially on the subject, although he was of the opinion that the matter should come within the jurisdiction of the Faculty of the University. Dr. Gonzalez Manet will appear as a witness before the Court, and it is his intention to state that he witnessed the opening session of the University, and that the incident did not constitute any public disturbance and that consequently, the proceedings should be stayed as it is a matter to be judged by the Faculty in the usual disciplinary manner. - According to statements made by Dr. Gonzalez Manet, "Diario de la Marina" affirms that the President never had any Decree relating to the closing of the University, and that, for the time being, the Government does not intend to close the same.

"EL TRIUNFO" - October 9, 1923.

An article stating that the President is distributing "colecturias" and other sinecures among the members of the Assembly of Veterans and Patriots, as he believes that that is the only way to put an end to the present movement.

An article stating that the Tarafa Law was sanctioned yesterday afternoon, and sent to the Official Gazette.

"EL COMERCIO" - October 9, 1923.

This paper states that the Tarafa Law will be sanctioned to-day.

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"HERALDO DE CUBA" - October 6, 1923.

An article commenting upon the fact that the movement of Veterans and Patriots is winning more followers every day throughout the country, "in spite of the errors of some of the leaders of the movement"; that the main purpose of the movement seems to be directed against reelection. A friend of Doctor Zayas is said to have told the President: "If you start persecutions, you will soon be persecuted. The President is preparing a master stroke of policy to stop of all activities of regeneration: a change of Cabinet. The new Cabinet will probably be called the "Cabinet of Rectifications", and with the exception of Cespedes and Hernandez Cartaya, all the other members of the Cabinet will be removed The new Cabinet will simulate an understanding with the Veterans. "A member of the Senate" may possibly be appointed Secretary of the Interior, and later, elected by the Province of Pinar del Rio, he will resume his task as a Senator. - For the Department of Public Works, "an Engineer from the Province of Oriente" will probably be appointed. - A member of the Assembly of Veterans will be appointed ~~xxx~~ Secretary of Agriculture, possibly General Lope Recio Loynaz, ex-Governor of Camaguey. - If Dr. Angel Betancourt accepts (which is not likely to happen, he will be the substitute of Nogueiferos. - As it is also necessary to please the students, who now constitute a force, Gonzales Manet will have to be removed. There are several candidates for this office. -- When the informant was asked whether this change would take place shortly, he replied: "It will take place long before the Veterans and Patriots carry out their mysterious plan of suppressing Congress and the Executive Power."

A long cable despatch from Washington commenting upon the fact that President Coolidge refused to write his signature in three photographs left by Celso Cuellar at the White House. The American Press states that this refusal on the part of the President of the U.S. shows that the relations between the Governments of Washington and Havana are not very cordial.

EDITORIAL, entitled "ANXIETIES AND HOPES" - Unfavorably commenting upon the present situation, criticizing Congress and the Executive for having refused to accept the intervention of the Provincial Governor for a settlement of the present conflict.

An article stating that the methods introduced by Mr. Clifford in the Offices of the Tax of One Per Cent, have been displaced. That as soon as Mr. Clifford went away, the politicians took said offices by assault. There is an absolute lack of organization at the present time, and as a consequence, the collections are decreasing.

"EL UNIVERSAL" - October 6, 1923.

An article commenting upon the corruption prevailing in the Department of the Lottery. Owing to paralyzation of activies caused by the rumors of a possible revolution, a large quantity of tickets remain unsold at each drawing. Rumors have circulated to the effect that the members of Congress held a secret meeting recently, at which it was resolved to ask the President to decrease the number of tickets, and that if he refuses to comply with their demands, they will suppress the Lottery. That the majority of the collectors appointed, have failed to pay the tax of $200.00. That Zayas Arrieta manipulates the tickets of the collectors who have failed to pay said tax, and gets the benefit of the 5 per cent to which the collectors are entitled. That many appointment of collectors have been signed in favor of high officers of the Army.

Doctor Gonzalez Manet explains his attitude, and states that he has not even thought of recommending the closing of the University. He also stated that if his conduct is a cause for disturbance, he is ready to resign. One

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"El Universal" - October 6, 1925.

of the paragraphs of this article, reads as follows: "The Loan, the Santa Clara Convent deal, the life long "colecturias", the expenses of the Palace, the Tarafa Law, the Pension Law, and many other immoralities committed by the representatives of all the political parties, have driven the people to such a state of desperation, of rebeldy and ill-will against the public powers, that at times they have said 'If all these shameful practices are to continue, let the Yankee come.'"

The following short comment: "Mr. Crowder will not return to Cuba until he has purchased a house which he has desired to acquire for a long time, and a magnificent automobile. Huh! A new house, a great machine. Too bad if the Ambassador has become infected, and some fine day we may learn that he also has life long colecturias."

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"HERALDO DE CUBA" - October 6, 1923.

EDITORIAL entitled "WIDGARDLY INTERESTS" - Unfavorably commenting upon the attitude assumed by the American sugar manufacturers, who have resorted to the diplomatic threat to prevent the approval of the Tarafa Law. That the Cuban Government, in the case of the Tarafa Law, should imitate the attitude of the American Government in connection with the approval of the Fordney Tariff.

The students of the University have assumed an attitude of frank rebellion against the Government. Several students arrested. - The Government has granted a period of 72 hours to the Faculty of the University to normalize the situation. - At a meeting of the Executive Committee of the Federation of Students, the following resolutions were adopted: To hold a General Assembly on Saturday afternoon; to declare Dr. Gonzalez Manet as a person harmful to education, and to point out that his actions tend toward the dissolution of the Federation of Students; to declare that they would be greatly pleased to see Gonzalez Manet removed from the office of Secretary of Public Instruction; to appoint a Committee which will confer with the Rector of the University, to find out whether in his opinion, the students can be arrested for the incident which took place at the opening session; to declare that their actions are absolutely independent from all other activities, but have an exclusively University character, exclusively.

"EL UNIVERSAL" - October 6, 1923.

An article stating that the present crisis has been aggravated by the arrest of several students of the University.

An article by Ramon Vasconcelos, entitled "REACTIONARY METHODS" - Unfavorably commenting upon the proceedings instituted against various members of the Association of Veterans and Patriots.

"LA NOCHE" - October 6, 1923.

The President of the Republic has signed a Decree prohibiting all political gatherings and celebrations on October 10th.

The Cienfuegos newspaper "Avanti", has suggested the idea of organizing Patriotic Governmental Militias to counteract the Veterans Movement.

An article stating that according to information obtained by the reporters, all the medical students who form part of the two contending groups, will be arrested before Monday Noon, as it is believed that that is the only way to restore normalcy in the University.

AN EXPLANATION: According to information obtained at the Department of State, Dr. Cosme de la Torriente is not the President of the League of Nations, but only President of one of the Assemblies of said League. As the Assembly presided by Dr. Torriente has finished its sessions, Dr. Torriente has ceased to act as President.

"LA PRENSA" - October 6, 1923.

After a telephonic conference with the other Provincial Governors, Governor Barrera announced their withdrawal as mediators in the present conflict.

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"EL MUNDO" - October 7, 1925.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES - Held session yesterday. See Running Comment.

Cable despatch from Washington (sent by E.W.Bobaima):" General Crowder granted us an interview at the army and Navy Club....Although General Crowder still maintains the greatest secrecy regarding his attitude in connection with the Cuban situation, he was very optimistic.... He does not know when he will return to Cuba, and said that he had to go to Colorado to see his family before he sails for Cuba. ....." The despatch further states that he has to close the purchase of a house.....

"DIARIO DE LA MARINA" - October 7, 1925.

Patriotic declarations made by Dr. Ricardo Dolz. He states that the life of the Republic must be above everybody; it must not be owed to anybody, but must depend on its own vitality. "A Republic which is in danger of death at every moment, and which has to be saved by a physician, is a Republic of a second order, or a sick Republic."....

"EL EMPEO" - October 7, 1925.

EDITORIAL, entitled "THE AUTHORITY OF THE POLITICAL PARTIES" - Unfavorably commenting upon the intervention of the Provincial Governors in the present conflict (See "Havana Post" of October 8th).

"HERALDO DE CUBA" - October 7, 1925.

A great Assembly was held yesterday at the University, which was presided by Rector, Dr. Aragon; Professors Eusebio Hernandez and Raul Masvidal and students Mella Calvo, Guardiola, Betelongo and Suarez. Dr. Aragon made the opening speech. He stated that this was a critical moment for the University, that he was fully identified with the purposes aimed by the students, as it was a question of defending the rights and integrity of the University; that it was the right of the University to try its students; that no one has the right to meddle in the interior affairs of the University, and that he would ask the President to revoke the proceedings instituted by a Correctional Judge. That the students should not be tried as common criminal. He finally gives the assurance that none of the students accused will have to appear before the Correctional Judge on the 13th. -- Mella comments upon th presence of the Rector and Professors, and applauds the union of all to defend the dignity of the University. He makes a brief review of events, and has bitter phrases for the Government. He has words of praise for Dr. Ferrara, who defended the autonomy of the University at a session of Congress. That the present movement was confined to University problems. That the Secretary of Public Instruction had flung a challenge to the students, and was trying to divide them. -- Representative Zaydin recommends the students that they should not become indignant; that they should despise those who try to abuse them, and severely condemns the attitude of the Police, and also had bitter phrases against the Secretary of Public Instruction. - Dr. Eusebio Hernandez said that he would call a meeting of the Faculty of Medicine, and that he believed that said Faculty would unanimously support the students. - Dr. Aragon speaks again and makes certain recommendations to the students. - Student Eduardo Suarez bitterly attacks the Government. Rogelio Lopo Barreto, a Law Student, then spoke. At the climax of his speech he took out a dagger, and all the audience stood up and applauded. He brandished the dagger as a symbol while he spoke, and then gave it to every one of the members of the presiding Board to kiss, and to swear by it to defend the rights of the University. Dr. Eusebio Hernandez was the first one to kiss the dagger, finally giving it to the Rector, Dr. Aragon, and a shudder ran through the audience, as it was feared that he would refuse to take oath, but Dr. Aragon did not hesitate to take and kiss the dagger, returning it to Mella. -- The Assembly ratified the resolutions adopted by the Executive Committee the day before.

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"Heraldo de Cuba" - October 7, 1923.

EDITORIAL, unfavorably commenting upon the answer given by Congressmen to Governor Barreras, refusing to accept the intervention of the Governors in the present conflict.

"LA PRENSA" - October 7, 1923.

EDITORIAL entitled "THE ANSWER OF CONGRESS" - Favorably commenting upon the letter written by Aurelio Alvarez to Governor Barreras, as the answer of Congress to the offer of the Governors to act as mediators in the present conflict.

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

Subject: Brief Summary of News Articles, Havana Press.

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1. Herewith will be found brief summaries of news articles and editorial comment of the Havana press for the days October 9th, 10, 11th, and 12th.

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"HERALDO DE CUBA" - October 9, 1925.

Declarations made by Colonel Carlos Mendieta. He states that it is absolutely indispensable to save Cuba. It is also indispensable and urgent that the Governors persevere in their work, backed by allMunicipal Mayors, to obtain a prompt solution of the present conflict.

An article commenting upon the fact that the President is not so stubborn as the members of Congress, and that he is desirous of coming to an understanding with the leaders of the Movement of Veterans and Patriots. It has not yet been disclosed whether the President is trying to please the Veterans and Patriots through rectifications or through bribery. - It has been learned that at the conference between General Rego and the President, held last Saturday, the President expressed his willingness to have a personal interview with General Garcia Velez, either with or without witnesses, and wherever Garcia Velez desired, so as to find a "Cuban" solution to the present crisis. It is also affirmed that the President informed General Rego that he had not spoken about his reelection to any one, and that he had taken no steps to obtain his nomination for a second term, in spite of the fact that it had been offered to him by members of all political parties. He also spoke to Rego about the Tarafa Law, stating that the changes made in the same "would stand the closes analysis," and that he was ready to make certain changes in his Cabinet.

Some Government officials have stated that the present crisis will soon come to an end, as a result of the negotiations carried on with General Rego. Dr. Zayas believes that General Rego is in a better position than Garcia Velez among the Veterans and Patriots. - Celso Cuellar del Rio is very optimistic. He believes that a satisfactory solution will soon be reached.

The drawing of the Lottery held to-day, has proven once more the failure of the new Law. Many tickets remained unsold, and shortly before the drawing, tickets were selling at 18 and 20 cents. It is said that the "acaparadores" will ask that the number of tickets be diminished, and see whether in that way they can obtain better prices.

The Students of the University will make their last appeal to Zayas. They want absolute autonomy for the University.

EDITORIAL entitled "WHERE THE EVIL LIES" - Unfavorably commenting upon the declarations recently made by Dr. Ricardo Dols, in connection with the present crisis.

"EL UNIVERSAL" - October 9, 1925.

A conference was held by the Provincial Governor, Barreras, the President of the Economic Corporations, Mr. Pedro Pablo Kohly, and Mr. Manuel Enrique Gomez, at which it was demonstrated that the present state of affairs cannot last ten days longer, that Cuba is at the verge of ruin, and that financial and mercantile transactions are suffering a real collapse. That the Government knows this perfectly well, but makes no effort to solve the conflict.

The Board of National Renovation held a session yesterday, presided by Dr. Fernando Ortiz. A "Declaration of Principles" was approved at said session.

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"HERALDO DE CUBA" - October 9, 1923.

Dr. Miguel Alonso Pujol will soon have an interview with the members of the Board of Liquidation of the National Bank of Cuba to decide on the plan to be followed for resuming the work of classification of credits, which was interrupted several months ago. It was announced some days ago that this plan could not be carried out until after the return of Mr. Clarence Marine, because it was a matter which had to be approved by the Banking Commission. However, the member in charge of the report, stated that the classifications could be effected during Mr. Marine's absence.

The second auction for the sale of the Cigar Factory of H. Upmann & Co. was held yesterday, but no bids were received. Mr. Miguel Alonso Pujol has received a cablegram from Mr. Clarence Marine stating that he is in touch with two groups of financiers who are willing to acquire said Factory. He also requests to postpone the third auction to December 1st, in order that said parties may have time to come to Havana to obtain the necessary information. Senora Viuda de Fuentes, who has a mortgage on said Factory, has declared that if no bidders appear at the third auction, she will foreclose the mortgage and get hold of that trade mark.

"LA PRENSA"- October 9, 1923.

The President of the Republic has sanctioned the Law levelling the special appropriations with the surplus of the Budget.

Declarations signed by Dr. Celso Cuellar del Rio, explaining the case of the photographs which President Coolidge refused to sign. He says that he did not take the pictures to the White House. - That after the luncheon which he offered to the representatives of the Press, Mr. Robaina, Correspondent of "El Mundo", and others, offered to make him a present of a photograph of President Coolidge, as a souvenir of his trip to Washington. Some days later he learned that they had not been signed because the signature was not requested through the Cuban Legation, but that as he had not requested the signature, he took no steps to obtain the photographs through diplomatic channels.

Information has been obtained at the Palace and at other Government offices, to the effect that the President has not even thought of making any changes in his present Cabinet.

The President has sanctioned the Tarafa Law, the Law granting an extension for the payment of the loan made to the Tarafa R.R., the Railroad Retirement Law, and others.

"LA NOCHE" - October 9, 1923.

The President of the Republic was interviewed regarding the rumors of changes in his Cabinet, and he replied:"The only information I have regarding changes in my Cabinet, is that published in some newspapers. Really, I have not thought of making any changes.". - He was also asked about the conflict of the University, about which he said: "After I have conferred with the Committee appointed by students, the Government will determine the line of conduct to be followed."

"EL MUNDO" - October 10, 1923.

Cable despatch from Washington, commenting upon the question of the Tarafa Law. It is believed that any remedy intended to favor American interests, has to

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"El Mundo" - October 10, 1923 (Continued)

be sought through diplomatic channels. The Government of the United States is not yet satisfied, in spite of the changes made. Some protests have been filed in the State Department against said Law as finally drafted.

"DIARIO DE LA MARINA" - October 10, 1923.

Interview with Colonel Despaigne. Among other things, he said: "This is a fight to death between two procedures: the one established and the one which we want to establish..... It is neither prudent nor discrete to provoke those who suffer and who are right..... If they (those in power) are not blind, they can see that it is not haste that guides us, but the firm decision to come to a good finish."

The delegates appointed by the students called at the Palace, but they were unable to see the President. - The opening session of the Congress of Students has been postponed to the 15th.

EDITORIAL entitled "AN APPEAL TO PATRIOTISM" - Commenting upon the meaning and importance of the glorious day which is celebrated to-day, "Diario de la Marina" asks, in the name of Cuba, that all differences be settled peacefully, and that there be neither defeated nor victorious.

Cable despatch from Washington: The Officials of the Department of State already expected that the President would sanction the Tarafa Law, because this was the last day of the period granted him, and the Washington Government had no indication of his intention to veto it. The Washington Government is not yet sure that the Bill was amended in accordance with the desires of the American sugar interests. The protests of sugar manufacturers are still in the hands of the Department of State.

"EL UNIVERSAL" - October 10, 1923.

Text of the communication addressed by the Students to Dr. Mayas, expressing their points of view. The students state that the present uneasiness is caused: (1) By the threat of closing the University, attributed to the Secretary of Public Instruction; (2) By the rumors that the Decree ordering the organization of the University Assembly, has been withdrawn; (3) By the failure on the part of the Government to fulfill the many promises made to the students; (4) The improper actions of the Secretary of Public Instruction in connection with the protest ~~making~~ made at the opening session, which protest was not directed against said Secretary, but against the actions of the Government; (5) Considering that the abnormal situation of the University cannot be attributed to the mass of students, who only want their betterment and progress, the students ask the President:

(1) - To discredit the rumors about the closing of the University and about the withdrawal of the Decree relating to the organization of the University Assembly;

(2) To sanction the Laws referring to the Faculty of Medicine and the University Stadium;

(3) To send a message to Congress asking for the approval of a Law granting autonomy to the University;

(4) - In accordance with the statements made by the President of the Federation of Students, to comply with the promises made by the Executive, and to grant what the students justly ask, that is to say, the recognition of their legitimate rights; and that the Government may not resort to actions improper of persons who must set a good example to the students.

When the students called at the Palace, they were unable to see the President, so they had to leave that communication to be delivered to him.

NOTE: The edition of October 10th of "El Universal" was confiscated by the Government, and the paper suppressed. We only obtained the two clippings quoted above.

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"HERALDO DE CUBA" - October 10, 1923.

Interview with General Enrique Loynaz del Castillo. - He states that reelection is harmful to all free countries; that the President has the Army to put down any revolution, but that Dr. Zayas can restore peace and quietness , merely by swearing that he will not run for a second term.

The Secretary of the Treasury has rendered a report to Morgan & Co., wherein he states that there will a substantial surplus to pay all debts. The first quarter of the present fiscal year shows an increase of $4.800,000.00 as com ared with the first quarter of the past fiscal year.

EDITORIAL commenting upon the fact that the Provincial Governors should not give up in their efforts to obtain a satisfactory solution of the present crisis.

Another editorial, commenting upon"the incident of the photographs" bitterly criticising Celso Cuellar del Rio.

The Secretary of Sanitation has discovered in his Department, a shameful conspiracy to speculate with opium. The Policeman who obtained the proofs and details of the conspiracy, was dismissed from the Police Force. Some high officials of the Departments of the Interior and of Sanitation are said to be connected with this shameful speculation.

"LA PRENSA" - October 10th.

Cable despatch from Washington - Oct. 10th: "Ambassador Crowder held a long conference with President Coolidge to-day, at which conference Crowder gave a full report on the Cuban situation. This was his first report to President Coolidge. After the conference, it was learned that the Government of the United States will await the promulgation of the Regulations governing the Tarafa Law before deciding on the line of conduct which it should follow. Mr. Crowder will leave for New York, where he intends to spend two weeks before sailing for Cuba."

Full text of the communication addressed by the President of the Republic to the American sugar manufacturers in Cuba in answer to their objections to the Tarafa Law.

According to telegraphic reports received at the Department of the Interior, absolute peace and order prevails throughout the country to-day.

In accordance with instructions received from the Secretary of the Interior, the Police suppressed the newspaper "El Universal", and confiscated the entire edition of to-day.

"DIARIO DE LA MARINA" - October 11, 1923.

Interview with Dr. Enrique Jose Varona regarding the present movement in Cuba. "Very seldom, in our troubled life, has there been such a unanimity of opinion for demanding a series of important rectifications from the public powers...."

EDITORIAL, favorably commenting upon the declarations made by Colonel Despaigne.

Another editorial commenting upon the letter written by the Secretary of the Treasury to Messrs. Morgan & Co. in connection with the application of the surplus of the Budget.

"EL TRIUNFO" - October 11, 1923.

An article stating that a total crisis of the present Cabinet is likely to take place very shortly. The most intimate friends of Dr. Zayas recommend him to make this change, because some of the present members do not even belong to any political party.

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FROM "DIARIO DE LA MARINA" - October 10, 1923.

Re: - Interview with Colonel Despaigne regarding the present situation of Cuba.

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REPORTER: - Is the present situation so grave?

COL. DESPAIGNE: - "Very grave. This is an uprising. An uprising of public opinion, tired of asking for respect to its rights. The country has risen in protest many times, but never with the vigor, decision and firmness as on this occasion. Please understand me. That which now happens, was in the air. The Maxim Assembly merely gave vent to it; only caused it to explode. Everybody had heard a thousand times everywhere what was emphatically said at the Maxim Assembly. The people of Cuba were tired of the methods employed by the Government. To be more just, we must say that the fatigue was an old one; I believe that this fatigue dates back to the times of the fall of Don Tomas Estrada Palma. And the people did not see any remedy. A political rectification is not possible as long as Congress may manipulate and control the electoral machinery. As long as they are in control of this force, they will never fail to give victory to themselves or to those when they may consider convenient to their interests, at the polls. Congressmen, with their life-long power, and the Executive with his sanctions, have the control of the situation: a situation which is not to the liking of the people, eager for their duties and their aspirations. Looking upon the fatal reality, the people do not see the solution of their evils. Hence the reason for the attitude assumed by the people. What other attitude could they choose? They have never been able to make any use of persuasion. And on the other part, how can the Executive cope with that invincible legal force?

REPORTER: - The people may expect rectifications on the part of the Executive.

COL DESPAIGNE: - The Executive seems to have no desire to make rectifications. What can be expected of a Congress which approves a modification of the Lottery Law such as that recently approved? It is true that the President vetoed it; but it was such a puerile and ridiculous veto, that it did not deceive any one. On the contrary, everybody has seen in that action a complicity rather than an opposition. It being impossible to mend Congress through legal methods, the people became tired of begging, and they now vigorously demand their rights, in order that they may have honest legislation and honest administration. We demand the right, eminently democratic, of being able to vote with absolute liberty and without the pressure of Congressmen, erected as electoral arbiters, which can only be obtained by repealing the Law which grants Congress and the Executive a full and anti-democratic electoral control.

The only peaceful way left to the people up to now, is to demand their rights in a loud voice, to preach, to divulge, in order that everybody may know what they ask, in order that every citizen may feel accompanied in the common desire. And in that way, with the mutual help, and gathered in a uniform group, with a proper discipline, and full of enthusiasm, we may make ourselves be heard, we will make the weight of the force of our right be felt, and those who now govern us will not be able to do otherwise than to march through good paths and carry out an honest administration.

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REPORTER: - That means to give an extension of time.

Col. DESPAIGNE: - "It can be given. There is no great hurry to burn the ships. If they are not blind, they can see that it is not haste that guides us, but the decision to come to a good finish. They could have seen it more clearly, if they had permitted us to hold the parades which had been simultaneously organized all over the Island for the tenth of October. The event would have been of a great eloquence. However, I can understand the reasons for the prohibition. The Government would have seen how isolated it was.

REPORTER: - And politics, how do they stand in the face of this movement?

COL. DESPAIGNE: - "This is not a political movement, in the usual meaning of the word "political" among us. However, at first I felt confident in the purpose of Colonel Mendieta to have the Governors and Mayors intervene, if not as a support, at least as a ~~gue~~ parallel action. This does not seem to have given any result. The political parties have brought their influence to bear, making an appeal to the common interests. Each of said authorities is a member of some political party, and does not have an absolute freedom of action. And it is a pity, because our program is acceptable to all. I believe that what we ask for, nobody would dare to exclude from his platform. Ours is a good and patriotic program, which is for the benefit of individuals as well as collectivities. Any one who proclaimed and fulfilled it, would surely obtain the full ideal of our country.

But we do not care about the attitude of a few. We will firmly go ahead toward the obtention of our purpose, winning more followers every day, with an absolute faith in the final result. It is necessary to carry out a complete organization throughout the country. With a work of only one and one-half months, and without the proper means to move the directors and propagators of the campaign, we have done what can be seen. And we will do it all. Time, patriotism and perseverance, are our best allies.

REPORTER: - Is it true, as has been said, that an intention exists to use these forces for the organization of a political party with a view of controlling the Government?

COL. DESPAIGNE: - "Nobody aspires to power among us. Or better still, nobody wishes to take advantage of this movement to carry out his political purposes. We will support, in their electoral aspirations, such pure, clean, honest and competent men who may deserve an absolute faith in their actuations as men of Government. In the ranks of the Veterans and Patriots, there are men from all political parties, who come to us after they get tired of asking for rectifications from those of their own party, and realised that it was impossible to obtain such rectifications through the usual political methods. Consequently this is not the clamor of a political party, but the vehement desire of the people ~~[illegible]~~ who show themselves more firm and vigorous every day decided as they are to obtain their ample rights and happiness, which only a just and honest Government can give them. And if in the long run they see that they cannot obtain anything through legal procedures, we do not know what will happen. It is neither prudent nor discrete to provoke too much those who suffer and who are perfectly right.

I am surprised to see that this movement has not been supported by all the Cuban press. What do we ask that may not be for the benefit of all? Which of our demands would any one dare to deny publicly? A Government which may bring moral peace in the interior, suppressing outrageous privileges

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which the practices now in use have granted to a small number of citizens with detriment to the community.

This struggle is a duel to death between two procedures: the one established, and the one which we want to establish. One or the other has to die. How? In what way? When? I cannot say. I do not know. We will not give up in our purpose to obtain victory, because we understand that our cause is the salvation of the country. We will fight hard to make disappear the methods now in practice, not only those of our present Government officials but also those which were inherited from other Administrations, as it is necessary to be just at this time when we ask for justice; and they shall disappear because they discredit us, and because they endanger our country.

We desire to obtain a solution to the present state of anxiety: a solution among Cubans, but a good solution. One which may be worthy, honorable and patriotic. We will endeavor to obtain it, so as to prevent the discredit which is piled up over us.

REPORTER: - And could not a third solution supervene?

COL. DESPAIGNE: - "They" observe our conduct. There is a manifest desire to have this solved among us; in a peaceful manner, naturally. But if there should not be any rectifications, if the just and patriotic demands made by the people through us remain unheeded, the people of sane instincts and good intentions; and said people would desperately resort to other methods to impose their rights, then, whatever happened would not be our fault; it would be the exclusive fault of the government men who are the enemies of the people, for having paid no attention to the public clamor."

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FROM -- DIARIO DE LA MARINA -- OCTOBER 11, 1923.

RE: INTERESTING DECLARATIONS OF DR. ENRIQUE JOSE VARONA.

More than once during the past few days have I refused to state my opinion upon the present situation, precisely because I have repeatedly stated it and because nothing has occurred which might induce me to change it. But you insist and the uncertainty of this painful hour conquers my resistence.

It must be painful for every Cuban who loves his country to consider that every two or three years we find ourselves involved in some kind of a conflict.

It seems that we are making efforts to corroborate the sentence which declares incapable of self government. Those of us who are distant from the present contest, although interested in it through all its aspects see with great pain how it blinds the pride of those whose very position imposes upon them the duty of being level-headed.

To govern does not mean to become hard-headed but to be docile in order to search for and find what is best for those governed, because governments must not be made in favor of a group, nor of a party but in benefit of the people. Words ? Very well, while these words fail to contain the reality here and in any other place, one danger will be removed and another entered into, and each situation shall be the heir of past errors and at the same time shall devise other greater errors to the successive period of time.

Very seldom in our much moved political life has there been such unanimity in the different entities representative of the diverse form of social work, to demand from the public authorities an important series of rectifications. From my point of view the sanest, the most foreseeing and highest policy would consist in that neither the opinion nor the personal inclination of the authorities have nothing to do in this case. It is only one of finding and reaching an agreement in proper harmony with public opinion.

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October 12, 1923 (Morning).

BRIEF SUMMARY OF NEWS ARTICLES AND EDITORIAL COMMENT IN THE HAVANA PRESS.

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"HERALDO DE CUBA" - October 11, 1923.

An article by Jose Manuel Carbonell, commenting upon the present situation. He states that the Movement of Veterans and patriots cannot die out without having obtained the purposes aimed; that the people who struggle to put afloat their wrecked ideals, cannot perish; that an insurrection without weapons is more imposing and worthy of respect than an armed insurrection; that revolutions are initiated in the mind, prepared in the heart and finally carried out in the gallows constructed in the public place. That Cuban cordiality cannot be restored, unless based on a radical change of system.....

An article commenting again upon the crisis of the Cabinet which will probably take place very shortly. The change of Cabinet will be a new step toward reelection.

EDITORIAL commenting upon a claim presented by the contractors of the new Capitol, recently approved by the Debt Commission. That after ten years of doing and undoing, the Government has spent over $500,000.00, and probably one million for the construction of that building, which is a proof of the incapacity and corruption of the Administration. It further comments upon the fact that corruption and graft is persecuted in other countries. Speaking about the case of Mr. Magoon, the writer states that Mr. Magoon was a poor man when he left Cuba in spite of the vices of his Administration, and lost his career for having permitted others to steal.....

Telegram from Manzanillo (Province of Oriente) stating that there are many cases of typhoid fever in that city. A young man died of that terrible disease, and great fears are expressed for the lives of his three brothers who are also suffering from the same disease.

After greatly delaying the initiation of public works which were to be carried out with the six millions of the Loan, the Department of Public Works now begins to grant appropriations and more appropriations for said works. "Heraldo" criticises the methods employed for granting said appropriations, a mere petition of a Provincial Engineer being sufficient to grant them. The works to be executed in Camaguey, and for which an appropriation of $200,000.00 has been granted, were not awarded by competitive bids as the Law provides, but by a simple Decree issued during Menocal's Administration. In spite of the fact that this illegality was plainly shown, Dr. Zayas always refused to annul this contract. The estimated cost of the works to be executed in Camaguey amounted to over one million dollars, and later they were extended with an estimated cost of seven millions, illegally awarded, as mentioned above.....

Cable despatch from Washington: After conferring with President Coolidge, General Crowder left for New York, where he will spend about two weeks. After that, he will return to Washington for further conferences with President Coolidge and Secretary Hughes, before he sails for Havana. Gen. Crowder will sail for Cuba late in October or early in November. -- It has been learned that American Government officials have been informed of certain irregularities committed in the liquidation of Banks in Cuba. No definite charges have been brought against any person, but the

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"Heraldo de Cuba" - October 11, 1923.

the members of the Federal Reserve Board have shown great interest in the matter. A prominent Lawyer, friend of Dr. Celso Cuellar del Rio, will be called to answer some questions before the Federal Reserve Board. It is believed that he will be asked to explain certain financial transactions where large sums of money have been "moved". -- It is also believed that no action will be taken in connection with the Tarafa Law. This will depend on the nature of the objections made in Mr. Crosby's letter to President Zayas.

"EL UNIVERSAL" - October 11, 1923.

Several articles strongly protesting against the confiscation of this paper yesterday.

"LA PRENSA" - October 11, 1923.

Dr. Hernandez Cartaya presented his resignation this morning. He explained to the reporters that upon being asked to sign the Tarafa Law, he decided to withdraw from the Cabinet as he does not agree with said Law; that President Zayas had refused to accept his resignation, but as Cartaya insisted. the President asked him to remain in office until next Tuesday when they will again confer on the subject. He further stated that he was firmly decided to resign, inasmuch as the Tarafa Bill had become a Law of the Republic, and as such he had to respect it.

An article commenting upon the fact that the resignation of Dr. Hernandez Cartaya caused a great disappointment in financial circles.

EDITORIAL entitled "FINANCIAL REPORT" - Favorably commenting upon the alluring condition of the National Treasury, as shown by the report submitted to Messrs. J. P. Morgan & Co., by the Secretary of the Treasury.

"LA NOCHE" - October 11, 1923.

An article announcing the ~~xxxxxxxxxx~~ resignation of the Secretary of the Treasury, Dr. Hernandez Cartaya.

"EL MUNDO" - October 12, 1923.

A letter addressed to the President of the Republic, signed by Aurelio Portuondo, Gonzalo Freyre de Andrade, Alejo A. Carreño Ramon J. Martinez and Ramiro Cabrera, for the "Asociacion de Hacendados y Colonos", refuting some of the affirmations contained in the letter written by the President of the Republic to the Representatives of American Sugar Interests.

"DIARIO DE LA MARINA" - October 12, 1923.

It has been learned that the hearing of the case against the students of the University, which was to take place tomorrow at a Correctional Court, has been postponed.

All the morning papers carry articles regretting the resignation of Dr. Enrique Hernandez Cartaya as Secretary of the Treasury.

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"EL TRIUNFO" - October 12, 1923.

The Company which operates, in the Province of Camaguey, the sugar mills controlled by the National City, has been accused of a grave crime. - Mr. Gabriel Zayas Bazan has made a denunciation before the Court of Instruction, against the General Sugar Company which operates the Centrals "Vertientes", "Camaguey", "Estrella" and "Pilar", owned by the National City Bank. Said Company is trying to dispossess some land owners of their property through violent methods. Mr. Zayas Bazan states in his denunciation, that the Army and some members of the Audiencia, are "too friendly" with that Company.

EDITORIAL entitled "ONCE MORE MR. CROWDER" commenting upon the conferences between General Crowder and President Coolidge. The cables despatches state that said conferences were about the the Tarafa Law, but that they surely discussed other subjects which the Press did not mention, because, in the United States as in any other part of the world, the main point is not said, and only the points of secondary importance are revealed. - However, it is a fact that many Americans, as well as some Cubans desire solutions which may benefit their private interests. That it is not convenient for the Government of the United States to seek solutions of that nature; that the plans of financial control over Latin-America is not convenient for said Government, neither a military intervention in Cuba.....

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Also translation of an article appearing in the Heraldo de Cuba of October 17th, of which Colonel Carlos Mendieta was the author, entitled "Intervention of Colonel Mendieta in the conflict between the Veterans and the Government."

Also, a translation entitled: "A Proclamation to the Country Addressed by the Permanent Committee of the Economics Corporation of Cuba"; and "Running Comments" Nos. 56 and 57, prepared by the American Embassy and covering the activities of the Veterans and Patriots, of October 19th and 20th.

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Also translation of an article appearing in the Heraldo de Cuba of October 22d, by Colonel Eugenio Silva, entitled "My Impressions of the First National Congress of Students."

Also "Running Comments" Nos. 58, 59, 60 and 61, prepared by the American Embassy and covering the activities of the Veterans and Patriots, of October 21, 22, 23, 24, and 25.

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Also "Running Comments" Nos. 62 and 63, prepared by the Embassy and covering the activities of the Veterans and Patriots of October 26th and 27th.

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Also "Running Comments" Nos. 64, 65, 67 and 69. prepared by the Embassy and covering the activities of the Veterans and Patriots of October 28, 29, 30, 31 and November 1.

Also translation of a letter and questionnaire addressed by the Permanent Committee of the Economic Corporations of Cuba, to its members, re the present situation.

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From El Triunfo of Nov. 7; editorial, entitled "Let him not come". Re, General Crowder, his interference in Cuban affairs and its effect upon the campaign of the Veterans.

From El Imparcial of Nov. 7: What purports to be a copy of the seditious proclamation said to have been distributed among members of the Army.

From La Prensa, of Nov. 8: "The Scandals of the One Per Cent Tax Office."

2. There are also transmitted "Running Comments" Nos. 72, 73 and 74, prepared by the Embassy and covering the activities of the Veterans and Patriots of November 6, 7 and 8.

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BRIEF SUMMARY OF NEWS ARTICLES AND EDITORIAL COMMENT IN THE HABANA PRESS.

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"HERALDO DE CUBA" - November 12,1923.

Articles entitled "IN THE TRENCHES" - Commenting upon the clean history of "HERALDO DE CUBA", and its invariable line of conduct. That when a man and a newspaper have an honorable history, they do not yield to niggardly interests nor abjure their creed. That "Heraldo de Cuba" will continue to be the trench which reelection will never take. That it will always combat the immoralities and graft of the Government. "The good of Cuba will always be our most earnest desire; truth, our weapon; right, our force." "Anybody who is against Cuba, will be against us; those who are in favor of her, are at our side."....

"SECRETARYSHIP WITHOUT A SECRETARY" - Commenting upon the present status of the Department of the Treasury, stating that the Administration of Dr. Zayas has always distinguished itself by its anomalies which are incompr hensible and its love to the unusual. That Zayas' exaltation to Power was realized under "unusual guarantees" of a foreign power. That the "Treasury is the nerve of all countries", and all the actions of the President and his assistants, as well as the actions of Congress and of the people, are subordinated to the march of the Treasury, because the life of the nation is developed in accordance with the resources of the Treasury. To leave the Department of the Treasury without a Secretary, is equivalent to show that the President does not care for the interests of the Country.....

"The iron hand of Iturralde, the Veterans and Patriots and the Arbitrary opinion of the Palace." - Commenting upon the fact that the Secretary of the Interior wishes to dismiss the Governor of Camaguey who does not wish to enforce the Decree against the Veterans and Patriots. The opinion of the men at the Palace is that the movement of Veterans and Patriots has passed to history.

"THE SOUL OF "HERALDO" - by Enrique Mazas, commenting upon the unchangeable policy of "Heraldo de Cuba", which will always be in favor of the Liberal Party and in defence of the liberties of the Cuban people. That all the money of the world and the praises of the most powerful Government would not be sufficient to change the decorum of Ferrara nor the integgity of those who take his place during his absence.....

"THE NATIONAL REALITY" - Favorable commenting upon the movement of Veterans and Patriots. That in spite of the fact that the officials of the Government take away the importance of that movement, it is a national reality which will finally obtain the regeneration of Cuba.....

An article unfavorably commenting upon the actions of the City Chief Engineer, Cuellar del Rio. That an appropriation of $400,000.00 was recently placed at his disposal for the repair of the streets of Habana, but that said appropriation has been spent in some minor repairs, the greatest part of which appropriation has served to maintain an army of "botelleros". That the laborers who really worked, were soon sent to the country residence of the President. That as Pereira has not been benefited, he now threatens to take revenge, and states that he will not approve the payrolls of that Division of the Department of Public Works.....

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"Heraldo de Cuba" - November 12, 1923.

EDITORIAL entitled "IN OUR POST" - Unfavorably commenting upon the intentions of Dr. Zayas to be reelected. It also comments upon the attitude assumed by the Liberals in the Provinces of Matanzas, Camaguey and Oriente against Zayas' reelection. It further makes the declarations that "Heraldo de Cuba" is now carrying out, and shall continue to carry out, a most energetic campaign against reelection, against shamefacedness, against tyranny and against all immorality and corruption.

An article stating that the sale of "Heraldo de Cuba" has not been effected; that it has not entered into any agreement with the Government, nor claudicated in its principles.

AN ARTICLE COMMENTING UPON IRREGULARITIES IN THE Department of Public Works. Foolishness, incompetence, and bad faith prevail in all Divisions of that Department. Sandoval has not the necessary energy and competence to remain at the head of that Department. The Government is morally incapacitated to re-establish moral peace in Cuba, which is so indispensable for the development of society.....

"EL HERALDO" - November 12, 1923.

This is the first number of the new paper published by the old staff of "Heraldo de Cuba". Mr. Bartolomé Sagaró appears as the "Political Director", and Mr. Aldo Baroni as Administrator, and is printed in the shops of "Diario de la Marina".

Declarations made by Colonel Mendieta to a reporter of "El Heraldo". He stated that the soul of the Liberals will never be opened to the gold of reelection; that the program of the Liberal Party will coincide with that of the Veterans and Patriots; that reelection, with its nine-fold of frauds, crimes, violences and concupiscences, would have but one epilogue: REVOLUTION. That the movement of protest responds to the repulse of the country against reelection. The Liberal Party will wave the flag of rectifications. Zayas is morally incapacitated to be reelected. The Liberal Party will have to triumph.....

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""HERALDO DE CUBA" HAS DIED; LONG LIVE 'EL HERALDO'" - An article explaining how "El Heraldo" has come to life. The machinery for the new publication will be acquired by popular subscription, and shares of stock of $5.00 par value will be issued. The list has been headed by: German Wolter del Rio, 100 shares; Carlos Mendieta, 100 shares; Gerardo Machado, 100 shares; Bartolomé Sagaró, 100 shares; "Juventud Liberal de la Acera del Louvre, 20 shares.

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A meeting was held yesterday at Campo Florido in honor of General Gerardo Machado. At that meeting Machado said that "Mendieta and Macho were united for the formidable electoral battle soon to take place, desirous of cooperating in the great task of saving Cuba from all dangers. He further stated: "I affirm that Mendieta deserves to be the President of the Republic. And if anybody says that he will abandon the Party if he does not triumph in his efforts, you can deny his words." Neither Mendieta nor Machado can ever be traitors.....

"LET US GO" - An article setting forth the reasons which prompted the Editors' Staff of "Heraldo de Cuba" to abandon that newspaper, and start the publication of the new one; "El Heraldo" - Their intentions and purposes.

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"El Heraldo" - November 12, 1923. (Continued).

The Government is trying to make the country believe the gross lie that it has defeated General Crowder. During the last few days, or the last few hours, the President has been very optimistic with respect to his line of conduct to counteract the activities of the Veterans and Patriots. The Government has a service of espionage properly organized, and these spies keep him fully informed to the minute of everything done by the members of the Association of V. & P., in Habana, in the interior of the country, and in the United States. Zayas is informed of all telegrams sent and received, of all telephonic conversations. He has also been able to buy some of the delegates of the Ass. of V. & P. who keep him informed of all the instructions received from the Spureme Council. He knows what will take place upon the arrival of Castillo Pockorny. All his movements in the U.S. have been carefully watched. Zayas has unofficially informed the Washington Government, which constitutes a previous information of the causes which may, in due course, give rise to a protest by reason of the events which may take place. A friend of the Palace stated that when Castillo Pockorny arrived, the V. & P. intended to throw a bomb at the Palace, to destroy the Palatino Reservoirs, and to set fire to a sugar plantation belonging to a foreigner, so as to give rise to a protest on the part of the damaged party. The informant further stated that Zayas knows that he cannot count on the friendship of General Crowder, but he also knows that he has defeated him. At least, he knows that Crowder has lost much of his influence in Washington, and the new President of the U.S. has requested Gen. Crowder to confine himself to the fulfillment of his diplomatic office, all of which has greatly disgusted General Crowder.....

EDITORIAL, unfavorably commenting upon the letter written by President Zayas to the Economic Corporation of the Island. The President is trying to convince the Economic Classes by means of words and statistics, but he cannot be succesful. Zayas believes that it is a great pleasure to pay the tax of one per cent on all transactions, the four per cent on profits, special taxes, stamp tax, and all other interior taxes, to say nothing of the very high Municipal taxes, and Custom House duties.....

The City of Habana threatened by an epidemic disease. Dead animals and other organic refuse may soon be left on the streets, because the Ayuntamiento does not pay for that service. (Translated in full).

The Government takes action against Campos Marquetti for his activities in connection with the movement of Veterans and Patriots, because he is a retired member of the Army. The military authorities will take a similar action against other.

An article commenting upon the fact that the President intends to appoint his brother, Dr. Francisco Zayas, as Secretary of the Treasury.

"THE RIGHT OF THE PEOPLE" - An article signed by General Carlos Garcia Velez, commenting upon the interpretation of the Platt Amendment, and the right of the Cuban people to revolt. (Already Translated in full).

"EL UNIVERSAL" - November 12, 1923.

An article stating that Cuba owes more than what it has. That the millions now kept in the Treasury are not sufficient to pay all the debts. The results of the bad Administration of Menocal are still felt. The Loan was not sufficient to save Cuba from bankruptcy. Millions are kept in the Treasury because the Interference exercises a constant vigilance.....

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"El Universal" - November 12, 1923.

Dr. Celso Cuellar del Rio wishes to destroy the Bank of Canada. Taking advantage of the panic against said Bank, he has sent agents to the interior with orders to discredit that banking institution, as an act of revenge for the steps taken by the Bank to collect the $34,000.00 which Cuellar owed. In view of the rumors of an impending revolution, the Bank order a concentration of funds in Habana, and this absurd order helped him in his plans of discredit.

An article criticizing the actions of the present Secretary of Public Instruction. The article states that Dr. Gonzalez Manet, in his desire to flatter Dr. Zayas, fails to pay proper attention to education.

An article commenting upon the disorganization in the Division of the Tax of One per Cent. The dismissals recently made in that Division are due to a desire to create vacancies. The relations between Troncoso and Gomez Toro are not at all cordial. - Irregularities denounced by Troncoso to the Secretary of the Treasury.

"LA PRENSA" - November 12, 1923.

EDITORIAL insisting upon the necessity of correcting some of the errors of the Budget now in force at the time of preparing the new Budget, and reminds Congress of some of the Laws pending in Congress.

"LA NOCHE" - November 12, 1923.

Dr. Cespedes stated to the reporters that the payment of "gratuities" will commence this month. The payments to be made this month will be to dismissed or surplus employees. The problem of the payment of pensions to the Veterans of Independence will be solved within the next few days. He also stated that the economic situation of the country was very good, which ought to be a source of satisfaction to the Government and to the people.

"EL MUNDO" - November 13, 1923.

A feature editorial entitled "CUBA BEFORE THE WORLD"- Commenting upon the arrival of the First Cuban Ambassador to the United States, the diplomatic relations of Cuba, and what it means for the political-international "status" of Cuba.

Cable despatch from Washington: Ambassador Crowder is about to finish the work which compelled him to come to Washington, and he will return to his post in Habana in a near future. The exact date of his departure has not yet been determined.

"DIARIO DE LA MARINA" - November 13, 1923.

A cable despatch from Washington stating that General Crowder will return to Havana very soon.

An article stating that Dr. Cosme de la Torriente will present his credentials before the American Government, and after that he will come to Havana. No information has been obtained at the Cuban State Department with respect to the trip of Dr. de la Torriente to Habana.

"La Prensa" of New York, of yesterday's date, carries an editorial regarding Ambassador Torriente. The editorial states that Cuba must continue to be the master of her own destinies, above all representatives, more or less personal, sent by the United States.

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"Diario de la Marina" - November 12, 1923.

Representative Recio called on the Secretary of the Interior yesterday, to take up with him certain questions relating to the possible dismissal of the Mayor of Camaguey, accused of disobedience the celebration of public acts by the Veterans and Patriots.

"EL TRIUNFO" - November 13, 1923.

Liberal and Conservative members of the House of Representatives intend to form a formidable block to oppose reelection. German Lopez maintains that the origin of the present troubles can be ascribed to the purposes of reelection. - The House held no session yesterday.

EDITORIAL. The State must pay all its legitimate debts. The fifty-million-dollar loan was obtained for this purpose. The Decree No. 761 ~~xxxxxxxxx~~ which provided for a partial payment of the claims approved, was issued due to the necessities of the moment, but as there are now sufficient funds in the Treasury, all the legitimate claims approved must be totally paid.

"MERCURIO" - November 13, 1923.

Letter from Dr. Ramirez to the President of the Republic, in connection with the recent visit made by the Economic Corporations to the President (This letter has already been translated in full).

It is affirmed that the Temporary Committee on Banking Liquidation has commenced to discuss the proposals received for the purchase of Central Limones. It is generally believed that the Banking Commission will finally decide to sell that sugar mill at auction. Mr. Smith has presented four different proposals.

EDITORIAL, favorably commenting upon the letter addressed by Dr. Ramiro Cabrera to the President.

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"HERALDO DE CUBA" - November 13, 1923.

Camaguey is still threatened by a railroad strike. Secretary Iturralde promised to settle the conflict, but he has taken no action.

"ONE DAY MORE" - An article commenting upon the fact that Dr. Zayas feigns not to be worried over the movement of the Veterans and Patriots, and that Government officials state that everything is quiet in the Republic; that Dr. Zayas never worried over the virtue of others, and never took any interest in his own virtue. In spite of the official optimism, however, the country is living hours of anguish. Business transactions are in a state of stagnation; capital is hidden, and merchants and industrial men are experiencing a very severe crisis; "the people seem to be disposed for supreme violences". It further hopes for the victory of the movement of regeneration.

An article bitterly attacking the Government for the project of Budget for the coming year which is now being prepared.

The Liberals of the Province of Matanzas condemn reelection and the intentions of non-reorganization.

An article by Dr. Jorge Garcia Montes, Representative for the Province of Santa Clara, on "The Present Situation". - He states that public opinion at the present time has its eyes fixed of three important problems, as follows: the problem which could be called "of the two Heraldos"; the movement of veterans and patriots, and presidential reelection. That as long as Enrique Mazas is at the head of "Heraldo de Cuba", it is a guarantee that this paper will carry on an energetic campaign of opposition, in defence of the Cuban ideals, etc. - As to the movement of Veterans and Patriots, their program is very good, with the exception of the vote to women, regarding which some objections could be made. "As to the present situation, everything seems to be calm, and I do not know what can be the final outcome. News received from the Eastern provinces, however, lead to the belief that a revolution may possibly break out." - Dr. Garcia Montes is also against reelection.

An article commenting upon the irregularities in the Department of the Lottery. The partisans of reelection, according to a rumor heard by the reporter, want the immediate dismissal of Alfredo Zayas Arrieta. Since the new Lottery Law is in force, the Populars can never see Zayas Arrieta, who is accused of of usurping 900 colecturias, which at $50.00 per drawing, make $45,000.00.

"EL HERALDO" - November 13, 1923.

At the Parliamentary Committee of the Liberal Party, Heliodoro Gil accused General Guerra of being in favor of reelection. The Liberal Party will hold a meeting of the 20th instant, at which Guerra will probably be ousted.

EDITORIALS:

"THE VOICE OF MENDIETA" - Favorably commenting upon the declaration made by Colonel Mendieta, published yesterday.

"THE RIGHT OF REVOLUTION" - Very favorably commenting upon the

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"El Heraldo" - November 13, 1923.

proclamation signed by General Carlos Garcia Velez, published yesterday,

Representative Sagaro has presented a project requesting the Executive to explain how certain appropriations have been disposed of.

"EL UNIVERSAL" - November 13, 1923.

"WE ARE NOT IN A BED OF FLOWERS" - by Ramon Vasconcelos. - The article states that a real state of alarm exists in the country, in spite of the efforts made by the Government to prove that everything is quiet. "It is constantly spoken of civil war, of revolution, of 'coup d'Etat'; the old guns are cleaned and greased; the 'machetes' are prepared, and the buggle sounds announcing the proximity of the catastrophe. How can anybody work without worries and anxieties, and to build what a revolution is likely to tear down at any time? There is no doubt that the Veterans and Patriots are right in demanding a change of procedure in the management of public affairs, and those who see that a catastrophe is near, hasten to suggest formulas of salvation.....The Government, however, does not pay any attention to the demands of the people....."

Irregularities in the Department of Public Works. - Four hundred thousand dollars have been wasted in payrolls of imaginary employees. Some streets of Habana are practically impassable, bu Secretary Sandoval is only paying attention to reelection.

An article commenting upon a probably change in the Cabinet. Dr. Zayas wants men who will yield to his desires for reelection, and is looking for men of prestige who will support his foolish intentions.

"LA PRENSA" - November 13, 1923.

Cable despatch from Washington. Ambassador Crowder held a conference with Secretary of War, Weeks, informing him that he would possibly be ready to return to Havana at the end of this week or early next week. Speaking with the reporters at the Department of War, Ambassador Crowder informed that he was about to finish the work which caused him to go to Washington.

EDITORIAL entitled "A SAD CONVICTION" - Stating that courtesy and mutual consideration do not seem to be the characteristics in the relations between the Press and the officials of the Governme ment. Dr. Cespedes is severely criticized for the manner in which he denied, the rumors about the returns of Messrs, Clifford and Howel. That "La Prensa" has the full conviction that two portfolios are too many for only one Secretary.....

"LA NOCHE" - November 13, 1923.

An article stating that according to information obtained from a distinguished Senator who had conferred with the President in morning, Ambassador Crowder is about to arrive at any moment and brings instructions from the American State Department to offer all assistance to the President of the Republic in case of any disturbance in the country. - General Crowder sent one of his intimate friends to Habana to explore the opinion of Dr. Zayas as he was afraid that he would be declared "persona non grata".

The Labor problem of Camaguey has been settled, and there will be no railroad strike.

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"La Noche" - November 13, 1923 (Continued).

EDITORIAL entitled "THE DESPISE OF THE YANKEES" - The work of the detractors of Cuba has been very successful. They have obtained the purposes which they intended, that is to say, that the Americans look upon the Cubans with disdain and indifference....

"DIARIO DE LA MARINA" - November 14, 1923.

This paper publishes an interview granted by Dr. Ferrara to a Correspondent of "Diario de la Marina". During said interview, Dr. Ferrara stated, among other things: "I have never believed any reelection to be respectable..... There are too many Liberal candidates; but only two can be taken into consideration: Mendieta, who represents the supreme force; and Machado, who represents the supreme skill....."

An article stating that the political fields in the House of Representatives, will be divided as follows: "Reelectionists vs. Non-reelectionists".

Cable despatch from New York: The Cuban Ambassador to the U.S. Dr. Cosme de la Torriente, announced to-night that he will leave on Thursday for Havana. He will make a rapid trip to Washington tomorrow. In expects to return from Habana in about a week, and then he will go immediately to Washington to present his credentials as Envoy Plenipotentiary of the Cuban Government in the U.S.

Section entitled "IMPRESIONES" -

The Government is very optimistic, having declared that the situation of Cuba is excellent. The truth, however, is altogether different. The condition of the Treasury cannot be better; but the conditions of the country cannot be any worse. If the millions of the Treasury cannot be used to remedy the evils of the country, what do the people care about the excellent condition of the Treasury? The causes of the moral disturbance are many. Through the fears of a revolution, anybody who has a dollar tries to hide it, and consequently, the commercial transactions are paralyzed; the merchants in the city are not doing anything, and in country towns nothing is received except the Bulletins issued by Garcia Velez. Not even fifty per cent of the last loan has been placed in circulation; but on the other hand, the taxes to pay the interests and amortization of said loan have been totally collected for the past twelve months...

"EL TRIUNFO" - November 14, 1923.

An article stating that it is not sufficient to boast of having many millions in the National Treasury, if there are large debts incurred during the present fiscal year, which have not been paid, without being able to explain what became of the amounts appropriated for such ~~amounts~~ obligations. The National Comptroller must act with energy; and each member of the Cabinet and each Chief of Bureau must explain in detail his administrative actions.....

"MERCURIO" - November 14, 1923.

A rumor circulated yesterday at the Produce Exchange, to the effect that the shareholders of the Banco Nacional de Cuba intend to hold a general meeting for the purpose of adopting resolutions in behalf of said banking institution. It was said that the members of the Board of Liquidation will be asked to explain the reasons for the long process of liquidation. The shareholders will make a new effort to reorganize said Bank.

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"HERALDO DE CUBA" - November 15, 1923.

According to reports received in financial circles from New York, Colonel Tarafa has encountered serious difficulties in his efforts to effect the consolidation of the railroads in accordance with the Law recently approved by the Cuban Congress. The American railroad enterprises upon which Col. Tarafa counted to effect said consolidation, are now reluctant to accept the bases. They hesitate to do so because they would no longer be American companies, inasmuch as according to the Law, the holding Company has to be organized in accordance with the laws of Cuba, and the controlling interests do no wish their companies to become Cuban companies. The reason for their attitude is not known, although it is generally believed that they consider their interests better protected if allowed to remain under the American laws. It is said that the Washington Government has, with the greatest secrecy, and unofficially told the American companies to study carefully the bases for the projected consolidation, before accepting them. If the above rumors are confirmed, it is very likely that the consolidation will fail to go through.

These are trying moments for the Liberal Party. The Government is trying to bribe the members of the Liberal Party, and although the Liberal masses are disposed to show off those who may try to buy them up, it is convenient to give the word of alarm. The existency of Cuba as a sovereign country, will depend upon the path which the leaders of the Liberal Party may follow. The victory of reelection will be the final sentence of the Cubans. It is impossible to demonstrate that a country can live in an atmosphere of corruption. A situation similar to that of Cuba at the present time cannot be prolonged. The dilemma is: either to make a radical change of present methods, or to perish. And the Liberal Party cannot dodge the great responsibilities which it now has.

"FOR THE REPUBLIC" - Commenting upon the urgent necessity of "putting a stop to the procacities of an audacious foreigner" (Sleven) who is trator to Cuba; and that the only thing to do is to expel him from Cuba.

An article entitled "NATIONALISM" - Unfavorably commenting upon the intentions of Dr. Zayas to be reelected. That real Nationalism consists in sacrificing the personal welfare for the good of the country. That it is really derisive that Dr. Zayas may invoque "Nationalism" to justify his intentions to perpetuate himself in power. That all his actions for Cuba are of a negative character. That the only way to atone for his grave sins would have been to present his resignation as President of the Republic, when through his own faults he became the prisoner of a Cabinet appointed by a foreigner .....

The Federation of Students has initiated a great movement against the Decree issued by Secretary of Public Instruction, Gonzalez Manet, whereby the school teachers created by special certificates, are placed on a same level with the teachers graduated from Normal Schools. The movement is so intense, and Gonzalez Manet so bitterly attacked, that the Decree will have to be repealed.

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"Heraldo de Cuba" - November 15, 1923 (Continued).

EDITORIALS:

"REELECTIONISTS WEAPONS" - The project of "Nationalization" of the Police's forces of the Republic which the President has placed before Congress, is only a trick to foster his reelectoral plans. After the sad experience of the "Revolution of February" the Army and the Rural Guard will be very careful to commit no abuses against the people during elections. On the other hand, the "Nationalized Municipal Police Forces" manipulated from Habana by Dr. Iturralde, would permit the Government to declare hypocritically that the Army kept clear out of the electoral struggle. Congress is asked not to approve this suiciding project.

"CONGRESSIONAL INACTIVITY" - Commenting upon the fact that the House of Representatives did not convene on the first Monday of this month, and that, for the time being, it seems that it does not intend to comply with that provision of the Constitution. The editorial further comments upon the harms done to the country by the attitude of the members of the House of Representatives.

"EL HERALDO" - November 15, 1923.

Alarming rumors circulated last night. The Government feared an uprising of the Veterans and Patriots, and kept the Army and the Police in readiness. The custody of the Palace and other public buildings, was increased. -(An article referring to the same subject, and in similar terms, has been translated from "El Universal" of Nov. 15th).

Dr. Cespedes has prevented a new burden of eleven million dollars to the country. The original project of Budget for the coming fiscal year, amounted to 77 millions, but the Acting Secretary of the Budget has cut down many items, and the new budget will not exceed 66 million dollars. This is a severe blow for the campaign of reelection, and will render very difficult the obtention of the ideals of Dr. Zayas. Many juicy appropriations which had no other reason than to foster the plans of reelection, have been considerably cut down.

The Committee on Improvements, of the Ayuntamiento of Havana has addressed the Provincial Governor requesting the suspension from office of Mayor Cuesta, for many crimes committed. According to the members of said Committee, all his crimes fall fully within the sanctions of the Penal Code. A Commission of Real Estate Owners, formed by Hernandez Cartaya, Gelabert, Carrera Justiz, Enrique Gomez Santa Padilla and Zaldo, also request the suspension of criminal and immoral resolutions adopted by the Municipal Council. A strike of tax-payers of the Municipality of Habana will be declared, to compel the Government to clean out that corrupt branch of the Administration.

EDITORIAL entitled "HISTORIAN AND PROPHET" - Unfavorably commenting upon the statements made by Dr. Zayas in his recent message to Congress, to the effect that his predictions made two years ago have come true, that the credit of the country has been totally restored, and that all traces of the crisis have been effaced. That Zayas, as a prophet, has been on the same level as Zayas as a historian. It is true that he has not written a single page of the History of Cuba; but on the other hand, his actions would fill many black pages of History..."such as those of the period of the 'memoranda', and we would have gladly paid, not five hundred dollars a month but a greater sum in order that he would not write such pages, since he has done more damage as an active historian than as a 'botellero'".....".And what can we say about the restoration of the credit, when the creditors of

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"El Heraldo" - November 15, 1923 (Continued)

the State cannot obtain the payment of their claims, in full?..."

The reports regarding Cuellar's propaganda against the Royal Bank of Canada, have caused a very bad impression in Washington. When Torriente arrived in Washington, "he found a diplomatic temperature more frozen than the Russian steppes," and immediately decided to leave for Habana. - General Crowder hastens his return, and he has made reservations for the United Fruit liner leaving New York on Saturday. - For reasons which are not known, but about which many conjectures are made, the American Charge d'Affaires has requested to be removed from Habana. His request was denied, and was confirmed in office.

"EL UNIVERSAL" - November 15, 1923.

Tarafa law

An article stating that the recent Law of Railroad Consolidation will soon be a total failure, because some American financial concerns which offered to lend their support to Col. Tarafa, now refuse to do so on the ground that the Law does not offer the necessary guarantees. - It has also been leanred that various American companies intend to present claims against the Cuban Government, which claims will aggregate 30 million dollars, for damages caused to their interests by the Tarafa Law. In view of this, General Crowder, who is about to arrive with discretional powers from his Government, may recommend to Dr. Zayas the necessity of repealing said Law.

A conspiracy to take away the Presidency of the House of Representatives from Dr. Vazquez Bello. His place will be occupied by Dr. Verdeja, and in this way, Verdeja will give up his presidential aspirations.

"EL MUNDO" - November 16, 1923.

Cable despatch from New York: - Dr. Cosme de la Torriente and Captain Castillo Pockorny left to-day for Habana, via Key West.

An article favorably commenting upon the rumors which circulated yesterday, to the effect that the object of Dr. Torriente's trip to Habana before presenting his credentials, is to try to reconcile the Veterans and Patriots with the Public Powers; that his most earnest desire his to be able to say, at the time of presenting his credentials, that absolute moral and material peace prevails in Cuba.....

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AMERICAN EMBASSY
OFFICE OF THE MILITARY ATTACHE
HAVANA, CUBA.

November 20, 1923.

No.- 2012

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

Subject: Havana Press Comment, etc. (No. 3090)

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Lieut. Col. G.S. Merrell, General Staff,
Chief, Latin-American Subsection

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1. Enclosed will be found Brief Summaries of News Articles and Editorial Comment of the Havana Press covering the days November 16 and 17; also special article from La Prensa of November 19 re the attitude of the student body of the University of Havana against Vicente Blasco Ibañez (now visiting Havana) who they claim "sold his pen and his word to the Yankee gold".

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2. There are also transmitted "Running Comments" Nos. 77, 78, 79 and 80, prepared by the Embassy and covering the activities of the Veterans and Patriots of November 13,14,15,16.

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AMERICAN EMBASSY
OFFICE OF THE MILITARY ATTACHE
HAVANA, CUBA.

November 27, 1923.

No. 2020.

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

Subject: News Articles and Editorial Comment in the Havana Press. (No. 3090)

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1. I enclose herewith translations of brief summaries of news articles and editorial comment in the Havana Press for the days November 23, 24, 25, 26 and 27, 1923.

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BRIEF SUMMARY OF NEWS ARTICLES AND EDITORIAL COMMENT IN THE HABANA PRESS.

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"HERALDO DE CUBA" - November 23, 1923.

An article by Enrique Mazas, unfavorably commenting upon the decision of the Supreme Court refusing toexclude General Cebreco from the proceedings instituted against the Veterans and Patriots. Mazas states that General Cebreco is accused of conspiracy for revolution. That no Court formed by Cubans could ever accuse Cebreco of conspiracy, as everybody knows in Cuba that Cebreco can "make" a revolution whenever he likes.....

EDITORIAL entitled "THE LIBERAL PARTY IN ITS PLACE" - Very favorably commenting upon the resolutions adopted at the National Assembly of the Liberal Party held yesterday.

"EL HERALDO" - November 23, 1923.

The only Conservative Provincial Governor, Colonel Herryman, of Pinar del Rio, emphatically declares that he is against reelection.

The famous bills of the Palace run against the honorability of the Debt Commission. Text of the resolution adopted by said Commission, refusing to authorize the payment of a Laundry bill of the Palace, amounting to $7,400.64, covering a period of nine months.

"EL UNIVERSAL" - November 23, 1923.

An article stating that victory will soon crown the efforts of the Veterans and Patriots. It has been learned from a reliable source that Zayas will not run for a second term, and that if he tries to do so, the American Government will make him give up the idea; and non-reelection is the fundamental principle of the Veterans & Patriots The presence of Ambassador Torriente in Cuba, is explained by certain informations obtained in the U.S. connected with the activitiesof Dr. Zayas to run for a second term. General Crowder knew before he left for Washington, that Dr. Zayas could not go to reelection, and he probably notified Zayas to that effect. Torriente has received his credentials, and will shortly leave for Washington, where he will only remain about a month, because, besides his natural disgust for the things which are said there about Cuba, his presence in Habana is greatly needed.

Bribery prevails in the Debt Commission. The contractors bribe members of the Debt Commission, to obtain the approval of their claims.

An article unfavorably commenting upon the liberal granting of pardons. Large sums of money paid for each pardon. Regueiferos is incapable of obtaining any money for signing pardons, but others do, and give to each pardon a political appearance.....

EDITORIAL, commenting upon the fact that Dr. Torriente should not accept the appointment of Ambassador to Washington, where he is not a persona grata. That Torriente cannot represent Cuba in the U.S. in a worthy manner, unless it is proven that he is looked upon with sympathy; but that it has been said and repeated that he is not a persona grata; and for his dignity and decorum, he is asked to refuse to go there.

"LA PRENSA" - November 23, 1923.

Declarations made by Dr. Cosme de la Torriente to the Correspondent

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"La Prensa" - November 23, 1923 (Continued)

of the Associated Press. Torriente stated that he was carefully studying the status of the international relations between Cuba and the United States; that he will take possession of his new office in 10 days, and that he will not be able to make a speech about the Monroe Doctrine during the celebrations to be held at Richmond, Va., on December 2 to 4. He was asked what truths there were in the rumors circulated in view of the fact that he had not presented his credentials during his stay in Washington, to which he answered that "only a natural or political quake could prevent him from returning to the American Capital." That lack of time prevented him from presenting his credentials; that he tried to see General Crowder at the Department of State, and also called at his Hotel, but was unable to meet him. That he had already boarded the train when he learned that General Crowder had called on him. As to his conferences in Washington, he merely stated that "they had fully discussed the situation".

"LA NOCHE" - November 23, 1923.

Editorial entitled "CAMPAIGN OF DEFAMATION" - Unfavorably commenting upon the articles appearing in the "Philadelphia Public Ledger", against Cuba.

Cable despatch from Nueva Gerona (Isle of Pines) - A "Column of National Defence of the Isle of Pines" has been organized. The first resolution adopted , was to ask the President of the Republic to expel Mr. Edward de Laureal Sleven from the national territory. That Sleven is the Editor of the "Isle of Pines Appeal" and also Correspondent of the "Philadelphia Public Ledger" both of which papers carry on a campaign of defamation against Cuba.

"EL MUNDO" - November 24, 1923.

An article very unfavorably commenting upon the actions of the Banking Commission, in connection with the matter of Central Limones.

EDITORIAL, favorably commenting upon the resolution adopted by the National Assembly of the Liberal Party, against reelection.

Report of the meeting of the Cabinet held yesterday. The President referred to the arrival of Dr. Cosme de la Torriente, to the conferences he held in Washington and to the good relations existing between Cuba and the United States.

"DIARIO DE LA MARINA" - November 24, 1923.

Representative Gonzalez Beauville has presented a Project of Law suppressing the Lottery.

The Mayor of the Isle of Pines has requested the moral support of the Secretary of the Interior to organize a patriotic campaign of propaganda to counteract the activities of those who desire the annexation of the Isle of Pines to the U.S.

"EL TRIUNFO" - November 24, 1923.

An article stating that the coming "Latin-American Juridical Congress" will tend to make a uniform Law in all Spanish-American countries.

An article stating that Public Health is completely abandoned in Cienfuegos, with grave danger for the inhabitants of that city.

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"LA PRENSA" - November 24, 1923.

pensions paid

According to information given out by Dr. Cespedes, the Law of Pensions has been fulfilled in all its parts. The payment of pensions has been brought up to date, and the pensions of Nov. will be paid together with the salaries of employees. He further stated that he will now devote his attention to the payment of the "gratuities", as well as of the balance of the claims approved by the Debt Commission.

"EL MUNDO" - November 25, 1923.

Cable despatch from Washington (Universal Service) - A despatch from Habana announces that Ambassador Torriente will leave for Washington tomorrow Monday. The matter of the powers to be conferred to the Ambassador by the Cuban Executive, has been settled to the satisfaction of Dr. Torriente. Persons fully acquainted with Cuban affairs state that Dr. Torriente did not present his credentials during his short stay in Washington. Before he accepted the office, Dr. Torriente desired to have the assurance that the Cuban Government would grant him sufficient liberty of action as Ambassador, to clear out the misunderstanding existing between the Governments of Washington and Habana. Dr. Torriente, as Ambassador, will find it necessary to hold long conferences with the Department of State with respect to the Cuban situation and the relations between the two Governments.

PALACE NEWS. - The Honorable President of the Republic and his wife, will give a banquet in honor of Dr. Cosme de la Torriente, next Saturday

"HERALDO DE CUBA" - November 25, 1923.

Comm articles

"THE POLITICAL INTERESTS OF GENERAL CROWDER IN WASHINGTON AND THE CAMPAIGN OF THE "PUBLIC LEDGER". - An article stating that the campaign carried on by the "Philadelphia Public Ledger" is caused by the failure of General Crowder in Cuba.....

An article commenting upon the fact that Sanitation is abandoned in Cuba at the present time. There are over one thousand cases of Malaria in the Province of Camaguey. A focus of infection exists between Vertientes and Santa Cruz del Sur, which is not combatted. That epidemic disease has practically invaded the entire country.

"EL MUNDO" - November 26, 1923.

"LEGISLATIVE PROBLEMS" - Unfavorably commenting upon the inactivity of Congress, and the lack of sufficient school rooms in Cuba.

"DIARIO DE LA MARINA" - November 26, 1923.

EDITORIAL, commenting upon the fact that the Reform of the Electoral Code is one of the urgent necessities of the country at the present moment. Reference is made to the Project presented by Mr. Aurelip, which will be commented upon in future articles.

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"HERALDO DE CUBA" - Nov. 26, 1923.

Dr. Ferra sailed from France, for Habana, via New York, yesterday.

"SOMETHING WHICH IS DEAD, GOVERNING SOMETHING WHICH IS ALIVE" - An article criticizing the actions of Dr. Zayas, and his bad judgment in the selection of the members of his Cabinet. That Dr. Zayas has not had in his Cabinet a single person of high standing whom the country could have considered as identified with the aspirations of his countrymen.....

An article favorably commenting upon the idea of appointing Mr. J. Eliseo Cartaya as Secretary of the Treasury.

"EL HERALDO" - November 26, 1923.

Despite the efforts made by the Acting Secretary of the Treasury, corruption and graft still prevail in the Division of Taxes; scandalous frauds of alcohol taxes; Captain Maza cannot stop the frauds committed by alcohol manufacturers, because his subordinates scoff at him. In the Division of Tax of One Per cent, the "botella" is doing as much damage as the frauds committed by the employees.

An article stating that an interesting subject was discussed at the last meeting of the Cabinet, of which no mention was made in the official report given to the press. This refers to the complaint made by the Secretary of Sanitation regarding the bad conditions of the streets of Habana. The streets are constantly torn to lay electric counduits or water mains, but they are never repaired, and in many cases this constitutes a menace for public health. This information was given to the reporters by Dr. Porto, who added that the Secretary of Public Works had promised to take action on the matter.

A telegram from Santiago de Cuba stating that the Governor of Oriente has discovered a big fraud committed during the former Administration, and has made the corresponding denunciation to the Courts of Justice. Public works were "accepted" officially and paid for, but they were never realized. Hundreds of thousands of dollars are said to be envolved.

EDITORIAL entitled "THE WEEK" - Commenting upon the fact that a state of alarm prevails throughout the country and that the merchants complain of the paralyzation of business; while in Havana, the friends of the Government deny the existance of such a state of affairs and affirm that everything is quiet. The attitude of the Veterans and Patriots demanding an urgent and radical change of methods which were poisoning the Administra- was not an unpremeditated act; it was the realization of the aspirations of the people, tired of the immoralities and corruption of the officials of the present Administration and of the former.

Article entitle "THE REVOLUTION" - "Revolution is the weapon used by virile people to make themselves be respected. It has no reason to spring in countries where the men in Power comply with the mandates of the people..... It cannot break out in degenerated communities where the people prefer to have peace and quietness to devote themselves to their commercial transactions..... When a Government is honest, laborious

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"El Heraldo" - November 26, 1923.

and serious, the revolution which tends to overthrow it, is a crime; when the people is degenerated and coward, the revolution which tries to overthrow a bad Government, is an idiocy. But when the Government has lost the notion of decorum and the people maintain their dignity, then the revolution is a marvelous talisman which makes plain the great virtues of the people; it is the purifying torch which burns the rotten roots..... Consequently, the dilemma is very simple: if the Government is as has been shown by Crowder's memoranda, the Minutes of Sessions of Congress and the Bulletins issued by the Association of Veterans and Patriots, and the People of Cuba does not rise against immorality and corruption, it becomes necessary to confess that we belong to a sick torpid and faint-hearted democracy. And if there is no truth in what has been disclosed by the Special Envoy of the President of the U.S., by the Senators and Representatives of the Republic and by the worthy elements which constitute the National Association of Veterans and Patriots, we unquestionably form part of a corrupt society.... ruled by a vacilating Government which doesnot comply with its duty requesting the withdrawal of the American Ambassador, imposing itself to Congressmen and doing away with the Veterans and Patriots. TO BE OR NOT TO BE. Either the Government is honest and the people degenerated; or the Government is degenerated and the people is honest.....

"LA PRENSA" - November 26, 1923.

Dr. Lopez del Valle has reported to the Secretary of Sanitation that the outburst of Malaria in the Province of Camaguey is now well under control; only seven new cases were reported yesterday.

"EL UNIVERSAL" - November 26, 1923

Doctor Zayas is trying to suppress Article 15 of the Law of Basis of the Budget, in order that he may make transfers of credit and use publicfunds for his campaign of reelection. Armando Cartaya and Comptroller Pereira will obtain from the members of Congress to make this suppression.

Zayas' candidacy

An article commenting upon the conference held between Dr. Zayas and Dr. Torriente, at which Dr. Cespedes was also present. It is said that Dr. Zayas has no intention of being reelected, and that he will so inform the Washington Government, through Dr. Torriente. That he suggests Dr. Carlos M. de Cespedes as a National Candidate for the Presidency of the Republic. However, the President does not wish to make any flat declaration that he will not run for a second term in order to maintain the unity of his followers.....

"EL MUNDO" - November 27, 1923.

Feature editorial entitled "THE REELECTION" - Unfavorably commenting upon all reelections in Cuba. That Zayas has not authorized anybody to commence the propaganda in favor of his nomination for a second term, and it is only a work of his friends and followers. Dr. Zayas is again earnestly requested to declare that he will not be nominated, and this declaration will serve to quiet down the uneasiness prewailing at the present time.

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"LA NOCHE" - November 26, 1923.

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Great political events expected to take place this week. Leaders of the Conservative, Liberal and Popular Parties will confer with the President. These conferences will be followed by meetings of the Parliamentary Committees in both branches of Congress, and as a result, there will be a quorum, in order to solve all the problems relating to the reorganization of the parties. Dr. Zayas is in favor of the exact fulfilment of that provision of the Electoral Code. In spite of the declarations made by Gonzalez Beauville at a meeting of the Executive Committee of the Liberal Party to the effect that Zayas can not be nominated for another term, even if he joins the Party, many members of the Liberal Party are trying to convince Dr. Zayas to join said Party, as it will serve to solve many of its conflicts now existing. - On the other hand, the Conservatives and the Populars exchange views to give compliance to the Fourth Basis and consolidate the League, for which they count upon the forces of General Asbert, and the "Miguelistas" who follow Jose M. Espinosa and Col. Nodarse.- In the meantime, Zayas is of the opinion that in spite of the fact that many of his friends ask him to accept his nomination, he will not make up his mind to do so, unless he has the assurance that the majority of the ELECTORAL BODY demand it.

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AMERICAN EMBASSY
OFFICE OF THE MILITARY ATTACHE
HAVANA, CUBA.

No.- 2023. 3-1 2657-Q 745 23 November 30, 1923.

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

Subject: Embassy "Running Comments" - re Veterans and Patriots.
No.3020.

RECEIVED G/2 W.D. DEC 7 1923

1. I enclose "Running Comments" No. 87, prepared by the American Embassy, regarding the activities of the Veterans and Patriots Association, etc., and dated November 28th.

2. In connection with the translation of an article from LA NOCHE of the 27th inst. contained therein, I am quite certain that this article was inspired by the Cuban State Department. This paper, LA NOCHE, has been conducting a persistent campaign against General Crowder personally and the United States in general, and the anti-American and anti-Crowder articles which it carries are inspired by President Zayas personally.

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Major, Gen. Staff,
Military Attaché.

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"Running Comment" No. 87 dated November 28th is also enclosed.

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La Lucha, in its issue of last Monday publishes the following remarkable despatch:

"Nueva Gerona, November 4: Since the first hours of Saturday morning this town showed on animated aspect to receive the Director General of Communications, Dr. Armando Cartaya and the committee accompanying him to visit the offices of the communications here.....

"Last (Saturday) night a sumptuous banquet was given in Hotel Tropical Gardens at which assisted more than one hundred and fifty diners, the National League being thereby consolidated.....In the midst of thunderous applause a resolution was adopted to request President Zayas to visit that Isle where his work in maintaining order on the Isle in the face of the annexationists is greatly admired. With vivas for Cuba Libre and for Dr. Zayas and the execution of the National Hymn the banquet ended at a late hour of the night.

"Today Dr. Armando Cartaya, presiding over the commission accompanying him, and with all the local authorities, paid a visit of courtesy to Major W. M. Pack, ex-governor of the Philippine Islands at his summer residence on La Ceiba estate on this Isle of Pines.

"The visitors were received with great show of welcome. Major Pack drank a toast to the felicity of the Cuban people, embracing and kissing the Cuban flag, and Dr. Armando Cartaya responded, toasting the felicity of the American people and the confraternity of the United States and Cuba, embracing and kissing the American flag.

"Major Pack, from his retirement, immediately upon the reception being over, addressed a warm telegram of congratulation to President Zayas."

FUNNY IMAGININGS

"Funnier than a barrel o' monkeys" is the description cabled or rather wirelessed —to La Lucha, of Havana, of a banquet given to the Director General of Communications on the occasion of his visit of inspection, last Saturday evening. The well-advertised fall opening of a restaurant was transmuted in the imagination of the gifted correspondent into a banquet of 150 covers, "at which was consolidated the National League," and at which an eloquent speech was made and a resolution was passed to invite the president of Cuba, Dr. Alfredo Zayas—whose work in maintaining intangible public order on the island in the face of the "Annexationists" is admired by the island—to visit the Isle of Pines.

The playing of the National Hymn, inaudible to the rest of those present, is then described by the correspondent, after which. he reports, the banquet ended at a late hour. He describes with convincing verisimilitude a visit of the Director of Comunications and his commission to the Summer home of ex-Governor Pack, who toasted the Cuban people and embraced and kissed the Cuban flag, but the imagination of the imaginative correspondent failed him when, after telling that "from his retreat Major Pack addressed a warn telegram of congratulation to President Zayas," he was apparently unable to relate upon what the president was congratulated—whether on signing the Lóttery Bill or the Tarafa Bill, avowedly enacted by the Cuban congress in defiance of the United States, or upon Dr. Zayas's admired work in the face of the "Annexationists," or upon the growth of the Veterans and Patriots' movement in Cuba.

We feel real sorry that the correspondent's imagination failed him at this point, for we would like to know upon what ex-Governor Pack congratulated the president of Cuba. That's imagination's weakness as compared to reason— well illustrated by the late illustrious bishop. John Lancaster Spaulding, when he said that the idea of Infinity doesn't confound reason but only staggers the imagination.

All will agree, however, that the correspondent's imagination was powerful as far as it went in doping out a despatch which under the scare head "Isle of Pines Renders Homage of Sympathy to Dr. A. Cartaya," transformed the fall opening dinner-dance of an American restaurant, at which nine-tenths of the diners were Americans paying for their own dinners and knowing only incidentally, if at all, of Dr. Cartaya's presence, into a banquet given by the Isle of Pines to the Director of Comunications. Not that the Americans have anything against Dr. Cartaya: those who had the pleasure of making his acquaintance found him a courteous, pleasant gentleman, but they were us unconscious of giving him a banquet as they were of being augmented in number some fifty per cent between the moment of sitting down and the breaking up of the banquet at a late hour, to the strains of the National Hymn, after they had "consolidated the National League", of which they will first hear upon reading The Appeal this morning.

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

Subject: Embassy "Running Comments" - re Veterans and Patriots.
No. 3020.

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1. I enclose "Running Comments" Nos. 89, 90 and 91, dated respectively December 1, 3, and 4, prepared by the American Embassy, regarding the activities of the Veterans and Patriots Association.

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Major, Gen. Staff,
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HAVANA, CUBA.

November 30, 1923.

Lieut. Col. G.S. Norvell, General Staff,
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No.- 2024.

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

Subject: Havana Press Comment, etc. (No. 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 November 27, 28, 29 and 30, 1923.

2. In connection with the campaign against Mr. E. L. Slevin, editor of the ISLE OF PINES APPEAL, (an American newspaper), I attach hereto a reprint of an article in the LA LUCHA of Havana of November 5,1923, together with reprint of an editorial from the ISLE OF PINES APPEAL which started this campaign against Mr. Slevin.

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BRIEF SUMMARY OF NEWS ARTICLES AND EDITORIAL COMMENT IN THE HABANA PRESS.

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"HERALDO DE CUBA" - November 27, 1923

Interview with the Provincial Governor of Habana, Alberto Barreras. He stated that reelection, as a practical possibility which may threaten the ~~xxxxxxxxxxxx~~ victory of the Liberal Party, does not constitute a problem. The Liberal Party will always be opposed to reelection, because it has been and will always be a source of disturbance. As the Liberal Party will never support the reelectoral purposes of Dr. Zayas, if he decides to be reelected, he will have to seek the support of other political forces. - Reelection would intensify the campaign of the Veterans and Patriots.....

It is very dangerous to take up the reform of the Electoral Code at the present time. It is true that the present Code is very defective, but if the reforms are undertaken now, they will benefit the re-electoral aspirations of Dr. Zayas.

Colonel Jose Eliseo Cartaya, whose name has been mentioned as a candidate for the office of Secretary of the Treasury, states that the position has not yet been offered to him; that he would be willing to accept the sacrifice, but believes that there are others more competent; that his Administrative program would simply be "Honesty".

An article relating to the activities of the annexationists of the Isle of Pines, and the patriotic campaign against them. While the Americans desire the military occupation of that Isle by the U.S., the Cubans want the expulsion of pernicious foreigners.

"EL HERALDO" - November 27, 1923.

An accusation made against the "Compañia Central" (Owners of "La Dichosa") of bringing counterfeit tickets of the Madrid Lottery, in connivance with certain Cuban authorities.

An article unfavorably commenting upon the fact that the newly appointed Cuban Ambassador to the U.S. needs $25,000.00 for his travelling expenses to go to Washington. Dr. Zayas is trying to make a transfer of credit to defray said expenses.....

An article commenting upon the rumors of the appointment of Col. Eliseo Cartaya as Secretary of the Treasury. Cartaya imposed certain conditions to accept the appointment, one of which was the removal of Dr Carlos Portela (the present Sub-Secretary), and that is why the President hastened to declare that he had not offered the position to Col. Cartaya.

The meeting of the National Executive Committee of the Conservative Party will take place tomorrow, according to the second call sent out; because there was no quorum at the first call. Hevia and Dolz will continue in the Republican Party, because the positions offered to them in the Conservative Party are not considered by them to be very advantageous.

"EL UNIVERSAL" - November 27, 1923.

The subjects discussed at the meeting held last Saturday between the President and the Provincial Governors, are being learned little by little. It is said that Dr. Torriente has postponed his departure for Washington, because he wishes to learn the names of the members of the new Cabinet before he leaves, inasmuch as the

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"El Universal" - November 27, 1923 (Continued).

President is earnestly requested to have men in his Cabinet more competent and more honest than those now in office. The four Liberal Governors who were present at said meeting, made some suggestions as to the persons who could be appointed. It is true that the Portfolio of the Treasury has been offered to Colonel Cartaya, but Cartaya has to obtain a license from the ~~xxxxxxx~~ Cement Company with which he is connected, before he accepts the offer. However, it is more likely that said appointment will be made in favor of Dr. Cortina. It has also been learned that Zayas is now in favor of the suppression of the Tarafa Law, and of the modification of the Lottery Law, two of the points demanded by the Veterans and Patriots. 3110

An article by Mariblanca Sabas Aloma, inciting the Cubans to rise in arms for the re-conquest of liberties, if they do not desire to be called cowards.

"LA NOCHE" - November 27, 1923.

An article stating that Dr. Cortina has written to his friends that he intends to withdraw from ~~xxxx~~ the Cabinet and devote himself to the practice of Law.

A cable despatch from Washington, stating that the Veterans and Patriots are considered there as traitors.

"EL MUNDO" - November 28, 1923.

Feature editorial entitled "COSME DE LA TORRIENTE", - praising the new Ambassador to the United States.

EDITORIAL entitled "THE ISLE OF PINES IS CUBAN" - Unfavorably commenting upon the activities displayed by certain Americans residing in that Island.

"DIARIO DE LA MARINA" - November 28, 1923.

The Chief of the Secret Service, Lieut. Tutor, has sent to the Court of Instruction of the Second District, a number of "El Heraldo" corresponding to the 26th instant, which published an article written by Gustavo Gutierrez, which is considered as a call to revolution against the constituted Government.

"EL TRIUNFO" - November 28, 1923.

An article entitled "WILL THE GOVERNMENT DO EVERYTHING?", commenting upon the activities of ~~xxxxxxxxxxxxxx~~ Mr. Sleven, and stating that, as in the times of the Colony, the people expect everything from the Government, and finally suggests the idea of lynching the Editor of the "Isle of Pines Appeal". (This article is written by Napoleon Galvez).

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"HERALDO DE CUBA" - November 28, 1923.

An interview with Dr. Miguel Mariano Gomez. He is opposed ~~xxx~~ to reelection, because it is always the cause of revolution, sorrow and crimes, American interference, violations of the Constitution and political crisis. He is also opposed to the extension of powers, but he is greatly in favor of the reorganization of the parties.

Article entitled "THE GUTTER", by Enrique Mazas, criticizing the actions of Dr. Zayas as President of the Republic. He says that corruption and graft have prevailed during Zayas' Administration, but that he has not done a single good thing, Mazas also comments in an unfavorable manner upon the reelectoral purposes of Dr. Zayas, and states that one of the members of his Cabinet will launch reelection within the next forty-eight hours, with the idea of compelling the other members of the Cabinet to define their attitude.

Declarations made by Dr. Aurelio Alvarez, President of the Conservative Party. He states that the Conservatives will undertake the reorganization of the Party, by themselves. He also states that important resolutions will be adopted at to-day's meeting of the National Executive Committee, but he does not believe that the problem of "reelection" will be brought up.

Dr. Hernandez Cartaya makes some declarations regarding the Latin-American Juridical Congress projected by Dr. Reguciferos. He states that said Congress will be inopportune, because it will coincide with the presidential elections, and also because another Congress for the same purpose is scheduled to take place at Rio Janeiro in 1925, in accordance with the resolutions adopted at the last Pan-American Conferences. Besides, the Sixth Pan-American Conferences will be held in Habana in 1928.....

The Tarafa Law is already causing damages. The enforcement of said Law is causing the Cuban exporters to suffer great losses. An exporter of Media Luna has not been able to send a shipment of molasses, due to the difficulties in obtaining the corresponding special permit.

"EL HERALDO" - November 28, 1923.

An article stating that the American creditors of the Banco Nacional fear that the voracity of Comptroller Pereira may prevent them from collecting a part of their credits, and ask for protection from the American Embassy. The Embassy desires to know the present state of the liquidation of that Bank, and asks for detailed information. The foreign creditors are afraid of the activities of the Temporary Committee on Banking Liquidation, and consider that their interests are not guaranteed.

A huge business planned in connection with the payment of "gratuities" to public employees. This article states that Mr. Mohinam, who conferred with Dr. Zayas and with Dr. Celso Cuellar del Rio, has offered a large sum of money to obtain the control of the business. The Regulations for the payment of said gratuities, drafted by Dr. Hernandez Cartaya, will probably be modified, to make the business possible.

"EL UNIVERSAL" - November 28, 1923.

An article commenting upon the possibilities of a revolution in Cuba.

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"El Universal" - November 28, 1923 (Continued).

It states that the United States will recognize a "de facto" Government. The American Government will not aid the recolution, but it will accept consumated facts. Secretary Hughes has studied the extent of Article 4 of the Constitutional Appendix, which refers to adequate governments, and believes that a constituted government can very well be an "adequate" Government. Money, arms, and men, are now ready for the revolution. An American entity said to have made an offer of one million dollars to the Veterans and Patriots to give up their attitude, but the offer was rejected, and the program of regeneration will be carried to the end. General Crowder is said to be in close touch with the Veterans and Patriots, helping them all he can, taking into consideration his official capacity.

An article very unfavorably commenting upon the actions of Dr. Cespedes as Acting Head of the Department of the Treasury. Commenting upon the immoral busines planned with the payment of the gratuities, the articles states that Dr. Cespedes protects all illegalities; that he yields to all the desires of the President and his relatives, and "with his meek and compliant diplomacy, he sanctions all the enormities of the Executive and of his relatives..." Dr. Cespedes has not wanted to meddle in the Lottery.

Article entitled "CESPEDES" - by Ramon Vasconcelos. - After praising Dr. Cespedes and his actions before and during the crisis of the "Cabinet of Honesty", the article states that he has become a prisoner of Dr. Zayas, an instrument of his reelectoral desires, and "a fig leaf of Administrative piracy."

A rumor circulated yesterday at the Palace, to the effect that Dr. Cortina intends to withdraw from the Cabinet. It was said that he also intends to withdraw from the Popular Party and join the Liberal Party again, in order that he may obtain a nomination for Senator at the coming elections.

"GO !" Article by Dr. Orosman Viamontes, asking Dr. Zayas to resign and get away, if he wishes to prevent the catastrophe. "The hour of punishment is near. The fury of the people, refrained during a long time, is about to break out in a violent and irresistible manner, and very shortly not a guilty person shall be able to dodge its effects. Throughout the whole national territory, the citizens are getting ready for the battle, and your spies know, and they have told you, that the people are conspiring openly in public places, that the "guajiros" are hiding their old arms with which they made the independence; that contrabands of arms and ammunition are being landed on our shores.) If you wish to avoid the catastrophe by arresting the leaders of the protest, you will be convinced of your isolation and impotence..... Everybody is deserting you. Crowder, your companion in the Consultive Commission during the Second Intervention, the diplomat who decided the last elections in your favor after having seen you profiteer with pardons with Magoon, now in his country, is you most formidable enemy, sick of your methods.... Your Secretary of Foreign Affairs is unceasingly working to take your place, and xxx the Ambassador to the U.S., not of the interests of the country, but of your personal interests, works against you because he expects to reap the most precious fruits of victory..... When the attack begins, it shall be too late to follow this advice, and you shall seek in vain, not the splendid road which leads to Paris, but the easy and familiar road which leads to Cambute. .... You have always been the man of the grimaces. Have a manly action. Resign!!. Go!

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"LA NOCHE" - November 28, 1923.

An article stating that Dr. Zayas will issue very shortly an important and sensational manifesto to the country.

Cable despatch from Washington, commenting upon Mr. Conn's articles, and the participation of General Crowder in said articles.

"EL MUNDO" - November 29, 1923.

A conference took place yesterday morning, which was attended by Ambassador Torriente, the President of the Senate Aurelio Alvarez, the President of the House Clemente Vazquez Bello and the Provincial Governors who are now in Habana. According to information obtained from one of those who were present, the meeting was held for the purpose of discussing the future legislative program, which will be submitted to the consideration of the President at a future meeting to be held at the Palace.

"DIARIO DE LA MARINA" - November 29, 1923.

The National Executive Committee of the Conservative Party held an important meeting yesterday, presided by Dr. Aurelio Alvarez. Santiago Rey and Manuel Villalon acted as Secretaries. The object of the meeting was to discuss the economic conditions of the Party and anything which might be considered convenient for the reorganization of the Party. After a heated debate, the minutes of the previous meeting were approved. As will be remembered, it was at said meeting when the resolution to dissolve the National League was adopted. Mr. Emilio Sardiñas suggested the non-reorganization of the Party, but his motion was almost unanimously rejected. The President was bitterly attacked by Soto, Izquierdo, and Lopez.

EDITORIAL, giving a brief summary of the reforms of the Electoral Code proposed by Dr. Aurelio Alvarez.

"EL TRIUNFO" - November 29, 1923.

Dr. Torriente had a conference with some Senators yesterday. It has been learned that among the subjects discussed at said conference, was the compatibility of the offices of Ambassador and Senator. The opinion prevails that the appointment of Dr. Torriente as Ambassador, is not incompatible with his office as Senator.

"MERCURIO" - November 29, 1923.

A long letter from Miguel Iribarren, ex-Secretary of the Treasury, to Dr. Julio de la Torre, explaining his attitude toward the Board of Directors of the Banco Nacional, by reason of the agreement entered into between the State and said Banking institution, with respect to the Securities deposited in the National Treasury.

"EL MUNDO" - November 30, 1923.

Feature editorial entitled "IMMORAL AND ILLEGAL" Unfavorably commenting upon the attitude of the Temporary Committee on Banking Liquidation, in connection with the sale of Central "Limones". It also criticizes the Temporary Committee because it refuses to render an account of its Administration to those who have a right to demand it.

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"El Mundo" - November 30, 1923. (Continued).

A proclamation issued to the Cuban people by Mr. Cosme de la Torriente in connection with his appointment as Ambassador, and as a reply to the Bulletin recently issued by the Association of Veterans and Patriots (Already translated in full).

"HERALDO DE CUBA" - November 29, 1923.

Very optimistic declarations made by General Betancourt, Secretary of Agriculture regarding the present conditions of Cuba. He states that the coming crop will not be interrupted and will be effected with more facility and splendour than ever before; that the threats of revolution are not even worthy of being taken into consideration; that not a single Cuban has given a serious thought to the idea of rising in arms; that Cuban is being closely watched, and its independence will be endagered by the least disturbance. He is not in favor of the restriction of molasses exports, inasmuch as domestic consumption is very limited.

An article stating that General Garcia Velez will try to obtain his retirement, due to the possibility of being dismissed from office, and because he has been at the service of the country for 23 years.

An article unfavorably commenting upon the licenses to carry weapons, gratuitously issued by the Secretary of the Interior.

LET US RESPECT THE VETO - An article commenting uponthe last conference between the President and the Liberal Governors. Four Provincial Governors called on Dr. Zayas to obtain an amphatic declaration that he does not intend to be reelected, but as usual, Dr. Zayas only answered with subterfuges. If Dr. Zayas insists on the idea of being reelected, all the responsibility of future events will fall on him; that Dr. Zayas will not be reelected, regardless of what it costs to prevent it. .....

An article commenting upon the proceedings instituted against some members of the "Association of Good Government" who signed the Manifesto to the country issued las September. A communication from Dr. Alzugaray to the Court, is also quoted, stating that the accusations made in said Manifesto are applicable to Dr. Zayas, and requests the Court to make an investigation of the wealth of Zayas, and to order an appraisal of the estate "Finca Maria" and its furniture, and also to obtain a complete list of the Lottery Collectors appointed in accordance with the last Lottery Law, and hear the deposition of witnesses in connection with the manner in which the "cargaremes" have been handled. He further requests to attach to the proceedings a complete list of pardons granted from the time Dr. Zayas was inaugurated as President, and to obtain the declaration of each one of the persons pardoned as to the manner in which they obtained their pardons. - Judge Almagro has complied with some of the requests made by Alzugaray, and rejected others. Among the petitions rejected, are: that part which relates to the "colecturias" and "cargaremes", and the matter of the pardons.

"EL HERALDO" - November 29, 1923.

An account of the meeting held by the National Executive Committee of the Liberal Party. The minutes of the session at which a resolution dissolving the National League, was adopted, were approved. Soto Izquierdo flung accusations against the President of having initiated a campaign of persecution against Conservatives employees. German Lopez was greatly applauded when he spoke against reelection.....

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"EL UNIVERSAL" - November 29, 1923.

An article stating that there is a dreadful outburst of Malaria in Jobabo (Province of Camaguey). Dr Casuso has left for that Province, but the epidemic disease will not checked. The appropriation for Sanitary purposes is spent in "botellas".....

Colonel Orencio Nodarse, a candidate for the Department of the Treasury. Dr. Zayas has offered him that office, under the condition that he will maintain Portela as Sub-Secretary; that he will reinstate Samper, and not meddle with Zayas Arrieta.

An article commenting upon the rumors that the President has promised Samper that he and Garcia Sierra will be reinstated in office.

"LA PRENSA" - November 29, 1923.

This morning, the President declared to a group of politicians who called on him, that he was fully in accord with the reorganization of the political parties, which matter he followed with great interest, because he knows that it is in accord with the desires of the electoral body. Referring to his reelection, he said that he had made no declarations regarding the matter, and that he postponed his decision until after the reorganization of the parties, from which the national candidate will spring. Dr. Zayas also awaits the reorganization of the Popular Party which will continued united with the Conservative Party, in the National League, in order to obtain again the victory of the candidature. which will unquestionably be backed by thousands of Liberals and persons of high standing in public opinion. -- The opinion of the Conservatives is that the nomination of Dr. Zayas for a second term, is a fact.

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"HERALDO DE CUBA" - December 3, 1923.

An article commenting upon the corruption prevailing in the Judiciary. This article refers to the announcement made of the contemplated dismissals of many Judges; that said dismissals are not quite satisfactory, inasmuch as corruption is not confined to that last step of the ladder, and reminds the illegal actions committed by the Supreme Court while Dr. Jose Antolin del Cueto was President of that high Court.

An article commenting upon the inactivity of Congress, and the responsibility in which the members of Congress incur for the failure to comply with their duties; that the President of the House of Representatives has sent out a circular telegram to the Representatives who are at present out of town, urging their presence, in order that the present legislative period may be opened.....

EDITORIAL favorably commenting upon the declarations made by Secretary Hughes on the occasion of the hundredth anniversary of the Monroe Doctrine, regarding the intentions of the U.S. with respect to Cuba.

"EL HERALDO" - December 3, 1923.

This paper carries a list of the Lottery Collectors who had paid the corresponding yearly tax during the month of September last, stating that the Director General of the Lottery did not want to disclose the name of Collectors appointed, but as the Department of the Treasury demanded said list, he had to comply with the request. This list contains the names of only about 325 Collectors.

It has been learned that some days ago, the President requested from the Department of the Treasury to be confidentially informed of the securities of the Banco Nacional held by the State and to be furnished with a detailed list of the same. There was a great excitement when it was learned that the purpose was to use said securities for the liquidation of the floating debt. Some persons keen on making investigations affirm that a big "chivo" exists behind this scheme, because the idea is to cancel these securities by their present depreciated value and not by their nominal value. Many contractors of the State are said to be willing to cancel what the State owes them, offering a high percentage as"commission". However, the Secretary of the Treasury has a better project in view for the liquidation of the floating debt. This project consists in obtaining authorization from Congress to make an issue of bonds, to be used for the payment of the claims pending....

An article commenting upon the irregularities committed in the Division of the Tax of One per Cent. The Chief of that Division is accused of tolerating said irregularities.

EDITORIAL on "THE MONROE DOCTRINE" - Favorably commenting upon the intentions of the U.S. with respect to Cuba.

The Government owes over $20,000.00 to members of Banking Liquidation Boards who have terminated their mission. Rumors to the effect that the Government intends to include this debt in the Budget for the coming fiscal year.

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"I[illegible] UNIVERSAL" - December 3, 1923.

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The Conservative and the Popular parties are suffering great hardships for the lack of financial resources. Zayas failed to fulfill his promises to the members of said political parties. Now the principal leaders of said parties say that they will not do anything in favor of reelection, if Zayas does not advance them money, because they do not desire to be deceived again. Zayas seems inclined to accede to such demands, and has ordered his son (the Director General of the Lottery) to issue some appointments in favor of members of said parties. - The Government is disposed to use all the public funds for the campaign of reelection.

Dr. Iturralde collects $3,000.00 every month as graft, to permit tea houses, opium dens, gambling joints and other vices. Corruption has undermined the Police Force. Placido Hernandez, the Chief of Police of Habana is an instrument of Iturralde, etc.....

"EL MUNDO" - December 4, 1923.

Feature editorial, entitled: "AN INEXHAUSTIBLE THEME" - Commenting upon the Monroe Doctrine, and the declarations made by Secretary Hughes in connection therewith.

"MERCURIO" - December 4, 1923.

Letter from Dr. Julio de la Torre to Mr. Miguel Iribarren, ex-Secretary of the Treasury, regarding the manner in which the State took possession of the securities of the Banco Nacional.

Letter from President Zayas to the Editor of "Mercurio" in reply to the Editorial published yesterday, regarding the failure to pay the salaries of the members of the Banking Commission. Dr. Zayas explains that there is no appropriation to defray such expenses, and if the Executive used other funds, he would be guilty of malversation of public funds.....

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"HERALDO DE CUBA" - December 1, 1923.

"REELECTION AS SEEN BY A MEMBER OF THE CABINET" - Commenting upon the recent declarations made by Dr. Gonzalez Manet in connection with the problem of presidential reelection in Cuba. "Heraldo de Cuba" states that it has always combatted reelection as a principle, but owing to the manner in which Dr. Zayas was elected President, this paper is compelled to combat reelection, and to combat Dr. Zayas.

The ex-Mayor of Habana, Diaz de Villegas and several Councilmen, can be prosecuted. The Supreme Court declares that administrative authorization is not necessary to institute proceedings against guilty officials of the Administration.

EDITORIAL entitled "CROP AND MORAL PEACE" - Commenting upon the recent declarations made by General Betancourt, Secretary of Agriculture; that the most important part of said declarations refers to the fact that the coming crop should be effected with the greatest facilities, to have plenty of cane to grind, and plenty of men to do the work. "Heraldo de Cuba" states that with material peace, a good crop can be made; but that with "Moral peace", a good crop and a good country can be made. That General Betancourt is right when he states that material peace exists; but that the moral peace has been destroyed long ago, and it cannot be restored by means of guns and "machetes", but by means of measures of good government. That the present Government only announces warlike preparations to reestablish moral peace; that by such methods a tyrannic Government can only hold out for a certain length of time; but that no country in the world can progress and be really prosperous if it needs to have its soldiers on a war footing to maintain material peace.....

An auction for the sale of the properties of H. Upmann & Co. had been announced tottake place yesterday, but no bidders appeared, and a fourth auction may be called.

Cable despatch from London, referring to the editorial published by the "Manchester Guardian" criticizing the financial influence of the U.S. over the small republics of the American Continent.

"EL HERALDO" - December 1, 1923.

EDITORIALS: "A BAD CAUSE" - With reference to the recent declarations made by Dr. Gonzalez Manet to "Diario de la Marina", it states that Dr. Gonzalez is a very good Lawyer, but he has taken charge of the defence of a bad or lost case. --
"THE JUDICIARY" - Commenting upon the accusations made by Mr. Conn against the members of the Judiciary; that as a general rule, Mr. Conn is well informed, and the cases which he cites are true; but that, however, there are many competent and honest officials of the Judiciary.....

"EL UNIVERSAL" - December 1, 1923.

The article published by "El Universal" about a month ago referring to the fact that the American Government was bringing preasure to bear on the Cuban Government for the fulfilment of the program of regeneration of the Veterans and Patriots, has been fully confirmed. The American Government sent an ultimatum to the Cuban Government, through Dr. Torriente. The Cuban Government

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"El Universal" - December 1, 1923 (Continued)

has now waved flag of truce, and promises to comply with the of the demands made by the Veterans and Patriots, but the latter insist on the acceptance of all their demands. The President held an important conference yesterday with political leaders and other prominent persons to discuss the subject; the matters discussed were so grave, that even the meeting of the Cabinet was postponed.....

An article stating that President Zayas was to receive $500,000.00 for the approval of the Tarafa Law, but as he has only collected $100,000.00, he now wants Congress to repeal said Law. The members of Congress, who have collected their share, are willing to comply with the desires of the President. Tarafa threatens to disclose the graft, and states that he will publish the list of the persons who were bribed, exhibiting the original checks given to them.

An article stating that Colonel Tarafa, who is now in New York, had a conference by telephone with President Zayas, yesterday. During said conference, Tarafa told Zayas that he was absolutely certain that the American Government was in sympathy with the movement of Veterans and Patriots, and that if Zayas fails to repeal the Tarafa Law, if he does not suppress the life long "colecturias", if he the Electoral Code is not reformed, and if he doesnot give up the idea of reelection, Ambassador Crowder will be sent to impose such measures. That the meeting held yesterday at the Palace was a consequence of the information given by Col. Tarafa.

"LA PRENSA" - December 1, 1923.

EDITORIAL entitled: REVOLUTION AND INTERVENTION" - Commenting upon the recent declarations by by Dr. Cosme de la Torriente, to the effect that "At the present time, there can be neither revolution nor intervention in Cuba, if we wish to maintain our independence." - An "La Prensa" states that "the lack of a revolutionary spirit, and the lack of intervention in public affairs of the best elements, constitute precisely two of the greatest obstacles to the maintenance of our independence....."

"LA NOCHE" - December 1, 1923.

It now seems that the Government is trying to come to an understanding with the Veterans and Patriots. It has been learned that at the conference held yesterday at the Palace, it was agreed on the idea of suppressing two laws; Railroad Consolidation being one of them. It has also been learned that certain changes in the Cabinet will take place shortly. The Veterans are said to have made new demands, which the Government will refuse to grant.

Cable despatch from New York: Events in the U.S. are taking a turn favorable for Cuba. The declarations made by Mr. Hughes to the Federal Sugar Refining Co., an official note, and the consolidation of Cuban Railroads, habe brought about a current of optimism favorable to Cuba in American financial circles.....

"DIARIO DE LA Marina" - December 2, 1923.

"AN OBSTACLE FOR THE CONCILIATION? 'EL HERALDO' publishes an information to the effect that we are exposed to new diplomatic complications, by virtue of certain obligations acquired by the Department of Public Works, which have not been fulfilled, in spite of the fact that the matter has been taken up with the President. Complications of this nature are always dangerous when foreign interests of first class (or "North-American) are at stake; but

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at the present moment when an approach with the Veterans and Patriots is procured to seek formulas of harmony which may restore the moral peace of the country, the matter becomes extremely grave, not only on account of what may come from abroad, but because it difficults the already difficult understanding which must be based on healthy rectifications on the part of the Public Powers, especially on the part of the Administration. We sincerely desire that the Executive may be able to find some way to solve this matter satisfactorily, if what said paper publishes is true."

"EL TRIUNFO" - December 2, 1923.

An article stating that the National Treasuryhas now 42 millions on hand: 23 millions actually deposited in the Treasury, and 19 millions in the hands of American bankers who contracted the last fifty-million-dollar loan; that by placing in circulation one-third of that amount, or, say, 15 millions, for the payment of the floating debt, immense benefits would be derived by the country. If it becomes necessary to obtain a special authorization from Congress to do this, said authorization should be obtained without delay, in view of the fact that the people of Cuba are clamoring for the restoration, in some way, of so much money withdrawn from circulation.....

An article commenting upon the necessity of restoring the old salaries of the members of the Army, as has been done with civil employees. There is no reason to justify the keeping of the Army in a state of inferiority.

The Supervisor of the Province of Camaguey has submitted a report to Dr. Porto, Secretary of Sanitation regarding the measures adopted to carry on a very active campaign to combat the outburst of Malaria in that Province.

"EL COMERCIO" - December 2, 1923.

The Debt Commission has denied the right to collect many of the claims presented for supplies to the Palace. At a meeting held last Thursday, the following decitions were reached regarding said claims:

Havana Coal Company: claims for $520.90, $420.20, $200.00, $1,391.00 and $762.00 and $96.00, supplied to the Palace - Rejected.
F.Pardo & Co: Groceries for the Palace, $16,624.16 - Unwarranted.
Armandó y Hermano: Flowers for the Palace, $500.00 - Reduced to $300.00.
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Jose Fernandez: Meat and Groceries for the Palace, $817.40 - Unwarranted.
Jose Fernandez: meat and groceries for the Palace, $6,373.35 - Unwarranted.
Pablo Sanz: Fish supplied to the Palace, $2,223.70 - Unwarranted.
Vicente Guert: Milk for the Palace, $2,046.55 - Unwarranted.
Pardo y Hermano: Groceries supplied to the Palace, $4,155.16 - Unwarranted.
Pablo Sanz: Milk for the Palace, $263.15.
Carballo y Martin: Flowers for the Palace, $70.00 (?) - Reduced to $200.00.

"LA NOCHE" - December 2, 1923.

A letter from President Zayas to "La Noche" - as a reply to the special Bulletin No. 8 of the Veterans and Patriots.

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"HERALDO DE CUBA" - December 2, 1923.

The high electoral organizations are getting ready for the coming electoral work, which will be overwhelming. The political parties are in absolute ignorance with respect to the reorganization of the same, and many consultations are made to the Central Electoral Board. It is believed that the Central Electoral Board and other electoral boards, as well as the Supreme Court, will be unable to handle all the work.

EDITORIAL entitled "LET US AWAIT EVENTS" - Commenting upon the hundredth anniversary of the declaration of the Monroe Doctrine, pointing out some of the drawbacks and the advantages of said Doctrine.

"EL MUNDO" - December 3, 1923.

Cable despatch from New York: Dr. Ferrara arrived in New York on Saturday, and upon landing, he made some declarations to Mr. Robaina, Special Correspondent of "El Mundo". - Ferrara stated that the sale of "Heraldo de Cuba" had been agreed upon in general terms, reserving the right to direct said publication during the coming electoral campaign; that the attitude assumed by the staff compels him to assume the direct management of said publication, and much to his regret, he will carry out a fierce campaign, which he desired to avoid.....

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In a cable despatch from Paris announcing the departure of General Menocal for Cuba, the following is stated: "Before his departure from France, General Menocal stated that he will carry out a very active political work in Cuba."

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"DIARIO DE LA MARINA" - November 30, 1923.

Declarations of Dr. Edusrdo Gonzalez Manet, Secretary of Public Instruction, regarding the problem of Presidential reelection. He thinks that reelection, authorized by the Constitution, responds to a foresighted and highly political spirit; that it can only be combatted as a principle in the manner unsuccessfully tried, that is to say, by reforming the Constitution. The fact that some Presidents have used wrong and violent methods to remain in power, is not an argument against the principle of reelection; the victory of the Liberal Party at the last elections is a proof of the correct procedure and neutrality of the present Government, and the President cannot be accused "a priori" of acts which are in contradiction with his past actions; he does not think it proper to demand from the President a declaration to the effect that he will not make use of a right which the Constitution grants him, because the Constitutional principles cannot be modified by the mere will of only one part of public opinion; he does not understand the fear of Dr. Zayas opponents that he can be designated for a second presidential term, unless they have good reasons to believe that Zayas can obtain sufficient number of votes to win in a legal manner..

"HERALDO DE CUBA" - November 30, 1923.

An article unfavorably commenting upon the declarations made by the President, recently published. In said declarations Dr. Zayas stated that he would decide whether to accept or rejet his reelection, after the reorganization of the Popular Party. That Dr. Zayas does not need to wait so long, because the Popular Party, with or without the reorganization, is not a political Party, but only the ghost of a Party. That Dr. Zayas must give up the idea of reelection now, without waiting for the reorganization of the political assemblies.....

An article stating that if Eliseo Cartaya is appointed Secretary of the Treasury, Sub-Secretary Portela will resign.

"EL UNIVERSAL" - November 30, 1923.

A leave of absence of one month has been granted to Dr. Carlos Portela, Sub-Secretary of the Treasury. He will be substituted by Francisco Faura, who will go to the U.S. to sign the bonds of the Loan of fifty million dollars. Dr. Arazaza will act as Sub-Secretary during Mr. Faura's absence.

A very serious political situation prevails in Santa Clara, and bitter accusations are made against the Government, and the impeachment of the President is demanded. The members of the Army, instead of assuming an energetic attitude against the people, encourage the movement.

"LA PRENSA" - November 30, 1923.

An important conference will be held at the Palace this afternoon at three o'clock, which will be attended by: the President of the Republic, the President of the Senate, the President of the House political leaders Rey, Zaydin and Elpidio Perez, several members of the Cabinet, Ambassador Torriente, and other prominent persons.

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"LA NOCHE" - November 30, 1923.

An article stating that the Department of State is endeavoring to place obstacles to the new Ambassador in Washington, Doctor Torriente; that the intrigues against Dr. Torriente are due to the envy of certain persons who desired to obtain the appointment of Ambassador in Washington.....

"EL MUNDO" - ~~November~~ December 1, 1923.

Feature editorial entitled "THE PROPER MAN" Very favorably commenting upon Dr. Torriente, his appointment as Ambassador, and the efforts he is making to obtain a satisfactory solution to the present problems of Cuba.

Cable despatch from New York (Universal Service): "As a result of the rumors which circulated with respect to an impending revolution in Cuba which could hamper the sugar crop of 1924, the Federal Sugar Refining Company sent a telegram to the American State Department asking for information, and received the following answer from Secretary Hughes: 'I have the pleasure to inform you that according to reports received by this Dept. peace prevails in Cuba, and the Department has no information whatever which may confirm the rumors to which you refer.'"

The announced conference at the Palace, took place yesterday. The following official report was given out by Mr. Lecuona, Acting Secretary of the Presidency: "The only object of the conference was to exchange views regarding the first steps which the Cuban Ambassador in Washington, Dr. Torriente, intends to take before the Government of the United States, and also regarding the convenience that the Executive and Legislative powers work in harmony for the better success of the actions of the Ambassador."

Brief outline of the speech made by Secretary Hughes at Philadelphia on the occasion of the hundredth anniversary of the Monroe Doctrine (See "Havana Post" of December 1st).

EDITORIAL entitled "PATRIOTIC COOPERATION" - Favorably commenting upon the fact that official elements have initiated a work of Cuban cordiality.

"DIARIO DE LA MARINA" - December 1, 1923.

An article favorably commenting upon the fact that General Rego was called to the Palace, and that a new endeavor is being made to obtain a harmonious understanding between the Executive and the Veterans and Patriots.

Dr. Gustavo Gutierrez replies to Dr. Cosme de la Torriente, stating that as a diplomat, he has been very unfortunate in his recent Manifesto.....

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1. I enclose "Running Comments" Nos. 92, 93, 93-A, and 94, covering respectively the days December 5, 6, 8 and 10, prepared by the American Embassy, regarding the activities of the Veterans and Patriots Association.

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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 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11.

2. With regard to the article mentioned on the last page of the news articles for December 6, 7, and 8th, in which reference is made to "American warships",- these vessels are the U.S.S. HANNIBAL and two American submarine chasers, which have been employed for over a year in surveying Cuban waters in making a coast and geodetic survey.

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"HERALDO DE CUBA" - December 4, 1923.

"MASKS OFF" - An article commenting upon the recent declarations made by the President of the Republic to the effect that he is in favor of the three points of the program of rectification which the Veterans and Patriots consider as essential to give up their present attitude. That the President refers to his veto to the Lottery Law, as a proof of his affirmation, which Law and Veto were written by Doctor Zayas' own hand; that he states he has requested the reforms of the Electoral Code from Congress, and that, finally, he affirms that if Congress repeals the Tarafa Law, he will sanction the decision of Congress to that effect, because he has no personal interest either in the enforcement or in the repeal of the same. That said declarations show once more the trickeries of the President of the Republic, and his usual system of throwing the blame of his actions on others. That he was greatly benefited by the approval of the Tarafa Law, and this was even clearly published in foreign newspapers. The article further comments upon the manner in which he vetoed the Lottery Law, but only after having assured the control of one thousand colecturias, and after he was given the assurance that Congress would pass over his veto. That the reforms of the Electoral Law requested from Congress, was also done in a manner that would assure the existence of the Popular Party.....

An article unfavorably commenting upon the return of ex President Menocal to Cuba, who is due to arrive about the middle of this month.

Declarations made by Dr. Ricardo Dolz: - He states that he does not combat reelection as a principle, but because he considers that it is very dangerous to elect as President a man who does not deserve a single Cuban vote. He is also against the Lottery, which he regards as a center of corruption. He understands that the non-reorganization of the political parties is even worse than reelection. Referring to the prolonged absence from Cuba of General Crowder, who was expected to remain only a few weeks in the United States, he said: "General Crowder does not return to Cuba, undoubtedly because Diplomacy orders him to remain in the United States. Diplomacy is secret. The good faith of Wilson and of the Commissioners at Versailles, fought in vain against the impenetrability of Diplomacy. As I understand, the solemn Foreign Offices still remain, and will remain, distrustful and hermetical. Consequently, I am not well informed regarding Crowder's absence.

"EL HERALDO" - December 4, 1923.

Declarations made by Colonel Carlos Mendieta, after his return to Habana from his sugar plantations. "In Cuba --he states--we have no serious problems; not even problems. It is only a question of obtaining a Government which may be honest." - He believes that reelection does not constitute a menace, if the Liberal forces remain united. He is fully in accord with the resolutions adopted by the National Executive Committee of the Liberal Party.....

"EL UNIVERSAL" - December 4, 1923.

An article commenting upon the landing of American troops in Cuba.

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"EL UNIVERSAL" - December 4, 1923 (Continued).

It has been officially announced that said troops are sent to Cuba to attend the celebrations which will be held in Matanzas and Santiago de Cuba, in commemoration of the American soldiers who were killed during the Spanish-American war. This article states that the real object is altogether different. That after the troops have landed, they will remain in Cuba to effect target and other military practices, but will remain for some time, to prevent any disturbance of the peace during the coming sugar crop. The Provincial Governor of Matanzas, Gronlier, was greatly worried over the landing of said troops, and came to confer with Secretary Iturralde. It has also been learned that Gonzalez Manet and Iturralde held a long conference on the same subject. That Gonzalez Manet called to persuade Iturralde to remain in office, because he considered the landing of said troops as offensive to his dignity as Secretary of the Interior.

Irregularities in connection with the landing of Jamaican immigrants. A landing permit which was denied on Friday, was authorized on Monday by the President. This contradiction on the part of the President has given rise to various comments. The relatives of the President are said to have collected the sum of $10,000.00 to obtain the proper authorization for the landing of said undesirable immigrants.....

"AN UNWARRANTED LETTER" - by Dr. Orosman Viamontes. - Unfavorably comment upon a recent letter of the President of the Republic, as a reply to one of the Bulletins of the Veterans and Patriots.

EDITORIAL, unfavorably commenting upon the Monroe Doctrine. "Monroe's Myth" establishing a principle of continental independence for the republics of America, has been and will continue to be an abstract cause for debates and a gloomy obstacle for international law..... The North-Americans have given an unjust elasticity to said Doctrine - which is not even a Doctrine, properly speaking.....

"MENOCAL vs. ZAYAS" - Commenting upon the return of General Menocal, who comes to fight against his rival Zayas.....

"LA PRENSA" - December 4, 1923.

It has been learned from a reliable, but not official, source, that Dr. Torriente will leave for Washington tomorrow or the next day, for the purpose of presenting his credentials before the American Government.

EDITORIAL entitled NECESSARY RECTIFICATION, commenting upon the necessity of stopping the importantion of undesirable immigrants.

"EL TRIUNFO" - December 5, 1923.

EDITORIAL entitled "MUNICIPAL JUSTICE" - Favorably commenting upon the intentions of the Secretary of Justice to moralize the Municipal Courts

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"HERALDO DE CUBA" - December 5, 1923.

An interview with Dr. Leopoldo Cancio regarding the economic prosperity of Cuba. He states that it is true that there is a certain degree of prosperity in Cuba, although it cannot be termed as excellent. Financial activities are following their course, and the coming crop promises to yield good results. From an industrial point of view, he believes that the present situation is not critical. However, the Government has nothing to do with the good results of the crop, and with the lively business activities. If economic normalcy has been restored, it is only due to the great vitality of Cuba and to the great demand for Cuban sugars. But neither the present Cuban Administration nor the Administration of other countries, has any influence on such results: it is a natural phenomenon. The present prosperity, officially announced so much, is due to the fact that the Government accumulates the revenues collected, and does not carry out any useful work. That is an easy way to fill the national coffers. When the reporter asked his opinion about the Lottery, he replied that he considered the Tax of One per Cent worse than the Lottery, adding that "such a tax means an unlimited revenue of many millions, without any justified cause. It is said that this tax is applied in France, with very good results. It may be. But it must be remembered that in France, said Law was made by a Frenchman, and, consequently, a patriot who tried to favor the national industries. In Cuba said Law was drafted by an American, who was naturally little interested in making a "patriotic" law....." He accuses the Government of using the millions accumulated to pay debts which have not yet fallen due, such as the interest on the loan of 1917. He also spoke against reelection.

Doctor Torriente took oath of office as Ambassador to the U.S. yesterday, and signed his resignation as a member of the Senate. He sailed for Washington this morning. The Senate will probably decide on his resignation to-day. He is expected to return to Habana before the end of the month. - If the Government does not follow an adequate policy, he will present his resignation as Ambassador.....

"THE AMERICAN IMPERIALISM SHOWN OFF" - Under this heading, "Heraldo de Cuba" publishes a despatch from New York, stating that Dr. Hart, Professor of the University of Harvard, in an address delivered last night before a Rotary Club, declared that the United States always looked upon the Latin-American countries with contempt, and that six of the so-called independent republics of the South were only American protectorates. Hart declared that Hughes was a strong and vigorous personality, but he doubted the correctness of his affirmation when he affirmed that the Latin American republics should be treated as equals by the U.S..... He also spoke against the Monroe Doctrine.....

"EL HERALDO" - December 5, 1923.

A second list of Lottery Collectors is published in this issue.

An article stating that there are only 8 millions dollars in the Treasury which are not pledged to pending obligations.

Letter from Dr. Julio de la Torre to Mr. Miguel Iribarren, ex Secretary of the Treasury, wherein Dr. de la Torre states that

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"El Heraldo" - December 5, 1923 (Continued).

Mr. Iribarren's clear and explicit attitude contrasts greatly with the suspicious silence of the Board of Liquidation of the Banco Nacional, and of the Temporary Committee, both of which refuse to give any information regarding their work. The letter also states that Dr. Cancio's negligence did not authorize Iribarren to take hold of the securities of the Banco Nacional, with detriment to the depositors of the Bank.....

EDITORIAL entitled "THE SENATE AGAINST THE COUNTRY" - Unfavorably commenting upon the resolution recently adopted by the Senate authorizing the President to increase Custom House duties up to fifty per cent. That the tendency should be to reduce the tariff...

The banquet which the President of the Republic will give in honor of the Dean of the Diplomatic Corps, Mr. Alfredo de Mariategui, Minister of Spain, had been fixed for December 31st. However, the President has changed the date, and the banquet is now announced for the 21st. The rumors of the proximate arrival of General Crowder has prompted the President to anticipate the banquet in order that it may take place before General Crowder returns .....

"EL UNIVERSAL" - December 5, 1923.

Corruption / police dept.

An article accusing the Chief of Police, Placido Hernandez, of exacting money from gambling joints. The article states that Hernandez collects $1,000.00 every week. The gambling places situated at Zulueta 28, at the Payret Building and at Reina 2, pay a regular contribution to the Chief of Police. The collections are made through agents of the secret service. The members of the Police force encourage gambling, so they may be able to obtain their commission.....

An article commenting upon the disorganization prevailing in the offices of the Tax of one per cent.

An open letter addressed to General Menocal, by Miss Mariblanca Sabas Aloma, telling him that the news about his proximate arrival to play an active part in Cuban politics has caused displeasure and even hostility. She asks him to stay away until the Veterans and Patriots get through with their work of regeneration, because they already have too many evils to combat, and do not desire to have one more. She finally tells him not to come, because they are not going to have any mercy for the "canailles".

An article unfavorably commenting upon the intentions of Senator Vera Verdura to revive the Amnesty Law pending before the Senate. Marimon, Merchant, Lezama and Aranda are taking steps to obtain the approval of said Amnesty Law. Bonsch a and Lantaron, sentenced some time ago, will also contribute to the funds for bribing Congress. Zayas is said to be in favor of the Project of Amnesty, with the sane purpose of winning followers to the cause of reelection.....

"LA PRENSA" - December 5, 1923.

"TORRIENTE AND CROWDER" - "La Prensa" was the only paper which announced yesterday the departure of Dr. Torriente for Washington either to-day or tomorrow. Dr. Torriente is now on his way to Key West, from where he will immediately leave for Washington. There is no better opportunity to remind the recent semi-official announcement made through the Associated Press, to the effect that the Ambassador of the U.S. to Cuba, General Crowder, would leave for Habana as soon as Dr. Torriente arrived in Washington. This means that General Crowder will soon take charge of his diplomatic office in Habana."

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"La Prensa" - December 5, 1923.

According to information obtained from Dr. Cespedes, General Crowder will arrive in Habana next Saturday, or during the course of nexy week,

EDITORIAL, unfaverably comm nting upon the resolution adopted by the Senate authorizing the President off the Republic to increase the Custom House duties.

Declarations made by Dr. Torriente to the Editor of "La Prensa", at the time of sailing for the United States. - Among other things, he stated. "I have decided to sail, with the intentions of presenting my credentials in Washington without delay, because I am fully confident that the political problems which stir up our national life at the present time, are in a frank way to settlement. At least, that is what I expect from the patriotism of the Government and of the leaders of the Association of Veterans and Patriots ..... Another thing which prompts me to leave, is the fact that the American Congress has convened, and my presence there is necessary, to take up various important matters which will be the object of study on the part of the American Congress, the most important being the one referring to the modification of the Tariffs which now regulate our Customs relations with that country..... It necessary to put a stop to the campaign of mutual defamation carried on by the Press, in Congress and in social circles..... I may return to Habana very soon..... I expect to take advantage of the Christmas Holidays to come for my wife.....

"LA NOCHE" - December 5, 1923.

According to information obtained from Dr. Patterson, Sub Secretary of State, General Crowder will return to Habana as soon as Dr. Torriente arrives in Washington and presents his credentials. A cablegram was received from Dr. Padro, Cuban Charge d'Affaires in Washington, inquiring whether Dr. Torriente would be in Washington before the 13th instant

"EL MUNDO" - December 6, 1923.

A feature editorial, unfavorably commenting upon the reported submitted to the President of the Republic by the Temporary Committee on Banking Liquidation, which report had been kept secret for a very long time.

"EL TRIUNFO" - December 6, 1923.

EDITORIAL unfavorably commenting upon the work of opposition undertaken by the House of Representatives. That all the energies are being wasted in that disorderly exhibition of protest. It is true that the Executive and Judicial Powers are nos specimens of perfection; but their defects cannot be corrected by means of an ill refrained and ill directed criticism. The evils of Cuba cannot be remedied by means of a showy and theatrical opposition. Congress does not often show to be inspired by the welfare of the country.....

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"HERALDO DE CUBA" - December 6, 1923.

An article stating that Dr. Iturralde has started a cruzade against the Municipal Mayors who are not in favor of reelection. The system put in practice consists in the appointment of Supervisors for alleged irregularities or disturbances.

EDITORIAL entitled "MILLIONS AND MISERY"- Favorably commenting upon the declarations recently made by the ex Secretary of the Treasury, Dr. Leopoldo Cancio, against the economic policy followed by the present Administration.

"EL HERALDO" - December 6, 1923.

An article commenting upon the proceedings instituted against the Association of Good Government for libel against the President. Alzugaray affirms that in the year 1913 Dr. Alfredo Zayas was overdrawn, and to-day he has a great fortune free of all encumbrances. By this, the Association of Good Government reaffirm the opinion that"the officials of the Government profiteer". Said Association offers as a proof of its assertion, to have an investigation made in connection with pardons granted the real value of Finca Maria, and the mortgages encumbering Zayas' residence at Morro 3, which have all been cancelled.

Representative Ramon de Leon has lodged a complaint before the President of the Republic, against the irregularities committed in the Department of Public Works. If the President pays no attention to this complaint, the matter will be referred to the Courts of Justice, and the Secretary of Public Works accused of being responsible for the frauds committed in connection with certain "subastas", or contracts awarded at auction. Said contracts are awarded, not to the lowest bidder, but to those who charge the highest prices.....

"EL UNIVERSAL" - December 6, 1923.

Dr. Torriente will present his credentials in Washington very shortly, and will confer with Secretary Hughes. As a result of the presentation of said credentials and of said conference, General Crowder will soon be in Habana again. Great anxiety prevails at the Palace to know the result of the special commission entrusted to General Crowder, and more especially the instructions which he has received from his Government. The American Government is well posted on the movement of the Veterans.....

Secretary Cespedes declared that although he has no official information regarding the return of General Crowder, it is believed that he will leave for Habana as soon as Dr. Torriente presents his credentials. In connection with the trip of Dr. Torriente, some rumors circulated in political circles, relating to the instructions given to Gen. Crowder.....

"DIARIO DE LA MARINA" - December 7, 1923.

At yesterday's meeting of the Rotary Club of Habana, Dr. Pablo Desvernine, at one time Secretary of State, spoke with reference to the liquidation of banks, and stated that up to the present time, the State cannot be considered as a preferent creditor of the Banco Banco Nacional de Cuba.

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"EL UNIVERSAL" - December 7, 1923.

An article stating that the Veterans and Patriots were right in protesting against the appointment of Dr. Torriente as Ambassador to the United States. That Dr. Torriente has accepted the appointment, not only on account of the personal benefits he will obtain, but also for the benefits which the President will derive, because the President needs a man to represent and defend him. When the President distributed the life long "colecturias", he sent those corresponding to the Senate, at the rate of ten (10) for every Senator, including those corresponding to Dr. Torriente. The first thing which Dr. Torriente did upon his arrival in Cuba, was to investigate what had become of his "Colecturias", as they had not been sent to his office as he expected. As he had not received them from the Senate, he did not wish toask for them from that Legislative Body, and decided to inquire from the Director General of the Lottery, who informed him that they had already been sent to the Senate. Torriente became indignant, but preferred to say nothing, as he was afraid that if he complained, the Senate would accept his resignation as Senator because he had been appointed Ambassador. As Zayas desired to please Dr. Torriente, he had to give him ten new colecturias.

An article commenting upon the fact that some American warships are manoeuvering off the coast of Mariel, without having given any previous notice to the Government; that the warships seem to be waiting for instructions from the American Government to act.

See covering letter from M.A.

EDITORIAL unfavorably commenting upon the presence of American war vessels in Cuban waters without previous notice.

"EL HERALDO - December 7, 1923.

EDITORIAL, unfavorably commenting upon the declarations made by Dr. Torriente to the Editor of "La Prensa", just before leaving for the United States. That although Dr. Torriente had promised not to leave for Washington before an agreement had been reached between the Executive and the Veterans and Patriits, he finally decided to take charge of his new office, hoping that time would bring about a settlement.....

"EL MUNDO" - December 8, 1923.

An article signed by Dr. Leopoldo Cancio, against the Presidential reelection of Dr. Zayas, and especially against the Project of Budget for the coming year.

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"HERALDO DE CUBA" - December 8, 1923.

Interview with General Fernando Freyre de Andrade, who has just returned from Europe. General Freyre de Andrade states that the present disastrous Administration has not been a surprise for him, as he never considered Dr. Zayas to be competent for the office he now holds; that the President has neither character nor talent, but only a long patience. He does not think that Zayas will run for a second presidential term because he is now a wealthy man. If Zayas declares emphatically that he will not try to be reelected, all his friends, and even his relatives, will abandon him, and this is the cause of his equivocal attitude. He may place all his influence and the strings of Power at the service of a Liberal candidate.....

Article entitled "WITH THE PEOPLE OR AGAINST THE PEOPLE" - Criticising Governor Alberto Barreras for his passivity in connection with the immoralities of the Municipality of Habana. That everybody expected that he would veto the resolution of the Municipal Council in connection with the Colon market, but that he has taken no action against said decision.....

"EL HERALDO" - December 8, 1923.

An article stating that the merchants, industrial men, labor unions and the people in general, will hold a parade to protest against the projected lease of the Colon market.

An article stating that the opinion at the Palace is that President Coolidge cannot be opposed to the presidential re-election of Dr. Zayas, because President Coolidge is also trying to run for a second term. Zayas believes that Ferrara comes decided to conquer the Chieftancy of the Liberal Party, and will lend all his support to the purposes of Dr. Ferrara, because it will mean the division of the Liberal Party..and the victory of Mayas. Rumors of a vast political plan prepared in Europe between Cortina and Ferrara, whereby Cortina will appear in the ticket as Vice President.....

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It is rumored that the Secretary of the Interior is preparing a "Black List" in which he will include the names of all the Municipal Mayors who are opposed to the reelection of Dr. Zayas, and will then start a campaign of persecution against them.....

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Pro-election intrigue

"EL UNIVERSAL" - December 8, 1923.

EDITORIAL commenting upon the "Example of Mexico" - That the imposition of an impopular candidate, on the part of the President, has been the cause of the revolution. That if the men now in power in Cuba were not so contrary to foreign suggestions; if they paid a little more attention to the throbs of public opinion, and if they did not spend all the time to increase their personal wealth, they would be invited to give a little study to what is now taking place in Mexico. "Perhaps in this way they would know many things which they voluntarily ignore..... The lackeys of reelection must look toward Mexico, and they will learn many things. In Mexico, it is not a question of extension of powers, but of something which looks very much like it: the imposition of

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a candidate cast on the same patterns of those who are in power, and not to the liking of the people... Here, the continuation of those who have discredited the Administration, besides being an imposition which no worthy people can accept, means the shameful extension of the same erroneous proceedings. Some thought should be given to this by those who have forgotten that there exists a people, in order that that people may not remind them of it."

"LA PRENSA" - December 8, 1923.

"Probably next week, ~~xxx~~ Dr. Zayas will issue an important Manifesto the country, referring to the present political events and to the nomination of President Zayas for a second term."

"EL MUNDO" - December 9, 1923.

EDITORIAL, commenting upon the present revolution in Mexico. - Referring to the international view, in case the revolutionists come out victorious, "El Mundo" states that in view of the fact that General de la Huerta is the leader, the recognition of the present Government may not be an obstacle for the U.S., because de la Huerta is considered in the U.S. as a man of Government and enjoys its confidence.....

"EL TRIUNFO" - December 9, 1923.

EDITORIAL entitled "THE REORGANIZATION BEGINS" - Commenting upon the fact that the Liberal Party has been the first to commence the reorganization of its Assemblies. That if the Liberal Party desires to come out victorious, only a spirit of party should prevail, in order to maintain the unity of the Liberals, because personal ambitions will only create divisions.....

"HERALDO DE CUBA" - December 9, 1923.

An article commenting upon the Sleven case, and the convenience of signing the decree of expulsion of the Editor of the "Isle of Pines Appeal". The article also states that there is a great excitement in the Isle of Pines, in view of the fact that a Commission of Ladies has gone to Washington, with a view of obtaining from the American Congress the annexation of the Isle of Pines.

According to information obtain from Dr. Cespedes, General Crowder will probably arrived next Tuesday, as he has announced his sailing from New York on Saturday. Dr. Cespedes refused to say anything regarding the future policy of Ambassador Crowder. Dr. Cespedes also stated that the Portfolio of the Treasury had been offered to Dr. Cortina; that Mr. Jose Carlos Diaz will be appointed as Sub Secretary, during the absence of Mr. Oscar Perez Fuentes, who will go to the U.S. to sign the bonds of the Loan.

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"HERALDO DE CUBA" - December 10, 1923.

An article by Dr. Orestes Ferrara entitled "THESE IRONS AND THESE STONES" - Stating that in spite of the fact that the movement initiated by the Veterans and Patriots has gradually decreased, "Heraldo de Cuba" will continue the campaign against graft and corruption, and asks the friends and relatives of the President to discontinue their vandalic expoliations.....

An article unfavorably commenting upon the actions of the City Chief Engineer Cuellar; that the "botella" still reigns supreme in the Department of Public Works, while the streets of Habana are completely abandoned, and become more and more intransitable every day. That all the appropriations for the repair of streets are used for the campaign of reelection....

Through an inveterate habit, Dr. Zayas continues to act as an Agent of pardons. Assasins, defrauders, and all kinds of criminals, are put out of jail, to be used as Agents of reelection. Every Decree of pardon signed by Dr. Zayas, reveals the morality of the President..

An article unfavorably commenting upon the illegal lease of the Colon (or "Polvorin") market.

Review of Cuban situation

EDITORIALS: - "ANXIETIES AND DELAYS" - Time goes by, and the normalcy of the national life is not restored. The anxiety caused by the first meeting of the Veterans and Patriots at "Maxim", still gives signs of life. Commercial transactions are still paralyzed; money is withdrawn, and economic life is practically in a state of stagnation. The repeated and constant announcement that the present Government will be overthrown, stirs up all the social classes... In the interior of the country, public opinion believes that only a revolution against the present Government can put a stop to the contest between the Government and those who are working for the regeneration of the country. This possibility is spoken of as of something normal, and suppositions are even made regarding its consequences. And in the meantime, the country is suffering the terrible consequences of this situation of uncertainty and anxiety. Nobody can deny the noble purposes which prompt the movement of regeneration..... If the movement is strong enough to arm the country and throw it against the Administration of Dr. Zayas, let it be done. But if this cannot be done because the country is not disposed to adopt such a remedy, or because a superior power is not propitious to a violent solution of the crisis, the agitation should be stopped at once, as it would then lack all finality and would only contribute to disturb the free, peaceful and normal development of the life of the country. .... With Zayas as President, or with Zayas overthrown, the country needs moral and material peace to develop its wealth, to fulfill its social mission and to reaffirm its progress and civilization.

"SUGAR AND SLAVERY" - Commenting upon the alluring price of sugar for the coming crop, the article states that unfortunately the country will not be benefited by such high prices, because practically all the sugar mills are owned by foreigners. The Cuban planters may get some money, but the lands which they lost during the economic crack, will never go back to them. The Powers of the State are asked to give some thought to this problem, because if no restrictive measures are adopted, all the productive lands of Cuba will soon be in the hands of foreigners.....

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"EL HERALDO" - December 10, 1923.

A project is being hatched in the Municipal Council of Habana, to grant a concession for a period of 30 years, for the exploitation of gambling in Habana. In view of the fact that authorization to run "Garden Plays" cannot be obtained, the Councilmen are now planning to establish the game of "Hare and Hounds". Two city blocks in Vedado have been offered for that purpose, , and a Company has offered to invest two million dollars in the enterprise. Councilman Narciso Moran intends to combat said concession, and even threatens to make an accusation before the Courts, against the President of the Municipal Council, and the Councilmen who are promoting said "juicy" affair.

An article stating that the creditors of the Palace find it impossible to collect the bills for goods supplied to the Palace, and nobody can explain what disposition is made of the appropriation of $480,000.00 for expenses of the Palace.....

"ANYTHING, RATHER THAN TO RESIGN" - An article commenting upon the resignation presented by General Calles, as presidential candidate in Mexico, as soon as he realized that his candidature was a source of trouble. In Cuba, the only hint of reelection has provoked a grave state of alarm, and has even outlined the threat of a foreign intervention, but Dr. Zayas has not acted as General Calles. The article further gives a brief review of the immoralities and corruption of the present Government, of the Santa Clara Convent deal, of the appointment of freinds and relatives, of the humiliating admonitions of General Crowder, of the attitude of the Press, of the movement of Veterans and Patriots; but in spite of everything, the ignominy is still on foot, and Dr. Zayas is preparing to launch his candidature, through his announced Manifesto the country. "Dr. Zayas should have presented his resignation long ago. But he will do anything, rather than to resign. Rather than to abandon the idea of reelection, he will stand for anything, even if it is a catastrophe. Undoubtdly, there is a great geographical and psychological distance between Don Alfredo Zayas and Don Plutarco Elias Calles."

"EL MUNDO" - December 11, 1923.

The following letter dated Dec. 8th / from President Zayas, addressed to the Editor of "El Mundo", appears in the first page: "Dear friend: I will appreciate the publication of the following lines in your newspaper. Dr. Leopoldo Cancio has said to the readers of "El Mundo" what he thinks about the presidential reelection, and, naturally, his opinion deserves my greatest respect on the subject. But, by reason thereof, Dr. Cancio seems to bring some charges against me, by stating that the six millions for public works were used "to a great extent, in municipal works, repair of streets", and practically "more for the repair of that existing than for new services or means of communication." I wish to clear out this point, begging Dr. Cancio to read the Law appropiating the six million dollars, and to notice that they were precisely appropiated for the repair, continuation, or reconstruction, and not for new works; and also to remember that the paving and sewarage of Cienfuegos, Manzanillo and Matanzas, were not works undertaken during my presidential period, but during the period he was acting as Secretary of the Treasury."

Cable despatch from Washington: "General Crowder left this afternoon from Washington for New York, where he will remain about a week, and then sail for Habana to resume his diplomatic office."

The Provincial Governor of Habana has vetoed the resolution of the Municipal Council of Habana, granting the concession of the Colon market for a period of thirty years.

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"EL TRIUNFO" - December 11, 1923.

The Department of the Treasury made remittance yesterday to Messrs. Speyer & Co., of the sum of $85,000.00, as amortization of the Loan of 35 million dollars. - Remittances were also made to Messrs. Morgan & Co., of the amounts of $29,500.00 and $35,208.33, for account of interest and amortization of the 50-million-dollar loan.

"EL COMERCIO" - December 11, 1923.

The auction for the sale of Central "Limones" announced to take place yesterday, could not be effected, as no bidders appeared.

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BRIEF SUMMARY OF NEWS ARTICLES AND EDITORIAL COMMENT IN THE HABANA PRESS.

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"HERALDO DE CUBA" - December 11, 1923.

An American paper edited in Habana, published an article yesterday stating that Enrique Mazas had received a cablegram from Dr. Ferrara announcing various improvements in his newspaper, and at the same time saying that he (Ferrara) would assume the Management of "Heraldo de Cuba" and defend Zayas' reelection. Said information is emphatically denied by "Heraldo de Cuba", and the following cable despatch received from Dr. Ferrara is also published: "Dear Mazas: Please deny energetically the gross report that I will support reelection. I do not desire to speak as a Greek hero or as a fanatic of the times of the Great Revolution, but I must declare that I would prefer death rather than such a degeneration of my spirit."

The unions of Railroad men threaten to go on strike and paralyze the railroad traffic of the Eastern provinces, if their demands are not accepted. Their demands comprise: Equitable wages, some guarantee in the railroad companies, a working day of eight hours at the sugar mills, and to prohibit the entry of undesirable immigration.. 2340

An interview with Dr. Gonzalez Manet, Secretary of Public Instruction. Among other things, he refers to the difficulties now encountered in the payment of salaries of school teachers, and what should be done to remedy them; to the inscription of children which at the present time amounts to 357,925; to the meagre appropriation for Public Instruction. As an example of this, he states that the appropriation for paper blocks, pencils, pens, ink, chalk, material for Kindergarten schools, text books, etc., only amounts to $60,000.00 per year, or $5,000.00 per month, which, divided into 358,000 children inscribed, gives an average of about 1-1/2 cents per month per ~~children~~ child. He also states that the appropriation for the repair of 1,531 school buildings, only amounts to $3,000.00, when not less than $300,000.00 would be necessary to repair them..... 2510

EDITORIALS : Very favorably commenting upon the attitude assumed by Governor Barreras in connection with the lease of the Colon market; and unfavorably commenting upon the granting of pardons by Dr. Zayas.

"EL HERALDO" - December 11, 1923.

An article stating that a wave of corruption sweeps again over the present Administration; that in the Department of Communications, there is not a single contractor who is not compelled to pay a commission to the officials of that Department, for materials supplied; that the Law of Budget is violated, because the appropriations for material are used for the payment of "botelleros"; in the Department of Public Works, the exactions of money have become a system again, and hundreds of "botellas" are distributed among the favorites of the Palace. The methods of Norberto Alfonso have again invaded the Department of the Lottery, where the surplus funds are used in a mysterious manner, as well as the "colecturias", and strange things occur even at the time of the drawings, as was the case yesterday when something mysterious happened with the globes, which gave rise to a protest on the part of the public. Corruption and graft has also invaded the Penitentiary and the Division of Taxes, and irregularities are said to exist even in the Department of Customs.....

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"El Heraldo" - December 11, 1923.

An article stating thatthe Portfolio of the Treasury had been offered to Mr. Dionisio Velasco, but that he had declined to accept. The rumors of the offer made to Mr. Velasco, precisely when Dr. Cortina had just landed, show that the appointment of Cortim as Secretary of the Treasury is not a sure thing.

"EL UNIVERSAL" - December 11, 1923.

An article stating that the Municipal Electoral Board of Habana hinders the inscription of Liberal electors. Last night, the Municipal Assembly of the Liberal Party protested energetically against such an arbitrary act.

"LA NOCHE" - December 11, 1923.

President Zayas has received a cablegram from Dr. Torriente, in which the new Ambassador to the U.S. states that the American Government is greatly satisfied with the actions of the Cuban Government, of an economic as well as of a political order.

According to a report given out by the Treasury Department, there are at the present time $23,647,849.53 in the National Treasury.

A cable despatch from New York, stating that Mr. Albert H. Smith, President of the Central Railroads of New York, will be at the head of the Committee which will effect the consolidation of the Cuban Railroads, in accordance with the Tarafa Law.

"EL MUNDO" - December 12, 1923.

Interview with Colonel Carlos Mendieta. He states that he is absolutely opposed to reelection, because in Cuba reelection has been the source of the greatest misfortunes; that as long as the Constitution is not modified, all the Presidents have a right to try to be reelected; but as reelection has been very lamentable in practice, he believes that the greatest service any Cuban can render to his country, is to give up the right to be reelected. Mendieta believes that the reorganization of the political parties is indispensable. If the Cubans are allowed to elect thei mandataries freely, it is certain that the best fitted will be elected. He believes that the next sugar crop will much smaller than the last one.....

"DIARIO DE LA MARINA" - December 12, 1923.

The following cable despatch from New York. "General Enoch H. Crowder, Ambassador of the U.S. to Cuba, arrived here to-day from Washington. General Crowder refused to say whether he would return to Cuba or not, and also refused to make any comment regarding the interior affairs of Cuba."

The Secretary of State has received a message from Dr. Torriente, advising that he will present his credentials on Thursday, Dec.13th.

"EL COMERCIO" - December 12, 1923.

An article stating that Dr. Cortina is likely to be appointed Secretary of the Treasury, and Mr. Lecuona, Secretary of the Presidency.

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"HERALDO DE CUBA" - December 12, 1923.

An article stating that the idea of reelection is losing strength, and also stating that there are rumors about a partial change of the present Cabinet. According to the laws now in force, Dr. Cespedes cannot remain as Acting Head of the Department of the Treasury for a period of over ~~xxxx~~ sixty days, and that consequently, Dr. Zayas has decided to appoint Eliseo Cartaya as Secretary of the Treasury. It is also rumored that Secretary Handoval will get out of the Cabinet, and that Dr. Cespedes will probably be appointed as Acting Secretary of Public Works.

An article by Dr. Orestes Ferrara, entitled "THE PACIFICATION" - making a comparison between the Administration of General Menocal and the Administration of Dr. Zayas. - That the people of Cuba have a right to demand two things which admit of no transactions: liberty, and purity in the Administration; that during the Administration of General Menocal, the people of Cuba had neither one nor the otherThat during the present Administration, the Constitution has been respected in general lines, with the exception of some efforts on the part of Mr. Iturralde to commit abuses. The present administration has been worse than the former in quality, but not in quantity. A great deal has been said as to which system is more harmful to the public interests: whether the petty thief of the present period, or the highwayman of the former period. In any way, having obtained liberty in the present unstable manner, it becomes indispensable to purify the Administration. Dr. Zayas must spend the rest of his period purifying everything, because everything is rotten. When Dr. Zayas was exalted to the Presidency, Dr. Cortina stated that "Dr. Zayas was the President of the purification", but the prediction has not come true. If there has not been an uprising it is only due to the lack of leaders, and to the valve of public liberties left open. However, the pacification can come, and very easily, merely by putting a stop to graft and corruption, and making a declaration that there will be no reelection.....

"EL HERALDO" - December 12, 1923.

An article stating that Dr. Torriente will give the final blow to the partisans of reelection. That Dr. Zayas requested Dr. Torriente to sound the opinion of the American Government regarding his intentions to be reelected, and only awaits a cablegram from Washington to declare whether he will give up, or accept his nomination; but as Dr. Torriente is not in favor of reelection, it is believed that he will not defent Dr. Zayas, but work against him.....

An article stating that the Acting Secretary of the Treasury, Cespedes, has ordered an investigation of the frauds said to have been committed in the Custom House.

"EL UNIVERSAL" - December 12, 1923.

Dr. Cespedes told the reporters that he had received a cablegram from Dr. Torriente, informing that he would present his credentials on the 13th and that he had received an invitation for luncheon from General Crowder. Dr. Cespedes added that General Crowder will sail for Habana next Saturday.

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"El Universal" - December 12, 1923.

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The reorganisation of the Conservative Party will cost the Government about one million dollars. Many prominent members of the Conservative Party are disgusted with President Zayas due to his ungratefulness. If he wishes to be nominated by said Party, Dr. Zayas will have to give a large sum of money, and promise to maintain the Conservatives in their positions.

"LA PRENSA" - December 12, 1923.

A long cable despatch from New York, sent by Mr. M. G. Segrera, stating that the return of General Crowder to Cuba had not been confirmed, and commenting upon the reasons for the prolonged stay of General Crowder in the United States.

"DIARIO DE LA MARINA" - December 13, 1923.

Cable despatch from New York stating that General Menocal had declared that he will not try to be elected as President, but that he is ready to do whatever the country asks him, and that if he has to fill a public office, he will do so with the only desire to be useful to his country.

The Social Section carries an article stating that a banquet will be given at the Palace on the 28th instant, and that as General Crowder will be in Habana by that time, he will be the guest of honor.

"EL TRIUNFO" - December 13, 1923.

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An article stating that the Popular Party is about to be dissolved. The friends of Dr. Zayas are greatly disgusted with him, because he ignores them altogether. Members of the Popular Party of the Province of Santa Clara have requested the National Executive Committee of said Party to adopt a resolution dissolving the same as they do not desire to continue to be the victims of ungratefulness, etc. It is persistently rumored that Juan Gualberto Gomez (Senator) intends to present his resignation as President of the National Executive Committee of said Party.

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Re: Cable dispatch from Washington, giving an account of the conference held last Monday between Secretary Hughes and Ambassador Torriente.

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Alleged U.S. attitude toward Cuba

Washington, December 15th.

As announced by "El Heraldo", Dr. Cosme de la Torriente held a long conference with the American Secretary of State, Mr. Hughes, last Monday. Great secrecy was maintained regarding the subjects discussed at said conference, but after two days of efforts, we have been able to learn some of the details.

To a diplomatic question asked by Dr. Cosme de la Torriente, who has initiated a careful work of investigation in order to inform Dr. Zayas of the real situation of Cuba in the governmental spheres of this country, the Secretary of State answered:

That the American Government had not yet given any thought to the possibility of an intervention in Cuba, but that the political situation of the neighbor republic deeply worried President Coolidge.

For the U.S. --Secretary Hughes added-- it would be very unpleasant to adopt an attitude with respect to Cuba, which might seem violent to the eyes of the Latin world, but North-America considers that it has rights in Cuba which in no way can be dodged, if the sad case arrived that the Cubans converted their country into an ungovernable republic by the Cubans themselves, or ill governed.

Regarding this point --the Secretary of State affirmed-- my country has received encouraging reports..

Then, diplomatically, but firmly, Mr. Hughes gave to understand that his Government had followed step by step the development of the last Cubans events, and that they were far from meriting his approval.

Dr. Torriente came out of the conference greatly worried, and spent part of the night drafting an ample report for President Zayas. I can assure that this report is absolutely true. The person from whom I obtained this information is a friend of Dr. Cosme de la Torriente, and was in intimate contact with him at one of the numerous Congresses of which the Cuban Ambassador was a member. He is a Latin-American diplomatist, who, upon giving me this information, added with deep emotion:

"The Cuban Government must realize that its situation is more than difficult, grave I know that the Department of War has recently made a complete study in provision of any temporary intervention. That study was completed in its minutest detail, less than two months ago. Harding's death has totally changed the aspects of the international policy of this country with respect to Cuba. I know, in a positive and absolute manner, that during the times of Harding, many of the reports sent by General Crowder remained unopened at the Department, and the first American Ambassador to Cuba often acted of his own accord, without any authorization from his Government. But things have now changed. Upon taking possession of the Presidency, Coolidge has demonstrated to be better posted on Cuban affairs than many of the officials of the Department of State. His first declarations to the press, practically related only to the affairs of Cuba. This sufficed

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to hasten the activities of the Latin-American Bureau, and to-day the Cuban problem occupies the first place in the list..... It would be really sad if the sister country which we love the best, because it was the one which suffered the most, and more recently, to obtain her independence, would be in danger again...."

Our kind informer finished by assuring us that Mr. Hughes had re-affirmed in an emphatic manner to Dr. Torriente, that General Crowder has the full confidence of his Government.

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"HERALDO DE CUBA" - December 13, 1923.

The different electoral organizations have commenced to act. The Central Electoral Board held a session yesterday, presided by Dr. Eduardo Azcárate. Dr. Narciso Avalos acted as Secretary. The political members of the Liberal and Popular parties were present. The political member of the Conservative Party did not attend. Some instructions were issued in connection with the reorganization of the Political Assemblies. ---- It was learned yesterday that the Municipal Electoral Board of Habana is withholding 1800 cases relating to inscription of electors. It is affirmed that said Municipal Board maintains the opinion that said electors have to be located by the Police, which is an open infringement of the Electoral Code, inasmuch as if the elector swears to be domiciled in the address given, and his exclusion is requested after proving that he has made a false declaration, he will be sentenced for perjury after being excluded from the Census.

The lack of action on the part of the Government, will give rise to a general railroad strike in the six provinces. If the demands made by the railroad laborers are not accepted, they will go on strike in 48 hours.

Dr. Borrell, dismissed by the Mayor from the office of Chief of the Municipal Sanitary Services, states that he will bring criminal suit against Mayor Cuesta, as he is collecting a "scholarship" (beca) for an imaginary son.

EDITORIAL entitled "THE DEFEAT OF ZAYAS" - Commenting upon the rumors regarding the appointment of Mr. Eliseo Cartaya as Secretary of the Treasury, in a very favorable manner; that said appointment will be favorably received by public opinion, as Mr. Cartaya is a guarantee of administrative honesty. That said appointment means the defeat of Zayas' methods.....

"EL HERALDO" - December 13, 1923.

An article asking the Secretary of Public Works to make an investigation in connection with the construction of the road from Habana to Batabano. Accusations are made against Manuel Guerra, the Chief Engineer of the Province. $92,000.00 were appropriated for the reconstruction of that road, but according to an estimate made, less than $20,000.00 have actually been spent and the balance has disappeared.
Other irregularities have been discovered in the Department of Public Works by the General Comptroller.

"EL UNIVERSAL" - December 13, 1923.

An article criticising the actions of Captain Maza Arredondo as head of the Division of Taxes. Many irregularities are said to be committed in that Division.

"LA NOCHE" - December 13, 1923.

"The failure of Ambassador Crowder, confirmed". - Under the above headlines, "La Noche" publishes a cable despatch from New York, stating that the New York papers have commenced to give credit to the information about the difficult position of General Crowder, because Secretary Hughes has refused to grant him the special powers

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which he had requested for the purpose of putting a stop to the alleged irregularities of the Cuban Government and that is why he does not decide to return to Cuba.

"EL MUNDO" - December 14, 1923.

Dr. Aurelio Alvarez, President of the Conservative Party, and also President of the Senate, gives his opinion regarding some important problems of the day, and suggests a formula to solve in a definite manner the present political problems, especially the problem of reelection. - Dr. Alvarez is of the opinion that all the political parties should get together and designate "a great national figure" for President of the Republic at the coming elections, and with a Government so constituted, enjoy the full confidence of all, to undertake the reform of the Constitution, and inaugurate an era of ample and fruitful reorganization of collective life.

Juan Gualberto Gomez, considering that he had been slighted, has presented his resignation as President of the National Executive Committee of the Popular Party.

Dr. Torriente presented his credentials in Washington yesterday. Text of the speeches exchanged between President Coolidge and Dr. Torriente.

"LOOKING TOWARD THE FUTURE" - An article commenting upon the fact that Congress must pay urgent and careful attention to the matter of public instruction.

"EL TRIUNFO" - December 14, 1923.

EDITORIAL entitled "ONE MONTH AND HALF WASTED" - Unfavorably commenting upon the inactivity of Congress.

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"HERALDO DE CUBA" - December 14, 1923.

Interview with Doctor Varona Suarez, Senator, in which he states that in Spanish America, reelection has caused more bloodshed than the wars of independence. He believes that the reorganization of the parties is convenient, but that in order that its beneficial effects may be felt, it becomes indispensable to reform or modify the present electoral law. Regarding the movement of Veterans and Patriots, he said. "Unquestionably, the program of the Veterans and Patriots responds, in general lines, to the aspirations of the people and also to the doctrinary program of the Liberal Party. And a proof of it is that the five Liberal Provincial Governors are absolutely in accord with the so-called "campaign of regeneration." . He also stated that the victory of the Liberal Party at the coming elections is beyond all doubt; that he does not think the Conservative Party will support Zayas....

An article commenting upon the return of General Menocal, bitterly attacking him. He is accused of having been a tyrant and a dictator, of having corrupted suffrage, of having disorganized all public services, of having been the cause of the loss of the ~~xxxxxxx~~ international credit and prestige of Cuba, etc.

An article stating that Dr. Carrerá has given up the idea of being an aspirant ~~xx~~ for the office of "Secretary of Communications", because the creation of that new Department will probably never be obtained from Congress. According to this article, Dr. Carrerá now states that if he has any merits to become a member of the Cabinet, he wants to be appointed Secretary of one of the Departments already existing.

EDITORIAL, commenting upon the resignation of Juan Gualberto Gomez, as President of the Popular Party. His resignation was attributed to the fact that the President had decided to appoint Colonel Jose Eliseo Cartaya (who has no political connections) as Secretary of the Treasury. Juan Gualberto Gomez considered that he had been slighted, because the appointment was not made in favor of Dr. Portela. - However, some people believe that said resignation is only a political manoeuvre to create a state of opinion in favor of Dr. Portela. Others believe that the idea is to maintain Dr. Portela as Sub Secretary.....

Cable despatch from Washington stating that General Crowder will sail from New York on Saturday; that his return is considered as an indication that the situation is now peaceful, because his long stay in the U.S. was attributed to the fears of a revolutionary movement on the part of the Veterans and Patriots; that the arrival of Dr. Torriente, who has already presented his credentials, restore normal conditions, and General Crowder has decided to return to his post.

"EL HERALDO" - December 14, 1923.

A cable despatch from Washington giving an account of the interview held between Secretary Hughes and Ambassador Torriente, last Monday.

The President of the Republic has sent an ultimatum to the Mayor of Habana, to declare himself in favor of reelection. If Mayor Cuesta refuses to do so, and if he fails to issue a Manifesto in favor of reelection, a severe visit of inspection will be ordered in the Municipal offices, with a view of instituting proceedings against him.....

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"El Heraldo" - December 14, 1923 (Continued).

Dr. Miguel Angel Aguiar, member of the House of Representatives, who has just arrived from Paris, granted an interview to a reporter of "El Heraldo", in which he criticizes the appointment of Dr. Francisco Zayas as Minister to France. He also criticizes the Cuban Charge d'Affaires, Tejedor, in the most bitter terms.

An article commenting upon the irregularities in the Department of Public Works. $60,000.00 advanced to a contractor of Public Works in Manzanillo, before the works were started. The deposits made by private individuals, have disappeared.

EDITORIAL, unfavorably commenting upon the arrival of General Menocal.

An article stating that President Zayas has recommended to the members of Congress to hold no session until next April. He is afraid that if the House meets, the Representatives will, with a view of vindicating themselves, fling bitter attacks against the Government, and inconvenient debates may take place. It is intended to approve Cano's amnesty by surprise.

An article stating that Dr. Torriente is preparing his presidential candidature in Washington, to give the final blow to reelection. The American press presents Dr. Torriente as the candidate of the Conservatives, supported by General Menocal.

"EL UNIVERSAL" - December 14, 1923.

EDITORIAL, unfavorably commenting upon the project of reforms of the Electoral Code, stating that the author of the project failed to include the matter of the intervention of public employees in the political assemblies.

"LA PRENSA" - December 14, 1923.

The President has signed the Decree ordering the payment of the gratuities to public employees. The "dismissed" and "surplus" employees will be the first to collect their gratuities.

"LA NOCHE" - December 14, 1923.

An article stating that Dr. Cortina has told the President of the Senate that Dr. Cortela will be appointed Secretary of the Treasury.

Cable despatch from New York, stating that General Crowder will sail from New York to Habana tomorrow. The New York Sun has published an article trying to explain the prolonged absence of General Crowder from Cuba.

"EL MUNDO" - December 15, 1923.

An article stating that the National Executive Committee of the Liberal Party held a meeting last night, at which Juan Gualberto Gomez withdrew his resignation as President of that Committee.

"DIARIO DE LA MARINA" - December 15, 1923.

An article stating that President Zayas does not seem to be quite inclined to go to reelection. The article also states that the last sessions of the Executive Committee of the Popular Party have been rather stormy, due to the attitude assumed by Dr. Zayas in connection with the appointment of a Secretary of the Treasury, and the differences existing between Dr. Zayas and Juan G. Gomez regarding the filling of that vacancy.

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"Diario de la Marina" - December 15, 1923.

Josel. Franco, elector, has established an appeal before the Provincial Electoral Board, against the actions of the Municipal Board of Habana, because the latter Board employs members of the Police force to investigate whether the residence given by the electors who request their inscription is true. - Said elector understands that the methods employed by the Municipal Board are not efficient, and are very dilatory.

"EL TRIUNFO" - December 15, 1923.

The Criminal Chamber of the Supreme Court has ordered that criminal proceedings be instituted against the Secretary of the Interior, Dr. Iturralde, for disobedience. Dr. Iturralde did not want to obey the resolution of the Civil Service Commission ordering that Mr. Luis G. Oses be reinstated in office as Lieut. of the National Police. The Magistrate of the Audiencia of Habana, Dr. Mario E. montero, has been appointed Special Judge to take cognizance of said case.

EDITORIAL entitled "FACE TO FACE" - commenting upon the arrival of General Menocal who will take an active part in Cuban politics, upon the differences existing between General Menocal and Dr. Zayas, and upon the fact that General Menocal is the only person who can revive the Conservative Party.

An article praising Ambassador Torriente, and commenting upon the speeches exchanged between Dr. Torriente and President Coolidge.

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"HERALDO DE CUBA" - December 15, 1923.

An article stating that securities amounting to over $20.000,000.00 which were taken from the Banco Nacional by Iribarren, will be sold at auction. The National City Bank is working to have this auction held. This means that the foreign bankers will take over one of the sugar plantations mortgages by Doming Leon. The creditors in current account of the Banco Nacional protest against said auction, and they will hold a great meeting to see if the sale at auction of said securities can be prevented.

An article criticising the actions of Dr. Iturralde at the head of the ~~xxxxx~~ Department of the Interior, printing out some of the irregularities committed in that Department.

An article stating that Senator Juan Gualberto Gomez desires to revive "the small Popular Party", and his first step has been to demand the Portfolio of the Treasury for an addicted person. The President, however, refuses to grant such request, and Senator Gomez threatens to withdraw from active political life.

An article by Dr. Orestes Ferrara, unfavorably commenting upon reelection, and stating that Dr. Zayas has ~~xxxxxx~~ lost his mind. One of the paragraphs of this article reads as follows: "And Washington, if Washington has a right to meddle in our destinies, does not love Dr. Zayas, and it will not support him as it did with General Menocal, much to its regret, expressed later."

The railroad men have granted an extension of three days, to see if their demands are accepted, before they declare the strike. Dr. Zayas offers himself as a mediator.

EDITORIAL very unfavorably commenting upon the project of reforms of the Law of Pardons.
EDITORIAL entitled "CROWDER AND TORRIENTE"- Commenting upon the return of General Crowder, and stating that while it is not known exactly what he brings in his Portfolio, this is naturally a matter ~~xxxxxxxxxx~~ of anxiety for the Government. The "Heraldo de Cuba" see it with displeasure any action which might mean the intensification of the Interference and the diminishing of Cuba's sovereignty.

"WHY CROWDER HAS NOT RETURNED" - Under this heading, the following cable despatch from Washington is quoted: "Reports relating to the return of General Crowder assure that Dr. Cosme de la Torriente during his stay in Habana held various conferences with President Zayas, requesting and obtaining ample powers to conduct the Embassy in such a manner that the agreement between Washington and Cuba regarding certain problems pending may be expedited. - Regarding the absence of General Crowder during the period of agitation, it is explained stating that as the program of reforms presented by the Veterans and Patriots coincided with that presented by the Ambassador of the U.S., the Washington Government did not wish to appear as temporizing with the revolutionists, maintaining a representative in the Island."

"EL HERALDO" - December 15, 1923.

An article stating that Dr. Cortina has presented his resignation as Secretary of the Presidency. That upon his return from Europe,

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"El Heraldo" - December 15, 1923.

he found Dr. Zayas very cold and indifferent, and lost all hopes of being appointed Secretary of the Treasury. In spite of all the praises sang in his favor by Dr. Ferrara, Dr Cortina is considered to be a definite failure.

The American Embassy has lodged a complaint before the President, against certain actions of the Ayuntamiento of Habana by which American citizens are damaged. - Graft and corruption prevail in the Municipality.

An article comenting upon the declarations recently made by Dr. Aurelio Alvarez to "El Mundo", regarding the nomination of a "National Candidate" for President at the coming elections. This proposition has been greatly commented upon in political circles, and has caused great anxiety in official circles, where it is considered as "a grave danger". Some persons believe that great difficulties would have to be overcome before the plan results practical; and others consider that it would be useful for the country and for politics.

An article stating that the Acting Secretary of the Treasury will take energetic steps to stop the irregularities which are said to be committed in the Custom House.

EDITORIAL entitled "HUGHES WATCHES" - Commenting upon the last conference between Secretary Hughes and Ambassador Torriente; and also upon the return of General Crowder.

"THE REAL DANGER OF REELECTION" - An article stating that although Dr. Zayas seems inclined to give up the idea of being reelected, his followers do not desire to lose the positions conquered; that the real danger does not lie in the continuation of Dr. Zayas for another term of four years, because that is impossible, but in the wave of corruption that would sweep over Cuba during the rest of his present term in office.....

"HERALDO DE CUBA"- December 16, 1923.

In an interview with a reporter of "La Lucha", Mr. Ferrara stated that he prefers a bad Cuban Government, to a good American Government in Cuba. He also stated that he is against reelection, and that he is decided to work in favor of the success of the Liberal Party.

EDITORIAL entitled "CROWDER RETURNS" - Favorably commenting upon the return of General Crowder.

"EL TRIUNFO" - December 16, 1923.

EDITORIAL entitled "THERE COMES CROWDER" - Unfavorably commenting upon the return of General Crowder (Translated in full).

An article by Napoleon Galvez unfavorably commenting upon the return of General Menocal.

"LA NOCHE" - December 16, 1923.

EDITORIAL, very unfavorably commenting upon the return of General Crowder (Already translated in full).

"LA PRENSA" - December 16, 1923.

EDITORIAL, unfavorably commenting upon the inactivity of Congress, and also upon the large number of Bills of appropriation now pending.

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"EL MUNDO" - December 17, 1923

Feature editorial entitled "LAVISH WASTE IN THE UNITED STATES" - Commenting upon the useless appropriation bills which the American Congress is about to pass.

Cable despatch from New York, commenting upon the notice published by the "Public Ledger" regarding the banquet offered by Ambassador to Crowder to Ambassador Torriente. The luncheon given by General Crowder to Colonel J.M. Tarafa and Mr. Horatio S. Rubens, is also commented upon.

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"HERALDO DE CUBA" - December 17, 1923.

An article commenting upon the banquet which the President of the Republic will offer to-day to the members of the Executive Committee of the Popular Party. Some friends of the Palace state that the practical results of said banquet, will be as follows: the reconciliation of Dr. Zayas with Juan Gualberto Gomez; an emphatic declaration of Dr. Zayas regarding the problem of reelection. - It is also stated that the President has prepared a Manifesto, which will be published after it is read at the banquet, and that in said Manifesto he express his desire that the coming general elections be directed by a High Commission in which all the political parties and Cuban economic corporations may be represented. That he affirms once more that he is hostile to reelections, but does not prohibit his friends to start a campaign in his favor.....

A lively debate is expected at the House of Representatives, when the Bill from the Senate authorizing the President to increase the Custom House tariff rates is discussed. Many members of the House believe that said authorization to the Executive might be very dangerous. Such a weapon for reelection cannot be placed in the hands of the Chief Executive. The opinion of the members of the House is divided, as to the formula to defend Cuban industries.

Interview with General Gerardo Machado. He states that Dr. Zayas has never spoken to him about his desires to be reelected; that the country is against reelection; that the campaign in his favor is going on very smoothly; he thinks that the program of moralization of the Veterans and Patriots is good, but they will combat the V.& P. if they take an active part in politics or if they ever start a revolution; he will defend the candidate who may be proclaimed by the Assembly; he aspires to be a President of the Republic, but will accept whoever is proclaimed.....

A general railroad strike is about to take place. Many labor unions support the railroad men in their claims. Fears of a paralization of the sugar crop in the Eastern provinces.

An article stating that Dr. Cespedes will leave the Department of the Treasury tomorrow, and will devote himself exclusively to General Crowder "because of our Secretaries of State forget that there is an immense Latin-America, a Europe and an Asia which has not been exploited, morally great, and in full intellectual development." That Eliseo Cartaya will be appointed Secretary of the Treasury. That Cartaya is not a great financier, but he is honest, and a good watch dog. Dr. Cortina is struggling. The President wishes to offer him any portfolio, but he desires to withdraw from the Government, to give new life to the Popular Party. Nothing is know about his substitute, but "Heraldo de Cuba" asks Rosado Aybar be not appointed.

"EL HERALDO" - December 17, 1923.

General Menocal has taken an active part in political life again. "El Chico" has become the most active political center of the Conservatives, who see in General Menocal the last hope to revive it. Zayas, in turn, wishes to use Menocal's name to scare the Liberals, in order that the Liberal Party may decide to support reelection. Great political events expected to take place next week. There will probably be a crisis of the Cabinet. It is believed that Cortina has resigned, because the rumors of his resignation have been neither confirmed nor denied at the Palace.

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"El Heraldo" - December 17, 1923.

An article stating that General Crowder will arrive tomorrow on board the s/s "Siboney", and that he brings instructions to put a stop to corruption and fraud. Coinciding with his arrival, the Veterans and Patriots have commenced to organize themselves. His return causes a great anxiety at the Palace. A sign which reveals the gravity of the arrival of General Crowder, is the fact that he refused to make any statements to the reporters who interviewed him at the time of boarding the "Siboney" in N.Y. He will take up the matter of the tax of one per cent.....

Some days ago, the Secret Police discovered a large quantity of dynamite despositedd near Bayamo. At the same time, the Department of the Interior announced that the Veterans and Patriots intended to rise in arms between the 20th and the 30th of this month. The Veterans and Patriots deny that the 82 cases of dynamite were sent by them to the province of Oriente, and state that it is a plot planned by the Government to persecute them....

"LA PRENSA" - December 17, 1923.

This newspaper was able to obtain an extract of the declarations which the President will make to-day at the banquet offered to the members of the Executive Committee of the Popular Party.

"Dr. Zayas begins by ratifying his old opinion that he has never been in favor of reelection, and that it can very well be remembered that on various instances he has addressed messages to Congress requesting the reform of the Constitution in the sense of prohibiting presidential reelections. In the other paragraphs, Dr. Zayas makes a history of the work of his political friends, of all the political parties, among whom there are many Liberals. That the President states that at the present time the reorganization of the political parties is either being prepared or effected, and that he accepts to lend his name to the Popular Party, to which he has always belonged and of which he is the founder, but always with the reserve of what the Assembly of the Popular Party may decide with respect to the nomination of a presidential candidate, always bearing in mind the disciplinary acceptance of the decisions adopted by the Assembly regarding that important point."

Cable despatch from New York (sent by M.G.Segrera) commenting upon the return of General Crowder. It is said that his policy will be different. Secretary Hughes did not want General Crowder to return until Dr. Torriente had presented his credentials...

An article stating that the President has appointed Dr. Regüeiferos as Acting Secretary of the Treasury. Dr. Regüeiferos is congratulated for this appointment, which he deserves, because he is an honest and competent official.

"LA NOCHE" - December 17, 1923.

According to information obtained to-day from a close friend of the President, Dr. Zayas has decided to run for a second term, and that he has the support of many political elements; that he will come out victorious, and that he will give ample guarantees to all electors at the polls.

EDITORIAL entitled THE POLITICAL PROBLEM. - Commenting upon the declarations recently made by Dr. Aurelio Alvarez, in which he suggests the idea of appointing a National Candidate at the coming elections.

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"EL UNIVERSAL" - December 17, 1923.

An article by Ramon Vasconcelos, commenting upon the return of General Crowder (Already translated in full).

An article stating that the situation of the Government becomes more and more critical every day. The Veterans and Patriots are rapidly organizing the revolution, and as Zayas knows that he is not capably of putting it down, he is trying to find out what would be the attitude of the U.S. in case of a revolutionary movement. The President holds mysterious conferences with the President of the Supreme Court, and with the Charge d'Affaires of the United States.

"EL MUNDO" - December 18, 1923.

An article commenting upon the return of General Crowder (Already translated in full).

Full text of the declarations made by Dr. Zayas at the banquet given yesterday to the members of the National Executive Committee of the Popular Party.

Dr. Cespedes turned over the Department of the Treasury to Dr. Regueiferos, yesterday. It is generally believed that the appointment of Dr. Regueiferos is merely to comply with the provisions of the Law which states that the appointment of a provisional Secretary cannot be for a period of over 60 days, and that Dr. Cespedes will again take charge of the Treasury Department. This belief is strengthened by the fact that Dr. Regueiferos has confirmed Mr. Miguel Angel Carbonell as Private Secretary.

"MERCURIO" - December 18, 1923.

An article stating that Dr. Cespedes will again be appointed as Acting Secretary of the Treasury.

"DIARIO DE LA MARINA" - December 18, 1923.

The workers of the Cuban Company have decided to declare the strike of railroad men on Dec. 19th. This is announced in a telegram from Santiago de Cuba.

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"HERALDO DE CUBA" - December 18, 1923.

An interview with Dr. Rafael Martinez Ortiz, who states that Dr. Zayas was opposed to reelection in 1907, and should not now try to run for a second presidential term; that Dr. Zayas must clearly explain his purposes; that reelection is a danger; that Zayas contradicts himself by accepting his nomination, etc.

An article favorably commenting upon a resolution recently adopted by the Debt Commission, rejecting a claim amounting to over two thousand dollars for groceries supplied to the Palace by Messrs. Serrano and Martinez.

Lottery

Irregularities in the Department of the Lottery. Zayas Arrieta disposes of one thousand tickets at each drawing, which yield him a profit of $4,000.00 every ten days. Only 17 tickets are assigned to each collector. The tolerance on the part of the Prosecuting Attorneys, leads to the belief that they are Lottery Collectors. Other irregularities denounced.

A manifesto issued by the Supreme Council of Veterans and Patriots to the people of Cuba, refuting the declarations made by Dr. Zayas yesterday to the members of the Executive Committee of the Popular Party.

EDITORIAL by Dr. Orestes Ferrara, very unfavorably commenting upon the declarations read by the President at the banquet given yesterday to the members of the Executive Committee of the Popular Party.

"EL HERALDO" - December 18, 1923.

Alleged U.S. attitude

An article commenting upon the return of General Crowder. The article states that General Crowder returns to Cuba with ample powers, which he can exercise even to substitute the present Government for another provisional Cuban Government. It is said that he brings in his portfolio a list of the Secretaries which must be substituted for the present ones, and hence he will begin the negotiations of his second diplomatic stage. The U.S. will not act against the sovereignty of Cuba, but General Crowder will grant the Government of Dr. Zayas a period for rectifying, and if he does not pay attention to this and does not adopt a different line of conduct, he will be substituted.....

A grave irregularity denounced in connection with the Christmas drawing of the Lottery. In spite of the fact that the tickets state that the first prize is for $500,000.00, it is said that the Department of the Lottery will only pay $300,000.00. xxxxx The Christmas drawing is a fraud. The speculators are charging $1.50 per fraction --fifty per cent. above par value.....

An article unfavorably commenting upon the appointment of Dr. Regueiferos as Acting Secretary of the Treasury. Dr. Cespedes acted very well as Secretary of the Treasury, and in two months he added three millions to the funds deposited in the Treasury. He is now substituted by the person who signed the Decree of purchase of the Santa Clara Convent and who is now in a position to order the payment of three million dollars for said Convent.....

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"El Heraldo" - December 18, 1923. (Continued).

EDITORIAL commenting upon the return of General Crowder. That the return of General Crowder produces sorrow, not because he is not liked by the Cubans, but on the contrary, the conspicuous American diplomat has been and is a real friend of Cuba and of the Cubans; but he represents a system which restrict, diminishes, or adulterates the independence of the country..... General Crowder was considered by the Liberal Party as an agent indispensable for the salvation of Cuba during the sad days when General Menocal usurped the rights and the liberties of the people and became a despot...."We all now ask: 'What will General Crowder do?' And we ask this question, because the permanent fiscalization on the part of the United States has become a system..... There is only one way to redeem ourselves: to abandon the wrong path, to purify ourselves, to reform....."

"EL UNIVERSAL" - December 18, 1923.

An article giving an account of an interview said to have been held between General Menocal and General Garcia Velez, in which the former offered his cooperation and financial aid to the movement of regeneration, but under the condition that he be given the leadership of the Veterans and Patriots. Garcia Velez said that he could only accept his cooperation, but only as a mere soldier of the cause. It is said that the interview lasted four hours.

An article unfavorably commenting upon the appointment of Dr. Regüeiferos as Acting Secretary of the Treasury.

"LA PRENSA" - December 18, 1923.

"WELCOME, SIR . - Article commenting upon the returnof General Crowder.

"EL MUNDO" - December 19, 1923.

Feature editorial, unfavorably commenting upon the appointment of Dr. Regüeiferos as Acting Secretary of the Treasury; that said appointment is a very lamentable error on the part of Dr. Zayas, and it may cause considerable damage to the country. That after the brilliant action of Dr. Cespedes at the head of that Department, everybody expected that he would be confirmed in that office; but instead of doing that, the appointment has been made in favor of the person who signed the Decree of purchase of the Santa Clara Convent, and who has also signed the most stupendous "compensations of credit" and the "subastas" of Central Limones as head of the Banking Commission.....

"THERE WILL BE NO CHANGES IN THE CABINET - Secretary of the Presidency Lecuona, has stated that by virtue of the visit paid to the President be various members of the Cabinet, the President told them that he desired to state that the declarations made by him at the banquet given to the members of the Executive Committee of the Popular Party, did not in any way alter his relations with the members of the Cabinet who should not feel obligated in any manner to realize acts of a political nature; adding that his line of conduct, of impartiality and respect for all rights, would not suffer any change, because as an official of the Government, ~~who~~ would still feel as if he owed himself to all the Cubans, although, as a private citizen, he would exercise the right which any other individual has with respect to the politics of his country."

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EL Mundo - December ~~18~~ 19, 1923 (Continued).

Dr. Cespedes will again take charge of the Department of the Treasury at Noon to-day.

"EL TRIUNFO" - December 19, 1923.

Section entitled "PICELADAS" - "INDISPENSABLE ORIENTATIONS" - Commenting upon the return of General Crowder.

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"HERALDO DE CUBA" - December 19, 1923.

The Association of Industrial Men of Cuba points out the drawbacks of the Bill recently passed by the Senate, authorizing the President to increase the Custom House Tariff rates. Mr. Cebreiro, of said Association, believes that the increase is indispensable; but he also believes that a Committee should be appointed to restrict the powers of the President in connection with this matter.

An article by Enrique Mazas, unfavorably commenting upon the declarations made by the President accepting his nomination for a second presidential term.

A cable despatch from Washington stating that the intentions of the Presid nt of Cuba to run for a second term, have caused a very bad impression. Officials of the Department of State frankly stated that the declaration made by Dr. Zayas have created an unfortunate state of affairs. His nomination for a second term is considered as a direct blow to the cordial relations between Cuba and the United States. They condemn the policy of Dr. Zayas, because they believe that reelection is contrary to the principles of good government. Reelection is considered as the cause of revolutions. A dictatorship is feared.....

An article stating that Juan Gualberto Gomez demands from the President that all the members of the Cabinet may be members of the Popular Party, but that Zayas will pay no attention to said demands, as he does not consider that it is reasonable to compel Cespedes to declare himself in favor of the Popular Party or in favor of reelection. Cortina desires to abandon the Department of the Presidency, as he intends to devote himself entirely to the campaign of reelection.

EDITORIAL: "THE FRIENDLY ADVICES" - Commenting upon the mention made in the speeches of President Coolidge and Ambassador Torriente, that Cuba is disposed to accept the friendly advices of the U.S. "We do not know what is meant by this new diplomatic euphemism. The friendly advices do not merely place us in a state of protection, but that protection is shameful, because we are treated as children and incompetent..... The advice means moral deficiencies in the State which receives it, and superiority in those who give it ...Dr. Zayas who pompously declared yesterday that our international relations were decorous, will not be able to explain before posterity this "diminutio capitis" of our personality... The unexpected return of General Crowder is justified or explained by said phrase in the speech of the Cuban Ambassador. If Cuba accepts the friendly advices, there must be some one to give them; and as neither President Coolidge can bother about us, nor Secretary Hughes, General Crowder must come to Cuba to give us advice, because, according to what is said in Washington, he knows us very well.....

A letter addressed to Dr. Zayas, signed by "Jose Manuel Dubois, Veteran of the Wars of '68 and '95" by virtue of his declarations to accept his reelection. The letter criticizes Dr. Zayas in the most bitter terms, setting forth some of the most shameful things which he has done during his Administration.

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"EL HERALDO" - December 19, 1923.

An article very unfavorably commenting upon the declarations made by the President accepting his reelection. - Opinions of prominent politicians. Representative del Pozo states that the Manifesto issued by Dr. Zayas constitutes a challenge to public opinion.

EDITORIAL entitled "THE INTERFERENCE" - Commenting upon the return of General Crowder.

An article stating that as soon as the members of the Cabinet read the declarations made by the President to the members of the Popular Party, they presented his resignation, as they wanted to give him complete liberty of action; but the President assured them that his declarations had no connection with the policy of his Cabinet. Betancourt, Cespedes, Porto and Iturralde are the members of the Cabinet who intended to resign.

An article stating that General Crowder will visit the Secretary of State before he calls on the President, and that all his dealings with the Cuban Government will be by means of Notes to the Department of State.

"EL UNIVERSAL" - December 19, 1923.

by Ramon Vasconcelos.

"A TRIO OF ACES"/- Commenting upon ~~[illegible]~~ Dr. Zayas, General Crowder and ex President Menocal. "Zayas, Crowder, Menocal. In other times we would have said: "The trinomial of Usurpation". Now we simply call them the Three Musketeers of Disaster. The three arbiters of national peace. The supreme jury of public tranquility. Garcia Velez is in a different plane, prompted by ideals which go beyond a position or the bounds and windings of diplomacy. He can produce an outburst, and even overthrow the regime of nephews in a few hours; he can even provoke an American intervention. But that is precisely what matters, and what Garcia Velez has taken a special interest to avoid...." The article further comments unfavorably upon Zayas, Crowder and Menocal, and states that nothing can be expected of Zayas; but that General Crowder and Menocal, can, if they want, do a great service to Cuba. In order to do so, it will suffice for them to impose the program of regeneration of the Veterans and Patriots.....

The following telegram was received ~~yesterday~~ to-day from Camaguey, signed by the President of the Brotherhood of Railroad Men: "Notify Government we postpone strike until arrival of Honorable Secretary of Agriculture, in accordance with petition made by the Government."

"LA PRENSA" - December 19, 1923.

President Zayas and General Menocal held a long conference this morning, regarding the events of the day, the movement of the veterans, and the coming elections. It is affirmed that they will shortly have another conference.

"A DENGAROUS MOMENT" - Commenting upon the strike of railroad men, and that the Government must give preferent attention to the solution of this problem.

"LA NOCHE" - December 19, 1923.

EDITORIAL entitled "THE DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY" - Commenting upon the difficulties for filling the vacancy of Secretary of the Treasury. That President Zayas has had five Secretaries of the Treasury in a period of of three years. Cespedes must remain, until a total change of the Cabinet is effected.

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General Betancourt, Secretary of Agriculture, did not leave for Camaguey last night, as had been planned, because the strike in the lines of the Cuba Company had already been declared. Secretary Iturralde has issued the necessary instructions in order that the Amry may protect the stations of that line. It is believed that the laborers of the Cuban Central Rys. will join the strike.

"LA PRENSA" - December 19, 1923.

General C rowder paid a visit of courtesy to Secretary Cespedes, this morning. General C rowder will probably visit the President this afternoon or tomorrow morning.

"DIARIO DE LA MARINA" - December 20, 1923.

PALACE NEWS: The Secretary of State informed the President yesterday that he had received the visit of Ambassador Crowder the same day.

"EL TRIUNFO" - December 20, 1923.

Secretary Cespedes informed the President yesterday afternoon of the conference he had held on the same day with the Ambassador of the United States, General Crowder. According to the information given by Dr. Cespedes to the reporters, the visit of the American diplomat was merely a visit of courtesy.

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"HERALDO DE CUBA" - December 20, 1923.

An article stating that the declarations made by the President has provoked bitter criticisms on the part of his opponents as well as among his own followers; the Populars are not satisfied, and the Conservatives have been greatly disappointed. The attitude of Dr. Zayas in connection with the appointment of a Secretary of the Treasury, is criticized by his own friends. Cespedes will declare himself ~~xxxfxxxxxxfxxxxxxxxx~~ opposed to reelection. He will resign if the members of the Cabinet are not excluded from political responsibility in connection with the declarations of the President in favor of reelection.... "The discrepancy of opinion between Dr. Zayas and his friends has come to such a point that some members of the Conservative and Popular Party who sometimes speak of the National League, , discuss some way to take revenge on the President; and we have ven heard of a combination said to have been invented by Dr. Aurelio Alvarez: that of supporting the candidature of Dr. Carlos Manuel de Cespedes, with Dr. Cortina as Vice President, at the polls."

There is no railroad communication with the Eastern provinces. The labor leaders Adan and Diaz ~~xxxxx~~ say that the Brotherhood did not declare the strike. The Department of the Interior, which did not know how to avoid the conflict, now tries to solve it through methods of violence.

EDITORIAL "INCOMPETENCE OF THE GOVERNMENT" - Criticizing the attitude of the Department of Agriculture, in connection with the railroad strike.

A cable despatch from Washington. The reports about a possible American intervention in Cuba are officially denied. Ambassador Crowder only received the instructions usually given to diplomats who go to foreign countries. The interventionists must be considered as enemies of Cuba and of the United States.

"EL HERALDO" - December 20, 1923.

An article commenting upon the interview between President Zayas and General Menocal. It has been learned that Menocal congratulated Zayas for his recent declarations; he also expressed his fears that a revolution might bring an American intervention. Zayas told Menocal that that was an imaginary danger; that the Americans are afraid of the Cubans, because they know very well that they are not like the Philippines, the Dominicans or the Porto Ricans. Zayas invited Menocal to build up the Conservative Party, encouraging him to present himself as a candidate.....

An interview with Dr. Maza y Artola, the head and the founder of the Nationalistic Party. Referring to presidential reelection, he stated that the Cubans are threatened by a national catastrophe; he is of the opinion that Dr. Zayas in incapable of rectifying, and will carry his daring adventure to the end; that his foolish aspiration shows that he is absolutely devoid of patriotism; against the danger of reelection, the fine idea of a national candidate would be of no use; what becomes indispensable is the union of all the elements who struggle to free the country of its present evils, in order that the ideals of patriotic regeneration may triumph, because, even if they were defeated, they would at least save the honor of Cuba.....

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L Heraldo" - December 20, 1923 (Continued).

Jose I. Rivero, the Editor of "Diario de la Marina", against reelection. - "El Heraldo" quotes an article published in yesterday's issue of "Diario de la Marina", unfavorably commenting upon the declarations recently made by President Zayas.

An article commenting upon the visit of General Crowder to the Secretary of State; that it was only a visit of courtesy, and complying with the desires of General Crowder, Dr. Cespedes may possibly visit Washington during this Winter. That no mention was made of the political situation of Cuba. - Ambassador Crowder will visit the President to-day... "Will General Crowder show himself as amiable, courteous and smiling with the President, as he did with the Secretary of State? Will also convey to him the felicitations and kind regards from the Washington authorities?" That the difference between the two visits will indicate how the relations between the Ambassador and the President will develop. It is said that the activities of Ambassador Crowder will be initiated by a petition to the Executive to change his Cabinet and to repeal the Law of life long colecturias. The Ambassador will formally begin to act next week.

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Opinion of prominent politicians in connection with the recent declarations of the President. - General Asbert believes that the declarations only tend to prevent the dissolution of the Popular Party; reelection is impossible without the support of the Liberals and Conservatives, because the Popular Party is not of a national character. - Dr. Carlos Manuel de la Cruz was heard to say: "Dr. Zayas will immediately begin to work, but not for his reelection. We will see him very soon trying to find a candidate of the Populars and Conservatives to whom he will give his support". Another Representative who heard him, remarked: "Of course, Menocal! It is a sweet dream of the followers of General Menocal." --

A long article by Dr. Gustavo Gutierrez, commenting upon the problem of the American Intervention in Cuba.

EDITORIAL commenting upon the necessity of appointing a permanent Secretary of the Treasury.

"EL UNIVERSAL" - December 20, 1923.

NEWS FROM GUANTANAMO: The Veterans and Patriots are recruiting soldiers; over two hundred men have already enlisted, ready to act at the first call. It is believed that before long, no less than one thousand men will have enlisted. It is rumored that arms and ammunitions have been landed in an isolated point on the coast.

"LA PRENSA" - December 20, 1923.

Disturbances are feared in Camaguey as a result of the railroad strike. Conductors and locomotive engineers of the United Railways are willing to declare the strike. - The Strike Committee has authorized the circulation of trains carrying mail exclusively.

Two editorials commenting upon the railroad strike.

General Crowder will visit the President tomorrow at 12:00 M.

"LA NOCHE" - December 20, 1923.

PALACE NEWS: - Dr. Cespedes had a conference with the President. Dr. Cespedes requested audience for Ambassador Crowder, who desires to pay his respects to Dr. Zayas. The interview will take place tomorrow at 12 M. - A meeting of the Cabinet will take place tomorrow afternoon. - It is rumored that an important conference will soon be held at the Palace, at which prominent politicians will be present.

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a Noche" - December 20, 1923 (Continued).

EDITORIAL very favorably commenting upon the attitude assumed by the President of the Republic toward the members of his Cabinet, in connection with his declarations accepting his presidential nomination.

"EL MUNDO" - December 21, 1923.

A feature editorial commenting upon the present railroad strike, bitterly criticizing the Cuba Railroad Co., and requesting the intervention of the Executive to reestablish normalcy.

EDITORIAL commenting upon the necessity of modifying the Tariff rates, to protect the national industries.

An article unfavorably commenting upon the declarations of the President accepting his reelection.

"DIARIO DE LA MARINA" - December 21, 1923

The railroad men threaten with a general strike, if a satisfactory settlement is not reached. - News about the strike.

The second banquet of the Season will be given at the Palace in honor of the Dean of the Diplomatic Corps on Dec. 28th.

"EL TRIUNFO" - December 21, 1923.

PALACE NEWS: - General Crowder will visit the President at Noon to-day. Great importance is attributed to this visit, inasmuch as it is said to be connected with the declarations recently made by the President expressing his purpose to appear as a candidate for the Presidency at the coming elections. - It has been learned from a reliable source that the President will appoint a Secretary of the Treasury before the end of this month.

At yesterday's meeting of the Rotary Club, a motion presented by Mr. Rene Acevedo was unanimously approved, making an appeal to all the Cuban citizens to take active part in politics.

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"HERALDO DE CUBA" - December 21, 1923.

An article unfavorably commenting upon the Bill recently approved by the Senate authorizing the President to increase the Custom House Tariffs. In connection with this matter, a reporter of "Heraldo de Cuba obtained an interview with Dr. Leopoldo Cancio, who states that what the Executive wants cannot in any way be accepted by the people; that the Constitution does not authorize Congress to place such a delicate matter in the hands of the President, as it might give rise to international difficulties with the countries affected by such a drastic measure; that the people, the press and the economic classes must protest.....

The situation of the strike has not changed during the last 24 hours. Some trains are running, manned by Inspectors of the Company. The strike has not affected the United Railways. No tickets are sold for points beyond Santa Clara. Dr. Gonzalez Manet told the reporters that the Cuba Railroad Co. is to blame for the strike, because said Company ordered the dismissal of employees. - The problem of the strike will be amply discussed at the meeting of the Cabinet tomorrow. The workers of the Guantanamo R.R. have declared that if no settlement has been reached within a period of 24 hours, they will join the strike. The personnel of the United Railways have offered their support to those of the Cuba Co. The Secretary of Agriculture does not know what to do. The President of the Republic wishes to act.

"THE WEAPONS OF REELECTION" - An article by Dr. Orestes Ferrara, unfavorably commenting upon the reelectoral purposes of Dr. Zayas.

The following short comment: "Ambassador Crowder will visit President Zayas to-day. What is the reason? To state that the recent declarations of the President of Cuba in which he announces his purpose of reelecting himself, have caused a very bad impression in Washington, and also that presidential reelection is considered as dangerous for the country. - And what does Washington care about that? It cares, because reelection means revolution. And a revolution bothers the Americans."

According to information obtained from Dr. Cespedes, he will only remain at the head of the Department of the Treasury a few weeks; his successor will be appointed after New Year.

At a meeting held last night by the Executive Committee of the Republican Party, a resolution was adopted to declare that said Party was opposed to reelection.

EDITORIAL entitled "AGAINST THE WICKED" - commenting upon a recent cable despatch from Washington stating that the American State Department had denied the rumors that special powers had been conferred upon General Crowder to establish a provisional Government in Cuba.

A telegram from Ciego de Avila, stating that the employees of the Cuba Northern Railways have decided to join the strike tomorrow, Saturday, as an act of solidarity

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"EL HERALDO" - December 21, 1923.

Letter by General Carlos Garcia Velez, as President of the Supreme Council of the Association of Veterans and Patriots, to the President of the Executive Committee of the National Assembly of the Nationalistic Party, stating that the Supreme Council has no authority to agree to postpone to fulfilment of the program of regeneration.

It is rumored that some hidden hand moves the strings of the Railroad strike. Other news about the strike.

An interview with Colonel Despaigne, regarding the problem of reelection. Col. Despaigne criticizes the declarations made by Dr. Zayas to the members of the Popular Party. He states that all the political parties will combat reelection; Menocal will not support Dr. Zayas; both the Government and the people of the U.S. have a very bad impression of the Administration of Dr. Zayas.....

A scandalous concession of lands in the Province of Oriente to "an emisary of the Palace". 106 caballerias of land belonging to the State were awarded to Rosado Llambi for the sum of $25,000.00 per year; and the lessor rented the lands to Central Palma for the sum of $100,000.00 per year.

Declarations made by Dr. Pardo Suarez, in connection with the problem of reelection. He states that if the provisions relating to reelection are not suppressed from the Constitution, the Cubans will be exposed to the dangers of continuance in office.....

The acting head of the Division of Taxes, Captain Francisco de la Maza y Arredondo, has presented his resignation. This is the fourth time Captain Maza is compelled to resign. On the three previous occasions, his resignation was not accepted, and was confirmed in office. Captain Maza has been called to a conference by the President, and it is believed that after the conference, he will withdraw his resignation.

"HERALDO DE CUBA" - December 21, 1923.

SCANDAL IN THE LOTTERY.- The first ball that came of the globe this morning obtained the first prize of $300,000.00, which is considered as an impossible hazard; and if there is any combination possible, that is the only one: to leave the ball prepared in the tube leading from the globe. "The impure hands which manipulate the Lottery, are capable of doing this, and much more. This is a new reelectionist shame. Great excitement prevails in the city, among those who play, knowing that they are being robbed."

"EL UNIVERSAL" - December 21, 1923.

"Crowder vs. Zayas" - An article commenting upon the conference which General Crowder will hold to-day with Dr. Zayas. General Crowder will probably present an ultimatum to Dr. Zayas, demanding a complete change of procedures to avoid the impending revolution...

"LA PRENSA" - December 21, 1923.

PALACE NEWS: - Ambassador Crowder called on President Zayas at 12 o'clock to-day. When General Crowder arrived at the Palace, he he carried an envelope in his hand. The conference lasted an hour an 15 minutes. - The partial crisis of the Cabinet will be solved within the next 72 hours. The vacancies to be filled are two or three

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"LA NOCHE" - December 21, 1923.

NEWS OF THE STRIKE: The railroad laborers are being the victims of abuses on the part of those who must work for the settlement of the conflict. - Gen.Betancourt fails to find the mill owners, and the latter are placing obstacles to the solution. If the conflict is not solved soon, the strike will spread over all the railroad lines of the country.- Accusations made against the R.R. Company by the labor leaders.

General Betancourt had a conference this morning with the labor leaders Adan, Diaz and Arevalo, at which General Betancourt confessed that he had failed, stating that the mill owners and colonos had failed to appear for a conference. He further stated that he intended to place the matter in the hands of the Government, for solution.

EDITORIAL commenting upon the fact that the political problem of the present moment lies in the reorganization of the parties.

PALACE NEWS: General Crowder visited the President to-day for the first time after his return from the United States. The interview lasted about an hour, and the Representative of the American Government informed the President that the American Foreign Office would not change its policy, and that it will offer the Cuban Government all the support that may be necessary for the greater success of the Administration.

An article stating that one of the members of the Cabinet has decided to present his resignation. This article also confirms the information published a few days ago to the effect that the President had offered the Portfolio of the Treasury to Dr. Cortina. Dr. Cortina has refused to accept the offer.- In view of this refusal, efforts are being made to have Dr. Cespedes accept the appointment, but he also refuses to accept. The vacancy in the Treasury will be filled before next Monday, and as a result of this, there may be another vacancy in the Cabinet. Consequently, there will be three vacancies to be filled.

"EL MUNDO" - December 22, 1923.

Dr. Cortina has handed his resignation as Secretary of the Presidency. (In connection with his resignation he gave out some declarations, which have been translated in full).

A telegram from Moron stating that the employees of the Cuba Northern Railways (Tarafa Line) will join the strike on Saturday morning. -

PALACE NEWS: - Ambassador Crowder paid a visit of courtesy to the President, to-day. -- The President will make the appointments of Secretaries of the Presidency and of the Treasury next week.

"DIARIO DE LA MARINA" - December 22, 1923.

Report of yesterday's meeting of the Cabinet.

An article giving an account of the causes which brought about the railroad strike.

A note given out by Zayas Arrieta, Director General of the Lottery, demonstrating the legality of the drawing held yesterday. He further states that the ticket was sold in Santa Clara, and gives a list of the persons who bought fractions of the ticket which obtained the first prize.

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"EL TRIUNFO" - December 22, 1923.

"THE ~~NUM~~ SECOND PRIZE OF THE CHRISTMAS DRAWING: Yesterday it was announced at the Palace that the ticket which obtained the second prize (amounting to $200,000.00) yesterday, had been sold to Mr. Carlos Fernandez. The truth is, however, that the ticket was presented by Mr. Fernandez to the wife of the Honorable President of the Republic."

The preliminaries for the reorganization of the Liberal Party in Habana, have commenced with great enthusiasm. Practically all the members of the Board of Inscription have been appointed.

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"HERALDO DE CUBA" - December 22, 1923.

An article commenting upon the corruption prevailing in the Lottery. It is affirmed that the ticket which obtained the second prize was given to the wife of the President. Said ticket was regularly played by a Mr. Portocarrero, but the employees of the Lottery refused to give it to him for the Christmas drawing. Other details of the case.

Article entitled "DR. ZAYAS AND THE MORBID INSENSIBILITY", by Dr. Orestes Ferrara, commenting upon the impassibility of the President in the face of the many problems presented to the country. Dr. Zayas is absolutely incompetent for the office he hold, and he should have never become the President of the Republic.

EDITORIALS: "A SERIOUS LOSS" - Commenting upon the railroad strike which takes place at the beginning of the sugar crop. A prompt solution is absolutely necessary.
"SLEIGHT OF HAND AT THE LOTTERY" - Commenting upon the fact that the scandal in connection with the last drawing of the Lottery, reveals exactly the regime prevailing in Cuba at the present time.

An article very favorably commenting upon the speech made by Professor Marshall Brown, of Princeton University, protesting against the new interpretation given to the Monroe Doctrine.

"EL HERALDO" - December 22, 1923.

"HAZARD AND THE LOTTERY" - Editorial, unfavorably commenting upon the last drawing of the Lottery, and the series of fortuitous events connected with said drawing.

THE NAVY AT THE SERVICE OF REELECTION: Commenting upon the fact that a revenue cutter has been placed at the disposal of the Popular Party, to take some of the delegates to the convention of the Popular Party from Manzanillo to Santiago de Cuba.

"EL UNIVERSAL" - December 22, 1923.

"THE PRESIDENTIAL QUESTION" - A long article by Ramon Vasconcelos - stating the present condition of the various possible candidates, and commenting upon the necessity of solving the problem without delay!

Various article unfavorably commenting upon the last drawing of the Lottery.

"LA PRENSA" - December 22, 1923.

The situation of the railroad strike becomes more grave every hour. All the railroad organizations of Cuba are requested to declare the strike. The railroad station at Camaguey defended by the Army.

Both General Betancourt and Dr. Iturralde called at the Palace to confer with the President in connection with the railroad strike.

"LA NOCHE" - December 22, 1923.

Dr. Cortina's resignation brings up the crisis of the Cabinet. Probably General Betancourt will also resign, in view of the turn the railroad strike has taken.

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"La Noche" - December 22, 1923 (Continued).

An article stating that more troops are being sent to Camaguey to check any disturbances on the part of the strikers.

"EL MUNDO" - December 23, 1923.

Feature editorial, regretting the withdrawal of Dr. Cortina from the Cabinet.

Article entitled "THE SOURCE OF PERILS"- commenting upon the railroad strike, the indifference of the Government, and the somewhat unwaaranted measures adopted by the Military authorities.

"DIARIO DE LA MARINA" - December 23, 1923.

An article commenting upon the resignation of Dr. Cortina. Dr. Cortina his highly commended in this article.

The Department of State has declared that the Cuban Government will not maintain official relations with the Mexican revolutionists; and will not permit any shipment of any war material consigned to them.

"LA NOCHE" - December 23, 1923.

The situation of the railroad strike is very grave. A general strike may be declared at any moment. Other news of the strike ,

Magistrate of the Supreme Court, Emilio Ferrer y Picabia, committed suicide to-day.

"EL MUNDO" - December 24, 1923.

It was unofficially learned yesterday that the Secretaries of Agriculture and of the Interior will probably leave for Camaguey next Tuesday, to try to find a solution to the problem of the strike. The Secretary of Public Instruction may also accompany them. News received in the Department of Agriculture, announces that the trains of the Cuban Northern Ry. are running regularly.

"DIARIO DE LA MARINA" - December 24, 1923.

The Railroad Brotherhood has addressed the Government informing that if abusive measures are adopted against them, a general strike will be declared, and that the Government must seek a prompt solution of the conflict.

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"HERALDO DE CUBA" - December 24, 1923.

CHARGES AGAINST THE DEPT. OF PUBLIC WORKS: - The mules used by the street cleaning Division are badly fed. The men working in that Division intend to declare a strike, demanding better treatment for the mules. Other irregularities in that Division.

Article by Dr. Orestes Ferrara, entitled: "REELECTIONIST DISTURBNACE" Unfavorably commenting upon the reelectoral aspirations of Dr.Zayas.

News of the strike: Secretaries Iturralde and Gonzalez Manet will ask to be authorized to solve the problem of the strike. They are both supporters of reelection, and desire to take advantage of the opportunity afforded by the strike to develop a reelectionist policy. General Betancourt is an obstacle.

IRREGULARITIES IN THE DEPT. OF THE LOTTERY. - The Director General of the Lottery has published a list of some of the persons who obtained part of the first prize of the Christmas drawing, but he has not replied to the charges made in connection with the second prize. It has been learned that one of the globes was out of order, and nothing was published about it. A screwdriver and a nail were found in the globe, left by the forgetful mechanic who repaired it.

The arbitrary enforcement of Article 102 of the Electoral Code, will again deprive thousand of citizens of the right to vote. The provisions referring to the proportion between residents and electors, is absurd, and must be carefully studied by the House of Representatives. When the same problem was brought up two years ago it gave rise to many protests.

In view of the irregularities denounced by "Heraldo de Cuba" in connection with the payment of gratuities, the Secretary of the Treasury has appointed My. Abelardo Rosello to make an investigation in the offices of the different Paymasters.

"EL HERALDO" - December 24, 1923.

Comptroller Pereira , who is making an examination of the books and Payrolls of the Department of Public Works, has discovered many irregularities. Money is spent to pay obligations different from those for which it was authorized. -

An article commenting upon the resignation of Dr. Cortina, and the appointment of a Secretary of the Treasury. Jose Eliseo Cartaya will only accept the Portfolio of the Treasury under certain severe and precise conditions. Juan Gualberto Gomez and Celso Cuellar recommend the President to form a Cabinet of unconditional friends, and as such, Benito Laguerueta and Carrerá are mentioned.

EDITORIAL entitled "THE WEEK" - Commenting upon the arrival of General Crowder, which has coincided with the arrival of Dr. Cortina. Dr. Cortina is said to have recommended the dismissal of Despaigne, Lancis, Agramonte and Castillo Pockorny. Now, in spite of the explanation given by Dr. Cortina regarding his resignation, everybody believes that it is a consequence of the failure of the plan of "free hands", because the United States has decided that Ambassador Crowder will continue to give friendly advices to the Cuban Government.

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"El Heraldo" - December 24, 1923 (Continued).

In a speech made in San Antonio de los Baños by the Director of Sanitation, Dr. Lopez del Valle, who spoke in the name of the Department of Sanitation, he referred to the degeneration of the people of Cuba by the invasion of foreign labor, which he had observed in his recent trip to Oriente, declaring that it was necessary to face this problem of life or death for Cuba, in order to prevent that, after the lands have been snatched off by foreign capital, the population be destroyed for exclusively commercial purposes.

"EL UNIVERSAL" - December 24, 1923.

"THE LAST GRIMACE" - by Dr. Orosman Viamontes, unfavorably commenting upon the declarations made by the President, accepting his reelection.

Irregularities in connection with the inspection of ships (Treasury Department) - Administrative proceedings were instituted against Inspector Manuel Gil, who exacted money from the Sinclair Oil Co. The charges were verified, and the Inspector dismissed, but the Civil Service Commission reverted the decision and ordered his reinstatement in office.

"LA PRENSA" - December 24, 1923.

Program of the reception at the Palace on January 1st. - The Diplomatic Corps will be received at 10:00 A.M.

The situation created by the railroad strike has not changed. There will be no strike in the lines of the United Railways.

Dr. Iturralde will not go to Camaguey. - He told the reporters that he had not decided anything regarding his trip.

In a feature editorial entitled "CORTINA" - "La Prensa" praises Dr. Jose Manuel Cortina, and regrets his withdrawal from the Cabinet.

"LA NOCHE" - December 24, 1923.

PALACE NEWS: -The President held an important conference with "a prominent politician", at which it was decided to solve the crisis of the Cabinet this week, probably on Wednesday. - It was rumored in official circles that an incident had taken place between two members of the Cabinet, caused by the railroad strike.

EDITORIAL very unfavorably commenting upon the declarations given out by the Department of State, regarding the attitude of the Cuban Government in connection with the Mexican revolution.

"REVIEW OF THE WEEK", commenting, among otherthings, upon the arrival of General Crowder, the declarations of the President, and the railroad strike.

"EL MUNDO" - December 25, 1923.

"AN ABSURD MEASURE" - Unfavorably commenting upon the idea of closing the Colon Market.

"LA NOCHE" - December 25, 1923.

At a conference held by the President with the Secretary of the Interior and the Head of the Army, it was decided to send a

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military train to Santa Clara. This gave rise to the rumors that the Constitutional guarantees would be held in suspense, but the President has stated that the Martial Law would not be declared for the present.

EDITORIAL entitled "THE STRIKE" - Commenting upon the fact that the demandsmade by the strikers are just; that the Secretary of Agriculture, either by negligence or incompetence, has failed in his efforts as a mediator - Urgent necessity of solving the conflict as soon as possible.

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"EL MUNDO" - December 26, 1923.

Feature editorial entitled "AN URGENT SOLUTION" - commenting upon the railroad strike.

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"HERALDO DE CUBA" - December 26, 1923.

An article commenting upon the railroad strike, criticizing the attitude assumed by the Government. Instead of trying to find a harmonious solution, the Government is sending troops to Oriente, under the pretext of maintaining public order, which is only a display of force to encourage the Populars. Iturralde and Gonzalez Manet insist that they can find a solution to the grave conflict. Labor leader Varona in jail. - The strikers willing to modify their petitions to facilitate a peaceful settlement. General Betancourt tried in vain to act as a mediator; he finally realized that he could get no aid, and that the officials of his own Department desired to see him fail in his efforts, and took up the matter before the Cabinet Meeting. Betancourt accused Gonzalez Manet of being the author of certain newspaper articles, and also accused Iturralde of working against a solution. Nothing was decided at the meeting of the Cabinet, because Dr. Zayas apparently paid no attention to the question. - The Spanish Secretary of Mr. Gompers addressed a letter to the labor leaders, requesting information regarding the strike. A petition made by the workers of the Cuba Company to the American Confederation, gave rise to said letter.

An article stating that President Zayas is personally directing the campaign of reelection. He is the Chief of the Directory. Carrerá does not belong to the Directory, as he is not satisfied with the offers made to him. Juan Gualberto Gomez also seems to be dissatisfied. It is very difficult for him to see the President, and he does not understand how the campaign of reelection can triumph if the President insists on maintaining a group of Secretaries who are not willing to support reelection, and, in the case of a crisis, they would openly combat it. Juan Gualberto Gomez has now a competitor: the Private Secretary to the President, Cristobal Zayas Bazan, wants to become the Chief of the Popular Party.

The public employees fear that the payment of "gratuities" may be discontinued by the projected modification of the Lottery Law. The gratuities, however, must be paid, as they were created by a Law which was held in suspense due to the bankruptcy of the Treasury. But the employees know that before leaving for Washington, Ambassador Torriente recommended the President to modify said Law. Dr. Zayas is now studying said modification, which will benefit all collectors, as it is a known fact that the new Law has not be so fruitful as they expected, and Dr. Zayas is particularly desirous of suppressing the tax of $200.00 a year levied on collectors. 400 collecturias were assigned to the President; and if the tax is suppressed, he will save $80,000.00 per year.

EDITORIALS: "THE RAILROAD CONFLICT" - Stating that the railroad strike continues, and no solution is in sight. Both parties maintain their points of view, and the Government remains inactive, forgetting that it is its duty to try to find a harmonious solution. If the strike is not rapidly solved, a clash is likely to occur. Besides, all the labor organizations are now thinking of supporting the strikers, and a general strike may be declared.... It is not ill-will against the Government which prompts this criticism, but the welfare of the country.

"ON THE DOWNWARD PATH" - Unfavorably commenting upon the attitude of the Government in connection with the strike. - It has been said that the Government does not wish to intervene in the present conflict, and is not particularly interested to see it solved. On the contrary, it pleases the Government to see that

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the conflict becomes more complicated, and even a general strike declared, with violent rivalries and tragic clashes, because then, the Army will be used to restore public order. The purpose of the Government is to demonstrate that it can count upon the Army.....

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An article stating that the President will appointment the members of his new Cabinet before January 1st. Porto and Sandoval will be left out of the combination. Porto falls because he is honest, and General Betancourt will probably be appointed in his place. Great secrecy is maintained as to the person who will be appointed for the Department of Agriculture. Engineer Francisco Cuellar is mentioned as the probable successor of Sandoval. - With respect to the Department of the Treasury, if Eliseo Cartaya does not modify his conditions, either Portela or Pereira will be appointed. The only thing certain, is that Miguel Angel Campa will be appointed as Secretary of the Presidency.

Letter from Enrique Jose Varona to Eduardo Abril Amores, giving his opinion regarding the movement of Veterans and Patriots (Already translated in full).

IRREGULARITIES IN THE LOTTERY: A telegram from Santiago de Cuba stating that Miss Julia Rodriguez, whose name appears in the list of collectors recently published, has no "colecturia".

A telegram from Camaguey stating that the leaders of the strike have declared that they do not intend to meddle in the interior management of the sugar mills, but only in what refers to the crews of the trains which circulate over public lines. The mill owners and cane growers are only trying to tergiversate the question. The President of the Strike Committee is prompted by the best desires to solve the conflict. The strikers are willing to discuss the problem with the mill owners and cane growers on a just and equitable basis, to settle the conflict in a satisfactory manner. - The Army is patrolling the streets of Santiago de Cuba Other news of the strike.

Charges against the Department of Communications. Great frauds committed in connection with the "subastas" for printing supplies. Fantastic bills are presented by a printing concern of Habana, with the corresponding O.K. of the Bureau of Material, and later approved by the Postmaster General. When said bills are paid, a juicy distribution is made among the high officials of the Department of Communications. The Department of the Interior takes no action, because Cartaya and other officials of his Department have more influence with the President than Dr. Iturralde.

"EL UNIVERSAL" - December 26, 1923.

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An article unfavorably commenting upon the attitude of the Government in connection with the strike. Instead of seeking a solution, the Government is making a display of forces, which is only a provocation to the strikers. The strikers do not want to accept the intervention of General Betancourt. The efforts of the Cuba Company to break the strike have failed.

"LA NOCHE" - December 26, 1923.

EDITORIAL on "THE ISLE OF PINES" - The American Congress will resume its work after the Christmas holidays, and among the matters of special importance to be presented to the consideration of said Congress, is the question of the status of the Isle of Pines. The

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campaign carried on by the editor of a certain local paper has caused such indignation, that the Cuban Government has been asked to expel him from Cuba. This shows that there is a movement of opinion in connection with the problem which will be discussed by the American Congress. The American residents of the Isle of Pines have addressed a petition for the rectification of treaty which defined the status of said Island... "La Noche" desires to call attention to this point, because it is a magnificent opportunity presented to Dr. Cosme de la Torriente to show his diplomatic skill and ability, in order that the American Congress, paying no attention to the petitions of the American residents of the Isle of Pines, may do justice to Cuba.

"EL MUNDO" - December 27, 1923.

Feature editorial entitled "THE OPPORTUNE MOMENT" - Commenting upon the beginning of the reorganization of the political parties, stating that this is the proper moment for the people to act without violences, and within the legal channels, to depurate politics, to the corruption of which all the present evils of Cuba are attributed; that this is the proper opportunity for the "peaceful revolution."

"DIARIO DE LA MARINA" - December 27, 1923.

EDITORIAL: "THE STRIKE AND THE SUGAR INDUSTRY" - The ~~xxxp~~ sugar industry is the axis on which all the economic life of Cuba revolves; the sugar crop can only be effected within the short period comprised from December to May, because if it is not effected within that time, the rainy season stops the work and the cane is lost to a great extent; the large sugar mills have an organization which compels them to work day and night; a stop of one or two weeks after the crop has commenced, means a large economic loss; if the interruptions are repeated during the crop, it might mean the ruin of the crop; when the peculiar circumstances of the sugar crop are considered, it can be easily understood that the normal development of the crop is essential for the huge interests of said industry; Cuba depends exclusively on sugar, and the failure of the crop would be a disaster. The present strike is closely connected with the sugar industry. Each sugar mill must control its railroad traffic. If the personnel of the sugar mill are over controlled by the various labor unions or brotherhoods, they will be in a position to paralize the work of the crop at any time; and their power might even become greater than that of the Republic, and such a state of affairs cannot be satisfactory for those who love Cuba.....

"EL TRIUNFO" - December 27, 1923.

EDITORIAL: "THE DRAWBACKS OF THE LOAN"- What has happened, and still happens with the Loan, has not surprised those who cambatted a financial transaction which was not necessary, but which was effected merely because it was imposed by the Special Envoy, and which, in the long run, has only been a profitable business for the Wall Street bankers. According to the clauses of the contract, Cuba cannot dispose of the surplus, which has to be kept in the vaults as a further guarantee. If Cuba had a more capable Congress, some public works would have been realized, and the present economic situation would not be so bad.....

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"HERALDO DE CUBA" - December 27, 1923.

Great pessimism prevails at the Palace regarding reelection, and the reason lies in the fact that the President has no followers. If the President imagines that his recent manifesto will suffice to make all the citizens enlist in the ranks of the Popular Party, he has simply lost his mind. Celso Cuellar does not wish to take any chances, and will be satisfied with a seat in the Senate...

"THE REORGANIZATION OF THE PARTIES", by Orestes Ferrara. - Cuba cannot deserve the general respect as a nation, if moral evils continue to undermine the public institutions. Very seldom has there been, even among barbarous people, the state of corruption which now prevails in Cuba. All mora l resistance is scoffed at. Cynicism is called sincerity. Fraud means intelligence, and not perversion of the spirit. When good sentiments must be hidden, and evil sentiments displayed, the society runs an imminent risk. This can be prevented either by a violent or a civic action. Violence will throw the Cubans into the hands of a foreign power. Civic action is the only action left. The political parties are the best instruments to carry this out; but if the political parties are left in the hands of incompetent and wicked persons, the opportunity for salvation disappears, and then the most difficult and dangerous things will have to be resorted to. Now is the time to act, when the reorganization of the political parties is beginning.....

An article commenting upon theaccusations for libel against the Association of Good Government, made in the name of the President. Among the proofs offered by the deffendants, was the appraisal of "Finca Maria". Judge Almagro will now be persecuted, because he ordered that said appraisal be made.

Bulletin issued by the Supreme Council of Veterans and Patriots, recommending to all the Cubans, and especially to the members of the Association of Veterans and Patriots to abstain from taking part in the s-called reorganization of the Parties.

EDITORIALS: "GAINST JUSTICE" - Commenting upon the persecution started by the Government against Judge Almagro, because he accepted some proofs offered by the Association of Godd Government". The Prosecuting Attorneys are said to have commenced to act in the shadow forgetting that their duty is to defend the society, and not to yield to the personal desires of the National Executive.

EDITORIAL unfavorably commenting upon the recent Note from the Department of State of the United States, to the Government of Honduras, emphatically declaring that the United States will not recognize any Latin-American Government which may be the product of a coup d'Etat or of a revolution against the power legally constituted. That, however, History shows that this has not been the invariable line of conduct followed by the Washington Government. That Central America itself has been more than once the victim of this versatile foreign policy of the United States. In many cases the United States has not only recognized Governments emanating from revolutions, but has even protected the rebellions, thereby serving the interests of its imperialism whenever it has found resistance on the part of some Chief of State. That the hand of the Washington Government has been seen in many revolutions of Central America. Peoples who are denied the right of revolution, are condemned to tyranny. The U.S., which had to resort to revolution to obtain its independence, cannot fail to recognize that a prolonged dictatorship can only be suppressed by a coup d'Etat or

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a revolution, against the more or less legally constituted Government.

"A LAMENTABLE PRACTICE" - Unfavorably commenting upon the recent decision of the Supreme Court, in connection with the appeal presented by the Veterans and Patriots against the resolution of the Mayor of Habana refusing to grant permit to holdmeetings. The Supreme Court never decides the main point of the question, and pays more attention to form than to the main question. This practice, which has become a system, practically annuls the rights of the citizens in matters of unconstitutionality. "A modification which should be established as soon as possible, is precisely that of forcing the Supreme Court to decide every case on its merits. Thus at least, the most sacred rights of citizens will not be thwarted, and Justice will be more than a sonorous and well-meaning word."

THE CRISIS OF THE CABINET: A change in the Cabinet will be effected before January 1st. The last information on the subject is that Mr. Miguel Angel Campa will be appointed Secretary of the Presidency, and Eliseo Cartaya, Secretary of the Treasury. Sandoval, Porto and Betancourt will be left out of the Cabinet.

"EL HERALDO" - December 27, 1923.

An article stating that President Zayas spent the Christmas eve on board the warship "Cuba". According to a confidential report obtained by the Secret Police, something was to take place that night, and as a measure of precaution, the President decided to spend the night on board the "Cuba".

"TORCH AND BROOM" - Commenting upon the last Bulletin issued by the Supreme Council of Veterans and Patriots. "El Heraldo" is perfectly in accord with the accusations made against the professional politicians, but this does not justify the recommendation to abstain from taking part in the reorganization of the parties, because the reorganization is a formidable weapon to defeat the enemy.....

IRREGULARITIES IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS: The result of a "subasta" which is to be effected on the 28th, has long been known by the interested parties. It refers to the construction of a wide street to connect the Atares district, and the bricks are already in transit, because the contractor has the assurance that he will obtain the contract.

"LA PRENSA" - December 27, 1923.

CAUSES OF THE STRIKE: It has been perfectly defined and accepted that the demands made by the Railroad Brotherhoods of Camaguey and Oriente are just and legitimate. They ask that the cane trains belonging to sugar mills be not allowed to run over the lines of public service without the assistance of Engineers and Conductors of the Railroad Companies. The lines of public service are compelled to comply with the provisions of the strict and rigid Railroad Law, for the protection of life and property, and it is not just to waive said obligations from private companies. In no country of the world can the trains of a company run over the lines of another without the intervention of the State, and without complying with the rules and regulations common to all. Consequently, the contracts entered into between the Cuba Railroad Co. and the sugar mills along the lines of said Company, have no legal validity, as they were effected with an absolute disregard for the laws in force on the subject.....

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"LA NOCHE" - December 27, 1923.

An article stating that if the railroad companies persist in their stubborn attitude, against the strikers and against the Government itself, the Government will be compelled to declare the martial law, in order to solve by means of force a situation which threatens the public peace.

Secretary Iturralde stated that he would not intervene in the railroad conflict, because that matter is within the jurisdiction of the Department of Agriculture.

"DIARIO DE LA MARINA" - December 28, 1923.

"A PUNISHABLE RETROCESSION" -An article stating that when the loan of fifty million dollars was contracted, six millions were appropriated for the construction and repair of highways. That said appropriation constituted the only useful expenditure, because the balance of the loan was to be applied to cover the deficit of the Treasury, without any visible benefit, and the avoid the shame of a constant intervention of the Special Envoy in matters which only concerned the Cuban Government. That the work of the Debt Commission has been rendered void due to the revival of old methods and practices. The decisions of the Debt Commission are constantly overruled by resolutions of the Executive which revive the same contracts of Public Works which the Commission had declared null and void. The form adopted cannot be more simple nor less comprehensive of the character and purposes aimed with the loan, with respect to the international relations. In some cases, such as in the repair and pavement of the streets of Manzanillo, the contract which was annulled by the Debt Commission is declared "obligatory" for the contractor to continue the work interrupted by the change of Administration, without any change in the fabulous prices or outrageous conditions stipulated in the original contractsxx entered into during the times of great prosperity. It is in this way that the sum of $3.161,513.81 are said to have been spent out of the appropriation of the six million dollars.

"EL TRIUNFO" - December 28, 1923.

EDITORIAL on "THE CABINET CRISIS" - A crisis in the Cabinet of Dr. Zayas is being announced for the last six months, but the problem remains unsolved, inspite of the necessity of changing methods and persons. The country needs a complete rectification of governmental and administrative procedures, to say nothing of legislative rectifications which are also badly needed. The entire country has been clamouring for a change. Dr. Zayas has not wanted to surround him by counsellors of high intellectual standing. Some changes of Secretaries have been effected, but without any noticeable good results. Public servies are abandoned, especially with respect to Public Instruction which continues the same as before. The country desires to see men of initiative, and not incompetent men, in the Cabinet.....

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"HERALDO DE CUBA" - December 28, 1923.

News of the strike: The Department of Agriculture decided at last to send a commissioner to Camaguey, to try to find a solution. Mr. Carlos Loveira was appointed for this purpose, and he left last night for Camaguey. "Heraldo de Cuba" has at last obtained a copy of the bases suggested by him, but which he did not want to disclose, fearing that if they were not accepted, he would be in a ridiculous position. The bases are as follows:

FIRST: Reinstament of all the personnel who may have abandoned the work or dismissed by the Company due to the strike, whether they were laborers, employees, or chiefs of Departments.

SECOND: That in view of the fact that certain elements try to show that the strike has a political aspect, the Brotherhood would be willing to accept that the only demand made from the Railroad Companies of public service, is that the Engineers and Conductors of the trains run over the lines of said Railroads shall have to be employees of the same, regardless of whether they belong to any Union or not.

THIRD: The Brotherhood agrees, by means of a public deed, and before the proper authorities, that it will not interfere in the least in the affairs of Railroads of private ownership.

The Association of mill owners and cane growers held a meeting last night to discuss the problem of the strike. They understand that the personnel employed by the sugar mills, is competent and fit, and reject the affirmation made to the contrary made by the Railroad Brotherhood of Camaguey. In order to furnish some benefits to said employees, it was decided to take active steps in order that the sugar millsrepresented at said meeting may contribute to the pension fund created in accordance with the Law of October 9, 1923.

CHARGES AGAINST THE DIRECTOR OF COMMUNICATIONS: - The telegraph service is very deficient. Complaints are received from the interior stating that at times the telegrams are slower than the mail. The quick delivery service is also very deficient. - Armando Cartaya is said to be very incompetent for the office.

In an article commenting upon the last drawing of the Lottery, it is stated that Mr. Guido Colli, son-in-law of the President, deposited yesterday in his current account with the Canadian Bank of Commerce, five fractions of the ticket 4,444 which obtained the second prize.

Accusations made against the President in connection with the Law of Retirement of School Teachers. Said Law will soon be practically useless, because the President resolves in an arbitrary manner all the appeals against the Retirement Commission.

EDITORIAL, unfavorably commenting upon the rumor published that the Government intended to declare the Martial Law. All foresighted governments are in the duty of not resorting to vilence, except in extreme cases. Other methods are indicated, such as conciliation and harmony, in order to prevent the abuse of power. The resolution adopted by the Hacendados and Colonos at a meeting held last night, places a new obstacle to the rapid solution of the conflict.... And in the meantime, the economic life of the country is suffering a great loss.....

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"Heraldo de Cuba" - December 28, 1923

EDITORIAL entitled "EFFICIENT MEN" - Commenting upon the renewal of the Cabinet. Everything seems to indicate that Colonel Eliseo Cartaya will be appointed Secretary of the Treasury. It was rumored yesterday that the Secretaries of Public Works and of Agriculture will be changed. And as Dr. Cortina has withdrawn from the Cabinet, four vacancies will have to be filled. It is a great mistake to appoint Secretaries who have absolutely no knowledge of the practices of administration. Something more than honesty is necessary to be a good Secretary of the Cabinet. If a Secretary needs a month to decide on something brought to his attention, he may be a punctilious and methodical person, but not a good official. During the time Dr. Hernandez Cartaya was at the head of the Treasury Department, he resolved with an astonishing rapidity and absolute justice everything that was brought to his attention. He is probably the most able official which the Cuban Administration has had. The President must try to find persons who by their competence, honorability and good desire, they may be able and faithful servants of the country.

"EL HERALDO" - December 28, 1923.

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An article commenting upon the friction between General Betancourt and Secretaries Gonzalez Manet and Iturralde, in connection with the railroad strike. Gonzalez Manet and Iturralde, who are trying to displace General Betancourt, have formed an alliance to hinder the work of the Secretary of Agriculture, in order that his efforts to solve the crisis may fail. The strikers are preparing a manifesto (which manifesto is said to have been drafted by Iturralde), accusing General Betancourt of defending the interests of the mill owners....

EDITORIAL commenting upon the case of the accusation for libel against the Good Government Association, praising the just and manly attitude assumed by the Correctional Judge Almagro, who accepted the proofs offered by said Association, ordering the appraisal of the estate owned by the President. But if said proof were carried out and found to be true, it would implicitly carry the judgment against the President before public opinion, and that is why the Supreme Court and the Department of Justice are now against Judge Almagro.

"EL UNIVERSAL" - December 28, 1923.

News of the Strike: The Hacendados do not want to have any railroad labor organizations in the sugar mills, as any organized strike might stop the work of said mills. Carlos Loveira has been sent to Camaguey by the Department of Agriculture to observe the course of events. The strikers combat Loveira, but they facilitate the work of Arevalo who represents the Department of the Interior....

Article entitled "REORGANIZATION?", commenting upon the fact that nothing good will come out of the reorganization of the political parties, because the Assemblies will practically be controlled by the same elements, and the will of the people scoffed at by the rural bosses and city bosses. And in the long run, the Congressmen and the district chiefs will control the political organization at their will. The Veterans and Patriots are combatting the reorganization of the parties, not for the political parties themselves, but for the immoral privilege of the members "ex-oficio" which annuls the majorities..... As long as the Electoral Code is not reformed with respect to the rights of the members "ex-oficio", the limitation of the inscriptions, and the exclusion of the employees of delegations, the parties will be controlled by the bosses, and the assemblies will be at the mercy of those who have plenty of money and are willing to spend it.

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"La Prensa" - December 28, 1923.

PALACE NEWS: A long conference was held last night between the President and Dr. Cortina. This conference is believed to be connected with the appointment of the new members of the Cabinet. In spite of the fact that many names are mentioned to cover the vacancies in the Cabinet, it can be affirmed that the new Secretaries have already been designated, and their names will be officially announced at any moment.

"LA NOCHE" - December 28, 1923.

An article stating that a very important political conference will be held at the Palace before January 6th. It can be affirmed that up to the present time the Conservatives are systematically opposed to the fulfilment of the provisions of Basis No. 4 of the agreement entered into with the Popularz at the last presidential election. The Executive Committee of the Conservative Party has held an unofficial meeting, at which a resolution was adopted to form a great national coalition, after the reorganization of the parties, and later select a person to be nominated as presidential candidate.

The automobile drivers of Habana threaten with a strike if the Mayor does not annul the permits issued to the sight-seeing automobiles which come from the United States during the Winter season. Governor Barreras to avoid the strike, and is trying to find a harmonious solution.

An article very unfavorably commenting upon the attitude assumed by the Government in connection with the strike. That those called upon to solve the conflict with urgency and justice which the case requires, are not acting as they should. That what has been done in Moron is contrary to the democratic practices of the President of the Republic; that nothing has happened there to warrant the military occupation of that town; that the strikers are being driven to desperation; that the Government has very grave responsibilities at the present time, etc.

Acting Secretary of the Treasury, Dr. Cespedes, was again visited by a commission representing the strikers, requesting his intervention in the conflict. Dr. Cespedes stated that he thought their case was just, but that he could not do anything officially, as it was a matter pertained solely to the Department of Agriculture.

EL MUNDO - December 29, 1923.

EDITORIAL entitled "THE ROADS". Commenting upon the fact that the greater part of the proceeds from the loan set aside for Public Works has already been distributed throughout the six provinces in accordance with the needs of each of them. The Mundo complains that notwithstanding the fact that a year has elapsed since these monies were placed at the disposal of the government the majority of these roads have not even been started. That many of the roads to be repaired are in such a poor condition that they must be entirely rebuilt, yet the conditions of the repairs are such that they will deteriorate again in a few months time. It ends by calling upon the government to give its closest attention to this problem so that these funds be properly spent.

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This newspaper also takes up the matter of the road building and road repairing. It seems that all the newspapers have taken this matter up with preference. The headlines of this article state

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that "More than three million dollars have been thrown away" while neither the repairs of the present roads nor the building of the new roads is seen nowhere. The document goes as far as to say that in most cases the bidder who offers the best terms to the government does not necessarily obtain the work, but this is granted to the one with the most pull and most sponsors in officialdom. It criticises the Secretary of Public Works whom it calls "the very kindly and good hearted Secretary, with whose extreme bounty we do not know what practical ends will be achived" because he has countersigned decrees reestablishing contracts that had been rejected by the Debt Commission. That all this wickedness and rottenness in this department caused the humiliating interference of Gen. Crowder of which the nation has been partly ridded, but that if this kind of action continues it will not be long before we will have it again.

EDITORIAL commenting upon the discredit into which Cuban authorities and Cuban institutions are falling by virtue of the continued frauds, irregularities and lack of decency. That the congressional representatives of the people, those who should be the true representatives of the interests of the people have absolutely fallen into discredit. The Executive branch of the government full of men without scruples and who do not care when they are talked of and criticised because they seem backed up by a certain impunity which allows them to do as they please. That this continued attitude and the continued press articles commenting on frauds, bringing charges and calling names has destroyed all credit among Cubans themselves. No one believes in any one else's honesty, no one believes that the authorities are thinking of mending their ways. But the worst of this is that this great harm goes abroad and we are presented before the other peoples of the world as a nation incapable and incompetented for all honest and noble efforts".

Short article commenting upon the fact that while Dr. Cespedes is a man worthy of entire respect in all lines of endeavor yet the Treasury Department needs a man who will give all his time to it. Dr. Cespedes has been Secretary ad interim for several months now, and while these temporary appointments are alright in other departments in the Treasury Department a man must always be on the job. That the policy of hoarding money in the strong box of the nation is a bad one and must not be continued because this will be the cause of the total financial ruin of the nation. It is necessary that the time of becoming wealthy at the cost of the Cuban people stops.

DIARIO DE LA MARINA -December 22, 1923.

The DIARIO also takes an interest in the matter of the public roads and the proceeds of the loan set aside for that purpose. That this month the Department of Public Works has ordered the beginning of several road repairs and building. That while for months the Diario has been demanding that this be done, nothing was attempted, and now, all at once, all these jobs commence at the same time; now "that we are fully in the midst of the political reorganization; and as all the contractors, or rather almost all, are the same who acted during the times of the great scandals in the Department, and since there appears to be the same persons behind them....it is to be presumed that these jobs have been let out more with a view towards politics than to good administration and the public's interest, and God knows how they will be handled." Therefore the Diario excites all the civic societies, the Engineer's Association and the citizens in general to keep a close watch over the work in construction in order to prevent the commission of frauds.

In another especial article El Diario refers to the vacancy in the Supreme Court due to the untimely death of Dr. Ferrer. It refers to

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the high class men who are now on the Supreme bench, which it calls, "the best thing we have in Cuba" and asks that the vacancy be filled by one of the justices of the Court of Appeals, so that there will be a vacancy to be filled in the lower courts thus giving the officials of the judiciary a chance at promotion. It directly asks President Zayas to appoint a man to this vacancy who will be a worthy associate of the very honorable men now on the bench.

EDITORIAL commenting upon the recent incident in the trial of the members of the Good Government Association for libel to the President. It seems that the accused requested the Judge (Almagro) to accept the evidence they proposed, to wit: relative to the rapid enrichment of Alfredo Zayas and his followers, to the fact that when the president took office he was overdrawn at the bank and that now the same man own a vast estate in the country; to the effect that convicts and soldiers and government materials were used in building and beautifying this place, and other such particulars; and that the judge admitted this evidence. The Fiscal of the Supreme Court contends that it was improper to admit such evidence in a case of this kind, and Secretary of Justice Reguciferos, has reported that the Judge should be punished for prevarication in office. La Marina defends Judge Almagro and states that he was not only properly performing his duty, but strictly in accordance with the law.

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"HERALDO DE CUBA" - December 29, 1923.

ACCUSATIONS MADE against the Department of Public Works regarding the concession of lands in the Cienaga de Zapata, to Mr. Liborio Avila. The original concession dates back from the time of Menocal, but the present Administration has placed Mr. Avila in possession of the lands without having fulfilled the requisites demanded in the original concession.

"WE ARE ALL ANTI-REELECTIONISTS IN CUBA", by Dr. Orestes Ferrara. Commenting upon the campaign of "Heraldo de Cuba" against reelection and the urgent necessity of a decision regarding the future candidate.

IRREGULARITIES in the Department of Public Works, in connection with the payment of "gratuities". The Department of the Treasury only remitted the sum of $50,000.00 for the payment of the gratuities of the Dept. of Public Works, but the sum needed amounted to $101,000.00 , the result being that only the friends of the Party in power collected their "gratuities".

EDITORIAL criticising the postal and telegraph services of Cuba. In all parts of the world, great importance is given to these services, and they receive special attention; but in Cuba the Department of Communications is placed in the hands of politicians who have absolutely no knowledge of their administrative duties. The Director General of Communications is bitterly criticized.

"EL HERALDO" -December 29, 1923.

An article commenting upon the fact that Dr. Aurelio Alvarez is giving the finishing touches to the plan of presenting a national presidential candidate against reelection. The Presidency will be given to the Liberal Party, and the Conservatives will have a majority in the Senate Up to the present time, the candidate which has the greatest probabilities in the Liberal-Conservative Coalition, is Dr. Carlos Manuel de Cespedes. Aside from the President and Senators, the parties will act at liberty with respect to the election of Representatives and Mayors.

In an article commenting upon a Charity Ball to be given at the Nationa Theatre, the following aragraph appears: "The Zayas family is rich, perhaps the richest in Cuba to-day; said family possesses, according to the last estimates made by General Crowder, who is the person best informed in Cuba to-day, some six million dollars, without any liens or encumbrances, and its conyribution to said charity ball, should be large."

A manifesto to the country, issued by the "Agrupacion Patriotica Universitaria," stating that their field of action should not be confined to the University; that they must use the newspapers and the rostrum to convey to the people the urgent necessity of making a careful and sincere study of the present situation, and point out the wicked and the traitors; that RECTIFICATION is necessary, but that said rectification may probably have to be imposed with a stream of blood.....

EDITORIAL, criticizing the Secretary of Justice for the attitude assumed against Judge Almagro for his decision accepting the proofs offered by the Good Government Association.

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"LA NOCHE" - December 29, 1923.

Optimism of the Government regarding the economic future of Cuba. According to official reports published, there $24,000.000.00 in the Treasury at the present time. The collections by reason of the tax of one per cent for the quarter ending on January 31st will be the largest on record, in spite of the scant number of inspectors. The annual receipts will probably exceed 12 millions.

"DIARIO DE LA MARINA" - December 30, 1923.

Text of the letter addressed by General Crowder to Mr. Hector de Saavedra, complimenting Mr. Saavedra for his work in the International Claim Committee in Haiti. "Diario de la Marina" congratulates Mr. Saavedra for the praises received from General Crowder.

"EL MUNDO" - December 30, 1923.

Feature editorial entitled "TOWARD THE SOLUTION" . The railroad strike is still unsolved, but the steps taken to solve the conflict will give good results as soon as the contending parties give up their uncompromising attitude. A severe cyclone would not do so much damage to Cuba, as the paralization of the sugar crop. Hence the convenience of putting an end to the strike, instead of complicating the situation by a general strike. The two tendencies are not absolutely incompatible. Good will and skill on the part of those who intervene in the question, will suffice to harmonize the interests of capital and labor.

"EL TRIUNFO" - December 30, 1923.

An article on "THE CRISIS OF THE CABINET", stating that Dr. Zayas has not revealed the names of the new members of the Cabinet, and even dodges all conversation on the subject with his intimate friends and relatives. However, the President seems to be decided de remove the majority of his Secretaries during the first half of January. If the desires of the Populars are complied with, the Department of Agriculture will be given to Franchi or Urquiaga; Treasury, to Mr. Manuel Pruna Latte; Interior, to Dr. Avendaño, Magistrate of the Supreme Court, if Iturralde accepts the Portfolio of the Presidency; Sanitation, Porto; War, Colonel Rogerio Caballero; Gonzalez Manet will remain in the Department of Public Instruction, Regueiferos in the Dept. of ~~State~~ Justice, and Cespedes in the Dept. of State. - If a "Cabinet of Concentration", as suggested by "Heraldo de Cuba" last year, is formed, Regueiferos, Cespedes and Gonzalez Manet will remain in the Departments of Justice, State and Public Instruction; Asberto will go to Interior; Col. Francisco Lopez Leiva to the Treasury; Orencio Nodarse to Public Works, and Pasalodos to the Presidency. The Department of War would be either for Dr. Rey (Santiago), or for Col. Ramon Guerra; and Agriculture: Francisco P. Machado or Ibrahim Urquiaga.

An article stating that the candidature [redacted] "MACHADO-CORTINA" finds great favor among many Liberals, and many prominent members of the Popular Party who do not want to go to a certain defeat if they support Menocal.

"EL HERALDO" - December 30, 1923

An article commenting upon the idea of a "National candidate" for the coming presidential elections. The defenders of this idea want tnis candidate to be for Cuba, what Monroe and Batlle Ordoñez were for the United States and Uruguay. A very promising program is being drafted.

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"EL HERALDO" - December 30, 1923.

An article commenting upon the crisis of the Cabinet. The agents of reelection offered in the name of the President, four places in the Cabinet to the directive elements of the Liberal Party, in order to obtain the cooperation of said Party at the coming elections. The offer is said to have been unfavorably received. The Department of the Interior has been offered to General Asbert, but with the condition that he will have to bring Senator Garcia Osuna to the side of reelection.

An article stating that Lagueruela finally convinced Dr. Zayas that he had to give the money for the reorganization of the Popular Party. Zayas asked for a list of the persons to whom the money was to be distributed. Juan Gualberto Gomez insisted that he had to make the distribution, and obtained $60,000.00 for distribution.

An article commenting upon the irregularities in the Department of Public Works. That the scandals have been so great, that even the serious organs of the press have flung accusations against said Department. That the six millions appropirated for public works are rapidly disappearing "These six millions which have cost humiliations to the Republic, and which were obtained under unavoidable clauses, constitute the touch-stone of our capacity. If they are wasted as in other times, if it is shown that the Department which has in its hands the material improvement of Cuba, is an entity definitely and irremediably corrupt, what will become of us? What hopes will be left to us of being considered as worthy of credit?..... Talk is not sufficient: something tangible and practical must be done. And when millions of eyes may be watching, and millions of mouths denouncing and despite everything the efforts may be useless, nobody will blame us if, to save our national entity, we resort to fire and sword."

"LA PRENSA" - December 30, 1923.

Feature editorial commenting upon the new irregularities committed in the Department of Public Works. Contracts annulled by the Debt Commission, are being revived by said Department, and the officials of the Department of Public Works have found a new and easy formula to do so: they COMPEL the lucky contractors to continue the works interrupted, declaring that the contracts annulled are in force again, and, naturally, with the same outrageous prices and conditions.....

"EL MUNDO" - December 31, 1923.

A feature editorial commenting upon the fact that the year ending to-day has not been so bad for Cuba as the previous years. During the last 12 months, Cuba has recovered from the losses suffered in 1921 and 1922. Peace has prevailed, and the price of sugar has been relatively high. The economic crisis is being solved little by little, in spite of the fact that the liquidation of banks has not been terminated. There have been some agitations, but they have not prevented the beginning of the sugar crop. Money is circulating again, and there are 24 millions in the Treasury as in the time of President Estrada Palma. Consequently, the National Treasury has been restored, and the Republic is in a condition to resume its normal progress. The bright future is only disturbed by the political activities, and the fear of a new reelectoral intent.....

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"HERALDO DE CUBA" - December 31, 1923.

THE CONSERVATIVES AND REELECTION, by Orestes Ferrara. - The Conservative Party, in spite of its many errors, and even crimes, is a Party which has a majority in certain places. Consequently, as a Party, it must solve the problem of reelection, informing the people what its opinion and its decision is, and not permit itself to be dragged to a solidarity with the Government, which is the negation of all respect and all virtue. Dr. Zayas is now trying to obtain the support of the Conservative Party, because he cannot obtain any support from the Liberal Party.....

ACCUSATIONS AGAINST THE DEPARTMENT OF SANITATION: The Government was bitterly criticized by Diaz Pardo, at a Sanitary convention held in Matanzas. - Horacio Diaz Pardo, who is the Mayor of Matanzas, stated that the city of Matanzas contributed with the sum of $46,000.00 as its sanitary quota, but that only $30,000.00 were used for Sanitary purposes.

An article commenting upon the lack of the necessary personnel in the Municipal Board of Habana. The problem of the inscription of electors becomes more serious every day. Formerly, when the Board held a session every month, it had 30 employees; and now, when it holds daily sessions, it has only 25 employees, and the work of inscription is greatly delayed. The article states that the Central Electoral Board is either using the funds appropriated for personnel for other purposes, or is trying to favor reelection.

Cable despatch from New York, stating that Mr. Pierpont R. Noyes, has severely criticized the Monroe Doctrine, stating that it represents for the U.S. more obligations and dangerous alliances than the League of Nations; the protection to Argentine and Chile represents an implacable imperialism, etc.

"EL HERALDO" - December 31, 1923.

Accusations against the Secretary of the Interior. Gambling is tolerated in the Provinces of Habana and Matanzas, as in the time of Martinez Lufriu. Gambling places can be found even in the Malecon.

EDITORIAL entitled "THE STRIKE AND ITS COMPLICATIONS", criticizing General Betancourt, Secretary of Agriculture for his inactivity in connection with the strike (See "Havana Post" - of January 2nd).

"EL UNIVERSAL" - December 31, 1923.

An article stating that gambling is going in Habana. The "reelectionist clubs" are only gambling dens. A gambling scheme operated in Habana Park is denounced.

"Balance of the Year" - by Ramon Vasconcelos. The year 1923 has not been very prodigal for Cuba. It was believed that after the financial collapse, the Loan would restore the economic confidence; but money is only used in timid enterprises and surrounded by all sorts of guarantees. The fate of Cuba is no better in a political order. The article refers to the Tarafa Law, to the life-long "colecturias", the appointment of Zayas Arrieta as Director General of the Lottery, the scandalous increase of the expenses of the Palace, the intromission of Dr. Zayas' relatives in the management of public affairs, the persecution against the Veterans and Patriots, and the scandal in connection with the Christmas drawing of the Lottery.....

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"EL PAIS" - December 31, 1923.

Editorial: "POLITICAL BALANCE OF THE YEAR" - Commenting upon the inactivy of Congress, the disorder prevailing in the political parties, and the responsibilities of the President of the Republic. The Administration of Dr. Zayas during the preent year is bitterly criticized.

"LA PRENSA" - December 31, 1923.

PALACE NEWS: Mr. Lecuona told the reporters at 12 o'clock that the President had not yet made the appointments of the new members of the Cabinet. - It was rumored to-day that Mr. Eliseo Cartsya and Doctor Busto are the strongest candidates for the Portfolios of the Treasury and the Presidency, respectively. - The President has sent a message to Congress requesting the appropriation of $300,000.00 for the payment of war material purchased during the past war.

"LA NOCHE" - Dec. 31, 1923.

"WARNING TO THE ~~XXXXXXX~~ DISTURBERS - When the American Congress resumes its work next Saturday, the members of said Congress will find that Congressman Nelson has presented a motion requesting that the conduct of President Coolidge be investigated, authorizing the sale of war material to the federal Government of Mexico, and at the same time requesting that the American Government must not intervene in favor of any belligerent faction in the Republics of this Continent. This warning has been favorably received in Latin-American circles, because it can be applied to Honduras as well as to Cuba where one of the factions seemed to have the intention of seeking the support of the American Government."

EDITORIAL: "THE SOLUTION OF THE PROBLEM" - Commenting upon the railroad strike, and blaming some officials of the Government for the continuation of the strike. - The illegal arrests effected in Moron are also criticized.

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"EL TRIUNFO" - January 1, 1924.

An article stating that Dr. Aurelio Alvarez is convinced that the Conservative Party alone cannot obtain anything, that Menocal would be a disaster, and reelection a prolonged calamity. He is now trying to form a patriotic coalition to elect a President who may be the product of the will of all the political parties; but what he really wants is to take afloat his reelection as a Senator, as he is fully convinced that the Liberal Party has an overwhelming majority in Camaguey.

EDITORIAL, recommending the adoption of a Law similar to that of the State of California, recently ratified by the Supreme Court of the United States, prohibiting foreigners from owning real properties, and ordering the expropriation of the properties now owned by foreigners.

"HERALDO DE CUBA" - January 1, 1924.

An article commenting upon the changes in the Cabinet. Rumors at the Palace of new combinations. It is said that Juan Gualberto Gomez is reconquering his influence with the President, and the Populars will obtain advantageous positions in the Cabinet. General Betancourt does not wish to be transferred to the Department of Sanitation.

EDITORIAL: "A VOICE OF ENCOURAGEMENT" by Representative Walfredo Rodriguez Blanca. - The article states that this is problably the most interesting period in the history of Cuba, and the end of the critical period seems to be near. The writer is inclined to believe that the critical situation will be solved in a favorable manner, because there is a very promising symptom: the unanimous manner in which the people of Cuba rejects the idea of presidential reelection. This article further comments upon the necessity of impressing upon the people the urgent necessity of inscribing in the electoral registers, to make the reorganization of the parties more effective.

"EL UNIVERSAL" - January 1, 1924.

An article stating that Dr. Jose Pereda is one of the strongest candidates for the Department of Sanitation.

"EL PAIS" - January 1, 1924.

Text of the speeches exchanged between Ambassador Crowder and President Zayas, at the reception given at the Palace to-day.

"DIARIO DE LA MARINA" - January 2, 1924.

EDITORIAL commenting upon the fact that the present railroad strike has shown the yrgent necessity of adopting some labor legislation in harmony with modern juridical doctrines, and which may respond to the demands of the proletariat.

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"HERALDO DE CUBA" - January 2, 1924.

An article commenting upon the political conferences held at "El Chico". Menocal has told his friends that reelection is impossible. He will not try to be elected at the coming elections. The only formula which he now desires to propagate is "never Zayas". He wishes to strengthen the Conservative Party for the elections of 1928. - The reelectionists have failed to obtain the support of the Conservatives.

EDITORIALS:
"PROBITY AND SUFFICIENCY" - Commenting upon the vacancy left in the Supreme Court by the deat of Magistrate Emilio Ferrer y Picabia, this editorial states that the vacancy must be filled by a lawuer of renowned competence and firm austerity, with a keen juridical sense, giving preference, naturally, to one who may have given prestige to the Judiciary.

Referring to the railroad strike, "Heraldo de Cuba" states that the Government remains idle, without giving any importance to the problem, while the strike continues without a solution. The officials of the Government called upon to act in the matter, hardly know anything about the conflict; and whenever some other official has wanted to intervene, he has only been prompted by his political purposes, failing to realize that politics should not enter into the struggles between capital and labor.

"FAVORING DELINQUENCY" - Commenting upon the ever increasing rate of criminality, due principally to the facility with which the grace of pardon is obtained.

Cable despatch from Washington: The Cuban Embassy has informed that the Cuban Senate will resume its sessions on Jan. 7th, and will give preferent attention to the radical reforms of the Electoral Code. The modifications tend to prevent certain abuses. The ttaches of the Embassy gave the assurance that the Senate will accept the modifications indicated, and that the new legislation will apply to the coming elections. They further declared that the organization of veterans is acquiring greater force and cohesion, but it is not believed that they will adopt any aggressive attitude against the constituted powers, but they will take an active participation at the coming elections. Commenting upon the industrial and economic conditions of Cuba, they stated that the conditions were excellent, and that the crop of 1924 will be a good one. The Government is trying to improve the system of transportation in the Island, and the greater part of the $50.000,000.00 will be applied for that purpose.

"EL HERALDO" - January 2, 1924.

In an article commenting upon the New Year's reception at the Palace, "El Heraldo" states that neither the Senate, the House of Representatives, nor the Municipal Council appointed any Commission to pay their respects to the President. Other Clubs and Associations also failed to do so, as in former years.

"WELL, Dr. FERRARA, WHAT ARE YO" AT LAST, A MASTER OR A SERVANT?" A long article commenting upon the sale of "Heraldo de Cuba", criticizing Ferrara and Gonzalez Beauville, and stating that Ferrara came to Cuba to build up the paper again, and that he has become the servant of Gonzalez Beauville.

Editorial entitled "GROTESQUE AND REPULSIVE" - Commenting upon the optimism prevailing among the members of the Zayas family, by reason of the declarations recently made by President Coolidge regarding

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"El Heraldo" - January 2, 1924 (Continued).

regarding Mexico and the speech of New Year made by General Crowder. "This blind confidence in the skill of Dr. Zayas to steer the difficulties and continue full speed ahead toward his enrichment, is laughable...." "It is childish and cynical at the same time to base on diplomatic declarations and cases different from our reality.. in Mexico there is no Platt Amendment, and Obregon had to make many offers to be recognized by Washington and find some support in American Governmental spheres; but this support can hardly be obtained by the man who after having surrendered due to the bombardment of "memoranda", has esceeded himself, scoffing at his moral and patriotic obligations ....."

"EL UNIVERSAL" - January 2, 1924.

There is a congestion of mail in the Post Office of Habana. The mail carriers cannot distribute all the mail. The personnel is very large in the Payrolls, but those who really work are few.

IRREGULARITIES IN THE POST OFFICE. The Department of Communications is a political center. The services are completely disorganized. The new system of accounting is very complicated, and very difficult to put in practice, and constitutes a source of graft, because the printing material was purchased without the previous requisite of a "subasta".

An article commenting upon the failure of General Betancourt to solve the strike. With a view to reelection, the Secret Police intends to denounce a revolutionary conspiracy of laborers and Veterans and Patriots, to justify the abuses committed.

"LA PRENSA" - January 2, 1924.

Feature editorial entitled "A NEW SCANDAL IN SIGHT" - Commenting upon the irregularities in the Department of Public Works, in connection with the revival of outrageous contracts which were annulled by the Debt Commission. The renewal of the contract for the repair of the road from Cienfuegos to Rodas constitutes a new scandal.

"LA NOCHE" - January 2, 1924.

An article commenting upon the fact that the firing at the train near Moron must not be attributed to the strikers; that military elements who try to prevent an amicable settlement, seem to have provoked the incident, and constitutes a lamentable plot against the strikers.

An article commenting upon the unsanitary conditions of the "Polvorin" market. The attention of the President, of the Governor, of Dr. Porto and of the Mayor is called to this, as it constitutes a menace to public health.

Editorial entitled "IRRECONCILABLE ATTITUDE" - commenting upon the railroad strike, which constitutes the most important and serious problem of the day, and the prompt solution of which is necessary. Up to the present time, all the efforts to solve the conflict have been useless, not because the strikers have refused to open negotiations, but because certain obnoxious elements who are in connivance with the foreign railroad companies prevent harmonious solutions. Those who are to blame are not foreigners, but Cubans who receive salaries from foreign companies. The Government is requested to intervene in the conflict, and to act energetically.

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"EL MUNDO" - January 3, 1923.

Cable despatch from Washington: Secretary Hughes, as President of the Pan-American Union , welcomes Ambassador Torriente (See "Havana Post" of January 3, 1924).

"EL TRIUNFO" - January 3, 1924.

An article criticizing the actions of Dr. Sandoval as Secretary of Public Works. Irregularities in that Department. Highways are neither repaired nor constructed, but the millions appropriated for that purpose are rapidly disappearing.

According to the declarations made by Dr. Zayas, there is a surplus of eight million dollars in the Treasury at the present time, and according to the estimates made, the surplus at the end of the present fiscal year will amount to twenty millions. The article states that all this sounds very nice, but that said money must be spent for something useful, and that the Central Highway could be constructed with only 10 millions, connecting the roads already constructed.

EDITORIALS:

"THE PROBLEM OF THE STRIKE" - Commenting upon the serious aspect of the strike caused by the firing at a passenger train. The policy of expectancy adopted by the Government, must not be maintained any longer. Since the beginning of the struggle, the Government does not seem to acted with firmness and energy to find an immediate solution of the conflict. In view of the serious aspect of the problem, the Government may take some action spurred by the fear of a discordant "Note" from the foreigner.... The private initiative has sprung, in default of proper action on the part of the Government, and General Machado is ready to intervene as a mediator.....

"THE ELECTORAL REFORM" - Commenting upon a cable despatch published by "Heraldo de Cuba", stating that the Cuban Senate intends to undertake the reform of the Electoral Code when Congress convenes on the 7th instant. "It is inferred from said despatch that that was the agreement between the Cuban Ambassador and his old fellow members of Congress, before Torriente left for Washington to take possession of his new office; and it is affirmed that the Veterans and Patriots will act at the elections to be held next November, even though their leader, Carlos Garcia Velez, leaves for London to take possession again of his office as Minister, as it is affirmed that he will do shortly...".

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"HERALDO DE CUBA" - January 3, 1924.

"THE LIBERALS AND REELECTION" - by Dr. Orestes Ferrara. - Commenting upon the fact that the Liberal Party will never be in favor of reelection. Dr. Zayas may resort to bribery, threat, and even intimidation if he is given the opportunity to put down some revolutionary movement of little importance; but in spite of all that, he can never obtain the support of the Liberals to be reelected. "The definite threats have an invariable answer in Cuba: the revolution." .....

An article stating that the Populars wanted the new Cabinet to start with the new year, and urged the President to hasten events. The appointment of a new Secretary of State was the basis of the reelectionist combination; but when Zayas requested Dr. Cespedes to remain in the Treasury in order that he could appoint a new Secretary of State, Dr Cespedes flatly refused, and even threatened to resign, and this broke up the whole combination. It is now rumored that the changes will be made on or about January 6th.

EDITORIAL entitled "THE BEGINNING OF THE PLOT" - Commenting upon the new aspect of the railroad strike. - The strike has now entered into a stage of imminent gravity. The authorities did not want to solve the conflict, through incompetence and carelessness, and a tragic end is feared. A passenger train was fired at, and one of the passengers killed... The Department of the Interior has declared that a gang of highwaymen fired at the train; but others affirm that it was a plot prepared by the Government, to justify the use of the Army to end the strike. That the system is not a new one, because Menocal has done the same thing before.

"EL HERALDO" - January 3, 1924.

An article unfavorably commenting upon the declarations made by Ambassador Torriente. Torriente has hastened to speak about the good things which Dr. Zayas intends to do; that President Zayas intends to improve the system of roads in Cuba, and the greater part of the loan of fifty million dollars will be applied to said work - but Torriente has made no reference to international relations of Cuba. But said diplomatic publicity is false, because the millions of the loan are used for other purposes. - The Department of Public Works is a den of corruption, and the money appropriated for the maintenance, construction and repair of roads disappears in mysterious pockets. By means of illegal Decrees, the President of the Republic orders the total delivery of the sums appropriated for Public Works, and the office of the General Comptroller is the only one responsible for the malversation of the public funds. - The President ordered the payment of $300,000. for the pavement and sewerage of Manzanillo, and practically the entire amount has been paidto insolvent contractors. A similar thing has occurred in connection with the pavement of Cienfuegos, and the contractors only pave three or four blocks every year. - Other "chivos" of the Department of Public Works are mentioned.

Senator Feliz del Prado is in favor of the idea of a national candidate as the product of the will of all the parties, and with an ample program of reforms. If the political parties are reorganized in accordance with the doctrines, and not the men, the necessary renovation of political values can be obtained.

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"L[illegible] Heraldo" - January 3, 1924.

"Heraldo de Cuba" - which tried to carry on a false campaign of opposition to sidetrack public opinion, has now begun to show its governmental tendencies. Said paper, which attacked before the scandalous affair of the Custom House, now states that everything is about to be solved in a very satisfactory manner, when the truth is that those envolved in the affair, find themselves in a more difficult position.....

An article commenting upon the crisis of the Cabinet. President Zayas does not dare bring up the crisis, due to the excessive demands of the Conservatives. They want to have one-half of the places in the Cabinet, to maintain the fiction of the National League. If their demands are not complied with, they will recover their liberty of action, and declare themselves anti-reelectionists.

"EL UNIVERSAL" - January 3, 1924.

Mr. Oscar Perez Fuentes, who was sent to the United States to sign the bonds of the fifty-million-dollar loan, has returned, and has submitted a report of the transaction.

An article commenting upon the crisis of the Cabinet. In an ultimatum, Juan Gualberto Gomez demands six places for the Populars: Sanitation, Justice, Interior, Presidency, Agriculture and Public Works, and also Treasury if possible. The three aspirants to the office of Secretary of the Presidency are: Dr. Busto, Mr. Lecuona and Alvarez de la Campa.....

EDITORIAL entitled "DESPERATE SITUATION" - Commenting upon the railroad strike. As a result of the irreconcilable attitude assumed by the Department of Agriculture and by the Railroad Co., commerce is suffering great losses. Some dangerous cases have already taken place, and no solution of the conflict is in sight. The Government is asked to take energetic steps to solve the conflict without delay.

In spite of his desires to the contrary, the President has been compelled by unknown forces to request the reforms of the Electoral Code. "If the President is not acting in accordance with a friendly advice received from the U.S.; if the President acts according to his own inspirations, as we know his traditional bad faith, we are sure that it is another case of perfidy against his accomplices, the Congressmen."

"LA PRENSA" - January 3, 1924.

A telegram from Camaguey stating that a passenger train was blown up with a bomb of dynamite. Several persons were injured.

Cable despatch from New York (Special despatch to La Prensa) - The American Press spekas of the Cuban situation. Declarations attributed to the Cuban Embassy. The Cuban Electoral Law will soon undergo important and radical reforms - The forces of the Association of Veterans and Patriots are constantly increasing - The industrial and commercial conditions of Cuba are very satisfactory by reason of the good sugar crop - The Cuban Government is paying special attention to the study and development of the Cuban roads, and a considerable part of the new loan will be applied to the construction of new roads.

Irregularities in the Department of Public Works: Under the heading, "ANOTHER LITTLE 'CHIVO'", the following article appears: "The sum of $90,000.00 was appropriated in the last Budget for works in the highway from Habana to Batabano, via Bejucal. A "subasta" was held, and the contract awarded to Mr. Aduersú, but when this man was going to execute the work, he was surprised to find that only $10,000.00

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"La Prensa" - January 3, 1924 (Continued).

of the $90,000.00 were left. The remaining $80,000.00 had disappeared! - The Department of the Treasury, however, had already remitted the $90,000.00 of the original appropriation, in two instalments of $45,000.00 - What does the Secretary of Public Works know about this? And the General Comptroller? We await their answer...."

"LA NOCHE" - January 3, 1924.

"THE MAYOR IS A BRIBER" - The article states that a complaint was filed against the Mayor by Señora Herminia Guma Gonzalez, because the Mayor was collecting a scholarship for an imaginery son. A similar complaint was filed later against the Mayor, by another person. But the campaign against the Mayor suddenly stopped, and at the same time it was announced that Se;ora Guma had obtained an appointment in the Department of Sanitation with a salary of $300.00 per month. - But in connection with this matter, Dr. Eduardo Borrell has filed a complaint against the Mayor, accusing him of falsehood in public document.

"EL TRIUNFO" - January 4, 1924.

EDITORIAL, commenting upon the crisis of the Cabinet, criticizing the President because he has not filled the vacancy in the Treasury and because he retains the services of other incompetent Secretaries.

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"HERALDO DE CUBA" - January 4, 1924.

An article unfavorably commenting upon the payment of the "gratuities" in the Department of Public Works. The payment is being effected to the personnel comprised in the Gruop "A" (dismissed by reason of the readjustment), but 90 per cent of them are said to have been imaginary employees who never did any work.

EDITORIAL entitled "WHAT REELECTION MEANS" - The fact that a man may aspire to power, from power, especially when the laws authorize and recognize the right to do so, would not mean anything, if those who aspired to be reelected did not go beyond the limits of decorum. But in Cuba, reelection has a special importance: it means the free granting of pardons to criminals, awarding of contracts with a wide margin of profit, payment of works not realized, lavish waste of public funds, fabulous expenses of the Palace: in one word, more shame for the country.....

An article announcing that Dr Regueiferos will be appointed to fill the vacancy left in the Supreme Court by the death of Magistrate Emilio Ferrer y Picabia.

"EL HERALDO" - January 4, 1924.

Full text of the motion presented to the House by Representative German Wolter del Rio, making a petition of data from the Executive, in the preamble of which he sets forth the disorder and corruption prevailing in the Department of Public Works.

Irregularities in the Lottery. - A fraud was discovered in the Treasury of said Department. The deficit is said to amount to $5,000.00, but Zayas Arrieta did not place the matter in the hands of the Court, as he does not want the Judges to make any investigation in his Department. All he did was to dismiss the two employees supposed to be guilty of the defalcation. These employees are: Miguel A. Bruzon, and a Mr. Carrasco.

An article commenting upon the crisis of the Cabinet. Ibrahim Urquiaga has revealed some details of the hesitating and doubtful policy of the President, who does not desire to make any appointment until the Conservative Party decides to declare itself in favor of reelection. Wifredo Fernandez and Aurelio Alvarez demand that the crisis be rapid and total, and then form a political Cabinet.

"EL UNIVERSAL" - January 4, 1924.

Declarations given out by Judge Manuel Ecay Rojas, in which he states that he has found proofs of irregularities committed in the Custom House.

The Board of Education of Habana is making appointments of school teachers without complying with the provisions of the Law. Secretary Gonzalez Manet send a warning to said Board stating that he will annul the appointments illegally made.

"LA PRENSA" - January 4, 1924.

An editorial unfavorably commenting upnn the inactivity of the Secretary of Agriculture in connection with the railroad strike

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"LA NOCHE" - January 4, 1924.

PALACE NEWS: The employees of the Department of Communications have requested the President to be put on the same basis as the other employees of the State with respect to the payment of gratuities. - The President will shortly request the Supreme Court to authorize him to use two million dollars for the purchase of bonds of the Republic, at 91 per cent, which in case of necessity can be applied to the retirement of civil employees. - The President has annulled the contract awarded to Machado, Soriano & Co. for the construction of the road from Pinar del Rio to San Juan y Martinez. - It was rumored to-day that Dr. Ferrara had held a conference with the Governor of Matanzas and all the Liberal Congressmen of that Province, with the exception of Mr. Lombar, and when the question of a presidential candidate was brought up, Ferrara said that General Machado should be the candidate of the Liberal Party. - It was rumored that in view of the troubles caused by the strike, American Marines had been landed in Camaguey. The Government denies these rumors. - In spite of the opposition of General Crowder, the Government of Cuba obtained from the American State Department the withdrawal of the American marines which were protecting the properties of American citizens in that Province.

"EL MUNDO" - January 5, 1924.

"METAPHYSICS IN PUBLIC WORKS" - Commenting upon the article published in "La Prensa" of yesterday, relating to the disappearance of an appropriation for the construction of a road from Habana to Batabano.

EDITORIAL entitled "THE MINORITIES" - Commenting upon the declarations made by Mr. W. R. Shepherd, Professor of History in the University of Columbia, regarding the perverse policy followed by the Government of Washington in the Antilles.....

"EL SOL" - January 5, 1924.

In an interview, Representative Miguel Mariano Gomez states that reelection is a joke which might degenerate in tragedy. He also refers to the unity of the Liberal Party.

An article unfavorably commenting upon the idea of nominating Dr. Carlos Manuel de Cespedes as a national presidential candidate. That when Dr. Cespedes arrived from Washington he had sufficient moral authority to become such a national candidate; but at the memorable crisis of the Cabinet, he did not want to go with the honest men, and the old member of the "Cabinet of Honesty" preferred to become a member of the "Cabinet of Complicity". His friendship with Dr. Zayas, has made Dr. Cespedes worthless to appear at any moment as the standard bearer of the hopes of Cuba.....

EDITORIAL: "THE GOVERNMENT OF DR. ZAYAS - Presidential Optimism"- Unfavorably commenting upon the recent optimistic declarations made by Dr. Zayas. - Zayas has stated that the revenues of the State are constantly increasing, and this is only due to the high price of sugar. The financial prosperity which he points out is not a work of his Government. It is true that Cuba is paying its obligations, but the Government has obtained a large loan. The article further states that he has done nothing in connection with the construction of the Central Highway, or with the construction of the Baracoa railroad.....

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"EL TRIUNFO" - January 5, 1924.

An article unfavorably commenting upon the indifference of the Government. Zayas is living in the best of the worlds, and he does not want to pay attention to the uneasiness prevailing in the country. With many millions in the Treasury, and others in the hands of New York bankers, the foreigner is dazzled, but the country is suffering the effects of outrageous taxes. The Public Powers remain indifferent, and do not want to solve the crisis existing: economic crisis, political crisis, crisis of the Cabinet, etc.

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"HERALDO DE CUBA" - January 5, 1924.

An article commenting upon the information published yesterday by the same paper, to the effect that Dr. Regueiferos would be appointed Magistrate of the Supreme Court. That his withdrawal from the Cabinet to accept the position in the Supreme Court does not mean a promotion; that the Secretary who countersigned the Decree of purchase of the Santa Clara Convent, would have the same or greater complacency toward his Master, because if Dr. Zayas cannot be re-elected by force, he will resort to the trickeries of the Law.

EDITORIAL: "REELECTION AND THE ARMY" - The supporters of reelection are now convinced that they cannot win more followers, they place their hopes in the cooperation of the Army; but that is only a dream and a columny against the Army. Patriotism has awakened, and all the political parties are making preparations to combat reelection.

"WORD OF ALERT TO THE PATRIOTS" - Unfavorably commenting upon the declarations made by the President to the members of the Popular Party at "Finca Maria", accepting his nomination for a second presidential term.

"EL HERALDO" - January 5, 1924.

Mr. Vicente Pardo Suarez makes some important declarations regarding the problem of the reorganization of the parties and other electoral questions He states that Dr. Zayas cannot be the candidate of only the Popular Party, because Art. 280 of the Electoral Code provides that in order that a party may be considered as a national party with a right to present presidential and senatorial candidates, it is an essential requisite to have secured the proclamation of representatives in no less than three provinces, and the Popular Party only obtained two in Oriente and two in Habana.

An article commenting upon the fraud committed in the Depar tment of the Lottery; that the occurrence is very strange; that honest men have been accused; that the deficit of $5,000.00 was noticed after having withdrawn from the safes the sum of $225,000.00. - After a long conference between the Director General of the Lottery and the Acting Secretary of the Treasury, it was officiously stated that the money had been replaced, and that the whole matter had been satisfactorily solved.....

An article unfavorably commenting upon the policy of lavish waste followed by the Municipal Council of Habana. Appropriations for sinecures and presents approved at the last session of the Municipal Council. $5,000.00 granted to the Association of Reporters.

EDITORIAL entitled "THE SCANDALS OF PUBLIC WORKS"- Favorably commenting upon the petition of data presented to the House by Representative Wolter del Rio.

Telegram from Sagua la Grande: The port laborers demand and increase of 20 per cent on their wages, and threaten with a strike if their conditions are not accepted.

"LA PRENSA"- January 5, 1924.

EDITORIAL entitled "AN ALARMING INFORMATION" - Commenting upon the statements made by the Acting Secretary of the Treasury regarding the increase in the collection of public revenues. That there is some reason for alarm in the good news given out by Dr. Cespedes: the announcement that there is a surplues of over nine millions

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not pledged to any obligations. In spite of the Law of Basis of the Budget, and in spite of the repeated declarations that all the surplus is pledged to the liquidation of the interior debt, Congress has approved appropriations, pensions and donations, and outrageous contracts of public works have been revived.....

"EL UNIVERSAL" - January 5, 1924.

Irregularities in connection with the expediente against the Bacardi firm for fraud of alcohol taxes. The Department of the Treasury has been trying, for many months, to obtain the payment of the taxes which the house of Bacardi failed to pay. Bacardi presented an appeal, and the matter was brought to the attention of the President. Various communications have been sent to the Secretary of the President asking for the expediente against Bacardi. An answer was received yesterday stating that the "expediente" is lost, but that if it is found, it will be returned. "El Universal" believes that there is something wrong in connection with this matter.

An article stating that the President has approved the expenditure of $100,000.00 for the repair of a few meters of the Malecon. The Government will pay more than $300.00 for every meter of wall, when the price should not exceed $100.00. "El Universal" states that $42,000.00, or nearly one-half of the amount appropriated, will be distributed among Lagueruela, Sandoval and "another prominent person".

"MR. CROWDER" - by Ramon Vasconcelos, criticizing the actions of General Crowder, and commenting upon the fact that he bought an automobile and a house before returning to Cuba.

EDITORIAL entitled "REORGANIZATION" - commenting upon the lack of enthusiasm in connection with the reorganization of the political parties, which is considered as a grave symptom.

"EL PAIS" - January 5, 1924.

Commenting upon the fact that public opinion demands an Amnesty Law. This article criticizes the free granting of pardons, which are only obtained by those who have influence and money.

"EL MUNDO" - January 6, 1924.

Feature editorial, unfavorably commenting upon the idea of annexing Cuba to the United States. Even before obtaining her independence, Cuba rejected the idea of being annexed to the UsS. But there are still some Cubans who speak of the advantages of annexation. The constant failure of such a propaganda is the best proof that the Cubans reject the idea of giving up their freedom.....

"HERALDO DE CUBA" - January 5, 1924.

EDITORIAL unfavorably commenting upon the declarations recently made by the Department of State of the United States to the effect that the American Government will lend military and economic support to all the constituted Governments of Latin-America; that President Coolidge has marked a new direction to the foreign policy of the U.S.; that if his declarations do not refer only to the case of Mexico, through the desire of the White House to support President Obregon, but constitutes a definite affirmation of the policy of the United States, liberty in America runs a great risk....

"SERVING HIS MASTER" - Unfavorably commenting upon the corruption in the Department of Public Works, especially referring to the reconstruction of the Malecon.

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"HERALDO DE CUBA" - January 7, 1924.

An article unfavorably commenting upon the awarding of a contract for the construction of the road from Holguin to San Pedro. The contractor who offered the lowest price did not obtain the contract "because the price offered was very low, and because he was not a friend of the Department".

"CICERO PRODOMO SUA" - Article by Orestes Ferrara, unfavorably commenting upon the constant declarations of the President regarding the alluring financial conditions of Cuba.

In an article given out by the City Chief Engineer refutting the charges made against him, he makes accusations against the former Secretaries of Public Works Col. Villalon and Castillo Pockorny.

(1) See report from M.R. Cuba 2257-ZZ-64

An article stating that a mysterious commission of American officers visits Cuba, and make frequent trips to towns in the interior. They are stopping in different hotels so as not to attract public attention. The Chief of the Southern Division of the U.S., who has his residence in Florida, appears among the members of the Commission.

An article commenting upon the work of inscription in the political registers, stating that the Central Electoral Board is obstructing the work because it does not furnish the Municipal Board with a sufficient number of employees.

"EL HERALDO" - January 7, 1924.

An article stating that the American Government is greatly disguested with the application given to the $50,000,000.00 of the Loan, and the American Embassy in Cuba as well as the American State Department are gathering the necessary information to show in due course that said money has been improperly used. The Military Attache of the American Embassy refused to accept the payment of 30 per cent of a bill for military supplies. Relatives of Dr. Zayas are said to have established an office in the "Manzana de Gomez" to speculate with the claims against the State. An American citizen has filed a complaint before the American Consulate, regarding the ~~irregularities~~ irregularities committed in connection with the claims.

(2) Sixteen officers of the American Army have arrived to Cuba in a suspicious manner. General Johnson, Chief of the Jacksonville Division, is among them. There are 25,000 soldiers in Jacksonville ready to be sent to Cuba in case of necessity. It is said that the officers make frequent trips to the interior to study the ports and coast of Cuba, so as to find the more strategic places to effect landings of troops, in case of emergency.

"EL PAIS" - January 7, 1924.

An article stating that ~~that~~ the vacancies in the Departments of the Treasury and the Presidency will be filled this week. It is rumored that the President only awaits the political development in Congress to make the appointments. It is believed as certain that Jose Eliseo Cartaya will go to the Treasury. Nothing definite is known as to the Secretary of the Presidency.

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"LA PRENSA" - January 7, 1924.

A feature editorial commenting upon the fact that many important problems are now pending before the Cuban Congress, such as the reform of the Electoral Code, without which no elections are posible without exposing the country to sad contingencies. And if bills of an economic nature, such as the Budget for the coming fiscal year, are not studied and approved, it can be affirmed that Congress has not done anything beneficial during the entire year.

Cable despatch from New York statingthat by reason of the comments made upon the support given by the United States to President Obregon of Mexico, it has been learned that the American Government sold war material to the Cuban Government three months ago, when the movement of Veterans and Patriots was at its height.

"EL MUNDO" - January 8, 1923.

The President of the Municipal Electoral Board of Habana has forwarded to the Judge of Instruction a denunciation filed by the Political Member of theCOnaervative Party stating that in a house of Malecon petitions for inscription of electors are prepared in the name of imaginary persons.

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

An article commending General Machado and Colonel Zayas Bazan for their successful intervention in the solution of the railroad strike.

EDITORIAL entitled "WHAT A DOCTRINE!" - Commenting upon the queer doctrine sustained by the Department of Public, referring to the awarding of the contract for the construction of the road from Holguin to San Pedro. This contract was not awarded to the bidder who offered the lowest price, but it was given to an old contractor of the Department.

"EL TRIUNFO" - January 8, 1924.

EDITORIAL entitled "THE'SUBASTAS'" - Commenting upon the irregularities committed in the Department of Public Works in connection with the awarding of contracts.

"EL COMERCIO" - January 8, 1924.

The acting Secretary of the Treasury showed to the reporters a cable despatch which he had received from Ambassador Torriente, denying the information published by "The Journal of Commerce". Said information referred to the contruction of roads in Cuba, and Torriente states that the information was not given out by the Cuban Embassy. - Dr. Cespedes also said that he had received the visit of Ambassador Crowder, with who he exchanged views regarding the construction of Roosevelt's Monument.

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"HERALDO DE CUBA" - January 8, 1924.

An article stating that a new scandalous business is being planned in the Department of Public. It refers to the paving of the streets of Cienfuegos. A Company was formed to continue the works undertaken by Messrs. Torrance and Portal, and Alfredo Zayas Arrieta has been appointed "Honorary President". Unanimous protest of the merchants and residents of Cienfuegos.

"EL HERALDO" - January 8, 1924.

Irregularities in the Division of Alcohol Taxes. Employees of that Department have enriched themselves in a quick and suspicious manner. In certain provinces, frauds are being committed with absolute impunity. A decrease of $15,000.00 in the collection of alcohol taxes in one month, in a period of the year when the collections usually increase.

The conference which was to be held yesterday between President Zayas and General Menocal, has been postponed at the request of General Menocal. Great political importance was attributed to this conference, which, it was said, had something to do with the solution of the crisis of the Cabinet. - The latest information regarding the changes in the Cabinet are as follows: Dr. Regueiferos will probably be appointed Magistrate of the Supreme Court; Sandoval will be left out of the Cabinet, Manuel Guerra and Francisco Cuellar being mentioned as probable substitutes. Jose Eliseo Cartaya is still mentioned as the strongest candidate for the Treasury. For the Presidency: Lecuona, who seems to have defeated Miguel Angel Campa.

EDITORIAL entitled "THE INTERVENTIONISTS" - Commenting upon the fact that in Cuba there are neither interventionists nor annexationists; but there are disorderly and venal officials of the Government who endanger the independence of the country. The real interventionists are those who support the idea of re-election, pushed forward by bribery and corruption.

"EL UNIVERSAL" - January 8, 1924.

An article stating that General Crowder has placedin the hands of the Secretary of State the claim presented by the Cuba Company for damages caused during the railroad strike. Due to the pressure brought to bear by General Crowder, the Government will have to find out who caused the damages, or pay for them. The investigations are now directed against the Veterans and Patriots, as the Government wants to show that they are responsible for the crimes committed.

Article entitled "THE VISIT OF CROWDER TO THE STATE DEPARTMENT CAUSES ALARM" 9 Already translated in full).

EL PAIS - January 8, 1924.

A plot to assassinate the Leade of the Conservative Party, Dr. Rey. A man who escaped from the jail of Santa Clara, when arrested, was found to have in his possession a regulation revolver. He stated that the revolver had been given to him to kill Dr. Santiago Rey. A careful investigation of the case will be made by the Courts.

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"LA PRENSA" - January 8, 1924.

An article favorably commenting upon the victory obtained by General Machado, Governor Zayas Bazan and Mr. Arevalo, in connection with the satisfactory solution of the railroad strike.

"EL TRIUNFO" - January 9, 1924.

An article stating that Mayor Cuesta has refused to declare himself in favor of reelection.

In another article, "El Trianfo" states that Cuesta, Ferrara and Barreras have formed an alliance to direct the elections in Habana, and that a nomination for Senator has been offered to General Asbert to obtain his cooperation.

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"HERALDO DE CUBA" - January 9, 1924.

A group of Congressmen has tried to pass by surprise in The lower House the bill reviving and legalizing the Decree of purchase of the Santa Clara Convent. The supporters of the Santa Clara convent deal need more money for reelection, but they will meet with a strong opposition

"THERE IS MONEY IN THE TREASURY: GREEDINESS INCREASES" - by Orestes Ferrara (Translated in full).

EDITORIAL unfavorably commenting upon the revival of the Santa Clara convent deal.

"EL HERALDO" - January 9, 1924.

The standard-bearers of reelection are secretly working in the United States to obtain the consent of the Washington Government. But Dr. Zayas becomes impatient because the O.K. to his plans of reelection is not received. The Commercial Attache of the Cuban Embassy, Mr. Luis Marino Perez is very active, and is virtually flooding the American State Department with statistics tending to show how happy Cuba is. Some paragraphs of the report submitted by the Commercial Attache are quoted in this article. - The article further states that General Crowder is ignored in these reports.

"SAN CLARA AT PORTAS" - An article unfavorably commenting upon the revival of the Santa Clara Convent deal.

An article commenting upon the fact that the visit of the officers of the American Army who are now in Cuba, is connected with the reform of the Electoral Code; it is feared at the Palace that the American Government may, in accordance with Crowder, demand the immediate reform of said Code; that diplomatic practices exclude such secret investigations as are now being effected by said officers.

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Vazquez Bello, Santiago Verdeja and Aurelio Alvarez are of the opinion that facilities should be given to those who desire to become Cuban citizens. The State Department has announced that the petitions for certificates showing that the petitioner is not inscribed in the Register of Spaniards kept in that Department, must be made by means of a notarial document. Vazquez Bello stated that said demand implied not only a useless expense to future Cuban citizens, but also a lot of trouble.

EDITORIAL, unfavorably commenting upon the reelectoral intentions of Dr. Zayas. Zayas is not a fighter, and his plans are as follows: to give to understand to the Liberals that if they insist on attacking him, he will support Menocal's candidature, using Menocal as a scarecrow to overcome the resistence of the Liberal people.

"EL PAIS" - January 9, 1924.

Letter addressed to "El Pais" by Andres Otero Bosch, President of the Railroad Brotherhood of Camaguey, stating that the "Bases" imposed to them does not in any way mean a satisfactory solution of the conflict, since said Bases do not satisfy the demands made by them, but on the contrary, they come to increase the difficulties. The Board of Examination referred to in the "Bases", legalizes a situation which they combatted. The letter further states: "While

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we prepare for a "campaign" as active as the one just ended, we will take steps to obtain from the Railroad Commission the repeal of the resolution which authotizes private companies to use the lines of companies of public service, with their own trains and crews....."

EDITORIAL entitled "THE DISASTROUS BANKING LIQUIDATION" - Commenting upon the disastrous intervention of the Government in the liquidation of the Banks.

"LA PRENSA" - January 9, 1924.

Dr. Regueiferos called at the Palace this morning. U pon leaving, he stated to the reporters that the information published regarding his appointment as Magistrate of the Supreme Court, had absolutely no foundation. Regueiferos further stated that he will continue at the head of the Department of Justice, and that anything said to the contrary is not true.

EDITORIAL entitled "ELECTORAL MANOEUVRES" - Commenting upon the fraud discovered in connection with the inscription of electors (Already translated in full.

"LA NOCHE" - January 9, 1924.

Representative Lasa and Senator Rivero has requested and obtained from the President that the leave of absence to General Garcia Velez be extended for two months.

Feature editorial entitled "THE ADVICE OF WISDOM" - favorably commenting upon the attitude assumed by President Coolidge with respect to the press revolution in Mexico. That the new orientation of the policy of the United States, shows the Cubans the road which they must follow.

"EL MUNDO" - January 10, 1924.

An article commenting upon the fact that Cuba is now confronted with two dangers. Cuba is again threatened by a revolutionary movement of protest against the constituted Government. The threat of a revolution, even if it is not carried out, is already disturbing and causes great damages. - Reelection is another source of disturbance.

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

"WARNING TO THE EXECUTIVE" - An article asking the President to refuse to grant the extension requested by the United Railways of Habana for the construction of an elevated section at the crossing at Puente de Agua Dulce.

"EL TRIUNFO" - January 10, 1924.

An article stating that Juan Gualberto Gomez, Cortina and Lagueruela will act as Counsellors of Dr. Zayas in the direction of the political campaign which is about to commence. They expect to obtain shortly the cooperation of prominent elements of the Conservative Party and of some members of the Liberal Party to undertake the problem of reelection.

"CONDEMNABLE PRIVILEGES" - An article unfavorably commenting upon the Bill approved by the Senate, and now pending before the House, granting the right of expropriation to electric light and power companies.

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"HERALDO DE CUBA" - January 10, 1924.

An article giving the history of the Santa Clara Convent purchase. The article further states that the efforts of the Government to carry out this purchase, is one of the principal reasons for combatting reelection.

One of the results of the Convention of Sanitary Chiefs recently held, has been the idea of forming a League of Resistence of Local Chiefs of Sanitation with a view of preventing the intervention of politics in sanitary matters, because the work of sanitation would be totally destroyed if left at the mercy of petty politicians.

An articleunnfavorably commenting upon the large number of pardons granted to criminals. After these roughnecks are pardoned, they are armed by Iturralde, and used as "electors" of the Popular Party. Regueiferos is emptying the jails. Aspiazo also obtains a pardon.

EDITORIAL. Commenting upon the revival of the Santa Clara Convent deal in Congress, and stating that Congressmen must now define their attitude. That the Liberals are on the side of those who watch for the welfare of the country, and on the other, the friends of the Executive who exploit the country for their own personal benefit.

"EL HERALDO" - January 10, 1924.

The Department of Public Works is a center of corruption. The President believes that his friends and relatives, as well as the Senators have derived a sufficient benefit out the contracts of public works, and will now monopolize the "subastas". Yesterday, in a hasty manner, he sent word to Sandoval that all the proposals had to be submitted to him for study and resolution, before the contracts were awarded. This gives him a full control of the awarding of contracts. It is useless for the contractors who have no influence with the President to present proposals, regardless of whether the prices offered by them are lower than those offered by the influential contractors.

Antonio Pardo Suarez, Assistant Director of the Lottery, called on the President yesterday. and conferred with him regarding the new project for paying the "gratuities". The idea is to pass a Law in Congress authorizing the President to take the necessary funds to pay the gratuities out of th e $50.000,000.00 Loan, which will be reimbursed later by the Department of the Lottery.

Secretary Sandoval has turned against the City Chief Engineer Cuellar and is trying to discredit him before the eyes of the President, because Cuellar has been mentioned as a candidate for the office of Secretary of Public Works.

EDITORIAL entitled "SCANDALOUS" - Unfavorably commenting upon the intentions to revive the Santa Clara Convent deal.

Soto, the Ambassador of the Veterans and Patriots in the U.S., gave an account of his successful actions in the North, before the "Council of Five". The Veterans and Patriots believe that their movement will now enter into one of their most interesting stages. Soto affirms that American public opinion has shown great respect for the ideals of the Veterans and Patriots.

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Article entitled "SANTA CLARA", by Ramon Vasconcelos, very unfavorably commenting upon the projected revival of the Santa Clara Convent purchase.

One of the Agents which the President has for the sale of the tickets assigned to his colecturias, called at the Palace yesterday to inform that 1,100 tickets had been stolen from him. Dr. Zayas immediately gave orders to his son, Alfredo Zayas Arrieta in order to receive said tickets as "surplus", and that reimbursement be made to the Agent, of the price of said tickets.

Article by Ramon Vasconcelos, entitled "THE MORAL SENSE OF GENERAL CROWDER" - (Already translated in full).

"LA PRENSA" - January 10, 1924.

Telegram from the town of Marti, stating that the workingmen of Central "Guipuzcoa" have declared a strike, demanding that the cane cutters be paid at the rate of $1.30 per 100 "arrobas". In view of this, the owners of said sugar mill have ordered the closing of all stores, and have stopped all work.

The sponge fishers of Batabano have also declared a strike.

Article entitled "NEW FORMS" - The new policy adopted by the American Government to support the constituted governments in Latin-American republics, is very favorably commented upon.

"LA NOCHE" - January 10, 1924.

"IS A COUP D'ETAT BEING PLANNED? - Although nothing has been said in official circles, we can assure that the Government is in possession of a serious confidence in which it is said that a "copu d'Etat" is being planned. In spite of the fact that Dr. Zayas does not believe that any such thing can be done, some offices of the Government have taken the necessary precautions."

EDITORIAL entitled "MEXICO AND THE UNITED STATES" - Very favorably commenting upon the attitude assumed by the American Government with respect to Mexico, as it tends to efface the bad impression which Spanish-America had regarding the political tactics of Washington.

Letter from New York, by J. W. T. Mason, commenting upon the political activites of General Menocal.

"EL MUNDO" - January 11, 1924.

"THE MILLIONS FOR PUBLIC WORKS" - An article commenting upon the fact that the six millions appropriated for public works, are not being scrupulously used for that purpose.

"DIARIO DE LA MARINA" - January 11, 1924.

An article protesting against the projected revival of the Santa Clara Convent deal (Already translated in full).

"EL TRIUNFO" - January 11, 1924.

EDITORIAL entitled "REVOLUTION?" - Unfavorably commenting upon an article recently published in "El Mundo" announcing the dangers of a new revolution. "El Triunfo" affirms that there are no indications of any revolutionary movement, and that all the Cubans who love the Republic prefer the errors of the present Government....

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BRIEF SUMMARY OF NEWS ARTICLES AND EDITORIAL COMMENT IN THE HABANA PRESS.

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"HERALDO DE CUBA" - January 14, 1924.

An energetic campaign of propaganda will be initiated against the heavy taxes levied on the people. The administration of each tax is entrusted to a different office, and each one of said offices sends out a large number of inspectors who fall upon the merchants and industrial men exacting money and committing frauds. The taxes also serve the increase the cost of living, to take care of certain political obligations, and to establish certain offices which work in agreement with the inspectors. In this connection, the article refers to office established by Cuellar del Rio, to take care of the collections of "gratuities" of public employees at an exhorbitant rate of discount.

The yearly appropriation for scholarships (becas) in the Ayuntamiento of Habana, amounted, in 1908, to $10,448.18, and at the present time, to over $200,000.00. All of said scholarships, many of which are in the name of brothers, sons and nephews of Councilmen, are illegal. When the President of the Republic held in suspense the Budget for the fiscal year of 1921-1922, he declared that the resolution regarding the item of "scholarships was illegal, but he permitted it to remain in force that year to prevent the conflict which would arise to those who were studying abroad, but calling attention to the fact that all the pensions and scholarships granted after the promulgation of the Organic Laws of the Municipalities, of May 19, 1908, had to disappear. The President, however, has tolerated the scholarships in the following fiscal years.

Letter from Dr. Santiago Rey to Dr. Ferrara, stating that he (Rey) is not a candidate, nor even an aspirant to a place in the Cabinet, and that he has not spread the rumors of his appointment, as is generally done by those who desire to be appointed.

"EL HERALDO" - January 14, 1924.

Declarations made by Dr. Vicente Pardo Suarez. Among other things, he states that the reorganization of the parties, converted into a masquerade and a grotesque farse, has failed in a lamentable and scandalous manner; that in a rotund and categoric manner, the real majority of the two great political parties have failed to register, because they know that everything done in connection with the reorganization constitutes an insult to the people and an outrage to the country; that all the vices of a rotten electoral system are known abroad; that the Palace acts in this farse in an indirect manner, bringing pressure to bear upon public employees to register as members of the Popular Party.....

An article commenting upon the accusations made by "Heraldo de Cuba" against the Temporary Committee on Banking Liquidation. How can "Heraldo de Cuba attack San Miguel, when San Miguel is the Attorney for Marimon, the owner of the newspaper? - Very rich persons have liquidated their debts paying only 8 cents on the dollar, while the depositors wait.... Dr. Ferrara has paid out in this manner more than half a million dollars. .....

The Government has spent , for travelling expenses, $200,000.00 more than the amount appropriated. The Agents of reelection travel for account of the Government.....

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"El Heraldo" - January 14, 1924.

EDITORIAL entitled "THE WEEK" - Unfavorably commenting upon the results of the first week of electoral inscriptions. The registration of electors in the Municipality of Habana, were as follows:

Liberals..... 2,086
Conservatives 1,207
Populars ..... 828.

Inasmuch as the Electoral Census shows Habana with 38,815 electors, the registrations in Habana only amounted to slightly over one per cent, and if there is no greater enthusiasm in the remaining six weeks, nine-tenths of the electors will fail to take part in the reorganization. This is very serious and gives rise to sad considerations. But there is something still more serious: while the electors remain in their houses, the "electoral undertakers" are displaying great activity, and many "forros" (frauds - imaginary electors) appear in the registers. - One of the centers of greatest activity in matters of fraud, is the reelectionist Club established in a house of Malecon, the activities of which have been denounced to the Courts.

The Feminine Club of Cuba protests against the granting of pardons. Many criminals of the worst kind are pardoned, but the President has repeatedly refused to pardon Miss Pura Delgado.....

"EL UNIVERSAL" - January 14, 1924.

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A vast Bolshevist movement exists throughout the Republic. Disguised as miserable persons, the leaders of this movement are permitted to enter the plantations and sugar mills where they preach their doctrines.

EDITORIAL entitled "SHRINKING THE SHOULDERS" - Commenting upon the fact that, as a general rule, the Secretaries of the Cabinet take no interest in giving life to the Departments entrusted to their care; that the members of the Cabinet are generally appointed to foster their own political interests, and to enrich themselves by means of shameful and crooked transactions. As an example, the Department of Public Works is mentioned.

The lack of personnel in the Municipal Board of Habana creates a conflict. The political parties intend to appoint a Committee to solve the grave problem. It is intended to request to extension of the registration period.

"LA PRENSA" - Jan. 14, 1924.

The Mayor of Havana has sanctioned the new Tariff for sightseeing automobiles approved by the Municipal Council last week.

EDITORIAL entitled "A GOOD DOCTRINE" - Favorably commenting upon a recent resolution of the Department of Justice, reporting against the granting of a pardon to a chauffeur who killed two little boys.

"EL MUNDO" - January 15, 1924.

Article entitled "THE REORGANIZATION OF THE PARTIES" Commenting upon the result of the first week of registration, and the lack of enthusiasm on the part of the electors. The article further comments upon the necessity of teaching the people to practice their patriotic duties; that nothing can be changed by means of a revolution, if the collective conscience remains unchanged....

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"HERALDO DE CUBA" - January 12, 1924.

An article commenting upon the new combination in the Cabinet. The list of the new members is practically ready. The names mentioned in this article, are as follows:

Sanitation:	Dr. Casuso;
Interior:	Gen. Asbert or Santiago Rey;
Public Works:	Guerra;
War and Navy:	Iturralde;
State:	Cortina ;
Treasury:	Cespedes;
Agriculture:	Betancourt;
Public Instruction:	Gonzalez.

In an article entitled "THE FARSE OF REORGANIZATION", Dr. Orestes Ferrara states that the work of reorganization initiated by both parties is nothing but a farse which will degenerate into a tragedy; that there is no use in trying to change the laws because there can be no laws applicable to the falsifiers for whom political activites constitute their only profession. He further suggests that the only solution is to enter into an agreement with the Census Bureau of the United States, in order that said Bureau may take charge of all the electoral work of Cuba, stipulating the price and conditions for the work.

An article stating that pardons continue to be granted. The magnanimity of Secretary Regueiferos gives more followers to the cause of reelection

Secretary Iturralde fears that the Province of Santa Clara is the center of the revolutionary activities of Veterans and Patriots. Panic in Cienfuegos, caused by the visit of some leaders of the movement of Veterans and Patriots to that Province. The Secretary of the Interior tries to hide the truth, but he has distributed a large number of spies throughout the country.....

An article commenting upon the irregularities in the Stree Cleaning Department. It is rumored that the Street Cleaning Department will be turned over to the Department of Sanitation.

EDITORIAL, commenting upon the fact that the apparent calm in the activities of those who demanded rectifications, constituted only an expectant attitude, possible the last hope of patriotism to prevent the loss of sovereignty. Those who thought that Dr. Zayas would make a halt in the path of evil which he had undertaked, were greatly mistaken. The Government does not stop before any obstacles, and continues committing all sorts of crimes. Fraud and bribery have been revived in the offices of the Government. Imaginary payrolls, fantastic roads, and awarding of contracts with a large margin of profit, have again been enthroned. It would not be strange if desperation lead to violence, especially in view of the intentions of Dr. Zayas to be reelected; and it is a well known thing that reelection means violation of the sacred right of suffrage.

Another Editorial stating that ~~xxxxxxxxxx~~ Liberal Party cannot possibly make any coalition with any other political group, because the Liberal Party has contracted a debt of honor with the country, and it is an obligation which must be paid by the Liberal Party alone.

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"EL HERALDO" - January 12, 1924.

The President has signed a Decree reviving a contract for public works of the time of Villalon. The signing of this Decree was obtained through Celso Cuellar, to whom the contractor paid $50,000.00 as commission.

Irregularities in the Department of the Treasury. There are many "botelleros" in the offices of the Taz of One per Cent, while the Fiscal Zones lack the necessary employees, and the collection of revenues decreases. A fraud has been discovered in connection with the importation of olive oil, which was manifested as "grease for lubrication".

"TO THE VETERANS AND PATRIOTS" - An article by General Enrique Loynaz del Castillo, denying certain rumors spread in connection with his trip to Camaguey; stating that he has always been in favor of an honest administrative system; that he combatted unwarranted privileges since the time of President Estrada Palma when the Jucaro and Moron Railway was given at a rental of $83. per month; that he has been in favor of the movement of rectifications initiated by the Veterans and Patriots. but on the other hand criticizes the attitude assumed by the leaders of said movement. Finally, he transcribes a letter which he wrote to the President of the Republic, in which he makes the following requests: (1) to give an example of the principle of "Non-reelection"; (2) to give real proofs of his imartiality and the impartiality of the Government at the elections; (3) to renew his request to Congress for the constitutional amendment prohibiting reelections; (4) to ask for a constitutional amendment reducing the term of office of the President to two years; (5) to amend the electoral law in the sense that a blank ballot be given to each elector in order that he may vote freely, without compelling the elector to vote for candidatures prepared beforehand; (6) suppression of the Lottery, of the Tarafa Law, and of the games of luck authorized by the Tourismo Law, and to make effective the punishment of criminals, and the persecution of venal officials.

Irregularities in the Department of Public Works. The President will sign a Decree granting $100,000.00 for paving the streets of Guantanamo. This is one of the contracts of the Villalon period, revived by the present Administration. It is said that the actual cost of the work is below $50,000.00.

An article commenting upon the projected trip of General Crowder through the Island. The trip has not been officially announced, but on the other hand, the information published on the subject has not been denied. It has been said, however, that the only object of General Crowder is to visit the various American Consulates, but he may also take advantage of the opportunity to inspect the construction of highways chargeable to the appropriation of six million dollars. Manzanillo is one of the places which he intends to visit, where grave irregularities have been denounced.

EDITORIAL entitled "JUGGLERY OF MILLIONS" -Commenting upon the lavish way in which the six millions appropriated for public works are spent; especially upon the payment effected to the successor of Jose Lopez Rodriguez ("Pote"), contractor of the dredging of the Roque Canal.

"THE VETERANS AND PATRIOTS BELIEVE THAT THE GOVERNMENT TRIES TO ALARM PUBLIC OPINION" - Opinion of a prominent member of the Association of Veterans and Patriots regarding the rumors of a conspiracy in the Army.

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"FROM "EL UNIVERSAL" - January 12, 1924.

"CANDIDATES" article by Ramon Vasconcelos. Commenting upon the fact that the presidential problem does not worry the politicians of Habana. That in the ranks of the Liberal Party, there are two well defined tendencies: one in favor of Mendieta, emanating from the people, gradually predominating in the Assemblies; and the other in favor of Machado, which prevails in the political organizations. There also two incipient tendencies: a candidature of transaction, to avoid possible divisions; and a national candidature to avoid the perils of a bitter struggle between the Government and the opposition parties; the former would be represented by Governor Barreras, and the latter by the Secretary of State. - In the Conservative Party, the presidential aspirations of Dr. Verdeja are clearly manifested, but he may at any time be satisfied with a nomination for Senator; and the aspirations of Menocal timidly appear. Menocal to-day is more inclined to come to an understanding with the Liberal Party, than to revive the National League. The Zayism is weak and maintained only by the resources of burocracy, only awaits an opportunity to join the party or group which may offer to it greater possibilities of victory. - But in Habana, the politicians are not in favor of anybody or of anything. They are only attentive to the provincial problems...

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EDITORIALS:

Commenting upon the fact that the governmental press has flung certain attacks against the Army, when the truth is that the Army is the only organization which remains pure in Cuba.

Another editorial commenting upon the corruption prevailing in the Department of Public Works.

An article by Dr. Orosman Viamontes, entitled "ZAYAS CONSPIRES" Up to recently, the yellow press took great pleasure in announcing the defeat of the campaign initiated by the Veterans and Patriots, but this attitude of the governmental press has suddenly undergone a radical change, announcing the discovery of a vast conspiracy tending to overthrow the present Government by means of a coup d'Etat. The semi-official announcement of this conspiracy will alarm public opinion, increase the panic in commercial circles and destroy the credit of Cuba abroad, but Dr. Zayas does not care about the interests of the country, and will not stop before any obstacles to foster his own private interests. "An article of the Electoral Code, almost forgotten, makes it impossible for his followers to nominate him for a second presidential term, and neither the Conservatives nor the Liberals seem to be inclined to support reelection. Hence, the President, deceived by the false mirage of the American policy in Mexico, is trying to create a state of affairs in Cuba which may facilitate his electoral victories, such as those obtained by his predecessor in 1917, in Victoria de las Tunas, Pedro Barba, and Guadalupe....."

"LA PRENSA" - January 12, 1924.

EDITORIAL entitled "UNHEARD-OF AUDACITY" - Unfavorably commenting upon the revival of the Santa Clara Convent deal (See "Havana Post" of January 14, 1924).

"LA NOCHE" - January 12, 1924.

The Government has discovered the activities carried on by anarchic elements to stop the present sugar crop. Supervisors are appointed to prevent a possible alteration of the peace.

EDITORIAL entitled "THE PASSIVITY OF CONGRESS" - Very unfavorably commenting upon the inactivity of Congress.

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"La Noche" - January 12, 1924.

"CROWDER THROUGH THE ISLAND" - An article unfavorably commenting upon the importance given to the projected trip of General Crowder through the Island; that the Ambassador is free to travel where he pleases, but it certainly does not come within his powers to effect a trip of inspection, and surely he has not even intended to do so.

"EL MUNDO" - January 13, 1924

An article unfavorably commenting upon the revival of the Santa Clara Convent deal.

Plans to violate the provisions of the Electoral Code. The opening of the period of inscriptions has given rise to denunciations for infactions, because the inscription of hundreds of imaginary electors have been discovered.

"EL TRIUNFO" - January 13, 1924.

"The Municipalities must be ready to defend themselves - Unfavorably commenting upon the project of law granting a privilege to a company which intends to control all the electric light plants in the Republic.

EDITORIAL entitled "NECESSARY WORK" - Commenting upon the inactivity of Congress. That there are many urgent laws pending in Congress, such as the law of reforms of the Electoral Code, and the reform of the law of Public Instruction.

"A GRAVE SYMPTOM" - Unfavorably commenting upon the granting of pardons.

"HERALDO DE CUBA" - January 13, 1924.

Accusations against the Temporary Committee on Banking Liquidation. Some members of the Good Government Association have asked to be permitted to denounce the irregularities of said Committee at one of the coming sessions of the Rotary Club. The Temporary Committee compels the Board of Liquidation of the Banco Nacional to cancel some credits against solvent persons. Other irregularities denounced.

Irregularities in the Department of Public Works. Humberto Cuellar and Mario Cuellar appear as employees of the Department of Public Works, but in reality they are only "botelleros", each collecting a monthly salary of $200.00.

A grave irregularity has been discovered in the Department of Communications. Postmaster General Cartaya issued a certificate to the effect that a well known young man had rendered services in that Department, but this was not true, and constitutes a falsehood in public document.

EDITORIAL, by "Politicus",- making a comparison between reelection in Cuba, and reelection in the United States.

"EL HERALDO" - January 13, 1924.

Talking to a group of his followers, Dr. Zayas said that if he is not nominated by the Liberal Party, he will be nominated by the Conservatives.

"EL MUNDO" - January 14, 1924.

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Feature editorial entitled "OUR CONDUCT" - Commenting upon the fact that "El Mundo" is neither a governmental paper, nor a paper of the opposition, and yet, it attacks and defends the Government.

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"El Mundo" - January 14, 1924 (Continued).

What "El Mundo" does is to defend the general interests of the country, and it is for this reason that it cannot be at the service of any one party. That at the present time, "El Mundo" is combatting reelection, the lavish waste of public funds which should be devoted to public works, the lack of attention of Congress to the general interests, the conduct of the Banking Commission which does not render an account of its actions, all the suspicious transactions planned, such as the "subasta" of Central Limones and the purchase of the Santa Clara Convent.

"DIARIO DE LA MARINA" - January 14, 1924.

EDITORIAL entitled "THE REDUCTION OF TAXES" - Commenting upon the fact that the conditions of the Treasury, recently published, show a constant increase in the collection of revenues, and the vitality of the country, which is rapidly recovering from the last economic crisis. However, the collection of the millions now deposited in the Treasury has only been possible through the enormous burden thrown over the taxpayers, such as the tax of four per cent on profits, and the tax of one per cent on gross sales. The Government should not be satisfied to show the constant increase, if that increase is obtained from the sufferings of the people and by the loss of the most fruitful and advantageous activities. The Department of the Treasury of the United States has given an example worthy of imitation: Mr. Mellon has suggested the reduction of Taxes. Could not Dr. Cespedes, whose actions at the head of the Treasury have been so praisewrthy, suggest the suppression of the tax of four per cent on profits? This initiative, backed by the Executive, and resolved favorably by Congress, would receive the general applause of the country.....

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"HERALDO DE CUBA" - January 11, 1924.

A conspiracy to overthrow the present Government has been discovered by the Police. The first blow was to be given in Habana, and directed against the Executive and against Congress, as a means to purify the administrative and political atmosphere. The plans included a revolutionary movement spread throughout the country which would support the "de facto" Government organized in Habana. Something unusual was noticed at the Palace during the last few days, especially yesterday. Politicians and officials of the Government frequently visited the Palace, and it was thought at first that their visit was about the crisis of the Cabinet. At last some one informed that Dr. Zayas knew all about the revolutionary plans, but that he did not give much importance to the movement. Secretary Iturralde requested to be given ample powers to act energetically in case of any disturbance of the peace, but the President refused to give him such powers. An officer of the Army who was invited to join, denounced the movement to the President. An intimate friend of General Crowder who was interviewed, stated as follows: "The information published by "La Noche" regarding the "Coup d'Etat" has not surprised General Crowder, because since his return to Cuba, he knows the state of uneasiness prevailing in the country. It is true that General Crowder believes that the program of the Veterans and Patriots is good, and that, if applied, would be highly beneficial to the interests of the Republic; but he is of the opinion, however, that a revolutionary movement would bring up the proble in quite a different basis, inasmuch as the Government of the U.S. would in no case recognize a "de facto" government as the product of a revolution. The Ambassador of the United States considers that Secretary Hughes and President Coolidge would, in that case, maintain the invariable opinion which the neighobring Republic has always maintained, of combatting any revolutionary movement, and that the Cuban Government would be granted a prudential period to put down the revolution." - However, the rumors of the revolutionary movement have not been confirmed, and Dr. Zayas was seen at the Payret Theatre last night.

It has been learned from a reliable source that General Crowder intends to make a tour through the Island, because he desires to see the real situation of the country.

EDITORIAL entitled "REELECTION AND ITS WEAPONS" - Unfavorably commenting upon the pardon granted to criminals, to be used as agents of reelection.

"SUNK IN THE MUD" - Commenting upon the fact that Dr. Zayas is devoid of all moral sense; that he has lost all scruples; that he is knee-deep in the mud and sinking more and more every day, but the trouble is that the Republic may sink with him.

"EL HERALDO" - January 11, 1924.

An article stating that the President has signed a Decree ordering the payment to Mr. Rodriguez ("Pote's" son) of the sum of $400000.00, to be taken from the 6 millions appropriated for public works, as indemnity for xxx works not realized in the Roque Canal. The article states that this payment is absolutely contrary to the provisions of the Law of the Loan, and ends as follows: "It now remains to be seen whether the Secretary of the Treasury puts his O.K. to such an enormity."

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"El Heraldo" - January 11, 1924 (Continued).

Irregularities in the Department of the Lottery. 1,369 tickets were left over at the last drawing, but they were kept until after the drawing to take those which obtained prizes and cancel the others. While Lottery Collectors are panic stricken, Washington tries to find out what happened with the big prizes of the Christmas drawing. The American Government has asked the Ambassador in Cuba to furnish some information on the subject.

In the recourse of appeal established by Horacio Martinez Franque attacking the constitutionality of Decree No. 1572 prohibiting the meetings of Veterans and Patriots, the Supreme Court has rendered a decision adverse to the appellant, based on technicalities and not on the merits of the case.

EDITORIAL entitled "AMERICAN POLICY" - A Cuban newspaper has praised the attitude assumed by the United States toward the Latin-American republics. "El Heraldo" believes that such an attitude (always to support the constituted Governments) deserves criticism rather than praise. The good policy of the U.S. would be to leave foreign countries to act at liberty, without placing any obstacles to the right of independence, which large as well as small countries must have. To bring pressure to bear , means the diminishing of liberty Cuba has had an opportunity to feel the bad effects of the intromission of the U.S. in the domestic affairs.....

At a conference between President Zayas and General Asbert, the President announced his firm purpose to run for a second term He only awaits the termination of the inscriptions to start an active campaign.

The Attorneys of the Banco Nacional are of the opinion that the credit of the State is a preferent credit.

"EL PAIS" - January 11, 1924.

"POLITICAL SHORTSIGHTEDNESS" - An article unfavorably commenting upon the intentions of Dr. Cespedes to withdraw from the Cabinet to aspire for an elective office. If Dr. Cespedes resigns as Secretary of State, he would encounter many obstacles to obtain his nomination for an elective office, because, politically, he is very well known in aristocratic circles of New York and in the White House, but these titles are not sufficient to obtain a nomination in Cuba. Cespedes would not be elected member of a Board of Education, or Municipal Councilman; consequently, he would never obtain his election as President.

"LA PRENSA" - January 11, 1924.

Dr. Zayas has accepted the resignation presented by Dr. Cortina. Full text of the Decree accepting the resignation, and of the letter written to Cortina by the President.

"EL MUNDO" - January 12, 1924.

"THE GENERAL INTERESTS AND THE PRIVATE INTERESTS" - An article very unfavorably commenting upon the projects of law now pending before Congress. Anybody who glances over the "Order of the Day" for the first session of the House of Representatives, will see that said legislative body does not intend to pass any law beneficial to the country. The ten million dollars now deposited in the Treasury not pledged to any obligations, would not be sufficient to cover one-tenth of the appropriation and pension bills which appear in the Order of the Day for the first session.

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

Yesterday's meeting of the Cabinet. Only the Secretary of the Interior failed to attend. Dr. Cortina bade adieu to the other members of the Cabinet, and explained that his resignation was not due to any difference of opinion with the President. - The President spoke about the termination of the railroad strike, and stated that the Government had received many congratulations. The President also said that the international relations continued to be very good, and that the new Mexican Minister will shortly present his credentials. Dr. Cespedes confirmed the statements made by the President. As Acting Secretary of the Treasury, he stated that the collections during the last month had exceeded 7-1/2 million dollars, and stated that the conditions of the Treasury were very good. The Secretary of Public Works spoke about the public works effected, chargeable to appropriation of six million dollars. That many of said works had been completed, and others were in course of construction. He also requested the President to study the manner of granting an appropriation for the construction of a Park in the vacant lot in front of the Presidential Palace. The Secretary of Public Instruction explained the difficult situation of his Department, which gave rise to a short debate. The Secretary of Agriculture confirmed the statements of the President regarding the termination of the strike. The Secretary of Sanitation stated that all the focuses of ~~infxxxixxxxxxixxxxxx~~ epidemic diseases had disappeared, including that of Camaguey which acquired alarming proportions. The Secretary of War stated that absolute peace and order prevailed throughout the country; that the morals and discipline of the Army and Navy were good, and that they were perfectly prepared for any emergency.....

"EL TRIUNFO" - January 12, 1924.

An article unfavorably commenting upon the granting of an outrageous privilege to a powerful electric light and power concern.

EDITORIAL entitled "FOR THE PRESTIGE OF THE JUDICIARY" - Commenting upon the urgent necessity of effecting a moral readjustment in the Municipal Courts, where irregularities are constantly committed.

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HERALDO DE CUBA" - January 15, 1924.

The Central Electoral Board, which failed to furnish the necessary number of employees to the Municipal Electoral Board of Habana, is blamed for the delay in the registration. It is calculated that over 5,000 electors will be unable to register in Habana. The Political Member representing the Liberal Party protests and demands the extension of the registration period.

A denunciation has been presented to the Court of Instruction of the Third Section, against the Registration Committee of the Liberal Party for infractions of Articles 4, 9 and 10 of the Electoral Code. Other electoral infractions have been denounced.

EDITORIALS:
"ELECTORAL OBSTACLES" - Commenting upon the difficulties encountered for the registration of electors, due mainly to the suspicious attitude of the Central Electoral Board refusing to furnish to sufficient number of personnel to the Municipal Electoral Board.
"TAXES MUST BE REDUCED" - Commenting upon the heavy taxes now levied on people; that said taxes were created in difficult times when they were absolutely necessary, but that they are very inopportune at the present moment. The editorial further comments unfavorably upon the conduct of the personnel in charge of the collection of taxes, and points out the necessity of reducing the taxes.
"FOOLISH INTENTIONS" - Unfavorably commenting upon the rumors that President Zayas intends to make a coalition with the Liberal Party and in that way be sure of his nomination for a second term. "Heraldo de Cuba" is altogether contrary to electoral coalitions, because when two minorities get together, they may defeat the real majority of the country.....

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EL HERALDO" - January 15, 1924.

The Mayor of Caney (Oriente) has complained before the Department of the Interior against the Municipal Judge, because the Mayor was arrested and put in jail as if he were a vulgar delinquent. - The Municipal Judge, in turn, has telegraphed the Department of the Interior stating that he arrested the Mayor because the latter did not obey his orders. The article states that the telegrams do not mention the origin of the trouble; but that according to information obtained in the Department of the Interior, it was an act of revenge on the part of the Judge, because the Mayor had ordered the arrest of a friend of the Judge.

The ticket which obtained the second prize of the Christmas drawing, was collected as follows: Guido Colli, son-in-law of the President, $10,000.00; Carlos Noroña, $30,000.00, and a Bank of Habana collected the remaining $160,000.00 in the name of Mrs. Zayas.

Interview with Dr. Aurelio Alvarez, President of the Senate, regarding the settlement of the railroad strike, his opinion regarding the electoral future after the reorganization, and about the formula suggested by him of a "national candidate".

A long article by Gustavo Gutierrez, entitled "THE SUFFRAGE". That after having discarded the idea of a "coup d'Etat, rejected the revolution, and condemned the intervention, the only means of salvation left is the suffrage. He further points out the drawbacks of suffrage in Cuba, the modifications made to the "Crowder Code", the complicated machinery for the reorganization of the parties, the large amount of money needed to effect the reorganization of a party in Cuba, etc. ...

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"Heraldo" -January 15, 1924.

EDITORIAL entitled "THE CHECK" - This editorial seems to be a reply to the recent article published by "El Mundo", entitled "OUR CONDUCT". The editorial states that this immoral Government needs a check, and if it cannot be checked by Congress, by the vote of the people, nor by the Judiciary, the Government might as well be afraid of the foreign interference. The fear for Crowder wrought the miracle of the "Cabinet of Honesty", and even after it was weakened, it prevents the turning over of the Treasury Department to an unconditional friend or to a"politician". The day when Zayas may not be afraid of anything, he will appoint his son Secretary of the Treasury, and will reinstate Martinez Lufriu and ~~Zanetti~~ Norberto Alfonso.....

Editorial entitled "FRAUDULENT INSCRIPTIONS" - Commenting upon the declarations recently made by Vicente Pardo Suarez to the effect that the only thing good in the Electoral Code drafted under the inspiration of General Crowder, is the article which prevents the free increase of the census of electors, limiting it to three per cent of the number of electors ... That there is an evident ezaggeration in such an affirmation, because said Code contains many other good provisions.....

An article unfavorably commenting upon the intentions of Dr. Zayas to modify Basis No. 8 of the Law of the Budget, in order that he may dispose freely of the funds of the Treasury, and use it for his campaign of reelection. - The article states that a Decree has already been drafted, disposing of the sum of $120,000.00 of the Department of Communications.....

Ambassador Crowder has addressed the Department of the Treasury in connection with the payment of interest of the foreign loan now owed to American bankers. The Dept. of the Treasury answered that the House had already passed a bill in connection with this matter, and that said bill was pending in the Senate.....

"LA PRENSA" - January 15, 1924.

The Port authorities are trying to investigate the rumors of a shipment of arms intended for the Mexican revolutionists on the schooner "Murray" (English). The investigations show that the MUrray" is taking a cargo of liquor for a foreign country, outside of the United States.

"LA NOCHE" - January 15, 1924.

Senator Compte conferred with the President on the Budget for the coming fiscal year. It has been learned that said Budget will amount to about 73 million dollars.

EL/TRIUNFO" - January 16, 1924.

EDITORIAL entitled "SELF DEFENCE" - Unfavorably commenting upon the intentions to increase the Custom House duties on Cuban sugars in the United States; that the idea of this new increase is to blockade Cuba, and then indicate the convenience of asking for the annexation of Cuba to the U.S. The Cuban Government is in the obligation to seek new markets for sugar, in order that when the Americans may not be able to buy Cuban sugars owing to the prohibitive taxes, the sugar may have another outlet.

"AN INCONVENIENT JUDGE" - Unfavorably commenting upon the Judge of Caney who ordered the arrest of the Municipal Mayor.

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"HERALDO DE CUBA" - January 16, 1924.

Irregularities in the Bureau of Communications. The appropriations for personnel are used for imaginary payments by Montalvo, Cartaya and Llerena. Said Bureau is a center of corruption.

Accusations against the City Chief Engineer Cuellar, his Secretary Paez, and an employee by the name of Martinez. Private works done with public funds and employees of the Department of Public Works.

Accusations against Gomez Colon, the Majordomo of the Palace, in connection with the application of the $200,000.00 appropriated to pay the debts of the Palace. He compelled the creditors of the Palace to cut down their claims, and obtained a substantial profit.

EDITORIALS:

"LET US DESERVE TO BE FREE"- Commenting upon the fact that Liberty must not only be conquered, but that a people must also be worthy of having it; that since the Republic was inaugurated, especially during recent years, the Cuban are showing to be absolutely incompetent for self-government.

"EVERYTHING IS BEING TAKEN AWAY FROM US" - Unfavorably commenting upon the declarations recently made by the Rockefeller Institute attributing to American physicians the discovery of the transmission of the yellow fever. That the Americans are not satisfied with gradually despoiling the Cubans of their own soil, and now they want to take away the glory of the Cubans like Finlay; that that is a new side of American imperialism.....

A fist-fight between Llerena and Ignacio Montalvo, two high officials of the Department of Communications. The fight is said to have been caused by a transaction carried out by Llerena, who failed to distribute the proceeds of his graft among the famous trio which controls the manipulation of funds of that Department.

It was finally discovered that the schooner "Murray" was not loading arms for the Mexican revolutionists, but it was taking a cargo of liquor intended for the United States.

"EL HERALDO" - January 16, 1924.

Irregularities in the Department of Public Works. The projected construction of a tunnel in Santiago de Cuba, is absolutely unnecessary; the Engineer in charge of the Aqueduct was astonished when he heard of the project; $300,000.00 to be spent for the construction of that unnecessary tunnel, but which will leave a substantial margin of profit.

The wave of corruption also sweeps over the Department of the Interior. The $11,000.00 appropriated by a Decree for the repair of the building occupied by the Department of the Interior, is considered only as an excuse for a "chivo", because said building is new and in very good conditions.....

Dr. Cespedes informs the reporters that he is taking active steps for the immediate payment of the Floating Debt. He expects to gather the necessary funds to pay 15% more of what is paid to-day to the unending line of creditors of the State. He has also ordered a careful investigation in connection with the clandestine and scandalous shipments of whiskey said to be made from the port of Habana.

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"El Heraldo" - January 16, 1924.

"THE SWORD OF DAMOCLES" - Unfavorably commenting upon the constant threats of a revolution, hanging over the country.

"EL UNIVERSAL" - January 16, 1924.

Due to the negligence of the employees, the Fiscal Zone of Oriente (Habana) has failed to collect one million dollars - The fine of 25% is not collected from the morose taxpayers of the one per cent.

An article stating that the American Embassy is used as a business office. The Embassy claims the payment of $49,900.00 owed to a firm which sold arms to Menocal's Administration.

Secretary Iturralde makes grave accusations against the Municipal Electoral Board of Habana. The members of said Board receive money to carry out illegal combinations.

Foreign diplomats accused of acting as agents to obtain pardons. Edmundo de Mas, a criminal, was pardoned at the request of the Spanish Minister, and now the President intends to pardon two Russian criminals at the request of the Representative of the Russian Government.

The lavish waste of public funds continues. The expenditures authorized yesterday amount to $120,950.76 - Roads that are never constructed, and repairs in the building occupied by the Department of the Interior which are not necessary.

The sum of $85,000.00 appropriated for the repair and painting of the building occupied by the Department of Public Works, has been totally spent in whitewashing the walls, the cost of which cannot possibly exceed $3,000.00.

EDITORIAL, entitled "THE THREATS OF ITURRALDE" - Unfavorably commenting upon the declarations made by Secretary Iturralde in connection with the irregularities committed in the Municipal Electoral Board of Habana. That Iturralde has certainly no moral force to make accusations of that nature. The truth is that the Electoral Boards lack the sufficient number of employees, and the best thing he could do is to furnish them with sufficient number of employees and not make improper use of the funds appropriated for that purpose.....

Article by Dr. Orosman Viamontes, unfavorably commenting upon the idea expounded by Dr. Gustavo Gutierrez that the only solution of the problem of the Veterans and Patriots is to organize a political party and impose the rectifications by means of the right of suffrage.

"LA PRENSA" - January 16, 1924.

The American Embassy has forwarded to the Department of the Treasury of Cuba, a petition formulated by the American creditors demanding the full payment of their claims against the State. Dr. Cespedes has not said anything regarding the manner in which the conflict will be solved.

PALACE NEWS: The new Mexican Minister, Sr. Arturo de Saracho, presented his credentials this morning. - Dr. Zayas informed the reporters that he had nothing special to say about electoral matters; that the Central Electoral Board had refused to grant an extension of the period of registration. Referring to the scant number of inscriptions up to the present, he stated that, in his judgment, it was of no importance. He also stated that he

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"La Prensa" - January 16, 1924. (Continued).

had been, for a long time past, in favor of the suppression of the requisite of the affiliation of electors. Referring to the ~~xxxxxxxx~~ reports published regarding changes in the Cabinet, the President stated that for the present time he had no intentions of filling the vacancies existing.

EDITORIAL, unfavorably commenting upon the inactivity of Congress.

"LA NOCHE" - January 16, 1924.

Irregularities in the Custom House. Investigations made by Judge Escay Rojas. Many high officials envolved in the proceedings. Influences are being moved to stop the investigations.

EDITORIAL entitled "THE ELECTORAL FUNCTION" - The peoples, as a general rule, lack the necessary education to exercise the right of suffrage, and that is why the general mass of the people remains indifferent to the electoral struggles. The result is that the manipulation of the electoral machinery is left in the hands of a small minority, to the detriment of the general interests of the country.

"EL MUNDO" - January 17, 1924.

An article unfavorably commenting upon the actions of the Department of Public Works; that studies and projects are made, "subastas" called, but the works are never commenced; while the appropriations are applied to other obligations and the people pay the outrageous taxes created for the payment of the loan.

"EL TRIUNFO" - January 17, 1924.

An article stating that if the Executive and Congress persist in their intentions to carry through their projects of outrageous transactions, a catastrophe is like to occur in Cuba, because the people are not disposed to permit the consummation of certain projects in view.

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"HERALDO DE CUBA" - January 17, 1924.

Colonel Mendieta will arrive in Habana to-morrow, and will assume the leadership of the Liberal campaign.

An interview with Colonel Manuel Despaigne, in connection with the contest for presidential possibilities initiated by this paper. His answers were in a non-committal manner, stating that he ~~xxx~~ is not a politician, but only a man of administration; that the contest of "Heraldo de Cuba" can be regarded as some thing more than a sham battle, that it constitutes the first skirmishes of the electoral struggle, but like in all battles, the final results cannot always be judged by the result of the first encounters, and that nobody can predict the final outcome of the present struggle. That the next President must be an honest man who only ambition be "the welfare of Cuba".

EDITORIAL unfavorably commenting upon the intentions of Dr. Zayas to be nominated by the Liberal Party, in view of the impossibility to revive the National League.

"EL UNIVERSAL" - January 17, 1924.

The failure of the electoral registrations in Cienfuegos, proves the non-conformity of the electoral body with the methods of those who manipulate the Assemblies. Only 644 electors have affiliated to all the parties. The registrations for the Conservative Party are made by members of the Municipal Police.

"LA PRENSA" - January 17, 1924.

Secretary Iturralde informed the reporters that the Department of the Interior will have no intervention in the application of the appropriation recently granted for repairs to that building, as the Department of Public Works will be in charge of effecting the repairs. - Referring to the appropriation for secret expenses, he explained that it was not yet exhausted, as the Department of the Interior only receives one-eighth of the appropriation of $40,000. every month. - He further declared that he had called the Director General of Communications to report in connection with certain difficulties arisen with respect to the auction of a launch for carrying mail. The auction, which was awarded to Cesar Otero Masdeu, has been annulled, and a new call for bids will be made, in order to obtain a launch at a price lower than the$14,895.00.(This auction is what gave rise to the fist-fight between Montalvo and Llerena).

"LA NOCHE" - January 17, 1924.

The Secretary of the Central Electoral Board had a conference with the President of the Republic, and asked the President to request an authorization from Congress to extend the period for registration of electors. Mr. Davalos thinks that if Congress does not grant this authorization, over fifteen thousand citizens will fail to register in Habana.

"EL HERALDO" - January 17, 1924.

EDITORIAL entitled "THE DANGER" -Commenting upon the just and proper admonitions of the American Government, and the judicious warning reminding the "status" of Cuba which does not permit certain mistakes without running the risk of a a foreign intromission.

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"EL TRIUNFO" - January 18, 1924.

New threats of a revolutionary movement in Cuba. The campaign of alarm is the last resort of the Velezites. The revolution so often postponed, is now announced to take place before February 24th.

EDITORIAL entitled "COMPLETE INERTIA" - Unfavorably commenting upon the absolute state of inertia of ~~the Republic~~ Dr. Zayas since he became President. Even at the present moment, he does not do anything in favor of his reelection, but expects his friends to do everything for him.

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"HERALDO DE CUBA" - January 18, 1924.

An article stating that the Government does not give any protection to the alcohol industry; that the raw material (molasses) has been monopolized; that a factory requiring 7 millions gallons of molasses, has only been able to obtain 650,000 gallons; that if the Government does not take steps to protect said industry which gives work to thousands of laborers, it will inevitably disappear. Secretary of Agriculture, General Betancourt, is bitterly criticized for his lack of attention to this matter.

Irregularities in the Municipal Electoral Board of Habana, in connection with the distribution of identification cards (cédulas). Said Board complies with the tricky suggestions of Lagueruela and Francisco Cuellar, and obeys the order of the Palace. The Board intends to send said "cedulas" by mail, with a view of juggling them out of the Liberals who constitute the majority. The public energetically protested night before last, and the protest came very near degenerating into a riot.

EDITORIAL, favorably commenting upon the speech made by Dr. Ferrara at the opening session of the Academy of Law, recommending the urgent necessity of modifying the Law of Civil Procedure.

"EL HERALDO" - January 18, 1924.

Another interview with Vicente Pardo Suarez in connection with the electoral problem. He now refers to the most serious problem of the Electoral Code: the reorganization of the parties with respect to the inscription of affiliates and the possession of the respective electoral "cédula", stating that what is now being done with the inscription and transfer of electors, and the premature and suspicious delivery of the "cédulas", is a great fraud. He also states that the Electoral Code does not give to the electors legal means to prevent frauds.

"TORRIENTE SENDS AN "S.O.S." FROM WASHINGTON, ASKING FOR RECTIFICATIONS" - Torriente states in his letters that the Government has not fulfilled its promises for moralization. -- The Speaker of the House, Vazquez Bello, held a conference with the President yesterday morning. After the conference, Vazquez Bello informed the reporters that he had taken up with the President the matter of the laws to which Congress is to give preferent attention, which are to be those included in the program outlined at the conference attended by Dr. Torriente. Torriente's situation in Washington, is not enviable. The American foreign office is hostile to him. In spite of the fact that he has been in Washington for over a month, Torriente has not been able to present to Hughes any resolution of the Cuban Congress showing any intentions of regeneration..... The friends of Vazquez Bello are under the impression that Torriente has written to him demanding the fulfilment of the program outlined. However, when Congress meets, its attitude will be quite different, and scandalous projects are likely to be approved.....

Interview with Representative Manuel Castellanos. - Castellanos is in favor of a "National Candidate, and he speaks of the possibilities of Mendez Capote. Dr. Zayas has given more than one hundred thousand dollars for the printing matterial needed for the reorganization; he will energetically combat the Santa Clara Convent deal.....

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"El Heraldo" - January 18, 1924.(Continued).

EDITORIALS:
"THE REORGANIZATION OF THE PARTIES" - Unfavorably commenting upon the peremptory period granted by the Electoral Code for the incription of electors.
"PHARISAICAL NATIONALISM" - Commenting upon the hypocritical boast of nationalism of the men now in power, when ever the possibility of an action on the part of the U.S. to prevent the Cuban people from being robbed by their rulers, is presented. ..."The American action can be exercised in two ways: putting a stop to the excesses and robberies of the men in power, or restricting the right of the citizens to change their rulers who do not lead them through the path of Good. It has been in the latter form in which the intervention of the U.S. in Cuba has been more sadly felt. Minister Gonzalez was the genuine type of open hand in favor of the despotic Government of General Menocal, and of closed fists against the people who were eager to free themselves from a dictatorship . General Crowder, who seemed to be destined to check the excesses of General Menocal, finally compromised with him, and the famous "unusual guarantees" were only the abandonment of the honest interference, of that which seeks a discrete and proper mediation between the Government and the people for the purpose of preventing greater evils".... "A good and timely advice, firmly given to a bold and stubborn President, would be an act of great importance on the part of the Washington Government....."

"EL UNIVERSAL" - January 18, 1924.

An article stating that Dr. Cespedes desires to withdraw from the Cabinet; that he does not desire to support reelection, because he is an aspirant to the Presidency; he is the only person in of high standing in the present Cabinet, and he is greatly dissatisfied with the present turn of events.....

An article by Ramon Vasconcelos, commenting upon the electoral frauds committed by the supporters of reelection.

A fraud of $10,000.00 committed by the Chief of the Telegraph Office of Holguin, but that as he is a supporter of reelection, he will come out unharmed. Other irregularities in the branch of Communications.

Administrative irregularities: The appropriation of $500,000.00 for material for the Bureau of Communications, has been totally exhausted in six months; false accounting kept in the Department of the Treasury.

Accusations against Secretary Iturralde. In an arbitrary manner, he refuses to pay salaries of employees of his Department, and uses the funds to buy votes for reelection.

The investigations made in connection with the cargo of the schooner "Murray" reveal that she did not carry any arms for the Mexican revolutionists; that said schooner was under the Cuban flag, and had a cargo of liquor on board intended for an English possession.

EDITORIALS:
An editorial commenting upon the failure of the electoral inscriptions.
"MEXICO AND THE UNITED STATES" - Unfavorably commenting upon the attitude assumed by the American Government with respect to Mexico, stating that the moral and material support given to Obregon constitutes a grave sypmtom of the future policy of the U.S.

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"[illegible] Universal" - January 18, 1924 (Continued).

An article by Miss Mariblanca Sabas Aloma, unfavorably commenting upon the idea suggested by Dr. Gustavo Gutierrez to organize the Association of Veterans and Patriots into a political organization, to obtain by means of suffrage what they have failed to obtain by force. She states that the "machete" is better than the vote to do away with the evils caused by politics.

"LA NOCHE" - January 18, 1924.

Among the Palace news, the following article appears: "Police Inspector Corujedo entered the Palace in a mysterious manner. Is it something about a "Coup d'Etat"? Have the Veterans and Patriots started a revolution? Will we have to hand over another Cuban to the American authorities to be locked in one of their jails?"

"EL MUNDO" - January 19, 1924.

Feature editorial, entitled "A TYPICAL CASE" - Unfavorably commenting upon a bill presented to the House requesting an appropriation of $25,000.00 for the installation of an official telephone system in the City of Santa Clara; that said telephone system is absolutely unnecessary and entails a large expenditure for personnel, upkeep, etc., when the Government can avail itself of the free use of two per cent of the number of telephones installed by the Cuban Telephone Co. That this constitutes a typical case of the lavish waste of public funds, when other important public services are completely abandoned.

A problem of difficult solution has arisen by reason of a resolution adopted by the Municipal Electoral Board, which refers to the sending of electoral "cédulas" by mail.

"DIARIO DE LA MARINA" - January 19, 1924.

EDITORIAL entitled "PARDONS" - Unfavorably commenting upon the large number of pardons granted. The "Diario" states that it would have no objections to make if it were not for the fact that the requests for pardon are encouraged by persons connected by the Government and the persistency to use the criminals pardoned as agents of reelection.

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"HERALDO DE CUBA" - January 19. 1924.

An interview with Colonel Mendieta, who has just arrived from his sugar plantations. He states that he comes to struggle for the victory of the Liberal Party, for the welfare of Cuba, and for the beginning of an era of rectifications; that he is authorized to the practices of reelection authorized by the Constitution, and believes that the Constitution should be smended in the sense of prohibiting reelections; that the country is very much in need of a renovation of its political and administrative values. According to Colonel Mendieta, there is no Cuban problem: what Cuba needs is a great administrative honesty, good and easy means of communication, schools, examples of honesty in the Government, and public works.

An interview with Mayor Cuesta. He believes that in spite of the good work accomplished by the Liberal Party in connection with the registration of electors, about 50 per cent of the real number of electors (in Habana) will be deprived of the right to vote. That this is due to the slow procedure in electoral matters, either by the lack of personnel or by the activities of certain politicians, and also due to the Electoral Code itself which restricts the number of new inscriptions. He does not believe that the reorganization will bring new men to guide the destinies of the Party, but that same men will continue to act.....

An article criticizing the actions of the President of the Municipal Electoral Board of Habana. Judge Montagu, who made of visit of inspection, declared that absolute disorganization prevailed in said Board. A denunciation has been lodged by the Liberal Political Member, Mr. Jose A. Franco, regarding the existence of false "cédulas".....

EDITORIAL entitled "CONGRESSIONAL PARALYSIS" - Unfavorably commenting upon the inactivity of Congress, caused principally by the report of the Mixed Committee on the Santa Clara Convent deal.

The Economic Corporations are endeavoring to have the tax of four per cent on profits suppressed.

The claim presented by the American Government for war material supplied during the European War, cannot be paid until Congress passes a Law to that effect; the American Government failed to present the claim in due course to the Debt Commission. Acting Secretary of the Treasury, Cespedes, trusts that Congress will act on the matter.

"EL HERALDO" - January 19 1924.

Interview granted by Senator Bravo Correoso to a reporter of "El Cubano Libre" of Santiago de Cuba, in which he states that Dr. Zayas has not done anything to merit his reelection, and he does not deserve it; that the dissolution of the National League is so clear that nobody can deny it.

Simonetti and Guas, two great friends of the Secretary of Public Work have amassed great fortunes in a very short period. The Department of Public Works pays for the fuel consumed by them in their automobiles.

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"El Heraldo - January 19, 1924.

The American Government intends to place new restrictions to the entry of Cubans in the United States, assigning a yearly quota. This is due to the fact that the foreigners can easily obtain letters of citizenship in Cuba. Secretary Cespedes and Ambassador Torriente are trying to prevent these restrictions.

An editorial praising Colonel Mendieta.

"LA PRENSA" - January 19, 1924.

President Zayas has sent a cordial invitation to the American Veterans of the Spanish-American War to hold their annual meeting in Cuba this year.

Cable despatch from New York (Special despatch for "La Prensa). Secretary Hughes praises Cuba.

"EL MUNDO" - January 20, 1924.

An interview with the President of the Municipal Electoral Board of Habana with respect to inscriptions. Dr. Pablo Gomez de la Maza states that the Board which he presides is acting with rapidity in the service of the electoral body, and that the real electors will receive their cards of identification in due course.

"Correspondence from New York" - by Antonio Escobar, entitled "The Foreign Service", commenting upon the present condition of the American Foreign Service, and the project of Law presented to the House of Representatives by Mr. Rogers.

"EL HERALDO" - January 20, 1924.

Irregularities in the Postal Service. - The scandals and irregularities in the Post Office are so grave, that they may be the cause of serious international claims in the near future. The mail received from foreign countries is sent to the interior of the country without any guarantees. - The Bureau of Communications is full of illegal and immoral business.

Reply of Dr. Gustavo Gutierrez to some commentaries made on his article entitled "The Suffrage".

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"HERALDO DE CUBA" - January 21, 1924.

"TO THE MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES" - "Heraldo de Cuba makes an appeal to all the members of Congress, but especially to the Liberal members, to reject, in a most energetic manner, the report submitted by the Mixed Committee on the matter of the purchase of the Santa Clara Convent, which is to be discussed at the first session of the House.

An article stating that in only one day, over three hundred legitimate electors were robbed of their "cédulas". When the legitimate electors called for their cedulas at the Municipal Electoral Boards, they found that other persons had previously called for them, fully prepared to give the exact description of the legitimate electors; but that this only affects the re-organization of the parties, because the electors can still claim and obtain their cedulas before the elections.

Cable despatch from New York: Under the title of "American White Men Governad by Negroes", the "World" publishes a despatch from Washington, referring to the steps taken by American residents of the Isle of Pines to obtain the defeat of the ratification of the Treaty between Cuba and the United States in the Senate. .....

An article commenting upon the rumors that Martinez Bacallao, a druggist of Camaguey, will be appointed Chief of the Division of Taxes; Samper to be commissioned to the Statistical Department of the Department of the Treasury.

"EL HERALDO" - January 21, 1924.

An article commenting upon the irregularities committed in the auction of electrical supplies for the Bureau of Communications.

"EL UNIVERSAL" - January 21, 1924.

Article entitled "THE LAST FLING", by Mariblanca Sabas Aloma, commenting upon the fact that corruption has attained its maximum degree of intensity among the governing class, especially in the Departments of Public Works, Treasury, Agriculture and Interior. One of the paragraphs reads as follows: "Let the jail-keepers of the Country the last period of their orgy; let them bite the spoils of the sumptuos boot. In the mountains of Oriente, a warlike spasm is already initiated; an air of insurrection already blows in the central plains of the Island. And in the Westernmost region, the men and the soil welcome the new invasion with open arms. Let them enjoy themselves, because their days are numbered.... They are only sharpening the knives for their throats.

"EL PAIS" - January 21, 1924.

Editorial entitled "THE REASONS WHY WE DEFEND THE LAW OF PARDON"- Arguments in favor of an Amnesty Law.

"LA PRENSA" - January 21, 1924.

EDITORIAL entitled "A BOLD CHALLENGE" - Unfavorably commenting upon the intentions to discuss and approve, in the House of Representatives, the report of the Mixed Committe on the matter of the purchase of the Santa Clara Convent.

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Prensa" - January 21, 1924. (Continued)

Article by Manuel Castellanos (member of the House of Representatives) explaining the reasons why he is opposed to the Santa Clara Convent deal.

"LA NOCHE" - January 21, 1924.

Rumors of a conspiracy to overthrow the organized Government.(Already translated in full).

EDITORIAL entitled "JUST REPRISALS" - Unfavorably commenting upon the intentions to restrict the entry of Cubans into the United States. That if the project is carried out, Cuba must adopt the reprisals which may be within her reach, so as to establish the necessary compensation.

"EL MUNDO" - January 22, 1924.

Feature editorial, unfavorably commenting upon the intentions to close down the Polvorin market; that this is a typical case , on the part of the governing cdlasses, of doing just the opposite of what public opinion demands.

"DIARIO DE LA MARINA" - January 22, 1924.

Underthe titled of 'ANNEXATION OF THE ISLE OF PINES", the "Diario" publishes a cable despatch from its New York Correspondent (Mr. Zarraga) commenting upon the articles published in New York and Washington referring to the request made for the annexation of the Isle of Pines to the United States.

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1. Herewith will be found Brief Summaries of News Articles and Editorial Comment from the Havana press, for the days January 22, 23, and 24, 1924.

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SUMMARY OF NEWS ARTICLES AND EDITORIAL COMMENT IN THE HABANA PRESS.

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"HERALDO DE CUBA" - January 22, 1924.

"TO CONGRESS" -An appeal made to Congress to repeal the report of the Mixed Committee on the matter of the Santa Clara Convent deal; that nobody can allege ignorance of the reasons which prompt the Executive to pull this deal through; that it is a sinister intrigue against the other Powers of the State, but "Heraldo de Cuba" trusts that Congress will not fall in the trap....

A telegram from Holguin criticizing the American Foreign Banking Corporation in the matter of Central "San German", which was sold at auction for the sum of $5,000.00.

Irregularities in the Lottery. Serious rumors to the effect that an immorality similar to that of the Christmas drawing is prepared, in order to wipe out the deficit existing.

Secretary Cespedes registered as a member of the Liberal Party, yesterday.

An article explaining the origin of the rumors of a conspiracy to overthrow the Government. In an interview with General Alberto Herrera, Chief of the General Staff of the Army, The distribution of the Browning quick-firing guns recently acquired, had been ordered for some time past, and this is what gave rise to the rumors. No movement of troops has been effected.

"EL HERALDO" - January 22, 1924.

An article stating that the seven thousand electors who registered in Habana for the reorganization, will not be able to vote, because all such registration will be annulled. The registrations exceeded the three per cent in all the barrios but one. Davalos considers that it is necessary to divide the Municipal Board of Habana into four Boards to properly take care of the 48,000 electors.

An article stating that Dr. Carlos M. de Cespedes and Dr. Ricardo Lancis have joined the Liberal Party.

Appeals have been filed against the appointment of commissioners of inscriptions in five Municipalities. Said Municipalities will be left without Assemblies, if, as is expected, the registrations are annulled. The problem will affect the Liberal Party in Guanajay, Guines, Santiago de Cuba and Moron; and the Conservative Party in Pedro Betancourt.

EDITORIAL entitled: "ON THE ROAD TO VICTORY" - Commenting upon the favorable results obtained by the Liberal Party in the registration of electors.

"EL U IVERSAL" - January 22, 1924.

An article unfavorably commenting upon the fact that the House of Representatives perists in its purpose to hold session with a view of approving the report of the Mixed Committee on the matter of the Santa Clara Convent deal.

The Cuban Company requests the appointment of a Court of Examination of Locomotive Engineers, and has addressed the Railway Commission

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"El Universal" - January 22, 1924. (Continued).

demanding the fulfilment of the stipulations agreed upon after the recent strike; the Railway Brotherhood is decided to go to a new strike.

"LA PRENSA" - January 22, 1924.

A cable despatch from Washington, reads as follows: The Cuban Government, through its Ambassador, Dr. Cosme de la Torriente, has filed a protest before the Department of State of the U.S., against the Law proposed by the Secretary of Labor Mr. Davis which refers to the assignment of a quota to Cuban immigration."

PALACE NEWS: The vacancy existing in the Supreme Court will be filled this week. - A Decree has been issued ordering the payment of 70 per cent on the claims referring to Public Works, instead of the 60 per cent previously ordered.

"LA NOCHE" -January 22, 1924.

"The Conspiracy against the Government is confirmed" - Any intents will be drowned in blood by the Army. - The Government is in possession of the details of everything which takes place, and knows the leaders and persons envolved in this grave movement. "La Noche" ratifies the article published yesterday. The Army is kept in readiness.

EDITORIAL entitled "THE FAILURE OF THE REORGANIZATION" - Commenting upon the fact that the failure of the reorganization of the political parties is an undisputable fact. It also comments upon the lack of preparation, which leads to political and administrative incapacity, and this, in turn, to moral disorder.

"EL MUNDO" - January 23, 1924.

Feature editorial, recommending the approval of a project presented in the House which provides that the Police shall be totally paid by the State.

Cable despatch from New York: Mr. Max Garlach, the newly appointed Military Attache to the American Embassy in Habana, will sail for Habana next Thursday per U.S. "Mexico".

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"HERALDO DE CUBA" - January 23, 1924.

An article entitled "OUR INCAPACITY" - Unfavorably commenting upon the intentions to approve the report of the Mixed Committee in the matter of the Santa Clara Convent deal, in the House of Representatives; that the House is giving a lamentable proof of the incapacity of the Cubans for self-government.

Secretary Cespedes was interviewed in connection with his recent affiliation to the Liberal Party. He said that he accepts the fundamental doctrines of the Liberal Party ; that he has always been a Liberal, and one of the founders of the Party; that his position in the Cabinet will continue to be the same; that his affiliation does not mean anything else than the fulfilment of one of his duties as citizen, demanded by the Electoral Code.....

"Political inquisition again makes its appearance in the Department of Communications." A nephew of Dr. Zayas threatens those who refuse to join the Popular Party.

Irregularities in the Department of Public Works. Julio Cuellar is taking steps to collect the price for paving Zanja Street, without having commenced the work.

EDITORIAL criticizing the attitude assumed by the Central Electoral Board, in connection with the registration of electors. Instead of facilitating the work of inscription, the Central Board has only tried to place obstacles.

"EL HERALDO" - January 23, 1924.

After the failure of Dr. Ferrara to dominate the Liberal Party from behind the screens of a "Directory", he now intends to support Mendieta. Ferrara has realized that his popularity in the Province of Santa Clara has subsided, and now seeks to be nominated for Mayor of Habana.

The falsification of electoral cedulas constitutes one of the sad symptoms of present politics. This is the first time that falsification is resorted to. All the duplicates were printed in a printing shop of Habana, because the falsification of the originals would have been much more complicated. General Crowder has shown great interest to know the details of this electoral crime, and has requested some friends to inform him of the form and circumstances of the same.

Doctors Montagu and Martinez Escobar, appointed to act as Inspectors in the Municipal Electoral Board, have submitted a report of their work. They make a serene study of the electoral problem, and suggest the convenience of dividing the Municipal Electoral Board to properly take care of the electors of this City. They refer to the congestion of cedulas and the delay experienced in their distribution. Accusations are made against Congressmen and Political members, who constitute a real peril in the Board; that protected by their excessive immunity, they are always disposed to claim their rights, without complying with their duties; that another peril is adverted in the physical impossibility to prevent to entry of Senators and Representatives in the Departments where books and registers are kept, and where the cedulas are issued.....
(The full text of the report does not appear in this paper, but merely quotes some paragraphs).

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"El Heraldo" - January 23, 1924 (Continued).

EDITORIAL entitled THE ISLE OF PINES" - Commenting upon the new activities of the supporters of the annexation of the Isle of Pines to the U.S. That the Cubans are also to blame in some way, due to the facility with which they sell their lands to American corporations. That it is still time to counter blance the weight of the economic influence of the Americans over the Isle of Pines, buying the lands now owned by Americans, or cultivating the lands which still remain in the hands of Cubans.

"LA NOCHE" - January 23, 1924.

Secretary Sandoval has annulled some contracts of public works, after verifying that the contractors fulfilled them in a very defficient manner. "La Noche" praises Sandoval's attitude.

PALACE NEWS: Rumors circulated at the Palace to the effect that if the proceedings against the Veterans and Patriots are not stayed, Congress will pass an Amnesty Law in their favor.

"EL MUNDO" - January 24, 1924.

Feature editorial commenting upon "the result of reorganization" (Already translated in full).

Cable despatch from Washington: Cuba protests against the projected reform of the immigration regulations in the U.S., assigning a quota to Cuba.

Cable despatch from New York: A Cuban Committee has been organized to file a protest against the activities displayed by the Isle of Pines annexationists. There are only 386 American residents in the Isle of Pines, who own properties valued at 15 million dollars.

"DIARIO DE LA MARINA" - January 24, 1924.

"WHAT ARE THE AUTHORITIES DOING" - Commenting upon the fact that gambling is freely carried on in Cuba. Gambling is tolerated even in "Habana Park", and the authorities remain indifferent.

EDITORIAL "IN DEFENCE OF THE TOBACCO INDUSTRY" - In this editorial, the Government is requested to file a protest against the affirmation contained in a report submitted by the Governor of Porto Rico, Mr. Towner, to the Secretary of War of the United States. Mr. Towner states in his report that Cuba is the principal market for the tobacco grown in Porto Rico; that this tobacco is afterwards manufactured by the Cubans into cigarettes which are exported to Europe as Cuban grown tobacco. That this affirmation in an official document is absolutely false.....

The new Minister from Belgium, Baron Cortier D'Marchenie, is due to arrive on the 31st instant, and will present his credentials on February 4th.

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"HERALDO DE CUBA"---January 24, 1924.

"OUR OPINION"---by Gustavo G. Beauville. "El Heraldo de Cuba" makes known its firm resolution to stand for the good of the public, and to protest against the shameful attempts of the Government to rob the Public Treasury. The House of Representatives yesterday discussed fully the Santa Clara Convent deal, and the liberal Representative, Sr. Heliodoro Gil, accused the papers of blackmail because of their outcry at this shameful business. He attirbutes their attitude to a spirit of envy because they did not participate in the deal. His attitude leads us to think that the motives of those in favor of the deal cannot be entirely attributed to a sentimental desire to honor the Church.

"THE SHADY REELECTIONIST MOVEMENT BEGINS A CRUSADE OF ABUSES AGAINST THE LIBERAL MAYORS." Dr. Iturralde, as tool of Zayas, in a campaign for reelection, is attempting by terrorization and the use of force to impose his platform. Notable among these attempts is the appointment, without just cause, of Electoral inspectors, as for instance at Holguin, where there was no disturbance of public order to in any way justify this act. Dr. Alfonso Duque de Heredia, Representative from Oriente, directed a letter of protest against this act to Iturralde. It is regarded as the beginning of a campaign of abuse against Liberal Mayors, who oppose reelection. Dr. Felipe Salazar, Liberal representative, went to protest to Iturralde, also, but did not find him in. Iturralde sent two delegates to Candelaria in Pinar del Rio, to make a thorough inspection of the books and accounts of the Ayuntamiento, without being able to find anything prejudicial to the Mayor. The Mayor of San Cristobal is the subject of close scrutiny and persecution, and the forces of reelection are waiting for a pretext to threaten with exposure any Mayors who will not ally themselves with the party of Zayas.

"A CHAT WITH DR. LUIS FELIPE SALAZAR"---Dr. Salazar, Representative of Oriente, states that there no one believe in reelection, and that its failure is sure. He strongly opposes the plan of a coalition of Liberals and Conservatives to choose a "national candidate"---believes that an Opposition Party is an absolute necessity for a good political system. In Oriente an enormous number of Liberals are registered as affiliates. The conservatives have so wavered in their registrations as to elect illiterates to swell the ranks of the conservatives and popular party. All the public employees have to join the popular party---in fact peons have come to my law office, asking whether they should give up work, or permit themselves to be registered in the thin ranks of Zayism. Oriente is one loud cry of protest against the government of Zayas. The question of roads is a scandal. Enormous sums have been spent, without any considerable result---the contracts always being awarded to those allied to the Palace. The port of Santiago de Cuba is in a disgraceful state, much in need of attention. Oriente is Liberal at heart, and will vote for Mendieta or Machado. Dr. Salazar believes that the Santa Clara Convent deal will not pass. He opposes it strongly.

"General Machado for the present, refuses to make any declarations of his program of government."

"SERIOUS IRREGULARITIES OF THE POPULAR PARTY AT THE ELECTORAL OFFICES IN BOLONDRON". The agents of reelection have made false registrations, of electors who have died. This fact, brought to light, should increase the chances of the Liberal Party, already in majority. Appeal is made to the President of the Electoral Board to deal with such offenders, as otherwise recourse will be made to the Fiscal of the Audiencia of Matanzas.

"DECLARATIONS OF DR. TORRIENTE ON THE RESTRICTION OF THE ENTRANCE OF CUBANS INTO THE U.S." The Cuban Government, through the representative, Dr.

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Torriente, Ambassador to the U. S., protested against the projected bill of the Secretary of Labor, Mr. Davis, who is trying to include all Latin-American countries, for purposes of immigration restrictions with European countries. The protest of the Cuban Government is based on the fact that more than 15,000 Cubans visit the United States each year, for pleasure or on business—that they spend on an average $4,000 each, and that often the sum is much greater. The loss of capital to the United States would be very great if the bill were to go through, for many of those who used formerly to go to Europe and spend money there, have now turned to the States for pleasure, and to make purchases and business deals.

The term immigrant is not sufficiently defined by Mr. Davis. According to the present interpretation of the law, representatives of foreign governments, "transients", students, sailors on shore, visitors, or foreigners who have resided for more than five in countries within the limits of United States' jurisdiction, and who wish to reside in the States for a limited space of time, are not considered as immigrants.

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"IN THE MANZANA DE GOMEZ BUILDING THERE IS INSTALLED A STRANGE OFFICE WHICH OFFERS TO TAKE CHARGE OF THE COLLECTION OF THE ONE PERCENT TAX." Number 221, in the Manzana de Gomez Building is an office designed for the collection of this tax—but in reality it is an attempt to cheat the Government out of the funds. The office, so it is said, is managed by an inspector of the one percent tax Commission, who has great influence in the Department of the Treasury. The Company offers to take charge of accounts, and supervise the accounting of the tax-payers. The inspector has enrolled many money-lenders and heads of furniture houses in his office. The Office of the One Percent Tax has not, however, protested—there is so much dirt throughout that whole depatment that they are afraid to stir/the matter up.

The Boards of Registration examined the books of the Municipal Electoral Boards to find out whether everything was in order. The only irregularities said to have been found were that some electors had registered with both parties (Conservative and Liberal)

Editorial entitled "AMNESTY"., El Heraldo Protests against the project of "Ammesty", again brought up for discussion in Congress. In reality it is not amnesty, but general pardon for common criminals, which is planned. Dr. Zayas counts with the interested vote of many Representatives and Senators. This pardon has three main motives: To allow the murderer of Martinez Alonso to live here in peace; to leave unpunished the crimes against mayors and Councillmen of Habana, committed in the past administration; and to lull to rest the agitation about the swindling and cheating connected with the Lottery case. The reelectionist party wishes to invoke the aid of the jails, and of those who should be in jail, to stir up violence, and accomplish its ends.

"LA PRENSA"--January 24, 1924.

PALACE NEWS: Secretary Iturralde called on the President, and took up the matter of the appointment of some military supervisors and the filing of a criminal suit against "El Universal". A letter was received today from General Menocal, but the contents of the same have not been disclosed.

"LA NOCHE"--January 24, 1924.

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" VERY IMPORTANT CONFERENCE AT THE PALACE"—"The Secretary of the Interior and the President of the Republic held a long and secret conference. In spite of the secrecy maintained, we have been able to learn that the conference was about the campaign and movement carried on by certain elements which are trying to give a "Coup d'Etat". We know that the President and the Secretary of the Interior, after discussing the various aspects of the plan, decided to take the necessary precautions tending to terminate the state of affairs which said elements are trying to create." (Quoted in full).

"CROWDER AND THE MAYOR". An article commenting upon the letter written by General Crowder to the Mayor of Habana, recently published in the newspapers. That, however, the solicitous attentions shown to General Crowder by the physicians of the Emergency Hospital, contrast greatly with the attention shown to the public. It is cited, as example, a recent case where assistance was denied to a woman who had to give birth to a child in an automobile at the door of the hospital.

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"EL HERALDO - January 25, 1924.

Irregularities in the Department of Public Works. It is utterly impossible to obtain details of the illicit concession of $400,000.00 made to Lopez Rodriguez, Jr. (Son of "Pote"). The amounts appropriated for the maintenance of the Roque Canal are illegally spent in botellas". The Chiefs of the various bureaus of the Department of Public Works seem to have received strict orders to conceal all the details connected with the scandalous affair of the Roque Canal. - The Government pays exhorbitant prices for the expropriation of worthless strips of land. If a careful investigation were made of expropriation proceedings, many high officials, and even some prominent lawyers would have to go to jail.....

Dr. Iturralde, who at the beginning of his carrer as Secretary of the Interior was strongly opposed to allow gambling, has changed his views in this matter, and permits gambling to be carried on in political clubs. Gambling is supposed to be the principal source of income for the reelectoral campaign. This article states that Iturralde has told one of his intimate friends that this tolerance springs from "a political principle in favor of reelection", because, by authorizing gambling in political clubs, the Government wins many followers who will render productive services to reelection when the opportunity comes.

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EDITORIALS: "FORERUNNERS OF REELECTION" - Reelection, which is an endemic disease in many countries of America, is characterized by two symptoms: political farse, and electoral coercion. The beginning of the present farse is marked by the registration of followers of the Popular Party, obtained by the system of "botellas" and promises of appointments to offices. Many frauds have been committed in connection with registration, and it has been found that many electors registered in more than one Party. Zayas is trying to show that the Conservatives and Populars combined, have the majority of the electoral body, and hence his tacit "camouflage" which does not resist an analysis..... "Reelection, that cruel disease which has cost so many lives and has empoverished so many countries, shows its indelible marks, its lamentable forerunners, and nobody can be deceived as to its intentions. It is necessary to act with extreme energy to destroy them, and the Government which challenges the people in such a bold manner, must expect the people to take up the challenge and make the Government feel sorry for having plunged into that lamentable enterprise which is the negation of liberty, of good sense, of justice and of decorum.

"THE FAMOUS 329" - Editorial unfavorably commenting upon the attitude of Congress in connection with the purchase of the Santa Clara Convent.

"HERALDO DE CUBA" - January 25, 1924.

A very long article signed by "Politicus", dedicated to Carlos Mendieta, entitled "REELECTION AND THE RIGHT OF INSURRECTION". ..... When the elections are null, the exercise of the right of suffrage derided, the will of the majority oppressed or defrauded: Revolution would be the only remedy. The United States could not oppose it"....." We do not, of course, refer to an immediate revolution --not because this abominable corruption does not justify it, nor because we are in the midst of the cane-cutting season --a frail and sordid argument not even considered by the people who sacrifice lives and homes to an ideal and to honor;

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but because in this year, the general elections are held, which affords an opportunity for reform and ubstitution-- and we should wait and make use of them, for this purpose."....

The Inspectors of the Central Electoral Boar d demand that the attention of the Courts be called to tne frauds committed by the Populars. In view of the attitude of the Board, the falsifiers, full of fear, appeal to Laguerusla and Francisco Cuellar for protection.

Unusual activities were noticed yesterday at the Palace. Zayas has been informed that negotiations are being made between the American Government and certain leaders of the movement of Veterans and Patriots, to overthrow his Government. This rumor has circulated in official circles, and Secretary Iturralde has put the entire Secret Police to work, but all the investigations have been contradictory up to the present.

EDITORIAL entitled EXCESSIVE TAXATION, commenting upon the fact that Cuba is probably the country most heavily encumbered with taxes, but it is certainly the country which pays the largest amount of unnecessary taxes.

"LA PRENSA" - January 25, 1924.

The Government will adopt energetic measures to counteract the ampaign carried on by troublesome elements to stop the sugar crop.

EDITORIAL entitled "THE BATTLE BEGINS" Commenting upon the the movement initiated in the House in favor of the approval of the Decree of purchase of the Santa Clara Convent.

"LA NOCHE" - January 25, 1924.

The Cabinet meeting which was to be held to-day, has been suspended, because the President will have to attend the funerals of Vice-President Carrillo's sister.

"EL MUNDO" - January 26, 1924.

"The subastas" of Public Works" - Feature editorial, commenting upon the irregularities in the Department of Public Works.

"DIARIO DE LA MARINA" - January 26, 1924.

An article commenting upon the inactivity of the House of Representatives, in connection with the Tariff reform.

EDITORIAL entitled THE NORTH AMERICANS AND THE ISLE OF PINES - Unfavorably commenting upon the activities displayed by the American residents of the Isle of Pines, and the arguments given in support of their demands for annexation. That the thesis sustained is absolutely inadmissible, and would not even deserve discussion, if it did not envolve an offense to ~~xxxxxxxxx~~ this country. That the possession of lands does not give political rights to foreigners, etc.

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"HERALDO DE CUBA" - January 26, 1924.

An article by Ramon Vasconcelos, announcing that in view of the fact that "Heraldo de Cuba" has not changed its attitude of firm opposition to the Government, he has again joined this paper.

Dr. Cespedes, as Acting Secretary of the Treasury, refuses to remit funds for public works not yet accomplished. This intended to put a stop to the illegal payments effected to the relatives of Chief Engineer Cuellar, who are acting as contractors.

EDITORIALS:

"THE LAMENTABLE REELECTION" - Commenting upon the fact that Government has initiated a work of persecution and of aggression against the people; the Liberal mayors are also persecuted and threatened. But the display of force will not frighten the people but will stick with greater force to the defence of their liberties and the maintenance of their rights.....

"GREAT CARE MUST BE EXERCISED" - In spite of the apparent calm, the storm is sweeping, and the movement which seemed to have failed, is again giving signs of life. The overthrow of the present Government may, or may not take place, but it is spoken everywhere, giving details and even announcing the date of the occurremce. "Heraldo de Cuba" is eager for a change, but it does not want this change to be effected in a way that will endanger the sovereignty of Cuba.....

"EL HERALDO" - January 26, 1924.

"THE ACCIDENTAL AND THE PERMANENT" - An article commenting upon the fact that Dr. Zayas could have been a good President, because when he was installed in office he had the general sympathy of the country, but he has resulted a lamentable President, not so much for his own defects, but for the defects of those who sorround him, especially his numerous relatives. Zayas is an evil, but only a temporary evil, because he has to leave the Palace some day; but the change of a man will suffice to check and extirpate the corruption prevailing. Public conscience was already corrupt before Zayas was exalted, and will continue to be corrupt after Zayas leaves the Presidency. "It is true that Zayas is fatal; but let us not be deceived, becuase the Government of Dr. Zayas is only a symptom. Zayas is the accidental; corruption, always increase in all orders of life of the country, is the permanent....."

The electoral differences in Camaguey have originated a quarrel between Senators Rosendo Collazo and Aurelio Alvarez. Francisco Sariol was bitterly criticized by Alvarez, and Collazo took up his defence. This has created a great division of the Conservative Party in Camaguey.

The Parliamentary Committee of the Liberal Party will fight against the intrigues planned by Dr. Iturralde. Representative Ramon Leon will bring up the situation created in the Province of Oriente by the unnecessary appointment of Military Supervisors, demonstrating that in some cases, as in Holguin, these Supervisors usurp the powers of the Mayors. The reelectionists are committing the most scandalous electoral frauds in Oriente

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"LA PRENSA"- January 26, 1924.

EDITORIAL entitled "WAITING FOR REINFORCEMENTS?" - Commenting upon the fact that the supporters of the Santa Clara Convent deal in Congress have suspended their activities, but that this can by no means considered as a retreat, and they are merely waiting for a good opportunity to push their case forward again.

"LA NOCHE" - January 26, 1924.

A news article stating that prominent members of the Liberal Party have approached Dr. Zayas inviting him to join that Party again. The article further states that Dr. Zayas declined the invitation, stating that it is too late, especially at this time when he has the assurance that the consolidation of the National League is a fact, and will come out victorious because it has a mojority throughout the country.

Cable despatch from Washington:Important interview granted by Ambassador Torriente to Mr. J. W. T. Mason. He stated, among other things, that the more the U.S. and Cuba know each other, the more cordial their relations will be; that there are certain elements who, for the obtention of personal purposes, twist the conditions prevailing in Cuba; but said elements do not represent American public opinion, nor their activities can disturb the relations between the two republics; that the diplomatic crises between the Foreign Offices of Washington and Habana, have passed never to return again, because the causes have disappeared; that the Isle of Pines is a Cuban territory; that Cuba has paid back the-loan obtained from the American Government during the European war; that 24 millions out of the 30 millions then obtained from loans, have been paid. He further refers to the reduction of duties to Cuban sugars.....

EDITORIAL criticizing those who oppose the Santa Clara Convent deal in Congress; that the affair of the Santa Clara Convent has only served to those who oppose it, to fling all kinds of insults against the Government, in the name of a morality which they have have never known or practiced. "La Noche" believes that enough has been said and discussed about the problem, and that it now becomes necessary to solve it in a definite manner.

An article very favorably commenting upon the Decree issued by Dr. Bosch, Mayor of Regla, declaring a "Mourning Day" in that Municipality in honor of Lenine, and ordering certain ceremonies to commemorate the memory of the Russian statesman.

"EL MUNDO" - January 27, 1924.

Feature editorial entitled "THE DIPLOMATICAND CONSULAR SERVICE" - Commenting upon the fact that the accusations recently made in the House of Representatives against the diplomatic and consular services, are unjust.

"DIARIO DE LA MARINA" - January 27, 1924.

A very long letter addressed to Mr. Jose I. Rivero, Editor of "Diario de la Marina", by Mr. Gaspar de la Vega, promoter of the Santa Clara Convent Purchase, making some explanations tending to show that the purchase of said Convent is very convenient for the interests of the State.

The Cuban Legation in Madrid, Spain, will become an Embassy. The corresponding project of law, drafted by Dr. Vazquez Bello, will soon be brought to the attention of Congress.

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"HERALDO DE CUBA" - January 27, 1924.

An article unfavorably commenting upon the appointment of Celso Cuellar del Rio as General Keeper of Notarial Records ("Archivero General de Protocolos"). His father-in-law, Dr. Zayas, has put in in a place where he can dispose of all notarial records to foster his own personal interests.

Irregularities in the Lottery. - Every effort is made to maintain the high selling price of tickets.

EDITORIAL entitled "WRITING HIS OWN HISTORY" - Commenting upon the fact that Zayas Administration will pass to History as the most incompetent and useless that ever existed in Cuba (See "Havana Post" of January 29th).

"EL HERALDO" - January 27, 1924.

An article unfavorably commenting upon the appointment of Military Supervisors. The intrigues of the Government are openly directed against the Mayors who are in favor of Mendieta's candidature. A conspiracy has been initiated at the Palace against Mendieta. The Executive, in accord with the Secretary of the Interior, intend to crush the leader and to prevent his nomination to the Presidency.

"LA NOCHE" - January 27, 1924.

EDITORIAL commenting upon the declarations made by Ambassador Torriente to Mr. J. W. T. Mason, Correspondent of "La Lucha".

"EL MUNDO" - January 28, 1924.

Article entitled "OUR PREDICTIONS" - Favorably commenting upon the declarations made by Dr. Cosme de la Torriente, in connection with the relations between the United States and Cuba.

"DIARIO DE LA MARINA" - January 28, 1924.

EDITORIAL entitled "TO WORK, CONGRESSMEN" (See "Havana Post" of January 29, 1924).

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"HERALDO DE CUBA" - January 28, 1924.

Irregularities in the Department of the Lottery. - After the drawing are effected, some of the small prizes are changed, and some persons who hear the numbers they hold, called out, they ~~faibed~~ fail to find them in the official lists. This constitutes a profitable business for the employees who handle the tickets returned by the collectors.

The resignation presented by the Chief of the Division of Taxes, Captain Maza y Arredondo, has been accepted by Dr. Zayas. Samper, the eternal aspirant, is trying to obtain his re-appointment to that office.

A Decree of Pardon disappears from the Palace While search was being made at the Palace, the Decree was being shown to the prisoner at the Penitentiary to extort money from him.

"LA NOCHE" - January 28, 1924.

The following article appears among the Palace News: "Even though it may be denied, we can assert that the Government has news that in Cienfuegos a revolution or coup d'Etat is being planned, and that Dr. Laredo Bru is not unacquainted with this movement."

"EL MUNDO" - January 29, 1924.

Article entitled "AMERICAN POLICY" - Unfavorably commenting upon the methods employed by the United States to extend their influence in the American Continent. The declarations made by Mr. Walter Hiner Page, American Ambassador to England, are quoted.

"EL TRIUNFO" - January 29, 1924.

An article commenting upon the lavish waste of public funds, and referring to two Decrees appropriating funds forfor the continuation of the construction of some roads.

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"HERALDO DE CUBA" - January 29, 1923.

Dr. Enrique Mazas has been superseded by Dr. Miguel Mariano Gomez in the Direction of "Heraldo de Cuba". Dr. Mazas and Dr. Ferrara will continue to act merely as collaborators.

Irregularities in the Department of Public Works. - An electric light plant, purchased by Captain Castillo Pockorny for the Vento Water Works, has been installed in "Villa Maria". City Chief Engineer Francisco Cuellar was ordered to transfer said Plant from Vento to the country residence of Dr. Zayas, and he did so at the expense of the Government. The man in charge of said plant is paid by the Depart. of Public Works.

Gambling is going on in the "Aspiazo Club", where all kinds of illicit games are played. This reelectionist "ring" is open day and night, under the Direction of Azpiazo.

EDITORIALS: "UNDUE PROTECTION" - Unfavorably commenting upon the project of Tariff Reform now pending before the House. The idea of said project is to increase considerably the Custom House duties on some foreign products, and thereby protect national industry. "Heraldo de Cuba" states that this undue protection to certain ~~foreign products~~ goods manufactured in the country, will only serve to increase the price of said products to a considerable extent, and to decrease the national revenues.

"A SERIOUS THREAT" - Commenting upon the resignation of Capt. Maza y Arredondo, as Chief of the Division of Taxes, and stating that reelectionism, not satisfied with counting upon the Department of Public Works, is now trying to have also the Division of Taxes at its service, and this entails a very grave danger for the Republic, as it might even provoke an intensification of the Interference.

"EL HERALDO" - January 29, 1923.

An article commenting upon the declarations made by Ambassador Torriente regarding the question of the Isle of Pines. The Cuban State Department expects that the American Senate will soon decide to ratify the Treaty in which the United States recognized the sovereignty of Cuba over the Isle of Pines. The Department of the Interior has made a careful statistical and political study of the Isle of Pines.

In an address delivered by Mr. Horatio S. Rubens at the Municipal Building of Habana on Jan. 28th, in commemoration of the 71st anniversary of Marti's birth, he referred to the Platt Amendment and stated that he believes that the Cubans, with faith and patriotism, will finally obtain the repeal of said Amendment; he also stated that the United States grasped Cuba by the neck and compelled her to sign the Amendment which saddens her....."

EDITORIALS:
"BELL OR SHACKLE" - Very unfavorably commenting upon the policy followed by the United States towar d the other American republics. There was a time when the country founded by Jefferson and Washington generously and ardently responded to the ideals for liberty, and they always took the side of the oppressed people in their struggles against despotic governments. - Afterwards, rebellions

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"El Heraldo" - January 29, 1924. (Continued).

were encouraged by the United States, which were only traps prepared against the integrity of neighboring republics, and in that way the annexation of Texas and the separation of California from Mexico was obtained. This policy of double-play provoked a state of distrust in Latin-America, and then, the U.S., eager to win the good will of the countries of the New Continent, it has fallen into the extreme end, systematically supporting the constituted governments against any rebellion, without examining the causes. The editorial further refers to the present case of Mexico.....

"SANTA CLARA AD PORTAS" - Unfavorably commenting upon the letter recently published, in which the promoter of the Santa Clara Convent deal tris to show that the purchase of said Convent by the State is a clean transaction, and very convenient for the interests of the State.

Accusations made against the Chief of Sanitation of Palma Soriano (Province of Oriente). His office has become a political club; he is committing abuses against the Liberals, a declares that he is only obeying instructions received from the Department of Sanitation; but he pays absolutely no attention to his Sanitary duties.

"EL PIAS" - January 29, 1924.

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"At the time of going to press, we learn that Dr. Oscar Soto, Secretary of the Association of Veterans and Patriots, is making a denunciation in the office of the Secret Police. He states, in his denunciation, that the Fiscal Ortiz Casanova is instituting secret proceedings for rebellion, on very puerile grounds: a deposit of arms aut of use taken out of the Castillo de la Fuerza and from the National Arsenal. It is said that warrants of arrest will be issued against all the members of Association of Veterans and Patriots, especially against General Garcia Velez, who will be arrested or killed. Soto further states that this plot is planned by Iturralde, Santiago Rey and Rafael Castillo.

"LA NOCHE" - January 29, 1924.

An article stating that Menocal and Zayas are constantly in touch, by correspondence; that Menocal has promised to support Zayas' reelection if Mendieta is nominated as the candidate of the Liberals. In case of a revolution, Menocal offers his personal services to put it down.

"EL MUNDO" - January 30, 1924.

"THE DECLARATIONS MADE BY MR. RUBENS" - Favorably commenting upon the declarations made by Mr. Horatio S. Rubens in connection with the Platt Amendment. (His declarations are also quoted in this article).

A store of arms and ammunitions has been discovered near the city of Santa Clara. The Courts xxxx were immediately notified of the discovery. Only a cartman has been arrested, who is supposed to have taken the arms and ammunition to that place. The Secretary of the Interior and the Chief of the General Staff of the Army conferred with the President last night

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"HERALDO DE CUBA" - January 30, 1924.

An article commenting upon the discovery of a deposit of arms in the Santa Clara Province, stating that as a part of the plans for reelection, the Government wants to provoke a revolutionary outbreak. The alarm was caused by the manner in which the Government acted. The Secretary of the Interior stated that the whole thing was reduced to the seizure of about twenty rifles in a ranch near the town of Guayos.

An article unfavorably commenting upon the fact that the new appointments contemplated in the Judiciary, constitute a plan to support reelection. It is intended to appoint Dr. Palma as Magistrate of the Supreme Court, to the detriment of Doctor Ambrosio Morales; Palma to be superseded by Dr. Ortiz Casanova....

An interview with Mr. Horatio S. Rubens. When he was asked about the opinion prevailing in the United States regarding the present troubled conditions of Cuba, he answered that they were only considered as political rivalries, and that it can be affirmed that the United States will not intervene in Cuba as long as the properties of American citizens are respected. That the Americans have their own political troubles, as is shown by the fact that the Democrats have six Presidential candidates, and the Republicans four besides President Coolidge, and in the midst of that political turmoil, the weak protest from Cuba is lost. He further referred to the flourishing financial conditions of Cuba, and stated that days of richess and financial welfare await Cuba.....

In the proceedings instituted against ex Secretary of the Treasury, Mr. Sebastian Gelabert, the Department of the Treasury appointed some expert accountants to examine the books corresponding to the fiscal year of 1921 to 1922, and in their report submitted to the Supreme Court, they state that 7 million dollars were illegally spent.

Interview with Governor Barreras. Referring to the provisions of the Electoral Code for the reorganization of the parties, he states that they have failed to attain the purposes aimed, because there was reorganization, but no renovation of the Assemblies, and that the same men will retain the control of the same. He is not in favor of reelection, etc.

An article by Ramon Vasconcelos, unfavorably commenting upon the intentions to pass the scandalous Santa Clara Convent deal in the House of Representatives.

Protest against the appointment of a Supervisor for Ciego de Avila. The Government is against the Mayor of that town, because he is a Liberal.

"EL HERALDO" - January 30, 1924.

An article referring to the discovery of arms and munitions in the Province of Santa Clara; the discovery seems to be the beginning of sad and sorrowful events. The Veterans and Patriots affirm that the Government is preparing an "official Revolution" to displace the movement of opinion against reelection. Iturralde affirms that the Government is well prepared. It is believed that other discoveries will soon be made of arms shipped from Habana

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El Heraldo - January 30, 1924.

with the consent of the Department of the Interior. Officials of the Government state that the arms found only serve to justify to expenditure of funds collected by the Veterans and Patriots for the revolution.

An article stating that Dr. Orestes Ferrara and Enrique Mazas have at last abandoned the direction of "Heraldo de Cuba", in spite of the denials sent by cable by Dr. Ferrara regarding the sale of said newspaper. Miguel Mariano Gomez is bitterly criticized for having assumed the Directorship of Heraldo de Cuba.

Irregularities in the Department of Public Works: The one million dollars appropriated for public works in the Province of Matanzas, is lavishly wasted. 75 overseers are appointed for only a short section of road constructed. Bricks and other material diasppear in the hands of the contractors.

Dr. Cespedes is still sick. He does not desire to continue at the head of the Department of the Treasury, and it is rumored that as soon as he has recovered, he will ask to be relieved from office. It is true that he is sick, but the rumors of his resignation coincide with certain grave problems pending in the Department of the Treasury, such as the order to remit the funds destined for public works, and the purchase of the Santa Clara Convent, because if Congress approves the report of the Mixed Committee, Dr. Cespedes will certainly not be the person to sanction the purchase of the Convent.....

"LA NOCHE" - January 30, 1924. U4-P

It is rumored that Colonel Despaigne, Treasurer of the Association of Veterans and Patriots, has collected among certain sugar planters and banks, the sum of $40,000.00 to purchase in the United States arms for a revolutionary movement in this country. Col. Despaigne has sailed for the United States to purchase said arms. - It is also rumored that differences have arisen among the members of the Ass. of Veterans and Patriots, in connection with the purchase of arms and ammunition. Col. Despaigne refused to pay certain bill for arms purchased, and the purchaser denounced the case to justify the purchase made.

Gronlier, the Governor of Matanzas, has obtained the adhesion of all the Liberal Mayors of the Province of Matanzas to support Zayas reelection. This is the sensational rumor circulated yesterday.

"EL MUNDO" - January 31, 1924.

Article entitled "THE INJUSTICE OF THE CAMPAIGNS AGAINST CUBAN SUGAR." The economic catastrophes which Cuba has suffered recently are the result of deliberate and sustained campaigns made by certain elements in the U.S. against what they call the high price of sugar. In the year 1920, the moratorium, caused by unusually high prices brought in by foreign speculation, impoverished Cuba. Last year, a slight increase in the price of Cuban sugar led to the beginning of a campaign to boycott Cuba. Suit was brought against the Sugar Trust, which was accused of being the cause of the increase This suit has just been decided. the Court stating that the rise of prices was the natural result of commercial fluctuation, and not a matter for legal action. The case against Cuba was therefore unfounded, and the U.S. should realize that Cuba sells at reasonable prices, and more than makes up for her profits by the amount of goods she imports.

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"DIARIO DE LA MARINA"- January 31, 1924.

"THE SANTA CLARA CONVENT AND THE INACTIVITY OF THE HOUSE" - Unfavorably commenting upon the inactivity of the House of Representatives, stating that it must face boldly the Santa Clara Convent deal and reject at once the report of the Mixed Committee, because the system of opposition employed is causing a great harm to Cuba.

Dr. Enrique Hernandez Cartaya has been elected Rector of the University of Habana.

President Zayas has sanctioned the Law increasing the salaries of the members of the Judiciary.

"EL TRIUNFO" - January 31, 1924.

(Article) Editorial entitled THE INSENSATE ONES" - The discovery of a cache of arms, munitions and explosives in the mountains of Santa Clara, has led to some rumors of revolution. In the first place, however, these arms are not of a character to be greatly feared. The rumor is merely another attemot to spread revolutionistic propaganda in the minds of the people of the United States. Our country has no desire at present to be involved in civil war, to serve the interests of some Cubans bought with American money. Civilized countries do not go to war without real causes. There are, of course, many protests against political and personal oppression by the Government, but the situation is by no means a desperate one. But Governments are transitory, and the elections will give us a chance to change them. Moreover, we need all our forces for the grinding season, and there is no lack of employment. There is no great revolutionary leader to support the movement. The U.S. would never aid the revolutionists. And if it supported the Government, reelection would probably result, and we would lose our chance to improve things.. And millions would be expended from the Treasury without any good to the country.

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"HERALDO DE CUBA" - January 31, 1924.

The gross farce of the revolutionary threats prepared by the sycophants of the Government, has once more placed the Zayism in ridicule. As a consequence, General Montes will resign the portfolio of War. It is only a premeditated plan of Iturralde and his followers against those who are opposed to reelection. The idea is to justify a state of war, to revive the reign of terror instituted by Menocal. - Bulletin No. 13 of the Association of Veterans and Patriots, denying the reports spread by the Secretary of the Interior that the arms found belong to said Association, etc.

An article stating that President Zayas signed five Decrees of Pardon yesterday, which means that five more criminal will join the ranks of reelection.

Dr. Hernandez Cartaya was elected Rector of the University. - Dr. Zayas was present at the election. - When the President of the Republic entered the Hall of Sessions, a group of students left the room as a sign of protest. The number of students who left the room was not large, because Dr. Zayas was not expected to attend, and they had not time to prepare a more imposing demonstration of protest.

Editorial, commenting upon the fact that as the Veterans and Patriots failed to carry out their revolutionary threats, the Government seems to be disposed to start the revolution of its own account, and for the exclusive benefit of reelection. The seizure of a small lot of arms hidden by agents of the Department of the Interior, will serve to make a display of force, under cover of which the reelectionists will go ahead in their work.....

Article by Ramon Vasconcelos, entitled "ARMS" - Unfavorably commenting upon the discovery made by the Government of a small lot of arms, and the purposes of reelection.

"EL HERALDO" - January 31, 1924.

An article referring to the attitude of the Veterans and Patriots in connection with the outrageous plans of the Government. They will continue to work for the regeneration of Cuba, without being afraid of the ambuscades prepared by the Government. Dr. Gustavo Gutierrez has stated that the time to rise up in arms has not come; and that perhaps a revolution may not even be included in their program, but that what is necessary to be done, will be done in any way. Other discoveries of arms more fitted to be exhibited in a Museum, are expected. - Secretary of Justice Regueiferos is also giving signs of great activity

Interview with/General Menocal, in which he states that he/has a person intimately connected with (Menocal) not written any political letter to President Zayas, and much less of a reelectionist tenor. That ex President Menocal is closely watching the course of events, and will soon make important declarations which will not be favorably to Zayas or to reelection.

An article stating that the persecution against honest Judges has commenced, as a part of the reelectionist plans. Accusations have been made against the Judge of Marti, for a crime of prevarication committed by his predecessor.

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EDITORIAL entitled "CHIVOS" - Commenting upon the Teapot Dome oil leases, and the action of the American Senate in connection therewith. This editorial also refers to the appropriated of on million dollars passed, to investigate the frauds committed in connection with the war contracts, which sum was totally spent without obtaining any results from the investigations.

"LA PRENSA" - January 31, 1924.

Secretary Iturralde informed this morning that with the exception of two or three Municipalities in the Province of Santa Clara where the Veterans and Patriots are still active, their propaganda has ceased in the rest of the Island; and that other discoveries of arms are expected. - The Secretary of the Interior received a telegram from Mr. Rafael Roche, President of the Reelectionist Committee of Encrucijada, informing him of the persistent rumors of a revolutionary movement of the Veterans and Patriots, and offers to get up a militia force.

The President of the Republic had a conference with a Commission of the Council of the Federation of Economic Corporations, presided by Mr. Pedro P. Kohly. The visit of said Commission to the President, was exclusively to pay their respects and to inform him of the program of the Economic Corporations, which includes: important reforms in Public Instruction; suppression of the tax of four per cent; resolution of important problems relating to Tariffs, wharves, transportation, banks, commercial treaties with the U.S., protection to sugar and tobacco, and other matters of real benefit to the country. The Commission left highly pleased, because the President of the Republic fully realized the necessity of suppressing the tax of four per cent, inasmuch as the tax of one per cent is sufficient to cover the obligations of the State. As to the banking problem, the President is in favor of the creation of a bank which may answer the purpose of the Bank of Reserve of the U.S.; and as to the Treaty with the United States, the President said that for a long time he had been working in that direction, as shown by his messages to Congress at different times.

EDITORIAL, favorably commenting upon the strong opposition in the House to the Ssanta Clara Convent bill. -

"THE SANTA CLARA CONVENT MIGHT BRING SERIOUS COMPLICATIONS" - Under the above heading, the following article appears: "We learned yesterday, from a reliable source, that the Cuban Ambassador in Washington had announced his purpose to resign his high office if Congress approves certain legislative measures which have scandalized public opinion. - We have also learned that the Secretary of State and Acting Secretary of the Treasury, and the Secretary of Agriculture, have announced their purposes to resign for reasons identical to those expressed by the Cuban Ambassador in Washington. Will the purposes announced by these officials have anything to do with the halt made by the supporters of the Santa Clara Convent deal in Congress?"

"LA NOCHE" - January 31, 1924.

An article stating that more than ten persons have been arrested in the Province of Santa Clara in connection with the discovery of arms. The Government has been informed of other places where arms are stored.

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An article commenting upon the discovery of arms made by the Government. The Government is fully aware of the plans for a revolution. The Veterans intended to rise in arms on January 1st, but those who had agreed to take the field, failed to appear on the day fixed. Other details of the case.

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

At a meeting held yesterday, the Rotary Club took up the question of the Tariff Reform as a necessity to save some industries which are in distress. A Committee was appointed, which is to visit the Presidents of the Senate and of the House and urge them to hasten the approval of the Tariff reform.

"THE NATIONAL PROBLEMS AND THE ACTIVITIES OF THE HOUSE" - An article favorably commenting upon the attitude of Dr. Santiago Rey, urging the House of Representatatives to start to work and undertake the approval of laws urgently needed by the country.

Declarations made by the President to some members of the Economic Corporations of the Island who visited him. Among other things, President Zayas stated that in his judgment, it is absolutely unnecessary to maintain the tax of four per cent on profits.

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"HERALDO DE CUBA" - February 1, 1924.

The Polvorin Market is the cause of a new scandal, in spite of the Decrees of the Governor, the Mayor and the President of the Republic suspending the concession. A new scheme has been devised whereby a concession of the Market will be awarded for a period of thirty years, at a sham auction at which only the firms of Clarence Marine and Armour and Co., combined, will appear as bidders, the principal promoter being Celso Cuellar del Rio. It is said that the idea of this scandalous deal originated at the Palace. The trio Cuellar-Marine-Armour are willing to pay a juicy commission, and Cuellar is said to have already approached Iturralde on the subject.....

"THREE NEW FOLLOWERS OF REELECTION" - Commenting upon the three Decrees of Pardon signed by President Zayas yesterday. The article further states that the Zayas' family have monopolized the Pardon business.

Irregularities in the Department of Public Works. City Chief Engineer Francisco Cuellar unjustly and unscrupulously awarded an auction to his brother Jose Cuellar for the repair of Zanja Street. The prices offered by Jose Cuellar were among the highest. Said Jose Cuellar who now appears as a contractor of the State, has an appointment as Consul in a European country, and collects a salary as such.

An article unfavorably commenting upon the the revolutionary farce in the Province of Santa Clara. Iturralde does not know how to avoid the ridiculous position in which he is placed, and now tries to take away importance to the movement. The petty officers under Iturralde will carry on a cruel persecution. Lies, denunciations and proofs will be invented, and drastic action taken against all those who oppose the gross plans of reelection.

Dr. Hernandez Cartaya.
Interview with the newly elector Rector of the University. He will endeavor to obtain the autonomy and democratization of the University.

EDITORIALS: "TORPID AND DECEIVED" - Favorably commenting upon the Bulletin No. 13 issued by the Veterans and Patriots, in which they manly protest against the accusations made against them in connection with the discovery of arms made in the Province of Santa Clara.

"TOWARD THE IDEAL" - Favorably commenting upon the election of Dr. Enrique Hernandez Cartaya as Rector of the University.

"THE STUDENTS vs. DR. ZAYAS" - Favorably commenting upon the attitude assumed by the students of the University when Dr. Zayas tried to preside the act at which Dr. Hernandez Cartaya was elected, without being invited to attend.

"$500,000" - Article by Ramon Vasconcelos, commenting upon the fact that the project of Tariff Reform constitutes a new scandalous business; that the merchants and industrial men have raised a fund of half a million dollars to bribe the members of Congress in order that they may mend the project reform of the tariff, adjusting it to their personal conveniences.

An article unfavorably commenting upon the last drawing of the Lottery, because the first ball that came out obtained the first prize, which everybody considers as very suspicious.

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"EL HERALDO" - February 1, 1924.

An article unfavorably commenting upon the extension of the concession of the "Cienaga de Zapata" granted by Secretary Sandoval to Mr. Liborio Alvira; Mr. Alvira appears as the visible head of a gang of "land eaters".

"Among the many decrees of pardon which have recently appeared in the Official Gazette, there is one which states that it was directly requested from the President of the Republic by the President of a Spanish-American Republic, and it refers to a citizen of said Spanish-American Republic. Naturally these requests are made with the greatest secrecy, and no record of them remains in the Legations through which they pass. However, in the Legation of Habana of the country to which we refer, a slight record of this has been left, in the form of an item on the books which reads more or less as follows: 'Extraordinary expenses; to Mr. Guido Colli, as a special commission, $600.00'" (Quoted in full).

"LA NOCHE" - February 1, 1924.

According to reports received in the Department of the Interior, absolute peace prevails in the Province of Santa Clara. The persons who were involved in the revolutionary movement have disappeared from Santa Clara. Twelve persons will be arrested. It has also been learned that as soon as Colonel Despaigne returns from his mysterious trip to the United States, he will be arrested and arraigned before the Courts to answer the charges made against him in connection with the discovery of arms.

PALACE NEWS: - The meeting of the Cabinet which was to take place to-day, was suspended because the President had to attend the funerals of General Manuel Alfonso. - The Government is making preparations to inaugurate the Maine Monument on February 15th. - After a conference with the President, General Montes told the reporters that he had not presented his resignation, and that his relations with the President were very cordial.

EDITORIAL entitled "THE OIL SCANDAL" - Commenting upon the recent oil scandal in the United States, pointing out the fact that the public opinion and Justice will finally condemn the guilty ones; which is quite the opposite of what happens in Cuba. - The editorial further states that examining the problem from another point of view, it confirms what "La Noche" has repeatedly said: that no country can act as tutor of another; that the United States xxxx has tried to assume the tutorship of the Spanish-American republics, and that is where its greatest error lies, because evil is as common among the Americans as among the people of the other republics.

"EL MUNDO" - February 2, 1924.

Article entitled "A GREAT NATIONAL REFORM" - Favorably commenting upon the reform of the Tariff, in a protectionist manner, requested by the President in a message to Congress.

An article entitled "WASTING TIME" - Very unfavorably commenting upon the inactivity of both branches of Congress, stating that it becomes necessary to undertake the resolution of urgent national problems.

"EL TRIUNFO" - February 2, 1924.

An article commenting upon the unsanitary conditions of the Republic at the present time, and the lack of action on the part of the corresponding Department where the appropriation for sanitary purposes are lavishly wasted.

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"HERALDO DE CUBA" - - February 2, 1924.

The Committee in charge of organising the Seventh Pan-American Sanitary Convention, held session yesterday, presided by Dr. Mario Lebredo. One of the resolutions adopted was to designate Doctors Lopez del Valle and Lebredo to make the appointments of the various committees which will be instrusted with the diplomatic, social and scientific questions. It was also resolved to request the necessary appropriations for this important event.

Mr. Luis Marquez, alcohol manufacturer, shipped per schooner "G. H. Murray", intended for Saint Pierre de Miquelon, 19,000 cans each containing 18 litres of alcohol of 95 degrees, without putting up the bond called for by Decree of the Department of the Treasury of September 5, 1910. This Decree was openly infringed by Marquez in collusion with officials of the Treasury Department. In addition to this fraud, many cans of this alcohol were taken off the ship before it sailed, and smuggled into Habana.....

EDITORIALS: "TARIFF INTERESTS" - Recommending that the projected reform of the Tariff be carefully studied before it is passed, having in view the interests of the commonwealth. The mere fact that some persons are trying to win the support of Congressmen by illegal means, is a proof that the project is not quite legal.

"THE LACKEYS OF REELECTION" - Unfavorably commenting upon the free granting of pardon to criminals who afterwards go to increase the ranks of reelection.

"THE NEW AFFAIR" - Unfavorably commenting upon the "Cuellar - Marino-Armour project" to obtain the concession of the Polvorin market for a period of thirty years.

An article by Ramon Vasconcelos, entitled "POLVORIN", unfavorably commenting upon the concession of the Polvorin, or Colon, market.

"EL HERALDO" - February 2, 1924.

IN OUR PLACE" - Editorial commenting upon the oil scandal in the United States, stating that it is used by certain newspapers as an argument to show that no such great scandals are witnessed in Cuba, at the very moment when the Santa Clara and Cienaga de Zapata affairs, reelection, and many others are being debated. As usual, said newspapers attribute to others affirmations which have never been made. Nobody has said that the Cubans are incompetent to govern themselves, or that foreign interference is the only thing which can save Cuba. Those who have foresight and patriotism say that the Cubans must govern themselves legally and honestly, not only because it is worthy and convenient, but because the circumstances which surround the Cubans make more grave and reprehensible the tendencies to corruption and fraud. The present "statum" compels the Cubans to exercise a careful vigilance over the treasury, sanitation and public peace.... Comparisons are certainly hateful, and each one must seek the remedy to his evils without looking into the neighbor's garden; but since a comparison is made, the Cuban Congress must follow the example of the American Senate, and declare that the Decree of Purchase of the Santa Clara Convent constitutes an evident extralimitation of powers. It is true that grafts are committed in the U.S., but there the grafters fear public opinion, and no self-respecting paper regards as "errors" the "horrors" of the Administration.....

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"LA PRENSA" - February 2, 1924.

PALACE NEWS: Pardons will be restricted: - At a recent conference held between the President of the Republic and the Secretary of Justice, it was resolved that in future all pardons will be previously submitted for the approval of the Cabinet Council.

The Municipal Council has adopted a resolution to appeal to the Contentious-Administrative against the decision of the President to grant a concession of the Polvorin market.

"THE TAX OF FOUR PER CENT" - Commenting upon the steps taken by the National Federation of Economic Corporations to obtain the suppression of the tax of one per cent, and the declarations made by the President of the Republic favorable to that suppression, expressing the hopes that the President will soon send the corresponding message to Congress, and that Congress will approve it.

"DIPLOMATIC ACTION" - An article commenting upon the justified charges brought against members of the diplomatic service by Representative Aguiar. The foreign service of Cuba still lacks a definite orientation. The Cuban Foreign Office has not yet seen where the real convenience of the country lie, and it is now when an Ambassador to Washington is appointed, that a proper policy begins to be outlined. In reality, the present diplomatic corps is formed by old created interests which have become a privileged class, and, with few exceptions, live completely ignored, or away from the post to which they were appointed the greater part of the year. The article further comments in a favorable manner upon the creation of an Embassy in South America and two in Europe, if they constitute the basis for a complete reorganization of the service.....

"LA NOCHE" - February 2, 1924.

An article criticizing the actions of Dr. Jose Ignacio de la Torre, Sub Secretary of the Interior. His arbitrary actions often create conflicts to Secretary Iturralde, and he has gone as far as to state that he is the only one who rules in that Dept. De la Torre has a group of salaried persons who watch and follow ~~xxxxxxx~~ the steps of his superior, orders the arbitrary arrest of members of the Veterans and Patriots, and now systematically persecutes Dr. Laredo Bru who is his personal enemy.

"EL MUNDO" - February 3, 1924.

"IRREGULARITIES IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS" - An article commenting upon the methods employed to delay the construction of public works, to deceive the people, and to exact money from the contractors. It further states that works not accomplished, or partly accomplished, are sometimes accepted as finished.

"EL TRIUNFO" - February 3, 1924.

An article advocating the convenience of using as convicts for the construction of roads. Two thousand convicts working daily in the construction of highways, would greatly contribute to the development of wealth, without great cost to the Government. Congress is duty-bound to do something in behalf of the neglected Cuban farmer, since all concession, privileges, etc., are directly or indirectly granted to powerful foreign trusts.....

"HERALDO DE CUBA" - February 3, 1924

Another shipment of alcohol has been effected by schooner "Frank E. Moure" without putting up the corresponding bond. This shipment was consigned to Saint Pierre de Miquelon.

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"Heraldo de Cuba" - February 3, 1924. (Continued).

Irregularities in the Department of Public Works. - According to the bills paid, the Department of Public Works consumes 15,140 gallons of gasoline every month, but the contractors only deliver 10,000 gallons. The fuel consumed by the automobiles belonging to all the relatives of Cuellar are supplied by this Department. This gasoline is paid by the Department at the rate of 57 cents per gallon, when the current price is only 37. The contractor appears to be Carlos Guerra, who is an imaginary person, because the gasoline is supplied by Machado and Soriano, partners of Francisco Cuellar, City Chief Engineer.

Irregularities in the Department of Communications. The appropriation of $60,000.00 for material, for six months, was used up in 26 days. Iturralde has requested the Department of Communications to explain why this has happened.

"REELECTION" by Ramon Vasconcelos, commenting upon the ambitions of Dr. Zayas, and also commenting upon the fact that reelection has no foothold in public opinion.

"LA NOCHE" - February 3, 1924.

EDITORIAL entitled "THE YELLOW PERIL" - Unfavorably commenting upon the constantly increasing Chinese immigration, and the indifference with which the Governments look upon this problem.

"EL MUNDO" - February 4, 1924.

"THE VOTE" - Article commenting upon the advisibility of teaching school children to respect the sacredness of the vote. The first Civics class, instituted in the Boys' Normal School of Habana by Dr. Ramiro Mañalich, was heartily endorsed by the Board of Education. The Cuban people, like children suddenly out of school, since feeling the freedom of a Republican Government, have made many mistakes in the elections. The way to teach them how to vote more seriously is to begin while they are young to instill in them the respect for citizenship. The celebration before the statue of Marti was a symbol of the homage paid to this ideal, and should be a ceremony officially decreed for all the schools of the Republic.

Article entitled "THE REFORM OF THE TARIFF". - The theory of free trade has never gotten beyond being a beautiful vision, like that of anarchy. Both are founded on absolute liberty. But this theory of liberty is absolutely opposed to any theories of collectivity, of society. Nor does free trade make life less expensive in a country. The nations of Europe have built themselves up by protective tariffs, increasing their export trade in order to bring money into the country, and making the duty on imported articles high, so that their products would also find a home market. Cuba is not a country of many manufactures. Shall Cuba wait until the other countries are able to produce beet-sugar, and the Cuban product become worthless for export? If other countries do not buy sugar from Cuba, the Cuban will have no money to import the other articles they need.

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"HERALDO DE CUBA" - February 4. 1924.

Irregularities in the Department of Public Works. The supply of cattle feed is another source of graft for the Cuellar family. Jose A. Fernandez, who appears as contractor, is only a figure-head, as Engineer Francisco Cuellar is the one who collects the checks.

"EL HERALDO" - February 4, 1924.

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New rumors of a Cabinet crisis in governmental circles. The crisis is spoken of as a matter which cannot be postponed. Cortina now aspires to the portfolio of State, in view of the fact that he does not see the possibility of being appointed for the Treasury, which he desires to be given to Cespedes. In the new combination, Iturralde is to be transferred to Public Instruction; Gonzales Manet to the Presidency, and General Asbert to the Interior.

An article stating that the Department of the Treasury is giving the finishing touches to the liquidation of the Budget of the past fiscal year. The Department of Sanitation had a surplus of about $60,000.00. The Dept. of the Interior had a large deficit, because the Bureau of Communications spent $600,000.00 more than the amount appropriated. Agriculture and War and Navy also show some savings. (No details are given in this article).

The Department of the Treasury has compelled the Department of Public Works to make a stop in the lavish expenditure of the six millions of the loan appropriated for public works. In view of this vigilant attitude of the Department of the Treasury, the Palace has also shortened sail. In a strange and mysterious manner, the Commercial Attache of the American Embassy requested some statistics referring to the application of the money of the loan. The data requested will be immediately prepared by the Department of the Treasury.

"EL PAIS" - February 4, 1924.

An article unfavorably commenting upon the manner in which Justice is ~~xxxxxx~~ dealt in Cuba. Elsewhere, all persons brought before the Courts are regarded as innocent, until the contrary is proven. In Cuba, however, the Judges consider all persons brought before them as criminals, until they prove their innocence. The article states that an old Judge said: "I think that all accused persons must be condemned, because they are brought before the Courts for that purpose; it would be unnecessary to bring them before us if they are to be acquitted"

An article by "P.H.S." commenting upon the necessity of a bank of issue in Cuba.

"LA PRENSA" - February 4, 1924.

The revenues collected by the Treasury during the month of January, amounted to $10.406,792.25. On February 1st, there were $26.229,530.73 deposited in the Treasury, of which 14 millions constitute the surplus to be applied in due course in accordance with the Law of October 9th, for amortization of the interior debt and other appropriations ordered by Congress.

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"EL MUNDO" - February 5, 1924.

An article commenting upon the irregularities in the Department of Public Works. The streets of Habana have been abandoned to such an extent, that the residents of the suburb of La Vibora intend to collect funds to repair the streets of that suburb. However, their attention is called to the fact that if they collect the funds, these will have to be deposited with the Goverhment, and the residents will not be permitted to do the work. This work has to be done by the Government, and the plans and studies have to go through the long usual process. In other words, the Government neither accomplishes the work, nor permits it to be accomplished by private initiative.

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

The Rotary Club of Habana has addressed a memorial to the House of Representatives, requesting the approval of the project of Tariff Reforms.

The Senate and the House of Representatives paif homage yesterday to the memorary of Mr. Wodrow Wilson (See Running Comment).

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"HERALDO DE CUBA" - February 5, 1924.

Article by Orestes Ferrara, entitled "THE SANTA CLARA CONVENT"- Commenting upon the fact that the efforts of the majority of the members of Congress to approve the report of the Mixed Committee with reference to the purchase of the Santa Clara Convent, will not finally be crowned by success, as he believes that the President will veto that Law. Ferrara further states that the Presidential Decree was not so onerous as the Law now intended to be passed, inasmuch as the Decree called for "a compensation of credit", while the law demands the full payment in cash.

"HERALDO DE CUBA AND MR. CRUSELLAS" - Commenting upon the campaign initiated in favor of the approval of protective tariffs. Mr. Ramon Crusellas, of the firm Crusellas & Co., cancelled all the contracts for advertisements with "Heraldo de Cuba" because this paper refused to defend the projected protective tariffs. "Heraldo de Cuba" also refused to accept money offered to it by Mr. Crusellas to defend the tariffs. Crusellas is dounced as Corruptor, and the Rotary Club is invited to decide, by the proofs which Heraldo de Cuba will exhibit, whether Heraldo de Cuba is a slanderer, or whether Mr. Ramon Crusellas is a corruptor of public customs.

Irregularities in the Department of Public Works. Celso and Julio Cuellar tried to make a clandestine shipment of bricks, which the Government had paid at the rate of $150.00 per thousand, selling them at ~~xxxxxx~~ $90 per thousand to a contractor. The case was denounced to the President when the bricks had already been laden in a railroad car, and the transaction was so scandalous that the President had to give counter orders, and the bricks were unloaded.

"EL HERALDO"~~xxxxxx~~ - February 5, 1924.

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An article with reference to the discovery of arms in the Province of Santa Clara. Among the documents found in the house of V. Soler, the President of the Veterans and Patriots in Santa Clara, there were some chemical formulas to burn cane fields. Some people believe that V. Soler, who has disappeared, was in collusion with the Zayas Government, and that the Government continues to play a farce in connection with the investigations to find old arms. The Mayor of Santa Clara informs that absolute peace prevails in that Municipality. An imprudent policy of persecution might produce the effect of a match applied to a barrel of powder.....

Dr. Ceupedes does not wish to continue at the head of the Department of the Treasury, and requests the President to appoint his successor. His petition is only based on his ill-health which does not permit him to take care of two Departments at ~~xxxx~~ the same time.

An article commenting upon the large shipments of alcohol continually made from Habana which although consigned to the island of Saint Pierre de Miquelon, are apparently intended for the United States. (Translated in full).

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The Liberal members of Congress protest against the appointment of Supervisors. This unjust supervision is a part of the hateful plans of reelection. Vazquez Bello protests before the President.

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"LA PRENSA" - February 5, 1924.

AN URGENT NECESSITY" - Editorial, favorably commenting upon the memorial presented by the Rotary Club to the House of Representatives urging the approval of the project of protective tariffs.

Text of the memorial presented by the Rotary Club to the House, requesting the approval of the new Tariffs.

"LA NOCHE" - February 5, 1924.

Baron Cartier, Belgian Ambassador in Washington, presented his credentials this morning as Minister Plenipotentiary in Cuba.

A list of persons who contributed to raise the funds for the purchase of arms for the campaign of the Veterans and Patriots, has been delivered to the President.

Cable despatch from New York, giving the names of prominent Cubans who have been elected to administer the affairs of the Cuban Patriotic Board of New York. The newly elected President, Mr. Roberto Gutierrez y Valladon, took possession of office. The Isle of Pines question was discussed, and all those present assured that Cuba would not in way permit the annexation of the Isle of Pines to the United States.....

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

Text of the Presidential Message to Congress, dated January 14, 1924, wherein he requests that he be authorized not only to increase, but also to reduce the tariffs in some cases.

An article stating that Congress must set aside or reject the scandalous question of the Santa Clara Convent, and take up questions of importance, such as the Reform of the Tariff as outlined by the President of the Republic.

"EL TRIUNFO" - February 6, 1924

The prolonged stay of Dr. Cespedes at the head of the Treasury in a temporary manner, and the uncertainty of the other members of the Cabinet as to whether or not they will continue in office, creates an embarrassing situation, and maintains the Administration in a state of stagnation. The friends and relatives of the President are continually saying that he is going to act promtly, but absolutely nothing is done, and the life of the Republic is practically in a chronic state of paralysis. Congress is also working irregularly, and does not act upon laws demanded by the country.

"HERALDO DE CUBA" -February 6, 1924.

Editorial, by Ramon Vasconcelos, stating that the campaign of reelection has only begun, and Cuba is already experiencing the evil effects of Dr. Zayas' policy. Zayas is criticized in this article in the most bitter terms.

"EL HERALDO" - February 6, 1924.

An article stating that the collections of the Tax of one per cent have been a failure. The collections for the last qurter will not exceed two and half millions, which shows a decrease as compared with the previous quarters, and at a period of the year when they ought to show an increase.

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"El Heraldo" - February 6, 1924.

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A Cuban "K/K/K." - A secret association, similar to the American Ku Klux Klan, is being organized in Cuba under the name of "Kubana Kan Klan", its object being to impose honesty and good conduct to all the officials of public administration, and punishing those who may be declared guilty, but it will not resort to revolution. The Chief or Wizard will be unknown even to the members of the organization, and the petitions for membership are addressed to Dr. Oscar Soto.

"LA PRENSA" - February 6, 1924.

The "Mixed Committee" appointed to report on the Santa Clara Convent deal, has resigned bodily owing to the fact that the House has not yet passed upon the report submitted by it. The members of said Committee state in their resignation, that the attitude of their fellow-members of Congress is a condemnation greater than all the attacks of the press and of public opinion, and that the report must be discussed and approved, or rejected at once, but that the present situation is intolerable.

Dr. Carlos Portela will be Secretary of the Treasury. - Under the above heading, the following article appears: "We were assured this morning at the Palace, by persons intimately connected with the President, that Dr. Zayas has already decided on the appointment of the new Secretary of the Treasury, and that Dr. Carlos Portela, at present Assistant Secretary of the Treasury, will be appointed to fill that vacancy."

"EL MUNDO" - February 7, 1924.

In view of the rumors which circulated yesterday regarding the appointment of ~~xxxx~~ Dr. Portela as Secretary of the Treasury, a reporter of "El Mundo" interviewed Dr. Portela to find out the truth, but Portela maintained absolute secrecy. When asked about his plans in case he were appointed, he said: "The same program of administrative honesty, respect for the law, impartial study in all resolutions, irrevocable energy against evil, hard work in the normal development, and the same line of conduct which I have followed in my cooperation with the Honorable President of the Republic, Dr. Alfredo Zayas and the Secretaries Gelabert, Despaigne, Hernandez Cartaya and Cespedes in the patriotic work of consolidating our public treasury, our national credit, and our republican prestige."

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

Text of a cable despatch sent by Mr. Celso Cuellar del Rio to the firms of Morgan & Co., the National City Bank and Grissinger Brothers, informing them of the alluring conditions of the Cuban Treasury.

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"HERALDO DE CUBA" - February 7, 1924.

Irregularities in the Department of Public Works. An article further commenting upon the frustrated sale of bricks belonging to the Government. "Heraldo de Cuba" prevented this illegal transaction.

Druggist Cartaya and a certain Mr. Scull, call on Dr. Zayas to outline a plan to fake the results of the elections. Scull is one of the many nephews of Dr. Zayas, and the idea of the combination is to displace Masvidal from the Department of Communications.

EDITORIAL praising MENDIETA, and stating that he will be elected President at the coming elections.

Article entitled "TEAPOT DOMS", by Ramon Vasconcelos, stating that the news of the oil scandal was received at the Palace with great joy, and considered that the United States was sanctioning administrative corruption. It is true that there are venal officials in the U.S., but there, the penal laws are applied. In Cuba, the Senate is morally incapacitated to accuse the President, and the same moral incapacity is applicable to the House, to the Judiciary and to the political parties. And it is for this reason that the uncles, the nephews, the sons-in-law, and their ramifications, can continue enriching themselves without any fear, with the public funds collected from the people year after year for the benefit of official banditti.

"LA PRENSA" - February 7, 1924.

PALACE NEWS: Secretary of the Presidency, Lecuona, announced that the President had appointed Dr. Carlos Portela as Secretary of the Treasury. - The General Comptroller, according to instructions received from the Secretary of the Interior, will order certain inspections, to examine the books of various municipalities of the Province of Santa Clara. - General Montes, Secretary of War, will leave for Camaguey and Oriente to inspect the troops detached in said Provinces. - Mr. Enrique Cuhmell has been appointed Assistant Secretary of the Treasury.

EDITORIAL entitled "MORAL REACTION" - Favorably commenting upon the attitude of the members of the House of Representatives, in connection with the Santa Clara Convent deal. Many supporters of that transaction are now deserting, and if the report of the Mixed Committee is ever discussed, it is likely to be defeated.

Letter from Mr. Francisco Caellar, City Chief Engineer, to Dr. Miguel Mariano Gomez, Director of "Heraldo de Cuba", refuting the charges recently made against him with reference to the contracts awarded for the supply of hay and gasoline. He also states that it is true that he has a brother employed in one of the Bureaus of the Department of Public Works, but that his salary is $83.33, and not $150.00 per month, and "he is among those who really work".

"EL HERALDO" - February 7, 1924.

An article unfavorably commenting upon the cablegram sent by Mr. Celso Cuellar to New York bankers with reference to the present conditions of the National Treasury. (Translated in full).

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An article stating that Brigadier Alberto Herrera's trip to the Province of Santa Clara, is connected with reports received from Sagua La Grande of a formidable revolutionary conspiracy. A careful investigation will be made, and as a result, some officers will be expelled from the Army. The Secretary of War will also go to Santa Clara.

An article stating that Dr. Portela has been appointed Secretary of the Treasury. - Efficient organization of the Division of the tax of one per cent.

A short article stating that although the President is not in favor of making frequent changes in his Cabinet, it would not be strange if a change should take place shortly. - The President has signed a Decree appointing Mr. Abelardo Portela Inspector of Jails and Penitentiaries.

"EL MUNDO" - February 8, 1924.

"THE DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY" - Article favorably commenting upon the appointment of Dr. Carlos Portela as Secretary of the Treasury, and also praising the work accomplished by Dr. Cespedes while acting as Head of said Department.

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

An article favorably commenting upon the appointment of Dr. Portela, quoting the statements made by ~~xxxxxxxxxx~~ Dr. Cespedes, praising the work of Dr. Portela.

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"HERALDO DE CUBA" - February 9, 1924.

An article stating that the intentions of Secretary Iturralde to supervise the actions of the Department of Communications is only a burlesque show, because the Supervisor appointed --Verdugo-- does not want to see the irregularities committed in that Dept. Supervisor Verdugo has purposely overlooked an item of $2,251.30 paid to Montalvo, Cardenas & Co. for printing material supplied to the Department of Communications without the previous requisite of an auction.

Irregularities in the Department of Public Works. The construction of side-walks and sewer connections are sources of immoralities. Chief Engineer Cuellar is accused of being in collusion with Jesus Hernandez, the contractor in charge of these works.

Accusations have been filed before the Prosecuting Attorney of the Audiencia of Matanzas, against the Treasurer of the Fiscal Zone of Matanzas, of speculation with the payment of gratuities to public employees. The said Treasurer unlawfully postpones the payment to certain public employees, in order to compel them to sell the certificates at a discount to a person who works in accord with him.

EDITORIAL entitled: "THE VICTORY OF THE DOLLAR" - Commenting upon the attitude of the American Government toward the present revolutionary movement in Mexico. After setting forth the attitude of the U.S. Government in Guatemala, Nicaragua, Haity and Santo Domingo, the writer states that the American Government invariably takes the side of those who are less supported by public opinion in their respective countries. When a Government is backed by public opinion and refuses to yield to the desires of Washington, the American Government encourages the revolution; but when, on the contrary, the entire country is against the regime because it is considered as harmful to the interests of the country, then the Americans support and defend that Government with all their power.

"THE DYNASTY - The branch of the Portelas" - by Ramon Vasconcelos, commenting upon the policy of nepotism of Dr. Zayas, referring to the recent appointments of two Portelas, one as Secretary of the Treasury and the other as Inspector of Jails and Penitentiaries. The article also attacks reelection. (See "Havana Post" of Feb.11th).

"EL HERALDO" - February 9, 1924.

Official report given to the press of yesterday's meeting of the Cabinet.

The scandals and frauds of the Department of Communications have been so great, that the Department of the Interior has been compelled to stop the transactions of the office of the Paymaster of Communications. No payments will be effected until further orders, and the requisitions sent to contractors will be annulled. Verdugo and Saladrigas, the Supervisors appointed, are carrying on the investigations without any political pressure. Iturralde compelled to act in a hasty and energetic manner.

Frauds in connection with the registration of electors. The number of affiliates to the three political parties, combined, is less than the number of registrations made. . Tabulated chart showing the result of the registration in the city of Habana.

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"El Heraldo" - February 9, 1924 (Continued).
Enditorial entitled:
"A FORESEEN OUTCOME" - Unfavorably commenting upon the appointment of Dr. Carlos Portela as Secretary of the Treasury.

"DIARIO DE LA MARINA" - Afternoon Edition - February 9, 1924.

Section entitled "IMPRESIONES" - Letter from Tiburcio Perez Castañeda to the President of the Casino Español, protesting against placing a monument to the sailors of the "Maine" on the Malecon. He states that the affair of the Maine was simply made the excuse for the United States to declare war on Spain, since they had already learned that Spain was not in a position to hold on to Cuba; that such a monument would maintain the fiction of an act of perfidy on the part of Spain and of the autotonomous Government of Cuba. -- The Editor agrees with him, and states that such a monument should rather be placed in the Colon Cemetery, since a similar monument is placed at Arlington Cemetery in Washington; or, if it is too late to change the plan of location, the inscription should rectify the unjuest accusation against Spain.

"EL PAIS" - February 9, 1924.

"THE DISASTER OF PUBLIC WORKS" - Commenting upon the present condition of roads and city streets.

An article stating that Iturralde provokes the resignation of Postmaster Cartaya, to facilitate the appointment of a certain candidate. Iturralde stated that the Post Office had a very deficient administration, and as a result of the report to be submitted by the experts or supervisors appointed, he will assume the control of said Department.

An article unfavorably commenting upon the intentions of the new Secretary of the Treasury to intervene in the collections of municipal revenues. "The Department honored by Despaigne Cartaya and Cespedes now wants to compel the Municipality to pay within a period of ten days what was not demanded in nineteen months..." In the bottom of this question, there is only a reelectoral play."

An article entitled "THE TREASURY, PORTELA AND REELECTION" - Unfavorably commenting upon the appoint of Dr. Carlos Portela.

"TEAPOT DOME" by Dr. Eusebio Adolfo Hernandez, commenting upon the oil scandals in the U.S., and stating that the American Democracy must be corrected in a bolshevist sense.

"LA PRENSA" - February 9, 1924.

Ambassador Torriente and Mr. Taboada, Cuban Consul in New York, accept the appointment of Honorary Presidents of the "Cuban Patriotic Board of New York."

"LA NOCHE" - February 9, 1924.

Cuba is threatened by a general strike, if the existing conflict of the laborers of Atares Wharves is not settled soon. The Government is requested to take energetic action. The Railroad Brotherhood is disposed to second this formidable movement which can have lamentable consequences for public order.

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"EL MUNDO" - February 10, 1924.

Feature editorial entitled, "THE STREETS OF HABANA" - Commenting upon the fact that the millions of the last loan appropriated for public works are being spent, but not precisely for the works intended. The six millions appropriated for public works were distributed among the six provinces, and a large sum allotted to Habana; the repair of the streets of Habana were included among the works to be accomplished, but in spite of the time elapsed the streets are still in a miserable condition.

The expert appointed to examine the books of the Municipality of Ciego de Avila, has verified that the Municipal Treasurer failed to turn into the Municipal Treasury the amount of $15,639..14. The case has been placed in the hands of the Judge of Instruction. The investigations cover a period of eleven years (1912 to 1923).

"EL TRIUNFO" - February 10, 1924.

"WITH THE RIGHT OF A CUBAN" by Napoleon Galvez. Unfavorably commenting upon the criticisms against Celso Cuellar for his message to the New York bankers. No written or unwritten law prevents any Cuban from clearing up certain points or to express his opinion in the manner he may see fit. Dr. Cuellar acted with the right he has for having been born in Cuba, etc.

An article recommending the convenience of spending one million every month for the construction of roads; 100 kilometers of roads could be constructed every month with the amount stated above.

EDITORIAL entitled "THE QUESTION OF THE CONVENT" - Commenting upon the fact that the Santa Clara Convent deal is not of such a great importance as to hold the activities of Congress in suspense. Congress must meet in session and reject or approve the Convent question, which has some good and some bad points, but in no case should Congress remain inactive.

"HERALDO DE CUBA" - February 10, 1924.

An article by Ricardo de la Torriente (Editor of "La Politica Comica"), addressed to the President of the Republic and to the Members of Congress Torriente states that the Tariff question is perhaps one of the most important problems now pending, and the Reform of the Tariff is an urgent necessity. The present Tariff has been in force since 1900, and is not in harmony with the changes which commerce and industry have undergone. Torriente is opposed to highly protective tariff, for the reason that Cuba has to import practically everything she consumes, and such a high tariff would have disastrous effects to national economy. For the mere purpose of protecting a few home industries, the cost of living would be increased to a higher degree than when the European war deprived Cuban commerce of its regular sources of supply. And the Custom House, which is the only sound source of revenue for the State, would suffer a great loss very difficult to compensate. Cuba is an eminently agricultural country, where industries can never attain a high degree of development for the lack of capital, of raw material and a spirit of initiate and will on the part of the Cubans for that kind of speculations. Nothing can take away the Cubans from sugar and tobacco, and the industries are in the hands of foreigners. Torriente advocates a double-column tariff: one slightly higher than the present, applicable to friendly nations; and the other with an overcharge of fifty per cent for imports from countries where no benefits are granted to Cuban products. He is not in favor of granting discretionary powers to the President to increase or reduce the tariffs, as this is apt to give rise to abuses, and would keep the merchants and consumers in a constant state of anxiety. Torriente is also in favor of the suppression of duties "ad-valorem."

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"Heraldo de Cuba" - February 10, 1924 (Continued).

A banquet in honor of Dr. Enrique Hernandez Cartaya will be given on February 23rd, to celebrate his election as Rector of the University of Habana.

The newly appointed Secretary of the Treasury, Portela, has not yet been able to devote any of his time to the study and solution of the many important problems pending in his Department. His entire time is devoted to receive visitors, and telegrams of congratulation. His office looks more like the hall of a suburban political club. Portela made the following statements to newspaper reporters: "I continue to be the same, except that I have changed my office. I have made up my mind not to change in the least the line of conduct which has always been my standard, and I will succeed in doing so. I wish to follow the steps of my predecessors, and to have, in the Department of the Treasury, the energy of Manuel Despaigne, the juridical mind of Hernandez Cartaya and the exquisite correctness of Dr. Cespedes. I only ask the press to watch and judge my actions in an unpassioned manner, closing the eyes to unjustified prejudices." As a commentary "Heraldo de Cuba" states that in reality the above phrases are discrete, but that Portela will be unable to resist the pressure from the Palace, and he will either be defeated, or become a mere amanuensis of his uncle. Dr. Portela also expressed his purpose to hasten the payment of the "gratuities" to public employees.

Irregularities in the Department of Public Works: - The repair of Cocos Street, the estimated cost of which amounts to $32,337.00, will leave a margin of profit of $15,000.00.

Article entitled "MACHADO", by Ramon Vasconcelos, praising the attitude of General Gerardo Machado, who has recommended to his friends to combat Zayas' reelection.

"EL HERALDO" - February 10, 1924.

Article unfavorably commenting upon the reelectoral purposes of Dr. Zayas. To justify the great number of frauds committed by the Populars, President Zayas has declared at a Cabinet meeting that the reorganization of the political parties has been a success, but the figures of the Municipality of Habana lone shows just the opposite. The plan of reelection consists in obtaining a majority for Dr. Zayas in Oriente Santa Clara and Pinar del Rio, without losing sight of Habana Matanzas and Camaguey, where frauds can be committed. Whn this majority is obtained, it is intended to change the Constitution, suppressing Paragraph No. 2 of Article 66, in order that Zayas may be the President for the rest of his life.

An article on the Santa Clara Convent deal. The Mixed Committee has switched the original deal to another juicy transaction: the payment of the famous mortgages. The Committee is in possession of proofs that the Convent is not worth more than one million dollars.

"LA NOCHE" - February 10, 1924.

EDITORIAL, commenting upon the threats of a general strike in the country, caused by the attitude of the Administrator of the Atares Wharves who refuses to employ Cuban laborers giving preference to foreign elements, or undesirable immigrants.

"EL MUNDO" - February 11, 1924.

Feature editorial entitled "THE ONLY REMEDY" - When the scandals produced by the oil concessions in the United States have not yet subsided, a new scandal takes place; and yet, there are some who believe that the only remedy for the evils of Cuba is a foreign interference. But in the U.

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But in the United States the public opinion condemns th authors of such immoralities. And that is the only remedy which should be applied to the evils of Cuba: the awakening of public opinion, and the proper exercise of the right to vote.

"DIARIO DE LA MARINA" - February 11, 1924.

Letter from Gabriel de Camps to the Editor of Diario de la Marina, favorably commenting upon his remarks concerning the Maine monument. He states that the inscription on the monument should indeed be calculated to clear up the injustice of the implied accusation against Spain, and that it will be a signal for all right-thinking Cubans of American perfidy. He suggests a Commission to compose the inscription, formed by: President Zayas, a delegate of the American Ambassador, Carlos Manuel de Cespedes and General Mario Menocal. The Editor, at his request, published letter written when the project was first mentioned, stating that the position of the monument near the statue of Maceo would give it a particular character, the air of commemorating a perfidy of Spain, which was unjust. Nor is the monument symbolical of the independence of Cuba, which was not due to the Maine affair. When President Taft asked that the remains of the Maine be brought up out of the bay, President Gomez asked for a "souvenir". The choice of cannon as that souvenir made the erection of the monument necessary, so as to give form to this mass of iron. The faces of the monument may, however, be sculptured differently, according to the direction in which they face.

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"HERALDO DE CUBA" - February 8, 1924.

Article by Dr Orestes Ferrara, very unfavorably commenting upon the cable despatch sent by Mr. Celso Cuellar to the New York bankers. Ferrara calls Cuellar Mr. Nobody; that he may be connected with the President by family ties, but that as far as public administration is concerned, he represents no authority. That it has been a stroke of audacity on his part to send that cable message, jumping over the heads of the Secretary of the Treasury, of the Secretary of State, and of the Cuban Representatives in Washington and in New York. Ferrara says: "Cuellar always had the absurd tendency to imagine that the family is connected with the State."....."One day, he stood up in the House of Representatives as if he were in a social club of a country-town, and said: 'In the name of my father-in-law, I thank you...' A laughter broke out which hushed the orator who so placed himself in a ridiculous position." The article further states that there is money in the Treasury, because the Treasury does not pay what it owes, and also because the budget of the past year has not yet been liquidated, in contravention of what the law on the subject provides; there is money in the Treasury, because the contract which provides for the reduction of the foreign debt is not fulfilled..... "We can affirm, without fear of being mistaken, that if a liquidation were effected, there would be a deficit instead of a surplus.".....

An article unfavorably commenting upon the projected reform of the Tariff. Exaggerated protective tariffs would be very harmful, and would only benefit a small group of manufacturers, with the consequent decrease in Customs collections. The double column would be a constant source of conflicts for the Republic.

Gallery of prominent men: Biographical sketch of Dr. Enrique Hernandez Cartaya.

An article unfavorably commenting upon the appointment of Dr. Carlos Portela as Secretary of the Treasury. With Zayas in the Presidency, incongruence and illogicalness have become norms of government. The appointment of Portela is one of these matematical absurdities; it is the triumph of a gross, torpid and low policy. And not because Portela lacks virtue and honesty, but because he will only be a figure-head, a mere puppet in the hands of Juan Gualberto Gomez, of Zayas and his family and of the Assemblies of the Popular Party. The appointment of Portela is a grave question. The burlesque message of Cuellar, was a symptom of Portela's appointment. Zayas will now be the Secretary of the Treasury . There will be no obstacle between the voracious tribe and the Treasury. It is reelection, now taking off its mask and showing its "hook".

Dr. Cespedes and Dr. Portela held a very long conference yesterday. As soon as Portela's appointment was announced, his office was swarmed by members of the Popular Party. Cespedes leaves over 24 millions in the Treasury.

The inquisition of reelection - Dr. Iturralde now tries to gag the press. He has filed accusations against the newspaper "El Sol" for slander, which marks the beginning of the campaign against the press.

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"Heraldo de Cuba" - February 8, 1924 (Continued).

"UOS UR TANDEM" - Editorial, very unfavorably commenting upon the appointment of Dr. Carlos Portela as Secretary of the Treasury. The appointment means that either the Government has lost so much before the eyes of the country to the point that there is not a single man of prestige and renowned competence willing to cooperate with the President; or the Zayism has finally decided, breaking all scruples and throwing aside the last appearance of honesty, to ransack the Treasury placing it in the hands of a good gentleman whose only merit consists in being a member of the family. It must be confessed that the U.S. has a special desire that the Treasury be administered by a competent and honest man; everybody knows that not only the national will intervened in the appointment of Despaigne and Hernandez Cartaya. The Special Ambassador had confidence in Despaigne and in Hernandez Cartaya, and also in Cespedes; but he cannot have the same confidence if the Treasury is directed by a relative of the President, and the result will be that he will have to exercise a closer vigilance. And that is not a long way to a financial fiscalization first, and then to a tutorship.

Article entitled "THE CARYATIDE", by Ramon Vasconcelos, commenting upon the Santa Clara Convent deal, and the resignation of the members of the Mixed Committee.

"EL HERALDO" - February 8, 1924.

An article unfavorably commenting upon the Santa Clara Convent deal. Never before was there in Cuba such a scandalous and repugnant deal, not only for the harm it does to the material interests, but also because it morally hurts the public conscience. The Presidential decree ordering the payment of three million dollars for a building which is not worth one million, has no precedents in the history of official excesses.....

An article unfavorably commenting upon the appointment of the new Secretary of the Treasury. The appointment of Carlos Portela is a new challenge to public opinion. - Cespedes refused to accept the entertainment expenses accruing to the Office of Secretary of the Treasury, and leaves over 26 millions in the Treasury.

Illicit speculations with electoral voting cards. "Cedulas" are sold to agents of a political trust. Nobody can denounce the electoral frauds, because the Municipal Electoral Board protects them.

"LA PRENSA" - February 8, 1924.

A letter from President Zayas explaining while he failed to be present at the parade in honor of Marti last Sunday. This is in answer to the accusations made against him at the last meeting of the Rotary Club.

EDITORIAL, unfavorably commenting upon the attitude assumed by the members of the House of Representatives who have agreed not to meet in session until next April, if the Santa Clara Convent deal is not discussed.

"LA NOCHE" - February 8, 1924.

Telegram in connection with the conspiracy in the Province of Santa Clara. Jose del Pino, brother of Quintin del Pino, owner of the estate where arms were discovered, states that his brother was complicated in a revolutionary conspiracy; but that he

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"NECESSARY EXPLANATION" - An article commenting upon the fact that the Government must give some explanation regarding the present military movements in the country, as they have caused certain alarm to the people of Cuba.

"DIARIO DE LA MARINA" - February 9, 1924.

An article signed by Dr. Alfredo Zayas, supporting the attitude of the "Sociedad Economica de Amigos del Pais", the members of which are opposed to the removal of the statue of King "Charles III, from the Paseo de Carlos Tercero.

Celso Cuellar replies to Dr. Ferrara. Cuellar was called "Mr. Nobody" by Dr. Ferrara, and he now states that that is the best title he can show to reply to Dr. Ferrara, as it severs all his connections with the public administration and gives him a certain degree of independence to judge the questions of his country. That his cablegram to the New York bankers has not been a surprise to the people of Cuba, as it was to Ferrara, because the Cubans know that during the month of August, when Ferrara was in Europe, Cuellar was entertained by Mr. Mitchell in New York; that during the month of September Mr. Crissinger made a special exception and permitted him to read a report before the Federal Reserve Board; and that Mr. Morrow has, on several occasions, taken up Cuban matters with him. And that is why the Cubans have not been surprised to learn that he has addressed the most important bankers of the World, as intimate frinds, to let them know the flourishing economic state of the country, that there are over 86 millions now in the Treasury, that the estimated revenues for the present fiscal year amount to over 96 millions, and the surplus is estimated at over 28 millions. That the flourishing financial condition of the country, which is an evident proof of the good administration of President Zayas, he knows produces sadness to some who desire to see the country in crisis, in order that this crisis may serve as a basis to ask for a foreign intervention..... "You state that I always had the torpid and absurd tendency to suppose that the family is connected to the State, and to make this affirmation you recall one of my motions during the time I was a member of the House of Representatives. 'In the name of my father-in-law, I thank you.' This subtility of yours is destroyed by this affirmation alone: that I ceased to be a member of the House before Dr. Zayas became President....." That all the statements made in his cablegrams are based on real facts. It is not true that there is money in the Treasury because the Treasury does not pay what it owes, because all the estimated obligations are paid. No employee, or contractor of the present fiscal year can say that he has failed to collect for his services, or works accomplished. It is true that the State owes money to contractors, corresponding to past fiscal years, but they are being paid in accordance with the laws passed on the subject. That the only idea of Dr. Ferrara is to counteract what is now "in the air": the reelection of Dr. Zayas. But Dr. Ferrara will not be able to counteract this, because everybody knows what Dr. Zayas has done: he reduced the Budget; he found the Treasury depleted, the credit destroyed and public liberties curtailed; and in three years he has saved a substantial amount for the Treasury, he has restored public liberties, and, without hurting the feelings of the U.S., he has accomplished a great nationalistic work, and the Cubans are governed without foreign interference, and that his why the majority of the cubans have decided to reelect him.

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Article by Dr. Ferrara, refuting Cuellar's reply to his first article. Cuellar states that he cabled to the New York bankers because they were friends of his, with whom he had dined while in New York. He admits that he has no official authority, and repents his joy for the flourishing condition of the Treasury, denying Ferrara's affirmations that there is money in the Treasury only because the Treasury does not pay what it owes. Cuellar states that the Government is paying its back debts. This means however, only upon the basis of thirty cents on the dollar. If the Government actually tried to pay off what it owes, there would be a deficit of twenty millions after the Treasury had been entirely cleaned out. Cuellar has made himself and the whole movement of reelection ridiculous in the eyes of New York's financial agents. Moreover he states that President Zayas has dignified the position of the Presidency, by governing without outside interference. He has managed to do so only since the achievement of the last Loan, but before he had that fund to play with, he was willing to be at the beck and call of the United States Government.

Article stating that Samper, former Chief of the Division of Taxes, may cause the first disagreement between Dr. Zayas and his nephew, Portela, the new Secretary of the Treasury. When Portela was Sub-Secretary, his office was filled with ward politicians, to whom he promised all sorts of good things if he should ascend to the Secretaryship. His dream is fulfilled, and he no longer wishes to recognize the claims of his old associates. But he cannot escape from their importunities. Moreover, Samper, put out of office by Colonel Despaigne, is importuning Zayas to reinstate him. The enmity between him and Portela is likely to cause trouble, for Samper states that Portela was the cause of his removal from office. The only hope is that Portela, from a desire to retain the Secretaryship and stop trouble, may sign an order for his reinstatement.

"EL HERALDO" --February 11, 1924.

Article entitled "The Square"--stating that Dr. Zayas' far-famed knowledge of the pages of history has taught him that the square is the most formidable of military formations. But whereas the square was always a formation for defense, Dr. Zayas has made it the instrument of attack. He has formed a square to make an assault on the Treasury. The four sides are named Pereira, José Maria Zayas, "Titi" Zayas, and Portela. It is not merely a political formation, but a personal and family alliance, designed to perpetuate the reign of the house of Zayas in reelection.

Article stating that Zayas wished to declare Captain Rock "persona non grata", accusing him of being in connivance with the Veterans and Patriots, and especially with General García Velez. He went at it cautiously, so as not to cause a diplomatic strain, but a friend warned him in time that as Captain Rock was a special attaché, and had no exequatur from the Cuban Government, he could do nothing about it.

Short comment on the complete plan of President Zayas., stating that he plans first to achieve reelection, and then to reject the permanent Treaty with the United States and the Platt Amendment, so that nobody can interfere in our affairs. He next plans to bring about the modification of Par. 2 of article 66 of the Constitution,

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so that he can be ~~reelected~~ two, three, ten times, with/limitations, that is to say, so that he can be permanently the President. Who would have divined, beneath the placid appearance of Dr. Zayas, the soul of Porfiro Diaz? Fortunately, the "Ipiranga" is still afloat.

The Department of the Interior opposes the retirement of General Garcia Velez; by doing this, Iturralde prevents a new diplomatic combination.

Article concerning the erection of the monument commemorating the affair of the Maine, first commenting on the letter of Castañeda to the President of the Casino Español, and stating that, as the "Maine" was blown up in the bay of Habana, the proper place for the monument was on the shores of the sea. Moreover, nobody wishes to represent that the affair was the actual cause of the conflict. It was a contributory cause, certainly, and marks one of the important stepping-stones in the life of Cuba. It was the impotence of the Spanish Government, its lack of organization in Cuba, that led to the event. If, as stated by Castañeda, the Spanish Minister of the United States in Spain notified McKinley that Spain considered Cuba a lost hope, she should have proclaimed her independent, and saved the trouble and expense of a war. (Editorial)

LA PRENSA--February 11, 1924.

PALACE NEWS. On account of difficulties that have arisen between the Departments of the Treasury and Public Works, many of the employees of the latter Department have not yet received the salaries due them on the last day of January.

The Fiscals Ortiz Casanova, and Hilario Gonzalez, and the Fiscal of Santa Clara, together with the Secretaries of the Interior and of Justice, Drs. Iturralde and Reguiferos, held a conference with Dr. Zayas this morning. The Fiscal of Santa Clara talked with Dr. Zayas concerning the recent discovery of arms at the finca "Suazo" in Santa Clara.

LA NOCHE--February 11, 1924.
Editorial entitled "Blameworthy Actuality". Censuring the attitude of Castañeda in writing t othe President of the Casino Español, opposing the placing of the "Maine" memorial monument on the Malecon. The Cuban Government asked to be allowed to keep the remains of the Maine here, and to be allowed to put up the monument. The monument is finished, and the day for the unveiling set, and it would be ridiculous to oppose it now. This is no time to stir up old hatreds, and the recognition of this letter by the "Casino Español" would not only redound to the discredit of that organization, but to the discredit of the whole Spanish colony; not to mention the fact that the use of such a paper as the "Diario de la Marina" for such statements may redound to the injury of the paper's reputation. It is to be hoped that the "Casino Español" will not lend itself to any such measure as the opposition to the erection of the memorial.

DIARIO DE LA MARINA--February 12, 1924.

Editorial entitled "CONCERNING PARLIAMENTARY IMMUNITY." Unfavorably commenting upon the fact that members of Congress use their privilege of immunity to shield criminals or the accomplices of criminals.

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Article unfavorably commenting upon the amount of gambling in the Republic. It states that since gambling cannot be stopped, it should be regulated, and the proceeds should be devoted to charitable ends.

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"HERALDO DE CUBA" - February 12, 1924.

Text of Mendieta's speech at a political banquet given in his honor in Pinar del Rio. He outlined his program, and among other things, he said: "I have not come to win the will of the people or to conquer delegates, I have only come to struggle for the redemption of Cuba at this hour of shame and sorrow..... And at this critical hour when the fate of Cubafrom an international point of view is debated, it can be affirmed that we are playing the last card of our republican existence. Do you know why? Because the people of Cuba do not have in the Government the exact representation of their interests....since the men who represent the public powers at present are the real enemies of Cuban conscience and of Cuban liberties. The present problem is a problem of civilization: we either maintain ourselves within the bounds of civilization....or disappear forever as an independent nation... I want you to understand that the Presidency does not worry me, because I have always said that it is the highest honor which can be conferred upon a citizen, and it should not be regarded as a personal welfare, but as a duty....."

An article calling the attention of Secretary Portela to the corruption prevailing in the Office of the Paymaster of Debts of the State. Payment is refused of bills, even if they are duly approved by the Debt Commission, unless the holders of the bills offer a certain percentage to the employees of the above mentioned office.

Secretary Portela told the reporters that he is studying the manner to make transfers of credits to pay the salaries of deceased employees, and also to pay the salaries of temporary employees of the Division of the Tax of One per cent.

An article unfavorably commenting upon the appointment of a Mr. Coto, as Inspector of the Department of Communications. While this Mr. Coto acted as Chief of the Bureau of Supplies, he was mixed in a criminal case. Supplies of the Department of Communications amounting to $40,000.00 were found in his house, and criminal proceedings were instituted against him. Now, as a reward, and in spite of his criminal record, he is appointed Inspector.

An article unfavorably commenting upon the dismissal of Masvidal and the appointment of Mr. Sculls as Postmaster of Habana. Mr. Sculls is a member of Zayas' family.

"EL HERALDO" - February 12, 1924.

The investigations carried on in the Custom House by Dr. Manuel Ecay y Rojas, show certain irregularities. Dr. Ecay has also discovered the traces of a certain graft planned by the Custom House druing the European War.

An article criticising Secretary Portela in connection with the "subasta" for the printing of the one per cent tax stamps, and for his intentions to increase the personnel of the Division of Tax of one per cent.

Ambassador Torriente has announced to the Secretary of Agriculture that Mr. W.J. Bryan will visit Cuba during the month of March, presiding a Commission of American merchants.

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"El Heraldo" - February 12, 1924. (Continued)

The contraband of Chinese immigrants continues. Forty-eight Chinamen arrived per S.S. "Mexico" from New York under false certificates of "Chinese Students."

Editorial, commenting upon the methods employed in Latin-American countries to obtain reelection. In the first place, the President makes a solemn declaration that he will not aspire to be reelected; then he encourages a group of friends to state that the salvation of the country lies in the reelection of the President. After that, the President makes a new declaration to the effect that he did not intend to run for another term, but that it would be unpatriotic to fail to act in accord with the will of the people, in view of which he accepts the sacrifice of being reelected. - The second part of the play consists in controlling the Assemblies by means of bribery. The third and last stage --the elections-- is accomplished by with gold and swords. - General Menocal obtained is reelection in this manner, and Dr. Zayas is using the same methods employed by Menocal. "However --the article states-- it occurs to us that the Army, managed by unexperienced and old hands such as those of Dr. Zayas, might turn against him. Because the Army, at the present time, is prompted by the best desire to maintain, above all, the dignity, the honor and the independence of the Republic....."

"LA PRENSA" - February 12, 1924.

An article criticizing the attitude assumed by the Secretary of the Treasury against the Municipality of Habana. The Treasury tries to compel the Ayuntamiento to pay within a short and peremptory period, the sum of $187,500.00 as a part of the amortization of its debt to the State. - The people begin to suspect that there is "something" behind Dr. Portela's attitude.

"LA NOCHE" - February 12, 1924.

EDITORIAL entitled "UNJUSTIFIED ATTACKS" - Commenting upon the fact that up the present time all the attacks made against the new Secretary of the Treasury, Portela, are unjustified.

"EL MUNDO" - February 13, 1924.

"PROPAGANDA AGAINST OUR TOBACCO" - This article states that Mr. Towner, Governor of Porto Rico, has made a statement that Cuba is bringing over tobacco from Porto Rico because of its good quality, to manufacture it into the so-called "Havana Cigars". This would be like bringing coals to Newcastle, however, for Cuba's tobacco is acknowledged to be the finest in the world. The cost of importation alone would be prohibitive, moreover. Cuba should protect her industries from such attacks and propaganda by a protective tariff: otherwise, they will perish under competition.

At a meeting held by the Municipal Electoral Boar yesterday afternoon, the Board decided to accord numerous exclusions for failure to present electoral "cedulas", for registering twice, etc. Note was taken of a writ presented by Manuel Barrera Puentes, urging that the affiliations made by members of the Nationalist, Republican and Reformist Parties be considered null and void, because their registration committees only contained one member legally nominated. The motion will be considered to-day at a meeting to be held at 2 P.M.

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

Article bu Tiburcio Perez Castañeda, entitled "THE WAR BETWEEN SPAIN AND THE UNITED STATES, PROVOKED BY THE LATTER IN 1898, WAS UNNECESSARY" - Commenting upon the blowing up of the "Maine".

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"HERALDO DE CUBA" - February 13, 1924.

Article by Dr Ferrara, insisting upon his statements in answer to Cuellar's article, to the effect that there is not enough money in the Treasury to pay what the State owes. According to present calculations, if the State were to pay all it owes, there would be a deficitof from 15 to 20 millions. Referring to the manner of claring up this deficit, he states that another loan would be impossible, because the country would reject it; impossible, because the Washington Government would not permit it, making use of the rights granted to it by the Platt Amendment; and even if a new loan were floated, it could not be placed in stock markets of the world because the bonds of the last loan have depreciated in value, and the bankers who have lost money would not be disposed to suffer a second loss. Consequently, what the State owes has to be paid out of the ordinary revenues of the State, unless the Cubans want to fall again into the net of the Platt Amendment, or in the most absolute discredit as they were before. The Government is pledging all the ordinary revenues, and at the same time fails to liquidate the last Budget as provided by the Law, is creating new services and assuming new obligations; and some day the Cubans will wake up with the nightmare of having debts pending without money to pay them, with the aggrevating circumstance of not being able to resort to the international credit, as was the case a year ago. An under these circumstances, the State is undertaking the problem of reelection, which in Cuba means corruption, tolerance in fraud, increase of personnel, disorganization in the Administration, fear on the part of importers, possibility of a revolution, etc, or, in other words, economic and administrative chaos, implying an increase in expenditures with a considerable decrease in the revenues. One must be very criminal and very ambitious, and have a spirit prepared for evil, to be in favor of reelection. It is true that there is a great amount of wealth in Cuba; but the Cubans are not rich, as can be verified by the poverty seen in the cities and in the country, and the Cubans would not be able to stand a second economic catastrophe. The Cubans often use similes applying names of animals to public men, and Dr. Zayas must be very careful if he does not wish to be called a "Crocodile", which will serve to express corruption and depravity.

An article unfavorably commenting upon the decoration conferred upon Dr. Zayas by the Peruvian Government

Accusations against members of the Municipal Council. It is said that $10,000.00 were distributed among some Councilmen, to ~~that~~ prevent the holding of a session at which some resolution s affecting the Slaughter House were to be adopted.

Secretary Portela commits the first offense as Secretary of the Treasury, by signing a Decree making a transfer of credit of $100,000.00, which sum is to be used for the purchase of stamps for the tax guaranteeing the 35-million-dollar loan. The President orders the new Secretary to appoint "botelleros", without awaiting the approval of the new budget. Friends of Celso Cuellar, Laguerula and Juan Gualberto will be appointed Inspectors of the Tax of one per cent. Congress must take some action against such immoralities.

Dr. Orestes Ferrara and Dr. Hernandez Cartaya will speak at the Rotary Club to-morrow. Hernandez Cartaya will defend the Custom House Tariffs, and Ferrara will make a speech about free-trade.

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An article stating that the removal of Postmaster Masvidal, and his employment in special studies, is an attempt to "sidetrack" him, because he refused to deliver fifty-two hundred electoral cedulas sent out by the Municipal Electoral Board, and addressed to ficticious persons. He sent out only eight hundred, all of which he knew to be addressed to actual living persons. Accordingly after long conferences with Iturralde, a man was found to be the tool of the forces of reelection; this man is named Scull y Zayas, and is a member of the famous dynasty now reigning in the Republic.

The assault on the Treasury by the nephew of the President, the new Secretary of the Treasury, has already begun; it has begun with an appropriation of $100,000.00 allotted for the printing of tax stamps of the $35.000,000.00 loan. At the beginning of the fiscal year of 1923-24, the sum of $150,000.00 was appropriated for this purpose. A similar sum had been accorded for the fiscal year of 1922-23, and on April 24, 1923, the transfer of the sum of $100,000.00 was accorded for this purpose, because the money appropriated had run out-- altogether, an appropriation of half a million dollars for the printing of these stamps, in less than two years.

EDITORIAL entitled "THE REELECTIONIST SCREWS" - Unfavorably commenting upon the aggressive attitude adopted by Secretary Portela toward the Ayuntamiento of Habana. Portela's policy is said to be a part of the plans of reelection (Already translated in full).

"EL MUNDO" - February 14, 1924.

By a vote of 36 to 30, the House approved yesterday the report of the Mixed Committee giving validity to the Decree of Purchase of the Santa Clara Convent.

An article commenting upon the irregularities discovered in the Post Office (Translated in full).

"DIARIO DE LA MARINA" - February 14, 1924.

A letter from Dr. A. Cartaya, Director General of Communications, explaining why the budget of the Department of Communications shows a deficit.

EDITORIAL entitled "THE NAVY" -Commenting upon the importance of the Navy, the lack of a training ship in Cuba, and urging the House to approve a bill passed by the Senate authorizing the purchase of a training ship for the Cuban Navy.

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"HERALDO DE CUBA" - February 14, 1924.

Full text of Bulletin No. 15, issued by the Association of Veterans and Patriots.

"THE TRIBE" -A sarcastic article giving the list of 20 relatives of Dr. Zayas, exoressing the offices they hold with the Government. The persons to whom this article refers, are: Dr. Alfredo Zayas, Francisco Zayas, Alfredo Zayas Arrieta, Enrique Zayas, Jose Manuel Alfonso, Oscar Zayas, Carlos Portela, Francisco Cuellar, Julio Cuellar, Abelardo Portela, Fausto Alfonso, another man by the name of Alfonso, Andres Pereira, Willy Gomez Colon, Jose A. Ors, Guido Colli, Jose Maria Zayas, Arturo Telesforo Jaen, Scull (the new Postmaster) and Celso Cuellar. 3110 Translated in full

A long article giving an account of yesterday's session of the House, at which the report of the Mixed Committee on the Santa Clara Convent deal was approved, giving a list of the 30 Representatives who voted against the approval of said report.

Irregularities in the Department of Public Works: The supply of cattle feed to the Department is a source of graft for Chief Engineer Cuellar.

EDITORIAL entitled "CONSUMATUM EST" - Unfavorably commemting upon the approval of the report of the Mixed Committee on the Santa Clara Convent deal.

Differences between the Secretaries of Public Works and of the Treasury. The Secretary of Public Works complains that while Secretary Portela delays the remittance of funds for the payment of personnel of the Department of Public Works, he pays $150.000. to the Dredging Company. As a reprisal, Sandoval dismisses the employees recommended by Zayas, Cuellar and Lagueruela. Portela affirms that he will not order the payment of any money, until he is authorized to do so by the President.

"EL HERALDO" - February 14, 1924.

EDITORIAL entitled "BAD FAITH" - Unfavorably commenting upon a recent speech made by President Coolidge, in which he referred to the oil scandal and the Mexican question. While President Coolidge does not wish to maintain Wilson's policy that all governments emanating from a revolution are illegitimate, nevertheless, he acts in an identical manner, lending unconditional support to a despotic government, thereby defeating the people who seek their betterment by means of a revolution.

An article stating that the schooner "Manuela Larrondo", the documents of which had been cleared since the 2nd instant, put to sea on the 10th with a cargo of alcohol and immigrants, the cargo of which will probably be landed in American shores.

"LA PRENSA" - February 14, 1924.

EDITORIAL entitled "A CHALLENGE TO PUBLIC OPINION" - Unfavorably commenting upon the Santa Clara Convent Bill passed yesterday by the House, and expressing the hopes that said Bill will be defeated in the Senate next Monday.

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"La Prensa" - February 14, 1924.(Continued)

Ambassador Crowder and Secretary Portela held a long conference this morning. General Crowder stated that he had called to pay his respects to the new Secretary, but some suspicious persons believe that administrative matters of greater importance were discussed at the conference.

At to-day's meeting of the Rotary Club, Dr. Enrique Hernandez Cartaya referred to the Tariff question, and said that the time had come to adopt a protective Tariff in Cuba, that in Cuba a passive resistance has been maintained to anything which represents progress in public affairs; he considers the problem as a very complex one; that it is necessary to bear in mind that the Tariff is not a simple Treaty, and that it must be studied from all points of view; he does not think that a simple comparative study of foreign tariffs will suffice to obtain the necessary material to solve the problem; that Cuba has ceased to be an eminently agricultural country, and is becoming an industrial country, etc. - Dr. Ferrara stated that he was opposed to the lending of any support to industries by the State, and that he was greatly in favor of establishing free trade in Cuba; that there were no national industries in Cuba, but only industries belonging to a few private individuals; that a protective tariff would only create a privilege in favor of a class; that protectionism becomes a source of contraband. He also declared himself opposed to a protective tariff as a weapon of economic defence. The tariffs should not be changed at a time when corruption prevails, etc.

"EL MUNDO" - February 15, 1924.

Cable despatch from New York (Special cable from the offices of "El Mundo" in New York): The activities of the Cuban Embassy since Dr. Torriente was appointed Ambassador, have been disclosed by the publication of a pamphlet concerning the the Hay-Quesada Treaty signed March 2, 1904, showing the rights of Cuba to the Isle of Pines. The Cuban Embassy is now endeavoring to have said Treaty approved by the American Congress

"AVISADOR COMMERCIAL" - February 15, 1924.

"In the House of Representatives, the "chivo" of the Santa Clara Convent has passed, with the horns embellished by nice figures of speech. - In the Treasury, the new Secretary, who had only shown his nose, is now showing is slavish waste, 72 hours after he was appointed. - Lezama, who has become a witness for the State, now stirs the mud of his bankruptcy, sprinkling everybody. - The bank liquidations continue from scandal to scandal. - Zayas' group prepares a presidential reelection based on frauds..... It seems to us that it is time to hoist a white flag, and to surrender unconditionally.... Why continue the struggle of trying to swim to the shore from the middle of the Ocean? (Quoted in full).

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"DIARIO DE LA MARINA" - February 16, 1924.

The Railroad Brotherhoods have requested the deportation from Cuba of General Jack, General Manager of the United Railways of Habana. Text of the Communication addressed to the Secretary of the Interior by Dr. Manuel Castellanos, asking for this deportation. - Circular issued by the General Manager of the United Railways explaining the reasons for his decision of dismissing certain employees, and stating the he is not disposed to accept the imposition of employees of other companies in matters of such a great importance.

A telegram from Mariel stating that the Submarine Chaser No. 4 had seized the schooner "Jubilee", of Tampa, and towed her to port, because said schooner was flying the Cuban flag, without the proper documents; for which reason it is believed that she is engaged in liquor contraband.

EDITORIAL entitled "OUT POINT OF VIEW IN THE TARIFF PROBLEM" - "Diario de la Marina" is in favor of an immediate modification of the Custom House tariffs, because the tariffs now in force are inadequate in every respect; that the present tariffs are of the colonial type and pay more attention to the conveniences of the National Treasury and of the North-American commerce, than to the decrease of the cost of living and of the development of the national sources of wealth. The producers want protective tariffs; the consumers are in favor of free trade, and those who live on the Budget seek the increase of the national revenues; but the Public Powers must try to harmonize the different aspirations, even at the cost of some sacrifice to the various parties and to the Treasury itself. The projected presented by Mr. Hord indicates the possibility of doing what "Diario de la Marina" recommends, and this project can be modified and perfected with the able assistance of Messrs. Faura and Arazoza, who are experts on this matter. The reform would meet with the approval of the United States, if Mr. Hord's project is taken as a basis.

"EL HERALDO" - February 16, 1924.

The Santa Clara Convent Bill is now in the Senate. Eight Senators are said to be in favor of this Bill, so if they manage to hold session with a quorum of 12, the Bill will be approved.

An article unfavorably commenting upon the awarding of the contract for the printing of tax stamps, stating that the printing house to which the contract will be awarded has already given $25,000.00 for the campaign of reelection.

EDITORIALS: "MENOCAL VERSUS ZAYAS" - Favorably commenting upon the declarations made by General Menocal to the effect that he will oppose Zayas' reelection.

"THE ISLE OF PINES" - After 18 years, the American Senate seems disposed to approve the Hay-Quesada Treaty, recognising the undisputable rights of Cuba over the Isle of Pines. The Committee on Foreign Relations has reported favorably on said Treaty, and the United States, consequent with its history and traditions will surely ratify said Treaty.

"LA PRENSA" - February 16, 1924.

EDITORIAL entitled "NEW DANGERS OF A STRIKE" - Commenting upon the

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attitude assumed by the Railroad Brotherhood in defense of its associates, accusing General Jack, General Manager of the United Railways of Havana of having caused the present conflict.

"LA NOCHE" - February 16, 1924.

Cable despatch from Washington (Mundial Service) relating to the Isle of Pines question. Guantanamo and Bahia Honda were ceded to the United States with the understanding that the Isle of Pines was to be a Cuban territory. Consequently, if the American Senate does not approve the Hay-Quesada Treaty the United States will have to return these two stations where the Americans have spent xxxxx large sums of money, and it is not likely that they will be willing to make the change now.

EDITORIAL commenting upon the fact that the American Government, desirous of lending its help and cooperation to Cuba, has occasionally sent experts in certain branches of public administration; hence the renewed presence of these foreign experts, very few of whom have deserved the consideration and gratitude of the Cubans, because the majority of them have not been able to resist the pressure of the surroundings, defending or attacking certain interests, but always prompted by a personal interest. The following cases are cited as examples: Colonel Beck, Attache of the American Legation, who was removed from his office as it was proved that he was connected with certain suspicious business, and finally committed suicide. - The son of General Wood. - Minister Long, who practically became an employee of Upmann, the banker. And at the present time, Captain Rock, author of the famous reports against the Government of Dr. Zayas, has abandoned his magnificent position in the Army and in the Embassy of the U.S. to accept a position in the Cuban Telephone Co.

"EL MUNDO" - February 17, 1924.

Article entitled THE RAILROAD PROBLEM - Commenting upon the present railroad conflict, and stating that General Jack is to blame, because he treats the Cuban laborers as if they were slaves or gears of a complicated machinery, and not as citizens of a free country.

Article entitled "THE TRIUMPH OF CUBA" - The article states that Cuba has gained 100 per cent in the way of strengthening her sovereignty and consolidating her republican institutions; that not long ago, the word "interference" was written and pronounced as the most natural thing on earth, meaning by it the powers assumed by the illustrious representative of a friendly nation, whose actions really went beyond those prescribed in International Law; that such an ambiguous and lamentable situation has disappeared. The signs of cordiality between the two friendly nations, are accentuated inthe same proportion in which the clouds which might be an obstacle for the good march of the interior affairs of Cuba, disappear; and nobody can now entertain any doubts of the capacity of the Cubans for self-government. "The great scandals in the governmental and legislative spheres of the neighboring country have come to demonstrate, on the other hand, that our frailty and our public morals are nothing compared with the volume of facts which so lamentably affect men whom we considered the summit of learning and of xxxxxxxxxx honor, and who are now presented as eaten by the worms of ambition....."

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"DIARIO DE LA MARINA" - February 17, 1924.

The Secretary of the Interior states that there has been no friction between him and the Director General of Communications, and flatly denies the existence of any fraud or deficit in the Depat. of Communications; that the investigations ordered in said Department are merely for the purpose of introducing some reforms in the system of accounting and to know the present stock of printing material, and also to carry out the prompt payment of pending obligations.

An article favorably commenting upon the speech made by Dr. Zayas, before the Maine Monument, in which he stated that the explosion of the "Maine" had not been caused by the work of any treacherous hand, but was only an accident.

"HERALDO DE CUBA" - February 17, 1924.

The Payer of Money Orders in the Post Office of Habana was found to have defrauded the sum of $1,390.00.

"EL TRIUNFO" - February 17, 1924.

EDITORIAL, favorably commenting upon the purchase of the Santa Clara Convent; and criticising the idea of creating a bank of issue.

"LA PRENSA" - February 17, 1924.

Letter from A. Cartaya, Director General of Communications, explaining the reasons for the deficit existing in said Department.

"EL MUNDO" - February 18, 1924.

"THE VIRTUE OF CONGRESS" - Attacking the Santa Clara Convent deal, and expressing the hopes that the Senate will not approve the Bill passed by the House.

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EL HERALDO DE CUBA---February 18, 1924.

A cable despatch from Washington statesthat Senator George Moses, of the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations is of the opinion that the Isle of Pines will continue under the sovereignty of Cuba. The Department of State has always been an upholder of the rights of Cuba on this Isle, and will continue to uphold them. He states that the only ground on which the enemies of ratification of the Treaty rest is a mistaken order of the Under-Secretary of War, immediatly repudiated by the American government.

Senator Willis, of Ohio, who is the only one of the Committee who actively opposes the ratification of the Treaty, states that his reason for doing so is that many Americans have sunk capital in the Isle of Pines, in the thought that it was American territory. He wishes, however, to obtain possession of the Isle only through diplomatic negotiations, and not by any other means.

Appeal to the "fathers of the country" to reject the Santa Clara Convent Bill, when it comes up for ratification today.

"The Party of Celso intends to Control for its use and enjoyment all the lines of the Forbidden Horrices of Gambling." Iturralde has announced a campaign against gambling in the city of Habana, and has sworn to run the slightest trace of it to earth. The reason for this is that the gamblers may transfer their gaming-houses to Ceiba, now a centre of Chinese gambling, and which is under the protection of Celso.

EL HERALDO---February 18, 1924.

Editorial entitled "The Tail". Article states that what formerly was termed "Intervention" is now known by a gentler name, that of "Interferance". The claims of General Crowder that Intervention was to bring justice proved to be false. The cartoonists then, in addition to the whip and sword, "Pinned a tail on" their representations of the General. If the Cubans, however, do not band together to combat the corruption of the present Government, and the "Interference", with its hand of iron in the glove of velvet, the tail will be pinned on them very soon, and the Republic will die at the hands of the worst of her sons! (Translated in full).

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Article stating that Zayas is ready to make use of any frauds to gain his reelection, and that the only way to save the situation is for the Liberals and Conservatives to unite on a ticket---say a Liberal President, and a Conservative Vice-President.

The Railway Strike, scheduled for Tomorrow, is Postponed until Saturday, the 23rd, at the Request of the Department of Agriculture, Commerce, and Labor, which will try to prevent it.

Article stating that the Cuban State Department is well pleased with the progress of the Negotiations to ratify the Sovereign right of the Republic over the Isle of Pines. Matters look very encouraging, for the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations has favored the ratification of the Treaty. Secretary Hughes is also in favor of ratification.

Article stating that the "Bonus Law", which provided for the increase of salary of Government employees by bonuses or gratuities, is at war with the Loan Law, which provided that the surplus in the treasury should be devoted, first of all, to the payment of the Foreign Debt. It is planned, according to the Fino Law, to pay off part of the debt by the amortization of bonds of the Interior Debt for the year 1914, and to devote the sum of $9,000,000 to the payment of the promised bonuses, now long over-due.

Editorial "LA SEMANA"---Events of the Week. Unfavorably xxx commenting upon the corruption in official circles which led to the approbation by the House of the Santa Clara deal.

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LA PRENSA--February 18, 1924.

An article dealing with various affairs of the Treasury Department, states that: The Cuban Telephone Company is trying to arrange for a compensation of debts with the state, like the arrangement made with the Railway Corporations.

Dr. Portela this morning ordered the cancelation of the mortgage on the house of General Menes in the Vedado--a mortgage of $80,000.00, cancelled in accordance with a law voted by Congress.

The printing of the new stamps of the 1% tax is to begin soon, and will be done by a Cuban firm, since the American house formerly contracted for this purpose has refused to continue the printing.

Dr. Portela avails himself of the paper to render thanks to all those who felicitated him on his new appointment.

The sum of $200,000.00 has been paid out in interest on the fifty million dollar loan.

LA NOCHE--Febru ary 18, 1924.

Editorial entitled "FACING THE MENACE"--urging the Government to act promptly and energetically to stop the threatened strike of the Railway employees, and prevent the inevitable blow to the sugar crop in the midst of the grinding season.

DIARIO DE LA MARINA--February 19, 1924.

Article reporting the receipt in the State Department of a cable from the Cuban Ambassador in Washington, stating that the Government of the United States has decided to exempt citizens of Latin-America from the immigration quota.

Editorial entitled "The Country Watches." Unfavorably commenting upon the carelessness of Congress, which does not meet often enough or pay enough attention to the important problems confronting the country--such as the reform of the electoral code or the modifications of tariffs. The members of the conservative party alone seem vitally interested in the problems connected with the approaching elections.

EL MUNDO--February 19, 1924.

Editorial unfavorably commenting upon the attitude of General Archibald Jack, in refusing to recognise the demands of the Railway Brotherhood, thereby endangering the whole country with the threat of a general strike. Appeal to the Government to deal with General Jack, and prevent the general interests of the country from being jeopardized by a foreigner, by removing him from his office.

Favorably commenting upon the attitude of the Committee on Foreign Relations of the United States Senate, with reference to the Isle of Pines--warning the people of Cuba not to consider the question settled, but giving optimistic views for the future. The United States is too wise to let disputes arise, and lose her influence with Cuba for any such cause as the Isle of Pines.

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"EL HERALDO" - February 19, 1924.

An article commenting upon General Crowder's visit to Secretary Portela some days ago. It was announced that it had been a visit of courtesy, but visits of courtesy never last more than ten or fifteen minutes, and this was an unusually long visit, and consequently it give rise to various comments. Some said that the General had called to give advice to the inexperienced young Secretary; others, that he had made gentle diplomatic hints; others, that dry and cutting phrases had been exchanged between the old General and the young Secretary. It was even published by certain newspapers that General Crowder was taking steps to obtain the payment of claims presented by American merchants for damages caused during the congestion of the wharves, and also claimed the payment of a debt to the American Government for war material supplied during the European war. The truth of the matter is, however, that General Crowder went to see Secretary Portela concerning a compensation of credits requested by the Cuban Telephone Co. "It was simply a commercial transaction, a question of dollars and cents, a financial transaction of a private nature." Secretary Portela said yesterday that a petition to that effect had already been presented by the Cuban Telephone Company. "El Heraldo" states such a transaction is not admissible, because it is specifically prohibited by the Law of the Executive Power. - It now remains to be seen whether Secretary Portela, who was among the first to wave the flag of a false nationalism at the times of the famous memoranda, upholds his nationalism or yields to the desires of the Cuban Telephone Co. stepping over the laws and the Codes. Among the credits which the Cuban Telephone Company desires to "compensate", there is one for $50,000.00 (for long distance telephone service during the revolution of February) which the Debt Commission has declared as "doubtful".

An article commenting upon the impending railroad strike. Doctor Manuel Castellanos has stated that this is not a movement to demand increase in salaries or improved working conditions, but a revolution of principles in defence of a constitutional right of the Cubans to become associated and to condemn a Government which does not know how or does not want to guarantee this inalienable right. The laborers must strike without creating disturbances, in order that there may be equity in Cuba. - Zayas with his policy of inertia used with the Veterans and Patriots, has indicated the path to be followed by the laborers.

An article unfavorably commenting upon the actions of Congress. After the approval of the Santa Clara Convent deal which exhausted their energies, the members of the House of Representatives do not seem to be overanxious to convene in session, and everything seems to indicate that they will not meet until after the 24th. Other news about Congress.

An article unfavorably commenting upon the Lottery. The exaltation of Portela to the Treasury, has coincided with the most shameful speculation with Lottery tickets. The tickets for to-day's drawing acquired outrageous prices in the interior, and in this city they were sold at over 27 and 28 cents. When Despaigne was at the head of the Treasury, tickets were sold at an equitable price. - During the times of Cartaya and Cespedes, speculation was avoided to a certain extent, and at times the monopolizers of tickets suffered losses. But as soon as Portela was appointed, an unprecedented speculation has taken place. The Lottery has come to the climax of degeneration and scoff.

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"El Heraldo" - February 19, 1924 (Continued).

As a part of the program of nationalism undertaken in the Isle of Pines by the Board of Education of Habana, a "Patriotic Committee Pro Isle of Pines" will be organized, its purpose being to maintain a vivid sentiment of nationalism in said Isle.

EDITORIAL entitled "THE FAILURE OF THE INTERFERENCE". - From the time the United States unsheathed their sword to make the independence of Cuba a reality, the Cubans have always counted upon the Americans, either in a direct or indirect manner, to solve their problems. Estrada Palma cast his eyes upon Washington when the Revolution of August broke out, and Pino Guerra and Ferrara also looked upon Washington for support. The difference ~~from~~ lay in the fact that the Government waited for troops to support his authority, and the revolutionists expected guarantees for the exercise of their rights. Said intervention lasted three years, through the fault of Congress which failed to convene to appoint Estrada Palma's successor.... The article further refers to Mr. Magoon's Administration, and to the elections of 1916, when the Americans refused to be neutral, or to offer their friendly intervention to restore peace, but Mr. Gonsales published his proclamations declaring as bandits all those who had taken arms against the Government. Later the guest of the "Minnesota" came, to guarantee the purity of the elections, but the Crowder Code failed in the hard trial to which it was put, and the Cubans again woke up to the sad reality. Then the defenceless people thought that he who could hold in check the ires of the people, would not permit the governing classes to rob the Treasury, but it was only a new illusion and a new disappointment. The Interference, which brought the Cabinet of Honesty, calmly watched the crumbling of its work. "Without liberty of action, and cured of the faith which we had in the spirit of justice and love for liberty of our powerful neighbors and allies, what could we do? The bronce of the bell of Philadelphia seems to have been cast to give to the petty tyrants of America shackels with which to bind their campatriots.... The steam is accumulating in the boiler, and as there is no escape valve, the explosion which will finally occur will be terrible. That is probably what our great and good friends are waiting for, to appear again in the scene as defenders of the cause of humanity, writing on the back of the Joint Resolution words which may annul the fact and the right of our independence....."

Another Editorial suggesting to Dr. Zayas the prudence and advisibility of giving up his idea of being reelected.

Doctors Lopez del Valle and Hugo Roberts will leave to-morrow for Panama, as delegates of the Cuban Government to the Immigration conferences to be held in said Republic.

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An article by Dr. Ferrara, stating that the corruption in the Administration is constantly increasing; that one can see the hand of some relative of Dr. Zayas in every transaction connected with the Administration; that if a person has a credit against the State some relative offers to collect it for a reasonable commission of 20%; if it is a claim, some relative offers to take it up splitting it half and half; if it is the question of paying a tax, another relative offers to cooperate in defrauding the State. - And it is under these circumcstances that Dr. Zayas is preparing for reelection. His plan of battle is the usual one: "to fish in muddy water". His hopes lie in the division of the Liberals, and the submission of the Conservatives, in the moral weakness of the politicians and in the weapons of the Budget, and finally in the violence executed by local bosses. Ferrara considers reel ction as the most abominable crime, but all the efforts of Dr. Zayas will be useless, as the country will not reelect him.....

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Gallery of Prominent Men: Biographical sketch of Dr. Juan Jose de la Maza y Artola, ex-Senator, Professor of the University, and President of the Nationalist Party.

An article stating that after the approval of the Santa Clara Convent deal, which has cleared the road from all obstacles, the following illegal business will surely be passed:
The Central Highway;
The purchase of voting machines, which has met with great opposition, but which is now revived with greatscandal;
The Bank of Issue, the mere mention of which frightens the Cubans;
The Tariff Reform, prepared by a trust of manufacturers, and
The Broad Street of Habana, envolving millions of dollars.

Irregularities in the Department of Public Works. $1.050,000.00 have been appropriated for the cleaning and sprinkling of the streets of Habana, which is an exhorbitant amount considering that Habana has a population of less than 400,000. But Engineer Cuellar, and Galvez (the contractor) only apply one-third of said appropriation to the purpose for which it was intended, and the rest is spent in "botellas" and imaginary employees.

An article stating that the Administration must refuse to grant the "compensation of credits" requested by the Cuban Telephone Co., because it is contrary to the general principles of Administrative Law.

"FOR THE HONOR OF THE SENATE" - An appeal to the Senate to reject the Santa Clara Convent deal passed by the House of Representatives.

Cable despatch from Washington (Special Service of "Heraldo de Cuba") stating that a Washington daily paper published a sensational despatch from Habana, in which, after making a lengthy review of the pre-electoral work in Cuba, the correspondent gives specific details of the discovery of arms in the Province of Santa Clara, attributing revolutionary purposes to General Garcia Velez, and refers to the rumors that the American Government is supporting, or has promised its support to the revolutionists. The Correspondent of "Heraldo de Cuba" immediately commenced to make investigations, and even called on a prominent official of the State Department, but he was assured everywhere that the rumors were false. Said "prominent official of the State Department", whose name is not mentioned for obvious teasons, stated the following: "The United States is not taking, nor will take, any part in the political affairs of Cuba. As to lending any support to a revolutionary movement to be used as an excuse for an intervention in that country, as stated in the despatch from Habana, , the information is too ridiculous to merit any comment." The only reason for an intervention on the part of the U.S. would be a threat of a foreign intervention in Cuba, or a request for help from the Cuban Government. The person interviewed further stated that the Americans know by experience that reelection is contrary to the welfare of Latin-American countries; that reelection often tends toward a dictatorship....and that is why they have always been opposed to reelections in Latin-American countries.....

EDITORIAL entitled: "THE COUNTRY IS THE VICTIM" - Favorably commenting upon the speeches made by Dr. Hernandez Cartaya and Dr. Ferrara at a recent meeting of the Rotary Club concerning the Tariff Reform.

An article stating that the tax stamps cannot now be printed in the United States, and that the American Government has returned the electrotypes to the Cuban Government, through Ambassador Torriente. The stamps printed in the times of Mr. Clifford, were made in the shops of the American Government, but this practice has been discontinued.

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"[illegible]RENSA" - February 19, 1924.

Text of the Presidential Message to Congress, dated Feb. 11, 1924, suggesting to modifications of the Electoral Code, desired by the political parties.

EDITORIAL, commenting upon the fact that Congress has relapsed to its customary inactivity, leaving many urgent problems unsolved, such as that of the Tariff Reform.

An article stating that General Crowder has congratulated Secretary Sandoval, for the activities displayed by his Department in connection with the preliminary work on the Maine Monument.

"LA NOCHE" - February 19, 1924.

The startling news has been received at the Palace, of the presence of the presence of armed groups in the vicinity of Jiguani (Province of Oriente). The information comes from Bayamo, and states that the revolutionists are large in number, under the command of a Mr. Menendez, Lieut. of the Army of Independence, but that they have committed no acts of plunder or of hostility.

PALACE NEWS: - A Commission of the American Chamber of Commerce, accompanied by Ambassador Crowder, called at the Palace to pay their respects to the President. - The Secretaries of the Interior and of the War and Navy conferred with the President in connection with the armed groups reported in the neighborhood of Jiguani.

EDITORIAL entitled "THE SANTA CLARA QUESTION" - Favorably commenting upon the Santa Clara Convent Bill passed by the House, and criticising the manner in which opposition is made in Cuba; that opposition is a weapon of combat brandished systematically, even if it prejudices the national institutions.

"EL PAIS" - February 19, 1924.

General Betancourt, Secretary of Agriculture, states that he is surprised to see that the newspapers continue to publish reports to the effect that he has requested the R.R. unions to postpone the strike until next Saturday; that no such request can possibly be made, since the R.R. Brotherhoods have not served any notification to the Department of Agriculture or the the Railroad companies of their purpose to declare the strike; that the Depart. of Agriculture, however, is acting on the matter within the limits marked by the laws and the custom established by practice in such cases.

"EL MUNDO" - February 20, 1924.

Cable despatch from Washington, stating that the ratification by the American Senate of the Hay-Quesada Treaty has been assured. (This despatch is also published in the "Vana Post" of Feb. 20th).

"DIARIO DE LA MARINA" - February 20 1924.

The general strike is announced to take place next Saturday at 12 P.M. Text of the communication addressed to the Secretary of Agriculture to that effect. - Other news of the strike.

EDITORIAL entitled "THE TARIFF PROBLEM" - Unfavorably commenting upon the idea of "free-trade", and advocating the adoption of the tariff prepared by the Committee appointed on Nov. 25,1921.

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"HERALDO DE CUBA" - February 20, 1924.

The "Sociedad Economica de Amigos del Pais" will initiate a series of lectures about the present conditions of the country, in their educational, economic, social and industrial aspects. "In the present critical moments, this Association desires to present to the consideration of the people the grave problems pending, and will suggest orientations of a pure patriotism, and making an intelligent criticism....." The following list of orators is given: Enrique Jose Varona, Rafael and Octavio Montoro, Fernando Ortiz, Diego Tamayo, Alfredo M. Aguayo, Jorge Le Roy, Onelio Freyre, Dr. Jose A. Lopez del Valle, Mrs. Pilar Morlon de Menendez, Miss Ortensia Lamar, and others.

Cable despatch from New York (Special Service of "Heraldo de Cuba") A special despatch of "The Sun" and "The Globe" received from their Washington Office comments upon the cablegram received by a Washington newspaper, the alarming tendencies of which prompted some high officials of the Administration to declare that it was not true that the United States had any desire to intervene in the interior affairs of Cuba. Confirming the declarations made by the Special Correspondent of "Heraldo de Cuba", the xxxxx despatch above mentioned states that the Department of State does not believe that the political situation of Cuba is alarming, in spite of the activities attributed to Gen. Garcia Velez. - It is understood that General Crowder is watching the situation very closely in Habana, but he does not think that the situation is xxxxx dangerous. The despatch from Washington further states that President Zayas, not willing to run the risk of a revolution, has given orders to maintain the Army in readiness for any blow on the part of the Association of Veterans and Patriots. It also states that it is a current rumor that President Zayas, having launched his candidature for a second term, is afraid of the ires of said Association. It finally states that various officials of the Cuban Government, fully realizing the strength of the Association of Veterans and Patriots, have offered "colecturias" to its members to quiet them down.

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An article stating that the railroad strike seems to be inevitable, and it is possible that it may be anticipated a few hours. - General Betancourt wishes to ignore the existence of the conflict. Other Unions have offered their support to the railroad men.

An article criticizing Chief Engineer Cuellar, in connection with the repair of 26th Street, in Vedado. - $60,000.00 will be uselessly spent in that Street, when the streets of the city are completely abandoned and need repairing.

EDITORIAL denying the rumors which circulated to the effect that the Liberal Party would make a coalition with another political group, and stating that the Liberal Party will go to the polls alone at the coming elections.

EDITORIAL, attacking the project of creating a Bank of Issue.

A telegram from Gibara (Oriente) commenting upon certain irregularities committed in the Municipal Electoral Board. The eight employees appointed by said Board are all reelectionists, openly infringing the law which provides that said positions should be equitably distributed among affiliates of the various parties.

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"EL HERALDO" - February 20, 1924.

A bitter resentment exists between the two groups of the Liberal Party. The followers of Mendieta have initiated a campaign of slander against General Machado, and the supporters of Machado's candidature declare that they are disposed to take reprisals. They believe that the bitter campaign against Machado might seriously endanger the strength of the Liberal Party. The recent accusations flung by Recio against General Machado that he was working in accord with the President of the Republic, were commented upon among members of the House. On the other hand, the followers of Machado state that Machado will be the first to combat reelection, and add that Machado is sure to win his nomination in Oriente, Matanzas and Santa Clara, so it would be foolish on his part to abandon the field at this time.

The Sub-Secretary of the Interior denies the rumors of an uprising in Jiguani. However, some squadrons have been sent to that place which is the birth-place of Garcia Velez.

"The American Embassy supports the companies of sight-seeing automobiles." - Under the above heading, an article appears stating that the American Embassy has addressed the Mayor, through the Department of State, supporting the complaint filed by "The Rotal Palm Tours" and "The Royal Blue Line", which companies state that they are unjustly persecuted by a group of automobile drivers of this city. The representatives of said companies are often compelled to appear before the Courts unjustly accused of infringing the Traffic Regulations. The Mayor has ordered an investigation, and will compile the necessary data to answer the communication sent by the Ambassador.

EDITORIAL, commenting upon the dangers of a railroad strike, criticizing the General Manager of the United Railways and the Secretary of Agriculture.

The sailing of Dr. Lopez del Valle for Panama has been postponed until next Saturday.

"LA PRENSA" - February 20 , 1924.

EDITORIAL entitled "OF GENERAL INTEREST" - Favorably commenting upon the petition addressed to the President of the Republic by Merchants, Manufacturers and Shipping Men, requesting the substitution of the tax of one per cent by a surcharge of 10 per cent on all import duties. The Customs revenues during the past four years, (or from 1916 to 1920) show an average of $44,983,880.83. An as the amount required for the payment of interest an amortization of the 50-million-dollar loan, during the first year, is only $4.451,814.21, the said 10 per cent on import duties will amply cover the amount required.

A letter from Roberto Mendez Peñate, Governor of Santa Clara, stating that he does not wish to appear as a presidential candidate at the coming elections, as it would create further divisions in the midst of the Liberal Party.

"LA NOCHE" - February 20, 1924.

This paper affirms again thatthere are revolutionists in the vicinity of Jiguani, and states: "Naturally, the Department of the Interior has to deny us, but we are under the obligation to tell the truth to our readers."

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"EL MUNDO" - February 21, 1924.

Feature editorial, entitled "NEW AFFAIRS IN VIEW" - Stating with regret that shortly after criticizing certain transactions which have scandalized public opinion, they are now compelled to refer to other illegal transactions planned, which are real assaults upon the Treasury, such as the purchase of voting machines, the Central Highway, and the creation of a Bank of Issue.

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"HERALDO DE CUBA" - February 21, 1924.

Cable despatch from City of Mexico: In a speech made before the American Chamber of Commerce, ex Senator J. Hamilton Lewis, of Chicago, predicted a defensive "entente" of the United States Canada and Mexico, against a combined aggression of Russia, Japan and China, which he considers as inevitable in a near future. He further referred to the Treaty of Versailles, and to the fact the U.S. could obtain no assistance from Europe. He also stated that to-day, the U.S., the South and Central American republics and Mexico, had formed a league with the Canadian provinces. "In the formation of our Continent --he said--the Governments of Central and South America and Mexico should be treated as governments of the American Continent. The United States are neither owners, nor directors, or guardians. At the present new era, they are companions and associates in the cause of Justice and Liberty. The Monroe Doctrine was proclaimed for the protection of the U.S. against European invasions in America. It is not a doctrine of dictatorship for Central and South America and Mexico in their private governmental affairs."

In an article referring to the railroad strike, it is said that if the Secretary of Agriculture does not solve the railroad conflict, he will be asked to present his resignation. In view of the indifference of the Government, the strike seems to be inevitable, but it willbe a peaceful strike. The General Manager of the United Railways continues to decree dismissals of workingmen belonging to the Railroad Brotherhood.

An article commenting upon the activities of the reelectionists. They find themselves in a desperate situation at the present time, because the Popular Party by itself cannot legally present a presidential candidate, but need the cooperation of some other Party. The old "Zayistas" recommend the President to use the public funds to win some followers or create divisions in the old organized parties, but even this seems difficult, because Secretary Portela has stated that no transfers of credits can be made because t ere is no surplus available. Consequently, Zayas will probably have to resort to the "colecturias" to obtain funds for his campaign of reelection.

EDITORIAL commenting upon the impending strike, stating that the Government must take some action to prevent the strike; but if the Government fails to act, as will probably be the case, the strikers are asked not to adopt an attitude which might endangger the national institutions.

An article commenting upon the declarations made by the Secretary of the Treasury to the effect that the transfer of credit for the payment of personnel of the tax of one per cent cannot, and will not be signed, because it is illegal. -- The moneys deposited in the Treasury, amounted yesterday to $27.521,464.53.

"EL HERALDO" - February 21, 1924.

EDITORIAL entitled: "THE REELECTIONISTS AGAINST THEMSELVES" - Stating that a number of the friends of Zayas have always been opposed to reelection, and quoting a speech made made by Juan Gualberto Gomez at the time when Menocal was beginning his campaign for reelection, in which he stated that because we are dealing with men and not with angels or saints, the elections

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"El Heraldo" - February 21, 1924.

carried on by a party in power for the purpose of reelection could not be entirely honest.

A letter from Bartolomé Sagaró, member of the House of Representatives, to Dr. Manuel Castellanos, Legal Adviser of the Railway Brotherhood, assuring him of his approval of the attitude which the railroad men have adopted, and of his determination to be of any possible ~~xxxg~~ service.

A conflict has arisen between the Department of the Treasury and the Department of Public Works. This conflict is said to have been caused by the constant violation of the Law of the Budget by the Dept. of Public Works. Secretary Portela awaits instructions from the Palace, bu the President does not know what to do in the matter.

EDITORIAL entitled "FACING THE CONFLICT" -Commenting upon the Railroad conflict, urging the Government to take steps to prevent the strike. - The Editorial also states that the Manager of another company --Mr. Steinhart-- was said to have assumed an attitude similar to that of Mr. Jack, but in a letter addressed to Dr. Castellanos, Mr. Steinhart explains that he has merely said to his employees that he did not consider convenient for their own interests as well as for the interests of the company and of the public, their coalition with other unions, and the writer remarks that there is a vast difference between the friendly advice and coercion.

"LA PRENSA" - February 21, 1924.

Text of a Circular issued by General Jack concerning the strike, in which he states that this struggle is unjustified; that the strike will be a failure, and that the trains will be protected by the Army if necessary.

EDITORIAL entitled "TAXES AND TARIFFS" - Commenting upon the necessity of reforming the tax and tariff regulations (See "Havana Post" of February 23rd).

"THE STRIKE"- An article commenting upon the harm which a strike would do to the country at the present time; that both the R.R. Brotherhood and the Railroad Company have set forth their arguments, and it now behoves the Government to say who is right, but the Government remains silent.

"LA NOCHE" - February 21, 1924.

EDITORIAL entitled "THE TRIUMPH OF CUBA" - Favorably commenting upon the successful steps taken by Ambassador Torriente with respect to the Isle of Pines question.

"EL MUNDO" - February 22, 1924.

"FACING THE CONFLICT" - Urging the authorities to avert the strike. (See "Havana Post" of February 23rd).

"EL COMERCIO" - February 22, 1924.

Investigations made in connection with the forged checks of the Government presented for collection in the National Treasury, show that false checks amounting to $10,100.00 had already been paid before the forgery was discovered. The Secretary of the Treasury has placed the matter in the hands of the Courts of Justice.

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Article by Dr. Orestes Ferrara in which he attacks the Santa Clara Convent deal, gives a short history of the case, refers to his intervention in the matter when he was a member of the House, and protests against the title of "Ferrara Law" given to the outrageous Bill passed by the House.

An article unfavorably commenting upon an illicit scheme planned in the Ayuntamiento. It refers to the granting of a huge concession for gambling in the "Stadium" of Habana. Celso Cuellar is said to be behind the scheme.

Justo L. Pozo, of Pinar del Rio, accuses the Central Electoral Board of being at the service of reelection. He states that said Board, in open vilation of Article 52, has ordered, upon request made by only one elector, but by express instructions from Zayas, the opening of the Register of Affiliates for new inclusions or exclusions.

"EL HERALDO" - February 22, 1924.

At the meeting held last night, the railroad men ratified their purpose to declare the strike on Saturday, if the owrkigmen who were dismissed by the R.R. Company are not reinstated. They also agreed to submit the case to arbitration.

An article bitterly criticizing Secretary Portela for three Decrees which he has recently signed. One of the Decrees refers to the exemption from certain Custom House charges to the furniture and fixtures imported by the Sevilla-Biltmore Hotel Corporation. The article further states that the amount is relatively small, and the exemption was probably granted through sympathy because the Sevilla-Biltmore is frequently visited by the American Colony and by the Ambassador Crowder. The other two decrees refer to the exemption from payment of the tax of four per cent to the manufacturers of beer and matches.

"LA PRENSA" - February 22, 1924.

A telegram from Santiago de Cuba, stating that the Fiscal of the Audiencia of Oriente has received instructions from the Supreme Court to initiate the corresponding rocesdings in the supposed crime of conspiracy for a revolution in Jiguani.

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"HERALDO DE CUBA" - February 23, 1924.

An article by Gustavo Gonzalez Beauville, commenting upon the Santa Clara Convent deal. He states that there are only three Senators (Wifredo Fernandez, Ricardo Dolz and Aurelio Alvarez) who sincerely oppose the approval of the Bill, but their efforts will be of no avail because the sponsors of the Santa Clara deal have already obtained the support of eleven members of the Senate, and expect to obtain more votes.

During the course of a discussion, a Conservative member of the House told Francisco Cuellar that he cannot give any lessons of honesty; that Cuellar's brother-in-law, Leon, compels the contractors to pay a commission of 10 per cent, one-half of which he delivers to Cuellar, and also that Cuellar had adjudged sixty "botellas" to himself.

An article stating that Dr. Zayas is now planning a change in his Cabinet, and that if nothing unexpected happens, the new Cabinet will be as follows:

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State: Jose Manuel Cortina;
Interior: Ernest Asbert;
Sanitation: Dr. Enrique Casuso;
Public Instruction: Rafael Iturralde;
Presidency: Eduardo Gonzalez Manet;
Treasury: Carlos Portela;
Justice: Rogueiferos.
War: President Zayas finds some difficulties in connection with this portfolio, because ~~xxxx

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with a yearly pay of $2,400.00. This is regarded as a sign that he will soon be removed from the Cabinet.

An article stating that the rectification of the census has been completed, and shows an increase in population of 254,206 over the census made in 1919. - On December 31, 1923, Cuba had a population of 3,148,210.

"EL MUNDO" - February 24, 1924.

An article commenting upon the Tariff Reform. It has been said that the reform of the Tariff, in a protective sense, will be detrimental to the working classes, because it will mean an increase in the cost of living. "El Mundo" believes that it will be just the opposite, and that a protective tariff will be higly beneficial to the interests of the working people, as it will lift up the national industries.

The Railroad strike commenced last night at ten o'clock. The train for Cienfuegos left the Terminal Station with one hour's delay; and the train for Cienfuegos with about three hours' delay. Other news of the strike.

The "Sociedad Economica de Amigos del Pais" gave last night the first of a series of lectures, or "Cuban Nights", at which Doctord Enrique J. Varona and Fernando Ortiz spoke. Dr. Ortiz referred to the gravity of the present situation of Cuba, which can be chiefly attributed to illiteracy and politics, and said that the lack of schools and the lack of attendance to schools were dangerous questions. He also pointed out the great evil entailed by the transfer of the lands of Cuba to foreign hands.

"HERALDO DE CUBA" - February 24, 1924.

This paper also refers to Dr. Ortiz's speech at the "Sociedad Economica de Amigos del Pais", and states that Dr. Ortiz bitterly criticized the President and the present Administration.

"JACK, THE DISTURBER" - An article commenting upon the present strike, bitterly attacking Mr. Jack and other foreign managers of foreign enterprises.

"EL HERALDO" - February 24, 1924.

An article by Representative Bartalomé Sagaró addressed "TO THE STRIKERS", in which he tells them that the strike was provoked by the silliness of the Government, rather than by the arrogance of a foreign enterprise; that all the efforts and energies of the strikers should be directed "not against the foreigner who is ignorant of our Constitution and violates it, but against the coward and enviled Government which does not compel the foreigner to respect our laws....." "You must avoid all vilent clash, but if the soldiers and police forces, forgetting that they form part of the people....should brandish their weapons against you, do not raise your hand against them, but go and look for the real causers of the evil, and in their persons and properties take reprisals and avenge present and past abuses inflicted upon this society....." He further states that under the pretext of the strike, the Government will try to suspend the Constitutional guarantees, and in that way be able to fall upon the Treasury much more easily, but that the members of Congress will prevent it, but that if some Congressmen would permit that to be done, the strikers should bear them in mind at the supreme hour of punishment".

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"LA PRENSA" - February 24, 1924.

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An article stating that at the request of the/Electoral Board of Camaguey and Oriente, forces of the Army have been detached to said two Provinces to prevent any possible disorders .~~xxxxxx~~ ~~xxxxxxxx~~ - In connection with the above information, it was persistently rumored that the Government to exercise a full military control in the Eastern provinces of the Island, which would be equivalent to declare martial law.

Other Unions will gradually join the strike, if the conflict with the railroad men is not solved shortly in a satisfactory manner.

The liquidation of the Budget of the past fiscal year will be presented to the President next Wednesday. This is the first time that the National Budget is liquidated. - The revenues collected amount to 72 millions, and the expenditures amount to 50 millions, showing a difference of 12 millions. Of that difference, 7 millions were applied to the amortization of the debt contracted with the United States in 1917, and 4 millions to other special amortizations made. Consequently, the liquidation will show a surplus of one million dollars.

"LA NOCHE" - February 24, 1924.

News of the strike: A section of the railroad track was dynamited near Matanzas, where a train was derailed.

An article commenting upon the arrest of Mr. Muzaurrieta, Editor of "El Imparcial" . for an article published yesterday inviting the strikers to use dynamite and fire. Said article was entitled "TO REVOLUTION".

"EL MUNDO" - February 25, 1924.

Telegrams giving information of the strike in the interior . A train was derailed in kilometer 87 of the line to Matanzas, and the line was interrupted. - Railroad track dynamited, etc.

An article stating that the Railroad Brotherhood has obtained full victory in the petitions made. The Administrator of the United Railroads and a commission of strikers have agreed to the preliminary basis for a settlement. The strike will not be called off until the strikers of the Atares Wharfes which were dismissed, are reinstated. Otherwise, other unions will join the strike.

"DIARIO DE LA MARINA" - February 25, 1924.

In an editorial commenting upon the topics of the day: the reorganization of the parties, and the railroad strike, this paper recommends that great prudence be exercised by all.

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"HERALDO DE CUBA" - February 25, 1924.

An article favorably commenting upon the result of the primary elections held last Sunday, and stating that, in general terms, the following conclusions can be xxxxxx drawn: (1) The elements purely professional in politics, found themselves threatened by the independent electors, who this time refused to be misled through bribery, violence, etc. (2) The Liberal Party has a frank majority in the country. (3) The great efforts made by governmental offices during the period of registration, have had no success, and (4) Mendieta obtained the support of the Liberal Party. Absolute order prevailed, some attempts for fraud were easily and quickly discovered. The news received from Cienfuegos indicates that order prevailed, and Drs. Ferrara and Mazas were elected delegates to the Municipal Assembly.

EDITORIAL entitled "THE WEEK" - Unfavorably commenting upon reelection, and stating that the United States is also opposed to reelection in Cuba now, as shown by a cable despatch from Washington published at the beginning of the week.- Those who supported Menocal, have now realized their mistake.....

"EL HERALDO" - February 25, 1924.

In an article referring to the primary elections held last Sunday, it is stated that the same old elements have retain the control of the Committees; that 75 per cent of the affiliates appear to have voted, counting the legal and fraudulent votes. - General Menocal was elected Delegate.

"LA NOCHE" - February 25, 1924.

The Railroad conflict has been solved, and the strike called off. All the demands of the strikers have been complied with. Said demands were: (1) Reinstatement of all the personnel dismissed for having joined the Railroad Brotherhood; (2) Recognition of the Railroad Brotherhood of Cuba; (3) Reinstatement of all the personnel who went on strike; (4) Reinstatement of all the strikers of the Atares Wharves, and (5) Enforcement of Decree 665 which regulates the work in the Port of Habana.

A clash occurred yesterday between strikers and strike-breakers of the Atares Wharves, several laborers being seriously wounded.

EDITORIAL entitled "CONSEQUENCES....." - Unfavorably commenting upon the result of the Reorganization of the parties, stating that the "neutral masses" have remained indifferent, and the Assemblies have remained in the hands in the professional politicians.

"EL MUNDO" - February 26, 1924.

Feature editorial, favorably commenting upon the solution of the strike and the victory obtained by the strikers.

An article favorably commenting upon the rumors which have persistently circulated to the effect that Captain Maza y Arredondo will be removed from the Division of Taxes. His actions at the head of said Division are criticized. The article further xxxxxxx expresses the hope that Samper will be appointed again Chief of said Division, "as an act of justice".

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"NECESSARY REFORMS" - An article commenting upon the necessity of reforming certain articles of the Electoral Code, especially those which refer to excess registration, and the intervention of employees of the Administration in electoral work.

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1. There are enclosed herewith "Brief News Articles and Editorial Comment" from the Havana press, for the days February 26, 27, 28, and 29, 1924.

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"HERALDO DE CUBA" - February 26, 1924.

A cable despatch from London stating that negogotiations are being carried on at the present time to sell the United Railways of Habana to American and Cuban interests. - Then follows a cable despatch from New York stating that Mr. Horatio Rubens is the principal promoter of the deal.

EDITORIAL entitled "THE VICTORY OF LABOR" - Favorably commenting upon the prompt termination of the railroad strike which culminated in a complete victory of the strikers.

Heraldo de Cuba protests against the arrest and prosecution of the Editor of "El Imparcial", accused of violating the Law of Explosives, and states that it is an effort on the part of the Government to gag the press.

"EL HERALDO" - February 26, 1924.

An article commenting upon the result of the Reorganization, stating that it has served to demonstrate the great strength of the Liberal Party throughout the Republic. It is affirmed that the followers of Machado predominate in the Provinces of Oriente, Santa Clara, Matanzas and Camaguey, and the followers of Mendieta in Pinar del Rio.

SANTA CLARA IN THE SENATE" - Commenting upon the activities displayed in the Senate, stating that everything is ready to hold session next Monday, with a special quorum, to approve the Santa Clara Convent deal.

An article stating that the promise made by the Secretary of the Treasury to the workingmen, relating to the enforcement of Decree 665, will soon cause another strike with greater force. Other news concerning the termination of the railroad strike.

"LA PRENSA" - February 26, 1924.

Cable despatch from Washington: First Lieutenant Henry C. Clark has been appointed Military Attaché for the Embassy of the U.S. in Cuba, ~~xxxxxxxx~~ as successor of Captain Rock.

"EL MUNDO" - February 27, 1924.

Feature editorial, entitled "WHILE WE DISCUSS, OTHERS ACT" - Unfavorably commenting upon the fact that the American Tariff Commission has refused to reduce the present tariff rates on Cuban sugars.

"DIARIO DE LA MARINA" - February 27, 1924.

An article stating that Representative German Lopez has received a letter from Dr. Cosme de la Torriente, asking him to stir up the Representatives to discuss and approve a law providing for the creation of an office of Commercial Foment and Expansion, to be established in the Department of Agriculture, Commerce and Labor.

Editorial entitled "THE REVERSE SIDE OF THE MEDAL" - "Diario de la Marina" has praised the Department of Public Works for some

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"Diario de la Marina" - February 27, 1924.

measures it had undertaken. It now wishes to severely censure it for some that it has failed to undertake, or that have been very poorly attended to. Special censure is given to Cuellar, City Chief Engineer, whose desires to improve conditions have certainly manifested themselves in peculiar ways-- such as uprooting good trees on the Prado to plant scraggly pines, or taking up fountains to use them as containers for plants, etc. The Department should give some evidence as to how it is employing the millions expended for its labors.

A despatch from New York states that Herbert C. Lakin, President of the Cuba Railroad Company has said that the Cuban and American interests possessing shares in Cuban railroads would give serious consideration to a proposition to buy or consolidate the United Railways with the Cuba Northern Company or the Cuba Railroad Co. This Cuban-American group of stockholders recently, by virture of the Tarafa Law, consolidated the Railways of Eastern end of the Island. It is stated that the financial status of the United Railways of Habana is such, however, that there are doubts as to whether it could enter safely into a consolidated system in the Island, and that the English interests are considering selling the railway system to this group of Cuban-American stockholders.

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HERALDO DE CUBA

Dr. Horacio Díaz Pardo affirmsthat the results of the Reorganization of Parties and the Registration of Affiliates make the victory of the Liberals certain.

Article unfavorably commenting upon the tricks of the Mayists, who hasten to congratulate Zayas on what they term "The Victory" of the Reelectionistic Conservatives--a statement that is absolutely false, for the Liberals have gained by large majority. Zayas has had in his possession for over two months a decree, unsigned, granting an increase of three percent on the budget of the Lottery for the payment of Personnel--most of the money spent for personnel so far is awarded in "botellas"--and now he has signed this decree, stating that he wishes to"reward the faithful supporters of his cause"! The public, however, will not swallow this statement.

The Economic Corporations have agreed to institute a campaign for the fixing of the roads, making use of the press and the platform to bring pressure to bear on the Government, and compel it to attend to these matters, of such importance to the nation.

Article stating that compliance with Decree 665, as ordered by Dr. Portela, would bring on a new strike, according to the Captain of the Port, who affirmed that this Decree, since it contains no penalities for non-fulfillment by the contracting parties, has not been complied with. Moreover he states that it would be impossible to pay wages to the longshoremen of five dollars per day, as was ordered in those times, when the cost of living was far higher, during the "dance of the millions."

The son of "Pote" and Pancho Cuellar, together, manage to make a new report on the affair of the cancellation of the works of the Roque Canal, which provides that the contractors shall be indemnified in the sum of $400,000, for the materials used for the work and left on their hands. These materials consist chiefly of a mass of old iron!

Editorial entitled "AGAINST AMNESTY". Protesting against the plan of the reelectionists to make use of general amnesty, releasing prisoners to swell the ranks of their followers. Amnesty is justifiable in individual cases, where the sentence may have been an unjust one, or in the case of political misdemeanors--but on a wholesale scale, never.

Editorial entitled "SANTA CLARA IN THE SENATE." Article condemning the passing of the Bill in the House, and stating that it is to be hoped that the Senators will look out for the interests of the country, and above all the public funds, and reject this monstrous graft.

Article by Ramon Vasconcelos, entitled "AGAIN THE GAG".--Referring to the amount of corruption in the projects of reelection--the farce of the discovery of arms in Santa Clara, thefalse alarms of revolution in Jiguani, the threat of suspension of the constitutional guarantees in the railway strike, the Santa Clara Convent Deal, the Bank of Issue, the Catholic University, the legalization of a church marriage, the purchase of the School of Belen, the Central Highway--all belong to the plans of the reelectionists, and the "happy family", which reigns in tranquillity, while the affairs of the country are at sixes and sevens.

Article stating that the Post-Office sent back to the Municipal Electoral Board one thousand which they had mailed in the ordinary way, so that they would arrive too late for the electors to receive them in time to vote. These cedulas were for the most part addressed to members of the Liberal Party.

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A plan on the part of members of the reelectionistic parties to seize these cedulas and make use of them for their own ends, failed, because Inspector Montagu of the Central Board, ordered that these cedulas be immediately registered as having been returned unclaimed--and registered directly in the book of register.

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Article containing the full text of a very long speech made by Dr. Fernando Ortiz last Saturday at a meeting of the "Economic Society of Friends of the Country"--setting forth the horrors of the present-day situation in Cuba, and giving as examples, discrouaging statistics on the state of Instruction, the amount of crime and the"Injustice of Justice".

It is useless for the reelectionists to talk of the prosperous state of the country, when it has money in the Treasury only because it does not pay its debts. Cuba owes, all told, in exterior and interior debts, about $111,000,000!

Article by Representative Bartolome Sagaro, entitled "IN LEGITIMATE DEFENSE." unfavorably commenting on the declarations of Leopoldo Cancio, former Secretary of the Treasury, in favor of the creation of a Bank of Issue. Sagaro states that the manipulations of Cancio, when he was Secretary, and when he put the finances of the country in a state of chaos, have been sufficient indication of his unfitness as an authority on financial matters.

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"LA PRENSA" - February 27, 1924.

EDITORIAL, commenting upon the Tariff question, recommending the adoption of a reasonable protective tariff, which will permit Cuba to obtain certain benefits for the products she exports, granting reciprocal advantages to the articles consumed in Cuba, and at the same time give protection to the national industries to a certain extent.

"DIARIO DE LA MARINA" - February 28, 1924.

Text of the report submitted by the Captain of the Port of Habana, to the Secretary of the Treasury in which he sets forth the reasons why the Decree No. 665 was not enforced, and the conflicts which would arise if the Government tried to enforce it again.

EDITORIAL commenting upon the result of the primary elections held, stating that it is rather early to form an exact judgment of the results, but in view of the advanced information obtained, it seems certain that the Liberal Party has an unquestionable majority in the country and maintains its cohesion. 3700

"EL MUNDO" - February 28, 1924

At a meeting held yesterday by the Board of Directors of the Association of Merchants of Habana, a resolution was adopted to request the suppression of the tax of four per cent on profits.

"EL TRIUNFO" - February 28, 1924.

EDITORIAL entitled "ELECTORAL REFORM" - In view of the fact that the reorganizations of the electoral committees has been effecte.., Congress may possibly be able to resume its work with greater vigor, and it is hoped that the Reform of the Electoral Code will be urgently undertaken with energy and patriotism. The Law of Parties can be considered as an extension of the Electoral Code, and is also in need of some reforms. The reform of these two laws must be undertaken, if Congress is willing to give some signs of efficiency. - This editorial further indicates some changes necessary.

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"HERALDO DE CUBA" - February 28, 1924.

Don Juan Jose Ruano de la Sota, ex Minister of the Treasury in Spain, and who sailed this morning for the United States, delivered an address yesterday on the "Commercial Relations between Cuba and Spain". He said that in order to bring closer relations between Cuba and ~~xxxxxxxxxxxxxx~~ Spain, it became necessary to link arms with the United States. He also referred to the necessity of a Treaty of Reciprocity, and to the creation of a Bank of Export.

Section entitled "Gallery of Prominent Men" - Biographical sketch of Dr. Luis Octavio Diviñó.

EDITORIAL entitled "THE SUPERVISORS" - Very unfavorably commenting upon the appointment of Military Supervisors for towns of the interior; that the presente Government is resorting to the same methods employed by Menocal in 1916 and in 1920.

"EL HERALDO" - February 28, 1924.

Judge Ecay Rojas, who is investigating the frauds committed in the Custom House, called on the President and submitted to him an ample report of the result of his investigations. Ecay Rojas showed the President a letter from Secretary Gonzalez Manet denouncing irregularities committed in the Custom House for some time past. The President seemed to be astonished, and promised to take action on the matter.

An article commenting upon the political activities noticed at the Palace. The friends of the Palace think that although it is true that Menocal refuses to give his cooperation and help to Dr. Zayas, nevertheless, he does not show the least desire to appear as the Candidate of the Conservative Party. They also state that Menocal will sail for Europe in May. - On the other hand, the friends of Menocal say that he will carry on a campaign against reelection.

An interview with Mr. Jose Ruiz Pozo, Liberal Representative from Pinar del Rio, concerning the accusations made by him against the Central Electoral Board which seems to favor reelection.

EDITORIAL entitled "TOWARD BARBAROUSNESS" - Very favorably commenting upon the speech made by Dr. Fernando Ortiz at the "Sociedad Economica de Amigos del Pais".

"LA NOCHE" - February 28, 1924.

A duel was fought to-day between Gustavo Gonzalez Beauville, of "Heraldo de Cuba", and Aldo Baroni, of "El Heraldo". Mr. Baroni received several wounds.

~~XXXXXXXXX~~ "LA PRENSA" - February 28, 1924.

PALACE NEWS: All audiences have been suspended because the President is sick. - Persistent rumors of a new crisis of the Cabinet have circulated among friends of the Palace. The partial renewal of the Cabinet is said to be caused by the desire of the President to develop an ample political plan in connection with the campaign of reelection. It is further stated that four of the present members of the Cabinet will be removed.

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"La Prensa" - Feb. 28, 1924 (Continued)
EDITORIAL entitled "LEGISLATIVE STRIKE" - Commenting upon the inactivity of Congress, in spite of the problems which demand an urgent solution.

"DIARIO DE LA MARINA" - February 29, 1924.

Dr. Varona Suarez informs the reporters of the great victory obtained by the followers of General Machado at the primary elections held last Sunday.

"EL TRIUNFO" - February 29, 1924.

An article commenting upon the persistent rumors of a new Cabinet crisis. The President intends to form a Cabinet of National Concentration, in which the Populars, the Conservatives and the Liberals will be represented. The new Cabinet will push forward the new political orientations of Dr. Zayas. The following names are mentioned among the possible candidates for the new Cabinet: General Ernesto Asbert, and Colonel Orencio Nodarse, Liberals; Santiago Rey and Enrique Casuso, Conservatives, and Manuel Pruna Latte, Domingo Espino and Benito Lagueruela, Populars. The names of Colonel Francisco Lopez Leiva and Francisco Machado, are also mentioned.

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The Department of Sanitation protests against the dangerous state of uncleanliness of the streets of Habana. Doctor Porto informed the reporters that he will call the attention of the Department of Public Works, which is in charge of cleaning the streets.

"EL COMERCIO" - February 29, 1924.

It is affirmed by friends of Dr. Zayas that a partial crisis of the Cabinet will take place shortly, as a part of the political plans which the President has in view. The Secretaries to be removed, are those of Public Works, Presidency, Interior and Public Instruction, and the vacancies filled with members of the National League.

It was affirmed at the Palace that the President had decided to reinstate Fermin Samper as head of the Division of Taxes.

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"HERALDO DE CUBA" - February 29, 1924.

An article by Dr. Orestes Ferrara commenting upon the rumors of a crisis of the Cabinet. He states that a crisis during the electoral period, already commenced, is a threat; that the President has been preparing his line of battle by means of the sucessive changes in his Cabinet; that Estrada Palma conceived the idea of "Cabinet of Combat" when he was surrounded by decent persons; General Menocal dismissed Hevia because he did not consider him as a good electoral Agent and placed the Department of the Interior in the hands of Charles Hernandez, as a reward for the electoral frauds he had committed in the Post Office some days before. Now Zayas wishes to follow the footsteps of his predecessor..... After referring to the difficulties encountered by Dr. Zayas in finding the proper men for the offices, Dr. Ferrara states that only the members of the family seem to be acceptable to Zayas. Ferrara also says: "We think in the speeches made by Zayas criticizing actions not so reprehensible as those which he commits. We call to recollection the memorial which Dr Zayas sent to Washington when he was defeated, criticizing the same things which he now does. But what does it matter? Do the present rulers, perchance, think that there is a public opinion? If they believed there was a public opinion, they would not be so shameless and impudent, nor would they show their repugnant nakedness."

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An article commenting upon the rumors of the Cabinet Crisis. It is said thatthe change of Secretaries will be gradually effected, and that the first appointmentwill be that of General Asbert, who will be placed at the head of the Department of the Interior to direct the reelectoral campaign. The following changes are mentioned: Cortina will be the head of the Department of State; Diego Franchi will be the Secretary of Public Works, if General Betancourt remains in the Department of Agriculture. Asbert will go to the Department of the Interior; Gonzalez Manet will be transferred from Public Instruction to the Presidency; Iturralde to Public Instruction; and either Doctor Casuso or Doctor Pereda, to the Department of Sanitation. It is also said that the present Director of Commerce, Mr. Alfredo Bosque will be appointed Assistant Secretary of the Interior.

Dr. Santiago Rey replies to an article written by Dr. Leopoldo Cancio in connection with the Bank of Issue, and explaining the reasons for the revival of the project of law creating said Bank. Rey states that some days ago he was informed that a group of Congressmen intended to present a project of law creating a Bank of Issue and as he had been working ~~xxxxxxxxxxxxxx~~ for some time past on an important economic plan, in which the creation of a Bank of Issue was preferently included, which plan would suffer if another project was presented, he hastened to presented in the House his old project and retain the right of priority. But the hasty manner in which the copy was made prevented him from revising the same, and consequently, the project published by the newspapers is a real "Nonsenne". -- After quoting the letter from Dr. Rey, "Heraldo de Cuba" states that it is opposed to said project, principally for two reasons: (1) the prevailing corruption and (2) because no provision is made for a reserve in cash for the bank-notes.

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An article stating that as soon as Francisco Cuellar learned Sandoval's decision to present his resignation, he was filled with joy and announced to his friends that he would be the Secretary of

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"Heraldo de Cuba" - February 29, 1924.

Public Works. On the other hand, Simonetti, Guas and the rest of the group which had surrounded Sandoval, immediately commenced to put some papers in order and to destroy others.

An article stating that the withdrawal of Captain Maza y Arredondo from the Division of Taxes has been confirmed. The article also states that it is almost certain that Samper will be appointed again as Chief of the Division of Taxes. The reinstatement of Samper in that office is bitterly criticized.

Secretary Porto against the unsanitary conditions of Habana. The streets of the city are not properly cleaned, and the Secretary of Sanitation states that the press must initiate a campaign against the violation of the Sanitary regulations.

A cable despatch from New York stating, among other things, that the Mexican tobacco industry will seriously compete with the Cuban tobacco. A loan of 25 millions has been made to President Obregon to obtain a concession for the development of the tobacco industry in the states of Tabasco Veracruz and Yucatan.

An article commenting upon the result of the primary elections, stating that Mendieta has obtained a complete victory in four Provinces:Habana, Pinar del Rio, Matanzas and Camaguey.

EDITORIAL by Ramon Vasconcelos, entitled "HOW DOES DR. ZAYAS INTEND TO REELECT HIMSELF?" - In view of the result of the primary elections, everybody asks, "But how does Dr. Zayas intend to reelect himself?"because the Populars are reduced to a minimum as a political organization. But Zayas' plans are very simple: to offer six seats in the Senate, the Vice-Presidency and one-half of the number of Representatives to be elected, to the Conservatives, to carry on a campaign of persecution against the Municipal Mayors who are not in favor of reelection, and to create divisions in the midst of the Liberal assemblies. But it will be a useless effort, because the pure Conservatives refuse to come to an understanding with the Party in power, and the Liberals will renovate their organizations and carry on a campaign within the most rigorous ortodoxy.....

The question of the "Orders of advance" for the Department of Public Works is still unsolved. Even Comptroller Pereira has taken part in the quarrel between the Department of Public Works and the Department of the Treasury, who complains that Secretary Portela does not return the Orders of Payment signed by Pereira. A conference will be held to-day at the Palace, at which Secretary Portela and Account Pino will be present, to discuss the problem.

At last, President Zayas received yesterday the liquidation of the past budget, which should have been effected not later than October 31st. It shows a deficit of $1,200,000.00. It is strange to notice that the Department of Public Works showed no deficit, but this is due to the fact that Colonel Despaigne refused to sign orders of payment beyond the amounts allotted in the Budget. The work of the liquidation of the Budget has been unfruitful, as it has no legal value since it was not effected within the period which the law grants.

The Association of Representatives of Foreign Firms have adopted a resolution to the effect that any alteration of the Tariff in a protective sense, would be contrary to the general interests of the people.

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"EL HERALDO"A - February 29, 1924.

An article stating that a meeting has been held at the residence of General Menocal, and that the resolutions adopted were of a frank anti-reelectionist character. This meeting has served to mark the line of conduct to be followed by the Conservatives, who already know now what enemy to combat. Zayas must give up his idea of being reelected.

The concensus of opinion is that the results of the Reorganization has favored Mendieta in three of the Provinces, to wit: Havana Matanzas and Camaguey, while Machado appears to have been favored in Oriente and Santa Clara, the Pinar del Rio Liberals following General Pinó Guerra whose position has not been made very plain. However, the Mendieta newspapers attribute that the reorganization has shown its strength in all six Provinces, and the Machado papers maintain the same thing in favor of their candidate.

Dr. Zayas feared that something abnormal would occur during the last railroad strike, and told Mr. Jack to terminate the conflict so as to avoid the occurrence of any trouble. The Government is still afraid of a possible "coup d'Etat which would overthrow Zayas.....

"EL MUNDO" - March 1, 1924.

Last night, at midnight, the five-day period granted voters affiliated to Committees elected on Sunday for presenting appeals against said primary elections, expired. This is in accordance with Article 293 of the Electoral Code. Fifteen appeals were presented yesterday to the Courts. Most of these appeals are for illegality and fraud in the registry of affiliates and other such infringements of the Code. These will be distributed among the Courts of First Instance of this City, for decision.

Yesterday, the President of the Republic signed a Decree ordering Mr. Fermin Samper to return to his post at the head of the Internal Revenue Service.

The President is ill. Nevertheless, yesterday he received from Dr. Portela the final statement of the liquidation of the 1922-23 Budget. Doctor Portela also reported to the President of the conflict between his Department and the Department of Public Works, due to the dismissal of all temporary employees made by Dr. Sandoval on account of lack of funds to pay them.

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

EDITORIAL commenting upon the Project of Tariff Reform pending in the House and warning Congress that inasmuch as the altra-protectionist tendency of its Tariff policy has given rise to suspicion among the people, it is well that this matter of the Tariff Reform be not made a matter of business by the members of Congress, in order to personally benefit themselves. It also calls the attention of Congress to the fact that due to the special Customs relations with the U.S. the Washington Government would be the first to protest as soon as it became informed that improper interests were working behind this Tariff Reform.

"EL TRIUNFO" - March 1, 1924.

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In an editorial "El Triunfo" comments upon the rumors that have spread about to the effect that the President is to form a Cabinet composed of prominent members of all the political parties who at the same time are prominent men in public affairs, and states that by doing so, President Zayas would crown his nationalistic efforts which he has so ably directed with a real task of national concentration.

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March
"HERALDO DE CUBA" - ~~Saturday~~ 1, 1924.

An article commenting upon the Cabinet, stating that Engineer Francisco Cuellar will no be appointed Secretary of Public Works, as the President has decided to leave Sandoval in that office.

"Heraldo de Cuba" has learned from a reliable source that a perfect understanding exists between Mayor Cuesta and Dr. Miguel Mariano Gomez; and that Cuesta will be elected President of the Municipal Assembly of the Liberal, while Dr. Miguel Mariano Gomez will be the President of the Provincial Assembly.

Gallery of Prominent Men: Biographical sketch of Mr. Porfirio Franca y Alvarez de la Campa.

The employees of the Custom House of Habana have been compelled to contribute with the sum of $2.50 per capita. The money raised in this manner will be used to buy a present to the Collector of Customs of Habana, Dr. Jose Maria Zayas. This is bitterly criticized by "Heraldo de Cuba".

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EDITORIAL stating that if the Government of the United States desired to show its good friendship toward Cuba, as it has done so often, it would advise Dr. Zayas, in a very friendly manner, to give up the idea of being reelected..... Morally, the White House is obligated at least to insinuate its opinion in this matter, due to the huge interests which the Americans have in Cuba which would be affected by the disturbances which all reelections bring about in Cuba, and also because it cannot be forgotten that the reelection of Menocal and the election of Zayas, the two greatest blemishes in the History of Cuba, triumphed only through the support lent to them by the American Government, and without which, the Liberal Party would have come out victorious. The famous Memoranda of General Crowder, which we sadly recognize were necessary.....were not more justified than ~~this~~ this friendly advice which General Crowder would give in the name of his Government..... This is the best opportunity for the U.S. to demonstrate their interest and solicitude for the welfare of Cuba which they always preach.....

" EL HERALDO" -~~Wednesday~~ March 1, 1924.

EDITORIAL commenting upon the rumors of a cabinet crisis and calling the same a "carnival crisis" due to the time of the year it appears in. The Heraldo believes this is a manouvre on the part of the President due to the outcome of the recent reorganization which has shown him the tendency of the Liberal party and proved to him that he needs more than the popualrs in order to be reelected, hence his idea of placing men of all parties in the new Cabinet, thus, getting a chance of becoming a national candidate.

The Heraldo states that important pressure is being brought to bear upon the members of the judiciary, from the Palace, in order to obtain their support for the reelection. That the president has written letters to his judicial friends making sinful suggestions and giving instructions as to their future conduct. That many municipal judges, who under the law are presidents of Municipal Boards are plainly serving the interests of the reelection. Also supervisors are beginning to appear on the scene. In Ciego de Avila where the Liberal Mayor is an obstruction to the plans of the reelection a supervisor has been named.

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LA NOCHE -March 1, 1924.-

EDITORIAL commenting upon recent statements made by the President to the editor of La Noche. This paper favorably comments upon the administration of doctor Zayas which it states, "although it has made mistakes, as all administrations here have" has been the most advantageous for the nation since that of Estrada Palma. The Chief of State declares that the coming elections are to be honest ones, and that the authorities will see that no improper proceedings are carried on. La Noche asks: "Shall we rely on the words of Dr. Zayas ?" It answers in the affirmative and gives as evidence the elections of 1922 free from all interference and all official influence. Also that the president considers the Liga Nacional extant, not having been broken legally, and that the Liga will win the next elections due to the cooperation of the elements that form it. The president gave figures to show that in Oriente the total affiliates of the Conservatives and Populars is by 9,000 greater than that of the Liberals, by 3,000 in Santa Clara, by 5,000 in Pinar del Rio, and that this shows that the Liga will win the coming elections.

EL PAIS -March 1, 1924.-

States that it has been rumored at the Palace that all special commissions discharges by Consular and Diplomatic officials which have kept them away from their posts for such long period of time will be put at an end by a decree about to be signed by the president.

EDITORIAL commenting in an ironical manner upon the statements made by the President to the editor of La Noche. Pais states that the carnival season is on and Zayas has already donned his mask. It ridicules the statement "from such an old and experienced politician as he" to the effect that the Liga Nacional still exists. It ridicules the conclusions reached by the "farse" of the reorganization where the cedulas of street cleaners and employees threat ened with dismissal engrossed the ranks of the Popualrs. That no one can forget the methods used in 1920 and that this time he cannot count upon the decisive assistance of Envoy Crowder, ready to ratify in accord with Menocal, that in Cuba the electoral guaranties were unusual.

EL MUNDO--March 2, 1924.-

The "Colegio de Abogados" or Bar Association of Havana has sent a circular letter to all associates asking their cooperation for the purpose of running down and investigating and punishing those guilty of the continued charges of immorality and irregularities in the judiciary.

DIARIO DE LA MARINA-- March 2, 1924.-

The Diario reports that there is no truth in a statement published in a newspaper to the effect that a mail pouch of the American Embassy had gone astray. That the truth of the matter is that during the last railroad strike, a pouch, together with all mail was delayed and by error returned to Havana instead of being sent to Cienfuegos. This pouch for the S.S. Prometheus.

Dr. Vazquez Bello has introduced a bill into the House of Representatives raising the rank of the Cuban Legaltion in Madrid to that of an Embassy.

EL TRIUNFO--March 2, 1924.-

EDITORIAL commenting upon the passivity of Congress, which in spite of announcing every Monday that its legislative task will be undertaken with zeal, fails to even bother about meeting. Triunfo doubts

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very much that it will meet this week because the carnival spirit prevails. However it calls upon Congress to get down to its task and tackle the problem of the tariff reforms which all industry and commerce is clamoring. The Public Instruction legislation is also a matter which must be immediately taken up with interest in order to head off the increasing wave of illiteracy. The Electoral Code must be modified at once, in order to prevent a repetition of the troubles of the past national election.

HERALDO DE CUBA--March 2, 1924.-

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EDITORIAL unfavorably commenting upon the statements of the President made to the editor of La Noche. "With his back to a reality which no one can deny, the President of the Republic shows that he is optimistic." And this is so because notwithstanding the unfavorable result of the reorganization for his party, and which shows that the Conservatives showed their anti reelectionist tendencies Dr. Zayas comes forth with these optimistic statements. However the Heraldo does not give much credence to these words because it knows that they are not sincere. The Liga Nacional is an extinct period of Cuba's political history. The strongest part of that coalition has proved that it is the greatest enemy of reelection, the Populars are merely a drop in the bucket maintained by official support while the Liberals are stronger than ever. Dr. Zayas cannot be reelected by the vote of his fellow citizens, only violence and fraud, the classical arms of usurpation can sustain him in his unwise adventure.

EL HERALDO.- March 2, 1924.

The Heraldo states that at the Palace, in a mysterious conference, it was agreed to accede to an assignment of funds for unlawful obligations contracted in the Department of Public Works thus violating article 8th of the Budget Law. The amount to be assigned is said to be about $300,000 and is to reinstate the numerous temporary employees dismissed by Sandoval.

EDITORIAL stating that Menocal and Zayas have become definitely divorced politically and that the hopes maintained by many to the effect that Menocal would back Zayas up for reelection have been blasted by the results of the recent meeting of prominent political personages at the Menocal residence where it was agreed to not back up the Zayas reelection.

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"HERALDO DE CUBA" - March 3, 1924.

An article by Evelio Alvarez del Real, , criticizing the recent speech made by Dr. Fernando Ortiz at the "Sociedad Economica de Amigos del Pais". Some members of Congress have proposed to initiate an action of protest against the statements made by Dr. Ortiz referring to Congress, and Del Real has told them to calm down. He has read the speech, and he does not find that it contains anything of importance. In spite of his learning and cultivated skill, Dr. Ortiz has only succeeded in making a defamatory speech, a libel. Dr. Ortiz only repeats the accusations made against Congress by the populace, and states further that Dr. Ortiz does not have the moral authority to make such accusations.

An article stating that whenever there are rumors of a crisis of the Cabinet, General Asbert has been mentioned as a candidate for the portfolio of the Interior, and it is now affirmed that the President desirous of hastening the march of reelection, has at last decided to appoint him. It is said that as soon as General Asbert is appointed and takes possession of office, he will see to it that gambling is not controlled by certain elements, such as now happens in Habana where Celso Cuellar, Iturralde and a few others control that vice. He will decree "free gambling" as a means to raise funds for the campaign of reelection.

President Zayas is said to be seriously ill as a consequence of an affection of the kidneys, caused by an attack of grippe.

In an article commenting upon the appeals present with a view of obtaining the nulity of the elections held by the Liberal Party in Habana, it is said that the Courts will not decide in favor of said appeals unless it is proven that grave irregularities were committed. Some appellants, not satisfied with their defeat try to obstruct the organization of the political Assemblies. The trial of the cases will probably take place next Friday or Saturday.

In view of the unsanitary conditions of Habana at the present time, the Secretary of Sanitation is taking steps to have the Street Cleaning Department placed under the control of the Department of Sanitation. The Secretary of Public Works is said to be perfectly in accord with the desires ~~xxxx~~ of the Secretary of Sanitation, but Chief Engineer Cuellar opposes said measure, as it will deprive him of themanipulations of the corresponding appropriations.

"EL HERALDO" - March 3, 1924.

Article commenting upon the irregularities in the Department of Public Works. As the 6 millions of the Loan appropriated for Public Works, have not been exhausted, fraud and corruption still prevail. The proposals made by the Contractors, more advantageous to the State, are rejected, and the contracts are awarded to those who come to an understanding with members of Zayas' family. The appeals presented, are illigally decided.

An article commenting upon the fact that powerful foreign companies are obtaining the possession of large tracts of land, especially in the Province of Camaguey, through illicit means, supported by some members of the Judiciary. The last case cited is that of the Cuban Land Company, which, after obtaining the ownership of lands belonging

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

to the State, is now trying to dispossess a Cuban who served in the wars of independence.

"LA PRENSA" - March 3, 1924.

The "Harbor Strike" has at last been solved, and the workers will resume their work tomorrow. Mr. Molanphy, Manager of the Atares Wharves, and the laborers have accepted the new bases. The amendments to the Decree No. 665 will probably be agreed upon this week.

"LA NOCHE" - March 3, 1924.

Secretary Portela informed the reporters yesterday that the collections of the Treasury during the month of February amounted to $7.398.054.96, excluding the collections by reason of the tax of one per cent.

"La Noche" states that the renewal of the Cabinet will not be effected until after the delegates to the Municipal Assemblies are elected; that no one nominated for an elective office will be member of the Cabinet, and that one-half of the members will be Populars and the other half Conservatives.

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

Text of the communication received by Mr. J.E.Barlow from the Law firm ofCurtis, Mallet-Prevost & Colt, replying in part to the objections made by the Association of Real Estate Owners of Habana to the Project for the Construction of a Broad Avenue in Habana.

An article strongly opposing the idea of giving a banquet in honor of Mayor Cuesta as an homage for his administrative action. "Diario de la Marina" expresses its sorrow for having supported the election of Cuesta, because, as a Mayor, he has done absolutely nothing, and the present conditions of the Municipality continue to be the same, if not worse than in former periods.

"EL TRIUNFO" - March 4, 1924.

EDITORIAL entitled "THE BANK OF ISSUE" - Strongly opposing the idea of creating a "Bank of Issue" in Cuba.

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"HERALDO DE CUBA" - March 4, 1924.

Interview with Dr. Ricardo Dolz, Senator and President of the Republican Party.- Referring to the Reorganization, he said that the Electoral Code places so many obstacles to all new tendencies, that the reorganization of his Party has been impossible, but the Republican Party will support the best candidate at the coming elections. He also said that it was too early to say who is the best candidate. - Referring to the Santa Clara Convent deal, he said that he will oppose the bill passed by the House, and his opposition will be based principally on the legal aspect of the question, that is to say, that the Mixed Committed had no right to reverse the decision rendered by both branches of Congress. Finally, he refused to given his opinion regarding the reelectoral aspirations of Dr. Zayas.

An article commenting upon the political activities of General Menocal. The article states that Menocal is trying to organize a Fascitti Party in Cuba, but in the meantime he is closely following the present course of political events in Cuba, and is secretly planning to carry out his presidential aspirations. All his efforts now tend to obtain the control of the Conservative Assembly, and if he succeeds in doing so, he will stand against Zayas and obtain his nomination by the National League.

An article unfavorably commenting upon the "Cock-fights." - The cock-fights, suppressed by the first American Intervention, were later authorized by a Law of Congress, with certain restrictions, and they were to be permitted only on Sundays; but at the present time they are held every day, openly infringing the Law.

When Captain Castillo Pockorny was at the head of the Department of Public Works, he signed the dismissal of Engineer Francisco Cuellar, because he was both dishonest and incompetent, but President Zayas intervened and prevented the fulfilment of the Decree of dismissal. The article also stated that Engineer Cuellar has lost all hopes of being appointed Secretary of Public Works.

EDITORIAL, attacking the project of an Amnesty Bill. Criminality in Cuba is constantly increasing, principally due to the official support given to criminals, as shown by the fact that during the last twenty years, seventeen Amnesty Laws have been passed.

"EL HERALDO" - March 4, 1924.

Editorial, favorably commenting upon the request made by the Cigar Manufacturers, to be exempted from the payment of the tax of four per cent. The Law of the Loan of 35 million dollars provides that the industries paying the taxes which guarantee said loan, cannot be burdened with new taxes, and as the manufacturers of beer and matches have already been exempted, it is logical and just that the same be done with the cigar manufacturers, especially at this time when the tobacco industry is suffering a severe crisis.

"EL MUNDO" - March 5, 1924.

Feature editorial, favorably commenting upon the petition made by the Cigar and Cigarette manufacturers, to be exempted from the payment of the tax of four per cent.

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"El Mundo" - March 4, 1924.

Article entitled "THE DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS" - stating that in spite of the large diplomatic service, Cuba is in a state of isolation with respect to European and even American countries which have always maintained a false opinion regarding the political status of Cuba and her sovereignty. The cultured people in many countries believe that Cuba is still submitted to a tutorship, and that her international standing is a fiction. Even in the United States, in spite of the close commercial relations, Cuba is not properly known. - The article further comments in a favorable manner upon the success obtained by Ambassador Torriente during the short time he has fulfilled that office. - Shortly after the United States decided to raise the rank of its diplomatic representative in Cuba, "El Mundo"recommended the creation of Embassies in Washington, Paris, Madrid and Buenos Aires. The Embassy in Spain is about to become a reality, and it is hoped that Congress will complete its work.

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

Text of a letter addressed by Ambassador Torriente to Dr. Jose I. Rivero Editor of "Diario de la Marina", announcing the proximate arrival to Habana of a large Committee of the "Southern Commercial Congress", which will remain in Cuba about two weeks to make a thorough study of the economic, commercial and financial conditions of Cuba.

EDITORIAL entitled "THE LEGISLATIVE ACTION" - Commenting upon the indifference with which Congress looks upon thenational problems which demand urgent solution.

"EL TRIUNFO" - March 5, 1924.

Mr. Alfredo Zayas Arrieta, Director General of the Lottery, intends to put up a powerful Radio Station in the Department of the Lottery, from which the Lottery drawings will be broadcasted. "El Triunfo" applauds this improvement.

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"HERALDO DE CUBA" - March 5, 1924.

"The Partisans of Zayas are living in plain Reelectionist Nirvana" Article further commenting upon the recent declarations made by Dr. Zayas. - It states that calmly judging the results of the Reorganization, it has been very unfavorable for the interests of the Palace, in spite of the affirmations made by Dr. Zayas that the National League will triumph in Oriente, Santa Clara and Pinar del Rio. Zayas believes that the Conservatives will support his reelection, but the truth is that among the Conservatives, the anti-reelectionist tendency is making great headway. The triumph of reelection in Oriente is impossible, because Dr. Molinet controls 8,000 votes in that Province, which always be opposed to Zayas-- and Molinet is unconditionally in favor of Menocal. It is also a well known fact that for some time past, the Conservatives of Oriente have maintained an aggressive attitude toward the President. The partisans of the President lost the Presidency of the House due to the attitude of the Conservative Representatives from Oriente. They preferred to lose that position rather than vote with the Populars; and these are facts which should never be forgotten by Zayas nor by the Conservatives who support Zayas.

Article unfavorably commenting upon the attitude of the House in connection with the Project of Law for the acquisition of voting machines. No quorum had been obtained for some weeks, but as soon as the members of the House heard of that juicy Project, the quorum is beginning to swell.....

EDITORIAL entitled "WHAT MORE TO SAY ABOUT REELECTION?" -Stating that everything that can be said against reelection has already been said, but after repeating some statements made before, the writer says: "The reelection of Estrada Palma brought Magoon; the reelection of Menocal, blood and sorrow, and the reelection of Zayas may perhaps bury the Republic.

"ENE MORE" - Unfavorably commenting upon the resolution adopted by the Municipal Council of Habana yesterday, at a secret session, increasing the profits to be collected by the Slaughter House from 25 per cent to 45 per cent. This reasolution does not precisely favor the interests of the commonwealth, but "weighty" reasons have induced the Councilmen to approve it.

"MENDIETA AND THE AMERICANS", by Ramon Vasconcelos. One of the weapons more frequently brandished by Reelection against Colonel Mendieta, is his "antipathy" toward the United States. Then the article speaks highly of the "Cubanism" of Mendieta. But said characteristics of Colonel Mendieta do not prevent him from realizing fully the great responsibilities which fall upon the rulers and governing classes of his country with respect to the fulfilment of certain international obligations, nor showing the road of salvation in moments of danger, to avoid an intervention. ..... "There exists a Constitutional Appendix which binds us to certain obligations toward the U.S., and a proxy of said country who watches the actions of our Government from a certain distance.." "The treaties between unequal parties are fulfilled by the stronger when he wishes, and by the weaker when the stronger party wants.." "Crowder represents to a certain extent, the Interference, the shackle; but it cannot be denied that within the relativity of things, he has at times acted with a higher sense of justice than Zayas himself. After the "crack" Cuba fell in one of the provisions of the Platt Amendment: it failed to fulfill its economic obligations; Morgan claimed the interests and amortization of a loan, and the Special Envoy did not use extreme measures but helped the Government to solve the crisis..... If it were said that at certain

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times the ex-Prevost defended the independence of Cuba with greater warmth than our Government, it would not be a hyperbole.

An article commenting upon the irregularities in the Department of Communications. - As the time for juicy "subastas" is approaching, the Department of the Interior has come to an understanding with the Department of Communications, and by virtue of this agreement, no charges will appear against the Chiefs of Bureaus, in spite of the irregularities existing and which have been discovered by experts of the Department of the Interior.

An article stating that the Courts of First Instance of Habana have adopted a very convenient procedure in connection with the appeals filed against the results of the primary elections held on the last Sunday of February: the appellants will be called to ratify the appeals presented, before the hearing of the cases. These ratifications commenced yesterday, and it is almost certain that not all the appellants will decide to ratify their appeals.

"EL HERALDO" - March 5, 1924.

The President, wrongly informed of the political situation, follows the same lamentable path which carried Estrada Palma to reelection. In Camaguey, in spite of the victory of Collazo, the Conservatives are against reelection, and do not seem to be disposed to vote for Doctor Zayas. Aurelio Alvarez will announce shortly that the Province of Camaguey rejects reelection, and all the Conservatives will combat Zayas at the coming elections.

An article stating that the majority of the Conservatives are opposed to come to an understanding with the Palace; they accuse Zayas of following a tortuous policy, and of leaving behind those who helped him to become President. It will be a very hard task of the Assemblies to give the cry of "REELECTION", especially now when the Conservatives know thatWashington has requested information from the Ambassador of the U.S. regarding what happens in Cuba with the change of the Secretary of the Treasury, the reappearance and reinstatement of high officials who were dismissed by reasons of public morals, and if it is true that the Conservatives and some Liberals are in favor of reelection.

An article commenting upon the irregularities in the Bureau of Customs of the Department of the Treasury. The case now refers to a shipment of rice, and it is affirmed that the Sub-Secretary was interested in the immoral affair. "Portela signs everything put before him, and pays little attention to his duties, and that little attention he pays is not for any good purpose."

"LA PRENSA" - March 5, 1924.

A reception was given this morning at the Palace in honor of Admiral Henry Chaser, who was accompanied by General Crowder and other officers of the American Navy. The article states that the officers who accompanied Rear Admiral Chase, wore fatigue or every day uniform, while the Cuban officers who were present, wore gala uniform in accordance with the practices of the Protocole.

"LA NOCHE" - March 5, 1924.

EDITORIAL entitled "OUR ECONOMIC POLICY" - Unfavorably commenting upon the economic policy which has always been followed in Cuba. At the present time there are many millions deposited in the Treasury but the State does not pay what it owes to contractors and public employees, while the employees are suffering great hardships and other creditors of the state are experiencing a financial crisis.

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

MANIFESTO issued by General Gerardo Machado to the Liberals. First he states that the majority of the Delegates elected at the primary elections, are supporters of his candidature for the Presidency; that he is at the service of the Liberal Party and will accept the decision of the National Assembly. He then refers to the understanding reached between him and Mendieta that each one would use noble weapons to defend their respective candidature, and that they will abide by the final decision of the corresponding organization. That he has faithfully fulfilled the first part of the agreement in the oral and written campaign, observing due respect and consideration toward his opponent. As to the second part of the agreement, he publicly declares before the country and before his Party, that he will follow the same line of conduct. He avails himself of this opportunity to reject the charges made to him of being in complicity with the present Government. That he has no connection whatsoever with the Government. That he does not combat the Government with the violence and bitterness which some Liberals expected, because he does not wish to open the way to rancour and hate in the electoral struggles. He affirms that he is only in accord with the interests of the Liberal Party; that he will accept the final decision of the National Assembly, whatever said decision might be, and that he will defend the resolutions of the Assembly with decision and vigor.

EDITORIAL relative to the President's recommendation for modification of Article 102 of the Electoral Code, suggesting that while the same should be modified, it should not be entirely suppressed, as in the past it has proven to be a guarantee for the prevention of frauds in the registration of electors.

"EL TRIUNFO" - March 6, 1924.

"WHO STOLE TARAFA'S MONEY" - An article stating that a criminal suit will soon be presented to a Court of Instruction against a certain person to whom Tarafa gave the money to be distributed among certain newspapers ~~xxxxxx~~ which defended the Tarafa Law, and which person failed to make the distribution. The article states that this will be a very scandalous affair.

"THE GHOST OF REELECTION", by Napoleon Galvez, defending reelection. He states that reelection is a constitutional right defined and regulated in the Fundamental Charter, and in Cuba it has its legend and its history. The rigorously historical facts that to reelect Estrada Palma and Menocal the laws were violated and many abuses committed against the opposition, do not imply that history must necessarily be repeated. Then the President is highly praised.

EDITORIAL entitled "THE HAND OF MENOCAL" - Very unfavorably commenting upon the intentions to form a coalition of Conservatives and ~~xxxxxx~~ Liberals, seemingly prepared at the pleasure and will of General Menocal. The editorial states that the Liberals will not lend themselves to foster the interests of Menocal. By said project, Menocal and his followers seek to get the control of the Liberal Party, etc.

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"HERALDO DE CUBA" - March 6, 1924.

Interview with Colonel Mendieta with reference to the recent Manifesto issued by General Machado in which the latter affirmed that his followers obtained a majority at the primary elections. Mendieta states that his followers assure him that the result of Reorganization has been just the opposite, that is to say, that Mendieta's followers obtained a majority. And in view of this duality of opinion, he makes the following proposition: That General Machado appoint two friends, and on his part he will appoint two others (Doctors Orestes Ferrara and Miguel Mariano Gomez), and these four persons will appoint one more. These five persons will constitute a Committee, to make a very careful investigation from the Governors, Mayors, Congressmen and delegates appointed, to find out the truth of the result of the primary elections. If the result of the investigations proves that Mendieta has been defeated, he will immediately withdraw his candidature, and recommend his friends to stop all campaign in his favor. He further states that this is not a challenge, but a just solution to the presidential problem of the Liberal Party.

Interview with Dr. Aurelio Alvarez, President of the Senate and President of the Conservative Party, concerning the Santa Clara Convent deal. He is of the opinion that the report of the Mixed Committee will not be approved by the Senate; that he will oppose it in a vigorous manner. As President of that Legislative Body he has tried to learn the opinion of his fellow members of the Senate, and he believes that the Report will not pass. That the House approved said report prompted only by the desire to please Doctor Zayas who is defending his Decree with all his force, and has brought pressure to bear upon the members of the House. - The result of the primery elections in the Province of Camaguey, among the Conservatives, has been favorable for those who maintain the pure ideals of the Conservative Party. When he was asked whether he believed in the possibility of the reelection of Dr. Zayas, he replied: "Why not? The friends of Dr. Zayas are carrying on a very active campaign in a secret manner, and I am afraid of his aspirations when they are backed by the machinery of the Government. If the political parties do not develop a decisive action against reelection, it is quite possible that the trickeries of Dr. Zayas may obtain success." He further stated that the Conservative Party openly combats reelection; that his Party considers the National League broken; that the result of all reelectionist movements in Cuba has been revolution - and reelection must be defeated to avert a revolution.....

An article stating that the first Spanish Ambassador in Cuba will be General Federico de Monteverde.

"THE SICK MAN OF VILLA MARIA" - An article stating that in spite of the official denials, and in spite of the audiences granted, President Zayas is ill, and very seriously ill.

Iturralde tells his friends of the grave irregularities committed in the Department of Public Works, and it is believed that many guilty employees will be dismissed

EDITORIAL, favorably commenting upon the interview granted to a reporter of "Heraldo de Cuba" by Colonel Mendieta concerning the result of the primary elections.

Another EDITORIAL attacking the project of law for the acquisition of voting machines.

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"EL HERALDO" - March 6, 1924.

An article commenting upon the actions of the House of Representatives, stating that the Amnesty Bill prevents the obtention of quorum. The supporters of said Bill have a majority, but they are not sufficient in number to hold session with a legal quorum. Said Bill will be approved on the basis of other which have been presented.

Interview with Senator Fausto G. Menocal. He is opposed to the Santa Clara Convent deal. He states that eleven Senators are against said Bill, eight in favor, and three undecided. He believes that the Bill will not be approved.

EDITORIAL "AGAINST REELECTION" - After attacking the present Administration, it states that to leave Zayas in the Presidency would mean to accept the defeat of the ideals of rectification and of all the noble hopes to see the country free from all blemishes, etc.

"LA PRENSA" - March 6, 1924.

EDITORIAL entitled "THE STRIKE CONTINUES" - Unfavorably commenting upon the inactivity of Congress, in spite of the urgent problems pending, such as the Reform of the Electoral Code.

"LA NOCHE" - March 6, 1924.

Article entitled "WHO IS VILLALON" - commenting upon the proximate arrival of a group of prominent bankers, merchants, etc. of the South, presided by Mr. Bryan, who will investigate, among other things, the present conditions of the road and other means of communication in Cuba. - Said distinguished persons will come to the conclusion that Mr. Sandoval is a saint when compared with Villalon, ex-Secretary of Public Works. "Among other questions, they will ask: 'Who is Villalon? What is the exact meaning of Carreteras Villalonicas?" The article further states states that Dr. Zayas is not entirely to blame for the corruption of the Administration, and bitterly attacks Colonel Villalon.

"EL PAIS" - March 6, 1924.

At a meeting held to-day by the Rotary Club of Habana, a motion was presented and unanimously approved, requesting the President of the Republic to veto the Law authorizing the purchase of the Santa Clara Convent, if the Senate approves it; and to send a message to Congress requesting that the appropriation of 3 million dollars which were to be use for the purchase of the Convent, for the creation of new schools in the Republic.

An article announcing that Mr. MANUEL MARQUEZ STERLING has joined the editorial staff of "El Pais"

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

A telegram from Santiago de Cuba states that persistent rumors of a proximate disturbance of the peace have circulated among important commercial houses of that city, producing the consequent alarm, and for that reason they have cancelled many orders received from the country.

EDITORIAL, unfavorably commenting upon the present state of abandonment of the City of Habana.

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"EL TRIUNFO" - March 7, 1924.

An article stating that General Menocal is endeavoring to defeat Zayas, and is trying by all means to obtain the cooperation of the Liberals. He will stimulate the aspirations of both Machado and Mendieta with a view of dividing the Liberal Party, and he hopes to obtain the support of Washington to defeat the present Government. Menocal left last night for the Province of Oriente, where he will begin his machiavelic campaign.

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"HERALDO DE CUBA" - March 7, 1924.

An article by Gustavo Gonzalez Beauville, unfavorably commenting upon the Manifesto issued by General Machado, and otherwise combatting him.

An article defending Mayor Cuesta from the attacks of Jose I. Rivero, Editor of Diario de la Marina . The reason for the attacks of Rivero lies in the fact that Mayor Cuesta decreed the dismissal of five "botelleros" who had been appointed at the request of the Editor of the "Diario", and who collected an aggregate amount of $1,040.00 per month. The article also refers to other affairs of the Ayuntamiento with which Rivero has been connected.

An article stating that Alfredo Zayas Arrieta is about to withdraw from the Lottery, not in a definite manner, but on a leave of absence, as he desires to take a trip abroad before the expiration of the term of office of his father. He only awaits the constitution of the assemblies and the nomination of his father for a second term, by the National League. By that time his father will have signed the Decree increasing the appropriation for personnel to 8 per cent, and said increase will be distributed among the delegates. But Zayas Arrieta will not intervene in this matter, as he has already amassed a fortune: Pardo Suarez will be in charge of making the distribution. There is a surplus of one million dollars in the Lottery from the appropriation for personnel which Zayas is carefully keeping, and said amount will be used for the first expenses of the campaign of reelection.

An article stating that Chief Engineer Cuellar was reinstated the employees accused of exacting money in connection with the supply of water, which proves that he was in collusion with them, because even documents were signed before Notary Public proving the fraud.

EDITORIAL entitled "PREMATURE", by Ramon Vasconcelos, unfavorably commenting upon the Manifesto recently issued by General Machado. He states that it is still too early for any of the leaders of the Liberal Party to claim victory.

An article stating that the Cuellar brothers are moving all their influence with the President to prevent the removal of Sandoval from the Department of Public Works, or the appointment of Luis F. Ramos as his substitute, because a new Secretary might bring to light the irregularities committed by Chief Engineer Francisco Cuellar.

XXXX "EL HERALDO" - March 7, 1924.

An article commenting upon the "reelectoral plans" of Secretary Iturralde. It refers to the licenses to carry arms, the illegal permits for gambling, and the pressure brought to bear against Governors and Mayors. Gambling places are working in Habana without any risk whatsoever of being persecuted by the Chief of Police, Placido Hernandez. Gambling in Habana is carried on with the same impunity as in Marianao. The tolerance on the xxxxxx part of the Department of the Interior , fills the coffers of Celso Cuellar's Law Office.

An article stating that according to information received from various reliable sources, the result of the primary elections in

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the Province of Matanzas has been favorable t o General Machado.

AT THE LAST HOUR: Unusual activities were noticed last night in the Department of the Interior. Confidential employees were deciphering messages, and the official telephone was constantly ringing. Upon investigation, the reporter learned that it was all due to some official messages received announcing the possibility of a revolutionary outbreak in Oriente. The General Staff of the Army requested information from Colonel Pujol, Commander of said district, who answered that he had adopted the necessary measures to quell any disturbance of the peace, although he does not believe in the possibility of any such disturbance.

A long article favorably commenting upon the Manifesto issued by General Machado, and bitterly attackin Mendieta.

EDITORIAL entitled "SANTA CLARA IN THE SENATE" - Expressing the hopes that the Santa Clara Convent deal will not pass in the Senate.

The Republican Party, presided by Ricardo Dolz and Aurelio Hevia, at a session held yesterday ratified their purpose to combat reelection.

An article stating that by a simple Decree President Zayas has delivered $200,000.00 to hasten the activities of the campaign for reelection. Said sum will apparently be used for the paving and the construction of sewers of the city of Camaguey.

"THE ACTIVITIES OF THE VETERANS AND PATRIOTS IN ORIENTE CREATE A SITUATION WHICH ALARMS THE GOVERNMENT. - Two telegrams have been received by the Department of the Interior referring to the activities of the Veterans and Patriots in the Province of Oriente. One of the telegrams is f[illegible]n the Governor of said Province, Mr. Barceló, and the other is said to be signed by Col. Pujol, who is in command of that military district. The Secretary of the Interior has not disclosed the contents of said messages, but judging by the activities displayed by said Department after the receipt of the telegrams, it is believed that a grave situation exists in Oriente." (Quoted in full).

An article stating that a coalition is being formed between Secretary Portela and Jose Lopez, Jr. to monopolize the auctions for printing. The auction for the printing of tax stamps will be held shortly, and it is already known that the contract will be awarded to "Pote, Jr."

"LA PRENSA" -March 7, 1924.

The leave of absence granted to General Garcia Velez expires tomorrow, and it has been learned that a new extension of 20 days will be granted to him.

Dr. Iturralde informed the reporters this morning that according to information received from the Provincial Governor of Oriente and from Col. Pujol, it is true that a certain state of alarm exists in Oriente, caused by the declarations of General Garcia Velez, but that, however, that was not a sufficient reason for an alteration of the peace.

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

EDITORIAL entitled "WILL THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AGREE ON A LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM?" - Commenting upon the statements made by Dr. Santiago Rey to the effect that the Populars have joined the

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"Diario de la Marina" - March 8, 1924 (Cpntinued).

Conservatives for the purpose of combining a legislative program "which may harmonize all opinions, and by which the House may be able to recommence its parliamentary task". The Liberals have refused to lend their cooperation to this work, and they have not even taken the trouble to explain the reason for refusing to do so. The attitude of the Popular and Conservatives will be justly praised by the whole country, while the attitude of the Liberals will appear suspicious and awaken antipathy, because nothing justifies their continued inactivity. Opposition is not practiced in that way, because it is the country which suffers the consequent damages.

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"HERALDO DE CUBA" - March 8, 1924.

The liquidation of the past Budget has been delivered to President Zayas, who is studying it with great attention. He will forward said liquidation to Congress accompanied by a message explaining the reasons for the delay.

The appeal established against General Menocal by a political member of the Conservative Party, was turned down by the Municipal Electoral Board, and Menocal confirmed as a delegate for the "barrio" of San Francisco.

Postmaster Cartaya held a long conference with Secretary Iturralde, yesterday. Cartaya refused to disclose the subjects that had been discussed. Shortly after the Conference, Secretary Iturralde sent for Prosecuting Attorney, Ortiz Casanova, with whom he held a long and secret conference. Some persons believe that the Prosecuting Attorney received instructions concerning the state of alarm existing in the Province of Oriente; but it is safer to believe that they took up the matter concerning the investigations made in the Department of Communications, which, if President Zayas does not prevent it, will finally give rise to a scandalous criminal case. Postmaster Cartaya has lodged before the President serious complaints against Secretary Iturralde. - The present state of affairs cannot be prolonged, and the President may take advantage of this opportunity to get rid of Iturralde.

Secretary Iturralde has stated that a state of alarm really exists in the Province of Oriente, caused by some declarations recently made by General Garcia Velez, but that there is no danger of a possible alteration of the peace because the Government is fully prepared to quell any revolutionary movement immediately.

EDITORIAL, commenting upon the fact that the declarations recently made by Dr. Dolz and Mr. Alvarez, indicate that the report of the Mixed Committee on the Santa Clara Convent deal will meet with great opposition in the Senate.

Gallery of Prominent men: Biographical sketch of Dr. Manuel Jimenez Lanier.

"EL HERALDO" - March 8, 1924.

Letter from Dr. Enrique Jose to Dr. Fernando Ortiz, in response to a request for an extract of the stirring speech made by Dr. Varona at the Sociedad Economica de Amigos del Pais.

As in the times of Martinez Lufriu, vice is subject to a tariff again. The "aide-de-camp" of the Chief of Police is accused of being in charge of collecting the bribes from gambling dens and "tea-houses".

Declarations made by Dr. Santiago Verdeja referring to the Reform of the Electoral Code. He is of the opinion that in the reform of the Code, the Assemblies must be permanent. With the democratic idea of preventing the control of the Assemblies, tyranny has enthroned itself in the Committees. At the present time the political parties only exist by the representation in Congress, which is a very harmful thing, because the free activities of the Assemblies means is a source of fiscalization and control for the members of the House of Representatives.

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

EDITORIAL commenting upon the fact that in spite of the efforts of Iturralde and Under Secretary De la Torre, vice and corruption have revived as in the times of Martinez Lufriu. As soon as the campaign for reelection commenced, the firmness of Iturralde has given way, and by granting one concession after another, the downfall and ruin of his name is approaching.

Another editorial entitled "ANXIETY", commenting upon the state of alarm existing in the Province of Oriente.

"LA NOCHE" - March 8, 1924.

EDITORIAL entitled "ELECTORAL GUARANTEES" - A great deal has been said about the "electoral guarantees", and the President of the Republic himself has expressed his opinion on the matter. Nobody can deny that the elections at which Dr. Zayas was elected President were absolutely legal. "La Noche" states that all the promises for guarantees must become real facts, and if the President does so, he will deserve the veneration and respect of his compatriots.

"EL MUNDO" - March 9, 1924.

Feature editorial unfavorably commenting upon the "CAMPAIGN AGAINST SUGAR" - stating that this campaign, initiated again by the American sugar speculators and designed to put Cuban sugar in disfavor and make the market drop, is in vain, because the Cubans are armed and well prepared against such efforts.

An article stating that Colonel Pablo G. Menocal, brother of Ex-President Menocal, and member of the House of Representatives, committed suicide on Saturday night, March 8th, at his residence, by shooting himself. It is believed that the fact that he had for some time suffered from tuberculasis urged him to end his life.

Short article under "PROFILE OF THE DAY", reporting rumors that there may be a union between certain portions of the Conservative Party and the Liberal Party in the coming elections.

"EL TRIUNFO" - March 9, 1924.

Article appealing to the Senators and Representatives to introduce legilslative reforms much needed, and to work for the good of the country. Firs: The payment of the Floating Debt. Second: the payment of the long-overdue gratuities to public employees. Thurd: The reform of the Tariff. Fourth: The reduction of railway rates. Fifth: the reform of the Electoral Code. Sixth: The appropriation of one million dollars per month for the construction and repair of roads, with a minimum of 17 kilometers per Province, with a strict inspection of the expenditures. - The future of the country lies in the hands of Congress.

"IPSO JURE" - An article stating that leaders of both the Popular and Conservative Parties who have influence with the President induced him to dismiss from office, as inefficient, certain members of the Cabinet or Heads of Departments; but now certain Liberal members of Congress have risen in their defense, and the President has determined to let those officials stay in their positions.

EDITORIAL entitled: "AGAIN THE PHANTOM RISES" - Unfavorably commenting upon the renewed threats of revolution of Veterans and Patriots. The editorial states that such an uprising would have one of two evil effects: the exaltation of Carrillo to the Presidency, or the intervention of the United States to support

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"El Triunfo" - March 9, 1924. (Continued).

the President. Such a measure would only benefit the present Government, enabling it to obtain reelection. The promoters of revolution lack the necessary power to carry it out, and the country, in the midst of the cane grinding season, does not pay the least attention to their threats.

"HERALDO DE CUBA" - March 9, 1924.

A cable despatch from New York announcing that a representative sent by the Veterans and Patriots of Cuba had purchased arms and ammunitions in large quantities, and that said war material had already been shipped and probably received in Cuba.

An article stating that the scant forces of the Popular Party are already divided, because Carmelo Urquiaga has risen against Juan Gualberto Gomez; and Supervielle against Celso Cuellar.

The old employees of the Department of Sanitation held a meeting yesterday in connection with the visit of the Widow of General Gorgas, and decided to give xxtxxt a Tea in her honor, on Tuesday afternoon, in the building occupied by the Department of Sanitation.

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An article stating that Colonel Despaigne is at the present time in New York, purchasing arms and ammunitions. The American authorities are worried. Information has been received in the Department of the Interior to the effect that the state of alarm in the Province of Oriente has not subsided. In the Province of Santa Clara, alarming symptoms of disgust also exist. The members of the Provincial Council of the Veterans and Patriots hold secret meetings in a rural estate near Cienfuegos.

An article against the Lottery. It is stated that the selling price of lottery tickets has increased in an alarming manner, and the "colecturias" are now quoted at $200.00 per month. The article also states that the 600 "colecturias" handled from the Palace yield a net profit of $160,000.00 per month. - The supporters of reelection are thirsting for gold.

An article xtxxtxgx commenting upon the rumors that President Zayas "is on his high horse" in connection with the imperative orders given to General Garcia Velez to leave for his post in England, if he does not wish to be dismissed. "We do not know whether or not President Zayas "is on his high horse"; but President Zayas must not forget that Garcia Velez came from England called by him, and appointed as a member of the Cuban delegation to the Fifth Pan-American Conferences, where he worthily represented our country..." The article further states that if Garcia Velez is expected to return to England, the necessary funds will have to be given to him, and the funds for travelling expenses have long been exhausted.

A telegram from Santiago de Cuba stating that the arrival of two other small ships of the American Navy, besides the one which was already there, has caused certain anxiety in that port.

EDITORIAL entitled "A BLOODY JEST" - Commenting upon the inefficacy of the manly attitude of protest of the Veterans and Patriots. A year will soon be over since the Veterans and Patriots begun their campaign of rectification which met with general sympathy and support, and even the President said to be in accord with that noble cruzade; but everything has retrogaded: the Santa Clara Convent deal has been revived, the President aspires to be reelected, etc.

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"LA NOCHE" - March 9, 1924

"THE ISLE OF PINES" - An article commenting upon the organizaton of The Committee Pro Isle of Pines". The article states that the idea is very good, but that it is now too late to organize any such Committee, because the question has already been solved. There is a decision of the Supreme Court of the United States regarding the subject, which is favorable to Cuba, and besides, the Committee on Foreign Relations of the Senate of the United States has reported in favor of the ratification of the Treaty.

"EL MUNDO" - March 10, 1924.

Article entitled "THE ETERNAL THREAT" - Unfavorably commenting upon the constant threats of a revolution, which disturb the normalcy of the country.

An article giving an account of "the patriotic meeting held yesterday by the Committee Pro Isle of Pines, protesting against the intended usurpation of a part of the Cuban territory." It was resolved to send a cablegram to the diplomatic representative of Cuba in the United States, begging him to announce the joy which the Cubans would feel if the Hay-Quesada Treaty were ratified without delay.

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

A letter from Representative Ramon Zaydin to Mr. Jose I. Rivero, Editor of "Diario de la Marina" protesting against a recent article published by the "Diario", entitled: "Will the House agree on a legislative program?", - followed by an article commenting upon said letter.

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"HERALDO DE CUBA" - March 10, 1924.

To the proposal made by Colonel Mendieta concerning an investigation of the result of the primary elections claimed to have been won by General Machado, Machado made a counter-proposition stating that a matter of such importance for the country cannot be decided by a small group of private individuals, no matter how prominent they may be, when there is a National Executive of the Liberal Party to which the study and decision of the matter can be entrused; that the National Executive is better fitted to decide who was the victorious candidate, and when the decision of said Committee is known, the defeated party will withdraw his candidature . - To this counter-proposition, Mendieta has replied: "I accept. The Presidency of the Republic is not begged, but granted by the will of the people....In this hour of patriotic and historic responsibilities, I believe that it is convenient to decide in a definite manner the question of the presidential candidature....."

"THE SICK MAN OF VILLA MARIA" -An article stating that in spite of the efforts made to prove the contrary, President Zayas is a very sick man; that his friends and followers have compelled him to abandon is country residence and to appear in public, but all those who have seen him, have readily noticed his sick appearance. As a proof of this assertion, "Heraldo de Cuba" publishes a photograph of Dr. Zayas to show the contrast with his usual gay and lively appearance.

The Government, alarmed by the agitation of the Veterans and Patriots in the Province of Oriente, is watching the movements of General Reyes Arencibia very closely. Special Agents of the Secret Police have been sent to Oriente by the Department of the Interior.

"EL HERALDO" - March 10, 1924.

An interview with Dr. Ramon Zaydin. Referring to the struggle between Mendieta and Machado, he said that the Liberal Party had come out victorious in the Reorganization, and that to start a struggle between two prominent members of the Liberal Party at the present time, is simply a waste of time and energy; that the only point of view , or aim,of the Liberals , should be to watch, combat and destroy the reelection of Dr. Zayas; that it is too early to bring up the question of the Presidential problem which the National Assembly of the Party is called upon to decide in July; that the Liberal Party must give some thought to the electoral guarantees, which are not merely confined to preventing the "armed frauds" or "legalized usurpation". He also stated that a coalition with the Conservative Party, based on a Liberal candidate, with a program of Government which would be a pact of honor, would be very convenient for the interests of the Republic.

An article stating that it has been fully confirmed that the mysterious trip of Colonel Despaigne to the United States was for the purpose of purchasing a large quantity of arms and ammunitions, believed to have been already shipped to Cuba, for the movement of the Veterans and Patriots. .

The supporters of the purchase of the Santa Clara Convent, state that the deal will go through by all means. If the Senate rejects the report of the Mixed Committee, the President of the Republic shall enforce the Decree, purchasing the ruinous property. The Senators are undecided as to what would be more harmful: to sanction the decree rejected by public opinion, or to pass a law prohibiting the Executive to carry out such transactions in the future.

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"LA PRENSA" - March 10, 1924.

"LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM" - Editorial, favorably commenting upon the declarations made by Dr. Santiago Rey to the effect that the Conservative and Popular members of the House of Representatives intended to combine a legislative program which will harmonize the different opinions and permit the normal working of the House.

"COUNTER-PROPOSITION ACCEPTED"- Favorably commenting upon the acceptance by Mendieta of the counter-proposition made by General Machado, as this will settle an annoying and somewhat dangerous controversy.

Dr. Jose A. Lopez del Valle has returned from Panamá

"EL PAIS" - March 10, 1924.

"MY FIRST CONFIDENCE" - by M. Marquez Sterling, unfavorably commenting upon reelection.

"EL MUNDO" - March 11, 1924.

Article commenting upon a petition of data presented by Representative German Lopez, to be sent to the President, asking if the Government is informed that the National City Bank is planning to erect a million-dollar building in Habana, and that to avoid the payment of the one per cent and four per cent taxes, it has contracted for the construction of the same with a New York firm. The article commends Lopez for his efforts to stimulate protection of national interests.

"DIARIO DE LA MARINA" - March 11, 1924.

A group of Senators held a conference yesterday at the Senate. The reporters were informed that at said Conference various legislative problems were discussed, submitting the report entrusted to Dr. Ricardo Dolz relative to modifications of the Electoral Code. It is believed that the conference will be continued this afternoon.

EDITORIAL entitled "FOR THE PUBLIC HEALTH" - Commenting upon the present unsanitary conditions of Habana.

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"HERALDO DE CUBA" - March 11, 1924.

An interview with Mr. William J. Bryan, who showed himself in favor of the possession of the Isle of Pines by the Republic of Cuba. He did not wish to express his ideas concerning the relations between American countries, as he did not want to speak of internal politics out of his country.

The members of the Committee of the Souther Commercial Congress visited yesterday the different offices of the Administration. In the Department of Agriculture they requested information regarding the influx of tourists, climate conditions, maritime traffic, and the sugar mills owned by Cubans and by foreigners. In the Department of the Treasury, they wanted to know the present conditions of the Treasury, the total amount of public debts, etc. Mr. Owens spoke in the name of the visitors, and stated that they were all desirous of being able to show their friendship toward Cuba and toward the Cubans, bringing closer commercial relations, and that many of them come to Cuba to establish industry and commerce.

An article stating that while the Government announces the existance of many millions in the Treasury, it still owes about $500,000.00 for salaries. The Department of Communications owes over$45,000.00 to "excedentes" (or surplus employees). , and there is a Bill in the lower House, approved by the Senate, referring to this important question.

An article announcing the arrival of Mr. William J. Bryan, the widow of General Gorgas, and the President of the International Rotary Association.

Irregularities in the Department of Public Works. Accusations made against Chief Engineer Francisco Cuellar, who employs the laborers of said Department to do work for private individuals, which Cuellar afterwards collects for his own personal benefit.

"EL HERALDO" - March 11, 1924.

An article stating that the "chivo" of the Santa Clara Convent is grafually making headway in the Senate. The article refers to the Conference held yesterday at the Senate, and states that there are now nine Senators in favor of the approval of the report of the Mixed Committee. Dolz, Wifredo Fernandez and Varona Suarez were appointed to try to find a harmonic solution.

An article stating that President Zayas wants to increase the expenses of the Palace during the coming fiscal year to $5000,000.00, which is an extravagant sum considering that during the last year of Administration of President Gomez, the expenses of the Palace only amounted to $149,320, in spite of the fact that many social entertainments were given at the Palace during that period.

EDITORIAL entitled "THE SUPPORT OF MENOCAL" commenting upon the fact that the idea of the Liberals to seek the support of General Menocal in their campaign against reelection, is a plausible one.

The Police forces are closely watching the residence of Dr. Wolter del Rio, believing that it is the hiding place of General Garcia Velez and Oscar Soto. But while the Police forces waste the time that way, the movement of the Veterans and Patriots increases in the Province of ~~xxxxxxx~~ Santa Clara, and the alarm in Oriente is greater every day. The Government maintains absolute secrecy, but does not seem to be worried.

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"El Heraldo" - March 11, 1924 (Continued).

An article stating that the Committee of the Southern Commercial Congress is making ample investigations concerning the Isle of Pines. The members of said Committee will visit the Isle of Pines on Thursday to obtain new data and ~~xxxxxxxxx~~ make detailed studies. It has been learned that the work of said Committee is closely connected with the purposes of the American Senate to ratify the Hay-Quesada Treaty.

"LA PRENSA" - March 11, 1924.

EDITORIAL entitled "THE PROJECT OF AMNESTY" - Unfavorably commenting upon the Project of an Amnesty Law, criticizing the attitude of Congress in connection with the matter.

"EL PAIS" - March 11, 1924.

"THE REGIME OF THE CRISIS" - by M. Marquez Sterling. - The professional politicians continually affirm that the situation of Cuba is very delicate, and those who are well posted on public affairs say that the Republic is at the berge of a great crisis. - The writer states that the founders of the country are disappearing, and the generation responsible for the Platt Amendment is leaving the field to the generation responsible for the Interference, and, notwithstanding, the "bad situations" and the "crises" continue to trouble those who are eager to live in a peaceful democracy. The case is worthy of study. The directing classes furnish erroneous information when they want to convey the idea that the maintenance of the Republic, in perpetual crisis, is a happy miracle wrought by them. It is the same "old policy", and for that reason the people do not see anything new in the different modalities of the various "crises". The normal and peaceful development of the affairs of the country would inflict severe losses to professional politicians, and that is why they ~~xxxxx~~ keep the country in a constant state of crisis.

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SUMMARY OF NEWS ARTICLES AND EDITORIAL COMMENT IN THE HABANA PRESS.

From "EL MUNDO"

Feature editorial---entitled "OUR CAMPAIGNS", replying to various requests from interested parties to pursue campaigns undertaken on different questions. The editorial states that "EL MUNDO" when it undertakes to pursue a subject for the good of the country, stops only when it has achieved the desired end, or when it sees that its efforts are of no avail--that the duty of the newspaper is to reflect many and varied interests of the day, and it cannot forever deal with one topic, exhausting it and the public.

Again the Senate held no session, yesterday. The Committee chosen by the majority of the Senators, consisting of Wifredo Fernandez, Ricardo Dolz and Varona Suarez, exchanged opinions with Senators Vera Verdura, Leopoldo Figueroa and Agustin G. Osuna. According to the news received by EL MUNDO, they discussed the question of the purchase of the Santa Clara Convent. It is hoped that differences of opinion between two groups of Senators may be settled, so that session may be held on Tuesday next, to decide whether to reject the report of the Mixed Commission, or table it indefinitely.

Inspectors of the Department of Communications, sent by the Director of that Department, discovered a defalcation of seven thousand dollars in the branch Post-Office of the Central Terminal. The postmaster, who confessed that he was aware of that shortage, has been arrested.

"DIARIO DE LA MARINA"

Editorial entitled "STUDIES WHICH WILL BE TO OUR ADVANTAGE." commenting upon the visit of the Commission of the Southern Commercial Congress to Cuba, and of the benefits which it may bring in establishing commercial relations of great cordiality between the two, and incidentally, in leading the United States to comprehend the ruinous disadvantages for both countries offered by undercutting and under-selling by countries whose currency has greatly depreciated. The editorial comments also upon the need of tariff reform, and hopes that the United States will understand and help us protect our industries.

"EL TRIUNFO".

Article stating that the Conservatives in Camaguey are resolved to reject the aspirations of President Zayas to be reelected, and will support a purely Conservative candidate, Menocal being the favorite and Alvarez next.

The sparse and scattered forces of the Popular Party continue to quarrel, some supporting Celso Cuellar and some a new candidate, Carmelo Urquiaga.

Editorial entitled "Against Privileges." Unfavorably commenting upon the project of the National City Bank to erect a great building in Habana, awarding the contract to a New York firm, to avoid the payment of the one percent and the four percent tax. The editorial states that since the benefits of the bank's business are derived in Cuba, the state should receive the taxes due it.

Section entitled "Pinceladas". Article stating that Colonel Hevia has declared a great and every growing portion of the land of Cuba is passing into the hands of strangers, or foreigners, and apealing to the Cuban people to protect themselves, their capital and their industries from absorption into the hands of the United States.

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"HERALDO DE CUBA" - March 12, 1924.

A short article commenting upon the Santa Clara Convent deal, stating that said project will probably die out in the Senate. In view of the stubborn attitude of the opponents of that Bill, an/ agreement seems to have been reached to file the Project, and to enter into the study and discussion of other urgent problems pending.

An article giving an account of the address delivered last night by Mr. William J. Bryan at the Cuban Red Cross Building, on "The Relations of Man with the Government, with the Society and with God." He referred to the efforts made by him while acting as Head of the Department of State, to unite Latin America with the U.S., and to united the whole world.

An article commenting upon the renewal of the Cabinet. As soon as Dr. Zayas decides between Dr. Pereda and Dr. Casuso for the Department of Sanitation, the list of the new members of the Cabinet will be given out. General Asbert is persistently mentioned as candidate for the Portfolio of the Interior, and Diego Franchi for the Department of Agriculture. Orencio Nodarse is said to be the strongest candidate for the Department of Public Works.

Accusations against Chief Engineer Francisco Cuellar. The sums deposited by private individuals are seldom liquidated or returned, and these "Private Funds" which at the present time amount to over $80,000.00, will be used by him to discount credits against the State, and make a substantial profit.

EDITORIAL commenting upon the Mendieta-Machado controversy, criticizing the counter-proposition made by General Machado, which, however, was readily accepted by Mendieta. The Editorial states that the National Executive Committee of the Liberal Party consists of over eighty members, many of whom do not represent the will of people as they were not reelected delegates at the primary elections recently held.

"EL HERALDO" - March 12, 1924.

An article commenting upon the Conference held yesterday at the Senate, stating that the supporters of the Santa Clara Convent deal will be defeated in that legislative body, as twelve Senators have signed a motion rejecting the report of the Mixed Committee.

"LA PRENSA" - March 12, 1924.

PALACE NEWS: The President of the Senate, Dr. Aurelio Alvarez, held a conference with the President concerning the Message of the President to Congress requesting the modification of certain articles of the Electoral Code. They also discussed the matter of the liquidation of the last Budget. The President intends to send a Message to Congress asking to be excused for the delay in submitting said liquidation.

EDITORIAL entitled "DESIRABLE COOPERATION" - favorably commenting upon the visit to Cuba of the Committee of the Southern Commercial Congress, as this visit will bring closer the commercial relations between Cuba and the United States.

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"La Prensa" - March 12, 1924. (Continued).

Article entitled "AWAITING" - Expressing the hopes that the Santa Clara Convent deal will not be approved by the Senate.

"EL TRIUNFO" - March 13, 1924.

An article criticizing the actions of Dr. Sandoval as Secretary of Public Works. His stay at the head of said Department is very harmful to the National Treasury, because the roads constructed at the present time are being paid at the same high rate as during the period of the boom.

An article unfavorably commenting upon the rumors that the Liberal Party intended to seek the support of General Menocal at the coming elections. "El Triunfo" states that the Liberal Party should never come to an understanding with General Menocal.

EDITORIAL entitled "THE ELECTORAL LAW" - Commenting upon the necessity of reforming the present Electoral Code, suggesting the convenience of electing the members of the House by Districts, and not by provinces as at present.

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"HERALDO DE CUBA" - March 13, 1924.

An article stating that President Zayas is drafting the Message which he will send to Congress forwarding the liquidation of the Budget for the fiscal year 1922-1923. Zayas will request the payment of the debts pending from the surplus resulting from said liquidation.

Dr. Aurelio Alvarez was interviewed yesterday after his conference with the President. He said that he had conferred with the President about the liquidation of the Budget and the reforms of the Electoral Code. - Referring to the liquidation of the budget, the President of the Senate declared that although it was submitted out of time, he thought it could be accepted because there had been no time to finish it at an earlier date, but that if anybody objected, then the only thing to do was to set it aside, "by which he meant that it was absolutely of no importance." . Referring to the reforms of the Electoral Code, he said that he was not in accord with the idea of accepting public employees in electoral boards, His contention is that employees who earn $100.00 per month and suffer hardships, are apt to be influenced by their superiors to vote in favor of the persons indicated by their superiors, for fear of being dismissed. The other reforms indicated by Dr. Zayas to Congress, some of them may be discussed and even approved, but not those which constitute a stratagem of the Government to obtain reelection. - Referring to the Santa Clara Convent deal, Dr. Alvarez stated that it will not be approved by the Senate, because the Senate has declared it to be harmful to the intersts of the State. - Dr. Alvarez finally stated that the Senate may hold session next Tuesday to take up certain problems pending, but repeating that it was impossible to revive the Santa Clara Convent deal.

An article stating that the trip of Postmaster Cartaya to the interior of the country is closely connected with a plan of censorship which Dr. Iturralde has conceived, in order that the Government may have full control of the mail and telegraph systems at a given moment, which places a powerful weapon in the hands of the Government, to be used not only in case of a revolutionary movement, but also to effect electoral frauds - which seems to be the principal idea of the Secretary of the Interior.

EDITORIAL entitled "OUR FAITH" - Commenting upon the campaign against reelection. The writer states that he fully realizes how difficult the task is, but throwing aside all doubts, the campaign was commenced analyzing the different aspects of reelection. He confesses that at times he is worried by the general idea prevailing, and asks: "What is the use of this propaganda when it seems that in Cuba there is not efficient national will, and will have to happen what the Palace wants in accordance with what Washington desires?" "It is the force of precedents which leads us to this lamentable conclusion, and it is also the impression we have of the shameless apostasy of the Liberals who flirt with the President. In our last two elections, the electoral body has been annulled by the will of Menocal and of the American Foreign Office, and to-day, those unworthy Liberals are helping the hated deserter of yesterday....." - He further states that this time the United States will not use its influence against the Party whiqh has the support of the people, and with the experience of how unworthy and lamentable the usurpers imposed by the U.S. resulted, the Americans will only support justice and democracy.....

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"Heraldo de Cuba" - March 13, 1924 (Continued).

Article by Ramon Vascincelos, entitled "IS THAT THE ONLY WAY" - Commenting upon the movement of Veterans and Patriots, stating that they lost their time discussing with Dr. Zayas, whose arguments are inexhaustible, when they should have acted with haste, energy and decision. He further states that the Association of Veterans and Patriots has not been dissolved; they still conspire; they are working secretly and in silence, but intensely, determined to do away with this situation of ignominy. They are preparing a revolution.... "Is that the way? The question is directed to Dr Zayas. He alone can answer it with his actions in a near future."

"EL HERALDO" - March 13, 1924.

Dr. Gil, Dr. Aguiar, Mr. Ramon Leon and other politicians interviewed yesterday, almost unanimously accept the coalition of the Liberal and Conservative Party as necessary to defeat reelection.

"LA PRENSA" - March 13, 1924.

EDITORIAL entitled "NATIONAL BUDGETS" - Commenting upon the liquidation of the past Budget. The liquidation shows a surplus of 12 million dollars, but as this has to be applied to the payment of debts, the net surplus is reduced to $58,586.01. - After the repeated announcement of the many millions deposited in the Treasury, these results show that if the collections of the Treasury are large, the debts of the State are also large.

The Tramway workers of Santiago de Cuba have notified the Department of the Interior that they have granted a period of 48 hours to reinstate the workers dismissed by the Company, but that if the Company refuses to comply with their request, the strike will be declared at the expiration of that period.

"LA NOCHE" - March 13, 1924.

PALACE NEWS: - Various Congressmen from Habana, Pinar del Rio and Oriente conferred to-day with the President concerning the future political plans of the Palace. - The last of the series of Winter Dinners will be given to-morrow at the Palace. - The President has before him, for signature, an important Decree relating to the Department or the Lottery and the personnel of the same. - Dr. Celso Cuellar was elected President of the Municipal Assembly of the Popular Party in Habana.

The workers of the port of Habana threaten to go on strike if the provisions of Decree No. 665 are not complied with.

Secretary Portela informed the reporters that during the first eleven days of March, the Treasury has collected over $2.300,000.00, and the money deposited in the Treasury at the present time amounts to $28.341,345.57.

The dismissal of some employees of the United Railways of Habana begins to stir up the railroad men, and a new railroad conflict is in view.

"EL MUNDO" - March 14, 1924.

"A PLAUSIBLE INITIATIVE" - Very favorably commenting upon a Project of Law presented by RepresentativeMiguel A. de Aguiar. - In view of the fact that the petitions for data sent to the Executive by Congress, concerning matters of general interest are seldom answered, or answered when the matter has ceased to

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"El Mundo" - March 14, 1924 (Continued).

be of interest, Dr. Aguiar proposes the creation of Investigating Committees, with full powers to make investigations on any subject in which the general interests are considered to be harmed or not properly attended to.

Cable despatch from Washington stating that a banquet will be given to-day at the Cuban Embassy in Washington, in honor of Secretary Hughes.

"EL TRIUNFO" - March 14, 1924.

An article stating that despite the many millions deposited in the Treasury, the State does not pay debts which are sacred. This conduct on the part of the rulers diminishes their popularity and increases the hatred of their enemies. Salaries, supplies furnished, and rents, are not paid properly.

"HOW MUCH SHOULD BE PAID FOR EACH KILOMETER OF ROAD CONSTRUCTED?" An article telling the taxpayers that an investigation should be made of each work accomplished, to prevent scandalous frauds and the lavish waste of public funds. The President of the Republic requested that specific charges should be made in each case in order that he might act energetically against the defrauders, and that these charges can easily be made if an investigation is made of the works accomplished.

An article stating that the Department of Public Instruction has sent a warning to the Board of Education of Habana concerning the lack of attendance to schools, and that if the school rooms continue to be deserted, more than 100 school rooms will have to be closed in Habana, in accordance with Article 376 of the Regulations now in force, which fixes a minimum of 25 per cent as the daily attendance to schools in the cities.

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"HERALDO DE CUBA" - March 15, 1924.

Article by Gonzalez Beauville commenting upon some recent rumors to the effect that the Liberal will have to form a coalition with the Conservatives if they wish to win at the coming elections. That it would be a great mistake to form such a coalition; that the Liberals must go to the polls alone to win or be defeated, if the latter be possible in a country where 80 per cent of the population is in favor of the Liberal Party. - If the Liberal Party agreed to accept such a coalition, it would work against its own principles.

Cable despatch from New York (Sent by the Special Correspondent of "Heraldo de Cuba") - Rumors have circulated in financial circles to the effect that bonds of the future Cuban Revolution are being discounted. An investigation made by the Correspondent shows that they are faked/ bonds, on which the signatures of Garcia Velez, Despaigne and Soto have been forged. There are bonds of various denominations: of 5, 10, 25 and 50 thousand dollars. It was also learned in financial circles that one of the selling agents of these bonds has left for the South to make a "camouflage" shipment of arms and ammunitions.....

An article commenting upon the meeting of Liberal Governors and Mayors which will take place shortly in the City of Santa Clara. Governors Alberto Barreras and Mendez Peñate have stated that the presidential problem will not be brought up by any means at said meeting, the only purpose of which will be discuss matters affecting the Liberal Party.

A general strike threatens the country. The demands of either the railroad men or the port laborers might be the pretext to start the strike. The past and present labor movements are only the preliminaries of a more serious future movement. The passivity of the Government in the examination of the demands, is greatly in contrast with the awakening of the laboring classes.....

EDITORIAL, favorably commenting upon the fact that the opinion of the Senate is contrary to the approval of the Santa Clara Convent deal.

An article commenting upon the irregularities committed in the Municipal Electoral Board of Habana. At a meeting held yesterday, it was proved that a certain number of electors had registered twice.

"EL HERALDO" - March 15, 1924.

Fears of a new railroad strike. The railroadmen complain against the actions of the Management of the United Railroads of Habana. The Railroad Brotherhood has issued a Manifesto explaining what is now taking place.

An article commenting upon the corruption prevailing in the Ayuntamiento of Habana. Jose Lopez Jr. has offered to distribute $25,000.00, besides the $11,500.00 already given, to obtain an outrageous concession of the Slaughter House for a period of 25 years.

"A SCANDALOUS DECISION OF THE DEBT COMMISSION" - An article very unfavorably commenting upon a recent decision of the Debt Commission, authorizing the payment of $248,000.00 to Count Buffardi, for 17 picture frames, a wardrobe, two sculptures and some pieces of

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"El Heraldo" - March 15, 1924 (Continued).

tapestry. Said works of art were brought by Count Buffardi and entered Cuba without paying the corresponding Custom House duties, which would have amounted to about $80,000.00. Nobody knows who authorized the purchase.

Interview with Representative Miguel A. Aguiar. He states that he is fully aware of the plans of reelection, which will be strongly opposed by the Conservatives. He is of the opinion that the coalition between the Liberals and Conservatives should not be brought up before knowing the attitue of the Assemblies of both parties.

"LA PRENSA" - March 15, 1924.

Cable despatch from New York, stating that the Cuban sugar interests have requested President Coolidge to revise the resolution of the Tariff Commission, which refused to include the Philippine Islands in the investigations relating to the present Tariff under the flexible clauses of the Tariff Law. Mr. Edwin P. Shattuck, of New York, Attorney for the United States Sugar Association, which Association has requested the reduction of duties on sugar, called on President Coolidge to-day to find out the opinion of the President concerning this petition, but the President answered that he had not yet received any answer from the Commission.....

EDITORIAL entitled "LET US BE ALERT" - Unfavorably commenting upon the activities of the supporters of the Santa Clara Convent deal.

ANOTHER GRAVE CONFLICT -Impending strike in the port of Habana, which will be extended to all the ports of the Island. Many telegrams of adhesion have been received. A period will be granted to the President to solve the conflict created by the Decree No. 665.

"LA NOCHE" - March 15, 1924.

Article commenting upon the threats of an uprising of the Veterans and Patriots. The country is tired of these constant threats. The article states that if the Veterans and Patriots really intend to revolt it would be better to do so at once, and not keep the country in a constant state of anxiety.

"EL PAIS" - March 15, 1924.

"THE DOCTRINE OF THE RECOGNIZED GOVERNMENTS" - By M. Marquez Sterling, commenting upon the revolution in Honduras and the attitude assumed by the American Minister.

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"EL MUNDO" - March 15, 1924.

An article commenting upon "THE INVESTIGATIONS IN THE POST OFFICE". Some time ago "El Mundo" published an article referring to irregularities committed in the Department of Communications which had prompted the Secretary of the Interior to appoint an Investigating Committee, which Committee, by the way, has not yet finished its work. The Director General of Communications then wrote to "El Mundo" stating that no irregularities had been committed in his Department. - Recent resolutions adopted by the Secretary of the Interior seem to indicate, however, that things are not going on in such a scrupulous and correct manner as Cartaya indicated in his letter to "El Mundo". On the contrary, the disorder in that Department seems to be increasing, as shown by the recent defalcation in one of the branches of the Post Office in Habana.

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

Reports received by the Department of the Interior concerning the Tramway strike in Camaguey, indicate that the strike is about to be settled, due to the efforts made by General Betancourt, and also because the Manager of the Tramway Company has agreed to increase the wages in a 15 per cent, instead of 20 per cent as demanded by the workingmen.

The Railroad Brotherhood announces a new labor conflict, in a Manifesto issued by the Executive Committee of said organization.

A telegram from Santiago de Cuba announcing that the tramway strike has not yet been settled.

A general strike has been declared in Cienfuegos, despite the efforts made by the authorities. The strike is attributed to the uncompromising attitude of both Capital and Labor. The movement will be seconded by steevedors, crews of lighters, truck drivers and other port laborers.

At a meeting of the Rotary Club held yesterday, Dr. Pablo Desvernine, who was a guest of honor, combatted the Project for the creation of a Bank of Issue, which project was favorably reported upon by Dr. Cosme de la Torriente and Dr. Santiago Gutierrez de Celis.

EDITORIAL entitled "A WEEK LOST" -Commenting upon the inactivity of the House of Representatives. The House has held no session, and the Parliamentary Committees have not met to agree on a legislative program, in spite of the declarations made by Dr. Santiago Rey in in the name of the Conservatives and Populars, and by Dr. Zaydin in the name of the Liberal majority. - In spite of the arguments used to explain the inactivity of the House, public opinion feels hurt, judging by the complaints received from various parts of the country.

Another editorial commenting upon the inactivity of theCommittee on Statistics and Social Reforms. - Said Committee was created by a Law, but as it had given no signs of life for some time, it was believed that it had been dissolved. Prominent persons appear as members of said Committee, but it continues to be a "parasitical" organization. - Said Committee must either be renewed, placing in the same men of competence and good will, or dissolved.

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"Diario de la Marina" - March 15, 1924 (Continued).

PALACE NEWS: - Messrs. Verdugo and Saladrigas officials of the Department of the Interior appointed to make investigations in the Department of Communications, and reorganiza the same, have finished their work. The system of accounting has been changed, an inventory of material and supplies has been made, and the debts of the present fiscal year paid. The debt of past fiscal years, will be partially paid by means of a prorata from the appropriation corresponding to the month of April. Certain changes in the personnel were made. -- The Secretary of the Interior informed the reporters yesterday that the leader of the Veterans and Patriots, General Garcia Velez, was hiding in the residence of Representative Wolter del Rio, and that he had ordered that the house be closely watched to know the persons who called on Garcia Velez. -- The meeting of the Cabinet scheduled for yesterday afternoon, was postponed.

"EL TRIUNFO" - March 15, 1924.

"THE ABSORPTION CONTINUES" -An article stating that at an auction held with all the requisites of the Law, the buildings occupied by branches of the Banco Nacional in Pinar del Rio, Matanzas, Sagua, Santa Clara, Santiago de Cuba, Manzanillo and Cardenas, were awarded to the National City Bank of New York for the sum of $336,000.00; that the National City Bank was the only bidder; that the Bank which at a time was the first banking institution of Cuba is now disappearing.

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DIARIO DE LA MARINA.

Dr. Miguel Angel de Aguiar, Representative, and supporter of the Conservative Party, states that the reelection of Dr. Zayas, is likely not to take form, and is therefore not to be feared. Dr. Zayas, he says, does not have the real support of either the Liberal or the Conservative Party.

Interview of the editor of the DIARIO DE LA MARINA, with President Coolidge, who expresses the cordial interest of the United States in the welfare of Cuba. The idea of despoiling Cuba of her sovereignty is furthest from the minds of the American people.

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A coalition between the Liberals and Conservatives, to defeat the forces of Reelection, is being planned. The Conservatives will require the freedom to appoint five Senators and the Vice-President, before consenting to form the "entente"--or, if the Liberals consent to elect for Vice-President a man like Miguel Arango or Bustamante, they will relinquish their aspirations in that direction--provided they are allowed to choose six Senators.

HERALDO DE CUBA.

Senor Calixto Manduley, President of the Provincial Council of Oriente, in an interview with the reporters, stated that in Oriente many sympathized with the movements of the Veterans and Patriots. In Holguin and in Jiguani, at a moment's notice, 10,000 would rise to aid them. This does not mean ~~xx~~ ~~xxx~~ that revolution is imminent. It merely means that they are ready to adopt the program of the Veterans to regenerate the country, and defeat reelection. At the recent reorganization of the Parties, Mendieta has triumphed in Oriente. The Populars and Conservatives are haggling over the senatorial candidatures.

Dr. Zayas, knowing that if the inspectors sent by Iturralde to investigate the irregularities in the Department of Communications were allowed to proceed, the Apothecary Cartaya and Llerena would have to go to jail, ordered them to stop their work, when they had accumulated a vast amount of evidence!

Dr. Silvio Fernandez, the legal adviser for the Department of Communications, at the same time illegally holds the office of Notary in Batabano, a post which requires his residence in that place. The College of Notaries of Habana has several times written to Director Cartaya to protest against this illegality. A "Contentious-Administrative" case is now established in the courts of the city by a radiotelegraph operator, against the Sub-Director of the Department of Communications, holding that he is inefficient in the telegraphic branch of the work. Moreover a motion to protest against his remaining in that office has been made by the Association of Telegraph Operators of Cuba!

Shameful ~~de~~fraudations of the Department of Public Works in Oriente Province. The repairs on the road to Baracoa have been so negligently done that it is impossible to travel on that highway. The bridge over the River Miel, in spite of the sums allotted to repair it, has been fixed over with the same old materials, and is unsafe for transit. Meanwhile the funds have presumably gone to support "botellleros", and gain support for the reelection campaign.

LA PRENSA--Afternoon.

At a meeting held Saturday night by the Federation of Laborers of the Port, it was resolved to declare the strike, but without fixing the date, trusting that the President will avert the conflict, by compelling the shipowners to comply with Decree 665.

LA NOCHE--Afternoon.

It is stated that American sailors in Santiago de Cuba have committed many abuses, provoking quarrels, in some of which revolvers were used.

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"EL MUNDO" - March 17, 1924.

Feature editorial entitled "AND IS THAT ALL?" - Unfavorably commenting upon the manner in which the investigations of irregularities in the Department of Communications were brought to an end. When Iturralde ordered the investigations, everybody believed that he acted in good faith; but the removal of a few employees for alleged irregularities in the service, have only been of a political character, possibly with only one exception.- The article finally expresses the hope that the investigations will be followed by some decision of the Government.

The National Federation of Economic Corporations of the Island has sent out a circular letter announcing that Congress will receive in a favorable manner the project of law referring to the suppression of the tax of four per cent.

The tramway strike of Santiago de Cuba commenced last night in a peaceful manner.

"DIARIO DE LA MARINA" - March 17, 1924

Disorderly meeting of the Conservative Assembly. The meeting was held yesterday to elect the members of the National Executive and of the Provincial Assembly. During the course of the meeting, certain delegates protested, and there was a great scandal, several shots having been fired. - Miguel Albarran was elected President of the National Executive of the Conservative Party.

A telegram from Santiago de Cuba stating that the tramway strike commenced last night. Two dynamite bombs exploded last night. There is a great anxiety in the city, as new disturbances are feared.

EDITORIAL commenting upon the dangers of a new railroad strike.

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1. There are enclosed brief summaries of news articles and editorial comment of the Havana press for the days March 17, 18, 19, 20 and 21, 1924.

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SUMMARY OF NEWS ARTICLES AND EDITORIAL COMMENT IN THE HABANA PRESS.

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"HERALDO DE CUBA" - March 17, 1924.

The Association of Veterans and Patriots states that it has never tried to place bonds of the Cuban Revolution abroad. - Text of Special Bulletin No. 18 making this denial. The funds collected for the patriotic purposes of this Association are in accordance with the By-Laws, and under the exclusive direction of Colonel Manuel Despaigne. Said apocryphal bonds which were not issued by the Association, must be rejected.

An article unfavorably commenting upon the elections held yesterday by the Assembly of the Conservative Party. The meeting ended in a riot. Eighty delegates were elected, 10 appear to be under age, and the rest have penal antecedents. These irregularities will give rise to many protests.

A motion has been presented in the American Senate prohibiting reelection. The reelectoral aspirations of Dr. Zayas bitterly criticized in Washington. It is affirmed that the motion of Senators Harris and Willis will be approved, to strengthen the American pressure in Cuba and in other Latin-American countries against presidential reelection.

"EL HERALDO" - March 17, 1924.

Irregularities in the Department of the Lottery. The tax of 10 per cent on the tickets of the drawing No. 519 should have amounted to $66,000.00, but the Director General Zayas Arrieta only sent $54,000.00 to the Treasury. One thousand tickets of each drawing disappear in a musterious manner, and it is rumored that they remain in the hands of Zayas Arrieta "and Company". The $99,000.00 intended for attentions of the Department, juggled. The monopolizers of tickets continue to increase the selling price.

Telegram from Santiago de Cuba, stating that violent clashes have occurred between American sailors and the Police in the streets of Santiago. An officer of the Cuban Army was compelled to pull out his revolver to defend himself from the assault of the drunken sailors. It is said that there are fourteen American sailors wounded. New clashes expected. The Army patrols the city.

An article stating that President Zayas will shortly address a Manifesto to the Country, expressing the intentions of the Executive to remain neutral at the coming elections. This manifesto will cause laughter, knowing the intentions of Dr. Zayas to be reelected. The article further states thatthe President will propose in his Manifesto the creation of a Board of Arbitration as in 1916 - and everybody knows the result of said elections.....

An article criticizing the Department of the Interior for the free granting of licenses to carry weapons to the partisans of reelection, in open violation of the Stamp Tax Act.

"LA PRENSA" - March 17, 1924.

According to statements made by Dr. Cespedes, the Department of State has not yet received official reports regarding the incidents with American sailors in Santiago de Cuba, but that as soon as these reports are received, a complaint will be filed with the American Embassy. - It is believed that the American Consul in Santiago will give an explanation to the local Cuban authorities.

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"[redacted] NOCHE" - March 17, 1924.

EDITORIAL, criticizing the inactivity of Congress. - Unquestionably the legislative bodies are wasting a precious time, at a moment when the country expects the highest degree of patriotism and good will on the part of the members of Congress.

"EL MUNDO" - March 18, 1924.

Feature editorial entitled "THE INCIDENT OF SANTIAGO DE CUBA" - The writer does not give so much importance to the incident; that it is simply a matter of a few sailors who upon landing in Cuba, try to make up for the rigors of the "Dry Law" of their country, and start quarrels, compelling the Police to intervene. However, these incidents should not, and must not be repeated. The authorities of the friendly nation are in duty bound to prevent them; and the Cuban authorities must demand that these cases are not repeated.....

"A MANIFESTO FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC" - Under the above heading, the following article appears: "We learned yesterday at the Palace, that the President of the Republic, Dr. Alfredo Zayas is preparing a Manifesto the Country. It is said that in this Manifesto the President will give an account of all his actions from the time he took charge of office, to the present day. The Manifesto will probably be published by the end of this week."

"DIARIO DE LA MARINA" - March 18, 1924.

Representative Ricardo de la Torriente will protest before the House against the decision of the Debt Commission ordering the payment of $150,000.00 to Mr. Buffardi.

Letter from Alfredo Zayas Arrieta, Director General of the Lottery denying the statements made in article published yesterday in "El Heraldo". - The letter is followed by a Certificate issued by the Accountant of the Department, showing the amounts turned in by reason of the tax of 10 per cent on Lottery tickets ~~xxxxxxxxxxxx~~ during the month of February.

"EL TRIUNFO" - March 18, 1924.

EDITORIAL entitled "WHERE THE DANGER LIES" - The possibility is frequently announced that the U.S., taking advantage of its force, will definitely intervene in Cuba, establishing a more or less "provisional" Government. It is a threat constantly hanging over Cuba. It is true that the danger exists to a certain extent, because the neighboring country has the necessary means to impose its will on a defenceless country. Although the Americans have a certain sense of justice, as a consequence of the Puritanism inherited from the Quakers, that country, like any other country is somewhat egotistic, and at a moment of necessity its action would not be stopped by a more or less equitable moral doctrine. But the absolute reality of the present is in accord with the statements made by Mr. Angulo, who affirms that the U.S. would only intervene to protect the interests of its citizen, if they were ever in danger. Cuba is considered by the Americans only as a large factory, where they come with money, and some times without it, to start in business and to increase their wealth. - The real danger lies in the fact that the principal industries, the sugar mills, etc., are in their hands, and also in the fact that the Cubans have become the moral slaves of the Americans, to whom they apply for help whenever they ~~xxx~~ need it.

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"HERALDO DE CUBA" - March 18, 1924.

A telegram from Washington referring to the improper conduct of American sailors in Santiago de Cuba, adding that the Department of the Navy had given assurances to the Special Correspondent of "Heraldo de Cuba" that the sailors guolty of improper conduct and of disturbing the public peace would be promptly submitted to a trial, and that, if necessary, orders would be issued immediately prohibiting the landing of sailors in the vicinity of Santiago .

An article stating that the Cuban Department of State will demand an explanation from the Ambassador of the U.S. concerning the conduct of the American sailors in Santiago de Cuba.

Cable despatch from New York (sent by the Special Correspondents of "Heraldo de Cuba") stating that the Veterans and Patriots have spent over one million dollars in the purchase of arms and ammunitions. Well informed persons affirm that the Veterans and Patriots secretly prepare a formidable movement against the Government of Dr. Zayas. They have not neglected the minutest detail, including the uniforms and equipment .

The visit of General Asbert to President Zayas, yesterday, has revived the rumors of a Cabinet Crisis. - Benito Lagueruela also visited the President. Both conferences are believed to be connected with the appointment of General Asbert as Secretary of the Interior.

Article stating that If Secretary Iturralde fails to punish the irregularities committed in the Department of Communications, his action will confirm the rumors of an understanding to control the "subastas". - Postmaster Cartaya directly responsible for the defalcation of the branch of the Terminal Station being kept secret so long.

"EL HERALDO" - March 18, 1924.

In the reorganization of the Conservative Party, the anti-reelectionists defeated the supporters of reelection in five provinces. In the Municipal Assembly of Habana, which was considered as the stronghold of Reelection, a sudden change of Albarran gave victory to the supporters of Menocal. All the money distributed by the Departments of Communications and Public Works, was of no avail. The friends of the Palace, however, continue to deceive Zayas, telling him that "everything goes well."

An article unfavorably commenting upon the awarding of the contract for the printing of stamps for the tax of one per cent, stating that it was a fraudulent "subasta". The article points out this very significant detail: there have been previously printed stamps for that tax to the amount of 53 million dollars, and only about 12 million dollars have been used.

"THE AMNESTY" -Quoting an article recently published in the "Havana Post" unfavorably commenting upon the projected Amnesty Law.

EDITORIAL entitled "A PROFITABLE LESSON" - Unfavorably commenting upon the recent occurrences at Santiago de Cuba. After referring to the case, the editorial states: "After all, the improper conduct of the American sailors can serve as a profitable lesson to those who feel suddenly overtaken by interventionist velleities, to those who

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"[redacted] Heraldo" - March 18, 1924 (Continued).

imagine that the salvation of our interior misfortunes lies in the United States, to those who would like to see the laws imposed on the Cubans by a handful of American soldiers. The Republic of the North, like all other countries of the world, is a mixture of good and bad things....."

"LA PRENSA" - March 18, 1924.

EDITORIAL entitled "THE UNNECESSARY MUST BE SUPPRESSED" - Commenting upon the sound conditions of the National Treasury, and recommending the suppression of the tax of four per cent on profits.

"LA NOCHE" - March 18, 1924.

Text of a Presidential Decree absolving the members of the Association of Veterans and Patriots who were prosecuted, from all penal action. (Translated in full).

The tramway strike in Santiago de Cuba has assumed a very serious character. A street car was dynamited last night, several persons being injured.

"EL MUNDO" - March 19, 1924.

Full text of the Report submitted by Senator Ricardo Dolz, on the Project of Reforms of the Electoral Code presented by the President of the Senate, Dr. Aurelio Alvarez.

A telegram from Santiago de Cuba stating that another bomb exploded last night, but it caused no damages. The strike continues. The Tramway Company has increased the salaries of the employees who did not join the strikers.

"DIARIO DE LA MARINA" - March 19, 1924

A luncheon was offered yesterday to the members of the Southern Commercial Congress at the Crusellas Soap Factory. At said luncheon Mr. Clarence Owens stated that "the Isle of Pines is a possession fundamentally Cuban". - Dr. Cespedes stated that the Cuban is greatly interested in the revision of the Custom House Tariffs, requested by Cuban Manufacturers.

EDITORIAL entitled "A LAUDABLE RESOLUTION". - Very favorably commenting upon the Presidential Decree absolving the Veterans and Patriots from all penal action.

PALACE NEWS: - The Secretary of the Interior has sent a circular to the Municipal Mayors asking them to send a detailed report of all labor conflicts. - Representative Elpidio Perez has sent a telegram fromSantiago de Cuba, informing the Secretary of the Interior that the rumors spread of a conspiracy in Holguin and Jiguani, are unfounded.

"EL TRIUNFO" - March 19, 1924.

EDITORIAL entitled "STRIKES EVERYWHERE" -Public opinion is often alarmed by the news of railroad and other strikes, because the consequences of said strikes are felt even by those who are not directly affected by them. But the Cubans constantly have another strike, more formidable and important than all labor conflicts, and that is the Strike of Congress - This inactivity of Congress is bitterly criticized in this Editorial.

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"HERALDO DE CUBA" - March 20, 1924.

An article stating that it is very risky to speak of the changes which Dr. Zayas intends to make in his Cabinet. The most intimate friends of the President have been awaiting these changes for weeks. However it has been learned that Dr. Sandoval will probably withdraw from the Department of Public Works before the end of this month. General Asbert is likely to fill this vacancy, instead of being appointed for the Portfolio of the Interior.

"EL HERALDO" - March 20, 1924.

The attitude of the Veterans and Patriots again maintains the Palace in a state of alarm. The Government is well aware of all their movements, and although the Government officials do not seem to be worried, they are constantly making plans to satisfy the Veterans and Patriots, or to quell any disturbance which might break out. Barranco, Zayas' Secret Agent in New York, informs that the movements of Colonel Despaigne are very suspicious. Other Decrees will probably be issued in connection with other proceedings instituted against the Veterans and Patriots. - According to information obtained by the Government, the V. & P. have collected $400,000.00 for the movement of regeneration.

An article stating that the Debt Commission will probably finish its work during the month of June. According to present calculations, the fifty-million dollar loan will be insufficient to pay de claims approved, and probably fourteen millions more will be needed. It has been learned from reliable sources that negotiations have been started to obtain an extension of the last loan to the amount required to settle all claims pending. It is also said that the House of Morgan is willing to make this new loan if the Cuban Government offers the necessary guarantees.

EDITORIAL entitled "PARDONING HIMSELF" - Unfavorably commenting upon the Presidential Decree relating to the proceedings instituted against the Veterans and Patriots.

There are seven strikes in Cuba at the present time. -- The strike of the Cuban Northern Railways was caused by the dismissal of several employees. The principal cause of these dismissals was that a conductor left a train abandoned on the road. According to reports received in the Department of Agriculture, the Cuba Northern Ry. Co. has made no efforts to resume traffic, and the desires the appointment of a Tribunal of ten to judge and decide on the case of the Conductor. The other strikes are: The Tramway Strike of Santiago de Cuba. The laborers want the reinstatement of employees who were dismissed. -- The Tramway Strike of Camaguey, demanding increase of wages. -- Strike in the tobacco industry in Gibara, because wages were not increased. -- Strike of Masons in Sagua because their demands were not granted. -- Strike of Carpenters of the R.R. shops in Sagua for disagreement in the work, which has been seconded by other workers of the shops, and the strike of the Compañia Manufacturera Nacional of Habana.

An article unfavorably commenting upon the optimistic statements made by the Secretary of Agriculture in connection with the present strikes.

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"EL MUNDO" - March 21, 1924.

Feature editorial commenting upon the deficiencies of the water service in Habana.

A telegram from Key West announcing the seizure of a Cuban schooner (the "Isabel") carrying a contraband of immigrants and liquors. Said schooner was seized off the the coast of Florida by an American revenue cutter, and taken to Tampa.

A telegram from Camaguey stating that the workers of the Cuba Company have notified the Company that the strike will commence at 12 Midnight on Saturday, and it is believed that their intention is to support the Tramway strike of Santiago.

A cable despatch from New York announcing the arrival of General Garcia Velez to that port, on board the S. S."ESSEQUIBO". He said, among other things: "We do not want a revolution. We desire to suppress the irregularities of the Government by peaceful and intelligent methods.....If it became necessary, more than one hundred thousand armed men will rise to overthrow the Government."

"EL TRIUNFO" - March 21, 1924.

An article commenting upon the strikes now existing in Cuba. - It states that nothing has been done in the way of making foresighted and conciliatory laws to regulate the relations between capital and Labor. - The article finally comments in a favorable manner upon the idea suggested by Armando Andre, Captain of the Port, for the organization of a "Court of Industrial Relations" similar to that existing in Kansas.

EDITORIAL entitled "TO GOVERN IS TO COMPROMISE" - Defending the President from the attacks made to him in connection with his recent Decree referring to theproceedings instituted against members of the Association of Veterans and Patricts.

Another editorial unfavorably commenting upon the "PERPETUAL IDLENESS OF CONGRESS."

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"HERALDO DE CUBA" - March 19, 1924.

The Assembly of Liberal Governors and Mayors has been scheduled to take place in the city of Santa Clara the first Sunday of April. The main purpose of this Assembly is to make a declaration of principles against reelection, and at the same time to proclaim the the necessity of maintaining the strictest unity of the Liberal forces.

The strike at Cienfuegos has been settled. The strike of the "Compañia Manufacturera de la Habana" has also been settled. - The Camaguey and Sagua strikes continue. - The Santiago Strike is becoming more serious every day. - The Railroad Brotherhood is getting ready to create a conflict in the zone of the United Rys. of Habana. - The non-compliance with the Decree No. 665 is likely to cause a general strike in all the ports of Cuba. - Telegrams just received announce the beginning of a strike along the lines of the Cuban Northern Railways (Tarafa Line). The strikers of this Line demand the reinstatement of a Conductor dismissed by a local Engineer; the reinstatement of a laborer dismissed by a foreman; and the reinstatement of several foremen.

EDITORIAL entitled "A NATIONAL NECESSITY" - commenting upon the movement of Veterans and Patriots. The writer does not believe that Cuba is threatened by any revolutionary movement, because the elections are approaching at which the people will render their verdict if they are held with the guarantees of the Law. But the anxiety, the worry, the protest, the non-conformity, cannot be denied, because the Cuban society cannot stand the outrages and the damages inflicted to it by the governing classes. That is why the movement of Veterans and Patriots, although quiet, is by no means dead, inasmuch as what the V. & P. ask is the empire of the Law, the regeneration of the country, morality, administrative purity and the punishment of guilty officials of the Administration. It is undoubtedly a real national necessity to carry out the rectifications demanded by the Veterans and Patriots, which "Heraldo de Cuba" preached even before the V. & P. commenced their campaign.

"EL HERALDO" - March 19, 1924.

It is persistently rumored at the Palace that Secretary Sandoval will be asked to resign shortly. The partial crisis is said to be confined to the Department of Public Works.

An article unfavorably commenting upon the Decree issued by the President of the Republic concerning the movement of Veterans and Patriots. The President has issued the Decree too late to check the efforts of regeneration. The Veterans and Patriots collected over $200,000.00 in the Province of Santa Clara for the expenses of the revolution planned by them.

Text of the Resolution No. 4 of the Supreme Council of the Association of Veterans and Patriots, in reply to the Presidential Decree (Already translated in full).

An article stating that the irregularities discovered in the Department of Communications amount to nearly one million dollars. The report submitted to the Secretary of the Interior contains serious charges against the high officials of said Department of Communications, and they should be prosecuted or compelled to resign.

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"EL PAIS" - March 19, 1924.

"THE PATERNOSTER OF REELECTION" - by M. Marquez Sterling. - A change of Cabinet is rumored in Governmental circles, which will be the first step of Dr. Zayas toward his reelectoral purposes. - In spite of the message sent by the President shortly after taking possession of office requesting a Constitutional Amendment prohibiting reelections, all the subsequent actions of his Government show his reelectoral tendency. - After criticizing the intentions of Dr. Zayas, the writer states that the President, who is a Christian and a constant reader of Mark Twain, has changed "his" Lord's prayer to read as follows: "Deliver us from all evil but lead us into temptation."

"LA NOCHE" - March 19, 1924.

EDITORIAL entitled "THE DECREE OF CORDIALITY" - Favorably commenting upon the Presidential Decree absolving the Veterans and Patriots from all penal action.

"EL MUNDO" - March 20, 1924.

"AND WHAT ABOUT THE LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM?" - Some time ago, the Parliamentary Committee of the Conservative Party proposed to the Liberal Committee the convenience of adopting a legislative program which would include such laws which were considered urgent and necessary. The Liberals accepted the idea, but time goes by and both branches of Congress remain idle. - The article further refers to the problems which demand an urgent solution from Congress.

The Senate held no session yesterday. Ten Senators held a conference and decided to hold no sessions until the first Monday of April, when the Santa Clara Convent deal will be discussed.

Letter from Secretary Iturralde to the Editor of "El Mundo" referring to certain articles relating to the investigations made in the Department of Communications. Iturralde states that the investigations made by experts sent by his Department have not revealed the existence of any guilty action which might be considered as fraudulent, but merely certain defective practices of an administrative character, established there for a very long time past.

Threats of a strike in the lines of The Cuba Company. If the tramway strike of Santiago de Cuba is not settled within a period of 72 hours, the railroad men of said line will go on strike.

"EL TRIUNFO" - March 20, 1924.

An article stating that General Carlos Garcia Velez has sailed for the United States, and that when he arrives in New York, he will decide as to the proper moment to sail for London to take charge of his office as Minister Plenipotentiary.

EDITORIAL, commenting upon the fact that General Menocal was defeated in the reorganization of the Conservative Party.

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"HERALDO DE CUBA" - March 21, 1924.

The Department of the Interior believes that Garcia Velez is still in Cuba, despite the despatches received from New York containing declarations made by him. Iturralde refuses to make any statements to the reporters. Unusual activities were noticed yesterday in his Department, which indicates that something serious is likely to happen.

Cable despatch from New York announcing the arrival of General Garcia Velez on board the "Essequibo". He expressed himself in very bitter terms against the Cuban Government, He also said that there were 100,000 men ready to rise in arms in Cuba, but that he had not gone to the United States to conspire, nor to request the intervention of the American Government.

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Two thousand laborers of the Cuba Northern Rys. are now on strike, stopping all traffic in one of the richest sugar zones. The train crews of the sugar mills refuse to run trains over the lines of said railroad. Only mail and military trains are running. The Manager of the Cuba Northern Rys. issues a Manifesto explaining the origin of the movement, the demands of the strikers, which he considers unwarranted, and the purpose of the Company not to yield in the least.

The statements made by Dr. Lopez del Valle yesterday referring to the perfect sanitary conditions of the Isthmus, greatly contrasted with the conditions prevailing in Habana at that very moment, when clouds of dust enveloped the city. The streets of Habana are neither cleaned nor sprinkled, but the money appropriated for these services are spent by Chief Engineer O'Kellar.

"EL HERALDO" - March 21, 1924.

Irregularities in the Department of the Treasury. The investigations commenced by Dr. Ecay Rojas by order of the Acting Secretary of the Treasury, Dr. Cespedes, in connection with irregularities denounced in the Division of Customs, were suddenly stopped as soon as Portela took charge of that Department. Dr. Portela is probably mixed in some affairs, and that is why he does not want any investigations made.

EDITORIAL entitled "PEACEFUL PENETRATION" - Commenting upon the attitude of the American Government toward Mexico. - It quotes an Editorial from a Mexican paper stating that the situation of Mexico will soon be similar to that of Cuba and Costa Rica.

EDITORIAL entitled "SANTA CLARA IN THE SENATE" - Unfavorably commenting upon the attitude of the defenders of the Santa Clara Bill in the Senate. As a consequence of their attitude, the Senate is unable to hold sessions, and has ceased to be a useful organization.

"LA PRENSA" - March 21, 1924.

EDITORIAL, unfavorably commenting upon the resolution adopted by a number of Senators, at a recent conference, to consider the present legislative period as closed.

"LA NOCHE" - March 21, 1924.

An article entitled "DOWN WITH THE CORRUPT AND VENAL AUTHORITIES" - Unfavorably commenting upon the passivity of the authorities in connection with a recent voodoo crime. The article states, in part:

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"La Noche" - March 21, 1924.(Continued).

"If there is no other remedy, if our rulers remain deaf and indifferent; if every time an electoral period is approaching, and pardons are granted in large numbers, and an amnesty covers us with shame and ignominy, dumping the criminals in jail into our streets and roads, these tragedies are to be seen, these hateful crimes committed by voodooism, without an immediate action on the part of the authorities, then the people must rise in mutiny and punish the authorities devoid of all sense of responsibility and obedient only to niggardly ambitions and interests....."

EDITORIAL commenting upon the same subject, and written along the same lines as the preceding article.

Mr. Molanphy held an interview with the Captain of the Port. It is generally believed that the conference was in connection with the possibility of a new strike in the port of Habana.

"EL MUNDO" - March 22, 1924.

"THE DECLARATIONS MADE BY GENERAL GARCIA VELEZ" - Favorably commenting upon the declarations made by Garcia Velez in New York to the effect that neither he nor his friends desire to start a revolution in Cuba, but that they wish to suppress the irregularities by peaceful and intelligent methods. - The writer refuses to give credit to the other statements contained in the despatch from New York.

At the meeting of the Cabinet held yesterday, the President confirmed the departure of General Garcia Velez from Cuba, stating that he is probably on his way to London to take charge of his office as Minister. The President also said that a cablegram had been sent to Garcia Velez asking him whether the statements contained in the press despatch from New York, were really made by him; and that if Garcia Velez had really made such bitter statements against the Cuban ~~xxxxxxxxx~~ authorities, it would be utterly impossible to permit Garcia Velez to continue representing the Government.

The strike of Sagua has been satisfactorily solved, and the Masons will resume work next Monday.

"DIARIO DE LA MARINA" - March 22, 1924.

EDITORIAL ENTITLED "WASTING THE TIME" - Unfavorably commenting upon the inactivity of Congress, pointing out the necessity of solving some legislative measures pending.

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"HERALDO DE CUBA" - March 22, 1924.

Cable despatch from New York concerning the arrival of General Garcia Velez. The possibility of a revolution in Cuba has stirred up the consular offices and the Cubans residing in New York. It is understood that the Secret Service of the American Government is watching the movements of Garcia Velez very closely.

EDITORIAL, unfavorably commenting upon the projected electoral coalition between Liberals and Conservatives. The writer believes that the Liberal Party is sufficiently strong to obtain victory at the polls without the necessity of seeking the support of other elements.

""EL HERALDO" - March 22, 1924.

An article referring to a recent decision of the Audiencia of Matanzas, in which two Municipal Mayors were sentenced for misappropriation of public funds.

An article commenting upon the mysterious conferences between Secretary Portela and Jose Lopez Jr., stating that they have come to an understanding in connection with the printing of tax stamps in which both will be benefited.

"A DIFFICUIT MOMENT" - An article commenting upon the flight of General Garcia Velez. - General Garcia Velez rose as a great leader, but he gradually became weaker and weaker. "His apocalyptical word was Cuban, but his tongue seemed to translate foreign thoughts into Cuban words....He also showed his lack of tact in the selection of his principal collaborators...General Garcia Velez failed to take advantage of the strength placed in his hands.....But now General Garcia Velez is dead as a leader....His trip puts an end to his adventure in a grotesque manner.....However, the flag of regeneration will be picked up by one hundred thousand Cubans, and the cry of "Regeneration or death" will be heard louder than ever..."

Special Bulletin No. 19, issued by the Supreme Council of the National Association of Veterans and Patriots, referring to the trip of General Garcia Velez, who has gone to New York to complete some details which are absolutely indispensable for the realization of their purposes.

It has been learned that Senator Bravo Correoso wrote a letter to the President of the Senate stating that he is sick in Santiago de Cuba, but that even if he were not sick, he would not take the trouble of coming to Habana to witness childish discussions in the upper House , where only Bills desired by the Executive are approved.

"LA PRENSA" - March 22, 1924.

Text of a Communication addressed by the General Manager of the Cuba Northern Railways, to the Authorities, Merchants, Laborers, the employees of the Company, and the people in general, stating that the laborers of said Company have declared a strike without any reason. - Text of letters exchanged between the Laborers and the General Manager of the Company.

"THAT IS NOT THE PROPER WAY"- Editorial unfavorably commenting upon the strike of the Cuba Northern Railways, bitterly criticizing the attitude of the railroad men.

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"LA NOCHE" - March 22, 1924.

Cable despatch from New York (sent by J. W. T. Mason) stating that the Secret Service of the U.S. is well informed of all the movements of General Garcia Velez. According to statements repeatedly made by Secretary Hughes, the American Government will ~~xxxxxxxxx~~ follow in the case of Cuba, the same policy adopted with Mexico and Honduras, and no attention will be paid to any leader contrary to a recognized Government; furthermore, he will be persecuted, and even punished.

PALACE NEWS: - It has been rumored that General Garcia Velez held a conference with Ambassador Torriente, in Washington.

"EL PAIS" - March 22, 1924.

"TO GOVERN ON A WAR FOOTING" - by M. Marquez Sterling, referring to the trip of General Garcia Velez to the United States, and criticizing the attitude of Secretary Iturralde.

"DIARIO DE LA MARINA" - March 23, 1924.

Cable despatch from New York stating that General Garcia Velez has been finally located by a reporter of "The Times" to whom he made important declarations. This despatch is dated the 22nd, and states that "The Times" will publish tomorrow (March 23rd) the long interview with General Garcia Velez.

"EL TRIUNFO" - March 23, 1924.

The tramway strike of Santiago de Cuba, continues. Soldiers are protecting the cars which are running. The situation becomes more serious every moment. The indifference of the Department of Agriculture is commented upon (From a telegram from Santiago).

The Department of Agriculture has received a telegram from Pedro Osorio, a high official of said Department, stating that the strike of the Cuba Northern Railways is about to be satisfactorily solved.

EDITORIAL entitled "THE FOUR PER CENT" - Favorably commenting upon the campaign for the suppression of the tax of four per cent.

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"HERALDO DE CUBA" - March 23, 1924.

An article stating that the President has been of late very reluctant to speak about political affairs, and this probably due to the fact that he does not see the possibility of being reelected. According to Secretary Iturralde, Dr. Zayas has never intended to place General Asbert in his Cabinet. The rumors of his appointment were spread by his own friends.

An article containing accusations against Postmaster Cartaya. He is said to have forged certain official documents to pay debts of the Department of Communications. Secretary Iturralde could very well verify these accusations, if the employees designated to investigate the irregularities committed in the Department of Communications were willing to state their personal impressions in an official manner.

EDITORIAL entitled "GARCIA VELEZ, by Ramon Vasconcelos. - Favorably commenting upon the decision of General Garcia Velez to return to his post in London, because a revolution would have meant the end of the sovereignty of Cuba.

An article referring to the electoral voting cards sent by mail, stating that it is a means employed by the supporters of reelection to baffle the Liberal Party. The Post Offices only deliver the "cedulas" to the partisans of reelection.

"EL HERALDO" - March 23, 1924.

An article unfavorably commenting upon the contract awarded to a Mr. Abilleira for the construction of the sewer system and pavement of the city of Guantanamo. The contract was originally awarded to Mr. Abilleira during the Administration of General Menocal, but the works had not been commenced when the financial crack occurred. Captain Castillo Pockorny had drafted a Decree annulling this contract, but the Decree was never signed by President Zayas. Celso Cuellar then appeared in the scene, and offered to give the contract to the contractor who offered the highest commission to him. Abilleira made the best offers, and the contract has been awarded to him again.

An interview with General Cebreco, who denies having signed the Special Bulletin No. 19. He states, however, that the movement of regeneration cannot die, unless the people of Cuba lose all faith in their own destinies. - When the reporter returned to the newspaper office, he found a semi-official note of the Association of Veterans and Patriots explaining that the signature of General Cebreco at the foot of said bulletin had been made to appear by mistake. This mistake is blamed on the typist who made the copies for the press.

Accusations made against the local authorities of Cienfuegos. - Gambling is going on at full sway. - The Sanitary conditions of the city are intolerable.

EDITORIAL, commenting upon the flight of General Garcia Velez in an unfavorable manner, because the writer believes that the Cuban problems must be solved in Cuba, and not in the United States.

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"LA PRENSA" - March 23, 1924.

Telegram from Santiago de Cuba: The railroad strike did not start last night as it had been announced. The railroad men granted an extension which will expire at midnight on Tuesday. It is rumored that at the expiration of said period, new extensions will be granted until April, and then a general strike prepared by the Railroad Brotherhood in Habana, will be declared. - The tramway strike continues. Bombs are placed on the tracks from time to time, which maintain the city in a constant state of alarm.

Cable despatch from New York which refers to the arrival of General Garcia Velez, stating that a Cuban Board has been organized there to overthrow the present Government of Cuba.

President Zayas intends to hold a conference with ship owners and part laborers, with a view of solving the conflict created in connection with the Decre No. 665.

EDITORIAL entitled "CONSTITUTIONAL REFORM" - Unfavorably commenting upon the Constitutional Amendment recently approved by the Senate of the United States, changing the period of inauguration of the new Presidents elected. - The editorial points out some of the drawbacks of this amendment presented by Senator Morris, and expresses the fear that the Cubans make a similar reform in their Constitution.

"IT IS TIME TO INSIST" - Commenting upon the urgent necessity of enacting some laws about strikes, regulating the relations between capital and labor.

"LA NOCHE" - March 23, 1924.

An article very unfavorably commenting upon the declarations recently made in New York by General Garcia Velez and Colonel Despaigne.

EDITORIAL entitled "A LAMENTABLE PRECEDENT". - Unfavorably commenting upon the indifference of the Government in connection with the flight of General Garcia Velez.

"EL MUNDO" - March 24, 1924.

Article entitled "THE VETERANS AND PATRIOTS IN NEW YORK" - Unfavorably commenting upon the declarations made by General Garcia Velez and Colonel Despaigne in New York, and their intentions to start a propaganda in New York against the Cuban Government.

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"HERALDO DE CUBA" - March 24, 1924.

Very unfavorably commenting upon "The anti-Cuban declarations made by General Garcia Velez to the 'New York Times'". - Garcia Velez flatters the Americans, certainly not through love, but merely to obtain their support, or possibly funds to finance a revolution.

Cristobal de Zayas Bazan has presented his resignation as Private Secretary to the President. The President accepted the resignation, encouraging him to keep up his political campaign in the Province of Pinar del Rio. Zayas Bazan gives as a reason for his resignation, that he was elected delegate to the Provincial Assembly of the Popular Party in Pinar del Rio.

Cable despatch from Washington: The Correspondent of "Heraldo de Cuba" has encountered many difficulties to obtain official statements in connection with the revolutionary activities of General Garcia Velez. The Department of State professes to ignore the presence of Garcia Velez in the United States. As long as he may be protected by diplomatic immunity, no steps will be taken against him. - Apparently, no message has been received from Ambassador Crowder relating to the movement. - Senator Moses has made some declarations to the Special Correspondent. He stated: "I cannot permit to be mixed in a discussion of this affair. It is of a very grave nature, and as a member of the Senatorial Committee on Foreign Relations, this problem may possibly be brought to my official consideration, and consequently, I cannot discuss the matter for the present." - Ambassador Torriente refused to grant an interview. -Other statements obtained.

"FERRARA'S CONFESSION" - Article by Dr. Orestes Ferrara, stating that he declares himself in favor of Colonel Mendieta as the Presidential candidate of the Liberal Party.

Cable despatch from Washington: The member of the House of Representative of the United States, Mr. Fred A. Britten, who has just returned from Habana, affirms that General Crowder is acting as Counsellor to the Cuban Government. He added that the Cuban press, commenting upon the oil scandal, asks: "Why is it that the Americans try to settle affairs in other countries before putting their own affairs in order?" (Despatch sent by the Special Correspondent of "Heraldo de Cuba").

"EL HERALDO" - March 24, 1924.

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Secretary Portela is trying to place the agents of reelection in the offices of the tax of one per cent. Two inspectors of said tax have already been dismissed, and ten more are running the same risk. He does not seem to want any competent employees in that Division.

It is rumored that five hundred Lottery Collectors will be dismissed in July, and these 500 "Colecturias" will be distributed among the supporters of reelection. When the last Lottery Law was promulgated, the "Colecturias" were granted for a lifetime; but Zayas has found a way od dodging this Law, and Collectors will be dismissed in large numbers.

An article unfavorably commenting upon the concession for the construction of a bridge across the entrance of the bay, called "The Habana Bridge". - The original project has been totally changed, and the

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State now fails to receive nine million dollars, as set forth in the original project. The three million dollars which the State owes to Hershey as a subsidy to the Hershey Railroad, will be distributed among the promoters of this big affair.

EDITORIAL entitled "GARCIA VELEZ IN NEW YORK" - Unfavorably commenting upon the declarations made by Garcia Velez in New York.

"EL PAIS" - March 24, 1924.

"THE PHILOSOPHY OF A HERO" - The declarations made by General Garcia Velez to the American Press, have stirred up the partisand of the Government and other elements in Cuba, who would give one-half of the Republic if they could keep the other half in peace. Such elements deny the right of revolution, which is an essential attribute of sovereignty. - The article further refers to the statements made by General Garcia Velez, and by Colonel Despaigne, the latter being in favor of an American intervention in Cuba.

"LA PRENSA" - March 24, 1924.

According to reports received by the Department of Agriculture and by the General Staff of the Army, the strike of the Cuba Northern Railways has been settled, and the laborers have returned to work. The strike was satisfactorily settled, principally due to the intervention of the Mayors of Moron and Ciego de Avila.

"LA NOCHE" - March 24 1924.

"A CAMPAIGN WHICH IS PAID" - An article stating that the campaign against Cuba undertaken by Garcia Velez and Despaigne in New York, is paid by the "Foundation Company", which Company also furnished the funds to pay the arms and ammunitions shipped to Cuba. The article further states that the "Foundation Company" intends to obtain the concession for the construction of the Central Highway, projected by one of the members of the Association of Veterans and Patriots. But they will not be successful in their campaign, because they will run against the good sense and firmness of opinion of the Washington Government.

"EL MUNDO" - March 25, 1924.

The oil scandals have caused Cuba to look with suspicion on the United States, and to fear exploitation at its hands. This loss of confidence is already affecting business relations with the United States, and may continue to do so in a still greater degree.

General Garcia Velez, upon receiving notice of his dismissal from the post of Minister of Cuba in London, stated that he expected it, and regarded it as something to be thankful for. Garcia Velez declares that he will make a public appearance in a few days, and will hold meetings in New York. He says that he proposes to make public to the American people a scandal which affects both Cuba and the United States, and which may be equal to that of the Teapot Dome, and one that will especially redound to the discredit of the Cuban Government. He states that a great American banking institution is subsidizing Cuban politicians, and is trying to get the control of Cuban sugar interests--and that Colonel Tarafa is the instrument of those interests. Garcia Velez adds that he does not aspire to hold any public office, but that he wishes to overthrow the present Government of Cuba, and to substitute one for which he will not have to be constantly apologizing abroad.

Feature editorial, urging the privileged classes to study the problem of the laboring elements, paying them enough to live on,

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"El Mundo" - March 25, 1924 (Continued).

treating them justly, so that the country will not be torn by strikes or class wars -- to the leaders of the laborers, an appeal to study their conditions, and not to let themselves be blinded by passions, or swayed by unscrupulous elements. Lastly, an appeal to the Legislative Powers to provide for the welfare of the laborers, and for the future, the education and the culture of future generations in the Republic.

Telegraphic reports from Moron state that a meeting was held yesterday between the Mayor, Agustin Lopez, the Mayor of Ciego de Avila, the envoy of the Department of Agriculture, Mr. Osorio, the Manager of the Cuba Northern Railways and the delegate from the Chamber of Commerce, the Association of Urban Landowners, and of the Ayuntamiento and members of the Labor Union. After some discussion, the strike was declared ended. The workers of the Cuban Northern Railways (Tarafa Line) have now resumed their labors.

"DIARIO DE LA MARINA" - March 25, 1924.

List of public works ordered in accordance with the Law of October 9, 1923, given out to the reporters by the Secretary of the Presidency. - This list includes works already accomplished, in course of construction, and works to be undertaken, chargeable to the fifty-million-dollar loan.

"EL TRIUNFO" - March 25, 1924.

EDITORIAL entitled "UNANIMOUS PROTEST" - Stating that the declarations made in New York by General Garcia Velez and by Colonel Despaigne have been unanimously rejected by the country.

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1. I enclose herewith Brief Summaries of News Articles and Editorial Comment in the Havana Press for the days March 25, 26, 27, and 28, 1924.

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"HERALDO DE CUBA" - March 25, 1924.

Article by Gonzalez Beauville, unfavorably commenting upon reelection. If the President did not live secluded by his insatiable relatives, he would readily understand how absurd and criminal his presidential aspirations are. He cannot be nominated by the Liberals, because they already have their own candidate, the candidate of the people: Colonel Mendieta. He cannot be placed in the Conservative ticket, because the Conservatives with anti-reelectionist tendencies have obtained victory in two Provinces: Oriente and Camaguey. And Dr. Zayas certainly does not think that he can be elected by the very small Popular Party. Besides, as President, he has not done anything to deserve being reelected. His first year of Administration was disastrous, and the Republic was at the verge of falling. "The Interference, hateful for us, was at this time a cause of prevention, and we passed through the sad case of seeing that a foreign General showed more love to our Country than a weak President and all his collaborators, who, upon discrediting the Republic, discredited themselves." Then rose a formidable movement of public opinion, and the organization called "Veterans and Patriots" appeared. The writer further states that he never had any faith in the leader of the movement, as it was known that General Menocal was the spiritual leader behind him. Zayas is also criticized, but it is stated that the Veterans and Patriots followed a wrong course. Dr. Zayas can prevent the Revolution from being sympathetic to the Liberals, by merely renouncing his nomination for a second term.

An article commenting upon the failure of the Assembly of Liberal Governors, Mayors and Congressmen which was to be held during the month of April. It is believed that the "postponement" of this Assembly is only the product of a desire to seek new complications in the midst of the Liberal Party.

The Government is getting ready rapidly to destroy in the United States the work of Garcia Velez, with funds of the Lottery. - It is feared in high official circles that a revolutionary movement might break out at any moment. The military guard of the Palace has been reinforced, and a machine gun has been sent for the defence of the Palace. It is believed that Garcia Velez left everything prepared for a revolution before his departure. - Secretary Iturralde prepares to show his "iron hand", and affirms that the Government is fully prepared for any contingency.....

Cable despatch from New York, referring to the dismissal of General Garcia Velez. Dr. Altunaga, First Secretary of the Cuban Legation in London, and a personal friend of Garcia Velez, will be appointed Charge D'Affaires ad interim in London. Dr. Altunaga arrived in New York on board the same steamer which brought Garcia Velez. - The Cuban Patriotic Board of New York issued a Manifesto severely attacking the President of the Association of Veterans and Patriots for his declarations to the New York Times.

An article protesting against the suppression of "El Sol" and the confiscation of its editions, as this is an offence against the Liberty of the Press.

The Palace is busily engaged in the preparation of the "Anti-Project of the Budget" and the message which will be sent to Congress to this effect. Pratically all the Departments have sent their reports, and have requested increases of personnel and in the appropriations for material. The President had a conference on this subject with the Speaker of the Committee on Finances and Budgets of the Senate.

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"Heraldo de Cuba" - March 25, 1924.

EDITORIAL entitled "VETERANS AND PATRIOTS" - Unfavorably commenting upon the declarations recently made by General Garcia Velez to the "New York Times", stating that he made two great mistakes: he predicted a revolution to overthrow the Cuban Government, and discredited the public administration of his country, "which, unfortunately, we cannot defend --"Heraldo de Cuba" states-- because everybody knows how immoral it is". The editorial further refers to the inexorable laws of revolutions; that revolutions are only made to overthrow despotic governments, etc.

An article commenting upon the appointment of a Military Supervisor for the Municipality of Holguin. This appointment was caused by the statements made by Calixto Manduley, President of the Provincial Council of Oriente, who said that in case of necessity, 10,000 men could be obtained in Holguin and Jiguani to support the movement of the Veterans and Patriots.

In view of the report submitted by Dr. Ecay Rojas, Secretary Portela has ordered the institution of administrative proceedings against employees of the Division of Customs of the Treasury Department.

"EL HERALDO" - March 25, 1924.

An article unfavorably commenting upon the attitude of the Government in connection with the movement of Veterans and Patriots. Garcia Velez has been dismissed , and now the President is trying to gag the press. The newspaper "El Sol" has been suppressed, and it is rumored that a similar action will be taken against "El Heraldo" and "El Pais". - At a long conference between the President and Secretary Iturralde, at which the movement of the Veterans and Patriots was discussed. The Government seems to fear that grave events might supervene. - After the flight of Garcia Velez, the movement of V. & P. can be more easily checked, but the fear of a revolution will be used as a "camouflage" to foster the reelectoral purposes of the President.

An article stating that the contract for the printing of revenue stamps has been awarded at last to a Company of which Jose Lopez Jr. is the President - greatly to the satisfaction of Secretary Portela.

Article entitled "BALANCE", by Bartolome Sagaró. In this long article, Sagaró protests against the attitude assumed by the "Directory" or Supreme Council of the Veterans and Patriots. - He refers to the accusations made against the Administration when an unprecedented corruption pervaded the Government; then, to the"Cabinet of Corruption" swept by the Interference, the appointment of Colonel Despaigne as Secretary of the Treasury and the sordid campaign against him. Despaigne had very few friends who encouraged him in those trying moments, and Sagaro was among them. Then, by virtue of the claims of the pensions of Veterans, the "Maxim" movement started, and he was in favor of the movement. Whenever said movement was attacked in Congress, he always came to its defence. When the Veterans and Patriots were persecuted and indicted, upon request of Garcia Velez "El Heraldo" offered to publish the Bulletins and notices..... But the solution never comes, the leader of the movement abandons the country and confides his plans to a small group of persons. That only the President of the Republic and two persons of the Supreme Council knew the flight of General Garcia Velez before his arrival in New York.....

EDITORIAL, commenting upon the accusations made by Garcia Velez in New York against the Judiciary. He said that the Cuban Courts are at the mercy of the Executive, which is a grave accusation, and if true, it would reveal the lack of foundation of the Republic.

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"El Heraldo" - March 25, 1924.

The Commercial Attache of the United States desired to obtain some information of the transactions effected in the Habana Stock Exchange, but the Secretary of said institution, Dr. Pedro P. Kohly refused to furnish the information desired, because according to the By-Laws, all transactions must be kept strictly in confidence.

"EL IMPARCIAL" - March 24, 1924.

Text of Special Bulletin No. 20 of the Supreme Council of the National Association of Veterans and Patriots, giving certain instructions and warning its members to be careful and not permit their being taken by surprise.

"LA PRENSA" - March 25, 1924.

An article protesting against the suppression of the newspaper "El Sol" and the confiscation of its editions. The Decree ordering the closing down of this newspaper, is quoted in this article.

"THE TRIUMPH OF GOOD SENSE" - Favorably commenting upon the termination of the strike of the Cuba Northern Railways.

"LA NOCHE" - March 25, 1924.

The Government gave out the following declarations, through the Secretary of the Interior, in connection with the closing down of the offices of "El Sol": 1911

> "The Government respects all opinions, and has the highest regard for the liberty of the press; but it is not disposed to permit that, abusing of this liberty, a revolutionary propaganda be made against the Constitutional Powers and the stability of the Republic; that is why "El Sol" has been suppressed."

Secretary Iturralde informed the reporters that the Government will notauthorize the reappearance of said newspaper. - Orders will be sent to Ambassador Torriente concerning the campaign of Garcia Velez in the United States.

PALACE NEWS: The President had a conference to-day with the Secretary of Justice, the Secretary of the Interior, and the Prosecuting Attorney of the Supreme Court. - In spite of the secrecy maintained, it has been learned that a resolution was adopted to appoint a Special Judge to institute new proceedings against those who issued a recent Manifesto of a revolutionary character. - It was also learned that the Cuban Foreign Office will send a Note the the Cuban Ambassador in Washington in order that he may request the American Government to impede the propaganda of Garcia Velez against the Cuban Government.

EDITORIAL explaining the reasons why "La Noche" combats the Veterans and Patriots.

"EL PAIS" - March 25, 1924.

"El Pais" does not support the work of Garcia Velez, because it wants peace for Cuba. - Interview with the Secretary of the Interior, who said that the country in general condemns the unpatriotic attitude of Garcia Velez; that absolute peace now prevails in the country; that a revolution would mean the loss of Cuban liberties. He finally said that the Government is full pr pared to quell any disturbances.

By a Presidential Decree, $313,330.50 of the proceeds of the last loan have been appropriated for the construction or termination of two roads: the road from Habana to Batabano, and the termination of the road from Los Palacios to Paso Real.

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El País" - March 25, 1924. (Continued).

"THE CRISIS OF A PARTISAN SPIRIT" - by M. Marquez Sterling, commenting upon the little probabilities which Dr. Zayas has of being reelected.

"EL MUNDO" - March 26, 1924.

Cable despatch from New York. The Consular and diplomatic offices of Cuba in the United States have been notified of the dismissal of General Garcia Velez. It seems strange that Dr. Rodriguez Altunaga, who is to take charge of the Cuban Legation in London, has not yet sailed for England. It is generally believed in New York that General Garcia Velez boarded the ship in Habana, and not in Nassau.

Cable despatch from New York: Wall Street is anxiously awaiting the revelations announced by General Garcia Velez. Mr. Mitchell, of the National City Bank of New York, refutes the statements of Garcia Velez, and says that the National City Bank has remained neutral in the political struggles of Cuba; that the Bank is not in the sugar business in a permanent manner, but is disposed to sell out its sugar properties. - Garcia Velez is still in hiding It is said that on March 10th he received orders from the Cuban Government to sail for England, but instead of doing so, he sailed for New York.

An article unfavorably commenting upon the closing down of the newspaper "El Sol". The article reads, in part, as follows: "We greatly regret the measure adopted. We regret it, in the first place, for our collegue, and then for the Government of Dr. Zayas"

~~Cable despatch from~~ - Telegram from Santiago de Cuba, stating that the efforts made by the Provincial Governor for the solution of the tramway strike, have resulted in a failure, because the Company maintains its points of view in connection with the personnel admitted after the strike started, and wants the strikers to start now from the lowest jobs. Text of a Manifesto issued by the Mayor of Santiago explaining his intervention in the matter. Another bomb exploded last night, and some shots were fired.

"DIARIO DE LA MARINA" - March 26, 1924.

Reasons given by the Government for the suppression of the newspaper "El Sol". - Text of the Decree ordering the suppression and the confiscation of its edition. - Protest of the Association of Good Government, in a Manifesto dated March 25th.

An article protesting against the suppression of "El Sol".

A cable despatch from New York containing the statements made by Mr. Mitchell, of the National City Bank, refuting the st atements made by General Garcia Velez. (This cablegram is identical to that published in "El Mundo").

The general strike seems to be inevitable in Santiago de Cuba. The Mayor disgusted by the uncompromising attitude of the Tramway Company, as the proposals made by him were rejected.

EDITORIAL entitled: "PATRIOTIC ACTION; NOT REVOLUTION" - Unfavorably commenting upon the propaganda made by General Garcia Velez in New York.

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"HERALDO DE CUBA" - March 26, 1924.

Article by Dr. Orestes Ferrara, entitled, "THE GOVERNMENT AND THE VETERANS AND PATRIOTS". - "The Veterans and Patriots, the Declarations of General Garcia Velez, the Revolutionary symptoms, the money collected and amply donated, are consequences and not causes, are exterior manifestations of something deeper. The present Government has not paid the least attention to public opinion. Dr. Zayas has challenged this opinion several times. The first Cabinet and certain procedures applied by it, produced nausea. Dr. Zayas could not fail to know the actions of Roman and others, because we all spoke aloud, and because this newspaper carried on the most brilliant and precise campaign, stating facts and making definite accusations. The dismissal of the Second Cabinet on account of the Santa Clara Convent deal, was another imprudent error. For a time, public opinion was undecided, due to the defence made by certain newspapers, but later on, with a serene judgment, nobody fails to agree that the dismissal of honest men regarding a question of public morals, because they defended the money of the commonwealth, was an audacity the definition of which would trespass the limits of the respect due to a Chief of State. And many other things." He further refers to the many relatives holding public offices, the business offices kept by relatives of the President, contracts of public works with prices of the period of the boom, agents who offer to transact any business with the Administration, the crazy actions of certain Departments, because they are sure of their impunity. - He sees the perils of a revolution, and says that he is the first to regret it. "We know that a revolution, whether victorious or defeated, can bring two evils: Intervention, or Reelection. And we know this by our thorough knowledge of the political situation of the United States...." Finally, he recommends Zayas not to close down newspapers, to make a complete rectification, to prevent graft which has invaded everything, to place his intelligence at the service of public morals.....

Telegram from Santiago de Cuba: A bomb exploded last night, and a street-car conductor was hurt. Another bomb exploded early this morning.

The Ayuntamiento intends to pass the outrageous concession of the Matadero Industrial (slaughter house) to-day. The times of Mayor Diaz de Villegas are being revived.

Facsimile of the first page of Tuesday's edition of "El Sol", which was confiscated by the Government, in which, among others, the following headlines can be read: "In a special bulletin, the Association of Veterans and Patriots gives the word of ALERT! to the people of Cuba" - "The Supreme Council makes itself solidary of the declarations made by Garcia Velez in New York" - "In the already replete coffers of Dr. Zayas, $750,000.00 enter monthly as the product of the exploitation and misery of the people of Cuba." - The agents of reelection tried to buy up the Conservative Assembly of Santiago de Cuba." - "ADVANCE; NOT RETREAT". - "Text of Special Bulletin No. 20 issued by the Supreme Council of Veterans and Patriots." -

An article stating that the closing down of "El Sol" has provoked a storm of protests against the offensive act committed by the authorities. The Editor of "El Sol", Mr. Santiago Claret, and Representatives San Pedro, Alfonso and Gonzalez Beauville, are endeavoring to obtain the annulment of the order by the Secretary of the Interior, but their efforts are useless.

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"Heraldo de Cuba" - March 26, 1924 (Continued).

An article commenting upon the fact that the Presidential Palace has been abandoned by the President and his family, as if it were a fortress in danger of being besieged. The families of Doctor Zayas and of Comptroller Pereira, have moved to their respective residences.

"THE ENERGIES OF ITURRALDE AND THE CAMPAIGN AGAINST GAMBLING" - Article unfavorably commenting upon the fact that the National Casino, which is a school of vice, will not be closed on the day fixed at the opening of the present Tourist Season. Secretary Iturralde, who supresses newspapers with so much zeal, should close the aristocratic gambling places. "Heraldo de Cuba" announces its purpose of carrying out an energetic campaign against everything which may mean gambling and corruption.....

Cable despatch from New York, stating that the Cuban residents there are anxiously following the course of events in connection with the activities of the Veterans and Patriots. Great interest is shown in a press despatch from Habana announcing that President Zayas is well aware of the revolutionary projects, and has learned that a shipment of arms and ammunitions will be shipped to Cuba some time between April 5th and April 10th. The suppression of "El Sol" caused great surprise, as it marks the beginning of a campaign against the liberty of the press. Garcia Velez is still in hiding, and the press remarks that his conduct is not similar to that of other revolutionary leaders of Latin-America. As to Colonel Tarafa, it is said that he came to New York to find a successor for A. H. Smith as President of the Consolidated Railways of Cuba.

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Cable despatch from ~~New York~~: Certain prominent persons have said that as long as Garcia Velez confines his activities to a work of propaganda and to collect funds, he will not be molested. Action would be taken against him only in the case he organizes an armed expedition against the Cuban Government.

EDITORIAL entitled "OUR PROTEST" - Unfavorably commenting upon the suppression of "El Sol". - "It is sad to commit an error --the Editorial states-- and it is almost as sad to confess it....and we are now going to confess an error which we have committed. It is only yesterday that we said with pride that a revolution was not possible in Cuba, because there was no tyranny, and we said, and believed, and were convinced that there could not be a tyranny in Cuba, for a simple reason: because there was liberty of the press, because there was liberty of expression, because there was liberty of thought, because there was political liberty..... But we were deceived. There is no liberty of the press. And the gag manufactured by the Secretary of the Interior for the newspaper "El Sol" is the shroud of our liberties and our rights; rights and liberties which the people of Cuba have obtained at the cost of so much blood and so many sacrifices. Then, it is not true. Then the Veterans and Patriots are right....."

"THE GOVERNOR" - by Ramon Vasconcelos. - Article very favorably commenting upon Governor Barreras, and his efforts to settle the differences existing between the leaders of the two factions of the Liberal Party: Machado and Mendieta.

"EL HERALDO" - March 26, 1924

"The Widow of General Gorgas will do justice to Dr. Finlay" - In an official report, the Rockefeller Institute failed to mention the name of Dr. Finlay in connection with the discovery of the transmission of yellow fever. This caused a great upheaval in Cuba, and

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"El Heraldo" - March 26, 1924 (Continued).

an active campaign in defence of Dr. Finaly was started, "El Heraldo" now publishes the following statements made by Mrs. Gorgas: "I have come to the conclusion that the discoverer of the theory was Dr. Finlay. He had the genial spark which illumined his path, making him think of the transmission from man to man, through the mosquito, of the ywllow fever infection. At first, no attention was paid to the ideas of Dr. Finlay; on the contrary, nobody believed him, and instead of following him, it was thought that he was wrong. - My hunsband rapidly understood the wise Cuban, and associated with him, putting in practice his theory, which immediately gavellous results ....."

An editorial commenting upon "THE ERRORS OF GARCIA VELEZ".

Another editorial entitled "A HATEFUL TAX" - Commenting upon the necessity of suppressing the tax of four per cent.

An appeal made to the Press by Bartolome Sagaro, for an energetic action in defence of the rights of the press, in connection with the attitude assumed by the Secretary of the Interior toward "El Sol".

"LA PRENSA" - March 26, 1924.

An article sarcastically commenting upon the session held yesterday by the House of Representatives.

An article stating that the Railroad Labor Union has presented its bases to General Jack, but these bases will not be published until after an Assembly is held.

A writ of subpoena has been issued against Colonel Despaigne in the proceedings instituted against the Veterans and Patriots for rebellion. Colonel Despaigne is in the U.S. and cannot be extradited. However, this order of the Special Judge will unable him to enter the Cuban territory freely.

General Crowder visited the Department of Agriculture to-day, to make the official introduction of the new Commercial Attache, Mr. Cunningham.

EDITORIAL entitled "FISCAL REVENUES" - Commenting upon the fact that in the discussion of the new Budget, the Cuban Congress should commence from the bottom of the question, that is to say, making first a thorough study of the Revenues, as the American Senate is now doing.

Telegram from Santiago de Cuba: In a speech made by the Consulting Attorney of the tramway strikers, Mr. Americo Portuondo, he accused the Electric Company of being the author of the bombs which have exploded in Santiago.

"LA NOCHE" - March 26, 1924.

An article protesting against the order of suppression of "El Sol", which is an outrage committed against the liberty of the press.

AT THE LAST HOUR: According to a message just received, the Oriental Division of the Railroad Brotherhood of Cuba has decreed a general railroad strike in that Division, to support the tramway strike. The Camaguey Division is also ~~xxxxxxx~~ expected to declare the strike.

A telegram from Santiago de Cuba stating that the Manager of the Tramway Company rejected the bases presented by the strikers.

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"DIARIO DE LA MARINA" - March 27, 1924.

Cable despatch from New York, sent by Zarraga, Special Correspondent of "Diario de la Marina", stating that Ignacio River obtained an interview from Colonel Despaigne. Despaigne confirmed his decision to surmount all onstacles to obtain the overthrow of the present Cuba President.

Text of a communication sent to the President of the Republic, by the President of the Association of the Press of Cuba, requesting the annulment of the order of suppression of "El Sol".

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HERALDO DE CUBA" - March 27, 1924.

Article by Gustavo Gonzalez Beauville, criticizing the Government for having abolished the newspaper "El Sol", stating that Dr. Zayas is trying to become a dictator.

A cable despatch from New York stating that Garcia Velez and Despaigne continue in their active propaganda against the Administration of Dr. Zayas. This despatch also contains new declarations of Garcia Velez.

The protest against the suppression of "El Sol" continues. The Managing Editor of "El Sol" accompanied by Representatives Sampedro and Alfonso, and by the Attorney Castañeda, visited Dr. Zayas to show him that the order of suppression was against all the laws in force. The President requested a period of 24 hours to answer whether he would authorize the publication of said newspaper.

Dr. J. M. Barraque declares himself in favor of Machado as the Presidential candidate of the Liberal Party.

After a conference held yesterday between the Secretary of the Interior, the Secretary of Justice, and the Prosecuting Attorney of the Supreme Court, the reporters were informed that the Special Judge appointed to institute proceedings for rebellion against the Veterans and Patriots, had issued a writ of arrest against Colonel Manuel Despaigne. It has been learned that the arrest of other persons will be ordered by the Special Judge. Secretary Iturralde denied the rumors of uprisings in the Province of Oriente, and as a proof of his affirmation, he said that he had held a conference by telephone with Col. Pujol, Chief of that Military district, who said that absolute peace prevailed in that Province, in spite of the strike.

EDITORIAL entitled "THE WOUND" - commenting upon the suppression of "El Sol", stating that it is a syptom of tyranny.

An article stating that certain elements are trying to compel all creditors of the State to pay a sum equivalent to an 8% of their claims, which funds will be used to push forward the Law of Gratuities, with an Amendment ordering the payment of the debts of the State.

EL HERALDO" - March 27, 1924.

An article stating that 29 appointments, each with a salary of $100.00 per month, have just been placed in the hands of a Senator, and will be used to finance the campaign of reelection in the Province of Oriente. These 29 appointments, or "botellas" will be distributed among delegates to the Provincial Assembly. These appointments represent a monthly expenditure of $2,900.00, and will be paid out of the appropriation of $100,000.00 granted by a Decree for paving the city of Guantanamo.

A Committee of the Printers' Union will visit Secretary Iturralde to-day, to request the annulment of the Decree abolishing "El Sol". If the Secretary of the Interior fails to comply with their request, they threaten to call a general strike of printers, and no paper will be published in Habana, as a sign of protest.

An article commenting upon the irregularities in various Departments of State, but especially in the Department of Public

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Works, and refers to some grafting schemes planned.

The Railroad men of Habana will not support the strike of Santiago. The Tramway strike of Camaguey, ended. - The bases presented to Mr. Jack, by the Railroad Brotherhood, include: the recognition and effectiveness of the Union; restoration of old salaries (equal to those of 1920); absolute respect for the right of seniority; working of the Committee on Settlements, and guarantees against all reprisals.

The retired members of the Judiciary have not collected their pensions during the last six months, and if this serious problem is not solved promptly, the situation of many widows and orphans will be a desperate one.

"THE LAST ACTION OF ITURRALDE" - Bitterly criticizing Secretary Iturralde and the Government for the suppression of "El Sol" and the threats of expulsion of other newspaper men.

"CONTRASTS"- Editorial unfavorably commenting upon the propaganda of Garcia Velez in the United States, which is greatly in contrast with the attitude assumed by the Cuban Patriotic Board of New York, and even with the statements made by Mr. Mitchel, of the National City Bank.

An article unfavorably commenting upon the appointment of a Military Supervisor for Holguin. The appointment of Lieutenant Borges is a challenge to the country. Does the Government want to revive the reign of terror? - Borges is an Army Officer of sad remembrance in the district of Holguin.

"LA PRENSA" - March 27, 1924.

Telegram from Santiago de Cuba, stating that said city is practically cut off from the rest of the country as a result of the railroad strike, and that the situation is becoming more serious every moment.

An article commenting upon the necessity of abolishing the quarantine established against Cuban fruits and vegetables in the United States.

"LA NOCHE" - March 27, 1924.

An article affirming that troops will be sent from Camp Columbia to Oriente, either to-day or tomorrow.

If the demands made by the Railroad Brotherhood are not accepted, a general strike will be declared on April 1st. - A copy of said demands was delivered to the Secretary of Agriculture.

"EL MUNDO" - March 28, 1924.

Feature article appealing to the President of the Republic to annul the order given for the suppression of "El Sol". An attack against the liberties of the press is not well received either by the press or by the nation.

The street-car strike in Camaguey has been favorably resolved. The Company has recognized the demands of the Association of Employees and accorded the requested increase in wages. The cars will resume operations to-day.

The Provincial Head of the Department of Public Works, and other high employees in Camaguey, have been prosecuted for malversation of funds. They were released under bond of $500.00 for provisional liberty, and another bond of $6,000.00 to insure payment of civil damages.

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Text of the communication delivered to the General Manager of the United Railways of Habana, Mr. Jack, by the Railroad Brotherhood, containing the demands of the latter organization, and the text of a letter from General Jack in answer to said communication. Mr. Jack asks for a period of a week to study the demands, at the expiration of which he will have a conference with the representativesof the Brotherhood, but he wants the employees of Matanzas, Cardenas, Sagua, Santa Clara, Caibarien, Cienfuegos, etc., also to be represented at said conference.

A cable despatch from New York stating that General Garcia Velez has announced that he will moderate his activities against the Cuban Government (See "Havana Post" of March 28th).

President Zayas will answer to-day the petition made by the Association of the Press to annul the order of suppression of "El Sol". Everything seems to indicate that the matter will be satisfactorily solved.

A long ~~article~~ letter from Dr. Oscar Soto Secretary of the National Association of Veterans and Patriots, refuting a recent editorial published by "Diario de la Marina" under the title of "PATRIOTIC ACTION, NOT REVOLUTION." - The letter is followed by a commentary, maintaining the points of view expressed in the Editorial above referred to.

EDITORIAL entitles "QUOSQUE TANDEM?" - Commenting upon the present conditions of Habana, and the necessity of bringing it to the level of a civilized city. It refers to the lamentable conditions of the streets; to the parks, to which no attention is paid; to the manner in which the city is cleaned; to the deficiencies noticed in traffic, to the beggars, etc.

"EL TRIUNFO" - March 28, 1924.

Manuel Andreu, Major of the Liberating Army, condemns General Garcia Velez for the slanderous statements that he has published about the Government, and to the discredit of his country.

At a special Assembly of the Association of Reporters of Habana, yesterday, it was agreed to appoint a Committee to carry the protest of the Association against the closing down of "El Sol" to the President, and to uphold the linotypists and type-setters in their decision to go on strike, if the Decree signed by the Secretary of the Interior is not annulled.

The strike of Santiago de Cuba is growing worse. The city is cut off from communication by train, and it is announced that the stevedores and chauffers are going to join in the strike. Santiago is menaced by hunger.

Editorial commenting upon "The Reign of Terror" instituted in Santiago de Cuba, and suggesting that the fact that so large a percentage of the railway workers are of foreign extraction, may be responsible for the conditions prevailing. The writer states that steps should be taken to limit immigration, for the capital and the labor elements are both largely foreign, and foreign interests have often provoked disturbances in the Republic.

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"HERALDO DE CUBA" - March 28, 1924.

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The strike problem: - Reports received in the Department of the Interior do not show any improvement in the strike situation of Santiago de Cuba. The Secretary of the Interior received a telegram from the Mayor of Santiago stating that hardly any people made use of the street-cars, and that other Unions intended to second the movement if there were no possibilities of a prompt and satisfactory settlement. The Chamber of Government of the Audiencia of Oriente has appointed a Special Judge to take cognizance of the strike. Cartridges and powder were found in the domicile of the Railroad Union of Santiago, and several leaders were arrested. - The tramway strike of Camaguey has terminated, and normalcy has been restored in that city. - The strike in the cigar factories of Cibara has taken a tragic turn. In a clash between strikers and strike-breakers, one of the laborers was stabbed.

Cable despatch from Philadelphia: In an editorial, "The Public Ledger" comments upon the activities of General Garcia Velez, stating that the declarations made by Garcia Velez contain nothing new. The Cuban situation was carefully investigated last Autumn by a Correspondent of the "Public Ledger", and the state of affairs, whivh remain virtually the same, were discussed in a series of articles in said newspaper.....

Cable despatch from New York: Garcia Velez fears that President Zayas may simulate a revolutionary movement, to affirm, after putting it down, that he has defeated the Veterans and Patriots. In a Manifesto addressed by him to the people of Cuba, he recommends calm and discretion in order that his plans may not fail. In view of the possible attitude of Zayas, Garcia Velez stops the activities of the Revolutionary Board.

An article favorably commenting upon the attitude of Secretary Sandoval, who has prevented the consummation of a scandalous deal planned by Chief Engineer Cuellar. Cuellar wanted the contract for the repair of the streets of Habana awarded to a firm with which he is associated, but Secretary Sandoval has refused to do so.

EDITORIAL entitled THE GRATUITIES - Unfavorably commenting upon the schemes planned in connection with this just claim of the public employees against the State.

Irregularities in the Division of the Tax of One per Cent. - Honest and competent employees are dismissed, and supporters of reelection appointed in their place. - Another relative of Dr. Zayas, a mechanic of Cardenas, has been appointed Inspector of said Tax. - An Inspector exacts money from merchants of Ceiba del Agua.

"EL HERALDO" - March 28, 1924.

An article stating that the Department of the Treasury has discovered that the appropriation of $6.000,000.00 for Public Works has not only been spent, but overdrawn. According to this, the Law of the Loan has been violated, but the extent of the violation is not known, because the Treasury Department keeps this in great secrecy.

General Betancourt, Secretary of Agriculture, disgusted by the attitude of the Secretary of the Treasury who decreed the suspension xxxxx from office of the Paymaster of Pensions in connection with the loss of checks in blank, threatens to resign, and has brought the matter to the attention of the President of the Republic.

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"El Heraldo" - March 28, 1924.

"THE EXPULSION OF BARONI" - Favorably commenting upon an article published by Jose I. Rivero, Editor of "Diario de la Marina" criticizing the intentions of the Government to deport Aldo Baroni, Editor of "El Heraldo".

EDITORIAL entitled "WE AGREE WITH YOU, GENERAL" - Favorably commenting upon the recent statements made by General Garcia Velez, who now does not threaten to overthrow the present Administration by means of a revolutionary movement, but who expresses the hope that the Government will be defeated at the coming elections.

Another editorial unfavorably commenting upon the dismissal of Mr. Eduardo Montoulieu, Assistant Treasurer of the Republic, stating that it is a sad symptom to see that the Administration is getting rid of honest and competent officials.

"LA PRENSA" - March 28, 1924.

Telegram from Santiago de Cuba stating that the residents of Santiago have commenced to feel the effects of the paralyzation of the railroad traffic. Articles of prime necessity are scarce, and prices are going up at an astounding rate.

EDITORIAL, very unfavorably commenting upon the intentions of the residents of Jesus del Monte, of obtaining from Congress a Law creating the Municipality of Jesus del Monte, which is a part of the City of Habana.

"LA NOCHE" - March 28, 1924.

"TROPICAL MILITARISM" - Sarcastically commenting upon the maneuvers of the small Cuban Army, stating that while these practices are taking place, the military posts are abandoned. The writer doesnot see the use of these military practices because the Cuban Army is not going to conquer any foreign territory, and the Rural Guard was organized only to protect the country.

The Ayuntamiento is unduly collecting port dues. These dues should be collected by the State and not by the Ayuntamiento. The Captain of the Port brings up this important point of Law in a report submitted to the Department of the Treasury.

The Under Secretary of the Interior announced this morning that mail trains were running in and out of Santiago.

Cable despatch from New York, sent by Mr. W. T. Mason: - The campaign of Garcia Velez has failed. The Veterans and Patriots have not obtained any support in New York. The policy maintained by the present American Government, refusing to permit revolutionary activities in the U.S., has been the cause of this failure.

"EL MUNDO" - March 29, 1924.

The Department of the Treasury announced that the present Budget amounting to $68.500,000.00 was totally covered with the collections of yesterday. The collections made from this date to June 30th, will be the surplus of the present fiscal year. Said surplus is estimated at about 23 millions. The reporters were also told that the Interior Debt of 1917 will be paid early in April. Said debt amounts to about 5 million dollars. . - The money deposited in the Treasury at the present time amounts to about 29 million dollars.

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"El Mundo" - March 29, 1924. (Continued).

Telegram from Santiago de Cuba: Thirteen men have been arrested, accused of being connected with the recent explosion of bombs. At a meeting held this afternoon by the Chamber of Commerce, it was resolved to close all/stores next Monday, and to invite the wholesale retail merchants to second this movement.

Letter from the Acting Secretary of the Presidency, Mr. L. E. Lecuona, to the President of the Association of the Press, in connection with the suppression of "El Sol", followed by a strong article signed by all the members of the Staff of "El Sol" refusing to accept the terms indicated by the President.

Cable despatch from New York, announcing that General Garcia Velez intends to visit Boston Chicago and Philadelphia, and to hold conferences with prominent persons with a view of obtaining their support to his campaign in favor of a better Government in Cuba.

"DIARIO DE LA MARINA" - March 29, 1924.

EDITORIAL entitled "THE LAST PROMISE?" - Commenting upon the secret conference held by members of the House of Representatives last Wednesday, to discuss a legislative program. The writer does not understand why this conference should have been at closed doors, when it referred to a matter of public interest. - No practical decision was reached, but the leaders of the three parties agreed to recommend most punctual attendance, in order that all the laws which appear in the "Order of the Day" might be discussed. Does this mean that they have given up the idea of preparing a legislative program? - The editorial further refers to laws the approval of which are urgently demanded by the country.

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"HERALDO DE CUBA" - March 29, 1924.

Full text of the resolution adopted by the Debt Commission authorizing the payment of$248,250.00 to Mr. Buffardi for certain paintings and statuary said to have been imported by him at the requested of the President of the Republic.

Dr. Loredo, Head of the Municipal Sanitation of Habana, threatens to present his resignation if his suggestions continue to be disregarded, as he understands that politics and its consequent disorders, are a hindrance to the good march of the Sanitary Services.

"EL HERALDO" - March 29, 1924.

Telegram from Santiago de Cuba stating that Mario Garcia Velez is reported to have arrived to that city, but the secret agents of the Government have been unable to locate him. It has been learned that as soon as Mario Garcia Velez arrived, the Veterans and Patriots held a secret meeting, at which, it is said, they resolved to rise in arms if the Government declared the martial law in view of the present state of the tramway and railroad strike.

A study of the revenues collected by the Custom House of Cienfuegos, which ought to be the second in rank in the Republic, reveals that contraband and fraud are impunely carried on there, as it now occupies the fourth or fifth place. During the times of Yero Miniet, it was a center of corruption, but things are worse there now. Large contrabands of opium and other narcotic drugs are said to have been imported through that port. The coasts in that district are never watched, and smugglers, which abound there, are never molested.....

EDITORIAL entitled: "TO MAINTAIN ORDER" - Unfavorably commenting upon the methods employed by the Government to maintain the public peace. First, the right of holding meetings was abolished, then the liberty of the press is curtailed, and at the same time a great display of force is being made. In Cuba, the maintenance of public order is a question of justice, and not of force. The Government should change the methods employed, and start by making a complete rectification: in other words, to act honestly, and to give up the idea of reelection.

"LA PRENSA" - March 29, 1924.

The Office of the Prosecuting Attorneys of the Audiencia of Habana has forwarded to the Judge of Instruction of the Second Section, a denunciation filed by the Secretary of the Interior against Dr. Oscar Soto and Dr. Gustavo Gutierrez who signed a Manifesto issued by the Association of Veterans and Patriots, and against the Editor of "El Sol" for the publication of an article of a revolutionary character. The Judge of Instruction is ordered to institute the corresponding proceedings.

"EL TRIUNFO" - March 30, 1924.

EDITORIAL entitled "THE LIQUIDATION OF THE BUDGET" - Very favorably commenting upon the liquidation of the past Budget and the alluring conditions of the Cuban Treasury.

"EL COMERCIO" - March 30, 1924.

Fifty pounds of opium were confiscated by the Customs authorities

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"El Comercio" - March 30, 1924.

of Habana. This opium was found in the baggage of Mr. G. Tinoco, brother of the ex-President of Costa Rica, who was en route from New Orleans to Panama. The cans containing the opium were addressed to "M. Salas, Colon, Panama", but there were going to be smuggled into Habana.

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From "EL HERALDO DE CUBA"--March 30, 1924.

There are no signs of a settlement of the strike in Santiago de Cuba. According to the reports from that city, the strike up to date has caused a loss in business of $200,000. Numerous Associations of trades men have agreed to send telegrams of the President of Cuba, and the Secretary of the Interior, begging them to take measures to end the situation.

The Under-Secretary of the Treasury, Eduardo Monteulieu, asked permission to take a few days' leave, intending later to resign from the Government service altogether. Secretary Portela, however, would not grant this leave, but stated that he would allow him to continue,managing solely the Vaults of the Treasury, until he decided whether he would stay or not. Bodelo, dismissed for passing false checks, will be reinstated on Monday, March 31.

Mario García Velez, brother of General García Vélez, has been travelling through the province of Oriente, holding meetings with the members of the "Association of Veterans and Patriots", to explain his brother's policy and bring them messages from him. He has also explained some details of the plans to regenerate Cuba.

Editorial entitled "Revolution is An Anachronism"-commenting upon the fact that it is recognized in Europe that wars and anarchy are absolutely destructive of civilization. Cuba must, like the United States, start to determine legally the length of service of her Presidents, and avoid Revolutions, which always follow on reelections.

President Zayas, after a conference last night at Finca María, with the directors of various papers, promised to sign a decree, ordering the ban on the publishment publication of "El Sol"to be lifted.

Electoral Matters--Señor Manuel Gonzalez Jiménez chosen as Political Representative of the Popular Party before the Municipal Electoral Assembly. Another Inspector will be appointed to take care of work there. The Provincial Electoral Board does not seem eager to report on and take action on the irregularities committed by the Republican, Reformist and Nationalistic Parties in the last registrations of electors. The Court of First Instance of the East held a hearing of the case established by Felix Ugarte against Alejandro Gutiérrez, chosen delegate for the Cerro district by lot, both candidates having the same number of votes.

From "EL HERALDO"--March 30, 1924.

Activities in the Department of Public Works--the Office of Public Works in the Province of Pinar del Rio has asked for an increase of the credit for the building of roads between Consolation del Sur and San Vicente. This work has never been started, and yet sums are already charged up for the payment of personnel appointed for this work! The Building of the Fiscal Offices is to be repaired Project on foot to change the electric lighting posts in parts of the Isle of Pines.

Diplomatic combinations necessary because of the vacancy created in London by the dismissal of General García Velez. Dr. Aristides Agüero will be appointed to London, and Señor Marquez to Berlin, 3830

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but for the present the Legations will remain in the hands of the Chargés d'Affaires. Marquez Sterling will also be given the rank of Minister Plenipotentiary, but for the present, will not be assigned to any post, remaing in Habana to assist the Secretary of State in the preparations for the next Panamerican Congress to be held in Habana. The Legation at Lisbon, up to now in the hands of a Chargë d'Affaires, will be presided over by a Minister Plenipotentiary. Luis Rodolfo Miranda, who has been representing Cuba in Lisbon, is to have charge of a Legation in South America, with an increase in rank.

Gambling in Marianao has not ended with the racing season and the closing of the Casino will not end it either. It is rumored that certain gambling bankers have secured the powerful influence of connections of the Palace, and will run many gambling establishments, both licensed and otherwise, with entire impunity. It is also rumored that the Secretary of the Interior has given permission for the open playing of baccarat, to begin from April 10 on.

The legislature will reopen for a new session on Monday, March 31. Among the projects of law to be discussed are petitions for the creation of eight new Municipal districts: Máximo Gómez, Arabos and Arcos de Canasí, in the Province of Matanzas: Ramón Lazo, Province of Pinar del Rio: Ceiba del Agua, Habana Province: Simón Reyes, and Florida, Camagüey, and Cartagena in the Province of Santa Clara. The payment of the Employees' Bonuses and the Reform of the Electoral Code also await the decision of the House.

The strike in Santiago de Cuba is still going on, and with many acts of violence. Up to date forty-three workmen, strikers, were arrested, accused of attempts to terrorize.

Editorial commenting unfavorably upon the 4% Tax, stating that it is unnecessary, and will react injuriously upon business interests. If the profits of legitimate commerce are to be so largely handed over to the Public Treasury, many persons will go out of business, and the prosperity of the country will consequently lessen.

DIARIO DE LA MARINA--March 31, 1924.

Secretary of Iturralde has signed a decree revoking the previous one which ordered the suspension of activity of "El Sol". The paper is to reopen its work today.

The Patriotic Society of Cubans held a meeting yesterday in the Knickerbocker Building in New York, and voted to reject the petition of the Association of Veterans and Patriots to second the movement initiated by General Garcia Velez, esteeming that it would not be patriotic to uphold such a movement in a foreign land, and especially in the United States.

Editorial--
Commenting with satisfaction upon the Liquidation of the National Budget for the year 1922-1923, a statement for the first time in the history of the Republic, presented to Congress by the President, and rejoicing in the prosperous condition of the country, and the state of the Public Treasury.

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1. Herewith will be found Brief Summaries of News Articles and Editorial Comment in the Havana press for the days March 31, April 1, 2, 3, and 4, 1924.

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SUMMARY OF NEWS ARTICLES AND EDITORIAL COMMENT IN THE HABANA PRESS.

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"HERALDO DE CUBA" - March 31, 1924.

Article by Gustavo Gonzalez Beauville, unfavorably commenting upon the attitude of President Zayas in connection with the newspaper "El Sol". Zayas revoked the order of suppression, not of his own free will, but as a result of the steps taken by the Editors of the Habana papers. The error of the Secretary of the Interior, sanctioned by the President, compels the newspapermen to be more alert in view of the new policy of the decrepit President.

A "Local Committee Pro Isle of Pines" was organized yesterday in Regla. Dr. Osvaldo Valdes de la Paz, President of the Board of Education of Habana, made the resume, and said that the Isle of Pines was the symbol of a dangerous policy of the U.S. toward Cuba, because the Cubans, by the cession of lands for coaling stations, had already paid for the possession of the Island in dispute, which has always belonged to Cuba, but whose right over the same has not yet been recognized.

EDITORIAL "THE WEEK" - Commenting upon the activities of General Garcia Velez in New York, stating that in spite of the fact that the declarations made by him have been extravagant and crazy, they may perhaps not be lost altogether. His declarations serve to form opinion, unfavorable to all, but more unfavorable for the governing classes of Cuba, and in this sense they may help to avert the grave danger hanging over the country: Reelection; an evil which must be combatted by all possible means.

An article criticizing the idea of dividing Habana into six Electoral Boards. This reform of the Electoral Code was suggested by the President to Congress in accordance with a report submitted by the Central Electoral Board. - Said division would only favor the interests of reelection.

"EL HERALDO" - March 31, 1924.

An article commenting upon the corruption prevailing in the Department of the Lottery. Zayas Arrieta has adopted a rebellious attitude against his own father, and against the Department entrusted to his care, and he is only working for his own personal benefit. He has placed himself in such a difficult position, that his withdrawal from the Lottery would be looked upon with pleasure at the Palace.- The Management of the Lottery has established a secret connection with the "Central Company" which is the strongest monopolizer of tickets.....

A telwgram from Sagua la Grande, protesting against the actions of a contractor of ublic works, who is using old materials for the construction of a bridge.

"El Heraldo" published an article yesterday about certain irregularities in the Custom House of Cienfuegos. - Further commenting upon this subject, "El Heraldo" now states that the Collector of Customs of Cienfuegos, Mr. Oropesa, is the relative of a influential Senator, and that is why he acts with absolute independence.....

An article unfavorably commenting upon a concession granted to "All America Cables" for the use of a line of The Cuban Telephone Company, greatly to the detriment of the State. - It is said that a petition for information in connection with this concession will be sent to the Executive by the House of Representatives.

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"LA PRENSA" - March 31, 1924.

EDITORIAL entitled "NEW LEGISLATIVE PERIOD" - Stating that the legislative bodies may possibly meet next week in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution, expressing the hopes that Congress will give preferent attention to the study and discussion of the Budget for the coming fiscal year. It further refers to the convenience of modifying the Tariffs in a way that will increase the fiscal revenues, and at the same time offer an opportunity for the development of resources which will protect the country against possible contingencies in the prices of sugar.

"LA NOCHE" - March 31, 1924.

PALACE NEWS: The question of the change of Cabinet, was again spoken to-day at the Palace. - However, the President persists in saying that he is perfectly satisfied with the work of the present members of his Cabinet. - It has been learnad that General Menocal will have a conference with the President, shortly.

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From "EL MUNDO"--April 1, 1924.

Feature editorial entitled "The New Legislature". Appeal to the members of Congress to attend to their duties of voting laws for the good of the country, in this new session.

"The New York World" ~~x~~ has published a special article announcing the appearance of a new and mysterious secret organization in Cuba.-- a branch of the Ku Klux Klan, to be called the Kubana Kan Klan, which will enforce political reforms. It is said that Dr. Oscar Soto is the person to address in asking for membership. The director is to be unknown to most of the members, and the most rigid secrecy as to plans will be preserved.

The railway strike in Sagua La Grande, scheduled to begin today, has been postponed until the third of April, pending decision by the director of the company.

The numerous strikes of late occurring, are evidence that the "social crime" is beginning to flourish in Cuba. There are not the same reasons for anarchy, however, here, as in some great countries of Europe. Let the Government, the Congress and the Judiciary, do their part in fulfilling the laws, and at the same time, studying how to treat all classes justly.

The strike in Santiago, it appears, is not yet ~~x~~ over, for in spite of the fact that the street-car company made notable concessions of salary to the employees who were faithful, the arrest of the President of the Strike Committee has been ordered, and the petition to release him has not been granted yet. It appears that there is a difference of opinion between the strikers, some willing to accept the concessions offered them as sufficient, others holding out for further privileges.

DIARIO DE LA MARINA--~~XXXX~~ April 1, 1924.
Feature article, stating that in this new session of Congress, the problems of the economic life of the nation are to be resolved-- appealing ~~xxx~~ to the Congressmen and Senators to vote the abolition of the Four Percent Tax on Profits, which is of great injury to the Commerce of the Nation.

The strikers in Santiago de Cuba refuse to return to work until their companions, arrested for attempts of violence(especially the placing of bombs) are released under bond. The Governor of the Province promised that last night they would be released, and the strike declared at an end.

At a meeting of the Railway Brotherhood yesterday, the delegates gave an account of their activities since the beginning of the strike. It was universally agreed to concede the period of one week asked by General Jack to decide on the petitions presented, by the delegates. Reports were made of the actions taken by the committees to aid their fellow-strikers in Sagua La Grande. The delegates have now gone thither to discuss problems with the members of the Brotherhood.

EL TRIUNFO--April 1, 1924.
From Santiago come reports of a new explosion of a bomb, at the corner of Maceo and Estrada Palma, causing some damage to the walls of a house and to the electric street lights. Twenty-four street-car workers have been arrested as implicated in the placing of bombs or torpedoes, and are being retained by the authorities, as an

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example against further attempts of this kind.

The Chief Engineer of the Province of Santa Clara, together with a false witness, has defrauded the Treasury of Money. The Contract for the reparation of the bridge of "Felipe de Pazos", certified by the Chief Engineer, Manuel R. Pérez, has been very poorly and inadequately, with the employment of personnel from his own office.

Editorial in section entitled "Pinceladas". The editorial comments unfavorably upon the speech made by Señor Higinio J. Medrano, at a meeting of the Club Hispano Americano de Filadelfia, in which he praises to the skies the work of the Americans in furnishing funds to Cuba--and urges all Cubans to strive for nationalism, in every way--music, art, dramas, customs, traditions--all should be emphasized, until the national conscience of the Republic is fully awakened.

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"HERALDO DE CUBA" - April 1, 1924.

The Association of Cane Planters of Cuba has already presented to the Tariff Committee of the United States, through Ambassador Torriente, a detailed report in defence of the Cuban sugar industry. The text of said report, dated March 27th, is also published.

EDITORIAL entitled "THE LIQUIDATION" - Unfavorably commenting upon the Presidential Message to Congress, concerning the liquidation of the past Budget.

Irregularities in the Department of Communications. - Postmaster Cartaya spent the appropriation of $500,000.00 for material during the first four months of the present fiscal year, and now he is purchasing material to be paid out of the appropriation for the coming fiscal year.

"EL HERALDO" - April 1, 1924.

"THE DREAM OF MENDIETA, AND THE REALITY OF MACHADO" - An article trying to demonstrate that Mendieta is not very popular in Cuba.

It is affirmed that Zayas and Menocal will hold a conference next Friday. - On April 13th, the Provincial Assemblies of the Popular and Conservative Parties will appoint the delegates to the National Assembly, and then it will be known whether the National League is maintained. The Crisis of the Cabinet, which has been postponed several times, will be brought up again after the 13th.

"LA NOCHE" - April 1, 1924.

"RISUM TENEATIS"- Criticizing the declarations recently made by General Garcia Velez in New York to the "New York Tribune". - Garcia Velez said that President Zayas was trying to obtain the approval of an Amnesty Law which would include General Asbert, as he desired to appoint the latter as a member of his Cabinet. That is a ridiculous affirmation, because an amnesty was granted to Asbert long ago.

The fifty pounds of opium found in the baggage of Mr. Tinoco, and confiscated by the Government, were destroyed this morning, in the presence of the Secretary of Sanitation, Doctors Lopez del Valle, Morales Lopez, and Hugo Roberts.

"EL MUNDO" - April 2, 1924.

Telegram from Santiago de Cuba, stating that the railroad strike is still going on, and that the Cuba Company has suffered losses amounting to $360,000.00 by reason of the strike.

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

EDITORIAL entitled "THE TAX OF FOUR PER CENT" - Commenting upon a project of Law modifying the Law of the Tax of Four per Cent on Profits, recommending at the same time the necessity of abolishing said tax of four per cent.

"EL TRIUNFO" - April 1, 1924.

A telegram from Santiago de Cuba announces that the railroad strike is ended. At a meeting held last night, it was resolved to resume the train service to-day.

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"HERALDO DE CUBA" - April 2, 1924.

A cable despatch from Washington stating that according to data compiled by the Bureau of National and Foreign Trade, the amount of American capital invested in Cuba aggregates $1,250.000,000.00.

President Zayas is making great efforts to mend the National League. Political conferences are still held at the Palace between members of the Popular Party and prominent members of the Conservative Party. Contracts are awarded and concessions granted to win followers for reelection.

An article commenting upon the destruction of opium in Habana. While the Custom House of Habana prevents the smuggling of opium into Habana, narcotic drugs are smuggled through other ports. Some months ago, a group of prominent persons, some of whom hold prominent offices in the Judiciary, organized a trip to Mariel, and on their return they brought several trunks containing hundreds of pounds of narcotic drugs. The article further states that the Department of Sanitation is aware of this.

Representative Enrique Recio, who has just returned from Camaguey, affirms that the victory of Mendieta in that Province, is beyond all doubt

"The Presidential Decrees granting appropriations to be taken from the surplus of the Budget, are illegal". - At present, Dr. Zayas has little fears that Congress will reject his Decrees granting appropriations, as in the case of the purchase of the Santa Clara Convent. Secretary Portela blindly obeys all the orders given by the President, even if they are regarded as illegal. As an example, the article mentions a very recent Decree granting an appropriation of $22,000.00 "against surplus of the Budget", to pay the expenses of a Commission which will represent Cuba at the International Conferences on Emigration and Immigration to be held in Rome on May 15th

The Economic Corporations are trying to find a solution to the labor conflict in Santiago de Cuba. - The Department of the Interior appoints a Supervisor to take care of public order in that City.

EDITORIAL entitled "IN UNION THERE IS STRENGTH". - Commenting upon Reelection, and the efforts made by Dr. Zayas to create divisions in the Liberal Party.

"EL HERALDO" - April 2, 1924.

The National Federation of Economic Corporations is carrying on a campaign in favor of good streets and roads. An article signed by said organization appears in practically all the newspapers of Habana, stating that to drive an automobile over Cuban streets and roads, is practically the same as to run on square wheels, which annuls all the value of the genius of the inventors and of modern progress, and constitutes an attack against civilization.

Secretary Iturralde is again active in his campaign of persecution against Mayors and Governors who are not in favor of reelection. Many resolutions adopted by Municipal and Provincial Councils have been vetoed, as an act of revenge.

The port of Habana threatened by a new strike. The port laborers want the enforcement of the Decree No. 665.

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"El Heraldo" - April 2, 1924 (Continued).

Some petty political bosses bribed by Doctor Zayas, have succeeded in obtaining the control of the Assembly of the Conservative Party of Habana, which is likely to be placed at the service of reelection. This is said to be only a partial victory, because the anti-reelectionists have won in other important municipalities. It is affirmed that a meeting will take place shortly, of political leaders opposed to reelection, at the office of a Lawyer closely connected with General Menocal. The idea seems to be to form a coalition to defeat reelection.

Irregularities in the Department of Public Works. The contract for paving 12th Street in Vedado, was illegally awarded to A. Valdes y Cia, as can be seen by the following statement giving the price ~~xxxxxxx~~ offered by the different bidders:

	Pedro J. Ferrer	$ 33,091.75
	Jose A. Fernandez	35,430.00
	Machado Soviano y Cia.....	36,287.45
	Silvino Hernandez	37,610.50
	Leopoldo Anton Garcia	38,978.10
	Chester Torrance	39,045.00
--	A. VALDES Y CIA.....	39,995.70 --
	Monroy y Ferrera	43,805.00
	Eugenio Mora	44,098.25

"LA PRENSA" - April 2, 1924.

A large number of fruit growers of Cuba conferred to-day with Secretary Betancourt, and intend to visit Secretary Cespedes, as a part of the campaign for the suppression of the quarantine established in American ports against certain Cuban products.

Editorial entitled "EXCESSIVE TAXATION" - Commenting upon the announcement made by the Department of the Treasury to the effect that the estimated expenditures of the Budget had been totally covered with the collections made up to, and including March 28th.

"MORE ABOUT THE FOUR PER CENT" -Expressing the hopes that Congress will give preferent attention to the suppression of the tax of four per cent on profits, especially in view of the present financial conditions of the Treasury.

"LA NOCHE" - April 2, 1924.

An article protesting against the abuses committed by the Police against the strikers of the "Compañia Manufacturera Nacional."

"A GREAT MILITARY SCANDAL" - An article stating that according to rumors heard in official circles, arms and cases of ammunition have been stolen from Cabañas Fortress, and brought to Habana. It is also rumored that a man by the name of Recarens is engaged in the clandestine sale of this war material.

"EL MUNDO" - April 3, 1924.

Cable despatch from Washington (by the Associated Press), stating that representatives of the American landholders in the Isle of Pines, have asked President Coolidge not to ratify the Treaty granting sovereignty over the Isle to Cuba (See "Havana Post" of April 3rd).

A cable despatch from the Universal Service, makes the same statement. The petitioners state that ninety per cent of the population of the Isle of Pines is American.

The Municipal Court of Yateras is denounced for falsifying documents in the proceedings of the case of the property known as "Cupey del Sur."

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"El Mundo" - April 3, 1924 (Continued).

The official ending of the strike in Santiago de Cuba was for the third time announced on the night of April 1st. A number of the strikers, however, have refused to return to work, and some of them have stoned street-cars, causing panic among the passengers. (From a telegram from Santiago de Cuba).

On Wednesday afternoon, General Jack and Secretary Betancourt held a long conference with President Zayas, on the petitions recently presented by the Railroad Brotherhood. General Jack, interviewed by the reporters, stated that to comply with the petition meant the additional expenditure of six million dollars per year, which the Company could not possibly afford.

Editorial entitled "IMMORALITY MASKING AS MORALITY" - The agitation to pay immediately the bonuses to employees, so long overdue, may not be due to disinterested motives. Many of the employees have discounted their credits for these bonuses, being persuaded by certain companies that they would never receive full payment. The money paid out now, would therefore go to enrich these companies, to whom they have "sold their birthright."

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

Editorial commenting upon "THE OIL SCANDAL IN THE UNITED STATES", giving a short history of the case, stating at the end that the indignation of the people is as great as legitimate, and has cast a stain on the Republican Party, although in truth, the Republican Party is not responsible; that the reelection of President Coolidge now seems problematical, although he is acting with energy, justice and impartiality in the defence of the rights of the Navy, lending his cooperation for the discovery, persecution and punishment of the guilty parties.

"EL TRIUNFO" - April 3, 1924.

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"POLITICS", by Napoleon Galvez, analyzing the present situation of the various political parties xxxxxxx now making preparations for the coming electoral struggle. The LIBERAL PARTY is described as a strong Party with two candidates, each having equal forces behind him, with the advantage in favor of Machado that he has the support of the Assemblies. Foreseeing some possible strife among the Liberals, the names of Roberto Mendez Peñate and Alberto Barreras, Governors of Santa Clara and Habana, respectively, are mentioned as candidates of transaction. It is a very strong Party, but it could be defeated by the coalition of other parties. -- The CONSERVATIVE PARTY is weak and without a proper leadership. It would be foolish to present a presidential candidate of its own, but its attitude will weigh on the decision of the electoral body, as a cooperating party. Those who think that Menocal can be elected, are crazy. - THE POPULAR PARTY has grown up somewhat, and is calmly watching the developments. It has a loyal worship toward a great man, and is firmly decided to support him at all events. It is open to all decorous understandings, and awaits the decision of the other parties to regulate its conduct and determine its policy.....

EDITORIAL entitled THE ROAD TO POWER, unfavorably commenting upon the struggles between the two strongest candidates of the Liberal Party, which are likely to cause the defeat of said Party at the coming elections.

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"HERALDO DE CUBA" - April 3, 1924.

Cable despatch from Washington: Mrs. H. P. Wheeler and Mrs. Charles F. Fetter, representing the American Woman Planters Association of the Isle of Pines, who also claim to represent the American Chamber of Commerce of the Isle of Pines, presented a petition to President Coolidge urging him to reject the ratification of the Hay-Quesada Treaty In view of the fact that the petitions present by private individuals do not deserve a diplomatic consideration, and also because the constituted authorities of Cuba cannot dignify the appeal with an answer, the Special Correspondent of Heraldo de Cuba transmitted to President Coolidge a report on the Isle of Pines question from a Cuban view point "thereby saving the Republic of Cuba from sacrificing its dignity answering foolish accusations made by a group of private individuals."

The construction of an immense park in Habana is contemplated. It will cover an area of 10 "caballerias" (about 333 acres), and its cost is estimated at teenty (20) million dollars. President Zayas, Governor Barreras and Mayor Cuesta together with two English Engineers, will hold a conference to-day on the subject. The Park will extend from Carlos Tercero Avenue to the estate of Mrs. Rosalia Abreu beyond Palatino.

The boycott against the products of the Compañia Manufacturera Nacional has been extended over the railroad and shipping lines. The Compañia Manufacturera has complained before the Department of Agriculture. The Secretary of Agriculture is of the opinion that the boycott should not be permitted in the case of common carriers.

The Decree authorizing the Treasury to take up the bonds of the Loan of 1917, will be submitted to the President for signature, to-day. The Secretary of the Treasury has refused to disclose the terms of the Decree. However, it has been learned that only a period expiring on June 20th will be granted; the drawing for the amortization, set for April, has been annulled. This Decree may give rise to protests.

EDITORIAL. In connection with recent Voodoo crimes, this editorial refers to the benevolence, leniency and incopetence of certain Judges. "The slow and torpid justice loses all character of correction, and becomes a providential or commercial act, depending on whether it is laziness or venality that really prompts its activities. With this lamentable situation of judicial atony, the second civilizing influence is eliminated. ..... In any case, the people of Cuba are a civilized people. Consequently the inexorable dilemma is: the cannibals are either educated, or destroyed."

Secretary Portela has prepared a Decree fixing the boundaries of four new Custom Houses created by the Law of Consolidation of Railways. These new Custom House districts are: Tarafa, Manati, Bahia Honda and Sagua de Tanamo.

Cable despatch from New York: The Special Correspondent of Heraldo de Cuba, heard a conversation last night, in a well known restaurant of New York, concerning a shipment of arms from Key West to Cuba.

Text of Resolution No. 6 of the National Association of Veterans

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and Patriots, rejecting the accusations flung against the V. & P. of trying to obtain the intervention of the U.S. in Cuba; that Garcia Velez and Despaigne have not abandoned the noble and disinterested work which they have undertaken, "and also to set forth before the whole world the sad Cuban reality, in order that if unfortunately an armed conflict whosuld arise in Cuba, its purely social and ideological character may not be mistaken for those revolutionary outbreaks employed by professional politicians.. "To proclaim that the Ass. of V. & P. not only does not desire an intervention of the U.S. in the interior affairs of Cuba, but that it claims, and is disposed to exercise, in accordance with the provisions of Article 43 of the Constitution of the Republic, the right of the people of Cuba to settle their own domestic disputes without any foreign interference, resorting to force if it became necessary....."

President Zayas will recommend to Congress the creation of 13 new Fiscal Zones. This request will be made in a Message asking for an amplification of the Budget.

"EL HERALDO" - April 3, 1924.

Article stating that a new strike is about to break out. The period requested by General Jack expires to-day, and the Railroad Brotherhood desires to commence the strike tomorrow.

Tabulated statement of the debts of the Republic at the close of business of February 29th, as follows:

Outstanding bonds of the the loan of $35.000,000, (Speyer) - 5% - 1904/44	$ 20.849,000.00
Outstanding bonds of the Interior Debt of 1905...	8.454,300.00
Outstanding bonds of the loan of $16.500,000.00 1909/49	14.926,000.00
Outstanding bonds of of the $10.000,000.00 loan - (Morgan) - 1914/49	8.220,000.00
Oustanding bonds of the Treasury 1917/21 - 6% ...	6.524,800.00
Ports - $7.000,000.00 - 5% - 1917/31	3.980,500.00
Morgan - 1923 - 50 millions	49,438,000.00
Total	$ 112,391,800.00

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A group called "Menocalistas de Accion", has launched the candidature of General Menocal for the presidency of the Republic at the coming elections.

The Conservatives who support reelection, and the Populars, earnestly request the President to get rid of Iturralde. Iturralde is accused of obstructing their plans, but in reality they are disgusted because they are not satisfied with what Iturralde gives them, and want more.

"LA PRENSA" - April 3, 1924.

Cable despatch from New York: Pablo Fumagalli accuses Garcia Velez of trying to introduce the "K. K. K." in Cuba, as a part of the plans to overthrow the Gowernment of Dr. Zayas.

Telegram from Santiago de Cuba: The uncompromising attitude of the Manager of the Electriot Company has prevented the satisfactory solution of the labor conflict. Governor Barcelo said in the presence of a group of newspaper men that if the Electric Company fails to complay fully with all the Bases agreed upon, reinstating the laborers in the position which they occupied formerly, he will intervene no longer in the conflict, and will withdraw the influence of his authority in all efforts to obtain a solution

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"La Prensa" - April 3, 1924 (Continued).

EDITORIAL entitled "AMNESTIES AND PARDONS" - Unfavorably commenting upon the Project of an Amnesty Bill pending before the House. It further refers to the speech made by Dr. Fernando Ortiz at the Sociedad Economic de Amigos del Pais in connection with this subject, and states that during the first 91 days of the present year - January 1st to March 31st, President Zayas granted 96 pardons, his general average being over 31 pardons per month, the highest on record.

The Federation of Port Laborers is now active, and threaten to declare a strike simultaneously with the railroad men, on April 5th.

"LA NOCHE" - April 3, 1924.

The railroad strike seems to be inevitable. General Jack does not accept the Bases presented by the laborers, also he does not want the matter submitted to arbitration. The Bases will be decided on to-day. The Pan-American Express has accepted the demands of the Brotherhood.

A Decree has been issued authorizing the Treasury to take the outstanding bonds of the issue of 1917 in accordance with the Law of July 31, 1917.

The Sub-Secretary of the Treasury has refused to authorize the extraction from the Custom House of 16,000 cartridges imported by Mr. Steinhart. - These cartridges will be kept in the magazines of the Government, and only partial extractions will be authorized from time to time, and their use will have to be properly justified.

"EL PAIS" - April 3, 1924.

Narcotic drugs with an estimated value of $40,000.00 were destroyed to-day by the Department of Sanitation.

Secretary Portela announced that the money deposited in the Treasury amounted to $30.192,346.92.

"DIARIO DE LA MARINA" - (Noon Edition) - April 3, 1924.

Section entitled "IMPRESIONES" - Commenting upon the present political situation. - The plot of the comedy to be played on November 1st, is very interesting. - Zayas,who had no Party to nominate him, will finally be nominated by all the parties. - Zayas was discredited, and the country in bankruptcy, receiving a constant shower of American notes. - But the Zayas of yesterday is not the Zayas of to-day who emphatically declares that he has reduced the foreign debt of Cuba, who has effected a liquidation of the Budget for the first time in the history of Cuba, and who has claimed an international reputation for Cuba which it did not have formerly. Moreover, he will be the President, who, once re-elected, will be in a condition to suppress reelection, and that is why "everybody" (referring to all the professional politicians) turn their eyes upon him. Naturally, the rest of the country, the men of good will who do not go to the polls, but who work and think, is not in favor of Zayas. This latter part of the country will only obtain what it needs when it takes part in active politics, disposed to sweep out everything. To purify and to moralize the electoral body which is now corrupt, is the only thing which the good part of the country must do. "A good administrative government can only be obtained either through an American intervention or by an effort of the truly conservative classes of the country...."

"EL MUNDO" - April 4, 1924.

At a mass meeting held yesterday by the Railroad Brotherhood, it was resolved to maintain the 21 demands presented, or to go to a strike. At the request of Attorney Castellanos, the declaration of

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strike was postponed until Sunday.

Letter from President Mayas to Repesentative Manuel Castellanos, Attorney for the R.R. Brotherhood, transmitting the answer of General Jack in which the latter refuses to accept an arbitration.

The President held a conference with a group of Congressmen. According to statements made by Representative Rey, the President informed them in detail of the message which he will send to Congress next Monday, in connection with the best way of spending the surplus of the present Budget amounting to 23 million dollars (In other parts of this article this surplus is set at 26 millions). The President suggests the construction of Hospital for Tuberculosis in each capital of Province, and the continuation of the public works undertaken with the appropriation of six millions from the Loan. The Congressmen who conferred yesterday with the President are members of the Conservative Party. - He will hold a conference to-day with Liberal Congressmen, and will make the same recommendations to them.

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Yesterday's session of the Rotary Club was devoted to the probleam of ROADS. The guests of honor were, among others: The President of the Senate, the President of the House, Provincial Chief Engineer Guerra, the Secretary of Public Works, and the President of the Cuban Society of Engineers. - Dr. Aurelio Alvarez spoke of the Law of August 25, 1919, drafted by him, for the construction of a Central Highway.

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EDITORIAL entitled: "THE ACTION OF MENOCAL" - Unfavorably commenting upon the political activities of General Menocal

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SUMMARY OF NEWS ARTICLES AND EDITORIAL COMMENT IN THE HABANA PRESS.

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"HERALDO DE CUBA" - April 4, 1924.

Cable despatch from New York: In an Editorial, the New York Times defends Cuba in the case of the Isle of Pines, stating that nothing supports the rights of the United States over said Isle, alleged by some American citizens. Consequently, the cession of the Isle of Pines to Cuba according to the Hay-Quesada Treaty did not imply any sacrifice.

Article stating that yesterday, two English Engineers, accompanied by Governor Barreras and Mayor Cuesta, called on the President, to whom they submitted "various projects of Amusement Parks, the construction of which within the radius of the city they recommended. The cost of said Parks is estimated at 20 million dollars, and they will greatly add to the embellishment of the City, because some of the drives and avenues will be improved. The President praised the wotk, and promised to study the projects carefully.

"Heraldo de Cuba" states that the debts of Cuba amount to $ $ 105.697,300.00, whereas "El Heraldo" of yesterday placed said debts at $112,391.800.00.

"EL HERALDO" - April 4, 1924.

An article unfavorably commenting upon the appointments issued (or sinecures granted) by the Department of Public Works. - Two thousand appointments of $50.00 per month were issued at the request of Celso Cuellar, with which he hopes to control the Provincial Assembly of the Populsr Party in Habana. - Juan Gualberto Gomez has also received many appointments, some up to $150.00 per month, to bribe the members of the Provincial Assembly of Oriente and thereby obtain his renomination for Senator.

"The Dream of Mendieta and the Reality of Machado" - Second article published under this title, unfavorably commenting upon the Presidential aspirations of Colonel Mendieta.

EDITORIAL entitled: "MENOCAL, OUR INDIRECT ALLY", expressing satisfaction for the launching of Menocal's candidature in opposition to Dr. Zayas, because the division of the former allies --Menocal and Zayas-- will make it easier for the Liberals to win at the polls.

The rumors of the sale of a shipment of arms and ammunitions to the Mexican revolutionists in Bahia Honda, coincided with the rumors that a considerably quantity of arms and ammunitions had been stolen from the Cabañas fortress. This scandalous transaction was attributed to Benito Lagueruala, but no concrete charges have been made. The General Staff of the Army first refused to discuss the subject, and now flatly denies the rumors of the stealing of arms, Major Arquimides Mendez states that after a careful investigation and inventory it has been plainly proven that no war material is missing from the Cabañas fortress.

"LA PRENSA" - April 4, 1924.

An article favorably commenting upon the idea of constructing hospitals for tuberculosis and pushing forward the works undertaken with the six millions of the loan. Any effort made to combat the "White Plague" will be strongly supported by "La Prensa". - However, great care must be exercized in the surplus of 26 millions to avoid the shame of a new Debt Commission, because the names of the same contractors of imaginary highways, etc. are now mentioned for the works to be accomplished.

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"LA NOCHE" - April 4, 1924.

EDITORIAL entitled "THE PAYMENT TO PUBLIC EMPLOYEES" - Urging the Government to pay the gratuitiesto public employees.

"THE REAL SITUATION" - The Cubans are deceived by a false mirage: the prosperity of the sugar industry. It is true that the price of sugar is high; but it is also true that commerce is running through a very critical period. -The Government has about thirty million dollars deposited in the Treasury at the present time; but if a general balance were effected, it would be found that the greater part of said money is pledged to obligations of the interior debt. Consequently, the metallic reserve has no consistency; in fact, it can hardly be considered as a "reserve", but only as a deposit determined by certain causes, and it would not be sufficient to settle the debts if the Government decided to pay them. Commerce, therefore, is in a very precarious condition, because the State does not pay waht it owes to the merchants; while the Banks compel the merchants to pay what they owe them. As can be logically imagined, the case is a desperate one .....

According to a report submitted by Mr. Samper, Head of the Division of Special Taxes, an increase in the collections has been noticed throughout the country, in spite of the various disturbances created by the Movement of Veterans and Patriots. The collections, by reason of special taxes, during the month of March of this year, amounted to $381,436.58, as against $331,588.06 in March of 1923.

"EL MUNDO" - April 5, 1924.

"A HATEFUL TAX" - Commenting upon the urgent necessity of abolishing the tax of four per cent on profits, because it is an unjust and unnecessary tax, and greatly vexatious to the merchants.

An article stating that no strike will be declared on Sunday. The workers will obtain what they want without the necessity of a strike. At a conference held last night at the Palace, it was decided that President Zayas will draft the Bases accepted by the General Manager of the United Railways of Habana.

Telegram from Cienfuegos: At a meeting held to-day by the Union of Mechanics and Electricians, they resolved to go on strike tomorrow Saturday, at 12 Noon, because the Electric Company of Cienfuegos refused to agree to their demands. Other smaller Unions are also contemplating to go on strike.

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

EDITORIALS:

"THE NEXT LEGISLATIVE PERIOD" -Commenting upon the opening of the next legislative period next Monday, stating that it will be necessarily more fruitful than the previous one. The Congressmen will have to make up for the time lost, to vindicate themselves before public opinion, especially as the elections are approaching and many of them will have to seek the support of the electoral body to be reelected. Among the problems pending, there are some which are urgently needed by the country, such as the Reform of the Electoral Code, the Revision of the Tariff, the abolition of the tax of four per cent on profits, the Regulation of the Banking System, the Regulation of the conflicts between capital and labor, and the approval of the Budget for the coming fiscal year.

"PUBLIC WORKS" - Very favorably commenting upon the steps taken by the President in order that the works commenced with the six million dollars of the loan, may not be stopped. Congress cannot refuse to authorize the expenditure of the large surplus existing

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"Diario de la Marina" - April 5, 1924. (Continued).

in public works of vital importance and urgent necessity. To refuse to do so, would be to work against the general interests of the country and to arouse the anger of the people. The public works of greater importance mentioned in this article, are: the construction of the Central Highway, the completion of the Capitol which is urgently needed because Habana has been selected as the seat of the next Pan-American Congress, and the construction of the road from Guantanamo to Caimanera.

"EL TRIUNFO" - April 5, 1924.

An article stating that the tax of four per cent on profits will at last be suppressed. The President, heeding the clamour of the people, has requested this suppression in his message to Congress

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"HERALDO DE CUBA" - April 5, 1924.

Article by Dr. Ferrara, commenting upon the rumors that Dr. Zayas intends to give up his aspirations for a second presidential term. Ferrara refuses to give credit to said rumors, because the Cuban rulers, with the exception of Jose Miguel Gomez, have needed the use of knife to detach them from Power. The expenditure of the surplus of the Budget, is a manoeuvre which clearly indicates his reelectoral aspirations. The funds of the Treasury must be placed at the service of reelection, and used to buy consciences. - In spite of the rumors to the contrary, Dr. Zayas will try to be re-elected; otherwise the defrauding Congressmen would not share the millions saved. The people must decide to give the great patriotic battle and win it - Reelection must be condemned.....

EDITORIAL entitled "THE ISLE OF PINES" - Unfavorably commenting upon the petition made to President Coolidge to oppose the ratification of the Hay-Quesada Treaty.

According to instructions given by the Secretary of the Interior to the Police, the gambling places run by Guinea, Caiñas, and others, must not be molested. With the intensification of the reelectoral campaign, many other gambling places will be opened, and adequate places are being prepared in the city for this purpose.

Irregularities in the Department of Communications. - Postmaster Cartaya purchased from Julio Cuellar 2,000 padlocks at $13.50 each, which do not cost over $4.00, leaving a margin of profit of $19,000.00.

Cable despatch from New York: General Garcia Velez has made new declarations to "La Prensa" of New York. Among other things, he said that all the officials of the Cuban Government who are now millionaires, were so poor that they had to reject promissory notes due before they took charge of office. He also said that nobody can deny thathere are 400,000 children in Cuba who have no schools to go to, and that no roads are constructed.....

An article stating that the Conservatives who are in favor of the maintenance of the National League, have requested President Zayas to dismiss Chief Engineer Cuellar. Although they did not obtain the immediate dismissal of Chief Engineer Cuellar, they have at least prevented the awarding of certain contracts without the previous requisite of auction.

"EL HERALDO" - April 5, 1924.

An article commenting upon the disappearance of the book of records showing the properties owned by the Municipality. The loss of this book is attributed to the land-grabbers in their efforts to dispossess the Municipality of many of its properties

An article commenting upon the intentions of President Zayas and Secretary Portela to repeal the law of Bases of the Budget, as this Law prevents them from disposing freely of the surplus of the Budget.

An article commenting upon the Isle of Pines question. Dr. Aurelio Hevia is very pessimistic, and does not think that the Hay-Quesada Treaty will be approved now. - Senator Forsker has said that if the Senate fails to approve the Treaty, said Treaty, which granted coaling stations to the U.S. would automotically become null and void.

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"El Heraldo" - April 5, 1924 (Continued).

An article giving a list of the members of the House of Representatives whose term of office expires next year. They are: 29 Liberals, 26 Conservatives, and 4 Populars.

"LA PRENSA" - April 5, 1924.

A morning paper published an information to the effect that Asiatic Cholera existed in Habana. Dr. Lopez del Valle, after a careful investigation, states that said information is false.

EDITORIAL commenting upon the urgent necessity of abolishing the tax of four per cent on profits.

"THE RAILROAD CONFLICT" - Article favorably commenting upon the conciliatory attitude of General Jack Everything seems to indicate that the present railroad conflict will be satisfactorily solved.

"LA NOCHE" - April 5, 1924.

Captain Manzano, Delegate sent to Oriente by the Department of the Interior, in an official report announces the possibility of a General Strike in Oriente.

"EL MUNDO" - April 6, 1924.

Sub-Secretary of State Patterson denied the rumors spread to the effect that the Cuban Government had requested the arrest of General Garcia Velez by the American authorities.

"EL TRIUNFO" - April 6, 1924.

This paper launches the candidature "ZAYAS-MACHADO" for the coming elections, stating that this is the candidature of salvation which must be supported by the Liberal Party, to assure victory and xkx to retain Power for many years to come.

EDITORIAL entitled "THE NATIONAL CANDIDATE" - Commenting upon the fact that the Liberals must support Dr. Zayas at the coming elections. This is the only possible solution, because, once reelected, Dr. Zayas will be in a position to suppress the Constitutional provisions authorizing reelections in Cuba.

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"HERALDO DE CUBA" - April 6, 1924.

An article stating that the conference held by Doctor Zayas with some leaders of the Conservative Party is a proof of the great failure of reelections in Cuba. All the prominent and valuable leaders of the Conservative Party were excluded from said meeting, in an effort on the part of Dr. Zayas to revive the National League He has no party to nominate him, and he is making a desperate effort to obtain the support of petty leaders of other parties.

"THE PRESIDENTIAL MESSAGE SENT TO CONGRESS, IS THE MESSAGE OF REELECTION" - Unfavorably commenting upon the message to Congress recommending the expenditure of the surplus of the present Budget.

An article stating that in his Message to Congress, President Zayas will recommend the abolition of the tax of four per cent, certain modifications to the Electoral Code, the purchase of aeroplanes for the vigilance of the coasts, etc.

EDITORIAL entitled "LAVISH WASTE OF REELECTION" - Unfavorably commenting upon the intentions of President Zayas to spend the surplus of 26 millions of the present Budget for public works. Said money will only be used for bribery as in 1916 and in 1920, to obtain reelection.

It is quite possible that Zayas Arrieta may request and obtain a leave of absence to go to the United States on a pleasure trip, and in that way the President will dispose of the profits now obtained by the Directors General of the Lottery, for his campaign of reelection.

"EL MUNDO" - April 7, 1924.

"It is not charity, it is the payment of a legitimate debt." - Comment upon the urgent necessity of regulating the payment of pensions to the members of the Army and Navy, the Judiciary, and of other branches of the Administration.

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

EDITORIAL entitled "THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES" - Commenting upon the opening session of the present legislative period, which will coincide with the inauguration of part of the building of the House recently completed. The writer expresses the hopes that the work of the members of Congress will be inspired by a high spirit of patriotism .....

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"HERALDO DE CUBA" - April 7, 1924.

Article by Dr. Orestes Ferrara, in which he predicts a social agitation based on a readjustment of salaries and wages, and change of conditions of work.

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Secretary Iturralde has requested the modification of the Regulations governing the Law of Explosives, in the sense that explosives can only be landed at certain ports. "Heraldo de Cuba" states that this is done in prevision of a revolutionary movement on the part of the Velezites, who, according to reports received by the Government, intend to impose their program through violence and force.

"EL HERALDO" - April 7, 1924.

The Municipal Executive Committee of the Conservative Party of Holguin (Oriente), officially announces the nomination of General Menocal for President at the coming elections. "El Heraldo" believes that all the Conservatives of Oriente will second this movement.

Irregularities in the Department of Public Works. In nine months, said Department has wasted the sum of $919,496.00 in one single item of expenditures: Dredging. - During the month of March, $160,000.00 were spent for this item.

The contractors in charge of the Aqueduct and work of paving the city of Santa Clara, in complicity with the Chief Engineer of Public Works in that City, have taken possession of the sum of $250,000.00 without accomplishing any work. After the contract was annulled, they continued tocollect the water taxes.

"PUBLIC PETITION" - Text of a communication directed to the Prosecuting Attorney of the Supreme Court, by Representative Bartolomé Sagaró requesting that some action be taken against the persons who are despoiling the Republic of immense tracts of land in the Province of Oriente, in connivance with persons who bribe Government officials, and in complicity with venal judges.

The harbor strike has been postponed, but the port laborers insist on an equitable reform of the Decree No. 665.

Colonel Pascual Diaz has obtained the appointment of a Special Judge to investigate the case of Despoliation of Lands of the State in the Province of Oriente. The lands in question have an area of over 20,000 "caballerias" (1 caballeria = 33-1/3 acres).

"LA PRENSA" - April 7, 1924.

An article very favorably commenting upon the recommendation made by the President in his message to Congress, for the suppression of the tax of four per cent on profits.

"EL MUNDO" - April 8, 1924

"THE GRATUITIES" - An article urging Congress to authorize the payment of the bonuses to public employees.

The Railroad Strike has been averted. The bases for settlement were agreed upon last night at a conference held at the Palace, and accepted by the R.R.Brotherhood and by the Railroad Company.

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"El Mundo" - April 8, 1924 (Continued).

Telegram from Santiago de Cuba announcing that the tramway strike has been definitely solved.

The Cuban Society of International Law held the opening session of the Seventh Conference, last night. The opening speech was made by Doctor Antonio Sanchez de Bustamante. - Secretary Cespedes then spoke, and referred to the various problems of international law which have arisen by reason of the recent European War. He also referred to the speech of Doctor James Brown Scott, President of the American Institute of International Law, published recently in an American Magazine.

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1. I enclose summaries of news articles and editorial comment of the Havana Press for the days April 8, 9, 10 and 11, 1924.

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"HERALDO DE CUBA" - April 8, 1924.

"The appointment of Captain Manzanoas, Supervisor of the Police of Santiago de Cuba, was made at the request of the American Embassy" - The above is the title of an article commenting upon a conference between Mr. Asencio Villalon, Mayor of Santiago de Cuba, and Secretary Iturralde, in which the former gave a detailed account of his intervention in the tramway strike of Santiago. Mr. Villalon requested the withdrawl of Supervisor Manzano.- After said conference, Mayor Villalon was interviewed by the reporters, to whom he explained the efforts he made to settle the conflict, the incorrect manner in which he was received by the Manager of the Tramway Co. when he tried to see him, and the appointment of the Supervisor without any justified cause. "The appointment of the Supervisor was made by the Department of the Interior urged by the American Embassy, which also requested the indictment of Mayor Villalon, accusing him of being in connivance with the strikers to injure the interests of a foreign company."

"EL HERALDO" - April 8, 1924.

Mendieta recognizes his defeat. When, at the Hotel Rueda in Ciego de Avila, a group of Liberals came to greet him, expressing their opinion that General Machado had won in the reorganization and would be nominated at the National Assembly, Mendieta answered that he believed this was so, and acknowledged the victory of Machado.

The Department of the Interior, which does not interest itself in the improvement of life in Cuba, is nevertheless much interested in the electoral conditions-- so much so, that supervisors have quite without reason been appointed, as in Santiago de Cuba, where the Department has appointed a supervisor who interferes with the acts of the Mayor.

Article by Bartolomé Sagaró, entitled "THEMIS ON HER KNEES", referring to the corruption of Justice and of the Judiciary.

The Board of Directors of the Association of Commerce and Industry of the Bay of Habana held a meeting to discuss the projected "harbor strike" which the stevedores and dock workers have threatened. The ship-owners refuse to recognize the demands of the workers, saying that if what they demand, a reinstatement of the wages paid at the time of high prices, were granted, the cost of living would increase sixty per cent.

EDITORIAL entitled "MENOCAL VERSUS ZAYAS" - Favorably commenting upon the boosting of Menocal's nomination, as a blow to the interests of the Zayas dynasty, and another reason for rejoicing on the part of the Liberal Party.

"LA PRENSA" - April 8, 1924.

The harbor strike will be declared at 5:00 P.M. to-day, in Habana. The trick drivers will second this movement.

Everything seems to indicate that an Association of Cuban Farmers will be organized shortly. - A Committee of fruit growers has been appointment to go to Washington and take steps to have the embargo on some Cuban fruits and vegetables, lifted.

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"La Prensa" - April 8, 1924 (Continued).

A motion has been presented in the Municipal Council, prohibiting all level crossing in and near Habana. The Railroad Companies will be compelled to construct viaducts. "La Prensa" applauds this measure.

EDITORIAL entitled "THE NEW LEGISLATIVE STAGE" - Unfavorably commenting upon the only resolution adopted at the first meeting of the House of Representatives, reproducing all the Bills pending in the House from the last session. These bills are about one hundred in number, entailing appropriations, subsidies and pensions amount to over three million dollars

Feature editorial entitled "WATER FOR HABANA" - Commenting upon the insufficient supply of water in Habana, and the large surplus estimated at the close of the present Budget, "La Prensa" suggests the idea that the State make a loan to the Municipality of Habana to improve the Aqueduct and give the necessary supply of water to the Capital of the Republic.

"LA NOCHE" - April 8, 1924.

EDITORIAL, unfavorably commenting upon the fact that the streets of Habana are never sprinkled, and many infectious or epidemic diseases afflicting the city can be traced back to this deficiency. The writer understands that there is an appropriation in the Budget of the Department of Public Works for this service.....

"DIARIO DE LA MARINA" - April 9, 1924.

EDITORIAL entitled "THE LIQUIDATION OF THE FLOATING DEBT". - Commenting upon the necessity and propriety of paying the debts of the State in full.

The Supervisor of Santo Domingo, Lieutenant Larcada, has been withdrawn, or dismissed.

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"HERALDO DE CUBA" - April 9, 1924.

Article by Dr. Orestes Ferrara unfavorably commenting upon reelection. - It is necessary to go to reelection, and reelection means remaining in office, not by ambition, but by interest. Zayas will go to reelection despite the fact that he has not a national party to support him, despite the opposition of the Country, and despite the declarations made by Dr. Zayas before the country and even before the American Government. To obtain his desires, Zayas will resort to corruption, deceit and low actions, more proper of a petty political committee than of the Presidential Mansion. - Dr. Ferrara further states that there are two political parties, because the Popular Party does not exist legally, numerically, or morally; consequently Zayas will have to buy one of the two parties to obtain his nomination, and later fraud corruption and violence will give him the victory.....

The Military Supervisor of Santiago de Cuba sent a telegraphic report to the Department of the Interior announcing the termination of the labor strifes in that City. In view of said report, and also in view of the steps taken by the Mayor of Santiago, the Secretary of the Interior will sign a Decree withdrawing Captain Manzano from Santiago. Another Decree will be signed either to-day or tomorrow, withdrawing the Supervisor of Santo Domingo.

The laborers of the port of Habana went on strike yesterday afternoon, demanding the enforcement of Decree 665. The Government announces that the work in the harbor will not be interrupted, and that, if necessary, soldiers will be used to move freight.

General Gerardo Machado has sent the following telegram to all his friends:

> " Please assure once more of my decision to maintain my aspiration to become President of the Republic through the Liberal Party, energetically denying malevolent information published by "El Triunfo" in which I am supposed to be in agreement with Reelection, to which I am frankly opposed."

A vast combination of high officials of the Department of Public Works is contemplated. Zayas, in accord with Sandoval, will appoint many supporters of Reelection, before article 328 of the Electoral Code comes into effect.

EDITORIAL, unfavorably commenting upon the idea of granting an Amnesty. Amnesties should only be applied for political crimes.

"EL HERALDO" - April 9, 1924.

Irregularities in the Department of Public Works. - The Secretary of Public Works received a note "written on a fine and perfumed paper", from the Palace, ordering him to pay to the firm of Solares and Company the sum of $30,000.00 for building material used "in a country residence near Habana used for the enjoyment of the inmates of the Palace..." - Secretary Sandoval immediately ordered the payment, and the money will be taken from the appropriation for the dredging of the bay of Cardenas which have not yet been commenced. - If a careful investigation were made in the Department of Public Works, many strange things would be disclosed.....

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"El Heraldo" - April 9, 1924 (Continued)

An article stating that another auction for the printing of Tax stamps will be held tomorrow in the Department of the Treasury, and as in the case of the former for the printing of stamps for the tax of one per cent, it will be illegally awarded to Lopez, Jr. (or "Potecito") who is in connivance with Secretary Portela. A very large sum is said to have been illegally appropriated for this work.

Commenting upon the Assembly held last night by the Railroad Brotherhood, at which the bases for settlement agreed upon at the Palace were approved, "El Heraldo" states that the R.R. Brotherhood intends to organize the working elements of the country to take active part in politics and to have an influence in the Government. Dr. Castellanos said: "The day is not far when this labor organization will elect the upright men who will govern Cuba....."

The Government is again worried by certain mysterious movements of the Velezites in the Province of Santa Clara. Despite the secrecy maintained in the Department of the Interior, it has been learned that confidential reports have been received indicating that funds are being collected among sugar mill owners for the campaign of Veterans and Patriots, and also that the Velezites are buying cartridges for "Crack" rifles -- some special rifles used in Cuba during the revolution of February. It is said that $100,000.00 have been set aside for these purchases. - Cienfuegos is the place where greater excitement is noticed in connection with this campaign, and something startling was expected to take place there. Secret agents have been sent by the Department of the Interior to make investigations.

The actions of Samper as Head of the Division of Alcohol Taxes is again the object of criticism; he is again appointing venal inspectors, and scandalous frauds in alcohol taxes are revived.

An interview with Dr. Cespedes, in which he denies the rumors spread to the effect that the relations between him and the President had ceased to be cordial. Referring to the Isle of Pines question, he said that, in his opinion, no violent campaigns should be made in defence of the right of Cuba over the Isle of Pines, because the statements attributed to President Coolidge, against the sovereignty of Cuba over said territory, are not true.

The Civil and Contentious-Administrative Chamber of the Audiencia of Habana has rendered a favorable decision on the petition filed by General Garcia Valez requesting that Retirement be granted him. The yearly pension allotted him amounts to $5,624.52.

"LA NOCHE" - April 9, 1924.

EDITORIAL, favorably commenting upon the Presidential Message to Congress, especially in connection with the recommendations made by the President for proper legislation to put a stop to anti-patriotic campaigns.

The call was sent to-day to the Official Gazette, by the Secretary of the Treasury, for the collection of the bonds of the Interior Debt of 1917 to be amortized, in accordance with a Presidential Decree published yesterday.

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"EL MUNDO" - April 10, 1924.

Feature editorial, commenting unfavorably upon the Message of the President to Congress. That there are millions accumulated in the Treasury is due to the fact that the people are squeezed dry to gain these revenues. And, moreover, there is great danger that these funds, like those intended for the performance of public works, will disappear without leaving much trace.

There was very little work done along the wharves yesterday. The Association of Commerce and Industry of the Bay of Habana has given a period of twenty-four hours, to allow those workers who wish to do so to return to work. Those returning will receive cards and be noted for special consideration in the future. The period ended at seven A.M. to-day. The salaried employees have not gone on strike; only the day laborers are holding out for more pay. The Captain of the Port has held an interview with the Committees of the workers and with the ship-owners.

PALACE NEWS: - Members of the Chamber of Commerce and of the Produce Exchange held a long conference yesterday with the President of the Republic, relative to the Port strike, and to the lifting of the four per cent tax. The President stated that the Government was anxious to put an end to the strike, and that the 4% tax would be suppressed, as he had asked Congress in his last Message to undertake this measure.

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

Full text of the decision rendered by the Audiencia of Habana granting retirement and pension to General Carlos Garcia Velez.

"THE COUNTRY AWAITS DEEDS" - Favorably commenting upon the appeal made by Dr. Vazquez Bello to his colleagues in Congress, to work, and work hard, for the benefit of the country.

Text of an appeal addressed by the National Federation of Economic Corporations, to the working classes, pointing out the injustice of the present harbor strike, and the danger of a crisis provoked by labor conflicts.....

Text of a circular issued by the National Federation of Economic Corporations in connection with the campaign for the suppression of the tax of four per cent on profits.

EDITORIAL, favorably commenting upon the recommendations made by the President, to Congress, in his last Message.

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1. There are enclosed Brief Summaries of News Articles and Editorial Comment appearing in the Havana Press for the days April 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, and 17, 1924.

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SUMMARY OF NEWS ARTICLES AND EDITORIAL COMMENT IN THE HABANA PRESS.

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"HERALDO DE CUBA" - April 10, 1924.

In view of the fact that the Department of Agriculture of Cuba could not obtain the abolition of the quarantine against fruits and vegetables of Cuba in American ports, the President of the Republic has signed a Decree, at the suggestion of the Secretary of Agriculture, appointing a Commission of three, to go to Washington and take steps to obtain the abolition of said quarantine.

Article commenting upon the construction of 26th Street which will connect Vedado with Cerro. This work will be in charge of the Office of the City Chief Engineer, and the call for bids has already been published. Many contractors are in touch with the Palace trying to obtain this contract, which will offer a substantial margin of profit, inasmuch as the cost has been estimated at $60,000.00, out of the appropriation of six million dollars of the Loan. It is rumored that an understanding has already been reached between Chief Engineer Cuellar and the President to award this contract to some member of the Cuellar family.

It is believed that no Cabinet Meeting will be held tomorrow. The President will go to Villa Maria tomorrow, and will not return to the Palace until Saturday of next week.

EDITORIAL entitled "THE AMNESTY". - Very unfavorably commenting upon the intentions to pass an Amnesty Law in the House of Representatives. The editorial begins as follows: "The House of Representatives again interrupts its legislative task, to devote itself to a profound political work, as profound as immoral and illegitimate; as immoral and illegitimate as insidious and foolish, and as insidious and foolish as inadequate and censurable..... It is intended to pass a special law, as if any law could wipe out the stains of blood and dirt thrown at the National Representation by a crime which went beyond the limits of cowardice andrepugnance.." (It refers to Cano's amnesty).

"EL HERALDO" - April 10, 1924.

An article unfavorably commenting upon the actions of the Government in favor of reelection. - The Department of the Interior has placed the Department of Communications at the service of reelection.) Iturralde appointed certain postal inspectors who will only act as important electoral agents. Daguerueta will go to Camaguey carrying a letter from the President, to obtain the cooperation of all public employees to the campaign in favor of Dr. Zayas.

Some days ago, the President of the Rotary Club of Santa Clara was assaulted by the Local Head of the Dept. of Public Works in that city, by reason of the criticisms made against said Local Head at a recent meeting of the Rotary Club. The social and political elements of Santa Clara condemn the action of the Local Chief Engineer, and the Rotary Club has adopted a resolution to request his withdrawal.....

An article stating that a Project of Law will soon be presented for the construction of a "Palace of Justice" at Prado No. 1 where the jail is at present, the jail to be transferred to the "Castillo de Atarés. This will entail an expenditure of $2.100,000.00, as follows: $100,000.00 for the work of adaptation of the Castillo de Atares, and $2.000,000.00 for the construction of the said Palace of Justice.

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"El Heraldo" - April 10, 1924. (Continued).

Article stating that General Garcia Velez has made new declarations in New York, which have come to the knowledge of the Cuban foreign office. In his declarations, he announces that a movement of protest will break out in Cuba; that he is taking steps to avoid an American intervention; that he is willing to fight rather than compromise; that prominent officials of the American Government will make investigations of the immoralities of the Cuban Government. - The Cuban Government is closely watchin g the movements of the Velezites.

"LA PRENSA" - April 10, 1924.

Article entitled "LET US MAINTAIN THE PRESTIGE" - Commenting upon the uselessness of Congress, in view of the attitude of both branches of Congress. No sooner had Congress convened in session, when the work of opposition began, and now no quorum can be obtained, and public opinion has been baffled...The Senate will no be able to hold session until the Santa Clara Convent Bill is approved.....The sessions of the House will be interrupted, to obtain the approval of an amnesty bill for only one person.....

"LA NOCHE" - April 10, 1924.

The Shiping Companies are accused of being in connivance with the Veterans and Patriots, and want to take advantage of the harbor strike to start a revolution against the constituted powers. The port laborers will resume work in case of a revolution.....

Correspondence from New York, sent by Mr. J. W. H. Mason, commenting upon the activities of General Garcia Velez, stating that Garcia Velez has been failure as a diplomat and as a conspirator.

"EL PAIS" - April 10, 1924.

(Irregularities in the Department of Public Works.) - An article stating that the $800,000.00 appropriated for the cleaning and dredging of ports are used to maintain an army of reelectoral agents.

The Rotary Club, at a session held to-day, took up the matter of the assault of the President of the Rotary Club of Santa Clara, by the Local Chief Engineer, who is accused of the malversation of $250,000.

"EL MUNDO" - April 11, 1924

"WITH MANY MILLIONS, BUT WITHOUT WATER" - Commenting upon the lack of water not only in Habana, but also in Santiago, Camaguey and Santa Clara.

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A deed/was found in the files of the Ayuntamiento of Regla, in which several persons who are considered as honest, appear to have affirmed that there is a Refinery in Regla to guarantee the issue of bonds to the amount of one million dollars, when there is no such refinery, and it only existed in the imagination of the persons who signed the deed. This discovery has created a great scandal in Regla.

"DIARIO DE LA MARINA" - April 11, 1924.

A letter from the President of the National Federation of Retail Merchants congratulating the Director of "Diario de la Marina" for the enrgetic campaign carried on against the Chinese Immigration. (Jose I. Rivero, Editor of the "Diario" has written some articles in the Noon Edition of the "Diario" on this subject. In the section entitled "Impresiones", of yesterday, an article appeared in which he threatens to disclose the names of the Consular Agents and

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"Diario de la Marina" - April 11, 1924 (Continued).

Government Officials connected with this affair and the sums they receive as bribes for bringing in Chinamen as "Students", at the first consigment of them landed in Cuba).

The trial of the case against the members of the "Asociacion de Buen Gobierno" could not take place yesterday, because the experts appointed by the Judge Almagro could not produce the proofs suggested by the Defendants, inasmuch as they were not permitted to enter "Finca Maria". Alzugaray insisted on said proofs being presented, indicating that the President of the Republic should not place obstacles to the administration of Justice. The Judge finally decided to send a communication to the President requesting him to permit the experts to enter "Finca Maria" to verify the allegations made by the members of the Good Government Association.

"EL TRIUUFO" - April 11, 1924.

An article unfavorably commenting upon the Chinese Immigration.

EDITORIAL entitled "SCRUPLES AGAINST REELECTION" - Giving the reasons which this paper has for defending the nomination of Dr. Zayas for a second term.

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"HERALDO DE CUBA" - April 11, 1924.

Article by Dr. Ferrara, bitterly criticising Dr. Zayas for his reelectoral aspirations, stating that he has altogether forgotten the memorial which he sent to Washington in which he condemned reelection as the origin of all the evils of Cuba.

A short account of the farewell dinner given to the widow of Colonel Charles L. Furbach, by General Crowder.

A small quantity of opium was destroyed yesterday by the Department of Sanitation.

An article stating that the scarcity of water in Habana during the last few weeks, is due to the fact that the Palatino pumps only work at short intervals, because Chief Engineer Cuellar has disposed of the coal for said pumping station, for his own personal benefit.

"EL HERALDO" - April 11, 1924.

An article unfavorably commenting upon the idea suggested by a Porto Rican named Tous Soto, that Porto Rico, Cuba and Haiti should seek their annexation to the American Union.

An article stating that the National League is a thing of the past, because the followers of Menocal are rapidly organizing the Conservative forces throughout the country.

"LA PRENSA" - April 11, 1924.

Section entitled "DEL MOMENTO" - Commenting upon the necessity of paying the bonuses to public employees. It is said that the Treasur will soon have 26 millions to dispose of, but plans are already in course of preparation to xxxx spend them in the construction of roads, bridges, canals aqueducts, etc., but not a cent will go to the poor servants of the State. The gratuities to public employees is a sacred debt, and must be paid forthwith.

EDITORIAL, unfavorably commenting upon the inactivity of Congress, and the persistent intentions to approve the Purchase of the Santa Clara Convent and an amnesty bill.

xxx An article commenting upon the recommendation made by the President in his message to Congress, for the suppression of the tax of four per cent; urging Congress to repeal said tax.

"EL PAIS" - April 11, 1924.

Article by M. Marquez Sterling entitled "THE RIGHT OF CUBA OVER THE ISLE OF PINES AND THE REVISION OF THE TREATY ABOUT THE COALING STATIONS", in which he refers to the attitude of General Garcia Velez, then Minister to the United States, when the American Government requested the revision of the Treaty to give up Bahia Honda and enlarge the Guantanamo Station.

"EL MUNDO" - April 12, 1924.

"A DEBT OF HONOR" - Commenting upon the payment of bonuses to public employees.

Telegram from Matanzas stating that a strike broke out in the Rope Factory, caused by the dismissal of sixty laborers.

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

EDITORIALS:
"THEY RELAPSE TO OLD METHODS" - Criticising the inactivity of Congress.
"THE ROAD FROM GUANTANAMO TO CAIMANERA" - Commenting upon the necessity of constructing this road.

"EL TRIUNFO" - April 12, 1924.

EDITORIAL? COMMENTING upon the fact that upon the advent of Summer, the residents of Habana begin to feel the effects of the lack of water. Many formulas have been suggested to remedy this evil, but nothing practical has been accomplished.

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"HERALDO DE CUBA" - April 12, 1924.

An article criticizing the contract for the dredging of the port of Nueva Gerona (Isle of Pines). It is an immoral and scandalous contract which will cost hundreds of thousands of dollars to the State. Very high prices have been paid for the extraction of rock where there is only sand. As the Head of the Bureau of Ports and Rivers, Mr. Manuel Lombillo Clark, refused to authorize such a scandalous fraud, a special bureau was created which is illegally working in a house of Chacon Street. The article also criticizes the project of a canal between Batabano and the Isle of Pines.

Irregularities in the Lottery. In order to avoid a scandal, Zayas Arrieta does not change the big prizes, but he changes many of the small prizes ranging from $1,000.00 to $100.00 for his own personal benefit.

Irregularities in the Department of Public Works. Water meters are illegally installed, in open contravention with the Sanitary Regulations.

Cable despatch from New York stating that 286 Chinese immigrants will sail to-day on board the S.S. "Orizaba" of the Ward Line, for Habana.

EDITORIAL entitled "SINE IRA ET STUDIO" - - Unfavorably commenting upon the unipersonal amnesty which Congress intends to pass in favor of the ex-member of Congress, Jose R. Cano.

"EL HERALDO" - April 12, 1924.

The Municipal Assembly of the Conservative Party of Madruga, has launched the nomination of General Menocal for President at the coming elections.

An article by Sergio Carbo, entitled "REMEMBER" - The Conservatives must remember what they are --a sound political party with a brilliant history--and remain C nservatives; but they should not, under any consideration, lend their support to reelection. He praises the actions of General Menocal while President of the Republic, and refers to his attitude toward General Crowder when the latter arrived on board the "Minnesota" without any official documents.....

Irregularities in the Department of Public Works. -The Law which regulated the use of automobiles of the State is not enforced. The item for tires and gasoline has now a deficit of $8,000.00.

EDITORIAL praising the campaign initiated by "Diario de la Marina" against the Chinese Immigration, stating that Chinese immigrants should not be permitted to enter, as is done in the United States, Canada and Australia.

AT THE LAST HOUR: A short article stating that according to rumors heard in Governmental circles, General Garcia Velez and Colonel Despaigne were on their way to Cuba, and intended to land in some port of the Province of Oriente.

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"EL IMPARCIAL" - April 12, 1924.

An article stating that the President of some Ukranian Society presented a grave denunciation against a Vice Consul of the United States, Mr. Fitcher, but that the Cuban authorities are trying to cover up the case.

"EL PAIS" - April 12, 1924.

Article by M. Marquez Sterling, on "The Right of Cuba to the Isle of Pines, and the great diplomatic work of Gonzalo de Quesada in Washington."

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

"THE CHINESE PERIL" - An article stating that the producing classes have begun to realize the dangers of Chinese immigration, while the working classes, who should be more directly interested in the matter, are only engaged in promoting strikes. The workingmen should demand the enforcement of immigration laws, for their own convenience, etc...

Letter from Ambassador Torriente to Mr. Osvaldo Valdes de la Paz, President of the Patriotic Committee Pro Isle of Pines", expressing his satisfaction for the organization of said Committee, and stating that he feels confident that the American Senate will approve the Treaty sooner or later.....

"EL TRIUNFO" - April 13, 1924.

Threats of a general strike in support of the demands of the port laborers of Habana. The strikers begin to take reprisals against the strike-breakers.

"HERALDO DE CUBA" - April 13, 1924

Irregularities in the Department of Public Works. - The dredging of the bay of Nuevitas is another scandalous transaction. Absurd prices are paid to the contractor, Mr. Daddy for the extraction of mud.

"EL HERALDO" - April 13, 1924.

An article referring to the rumors that General Garcia Velez and Colonel Despaigne have sailed for Cuba, and the threats of a revolutionary movement.

An article severely criticising Secretary Iturralde, whose Department is said to have become the headquarters of Reelection.

"EL PAIS" - April 13, 1924.

Article by M . Marquez Sterling, on "THE RIGHT OF CUBA TO THE ISLE OF PINES, AND THE SCRUPLES OF ELIHU ROOT."

An article stating that at the organization of the Provincial Assembly of the Conservative Party, the supporters of General Menocal were defeated.

"EL MUNDO" - April 14, 1924.

Feature editorial entitled "A GRAVE DANGER AND A GREAT NECESSITY" - Criticising the conduct of some foreign banking institution now doing business in Cuba, and pointing out the necessity or reorganizing the Cubans banks. - Referring to the National City Bank, the article states that it has been considered as the most terrible instrument of the imperialistic elements of the U.S., as it has caused, to a certain extent, the intervention of the U.S. in Haiti and Santo Domingo.....

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"HERALDO DE CUBA" - April 14, 1924.

Detailed information of the result of the reorganization of the Conservative Party in the six provinces. - In spite of all the efforts made by the Government, the reelectionist tendency only triumphed in the Province of Habana. - Menocal was defeated in the Province of Matanzas, where the name of Santiago Verdeja was mentioned as presidential candidate.

The harbor strike continues. - If the Shipping Companis insist on employing strike-breakers, serious accidents might occur. Vessels have been cleared for other ports to discharge their cargoes.

"EL HERALDO" - April 14, 1924.

This paper also gives a detailed account of the result of the reorganization of the Conservative Party, stating that the opponents of reelection came out victorious in Santa Clara, Oriente, Matanzas and Pinar del Rio. The candidature of General Menocal was proclaimed in Oriente. (Nothing is said of Camaguey).

Judge Almagro closely watched by the Police, as the Government believes that he is connivance with the Veterans and Patriots. This attitude of the Government is caused because Judge Almagro admitted the proofs suggested by the Good Government Association. Almagro has complained of this vigilance, which he considers offensive.

An article commenting upon the corruption prevailing in the Ayuntamientos, stating that the Central Government and Congress are responsible for this present state of affairs. Action is only taken against the Mayors for political reasons. Each Councilman of the Ayuntamiento of Habana costs the City $12,000.00 per year. Necessity of reforming the Organic Law of the Municipalities and the Electoral Law. Habana must be divided into ten electoral districts, each one to elect one councilman, and in that way the Municipality of Habana will only have ten Councilmen. -- The nationalization of the Municipality of Habana would be disastrous.

"LA PRENSA" - April 14, 1924.

Section entitled "DEL MOMENTO" - This article states that the last Message sent by the President ~~xxxxx~~ to Congress, contains a point of vital importance to the Country, and that is the revival or reorganization of the Cuban banks. But before doing so, the matter should be very carefully studied.

"LA NOCHE" - April 14, 1924.

EDITORIAL commenting upon the construction of the CENTRAL HIGHWAY. It also comments, in a favorable manner, upon the construction of roads to connect all the important towns of the Republic, in accordance with the project presented by Representative Bartolomé Sagaró, to be paid out of a special tax of 5 cents per 100 pounds of sugar exported, so long as the price of sugar exceeds $2.00 per 100 pounds.

"EL MUNDO" - April 15, 1924.

Feature editorial commenting upon the payment of the bonuses to public employees, stating that the Government should delay this payment any longer.

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"El Mundo" - April 15, 1924 (Continued).

The harbor strike has not yet been solved. If an agreement is not reached within the next forty-eight hours, a general strike will break out in Habana.

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

Mr. William A. Sherwell, Under Secretary of the Treasury of the United States, and Secretary of the Inter-American Financial Commission, arrived yesterday, via Key West.

"EL TRIUNFO" - April 15, 1924.

Article commenting upon the fact that many Chinese are entered in the ports of Cuba in the guise of "business men" or "Students", the entrance of each one of these representing a profit of more than one hundred dollars for the promoters of the business.

EDITORIAL commenting upon the fact that in spite of the rumors spread to the contrary, practically all the Provincial Assemblies of the Conservative Party are in favor of the National League, and against General Menocal.

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"HERALDO DE CUBA" - April 15, 1924.

An article addressed "To the Secretary of Justice or to the Fiscal of the Supreme Court", denouncing certain actions committed by Judge Bernal of Cienfuegos. The Special Correspondent of Heraldo de Cuba in Cienfuegos has been carrying on an energetic campaign against the vice and corruption prevailing in said city, and even made a denunciation before Judge Bernal. But now, the Judge, instead of praising the attitude of the Correspondent for his cooperation in the persecution of gambling, has summoned him to appear as accused for the crime of gambling. "Heraldo de Cuba" has received many complaints against said Judge, and the Secretary of Justice or the Fiscal of the Supreme Court must investigate his actions.

Secretary Iturralde denied the rumors that General Garcia Velez had landed in Oriente. However, if there is any disturbance of the peace, the Government will act most energetically. - New rumors have circulated reharding a crisis of the Cabinet. - As a result of the constitution of the Executive Committees of the Conservative Party, Dr. Zayas will take immediate action. Senator Rosendo Collazo has been called by the President, "in order that he will repeat his promises of winning the Conservative Assemblies of Camaguey..." The supporters of reelection affirm that General Asbert will be given a place in Zayas' Cabinet.

All Government offices will be closed on Thursday afternoon and all day on Good Friday.

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EDITORIAL entitled "REELECTION AND THE VETERANS AND PATRIOTS" - Although the movement of the V. & P. appears to be dormant, the people of Cuba, in reality, have the greatest sympathy for the program of regeneration which they have initiated. It is true that the V. & P. have been criticized for their mistakes at the beginning of the campaign; it is true that some of the leaders have no moral authority to become the apostles of regeneration. The article further criticizes the idea of a revolution. Then it states that it is not abroad where Garcia Velez and Despaigne should act.... One of the demands made by the Veterans and Patriots, one of the avoidable conditions to obtain regeneration, is "non-reelection",.... and Dr. Zayas is trying to obtain reelection, using for that purpose the many millions deposited in the Treasury....

"EL HERALDO" - April 15, 1924

An article favorably commenting upon a recent decision of the Supreme Court, in which Celso Cuellar and Benito Laguerusla are compelled to restore to the legitimate owner, a tract of land in Vedado, the cost of which is estimate at two million dollars. History of this scandalous case in which Cuellar and Laguerusla forged documents and committed many other criminal actions to obtain the possession of said lands in an illegal manner.

An interview with Dr. Rafael Montoro, in which he declares that the result of the organization of the Conservative Assemblies clearly shows a decided tendency to consolidate the Conservative Party. -- Dr. Desvernine affirms that the Conservative Party should not enter into any leagues or alliances. - Friends of the Palace say, on the other hand, that the President controlls the Conservative Assemblies, although he confesses his defeat in Oriente.

"REELECTION AND ITS DEFEAT IN SANTA CLARA" - An article stating that politicians who have arrived from Santa Clara confirm the defeat of

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"El Heraldo" - April 15, 1924 (Continued).

the supporters of reelection in the constitution of the Conservative Assmeblies in said Province, despite the skill and diplomacy of Santiago Rey and Senator Rivero. - It then gives the names of sixteen delegates elected last Sunday, who have sworn to reject any attempt for reelection in the National Assembly of the Party. the list is headed by General Carrillo.

DISTILLERS WHO ARE POISONING THE PEOPLE AND DEFRAUDING THE TREASURY. An article stating that some distillers of Cuba have started to use denatured alcohol for the manufacture of liquors, which constitutes a grave menace to public health, besides defrauding the Treasury .....

EDITORIAL entitled "REELECTION IN DEFEAT" - Commenting upon the result of the constitution of the Assemblies of the Conservative Party, and the blow which Dr. Zayas has received, as he expected to obtain the cooperation of his former allies. Reelection will only obtain the support the support of the Provincial Assembly of Habana, probably due to the proximity to the "source" of "Botellas" and "colecturias".....

"LA PRENSA" - April 15, 1924.

An article quoting and commenting upon the statements made by Dr. Celso Cuellar in connection with the information published by certain newspapers concerning the result of the organization of the Provincial Assemblies of the Conservative Party. Dr. Cuellar stated:

"Some newspapers, naturally of the opposition, say that the majority of the delegates to the National Assembly of the Conservative Party, elected recently, are opposed to the presidential reelection of Dr. Zayas. You can affirm in a categoric manner that that is not true. On the contrary, practically all of said delegates will vote for reelection, and Dr. Zayas will be the candidate of the National Conservative Party and of the Popular Party, as well as of many very valuable elements very prominent in the Liberal Party, among whom there are many municipal mayors of the Liberal Party. Say what they may, the victory of Dr. Zayas is assured."

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Feature editorial entitled "THE SAME THING AGAIN" -Very unfavorably commenting upon the attitude of Congress in connection with the Law of Gratuities.

"LA NOCHE" - April 15, 1924.

Article stating that Dr. Zayas will issue a Manifesto to the effect that the Government will guarantee absolute impartiality at the coming elections.

EDITORIAL commenting upon the fact that all the informations published concerning the result of the constitution of the Provincial Assemblies of the Conservative Party, are mere suppositions. That the only thing that has been done is to constitute the Assemblies, to elect the Executive Boards and to elect the delegates to the National Assembly. Whatever else is said, is only a story. Up to the present time, nobody knows how said Assemblies will act..... However, the National League exists, in spite of anything said to the contrary; and will continue to exist as long as the motto "Zayas-Carrillo" exists.....

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Article by M. Marquez Sterling, on "THE RIGHT OF CUBA TO THE ISLE OF PINES, AND THE COLONIAL MAP OF SPAIN."

"DIARIO DE LA MARINA" - (Noon Edition) - April 15, 1924.

Section entitled "IMPRESIONES" - Commenting upon the recent action of the American Senate barring Japanese immigration, and the impassibility of the Cuban Government with respect to Chinese immigration.

"EL TRIUNFO" - April 16, 1924.

An article by Marco Antonio Dolz stating that some Chinese newspapers published in Habana are carrying on a defamatory campaign against the Cuban Government and the Cuban society, and urges the Government to take an energetic action against them

"EL MUNDO" - April 16, 1924.

The harbor strike still continues. Various owners of commercial establishments are driving their own trucks to take their merchandise out of the wharves, since the truck drivers are also on strike. It is possible than within twenty-four hours other unions will join the strike.

The Provincial Assembly of the National Conservative Party of Habana will hold a meeting on Sunday, April 27th, at 3:00 P.M. All delegates and ex-oficio members are expected to be present. The purpose of the meeting is to elect or nominate fourteen candidates for Representatives for the Province of Habana, for the elections of November 1, 1924, to hold office from April, 1925 to April, 1929.

"DIARIO DE LA MARINA" - April 16, 1924.

An article unfavorably commenting upon the failure of the Cuban nation to deal with the Chinese Immigration problem, and appealing to the Government to deport these elements, unlawfully brought into the country, and so ruinous to economic values.

EDITORIAL, commenting very favorably upon the speech of Martinez Ibor, Consular Adviser of the Department of State, upon the economic problems of the country. Mr. Ibor approves the idea of forming a National Register of Industries. He urges the formation of a protective tariff legislation, and comments, in this connection, upon the advantage to be offered to the United States in tariff matters, by the new Treaty of Commercial Reciprocity.

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"HERALDO DE CUBA" - April 17, 1924.

Article by Dr. Ferrara, stating that the Conservative Party deserves to be congratulated, because it has heard the voice of dignity declaring itself opposed to reelection. That it must be acknowledged that this result was obtained through the cooperation of General Menocal and of a group of Senators. It seems that Menocal is the prospective candidate of the Conservative Party, and the Liberals are glad of it because they will have a new opportunity to defeat him at the polls. Menocal, on his part, seems to be sure of victory, or else he would not appear as a candidate, because he is not a man to make any sacrifice, and much less for a political party.....He is just the opposite of Dr. Zayas, both in his good and his bad traits. He is sure of victory, because he starts from the premise that the Liberal Party will not support Zayas - and in this, he is right. However, he also knows that the Liberal Party is much stronger than the Conservative Party, but his earnest desire to become President, seems to make him feel confident of victory. However, General Menocal, in spite of being an Engineer, does not know how to calculate, because all his calculations have always been wrong ..... Menocal cannot possibly be supported by Zayas against either Mendieta or Machado.....

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The Provincial Assembly of the Popular Party of Habana held a meeting last night, to elect the members of the Executive Committee, and also to elect the Delegates to the National Assembly. Carmelo Urquiaga was elected President of the Executive Committee. The Delegates elected, were: Carmelo Urquiaga, Miguel Aciego, Jesus Alfaro, Francisco Vidal, Angel Presno, Gregorio Pulido, Francisco Zayas, Pablo Supervielle, Benito Lagueruela, Eligio Madan, Rafael H. de la Puente, Manuel Valdes Chacon, Manuel Vera, Jose Lopez Mendive, A. Arango, I. Aguirre, I. Perez, A. Cadenas, L. Acevedo, and J. Navarrete. -- A motion was presented, signed by Jimenez de la Torre, Cuellar, Urquiaga, Cruells and others proposing to the Assembly that in view of the valuable services rendered by Dr. Zayas to the country, and the good harmony and disinterestedness existing between the Conservative and Popular parties, the reelection of Dr. Zayas and the maintenance of the National League be proclaimed.....

EDITORIAL entitled "FOR THE DIGNITY OF CUBA" - Commenting upon the corruption prevailing in the Government, and the necessity of raising the moral level of politics and of the Administration. The Editorial states, in art, as follows: "Instead of decreasing, the offenses to national shame are constantly increasing. How far will we go? Nothing checks the insatiable appetite of the Government (Executive and Congress) for the most enormous deeds. Is it perhaps thought that the meekness of our people is inexhaustible? Is it thought that the Cubans have lost all patriotic impulses to do away with so much insensateness and so much graft, and that, without any notion of collective dignity, they will continue to suffer all the scandals with which ~~xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx~~ they are constantly scoffed at? The exasperation of the people is rashly provoked. After the filthy Santa Clara Convent deal, the the infamy of a new amnesty, ~~xxx~~ by which Congress, protecting the most criminal delinquents, inflicts a grave offense and a grave injury to Cuba; the project of public works which the President is preparing to pay his unrestrained reelection; the unqualifiable business with Chinese immigration, with which, for a filthy lucre, we are inoculated with the germs of an

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Heraldo de Cuba" - April 17, 1924 (Continued).

ethnic heterogeneousness and social degeneration; and one hundred other deals which are being planned at the secret meetings of the appaches of the present situation.....

Article by Ramon Vasconcelos, entitled "WHAT IS JUSTICE" - Unfavorably commenting upon the manner in which Justice is dealt in Cuba -- and refers to two cases in which the guilty were acquitted, and the innocent persecuted or punished.

"EL HERALDO" - April 17, 1924.

An article unfavorably commenting upon the session held yesterday by the Municipal Council, at which appropriations amounting to nearly $200,000.00 were granted.

An interview with Mr. Charles Cunnigham, Commercial Attache of the United States, in which he refers to the commercial relations between the United States and Spain, and his first impressions of Cuba.

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An article commenting upon the Chinese invasion. 89 Chinamen arrived yesterday disguised as "merchants" and "students", whose passports were authorized by the Cuban Consul in Hong Kong. The Chinese immigrants pass through the United States in railroad cars closed and sealed. More than 500 are now on their way from Hong Kong. The importers of Chinese labor are now hastening the shipments.....

A person connected with the Liquidation Commission of the Banco Español is using an agent or dummy to demand the payment of a commission amounting to 30 per cent of the cost of advertisements relating to water service, published in the newspapers.

EDITORIAL commenting upon the necessity of putting a stop to Chinese immigration. Congress is urged to take some action.

Strikers and strike-breakers clashed yesterday at the bisquit factory "La Estrella". Nine persons were wounded.

"LA PRENSA" - April 17, 1924.

The Secretary of the Interior has sent a communication to the labor leader Ruiz, telling him that the harbor strike must cease next Saturday. - 28 ships are now tied up, without being able to unload their cargoes on account of the strike.

EDITORIAL entitled "CIVISM IN ACTION" - Favorably commenting upon the residents of Sancti Spiritus, in connection with the deficient attitude of manner in which roads are constructed. (See "Havana Post of Apr.19)

"LA NOCHE" - April 17, 1924.

An article stating that President Zayas has already prepared the list of the new members of his Cabinet. It is affirmed that the present members of the Cabinet will present their resignation within a few days. The names of the new members are not mentioned in this article. -- A special Commission will be appointed for the consolidation of the National League.

"EL MUNDO" - April 18, 1924.

Feature editorial entitled "THE PRESIDENTIAL MESSAGE AND THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE" - Favorably commenting upon the activities displayed by Dr Regueiferos at the head of the Dept. of Justice.

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"EL TRIUNFO" - April 18, 1924.

An article by Napoleon Galvez, very unfavorably commenting upon the intentions to nominate General Menocal for the coming Presidential elections.

EDITORIAL commenting upon the fact that President Zayas should be chosen as the national candidate at the coming elections.

"EL PAIS" - April 18, 1924.

Article by M. Marquez Sterling, on "THE RIGHT OF CUBA TO THE ISLE OF PINES AND THE TREATY OF PARIS."

The rumors that the Government troops had had an encounter with rebels in the Province of Santa Clara, is emphatically denied by Secretary Iturralde. The rural Guard was compelled to fire against certain highwaymen, and this is what gave rise to the rumors of revolutionary activities.

"HERALDO DE CUBA" - April 18, 1924.

EDITORIAL entitled "THROUGH FRAUD OR THROUGH VIOLENCE" - Commenting upon the fact that Dr. Zayas will resort to violence and fraud to obtained his reelection. - The Popular Party is trying to win followers in the Conservative ranks, and to divide the Liberals..and all this is done under the able direction of Dr. Zayas 3610

"EL HERALDO" - April 18, 1924.

Interview with Dr. Miguel Angel Aguiar, supporter of General Menocal, and strongly opposed to reelection, concerning the result of the organization of the Conservative Assemblies. - General Menocal is satisfied with the result of reorganization and with the strength of the Conservative Party. Menocal will return to Habana within a few days, and he will probably make some declarations regarding the recent political events. - Mr. Aguier believes that Menocal will be the candidateto the Presidency for the Conservative Party.

Jose Manuel Govin, Commissioner of Immigration, protests against the importation of Chinese labor. - In a denunciation presented to the Court by Dr. Manuel Castellanos, he asks that all Asiatic immigrants fraudulently brought to the Country, be deported. (b)

An article bitterly criticising the Department of Sanitation, stating that it has completely abandoned all public services from one end to the other of the Island, and fails to fulfill its important mission. - In Matanzas, Sanitation is in a deplorable condition, and the outbreak of a terrible epidemic is feared. Small pox in Placetas. In Santiago de Cuba, the death rate has increased in an alarming manner. (1)

Editorial, commenting upon the "Voracity of the Municipal Councilmen." Another editorial commenting upon the harbor strike, and the indifference of the Government.

"DIARIO DE LA MARINA" - April 19, 1924.

The various labor organizations have decided to declare a general strike , to commence on Monday, at 6:00 A.M., to support the demands of the Federation of Laborers of the Port of Habana.

EDITORIAL commenting upon the threats of a general strike.

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"HERALDO DE CUBA" - April 19, 1924.

Article by Gonzalez Beauville, commenting upon his opposition in the House to the Amnesty Bill. He has opposed it, and will continue to oppose it, because he considers that it a great evil .....

An article commenting upon the approval of the Hay-Quesada Treaty. The American people, and especially the high official officials of the American Administration, are not opposed to the ratification of said Treaty, and it is only a small group of politicians who are endeavoring to have said Treaty repealed in the Senate. The Association of Veterans and Patriots are in a condition to render a valuable service to Cuba, by informing the people of the United States of all the facts concerning said Treaty, and requesting the cooperation of the Spanish War Veterans to have the Hay-Quesada Treaty approved without further delay. Those who were ready to give their lives for the independence of Cuba, can very well use their political influence to secure justice for Cuba.....

EDITORIAL entitled "TO DR. ALFREDO ZAYAS ALFONSO" - Stating that this is the last article written against reelection, making a last appeal to Dr. Zayas, not to the President of the Republic, to give up his presidential nomination.

"EL HERALDO" - April 19, 1924.

Article unfavorably commenting upon the Amnesty Bill. Zayas has caused the Congressmen to come to an understanding for the approval of the Amnesty Law, as he is convinced that the other laws which he needs cannot be passed until the Amnesty is approved.....

The Judge of Instruction of the First Section has ordered the Chief (a) of the Judicial Police to investigate the specific accusations made by Dr. Castellanos concerning the Chinese immigrants. It is believed that as soon as the said Chief of Police submits his report, the Chinese immigrants will be arrested, and the Court has already prepared the order to deport them.....

Telegrams from various towns of the Interior, commenting upon the result of the organization of the Provincial Assemblies of the Conservative Party, and expressing some views of the political situation. - A telegram from Santiago states that 23 of the delegates elected are in favor of Menocal, and the rest in favor of the National League, although not decidedly in favor of reelection. - From Mayari (Oriente): The ~~xxxxxxxxx~~ Municipal Assembly is frankly in favor of Menocal, and decidedly against reelection. etc.

"LA PRENSA" - April 19, 1924.

Section entitled "DEL MOMENTO" - Unfavorably commenting upon the new threats of a general strike in Habana.

EDITORIAL entitled "UNDESIRABLE IMMIGRATION" - Favorably commenting upon the campaign carried on against the Chinese immigration.

"LA PRENSA" - April 19, 1924.

A manifesto issued in the name of about 30 labor organizations of Cuba, asking all their associates to support the demands of the Federation of Laboers of the Port of Habana.

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"EL PAIS" - April 19, 1924.

An article in defence of the Amnesty Bill, stating that it is an obligation contracted with the people; that Congress has expressed its willingness to approve it, and that it is earnestly desired by the people.

Article by M. Marquez Sterling on "THE RIGHT OF CUBA TO THE ISLE OF PINES, THE TRIBULATIONS OF MONTERO RIOS, AND THE MEMOIRS OF MARQUIS VILLA-URRUTIA."

THE GENERAL STRIKE MUST BE AVERTED - Editorial commenting upon the demands of the port laborers in a favorable manner, stating that the Government must seek a harmonious settlement of the conflict. The Government must not become a mere tool of the shipping companies.

"EL MUNDO" - April 20, 1924.

TWO CONSEQUENCES FROM ONLY ONE CAUSE - Feature editorial unfavorably commenting upon the excess of Chinese immigration, and the strikes. These two evils are caused by the crisis of the sugar industry, due to the lack of a proper tariff protection.

A telegram announcing that the bakers of Camaguey have gone on strike, demanding the enforcement of the tariff agreed upon recently.

Article referring to the harbor strike. The ship owners refused to discuss the demands of the laborers. It is generally believed that the general strike announced for Monday, will not take place. The Secretary of the Interior is still endeavoring to find a favorable solution to the conflict.

"DIARIO DE LA MARINA" - April 20, 1924.

"THE JUDICIAL ACTION AND THE GRAVE PROBLEM OF THE CHINESE IMMIGRATION" - It now seems that the denunciation filed by Representative Manuel Castellanos will be properly attended to by the Judicial authorities. The articles cites some articles of Military Orders, Laws and Decrees infringed by the importers of Chinese immigrants, and by the immigrants themselves.

PALACE NEWS: The President has addressed a Message to Congress asking for an appropriation of $100,000.00, to pay the face value of 1,000 bonds of the Victory Loan stolen from the National Treasury, and which had been deposited by the Queensland Insurance Company.

"EL TRIUNFO" - April 20, 1924.

EDITORIAL entitled "DEFINED ORIENTATION" - Commenting upon the fact that the organization of the Provincial Assemblies of the Conservative Party, and especially the resolutions adopted by the Assembly of Oriente, have served to clear up and define the political situation of Cuba. Dr. Zayas will reorganize his Cabinet, to act in a political manner, using all the strings of Power which can be legally utilized and having due respect for the rights of all, because the President will never deviate from his motto of "Law and Justice". Many politicians belonging to all political parties have been waiting for the decision of the President but now that the political fields have been clearly defined, they will have to choose between a sincere and frank opposition, and a loyal support to reelection. In the Liberal Party, which has the assurance that no victory can be obtained with its own candidate, something very important will happen.

EDITORIAL, favorably commenting upon the Amnesty Law, stating that it is a long felt necessity, and that according to information obtained, will be approved by the House during the course of next wee

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"HERALDO DE CUBA" - April 20, 1924.

Habana is threatened by a general strike, which will commence at 6:00 A.M. Monday. Failure of the negotiations due to the uncompromising attitude of the ship-owners.....

The Department of Sanitation tries to deny the existence of typhoid fever in Güines; but according to a note given by Dr. Lopez del Valle, 39 cases were reported during ten days. The fact that the Department of Sanitation only took action after the case was reported by the newspapers, shows that said town is abandoned by the Department of Sanitation. (2)

"EL HERALDO" - April 20, 1924.

The Department of Sanitation is trying to adopt the most severe measures to check the typhoid fever in Guines. This paper states that there are 45 cases of typhoid fever in Guines at the present time. The lack of water is the cause of this epidemic disease. Guines has spent $200,000.00 for an acqueduct; but in spite of that, a great part of the town is compelled to use water from the Mayabeque River. Others buy water from wells, carried in buckets. (3)

A telegram from Santiago de Cuba, praising the activities displayed by the Local Chief of Sanitation to check the typhoid fever. (4)

An article stating that gambling is openly going on in the city of Santa Clara. Gambling joints are working with absolute impunity.

"DIARIO DE LA MARINA" - April 21, 1924.

Editorial entitled "OPIUM AND CHINAMEN" making a brief history of the first Chinese immigrants imported to Cuba shortly after slavery was abolished; the efforts of Jose Antonio Saco to prevent the bringing of Chinese immigrants, but they continued to come, and vices and diseases increased. This article also gives the amount of opium imported by certain countries of America, - and the alarming increase of the drug habit in Cuba..... (d)

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"HERALDO DE CUBA" - April 21, 1924.

LATEST NEWS OF THE STRIKE: The general strike agreed upon by the various labor organizations in sympathy with the harbor strike, commenced at 6:00 A.M. to-day. The Habana branch of the Railroad Brotherhood postponed action until proper authorization was received from the Central Committee.....

The employees of the State, the Province and the Municipality, held a mass meeting last night. The object of the meeting was to request the immediate approval of the Law of Gratuities.

"Heraldo de Cuba" publishes several telegrams from various parts of the Island requesting Representative Gonzalez Beauville to support the Amnesty Bill.

Telegram from Batabano stating that at a meeting held by the labor organizations it was resolved to declare a strike if their demands were not accepted within a period of 48 hours. The laborers demand an eight-hour day with wages at $2.90.

"EL HERALDO" - April 21, 1924.

NEWS OF THE STRIKE: The motormen and conductors of the Havana Electric have joined in the strike. The Secretary of the Interior promises that public order will not be disturbed. Uncompromising attitude of the ship-owners. The Government will use soldiers and convicts to unload ships, and thereby prevent the scarcity of articles of prime necessity.

"El Heraldo" publishes a long article entitled "NEITHER WITH NOR WITHOUT MASK", explaining the reasons for lending its columns to defend the Menocalistic tendency among the ranks of the Conservative Party, stating that it does so ~~XXXXXXX~~ exclusively because said tendency is opposed to reelection. It is true that Menocal is an enemy, but he is a frank enemy, while Zayas is a traitor. Some of the actions of Dr. Zayas are bitterly criticized in this article. .....

(The above are the only papers published this afternoon, as the printers have abandoned their posts).

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With the only exception of the "Havana Post" - all newspapers were forced to suspend their publications this morning.

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"EL MUNDO" - April 24, 1924.

NEWS OF THE STRIKE: During the last forty-eight hours the Strike Committee has issued four bulletins encouraging the strikers to maintain their attitude. The Committee has been so careful that the orders and instructions emanating from it have not leaked out to the public. After deliberating for more than two hours, the Committee resolved to ask the newspapers directors and Congress to request a decisive solution of the strike from the public powers. - A Manifesto issued by the President (Already translated in full). - The newspaper Directors held a meeting yesterday. This meeting was held at the request of the port laborers who desired the newspapers Directors to transmit their petitions to the ship-owners for an immediate understanding. A Committee was appointed to hear the petitions of the laborers. The petition of the laborers are: That wages be fixed as follows: $4.00 a day for the regular or permanent workers; and $19.50 per week and an increase of 20 per cent for the other workers. - The above tariff will be submitted to the ship-owners at a meeting to be held to-day at 11:30 A.M.- Jose Hernandez Guzman pointed out the necessity of the publication of newspapers, and Antonio G. Mora, of "El Mundo" suggested to the Committee of Laborers the necessity of taking up this question at once, and authorize the printers to resume work. The Strike Committee was notified, and after a secret session, the publication of newspapers was authorized. - The bakers joined in the strike. Some members of Economic Corporations called on the Secretary of the Interior, and requested the Government to take the necessary steps to resume the street-car service. - The work at the docks continues the same as during the previous days. - The labor leader Garvasio Sierra was arrested yesterday. The charges made against him by the Secret Police, are that he, together with Bonifacio Ruiz ~~Garcia~~ and Carmelo Garcia had been holding meetings at Paula 14 where they had adopted resolutions to stop the working of the Electric Light Plant, and to diminish the water supply. --Telegram from Cardenas announcing that the port laborers had prevented the unloading of a barge loaded with cement which arrived from Mariel.- The laborers of San Antonio de los Baños, Batabano and Matanzas went on strike, in sympathy with the port laborers of Habana.

The Chief of Police of San Juan y Martinez. He and others tried to rob the safe of the Municipal Treasury of that town, but they were not successful.

Cable despatch from New York: Dr. Torriente made the opening speech at a banquet given at the Cuban Chamber of Commerce of New York, and recommended the revision of the Commercial Treaty between Cuba and the United States.

"DIARIO DE LA MARINA" - April 24, 1924.

News of the strike, practically along the same lines as given in "El Mundo".

EDITORIAL, commenting upon the immigration problem (Translated in full).

From April 1st, to April 22nd, the National Treasury has collected $6.729.585.74. -- The money deposited in the National Treasury on April 22nd, amounted to $31.709,488.94.

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"EL MUNDO" - April 25, 1924.

Feature editorial entitled "NECESSITY OF AN URGENT SOLUTION" - Commenting upon the intervention of the newspaper men in the present conflict, and their failure to obtain a satisfactory solution; the damages caused by a strike of this nature - The Government must take immediate action for a prompt settlement....

Cable despatch from Washington: - The State Department has received a report from Ambassador Crowder announcing that the propagation of the strike to the railrods is not improbable. He also states, among other things, that the Government has maintained a neutral attitude.....

VARIOUS NEWS OF THE STRIKE: There are no hopes of a prompt settlement of the harbor strike. The newspapermen were not successful in their efforts to have the employers and employees come to an agreement. The ship-owners refused to accede to the demands of the laborers, and explained the reasons for their refusal. - Text of Bulletin No. 6 addressed to the Laborers telling them that they must not return to work until they are ordered to do so by the strike Committee. - As a result of the conference held between Secretary Iturralde and Mr. Steinhart, the street car service will be resumed to-day. - In accordance with a recommendation made by Secretary Iturralde, the merchandises taken out of the docks should not be kept in the warehouses, but distributed to the stores, even though it may be necessary to furnish more soldiers and policemen to protect the delivery of foodstuffs. - The Secret Police has submitted a report accusing certain labor leaders of conspiracy against the constituted Government.....

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The National Executive Committee of the Popular was organized last night. The members of said Committee who were elected, are:

President: ..... Celso Cuellar del Rio; (President's son-in-law)
First Vice-President:.. Carlos Gonzalez Clavel;
Second " " ... Francisco Campos Prieto;
Third " " ... Angel Martinez Bacallao;
Fourth " " ... Dr. Carmelo Urquiaga;
Fifth " " ... Juan Felipe Cruz;
Sixth " " ... Dr. Jose Manuel Cortina; (Ex secretary of Presidency)
Treasurer ..... Adalberto Masvidal;
Assistant Treasurer.... Dr. Laureano Fuentes Duany;
Secretary of Minutes:.. Juan D'Byrne;
" of Correspondence: Eligio Madan;
Ass't " " " Brigido Pardo;
Members: - Benito Laguerruela, Celestino Garcia Bracho, Francisco Zayas Arrieta, Jose N. Milanes Tamayo, Ramon Valdes Doval, Juan de los Rios Medina, Juan D. Roche, Salvador Castillo, Nemesio Busto, Julian Rodriguez, Manuel Olivera Montejo, and Ibrahim Urquiaga.

Director of Lottery, Provisional Secretary of Treasury

"DIARIO DE LA MARINA" - April 25, 1924.

The trial of the case against the 13 young men who on March 18th protested against Secretary Reguciferos during a session held at the Women's Club, will take place to-day before the First Criminal Chamber of the Audiencia of Habana. It is generally believed that they will be acquitted, because it would be against the liberty of thought guaranteed by the Constitution to consider that a verbal and orderly protest is a crime.

EDITORIAL entitled "THE STRIKE", commenting upon the intervention of the newspaper men in the present conflict, and the failure to

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harmonize the opinions of the ship-owners and part laborers. The writer states that he does not care to deal at length with this question, because this is not the proper time, and because both contending parties have sufficient reasons on which to base their contentions.....

Cable despatch from New York, quoting part of the speech made by Ambassador Torriente at the inauguration of the Cuban Chamber of Commerce of New York, in which he points out the necessity of revising the Treaty of Reciprocity between Cuba and the United States. - This cable despatch also gives the text of the letter addressed by Mr. S. Rowe, Director General of the Pan-American Union to the Secretary of the new Chamber of Commerce, referring to the necessity of strengthening the commercial relations between Cuba and the United States.

"EL SOL" - April 25, 1924.

An article commenting upon the rumors of a revolutionary uprising in the Province of Oriente. - The Governor of Oriente, together with some members of the Secret Police left last night for Santiago de Cuba. - There seems to be some truths in the sumors that Garcia Velez and Despaigne have landed in Cuba. - The guard of the Palace has been reinforced. - The Army patrolled the strategic points of Vedado, last night. - All efforts made to connect by long distance phone with Jiguani, were useless. It is believed that the Government has taken charge of said line, to be in constant touch with Colonel Rujol.....

"EL TRIUNFO" - April 25, 1924.

The Railroad Brotherhood has announced that it will not decree the strike. - The Constituional guarantees will not be held in suspense. - The solution of the strike will be discussed at the meeting of the Cabinet to be held to-day. - All merchants who increase the prices of foodstuffs will be severely punished. - In another article, it is stated that the railroad men were notified to be ~~xxxxxxxxxx~~ ready for a strike, as it is likely to be called at any time. - Another printers' strike is expected.....

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"HERALDO DE CUBA" - April 24, 1924.

EDITORIAL, unfavorably commenting upon the attitude of the House toward the amendments of the House to the Amnesty Bill (Translated in full).

AT THE LAST HOUR: On account of the strike of port laborers and truck drivers, there is a scarcity of foodstuffs in the stores of the suburbs of Habana. In Puentes Grandes, articles of prime necessity are lacking, and a shortage is noticed even in the center of the city. As a consequence, prices are going up.

Cable despatch from New York, stating that General Garcia Velez has sent a communication to the Cuban Ambassador in Washington in which he complains that he is constantly watched by secret agents paid by the Ambassador with funds of the Cuban Government.

PALACE NEWS: - A Committee of sugar planters ("colonos") of Matanzas visited the President and requested him to sign a Decree authorizing the sale of Central Limones, for the sum of one million dollars.

"LA PRENSA" - April 24, 1924.

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LATEST NEWS OF THE STRIKE: The newspapers directors held a meeting at Noon to-day, with the ship-owners. - Dr. O'naghten of "La Prensa", informed the ship-owners of the demands of the laborers, which were: $4.00 for permanent laborers, and for the others, $19.50 per week of 44 hours, plus 20% increase. - The ship-owners and the representatives of economic corporations stated that the present wages were $3.20 and $3.40 for an eight-hour day - and 50% increase for extra time. That when Decree No. 665 was put in force, Habana was the most expensive port, and even to-day it is a very expensive port. That the owners of docks and warehouses are suffering a severe crisis, the consequencesof which are also felt by commerce in general, and that they have not recovered from the losses suffered during the collapse of 1920. That the port laborers are getting about 30 per cent more than the laborers of any other industry. That if wages were increased, the owners of docks and warehouses would have to increase their tariffs to the merchants, who are now asking for a decrease. That their refusal was not due to any egotistic sentiments. Finally they stated that a normal quantity of merchandise is being taken out of the docks at the present time, and that they have a sufficient number of laborers to do the work, and consequently, they consider that the harbor conflict is practically settled.

The Government has sent a communication to the Manager of the Havana Electric, Mr. Steinhart. Great secrecy is maintained in connection with this communication, "but we can state that his attention is called to the fact that it being a public service, it should not be stopped, especially in view of the fact that the Government is disposed to give all necessary guarantees." - Chief of Police, Placido Hernandez, held a conference with Mr. Steinhart this morning. Mr. Hernandez refused to disclose the subjects discussed. - It is generally believed that the tramway service will be resumed tomorrow, under custody of the Police.

Dr. Iturralde stated that the Government had not thought of suspending the constitutional guarantees, because he does not consider that there are sufficient reasons to do so.

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"La Prensa" - April 24, 1924 (Continued)

A long article in which the Delegation No. 2 (of Habana) of the Railroad Brotherhood of Cuba explains the reasons for not declaring a sympathetic strike.

EDITORIAL entitled "AGAINST THE CHINESE INVASION" - Commenting upon a Law recently passed by the Legislature of the State of Sonora (Mexico) concerning Chinese immigration, and stating that Cuba should go farther than that.

"LA NOCHE" - April 24, 1924.

An article commenting upon the strike. Laborers and newspapermen went on strike, against their desire and convictions, because they know the damages caused to the country by a conflict of this nature, but it could not be avoided. - The Government is to blame, in the first place, and then the ship-owners. The Government did not do what it should have done, that is to say, to call the ship-owners and inform them that the Decree 665, which is in force, had to be complied with. "La Noche" had repeatedly told the Government to take immediate action, but nothing was done, and the Government maintained the same indifferent attitude which characterizes it. - The Ship-owners, on their part, do not care what happens to the country, because they are mostly foreigners.....In the meantime, the people are suffering the consequences; all activities are at a standstill, and the country lives hours of anguish and anxiety. Besides, nobody can predict the future, and, consequently, the surprises which future events keep in store.

Cable despatch from Washington stating that the Senate had passed a Bill authorizing the sale of war material to the Cuban Government.

Article entitled "THE INTRUDERS" - Commenting upon the necessity of an intervention of the part of the Government in the present strike, as otherwise, sad things are likely to occur. "La Noche" throws the blame on certain elements, enemies of the proletariat who move around the ship-owners, and who use their influence and position to bring pressure to bear on high official authorities in order that they may not intervene, assuring that there does not exist any problem, and that the laborers will be defeated. The Government, therefore, must intervene in the conflict and impose a solution.....

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1. I enclose brief summaries of news articles and editorial comment of the Havana press for the days April 25, 26, 27, 28 and 29, 1924.

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SUMMARY OF NEWS ARTICLES AND EDITORIAL COMMENT IN THE HABANA PRESS.

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"EL HERALDO" - April 25, 1924.

LATEST NEWS OF THE STRIKE: - The fourth day of the strike passed without any incident. - The attitude of the Government trying to please every body, is really displeasing to all. The President's Manifesto published in the "Official Gazette" was received as a cold shower. His intention to remain neutral may be very comfortable, but not graceful. In a similar case, ex-President Roosevelt said: "The employers and employees will settle the conflict." But he added: "However, if they do not settle it promptly, I will do it." Warrants of arrest have been issued against seven labor leaders, accused by the Secret Police of being involved in a conspiracy to place bombs on the railroad tracks if the railroadmen refused to go on strike. - Gervasio Sierra is still in jail. - 346,362 packages have been taken out of the wharves during the last seven days.

The Secretary of the Interior denies the rumors of an uprising in Oriente. According to reports received by the Government, General Garcia Velez is in the United States. Three days ago, the Governments was informed of the rumors that Garcia Velez had landed at "Cayo Gibara", but the rumors were not confirmed. Great excitement prevails in Santiago de Cuba and Manzanillo.

Telegram from Gibara, referring to the excitement prevailing in that city, caused by the rumors spread to the effect that arms and ammunitions for the Veterans and Patriots had been landed at a point of the North coast between Goicuria and Calestones. An officer of the Army arrived at Gibara last night, and request the help of the Police to seize the consignment of arms, but as there were only two policemen available, soldiers were brought from Delicias, but in spite of the careful search effected, no arms were found.

An article stating that a newspaper published recently that the Secretary of State, Dr. Cespedes had seven "Colecturias" in his name, and he has requested the denial of such a slanderous report. "El Heraldo" states that Dr. Cespedes is the only member of the Cabinet who has not been bespattered by this sea of mud.

"PLAYING THE SEE-SAW" - Editorial unfavorably commenting upon the struggles between capital and labor. When labor is high, it forgets that the interests of capital are worthy of respect. When the position of the plank is inverted, the capitalist thinks that the time of taking revenge has come, and oppresses the laborer. This social "see-saw" is a dangerous play..... When the bitter struggles between capital and labor affect the people, when they deprive all of their comforts, they must be reduced to a minimum, and they cannot be looked upon with indifference by those called upon to watch for the normal development of the country, the economic, political and moral bases of which are affected by these constant struggles. In the present crisis, the Gowernment presided by Dr. Zayas has shown its absolute lack of competence to cope with the situation. This should not surprise anyone: he who during the practice of his profession was never a jurist but a shyster-lawyer; he who never had any other atmosphere than that of the suburban political club,... has naturally, while in the Government only tried to find opportunities to place his relatives and friends, and to consider everything else of a secondary importance.....

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"HERALDO DE CUBA" - April 25, 1924.

The harbor conflict, which caused the strike, has not been solved and the situation is growing worse. The Railroad men have asked Dr. Zayas to impose an official resolution, as has been done in previous cases. The ship-owners will call at the Palace to-day, and the problem will be discussed at a meeting of the Cabinet. The efforts made by newspaper directors, failed due to the uncompromising attitude of the ship-owners. There is a scarcity of foodstuffs in distant boroughs of the city. Stores have been closed for the lack of merchandise. - Meetings held yesterday, at bulletings issued by both contending parties. - The railroad lines to Marianao are protected by soldiers. Street cars were operated this morning by Inspectors protected by the Police. .....

An account of the organization of the National Assembly of the Popular Party. Celso Cuellar, with all the resources of the Government in his hands, finally defeated Senator Juan Gualberto Gomez....

EDITORIAL entitled "INCOMPETENCE OR BAD FAITH". - Unfavorably commenting upon the Manifesto issued by the President of the Republic, in connection with the strike.

An article by Ramon Vasconcelos commenting upon the strike. He defends the laborers, and criticizes the indifferent attitude of the President. "The President may say that prudence prompts his actions; but we all know very well that it is not that virtue which prompts his parsimonious attitude in connection with the strike, but his complicity with the ship-owners and his desire to flatter the American capitalists to win the sympathies of Washington, whose Capitol should be crowned by a Mercury armed with a very long wand."

Cable despatch from Washington: Over 200 immigrants will leave tomorrow for Cuba on board the S/S "ORIZABA". - Over 500 Chinese immigrants are going to Cuba every month by this route.....

"LA PRENSA" - April 25, 1924.

The strike of motormen and conductors of the Havana Electric has been called off. Traffic will be resumed after 3 P.M. to-day. - It was learned that the Manager of the Havana Electric informed all the employees of that Company that if they failed to return to work to-day, the Company would be relieved from all obligations contracted by previous agreements, and the employees would lose all rights acquired, especially those of seniority and retirement. - At Noon to-day it was learned that the motormen and conductors, probably knowing the decision of the Manager of the Havana Electric, have decided to resume work this afternoon, because with the support given to the Federation of Laborers of the Port, by means of a strike of 72 hours, they have fully complied with a duty of solidarity.--- After the conference held this morning at the Palace between the President of the Republic and the ship-owners, Dr. Zayas, through his Assistant Captain Carrerá, informed the reporters that the object of the conference with the ship-owners had been to learn from a direct source the present conditions of the strike, and that, in his judgment, the strike will end very soon without any further complications.

The meeting of the Cabinet announced for to-day, has been postponed.

Cable despatch from Washington: Members of the American Chamber of Commerce of the Isle of Pines, delivered to American Senators to-day a letter from E.C.Slevin, resident of the Isle of Pines, protesting against the cunduct of the Cuban local authorities who arrested an American citizen for displaying an American flag to greet American aviators who were flying over the Island. Those who presented the letter are opposed to the ratification of the Treaty.

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"La Prensa" - April 25, 1924. (Continued).

Editorial entitled "RECIPROCAL ADVANTAGES"- Favorably commenting upon the speech made by Ambassador Torriente recommending the necessity of closer commercial relations between Cuba and the U.S.

"LA NOCHE" - April 25, 1924.

A short article reading as follows: "The American Embassy in Cuba does not give any credit to the rumors that a revolution can break out in Cuba at the present moment.. - We can also affirm that a squad of air planes arrived to Mariel a few days ago, which planes belong to the American Army, and that they are inspecting the situation of the Island. The American Government has at the present time reports contradicting the alarming rumors which have circulated during the last few days. - The Cuban Government has received reports from reliable sources, of the shipment which certain elements connected with the Veterans and Patriots intend to send to Oriente."

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SUMMARY OF NEWS ARTICLE AND EDITORIAL COMMENT IN THE HABANA PRESS.

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"EL MUNDO" - April 26, 1924.

Text of Bulletin No. 9 issued by the Strike Committee, ending the general strike. All the Unions which declared sympathetic strikes will return to work, but the harbors workers will remain out. If the harbor strike is prolonged, the problem of another general strike may be brought up.

An interview with Mr. T. M. Fisher, in which he refutes the accusations made against him, and explains what occurred with an Ukranian immigrant. Delays at the Consulate are only experienced by those whose documents are not quite in order to enter into the U.S. -- The Ukranian Committee held a meeting on the 21st and adopted the resolution to dismiss Alejandro Pohoreki, because said organization is not in accord with him in connection with his declarations against the American Vice Consul Fisher.

"DIARIO DE LA MARINA" - April 26, 1924.

LATEST NEWS OF THE STRIKE: Bonifacio Ruiz, President of the Federation of Laborers of the Port of Habana, was arrested last night. He and Gervasio Sierra who is in jail, as well as Carmelo Garcia, whose arrest has been ordered, are accused by the Police of infringing the Law of Explosives, and of trying to blow up the Vento Water Works. -- When the ending of the tramway strike was announced at the headquarters of the labor organizations, a riot took place. It is believed that the Government will close up this Assembly House to avoid the repetition of these occurrences. In a report submitted by Donato Cubas, Inspector of the Secret Police, accusations are made against certain political elements which are now in the opposition, of taking advantage of the labor strifes to foster their own personal interests, and of encouraging the laborers to maintain a stubborn attitude.

"WILL THE CHINESE INVASION BE CHECKED?" - Unfavorably commenting upon the arrival of another consignment of Chinese immigrants, as announced in a cable despatch from New York, and stating that the Law of August 3, 1917 which permits the entry of said immigrants, has been fatal. - The writer is pleased to announce that the President seems inclined to place obstacles to the entry of such undesirable immigrants, by means of a Decree, until such time as Congress repeals the above mentioned Law of Aug. 3, 1917.

Text of a letter signed by Mr. Carlos Arnoldson, as President of the Chamber of Commerce, Industry and Navigation, addressed to the President of the Republic with reference to the Chinese immigration, asking the President to take some action to stop it.

Dr. Iturralde states that absolute peace prevails throught the Republic, and denies the rumors of revolutionary uprisings.

"MENACE TO PUBLIC HEALTH" - Relating to a conference held between Dr. Morales Garcia, Local Chief of Sanitation of Habana, and Secretary of Sanitation Port, regarding the necessity of adopting prompt measures in Habana to prevent the reappearance of malaria and other epidemic diseases.

"EL TRIUNFO" - April 26, 1924.

EDITORIAL entitled "DEFINING THE POLICIES" - Very favorably commenting upon the resolution adopted by the National Assembly of the

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"El Triunfo" - April 26, 1924 (Continued).

Popular Party, of ratifying the maintenance of the National League, as a necessity and convenience to the country. The writer thinks that the National Assembly of the Conservative, when organized on May 10th, will adopt a similar resolution, despite the efforts made "at the last minute" by the friends of General Menocal. - If the National League is maintained by both parties, all the chances are in favor of reelection. The members of the Popular Party are, without any doubt, in favor of reelection; and the Conservatives are practical men, who, besidesmaintaining their principles, want to maintain themselves in power.....

Another Editorial expressing the hopes that the Senate will not delay the appointment of the members who are to form the Mixed Committee to harmonize the opinions of both branches of Congress concerning the Amnesty Bill, and that this Bill will be approved without further delay.

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"HERALDO DE CUBA" - April 26, 1924.

Dr. EVelio Alvarez del Real, prominent member of the Conservative Party, states in an interview that a Liberal-Conservative Coalition would be the definite formula to defeat reelection without any danger for Cuba; that if the Liberals refuse to enter into such a coalition, then the only thing which the Conservatives could do would be to come to an understanding with Dr. Zayas.....

EDITORIAL entitled "OUR PROTEST" - Unfavorably commenting upon the projected Bill amending the last Lottery Law, whereby the tax on Lottery tickets and Collectors would be suppressed. Said taxes were levied to authorize the free sale of tickets, or at least they were the only grounds on which the fixed selling price of tickets was suppressed; and it would be an outrage to abolish the tax of $200.00 per "Colecturia" and the surcharge of ten per cent on tickets, without establishing a fixed selling price.

Benito Lagueruela, who was sent by President Zayas to Camaguey to try to win the Delegates of the Provincial Assembly of the Conservative Party, has requested Secretary Iturralde to hasten the appointments in favor of the persons who have promised to lend their cooperation to reelection. However, it is generally believed that the reelectionists will be defeated at the Conservative Assembly of Camaguey.

"LA PRENSA" - April 26, 1924.

An official note handed by the Captain of the Port of Habana, to the reporters, states that as the result of a conference held with the leaders of the Federation of Laborers of the Port of Habana, the Captain of the Port declares that he officially recognizes the legal existence of said labor organization, and requests the intervention of said leaders in the present conflict in order to reach a solution under the following conditions: (1) The harbor workers, at the request of the Captain of the Port, will resume work immediately; (2) The laborers will present a memorial to the Captain of the Port, containing their complaints against the ship-owners, and their demands; (3) The Captain of the Port agrees to study and ascertain the justice of the demands made, and then he will take steps to obtain the granting of said demands by the ship-owners, if they are considered just and proper.

Adrian Troncoso y Fernandez Trevejo, accused of usurpation of lands, has at last been arrested at the request of the American Embassy. This is the person who usurped lands belonging to The Paso Real Fruit Company.

"EL MUNDO" - April 27, 1924.

Feature editorial, favorably commenting upon the petition made by ex members of the Army who took part in the Revolution of February to be included in the Amnesty Law about to be passed in Congress. Amnesties were intended for political offenses, and it would be very unjust to grant amnesty to common criminals without including political offenders.....

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"El Mundo" - April 27, 1924 (Continued)

A cable despatch from New York stating that the Treaty determining the status of the Isle of Pines shall be discussed at a public session of the Senate, according to statements made by Senator Lodge.

"DIARIO DE LA MARINA" - April 27, 1924.

Fourteen Chinese merchants of Habana, importers of Chinese immigrants were arrested yesterday by order of the Judge of Instruction, and sent to jail. Proceedings will be instituted against them for infringing the Immigration Law. - The Chinese Minister in Cuba stated to a reporter of "Diario de la Marina": "The Chinese officials in Cuba are in this beautiful and hospitable country to cooperate with the native authorities to enforce the Immigration Law, or any other Law, no matter how restrictive they may be. They are laws, and that is sufficient."

The proceedings instituted against the Veterans and Patriots has been forwarded by the Supreme Court to the Judge of Instruction. After fulfilling certain requisites, it will be forwarded to the Criminal Chamber of the Audiencia for trial. Among the persons accused in this Case, the following appear: General Garcia Velez, Colonel M. Despaigne, Dr. Carlos Alzugaray, General Cebreco, Doctor Oscar Soto, Doctor Gustavo Gutierrez, and others.

"EL TRIUNFO" - April 27, 1924.

The present Executive Committee of the National Assembly of the Conservative Party will hold a meeting tomorrow, to discuss certain matters in connection with the reorganization of the National Assembly, and to comply with certain provisions of the Electoral Code. This session has been called at the request of Dr. Aurelio Alv ez, and it is generally believed that it is for the purpose of securing his reelection to the Presidency of said Executive Committee and to maintain his points of view contrary to the continuance of the National League. - Alvarez seems to be convinced of his defeat, and threatens to resign as President of the Senate if the purchase of the Santa Clara Convent is approved.

"HERALDO DE CUBA" - April 27, 1924.

EDITORIAL entitled "THE AMNESTY" - stating that without forswearing its principles, "Heraldo de Cuba" accepts the Amnesty Law as an act of justice and also in view of the unavoidable verdict of Congress; but if the Amnesty Law is to be approved, the ex-members of the Army guilty of political offenses must be included.....

Article by Ramon Vasconcelos, commenting upon the uncertain political future of Cuba, and after mentioning the probable presidential candidates--Zayas, Menocal, Machado, Mendieta, Barreras and Cespedes--, the writer asks the following questions: "What hopes does each one represent? What flag does he wave? What is his policy? What moral solvency has he? What is his democratic competence? In the name of what principles does he speak? What each one is going to do to decrease the cost of living, to improve the conditions of the laborer? "...etc.

"EL HERALDO" - April 27, 1924.

The Law of Gratuities runs the risk of being defeated in the House due to the efforts made to suppress the tax on Lottery tickets. A block directed from the Palace supports the abolition of said tax, as this would increase the price paid for "Colecturias"...

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"[illegible] Heraldo" - April 27, 1924 (Continued)

The Secretary of Sanitation, Dr. Porto, is against the Chinese immigration, as well as against the Antillian immigration. He states that the criminal opium traffic, protected by influential persons, is what encourages the Chinese immigration. He also states that a Sanitary campaign will be initiated against the houses inhabited by Chinamen.....

"LA PRENSA" - April 27, 1924.

Summary of the speech made by Dr. Celso Cuellar del Rio when a Committee of the Popular Party visited Dr. Zayas to inform him of the decision of said Party to nominate President Zayas for a second term; and also of the President's answer. - After thanking the visitors for the resolutions adopted by the Party, he referred to the amount of money in the Treasury when he took charge of office. He spoke at length of his actions as a ruler, explaining that he had obtained the support of all Cuban patriots. He referred to the reorganization of the parties, stating that the Popular Party was the first to be reorganized. He said that he accepted with pleasure his nomination for a second term, if a movement of opinion showed him that it was the desire of the majority of the people; that the other political parties would be organized shortly, and it will then be the time to solve this problem. He also referred to his attitude in connection with the recent strike; to the Veterans movement, stating that absolute peace prevailed in the country, etc.

"EL MUNDO" - April 28, 1924.

"An exception which should not make a rule." - Article commenting upon the fact that certain Congressmen succeeded, by the simple process of staying away, thereby preventing the holding of sessions, in awarding preference to the Amnesty Law which was passed on to the Mixed Committee. There are many important matters to be discussed in this session, and no Congressman has the right to insist that his "pet bill" shall receive the entire attention of the whole body, taking precedence over others. Among the most important matters to be decided upon are the Law of Budgets, and the Payment of Employees' Bonuses.

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"HERALDO DE CUBA" - April 28, 1924.

An article by Walfredo Rodriguez Blanca, commenting upon the difficulties encountered by Cuban growers for the exportation of fruits to the United States. The quarantine established in American ports against Cuban fruits, will probably be suppressed, but the restrictive measures adopted will remain in force. The Cuban exporters are required to wrap up every orange in tissue paper, and then packed in boxes. On the other hand, American oranges are brought to Cuba in bulk, and naturally they can advantageously compete with Cuban grown oranges. - He criticizes the indifferent attitude of the Cuban authorities, not only with respect to fruits imported from the United States, but also with respect to cattle from Central America, in spite of the fact that the cattle industry is rapidly growing not only in Oriente and Camaguey, but also in Santa Clara and Pinar del Rio.

An article commenting upon the activities of Mr. Jacques Stroudze, a Turk, in connection with the shipment of immigrants to the U.S. Some passports are not vised by the American Consulate unless they are approved by Mr. Stroudze, and for this, he charges sums ranging from $15.00 to $40.00.

An account of the session held yesterday by the Provincial Assembly of the Conservative Party of Habana. The following persons were nominated for Representatives: Emilio Sardiñas, Armando Chardiet, Enrique Casuso, Carlos Manuel de la Cruz, Vito M. Candia, Celestino Beltran, Federico Casariego, Agustin del Pino, Pedro Pereda, Jose Bolaños, Jose A. Borges, Col. Jose Galvez, Oscar Montoro and Miguel Ocejo. - The nomination of Senators was not made, and will not be made until it is finally decided whether the National League is maintained. The most important subject discussed at this meeting was the recommendation of the Seantor from Matanzas, Vera Verdura for President of the National Executive of the Party. Vera Verdura is one of the strongest supporters of reelection.

EDITORIAL, commenting upon the failure of the general strike. Another Editorial commenting upon the necessity of approving the Law of the Bonuses to Public Employees.

An article commenting upon the unsanitary conditions of the city of Trinidad, and the unanimous protests of the residents of that City against the Local Chief of Sanitation.

"EL HERALDO" - April 28, 1924.

An article stating that the Mayor of Yateras who protested against the usurpation of lands of the State, will be put in jail. Yarini and D'Costa, who are back of this business, affirm that everything is done in accordance with Zayas, who is also interested in the business, 1,500 families are in danger of being left in misery. They had been enjoying for many years the peaceful possession of the lands of which they will now be dispossessed. Prosecuting Attorney Chivas Morell is accused of having failed to protest against the survey of said lands.

The members of the House of Representatives state the Lottery tickets are monopolized by foreigners and make a profit of $96,000.00 per month, and refuse to increase the price paid for Colecturias. The Congressmen now intend to get together and manage their own colecturias.

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An article stating that the Government paid the travelling expenses of the 120 Delegates of the Nationa Assembly of the Pupular Party who came to Habana. Te railroad passes were sent to them by Secretary Iturralde. All the reelectionists who desire to travel, do so at the expense of State.

An article stating that the Santa Clara Convent Bill will be put aside to discuss during the next legislative period.

"LA PRENSA" - April 28, 1924.

The Decree which the Secretary of the Treasury is drafting, restricting the Chinese immigration, was again changed this morning. In view of these new changes, the Decree will not be signed to-day, as was expected.

"EL MUNDO" - April 29, 1924.

EDITORIAL entitled "IT IS THE TURN OF THE SENATE NOW" - Favorably commenting upon the passing of the Employees' Bonus Bill by the House, and urging the Senate to lose no time in passing the Bill also.

Text of the Employees' Bonus Bill as approved by the House.

Upon the occasion of the discovery of a bomb placed in a spout of the bakery known as "La Casa Grande", in Camaguey, the officers of the Association of Bakers were arrested and charges brought against them. Some of these officers have also been accused of having upset a cart of the same bakery, as a punishment to the strike-breakers.

"EL TRIUNFO" - April 29, 1924.

In an interview with a reporter of "El Triunfo", Dr. Cuellar del Rio informs that the Popular Party will not accept any platform or combination which is not based on the Presidential candidacy of Dr. Zayas.

Information upon the movements of General Menocal. First: He is not going to the United States. Second: He has sufficient private capital to buy a sugar mill valued at eight millions, and does not need to ask loans from New York. Third: He does not intend to run for President. Fourth: He has no intention of crossing the Florida straits to make a pact with Garcia Velez. - The above statements were made by "La Discusion", and "El Triunfo" is glad to quote them, as this means that the Menocalistic threat is banishing.

An article unfavorably commenting upon the Chinese immigration. The Chinamen are brought to Cuba deceived by those who devote themselves to infringe the immigration laws. The powerful smugglers of Zanja Street have an agent in Hong Kong by the name of J. Wong. While Cuban laborers remain idle by the lack of work, the smugglers of Chinese immigrants are making very large profits. The so-called Asiatic "students" and "merchants" arrive in a lamentable state of misery and uncleanliness.

EDITORIAL entitled "A FREE MAN" - Favorably commenting upon the declarations made by the President of the Republic made before the National Assembly of the Popular Party.

"DIARIO DE LA MARINA" - April 29, 1924.

An interview with the Chinese Minister in Habana in connection with

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the campaign initiated against Chinese immigration.

An article commenting upon the Batabanó strike, stating that the Department of Agriculture must send a Delegate to Batabano to study the situation and take steps to solve the conflict.

EDITORIAL commenting upon the "ACTIONS OF THE POLITICAL PARTIES", recommending the necessity of doing away with selfish or individualistic aims.

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"HERALDO DE CUBA" - April 29, 1924.

Soldiers of the Rural Guard rose in insurrection this morning in Santa Clara, at the cry to "DOWN WITH ZAYAS". It was a group of about 120 soldiers, and carried away horses, machine-guns, arms and ammunition. They had a skirmish in the outskirts of Santa Clara when they were leaving toward Esperanza.

Article unfavorably commenting upon the Bill approved by the House yesterday, suppressing the tax levied on Colecturias. It also gives a list of 23 members of the House who voted against the suppression of the tax, but who were defeated. The motion presented by Garcia Montes, Gonzalez Beauville and Wolter del Rio fixing the selling price at 21 cents per fraction, was also defeated.

According to an official report given by the Department of the Treasury, the money deposited in the National Treasury on April 26th amounted to $32.335,272.79, and there were 376 registered packages from the interior still to be opened. On the same date, the collections for the month amounted to $7.293,521.57.

EDITORIAL entitled: "SHAME AND AFFRONT IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES" Very unfavorably commenting upon the suppression of the tax on "Colecturias".

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In view of the fact that the members of the "Strike Committee" which acted during the recent strike, were arrested, a new Committee has been organized, and under the title of "Bulletin No. 1", dated April 28th, has issued a Manifesto to the people, declaring: (1)That the Decree No. 665 is a working agreement which in no way restricts or diminishes the Right of Free Contract, but on the contrary, it regulates it in order that that same right may not be absorbed by only one of the parties; (2) That the harbor laborers are not opposed to the modification of said Decree, and that they desire its modification with the only restriction that their right as a contracting party be recognized, and that in accordance with the provisions of the Civil Code, they may be asked to give their consent, as an indispensable legal requisite for all contracts. (3) resons which they have for requesting the enforcement of said Decree. (4)That they can prove that by said Decree the ship-owners were authorized to increase their tariffs from 141 to 160 per cent, and that wages were only increased 28 per cent. (5)That as an excuse to dodge the Decree and suppress all increase in wages, the ship-owners only cut down 30 per cent in the receipt and delivery of merchandise, and from 18 to 45 per cent in lighterage. (6) That the high cost of living is only caused by mutual agreement between the merchants and ship-owners... (7) That the people in general suffer the consequences of the scandalous speculation of merchants and ship-owners (8) That the harbor laborers hav full confidence in the President of the Republic, and the firm conviction that he will, by means of a decision of a general character, regulate the Tariff of the Port of Habana, in a way that will guarantee the rights of both employers and employees.....

Great political importance is attributed to a conference which Colonel Mendieta and Governor Barreras are holding at the time of going to press.

"EL HERALDO" - April 29, 1924.

An article referring to the revolutionary outbreak in the Province

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"El Heraldo" - April 29, 1924 (Continued).

of Santa Clara. Unusual activities were noticed lately in governmental spheres, and a state of uneasiness prevailed, but nobody thought that the Veterans and Patriots would throw the country into a state of revolution. However, Dr. Zayas is to blame for anything which may occur, due to his persistency in his administrative methods and his purposes to be reelected. The town of San Juan de las Yeras was taken by a group of armed men. This took place at the same time when some soldiers of the rural guard were rising in insurrection in Santa Clara. - The following persons were arrested this morning by the Secret Police: Oscar Soto, Jose Manuel Vergara, Carlos Alzugaray, Mario Garcia Velez, and Federico Morales. They were taken to the Cabaña Fortress, as a measure of precaution. - According to information furnished by the General Staff of the Army, the soldiers of the Rural Guard who took the field are 23 in number. -According to information received by the Judicial Police, they are 50; but "El Heraldo" states that they are over 80. - An enlistment office was opened this morning at Reina No. 2, to form a militia of 2,000 men. - Orders of arrest have been issued against Colonel Yero Miniet, Dr. Ruben Martinez Villena, and other leaders of the Veterans and Patriots. - Dr. Zayas informed through his Assiatants, that the Government would not keep back any news in connection with the revolutionary outbreak, but he requested that the country be not alarmed. "The Government --he added--has taken all necessary measures to avoid disturbances." -- Declarations made by a prominent member of the Association of the Veterans and Patriots. They are disposed to stop the movement, provided that the Liberal and Conservative Parties make an electoral coalition based on the fulfilment of the program of the V. & P., and the immediate approval in Congress of the 12 points of their program; naturally, Dr. Zayas, is to give up the idea of being reelected.....

"LA PRENSA" - April 29, 1924.

According to official reports received at the office of the General Staff of the Army, a group of soldiers of the barracks of Santa Clara revolted before daybreak to-day, and they are closely followed by the Government troops. The peace has not been disturbed in the rest of the Republic. - According to private reports received, the revolters entered the town of San Juan de las Yeras, carried away the safe of the Ayuntamiento, and fled from the town. - It is said that the small group of insurgents is commanded by Colonel Federico Laredo Brud, Veteran of the War of Independence, prominent lawyer of Santa Clara, and at a time Prosecuting Attorney of the Audiencia of Habana. He also acted as Secretary of the Interior during the Administration of President Gomez. It is also said that he is seconded by Colonel Solano Ramos. However, these reports have not been confirmed. - The President sent for the reporters at 12:30 P.M. to-day, to transmit to them in person the reports which the Government had received from Santa Clara concerning the revolutionary outbreak. - He said that he had given orders to give out all reports received by the Government. That the reporters were only 25 in number: 23 soldiers and two members of the Rural Guard; that the revolters, after leaving San Juan de las Yeras, were marching toward Ranchuelo. He denied the rumors of an uprising of civilians in Trinidad. That the arrest of members of the Association of Veterans and Patriots were due to orders issued by the Special Judge in charge of the case in that Province and the seizure of a letter from Vicente Soler. That the uprising is of no importance, and that he did not consider necessary to suspend the constitutional guarantees.

"LA NOCHE" - April 29, 1924.

News of the revolutionary movement, along the same lines as published in "La Prensa".

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"HERALDO DE CUBA" - April 30, 1924.

The first clash between the Government troops and the insurgents, took place at Cayendito. The insurgents were dispersed. The telegraphic communication with Santa Clara, Camaguey and Oriente were cut off. General Alberto Herrera solemnly declared that the revolution will be quelled to-day. The revolutionists took $13,000.00 in cash from the safe of the Ayuntamiento of San Juan de las Yeras. Passengers who arrived last night from Santa Clara inform that the insurgents also took $17,000.00 from the Ayuntamiento of Cruces. "Although the reports given out by the Government are full of optimism, reports received from other sources, and which are now published, indicate that other unimportant outbreaks took place in the Province of Santa Clara."

"Heraldo de Cuba" published some days ago an article stating that Mexico had withdrawn its Minister from Cuba, and gave as a reason that arms and ammunitions belonging to the Cuban Government had been sold to Mexican revolutionists. The rumors of the sale of war material, were denied by the Military authorities of Cuba. The Mexican Minister, Mr. Saraccho, also denied the rumors of his withdrawal from Habana. - However, "Heraldo de Cuba" still affirms that arms and ammunitions were sold, and that the sale was effected through Benito Lagueruela. It also insists on the withdrawal of the Mexican Minister. - As a proof of this assertion, it now states that Mr. Saraccho has confessed that "he intends to sail for Mexico", and, besides, the Cuban Government confesses that there is not enough war material to fight the revolutionists.....

A cable despatch from New York stating that General Velez has disappeared from his residence in New York, and all efforts to locate him have been of no avail. In an interview with Mr. Mitchell, of the National City Bank, he said that he did not consider this movement of any importance, and that it would be a very easy matter for the Cuban Administration to restore peace.

An article signed by "Heraldo de Cuba", dedicated to President Zayas, and entitled "TO THE PEOPLE OF CUBA" - It states that if the men in power would have paid any heed to the suggestions of this paper, the present fratricidal struggles would have never taken place in Cuba. "With decision and perseverance, day after day we have clamored for public peace and morals." ... "We have told the men in power that the high offices which they hold do not exempt them from moral responsibilities, and that they were not permitted to carry out deeds which would be reproachful if committed by any private individual....." It further states that "Heraldo de Cuba" does not condemn the revolutionary outbreak, because it is not right to condemn those who defend an ideal; but it cannot applaud, furthermore, it regrets that such a problem should have been brought up, as it can only lead to two solutions: Intervention or Reelection.

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Cable despatch from New York, reporting the arrival of Dr. Gustavo Gutierrez to inform Garcia Velez of the revolution. The Veterans had sent an ultimatum to Garcia Velez asking him to Decree the revolution, or else they would decreet it themselves. The majority of the members of the "Council of Five" are now in New York.

The Commercial Attache of the American Embassy called yesterday at the Department of the Treasury, requesting information regarding the exact conditions of the funds of the Treasury. - Great importance is attributed to the steps taken by this Commercial Attache.

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"Diario de la Marina" (Noon Edition) - April 30, 1924.

At the request of the Secretary of Sanitation, the President signed a Decree this morning granting an appropriation of $38,000. to fight the outbreak of typhoid fever in various towns of the interior, especially in Guines.

"EL HERALDO" - April 30, 1924.

Referring to the present revolution, this paper states, among other things, that the Government troops have clashed with the revolutionists that prominent conspirators in the Province of Santa Clara have been arrested; that the revolution is confined within the boundaries of said Province of Santa Clara; that in spite of the fears of the Government, the Province of Oriente is quiet; that President Zayas has appropriated $400,000.00 by Decree, and requests another appropriation of $1.000,000.00 for war material; that the hydroplanes purchased by Garcia Velez have been confiscated in New York. - Dr. Garcia Echarte tells the Audiencia that the arrest of Alzugaray is only due to purposes of vengeance on the part of the President. Despite the writ of Habeas Corpus, the persons arrested will not be brought before the Audiencia. - The stock market has not been affected.....

Letters from Arturo de Saracho and M. Almendariz del Castillo denying the rumors to the effect that Mexico had severed its diplomatic relations with Cuba. These letters are followed by this commentary: "We do not wish to enter into a discussion with the distinguished diplomats regarding the present relations between Cuba and Mexico. These matters are often kept secret at the Foreign Offices, and it is the custom the deny the indiscrete statements of newspaper men, no matter how exact they may be. At present, the Mexican Minister confirms part of our information: his proximate trip to the sister Republic."

At the present time there are seventy cases of typhoid fever in Guines. Secretary of Sanitation Porto has gone to Guines to inspect the work of sanitation accomplished there to check said epidemics.

Cable despatch from Washington stating that the American Government does not intend to intervene in Cuba, but will leave President Zayas at liberty to quell the insurrection.

"LA PRENSA" - April 30, 1924.

Telegram from Cienfuegos announcing that a group of prominent persons, commanded by Dr. Federico Laredo Bru, have risen in arms against the Government. Besides Dr. Laredo Bru, the telegram mentions the names of Rafael Casales, Dr. Roque Garrigo, Captain Cepero (of the Army of Independence), Luis Meares, Cesar Pellerano, Rogelio Grillo, Guilberto Guimerá, and others. - Another group commanded by Juan Suarez, Lieutenant of the Army of Independence, rose in insurrection in the district of Palmira.

"COLONEL DESPAIGNE - Passengers who came on the train which left New York on Sunday, affirm that Colonel Manuel Despaigne, Treasurer of the Association of Veterans and Patriots, was travelling on that train and got off at Richmond, Va."

"LA NOCHE" - April 30, 1924.

This paper states that the revolutionary movement was initiated in Santa Clara by 31 soldiers and 39 civilians; that four of the soldiers have been arrested, and the two machine guns which they carried away have been captured by the Government troops.....

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La Noche" - April 30, 1924.

An article stating that Mr. Jack provokes the railroad men again. He refuses to comply with the agreement signed before the President of the Republic. He does not permit the employees of the offices to join the Railroad Brotherhood. At a meeting of the Executive Committee held last night, it was resolved to appoint a Committee which will visit the President to inform him of the complaints of the railroad men. No strike will be declared while the revolution initiated by the Veterans and Patriots is going on.

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The Custom House of Cienfuegos is protected by the Cuban Navy. According to orders issued by the General Staff of the Navy, all the ships are prepared to sail at the first notice.

EDITORIAL, condemning the present revolutionary movement.

The Director General of Communications informed the Secretary of the Interior at Noon to-day that at that hour a battle was being fought between the Government troops and the revolutionists at a place known as Hatillo, near San Diego del Valle. It is thought that this will be a decisive battle.

"EL PAIS" - April 30, 1924.

EDITORIAL entitled "VIOLENCE IS FATAL FOR CUBA" - Commenting upon the fatal consequences for Cuba of a revolutionary movement.

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"EL MUNDO" - April 30, 1924.

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Feature editorial entitled, "THE EVENTS" - Commenting upon the fact that "El Mundo" does not have to write a single line in connection with the last revolutionary outbreak, because it is a well known fact that it is a purely Cuban paper and frankly nationalistic. It condemns the revolutionary movement. The right of revolution is without doubt a right of peoples to assure their march toward progress. But is is such an extreme procedure, that it can only be justified when there is no other remedy applicable; and Cuba is certainly not in this case at the present time. Cuba is just ending a maginificent sugar crop, and completing its economic reconstruction. Cuba is only six months from a general election, and any radical changes desired by the people can be wrought at the polls, etc.

Cable despatch from New York announcing that General Garcia Velez, Colonel Despaigne and Mr. Gutierrez are in New York at the present time.

Telegram from Santiago de Cuba stating that the Mayor of that City was shot to death last night. The unknown assassin escaped. Nothing has been laarned as to the causes of this assassination.

Last news of the insurrection in Santa Clara. - Statements made by the President to the Reporters.- The President has sent a Message to Congress requesting an appropriation of $1.000,000.00 for the purchase of war material needed by the Army; and has appropriated the sum of $400,000.00 with the urgency required by present events, as he is sure to obtain the approval of the appropriation requested from Congress. - A Writ of Habeas Corpus has been presented in favor of the persons who were arrested yesterday, to which the Court has acceded, and they will probably be freed to-day.

"DIARIO DE LA MARINA" - April 30, 1924.

Referring to the insurrection in Santa Clara, this paper states that there are about 100 men in arms against the Government, including soldiers and civilians. - The President stated that he has no intention of asking Congress to suspend the constitutional guarantees. The existence of revolutionary groups in the vicinity of Trinidad, was not confirmed. The telephone and telegraph wires from Santo Domingo to Santa Clara, and also in San Juan de las Yeras, were cut off. - Ambassador Crowder held a secret conference with the Secretary of State. It is understood that he went to obtain information of the revolutionary movement.

The Chinese invasion continues. A batch of Chinese "students" or "tourists" arrived yesterday on board the "Orizaba". -

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EDITORIAL, commenting upon the revolutionary outbreak. The news of a military uprising in Santa Clara was not a surprise, because the disturbance of the peace had been announced for some time past as a result of the campaign initiated by the Veterans and Patriots. It was thought that the revolution would be of a purely civilian character; however, it now seems that some members of the Army did not profit by the healthful example of the "Revolution of February". As a matter of principle, "Diario de la Marina" condemns this revolutionary movement. - It is necessary to restore peace immediately before the American Government finds some pretext to take action. But real normalcy is not restored merely by a military action, as shown by the result of the recent European war. It is also necessary

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at the same time, to develop a policy of concord to avoid bloodshed and to pave the way for a reconciliation.....

"EL TRIUNFO" - April 30, 1924.

In an article referring to the death of Ascensio Villalon, Mayor of Santiago de Cuba, "El Triunfo states: "It is assured that the death of Mayor Villalon was the outcome of political passions."

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EDITORIAL condemning the revolutionary outbreak, which is the result of the propaganda made by the Veterans and Patriots.

Activities displayed by the Department of Sanitation to check the epidemics of typhoid fever in Guines. -- Dr. Lopez del Valle sails to-day on board the S.S. "ESPAGNE" on his way to Rome to attend the Congress on Immigration.

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"EL MUNDO" - ~~xpwx~~ May 1, 1924.

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EDITORIAL entitled "THE ADMONITION OF FACTS" - Commenting upon the fact that "El Mundo" cannot support ~~xfxxkk~~ any revolution, because even if it is inspired by patriotic purposes, it endangers the stability of the country. It is a work of reconstruction, and not of destruction, what Cuba needs at the present time. It further refers to the necessity of reorganizing the Cuban banks, to prevent the country from falling into the hands of foreign capitalists. The National City Bank is an octopus which is extending its tentacles to absorb all current accounts, and it is a well known fact that said Bank is accused throughout Spanish America of being a powerful instrument of imperialism of North America.....

The Government troops had an encounter with the revolutionists in the town of Jalu. The insurrection of Dr. Federico Laredo Bru in the district of Cienfuegos, is confirmed. - The Secretary of the Interior signed a Decree prohibiting all the celebrations of Labor day which had been scheduled for to-day. - Manifesto issued by the President of the Republic in connection with the Revolution.....

Cable despatch from New York: Declarations made by Dr. Gustavo Gutierrez to the American press in connection with the present revolution. He stated that Colonel Carrillo, in command of the forces in the Province of Santa Clara, rose in insurrection against the Constituted Government, followed by 150 men, carrying away all the machine guns in possession of said forces, etc.

Cable despatch from Washington: The Cuban Embassy announced that the reports received from Cuba showed that the revolutionary movement was not of a serious character. The Government has taken all measures of precaution, and the insurrection is confined to a small district. The Embassy has no knowledge of the expedition of Garcia Velez. - It has been learned that the State Department did not receive any report from General Crowder to-day.(Apr.30th).

Cable despatch from New York: In an interview, Dr. Gustavo Gutierrez hinted the possibility of the return of General Garcia Velez to Cuba.

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

EDITORIAL entitled "THE SUPREME NECESSITIES" - Commenting upon the fact that a revolution, no matter how unimportant it may be, is a great calamity for Cuba. One month of this struggle would inflict more losses to Cuba than all the bad Governments it could have. The money spent for instruments of death by both sides shall be more misspent than all the money wasted in the most shameful manner that can be imagined. But is not only the loss of money and property which is to be regretted; every man that falls means a family left in distress; besides the hate which will last for at least a generation.....

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"HERALDO DE CUBA" - May, 1, 1924.

Two hundred revolutionists take the offensive, take the town of San Fernando de Camarones, and blow up a trestle, thereby inflicting the first damage to railroad lines in the Republic. Several aeroplanes have been sent for the persecution of the principal nucleus of revolutionists who have established the hills of Trinidad as their center, commanded by Colonel Laredo Bru. - The seditious movement has increased in force during the last 24 hours, and it has spread to various districts of the Province of Santa Clara. New outbreaks are expected. Laredo Bru revolted in a plantation near Cienfuegos, and he has been albe to get together a large group of armed men, and has as assistants two brothers of Oscar Soto, as well as Majors Mirabal and Cepero, Dr. Roque Garrigó, and other prominent persons. - The absolute secrecy maintained this morning by the General Staff of the Army, indicates that the situation is grave. The well known physician Luis Luis, of Santa Clara, who was thought to have gone to the woods, is now in Habana on professional business. The group of revolutionists operating in the district between Cifuentes and San Diego del Valle, number over 400. They are persecuted by forces under Colonel Carrillo, Major Hernandez, and Lieut. Darna. Major Capmany has been placed at the head of the Military District of Santa Clara. - Great agitation prevails in the Municipalities of Jiguani and Holguin (Province of Oriente), and a disturbance of the peace is feared. - Everything is quiet in the Province of Camaguey. - Guantanamo is quiet. - The Secretary of the Interior stated that there had been dead and wounded in the battle of San Fernando de Camarones, but he could not give further details. - A corporal and eight soldiers revolted at Itabo.

Declarations made by the President of the Republic to "Heraldo de Cuba":

"FIRST: I believe that the revolutionary outbreak in Santa Clara is of very little importance in itself, and I consider that it is practically destroyed by the rapid and efficacious action of the Army, and also by the lack of support on the part of the people. I do not think that it can be the first step of a deliberate program, but it may have some imitators or followers, due to the prolonged, though weakened propaganda of the Veterans and Patriots, seconded by the way employed by a part of the press encouraging and applauding this propaganda, highly detrimental to the national interests.

SECOND: I understand that the first day of May should not be considered as a day representing desires of struggles, but desires to prevent them through methods of concord and harmony between the factors of the prodution of wealth.

THIRD: Having stated my tendency contrary to presidential reelections in Cuba, as propicious to the employment of censurable methods to obtain victory, I do not consider it necessary to ratify my opinion. I have requested as much as five times, from Congress, to approve constitutional reforms to make presidential reelections impossible; but Congress, which represents the will of the people, has paid no heed to my suggestion, and this compels me, for my own dignity, not to reject my reelection as a means to favor the moral and material peace of the Republic, because I am so sure of my equanimous and legal conduct, that it would not disturb the peace nor give any cause for its disturbance. I do not covet being reelected, and if I would ever try, I shall be satisfied with either defeat or victory. But I accept my nomination for reelection, to demonstrate that all my actions shall be inspired by the strictest legality, as they have been inspired up to the present. (Signed) ALFREDO ZAYAS."

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"Heraldo de Cuba" - May 1, 1924.

The foregoing statements made by President Zayas were in answer to a questionnaire presented to him by Gonzalez Beauville in behalf of Heraldo de Cuba, which questionnaire is also published in this issue.

A Presidential Decree is being prepared , relating to the organization of militias. As soon as this decree is signed, enlistment offices will be opened in this city and in the interior, and sent to fight the revolutionists. Some of the militias organized will be employed in Habana and outskirts.

An article unfavorably commenting upon the statements made by the President, published in this issue. It states that reelection is tolerated, but it is not obligatory, and if Dr. Zayas understands that it is an evil, by an act of his own free will he should and must begin by not accepting it, and his own personal dignity would gain by doing so. That the only thing decorous is to fulfill the promises made before he was exalted to power.

Article by Ramon Vasconcelos, commenting upon the political situation. The present political situation is becoming more clear every day, despite the affirmation to the contrary made by pessimists. This is because the reelection of Dr. Zayas is now impossible, due to the fact that the National League is dissolved, and the Conservatives will nominate a candidate genuinely Conservative.

Cable despatch from New York, stating that the Cuban Patriotic Board of New York is only a center of "botelleros". It also states that the President and the Treasurer resigned when they discovered that the Patriotic Board was only a bluff to support Zayas reelection, and that the expenses were defrayed by Celso Cuellar with funds of the Cuban Treasury.

"EL HERALDO" - May 1, 1924

All communications with Santiago de Cuba are cut off. Despite the writ of Habeas Corpus, the political prisoners were not presented before the Audiencia yesterday. - Soto, Alzugaray and three others have been transferred from La Cabaña to the City Jail. - At the battle of Chucho San Diego, machine guns were used, and the insurgents lose one of them. Lolo Galvez with fifty men, take the field at Manacas. - It is rumored that General Montes has resigned as Secretary of War. - The reconnoitring body of Laredo Bru had a skirmish with Government forces at Loma de Sigu.

The opinion prevailing in the House of Representatives is that the request made by the President for an appropriation of one million for war purposes, will not be granted. Said request will be bitterly combatted when the Message is read in the House. - The members of the Conservative Party will maintain a watchful attitude from now on. According to a resolution adopted by the Liberals, the House will be in recess for some time.

The members of the Senate will hold a conference to-day, to adopt the policy to be followed in connection with the appropriation of $400,000.00 made by the President for war material.

Senator Bravo Correoso has presented a Project of Modification of the Electoral Code, preceded by a long preamble, in which he refers to electoral corruption, fraudulent activities and the indifference of Congress, the Code was not made to protect small groups, to the necessity of strengthening the large political parties, and the reforms necessary to prevent "reinforcements".

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"El Heraldo" - May 1, 1924 (Continued).

EDITORIAL entitled "COMPLICATIONS" - Unfavorably commenting upon some statements made by Secretary Iturralde in connection with the present rebellion. Iturralde said that unless new complications should arise, the movement could be considered as quashed. What are the complications to which he refers? Because new outbreaks would not be new complications, but merely demonstrations of the same evil. A complication is a new disease altogether, a new phase which aggravates the evil and makes its cure more difficult..... "In all our interior afflictions of a revolutionary character, the only complication possible is the attitude of our great and powerful neighbors. Up to the present, no disquieting news has been received from Washington. It is said that the Cuban Government will be left at liberty to quash the rebellion. This can be interpreted in either two ways: as a sign of confidence in the ability of Dr. Zayas to cope with the situation, or as an indication that on this occasion the American Government will remain neutral in the struggle, and will not overwhelm the revolutionists with threatening proclamations, of the style of the famous proclamations of Mr. Gonsales, which were a deadly blow to the powerful revolution of February....." The article further states that the warship "Cleveland" is expected to arrive to-day, and it will undoubtedly be placed at the dispossal of Ambassador Crowder, who, as usual, remains "impenetrable". .....

"LA PRENSA" - May 1, 1924.

It is rumored that General Montes, Secretary of War, haspresented his resignation. He has been compelled to take this action, in view of the fact that he was placed in a difficult position by the uprising of his brother-in-law, Dr. Laredo Bru.

Cable despatch from Washington: Based on reports received from Ambassador Crowder, high officials of the Washington Government are of the opinion that President Zayas will be able to quash the rebellion, because the movement is not supported by the people.

Telegram from Cienfuegos, announcing that in the town of Arize twenty men took the field.

Colonel Carrillo informs that only small groups of rebels are left in some municipalities of the Province of Santa Clara.

Section entitled "DEL MOMENTO" - Unfavorably commenting upon the fact that one of the most lamentable effects of the present revolution would be the paralization of the activities of Congress.....

EDITORIAL entitled "CALM AND EQUANIMOUS" - Favorably commenting upon the Manifesto issued by the President in connection with the present revolution.

Telegram from Palmira announcing that a group of prominent members of the Association of Veterans and Patriots rose in insurrection in that town.

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"EL MUNDO" - May 2, 1924.

EDITORIAL entitled "FOR CUBA", commenting upon the present revolution, and what it means for Cuba at the present time. That a disturbance of the peace, no matter how insignificant it may be, automatically paralyzes all business and disorganizes the life of the country. That Cuban blood has already been shed, besides the material damages inflicted to the country. That the number of men in arms at the present time is very small, which shows that it was not a well organized movement, but only the work of a few deluded persons; but on the other hand the number of those who consider that their liberty is danger, is great, and they remain hidden, thereby giving rise to the supposition that they are also in arms against the Government. An appeal is made to the wisdom of all Cubans, to see whether it is possible to put an end to this struggle, and avert the incalculable dangers which a revolutionary movement entails.....

The President of the Republic spoke at length with the Reporters concerning the present Revolution. He said that according to reports received from Cienfuegos, the group which revolted in that City was of only 8 or 10 persons. This group was strengthened by 15 residents of Palmira, and by about 30 or 40 residents of San Fernando de Camarones. He confirmed that this group had tried to burn the railroad station of San Fernando de Camarones and also tried to blow a trestle, but they were not successful. That the Government forces came in contact with this group at a place called Mata, near Central Constancia, and the President thinks that it is in this battled where Armando Soto, brother of Oscar Soto was killed. That aside from these small groups in the Province of Santa Clara, everything is quiet in the rest of the country; and that forces from Pinar del Rio and from Camp Columbia had been rushed to restore peace. He also said that the Aviation Corps would be reinforced with 10 planes which had been urgently ordered from the North, and that in various messages to Congress he had requested the necessary appropriations to purchase these planes, to be used for patrolling the coasts and prevent the contraband of immigrants and liquors. That no militia forces would be organized, as he thinks that the Army can cope with the situation. The President said that he was not aware of the whereabouts of Garcia Velez, but that he had presumably moved from the Hotel where he resided. He said that Congress and the political parties had offered him all necessary support. - Referring to the rumors of the resignation of General Montes, the President stated that Montes was indeed in a difficult position due to his family ties with the revolutionists, but that up to that time, he had not presented his resignation. --

A special meeting of the Cabinet has been announced for to-day, to discuss matters relating to the present revolution.

In view of the present abnormal conditions of the country, the Secretary of the Central Electoral Board called on the President to deliver him the Call for General Elections, to be published in the Official Gazette on the 5th instant. (The text of this Call is also published).

Text of a resolution adopted at a Conference of Senators, in the sense of offering all the necessary support to the Executive for the restoration of peace.

Text of a Manifesto issued by Aurelio Alvarez, as President of the National Conservative Party, condemning the present revolution.

Reports received from Cienfuegos, from reliable sources, indicate that Laredo Bru has not gone to the woods, but is only in hiding to prevent his being arrested due to his recent activities in the movement of Veterans and Patriots.

The Audiencia of Habana refused to grant the Habeas Corpus present asking for the release of Alzugaray and others.

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El Mundo" - May 2, 1924 (Continued).

The patrolling of the South Coast is very active, and the gunboats "24 de Febrero" "Baire" "Matanzas" and "Habana" have have been sent for that purpose.

Troops have been sent to patrol the Municipalities of Guira de Melena, Alquizar, Melena del Sur and Quivican.

On Wednesday, there were eight different groups of revolutionists in the Province of Santa Clara, the largest being the one commanded by Laredo Bru in the district of Cienfuegos.

Text of a resolution issued by President Zayas, granting a leave of absence of a few days, to General Armando Montes y Montes, Secretary of War. General Betancourt, Secretary of Agriculture, will act in his stead.

The Chief, and the 50 members of the Police force of Esperanza, have been arrested for conspiracy, and they have been indicted together with the Mayor of said town.

"DIARIO DE LA MARINA" - May 2, 1924.

The following cable despatch from New York:

"Hotel Alamac, May 1st. - A concise Manifesto issued by the Revolutionary Junta of New York has circulated among the Cubans residing in New York, which Junta seconds the movement of General Garcia Velez, giving definite instructions to their followers, and stating that within very few hours the ex Ambassador will be at the head of his followers. (Signed) Zarraga."

The Government is aware of the fact that Campos Marquetti, Felix Bacallao and others whose whereabouts are unknown, intend to rise in insurrection in the Province of Habana. This is the reason for sending troops to Guira de Melena, Batabanó, Quivican and Alquizar.

A telegram from Cardenas stating that the Mayor, Carlos de la Rosa, has presented his resignation as Municipal Mayor, and as President of the Liberal Party.

An article commenting upon the fact that the dreadful Chinese immigration will at last be checked by a Resolution of the Government, with the acquiescence of the Chinese Minister.

EDITORIAL entitled "THE ELECTORAL PERIOD" - Commenting upon the necessity of amending Article 102 of the Electoral Code, and that in view of the fact that Congress has taken no action in the matter, the Central Electoral Board should issue some Instructions in the sense of deducting from the 3 per cent to which said Article 102 refers, those who may have registered as electors for having attained the age of 21, who have a right granted by the Constitution, which right should be respected by all the laws of the Republic.....

"EL TRIUNFO" - May 2, 1924.

Statements made by the Secretary of State to a Reporter of "El Triunfo", to the effect that no Note or any other document whatsoever has been exchanged between the Governments of the U.S. and of Cuba concerning the present revolution; and that the opinion prevailing in Washington, and the actions of the American Government, do not differ in the least from the line of conduct which the U.S. Government has followed for a long time; that is to say, to lend its support to the constituted Government; and finally, that he feels confident that the patriotism and wisdom of the Cubans will solve the present conflict in a satisfactory manner.

The Parliamentary Committee of the Liberal Party has resolved to lend its support to the Executive, in the present movement.

"THE HIDDEN HAND" - by Napoleon Galvez. - An article commenting upon the fact that Garcia Velez is the visible head of the present revolution, but that there is a hidden hand, or Supreme Head of the movement who is surrounded of all comforts in his home; that this invisible

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hand which directs all the details of the movement, should be cut off; that the Government is fully aware of all this, etc. -- Although Galvez does not mention his name, he undoubtedly refers to General Menocal.

In an editorial entitled "AGAINST THE NATION" - reference is made to North American interests engaged in business in Cuba who would be pleased to see an American Intervention in Cuba, where a pro-Consul of the Magoon type would decree resolutions favorable to some American conerns.....

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"HERALDO DE CUBA" - May 2, 1924.

(NOTE: For reasons not yet known, though it is said that for spreading alarming news of the revolution, this edition of "Heraldo de Cuba" was confiscated by the Police when it first came out at about 11:30 A.M., but it was again sold in the streets after 2:00 P.M.)-

The rebellion initiated in Santa Clara bo soldiers, has been quashed by the Army, although the concentration of loyal and rebel forces in the district of Cienfuegos gives reason to think that a bloody clash is imminent. - The revolutionists stopped a train in the line from Cienfuegos to Charcas, Atun and Guasimal, and disabled the locomotive. - The City of Cienfuegos has been militarily occupied, awaiting an assault of the rebels commanded by Laredo Bru and Mirabal. These revolutionists have split in four groups to take the offensive. The communication with the Eastern provinces has not been interrupted. - Some groups which revolted in the Northern part of the Province of Santa Clara have moved to other districts due to persecution by loyal troops, and also because the rebels have instructions to avoid clashes with the Army. Although it has been officially announced that there has been no disturbance of the peace in the Province of Matanzas, the request for fire arms made by the Mayor of Colon is very significant. - The principal worry of the Government at the present time, is in connection with the landing of Garcia Velez in Cuba, without being able to determine definitely in what province or in what place he intends to land, or has landed. It was peristently rumored last night that Garcia Velez had landed in the Province of Santa Clara, and also that the revolutionists were concentrating near Cienfuegos for the purpose of taking said city by assault. - Rumors circulated in Habana that Campos Marquetti had taken the field in Alquizar; Felix Bacallao in Guira de Melena, and Colonel Domingo Lenz also in the same district. The Department of the Interior has received no confirmation of the blowing up of the bridge in Zaza del Medio. - Iturralde is still very optimistic. - All persons and automobiles leaving Habana are searched by the Police.

A telegram from Santa Clara announcing that the revolutionists are concentrating their forces in the banks of the Damuji River, and the Government troops are doing the same.

The revolutionists have been practically surrounded by loyal troops between Manicaragua and Matagua, but this strategic move of the Government seems to have been provoked by a trap of the revolutionists to effect a concentration in Trinidad. - Despite the gravity of the situation, the authorities of Santa Clara are optimistic.

The White House will not intervene in the domestic affairs of Cuba, but will sell arms and ammunitions to the Government. The officials of the Department of State consider that the revolutionary outbreak was premature, and that it was caused by the Veterans' propaganda. The Department of Commerce does not try to hide its anxiety, because Cuba is the best market. (From a cable despatch from New York.

The Government has ordered ten aeroplanes to reinforce the Aviation Corps which only has three planes at present. - The President informed the reporters that he did not intend to use militia forces at present, but in spite of the above statement the Decree concerning the militia has been signed in case circumstances might require militia forces.

Over two hundred persons have disappeared from Cienfuegos, and it is thought that they have gone to join the forces commanded by Laredo Bru .

Cable desptch from New York, stating that General Garcia Velez left instructions as to what the Veterans should do. Colonel

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"Heraldo de Cuba" - May 2, 1924. (Continued).

Despaigne and Dr. Gutierrez have signed a proclamation addressed to the people of Cuba. Garcia Velez supposed to have sailed for Cuba. Dr. Gutierrez took with him all the documents relating to the Veterans and Patriots.

EDITORIAL entitled "CONCORD, BUT ALSO JUSTICE". Commenting upon the present revolution, and upon the statements made by the President to the effect that "when there is no tyranny, the revolution cannot triumph", which is a reality, because Cuba has not suffered , under Zayas, the tyranny of the period of Menocal. - It further states that it is very difficult to remain neutral, but that under the present circumstances, it becomes necessary to remain neutral. To take the side of the Government would mean to accept all the evils which it has inflicted to Cuba, commencing with its complicity in the elections of 1919, and to defend these evils and accept as good the frauds and crimes committed during the last period of Menocal. To support the revolution would be to take a leap in the dark, to prepare an intervention, to place the country in danger, when there are other means and ways to obtain the remedy which the revolutionists seek, at least those who do so in good faith, by means of an insurrection. Therefore, it becomes necessary to remain neutral: neither with the Government, nor with the Revolution. We only desire concord and peace....."

The Government troops had skirmishes with the revolutionists at Jaragua and at Arba.

"EL HERALDO" - May 2, 1924.
(This edition was also confiscated to-day).

Article by Sergio Carbó, entitled "ABAJO LAS ARMAS!" (or "Down with arms!") Bitterly criticising the Government for its attitude toward the press in connection with the present revolution, the false or contradictory reports given out, and also commenting unfavorably upon reelection.

A list of places where revolutionary outbreaks have taken place, or where revolutionists have passed:

Province of Santa Clara:

Abreus
Aguada de Pasajeros
Cienfuegos
Camarones
Cruces
Calabazar de Sagua
Cifuentes
Caonao
Cumanayagua
Cruces
Guaracocas
Guasimal
Hormiguero
Hatillo
Itabo
Jicotea
La Esperanza
Manacas
Manicaragua
Matas
Matagua
Potrerillo
Palmira
Ranchuelo
Real Campiña
Rodas
Santa Clara
Sagua la Grande
Santo Domingo
San Juan de las Yeras
Trinidad

There has also been a revolutionary outbreak at Manguito, in the Province of Matanzas.

The first train with wounded soldiers has arrived to Santa Clara. Lieutenant Esteban Gener and Sergeant Santamaria are among the wounded.

Oswaldo Soto, brother of Oscar Soto of the Association of Veterans and Patriots, was killed by watchmen of Central Constancia. Some persons calculate that there are 5,000 revolutionists. - Measure of precaution will be taken at the Palace. Only those to whom audiences have been granted, will be permitted to enter. Full text of the famous letter of Vicente Soler which furnished a clew of the revolution. -- The Direcor of Beneficence, of the Sanitary Department, has sent instructions to all the Hospitals of the Republic in order that they may be prepared to receive and take care of the wounded in the revolution at any time. - Guillermo Borgas, one of the leaders of the Association of veterans and patriots, is r

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"El Heraldo" - ~~xyrikx~~ May 2, 1924.

Association of Veterans and Patriots, is reported to have revolted in Sagua la Grande. - The Government expected yesterday that an encounter would take place between the Government forces and the revolutionists in the district of Cienfuegos. At the present time there is a large number of Government forces in that district, fully prepared to persecute the revolutionists. - The Mayor of Colon visited the Secretary of the Interior, and requested fire arms to defend the town. - Forces from Camp Columbia arrived yesterday to Cienfuegos. Another military train has left from Pinar del Rio to Cienfuegos. -

Despite the verbal report , by the President, of the death of a brother of Oscar Soto, the members of ~~xkm~~ Soto's family refuse to give credit to said information, because Osvaldo Soto, who is the one reported to have been killed, revolted at a place which is very far from the place mentioned by the General Staff of the Army and by President Zayas.

In a private report which is said to have been submitted to the President, by the Secret Police, the origin of the movement is given, as well as a full history of the preparations made during the last few months. In said report, it is affirmed that Colonel Laredo Bru had been distributing arms and ammunitions from Habana. These ammunitions were sent principally to Cienfuegos, where he was organizing a group of friends who were to follow him in the adventure. --

Colonel Rosendo Collazo visited the President, and offered his personal services to fight the revolutionists.

The President received a telegram announcing that Osvaldo Soto, at the head of 25 men well euipped, had been seen in Real Campiña.

Francisco Martinez Lufriu offers his services to fight the revolutionists.

The Governor of Santa Clara reports that the forces of the Government had had a skirmish with the revolutionists at a ranch called Guabina, newar the Municipality of Cienfuegos.

The Mayor of Cienfuegos officially confirms the death of Soto.

The Secretary of the Interior denies the information regarding the blowing up of the bridge of Zaza del Medio

Telegram from Cardenas announcing that the information regarding the resignation of Dr. Carlos de la Rosa, Mayor of Cardenas, was only a bluff.

The Government considers that the two most dangerous persons of the present movement, are Dr. Carlos Alzugaray, and Dr. Soto, as they distributed the revolutionary proclamations among the soldiers and civilians.

The Government denies the information regarding the aprising of Campos Marquetti

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"LA PRENSA" - May 2, 1924.

An embargo on shipments of arms and ammunitions to Cuba has been declared in the United States. This decision was adopted at the request of the Cuban Government, which officially called the attention of the Washington Government "regarding the situation of violence existing in Cuba."

Telegram from Cumanayagua stating that the Government forces have practically surrounded the rebels in that district. - The Bridge of Malezas, between Camarones and Ranchuelo, was not blown up as previously reported. Many civilians in arms have sent word of their desire to surrender.

Rumors have circulated to the effect that Garcia Velez intends to land in Cuba to join the revolution. The coasts are being patrolled by the gunboats of the Government.

Marines of the warship "Patria" are protecting the water front and wharves of Cienfuegos.

Nothing unusual has been reported by the boats patrolling the coasts.

Reports received by the General Staff of the Army indicate that the revolutionists in the district of Camarones have been dispersed, and they are moving about without any definite plan.

The rumors to the effect that Lieut. Torriente and Nicasio Mirabal were in arms against the Government, are denied by the General Staff of the Army.

Gonzalez Beauville, of "Heraldo de Cuba" called on the President this morning, and complained of the orders issued by the Secretary of the Interior, concerning the confiscation of to-day's edition. - After a conference between the President and Secretary Iturralde, the latter stated that he had only ordered the confiscation of "El Heraldo" and "Heraldo de Cuba", and that the publication of "Heraldo de Cuba" would be allowed, if an information appearing on the front page, was changed.

Section entitled "DEL MOMENTO" - bitterly criticising those who spread out the rumors to the effect that the visit of the war-ship "Cleveland" to Habana is connected with the present revolution.

Interview with General Montes: He is very optimistic in view of the turn which events have taken - He requested the leave of absence granted to him.

EDITORIAL entitled "PROVINCIAL FIGHTS" - Criticising the inactivity of the Senate and the evil activities of the House of Representatives. Even the disturbance of the peace, has not made them change their methods. The Senate does not meet, and it is said that this is caused by differences of opinion in connection with the Santa Clara Convent deal. The House has sporadic spells of labriousness, but only to approve in haste some amnesty law and the monopoly of electric plants..... A Representative from Habana, justly alarmed by the outbreak of typhoid fever in Guines, and knowing that it is principally caused by the water consumed there, requests an appropriation for the completion of the acqueduct. Other Representatives immediately take the floor, and request appropriations for acqueducts for Trinidad San Luis and Holguin. A Representative from Oriente requests and appropriation for a "Palace of Justice" in Oriente, and other Representatives immediately request similar appropriations for the other Provinces.....

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"La Prensa" - May 2, 1924 (Continued).

EDITORIAL entitled "THE REVOLUTION AND THE PARTIES" - Favorably commenting upon the fact that all the political parties have invariably condemned the revolution, and have at the same time, offered their support to the constituted Government.....

When Dr. Nuñez Portuondo, defender of Alzugaray and others, learned that the Audiencia had refused to grant the Habeas Corpus requested in favor of the accused, he said that he would appeal to the Dean of the Bar Association and to the Dean of the Diplomatic Corps for the protection of the lives of the prisoners.

"LA NOCHE" - May 2, 1924.

President Coolidge supports the Cuban Government, and condemns the rebellion. He has decreed an embargo on arms and ammunitions intended for the revolutionists. This is a deadly blow to the revolution. This attitude of President Coolidge clearly shows the failure of the activities of the Veterans and Patriots (From a cable despatch from Washington).

Cable despatch from Washington: Ambassador Crowder has submitted a report to Secretary Hughes, at the request of the latter, which states, in substance: That the disturbance of the peace is confined to three Municipalities of the Province of Santa Clara; that no more than thirty soldiers have joined the revolution; that no officer of the Army has revolted, and that the civilians are gathered in groups of not more than 50. That the Government has absolute control of the situation; that two rebels have been killed, and that the two machine guns carried away by the revolutionists have been recaptured.

"EL MUNDO" - May 3, 1924.

EDITORIAL entitled "THE POLITICAL PRISONERS WILL NOT BE SENT TO SANTA CLARA" - Commenting uponthe fact that a group of prominent members of the Bar Association requested the Secretary of the Interior to be allowed to accompany the political prisoners to Santa Clara, stating that it would have been more proper to request that the order to send them to Santa Clara be cancelled. Later, the Director of "El Mundo" request the President that the prisoners be not sent to Santa Clara, and the President acceded to this request.

The President has signed a Decree ordering the deportation of Mr. Aldo Baroni, Director of "Heraldo de Cuba", as"pernicious foreigner."

Cable despatch from New York, stating that Despaigne and Gutierrez are very active in New York.

Cable despatch from New York, announcing that Ambassador Torriente is very active in Washington. He affirms that the revolution in Cuba has been practically extinguished.

A messenger sent by Garcia Velez to the revolutionists, was arrested upon his arrival from New York yesterday.

The Parliamentary Committee of the Liberal Party resolved yesterday to protest against all intent of a national disturbance of the peace, and offered its support to the President.

The railroad station of Arrieta, near Rodas, was burned by the rebels yesterday morning.

Mr. Joaquin Catanco, Private Secretary of Dr. Iturralde, has been designated to appoint as censor of "El Imparcial" insofar as relating to information concerning the revolutionary outbreak.

It is believed that the Audiencia of Habana will appoint a Special Judge, who will institute proceedings for conspiracy.

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"According to information which we have been able to obtain, Ambassador Crowder is in daily contact with the Secretary of State, Dr. Cespedes, to know the course of events, and be in a position to send detailed information to his Government."

Declarations made by President Zayas to the Associated Press: He said that the embargo decreed by President Coolidge will be a great help to quash the revolutionary outbreak. When he was informed of President Coolidge's proclamation, he said that it was "a proof of friendship toward the Government of Cuba, which is highly appreciated." He said that he did not know the real cause of the movement, etc.

A cable despatch from Washington, giving full text of the proclamation declaring embargo on arms and ammunitions to Cuba.

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

The President thinks that General Menocal is not mixed in the present revolution. The President denies the infommation regarding the arrest of several officers. Colonel Carrillo was officially informed that he could offer guaranties for the lives of the civilians in arms who surrendered.

At a meeting of the Cabinet held yesterday, the President informed that President Coolidge has declared as criminal the clandestine shipment of arms to Cuba. He also gave a detailed information of the revolutionary outbreak.

The Acting Director of "Diario de la Marina", C unt of Rivero, called on the President to request the annulment of the Decree of deportation of Mr. Aldo Baronio. Rivero was accompanied by Leon Ichaso. - The President kindly granted to them a special audience, and stated that although the decree of deportation had already been signed, he would talk to the Secretary of the Interior on the subject. It is greatly hoped that Baroni will not be deported.

The Havana Electric Ry. Light and Power Company, claims the immediate payment, by the Municipality, of the sum of two million dollars. - The President of the Republic conferred with the Mayor in connection with this matter. The President indicate the convenience of effecting this payment promptly.

EDITORIAL entitled "THE GHOST" - Commenting upon the threats of an American intervention in Cuba, whenever the passions are aroused by politics.....

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"HERALDO DE CUBA" - May 3, 1924.

An article sadly commenting upon the confiscation of yesterday's issue of this paper. The order of confiscation was issued by Under Secretary of the Interior, De la Torre, but it was later revoked by the President and by the Secretary of the Interior, Dr. Iturralde.

The Havana Electric Ry. Light & Power Co., threatens to suppress the electric light service of the City of Habana, if the Municipality refuses to pay the $2.000,000.00 which it now owes. Mayor Cuesta confers with President Zayas on the subject.

The Parliamentary Committee of the Liberal Party energetically condemns the present rebellion, and offers to support the present Government against all intent to dastroy the National sovereignty.

President Zayas left for Cienfuegos this morning at 7:15. As Cienfuegos, or its district, is considered as the stronghold of the revolutionists, Zayas ' decision to visit that place is considered to be the most emphatical denial of the alarming rumors which have circulated.

Cable despatch from New York, referring to the rumors that Garcia Velez was still in New York, using a fictitious name. - President Coolidge's proclamation on embargo of arms for Cuba.

Latest news of the revolution: The rebellion initiated by the Veterans in the Province of Santa Clara can be considered as defeated. Everything seems to be quiet, and the reports received from that Province indicate that the rebels are avoiding encounters with the federal troops, and are weak and downhearted.

The conflict which could have given rise to a very serious general railroad strike, has been satisfactorily settled. The General Manager of the Railroads, Mr. Jack, declared that he had not tried to dismiss any employee but merely admonish them for having failed to call to work.

EDITORIAL entitled "OUR CONDUCT" - Commenting upon the confiscation of yesterday's issue of this paper. It declares once more that "Heraldo de Cuba" is neutral in the present strife; that it cannot take the side of Zayas' Government, because reelection is a threat hanging over the heads of the Cubans; because corruption, nepotism, incompetence, waste and fraud continue.....

President Zayas denies the rumors spread to the effect that several officers of the Army who visited General Menocal had been arrested.

"EL HERALDO" - May 3, 1924.

An article giving a detailed information of the confiscation of yesterday's edition of "El Heraldo". By means of a shameful stratagem, Aldo Baroni was made to appear before the Sub-Secretary of the Interior, and then arrested and sent to the Cabaña fortress. Baroni was informed that his arrest had been ordered, whereupon he called at the Office of the Prosecuting Attorneys of the Audiencia and held a conference with the Prosecuting Attorney, Dr. Ortiz Casanova. - Dr. Ortiz Casanova, who is a sincere and loyal frind of Baroni, assured him that no order of arrest against him had been

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issued, and advised him to call on Secretary Iturralde to clear out the situation of "El Heraldo". In the absence of Iturralde, Baroni was received by ~~xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx~~ Sub Secretary De la Torre, with who he held a short conference. After the conference, and when Baroni was about to leave, the Chief of Police Menendez appeared, and notified Baroni that he was arrested. - When Dr Ortiz Casanova was informed of the arrest, he became indignant, and bitterly criticised the methods employed for the arrest, and expressed his regret for having advised Baroni to call at the Department of the Interior. - Afterwards, Representative Sagaró, Manuel Villaverde, Miguel Angel Aguiar, Secretary of Public Instruction Gonzalez Manet, Vazquez Bello, Ramon Zaydin, Herrera Sotolongo, called at the Department and requested that the order of deportation be annulled. Secretary Iturralde promised to take up the matter with the President of the Republic. - It is rumored that Prosecuting Attorney Ortiz Casanova presented his resignation, as a sign of protest for the manner in which Baroni had been arrested. Dr. Zayas advised to reconsider his decision, and refused to accept his resignation at that moment.

"THE INIQUITOUS ABUSE" - An article very unfavorably commenting upon the arrest and deportation of the Director of "~~xxxxxxxx~~ "El Heraldo".

of the Parliamentary Comm. of the Liberal Party
An article commenting upon the metting/at which it was resolved to support the Government. Said Committee has been requested to make an emphatic declaration against reelection.

EDITORIAL entitled "CIRCUMSTANTIAL SUPPORT" - Commenting upon the resolution adopted by the Parliamentary Committee of the Liberal Party, to offer its support to the President. - The Liberal Party protests against the disturbance of the peace, but it can in no way be interpreted as an act of adhesion to Dr. Zayas, or as an acceptance on the part of the Liberal Party, of the policy and purposes of the Government.....

"LA PRENSA" - May 3, 1924.

The Audiencia issued a writ of Habeas Corpus in favor of Aldo Baroni, ordering that he be presented before the Audiencia on Monday (May 5) at 1:00 PM. - This order of the Audiencia was handed to the Sub-Secretary of the Interior, De La Torre this morning.

EDITORIAL entitled "THE PRESIDENT'S TRIP" - Favorably commenting upon the trip of Dr. Zayas to Cienfuegos.

An article expressing regret for the arrest and Decree of deportation of Mr. Aldo Baroni, expressing the hopes that the Decree will be annulled.

"LA NOCHE" - May 3, 1924.

An article very favorably commenting upon the decision of the President of the Republic to visit Cienfuegos and other places affected by the Revolution.

EDITORIAL praising the attitude of the Senate for the support offered to the Executive in connection with the present revolution.

(The newspaper "El Sol" has been suppressed by the Government).

"EL MUNDO" - May 4, 1924.

EDITORIAL, unfavorably commenting upon the deportation of Mr. Aldo Baroni.

Detailed information of the President's trip to Cienfuegos and

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"El Mundo" - May 3/, 1924. (Continued).

Santa Clara. - Declarations made by the President to the Reporters while on his way. - The President was hailed at all places where the train stopped. - Declarations made by the President to the Representatives of the local press in Cienfuegos. - Speech of the President at the banquet given in his honor, in Cienfuegos. - Text of telegram sent by President Zayas to the Governor of Habana, Barreras, informing him that everything was quiet in the places he had visited, and also that the forces commanded by Laredo Bru had been attacked and dispersed by federal troops.

Letter addressed by Sergio Carbó to the Secretary of the Interior, protesting against the deportation of Aldo Baroni. - He states, in the first place, that the order of deportation is unwarranted, and an affront to the liberty of thought, preached so much by Dr. Zayas himself. "In the second place, if it is a crime to write strong and clear, I am in this case the only guilty person. "Down with Arms" was written and signed by me in the manuscript and in printed type...." He further promises to give himself up to the Police, if the Decree of deportation is annulled.

Cable despatch from Washington stating that the Cuban Ambassador in the United States, has presented a petition to the American Government for the purchase of aeroplanes and arms and ammunition.

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

Aldo Baroni was deported on board the S.S. "MAASDAM". The Department of the Interior refused to hold in suspense the order of deportation.

Detailed information of the President's trip to Cienfuegos and Santa Clara.

A telegram from Guantanamo announcing that everything is quiet there.
The liberty of several persons arrested in Sancti Spiritus has been decreed by the Investigating Judge. Everything is quiet there.
All the members of the Police Force of Esperanza, who were arrested, have been set free, with only one exception.
Telegram from Santa Clara announcing that Colonel Solano Romero has been made a prisoner.
It is announced that Colonel Piñero did not revolt against the Government, but is at present in Abreus, and has offered his support to the Government.

"EL TRIUNFO" - May 4, 1924.

Article by Napoleon Galvez, entitled "MENOCAL AND THE CONVULSTION" - Quoting statements made by General Faustino Guerra, and by Dr. Casuso, member of the House of Representatives, which statements coincide with his opinion, expressed in his last article entitled "THE HIDDEN HAND", that General Menocal is the supreme head of the Revolution, and that Menocal has financed the Movement of Veterans and Patriots and the Revolution.

The American Embassy has notified the Department of State that the S.S. "EAGLE" of the American Navy will arrive to-day.

The wife of Ambassador Torriente arrived yesterday via Key West.

EDITORIAL entitled "ZAYAS ON HIS HIGH HORSE" - Commenting upon the President's trip to the scene of war.

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"HERALDO DE CUBA" - May 4, 1924.

Cable despatch from Washington: The current of opinion in the U.S. is contrary to an American intervention in the interior affairs of Cuba. The tendencies of the American Government at the present time, are: (1) A decisive moral support to Dr. Zayas to quell the disturbance; (2) the sale of arms and ammunitions in all quantities, without detriment to the necessities of the American forces., and (3) A possible vigilance of the Island by American wrships, to prevent the landing of arms and ammunitions for the rebels. The Cuban Ambassador has officially requested the sale of arms, the quantity of which cannot be ascertained until Secretary Weeks returns to Washington..... The Washington Post comments editorially upon the Cuban revolution.

Cable despatch from New York: Mr. A. Brisbane, of the New York American, criticises the policy of the Department of State. He states that if the United States avoids all revolutions in Latin-America, it will drown the just protests of peoples. It is believed in New York that President Zayas has established censorship in Cuba.

The Secretary of the Interior affirms that the revolutionary outbreak in the Province of Santa Clara has been rapidly destroyed.

Cable despatch from New York: Investigations made by the Correspondent of "Heraldo de Cuba" show that the leaders of the movement of Veterans and Patriots are not in accord. It has been learned that Colonel Despaigne has stated: "I feel like going to Habana, to appear before Dr. Zayas, and tell him: 'Here I am; arrest me; I am a stupid old man'". -- It has also been affirmed that the Cuban revolution is a camouflage to hide the political aims of certain prominent persons. - General Garcia Velez is hiding in New York.....

"LA NOCHE" - May 4, 1924.

EDITORIAL entitled "THE VICTORY OF ZAYAS" - Favorably commenting upon the President's trip to the Province of Santa Clara, stating that his brave and decided attitude has been crowned by success.

Article entitled "AMERICAN REBELS" -Unfavorably commenting upon the rebellious attitude of some residents of the Isle of Pines who have refused to comply with certain orders issued by the Sanitary authorities; that such attitude demands an immediate punishment.

"EL MUNDO" - May 5, 1924.

EDITORIAL favorably commenting upon the President's trip to the Province of Santa Clara.

The President return from his trip last night at eleven o'clock. In Santa Clara, the President declared that the only revolutionary expedition from the United States, had been captured. - An address delivered by the President to the populace which hailed him upon his return. - Dr. Iturralde stated that the presidential excursion had at first caused astonishment, but it was later applaud even by the pnàitical enemies of Dr. Zayas.

Telegram from Antilla denying the rumors that Garcia Velez had landed in that port.

A group of five rebels made its appearance in a ranch near Aguada de Pasajeros.

According to reports received by the General Staff of the Army, the federal troops clashed with the rebels and dispersed them at Nazareno and at Guaracabuya.

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"El Mundo" - May 5, 1924 (Continued).

The newspaper "El Sol" has been suppressed by order of the Department of the Interior. -- Yesterday's edition of "El Heraldo" was confiscated, when only 700 copies had been printed, but before its sale commenced.

Letter from the Director of "El Heraldo", Bartolome Sagaró, referring to the confiscation of yesterday's edition of said paper.

The Tactic Forces of Pinar del Rio had an encounter with the rebels at the hill "San Jose" on the road from Cienfuegos to Trinidad. The rebels divided into three groups, and feld toward the woods of Siguanea on the way to Yaguanabos. Major Benites, in command of the federal troops, captured 40 horses, equipped, as well as arms, ammunitions and mules. The trail left by the rebels shows that they carried away some wounded. It was learned from farmers that two rebels were killed.

Small groups of rebels have been seen in the Manicaragua valley.

Lieutenant Rodriguez attacked a group of rebels at Baez, and took two prisoners.

Lieutenant Aldama attacked the rest of the forces commanded by Solano Ramos (now a prisoner), at a place known as "Ciudad de los Grillos". It is expected that the rebels commanded by Jose Carmen Hernandez, will be destroyed to-day.

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

"MESSAGE OF CONCORD AND PEACE" - Favorably commenting upon the President's trip to Santa Clara.

The incident between a group of American citizens and the Local Chief of Sanitation of Nueva Gerona (Isle of Pines). - Mr. Charles F. Fetter was arraigned before the Correctional Court, accused of infranctions of Sanitary Regulations in his store. In view of the truth of the accusation, the Judge sentenced Mr. Fetter to pay a fine of ten dollars, which fine Mr. Fetter refused to pay, and was sent to jail. Shortly afterwards, a group of Americans headed by Messrs. Willis and Slavin, and tore up some of the planks which covered the well of said office. The Local Head of Sanitation filed the corresponding complaint before the Judge, and the case will probably come up before the Correctional Court to-day

EDITORIAL entitled "AN APPEAL TO CONGRESS" - Commenting upon the inactivity of Congress.

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"HERALDO DE CUBA" - May 5, 1924.

Article by Gonzalez Beauville, commenting upon the President's trip. He regrets that "Heraldo de Cuba" was not invited to send a Representative, as was done with other papers more to the liking of the Government. The excursion ended with the usual ridiculous palms placed along Prado placed by laborers of the Department of Public Works, paid with funds of the National Treasury, and a parade in which motor trucks of the Department of Public Works were used, filled with street cleaners, etc. - He further states that to receive the President as a Conquering Hero, is not only extemporaneous, but ridiculous. This does not seem to be the most propicious moment for the friends of President Zayas to hold public celebrations the ulterior motive of which is reelection.....

The Representative of the Associated Press visited the President this morning. The President made declarations to him identical to those which he had made to the reporters of Habana and of Cienfuegos, expressing his optimistic views concerning the revolution. Upon being asked whether he would accept his reelection, President Zayas stated that if he was nominated by the political parties, he would accept.

An article commenting upon the return of President Zayas from his short trip to Santa Clara, stating that he was heartily welcomed by the street cleaners and public employees.

Dr. Zayas and prominent persons of the Province of Santa Clara, took the first steps in Cienfuegos for the return of Laredo Bru to legality. The first steps failed at the beginning, because Laredo Bru considered as a humiliation to have to submit to judicial proceedings. Finally, it was agreed that he would return to his home dispersing his gang, and thereby ending the revolution.....

Cable despatches from New York:

The Revolutionary Junta of New York announces that Garcia Velez left from Richmond, Va., toward the South. - The Revolutionary Manifesto will not be published until Garcia Velez is near the coasts of Cuba. - It is believed that Zayas went to Cienfuegos to convince Laredo Bru. Practically all the American newspapers publish editorial comments on the Cuban Revolution, and mention the Plat Amendment. - Excerpts from Editorials published by the "Times" "The World" and "The Tribune Herald".

While in Cienfuegos, President Zayas declined to accept all invitations for lodging, and preferred to spend the night in his Pullman Car. - Referring to the economic conditions of Cuba, the President said that the day would come when there would be so many millions in the Treasury that the Cubans would not know what to do with them.

"LA PRENSA" - May 5, 1924.

An article giving an account of the statements made by the President to Mr. S. V. Stiles, Representative of the Associated Press. Zayas is greatly satisfied of the good results of his trip, and states that the revolution will end in three days. The Constitutional Reform extending the presidential term to six years, will be included in the platform of reelection.....

Cable despatch from Orlando, Fla. stating that the American authorities seized six aeroplanes intended for the rebels, and arrested three Cuban citizens, accused of violation of neutrality.

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"La Prensa" - May 5, 1924 (Continued).

Declarations made by the President of the Republic in connection with the present revolution. He said that the rebels never numbered over 300, and he thinks that at the present time there are only about 200 in the field; that the people in general condemn the revolution; that he ordered the absolute liberty of some of the rebels, and that he will issue a Decree granting a period of ten days for the presentation of the rebels.

"LA NOCHE" - May 5, 1924.

The harbor workers held a mass meeting yesterday, and resolved to remain out of work. A representative of the "Industrial Workers of the World" was present, and offered them the support of that organization.

EDITORIAL entitled "TRIUMPHAL RETURN" - Favorably commenting upon the results of the President's trip to Santa Clara.

Cable despatch from Washington, announcing that the Secretary of War of the United States will issue to-day the necessary orders, in compliance with instructions received from the Department of State, for the delivery of arms and ammunitions to the Cuban Government.

An article commenting unfavorably upon the rumors spread to the effect that the present revolution is only a comedy prepared to foster the reelectoral aspirations of Dr. Zayas. The article states that the rumors of such a "camouflage" are absolutely false, because the revolution was well organized following a pre-conceived plan, but resulted in a failure.....

"EL MUNDO" - May 6, 1924.

EDITORIAL entitled "A CONSOLATORY SYMPTOM" - Favorably commenting upon the fact that the stock market has not been affected by the disturbance of the peace.

Declarations made by the President to the Representative of the Associated Press.

Text of a Decree, dated May 5, 1924, granting a period of ten days during which the rebels can return to their usual occupations without being molested.

Text of a Proclamation addressed by the President, to the people of Cuba, informing the people of the result of his trip to Cienfuegos and Santa Clara. (See "Havana Post" of May 6th).

A proclamation purported to be from the Veterans and Patriots, bearing the signature of Dr. Oscar Soto, has circulated through the mails. "After investigation, we can affirm in a categoric manner that the signature appearing on said document, is absolutely apocryphal."

Small groups of rebels have appeared in Jaruco and San Antonio de las Vegas, both places in the Province of Habana.

"URGENT WORK" - Article referring to the fact that the Central Electoral Board has prepared the Call for General Elections; that Cuba is only two months ahead of the end of the fiscal year, and Congress has not yet taken any action on some important Bills pending. Among the urgent laws pending, this article mentions the Budget for the Coming Fiscal Year, the Law of Increase of salaries to school-teachers, the law creating new school rooms.....

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

EDITORIAL entitled "PEACE AND CORDIALITY" - The present circumstances, not free from danger and anxiety, compel the Cuban to live in constant vigilance of their nationality and sovereignty. For twenty years the Cubans have been working hard to obtain the definitive title to a piece of land to which it has a right by Geography and by History. the Supreme Court of the U.S. has made definite statements in favor of the ratification of the Treaty, and the Government and the people of the United States are also in favor of the ratification of said Treaty. However, there have existed forces strong enough to detain such action..... Peace and cordiality are necessary at the present time, and all men of good will in Cuba should get together, in order that they may not be accused of incompetent, and restless. In this connection, the recent proclamations issued by Dr. Zayas, are praised.

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1. I enclose herewith brief summaries of news articles and editorial comment in the Havana press for the days May 6, 7, 8 and 9, 1924.

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HERALDO DE CUBA" - May 6, 1924.

Persistent rumors circulated in Habana yesterday to the effect revolutionary groups existed in the Province of Habana. Great secrecy is kept in official circles concerning these rumors. It is said that a group of revolutionists commanded by Major Jose Gonzalez, ex member of the House of Representatives, was operating in the hills near Jaruco, known as "Escaleras de Jaruco". Another group commanded by Pedro Mederos, Veteran of the war of Independence, had revolted in Jaruco. It is also said that a third group had risen in insurrection in the Municipality of Cidra, said to be commanded by the Colonel of the Army of Independence, Raimundo Ortega. The only official report given out by the General Staff of the Army in connection with said rumors, was to the effect that the group near Cidra is formed by four men, and that the Army will soon be able to disperse them. - The Governor of Matanzas affirms that Raimundo Ortega has not revolted against the Government.

A long conference was held yesterday between the acting Secretary of War, Betancourt, and Governor Barreras, and although nothing has been officially known, the conference is believed to have been in connection with accusations made against prominent persons of Habana who cannot be found in their domiciles. - An American Detective who is under the orders of Ambassador Crowder, has been lately working with the Cuban Secret Police. He has compiled data in Habana and in the Interior regarding the present movement, and afterwards left for the U.S. During his stay in Habana he was accompanied by the Cuban Detective Jose J. Rosado who acted as interpreter.

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Telegram from Cidra stating that the group of revolutionists have made its appearance in Central Porvenir, demanding a certaing amount of money from the owner of said sugar mill. They were also seen at ranch "Mena", and the farmers of that district state that they are well armed and equipped. Ulterior reports state that Martinez Franquiz, Leader of the Veterans and Patriots in Matanzas, is with this group; but credit is not given to this report in Matanzas, because Martinez Franquiz is guaranteed by the local authorities of Matanzas.

Ambassador Crowder is showing great interest to know the state of the situation created by the Veterans' movement in the Province of Santa Clara and the outbreaks in Habana and Matanzas during the las twenty-four hours. Ambassador Crowder is constantly requesting reports regarding the march of events connected with the revolution, in order to report to his Government.

Passengers arriving from Santa Clara state that everything is quiet there. - It is also said that Laredo Bru will soon return to legality, remaining where he is, but without returning to his home.

(Dr. Iturralde confirmed the reports of revolutionary groups in Habana and Matanzas, but stated that they were of no importance.)

There are revolutionary groups in Managua and San Antonio de las Vegas. - The Secretary of the Interior denied the rumors of disturbances in Hoyo Colorado (Habana) and Jiguani (Oriente). - The Mayor of Yaguajay (Santa Clara) has been arrested, believed to be ~~xixxix~~ implicated in the revolution. - Official reports received in official circles indicate that groups of revolutionists exist in the neighborhood of Trinidad (Santa Clara).

The reporters interviewed Iturralde in connection with the rumors of disturbances in the Province of Oriente. Iturralde stated that (although a state of anxiety prevailed in Oriente, no reports of disturbances of the peace had been received in his Department.)

Oscar Soto, Secretary of the Association of Veterans and Patriots, who is at present in jail, states that his signature appearing on a Proclamation of said Association, is apocryphal.

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Heraldo de Cuba" - May 6, 1924 (Continued).

Telephone message from Matanzas, stating that the revolutionists operating in the Municipality of Cidra were attacked and dispersed in the ranch "La Mariposa", Municipality of "Limonar". Felix Mestre Chief of this gang, was killed in the action. Another member of the gang was taken prisoner near Matanzas, after being wounded.

Governor Barreras confers with the President, and informs him of the alarming rumors of revolutionary uprisings in the Province of Habana.

Cable despatch from New York: Dr. Gustavo Gutierrez, of the Cuban Revolutionary Junta, has announced that Garcia Velez has left New York. "Heraldo de Cuba" has been able to discover that the revolutionists are using the wireless telegraphy to communicate with their representatives in New York. All efforts made to locate the receiving station in New York have been of no avail. - The Revolutionary Committee received the visit of a prominent man from Washington, believed to be an agent of the Washington Government. He questioned the members of the Committee severely and at length, taking an interest in the activities of the Committee, and making questions regarding the means of the revolutionists to come out victorious. "From his statements, it can be inferred --according to one of the members of the Committee-- that the White House has declared an embargo on arms, but that an armed intervention of the United States will not supervene."

The Cuban Committee has given out the following official Note: "Colonel Despaigne and Dr. Gustavo Gutierrez, officially announce for the first time that General Garcia Velez has left New York, southbound. The Official Manifesto shall be published at any moment." (Signed) Colonel Despaigne, Dr. Gustavo Gutierrez."

Gutierrez states that he has the hardest time to convince Despaigne to remain in New York, because he wishes to go South to take more active part in the movement. -- The demands of the Veterans include twelve specific reforms, three of which are desired to go into effect immediately, to wit:

Repeal of the Lottery Law,
Prevention of R.R. monopoly,
Amendment of the Electoral Code, to prevent reelections.

The other nine points refer to

The Punctual Payment of Veterans' Pensions,
The repeal of the Turismo Law, which protects gambling,
Independence of the Judiciary from the Executive,
A law regulating the relations between Capital and Labor,
A Law limiting the impunity enjoyed by the members of Congress

They also intend to request the extension of the presidential term, the suppression of reelection, and vote for women.

The "Evening Post" carries an Editorial on the Cuban Revolution, and the attitude adopted by the American Government decreeing an embargo on arms intended for the rebels and selling arms to the Constituted Government. It further states that the work of Latin-American revolutionists is not now so easy as it used to be.

The Sun also carries an editorial on Cuban events, stating that President Coolidge has helped to defeat the revolution declaring an embargo on arms. It also refers to the improvements effected by the Government of Dr. Zayas, and the present economic conditions of the Island. "If Cuban conditions should become really alarming --the editorial states--our Government can exercise pressure in a political and firm manner, xxx as has been done through Crowder in the past, and the present disturbances would rapidly subside...."

EDITORIAL entitled "THE ADVICE OF PATRIOTISM" - After stating that a state of revolution exists in Cuba, despite the optimistic official reports published from time to time, "Heraldo de Cuba" says that the quickest way to restore normalcy, would be by a declaration made by the President to the effect that he will not try to be re-elected).....

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"LA PRENSA" - May 6, 1924.

Cable despatch from New York (May 6th)- The afternoon papers of to-day publish a cable despatch from Habana, reading: "Near Jiguani, Oriente, 150 men have risen in insurrection. Said group is said to be commanded by General Reyes, a prominent person who during the last few months became conspicuous as a decided partisan of the movement of Veterans and Patriots. No news of other disturbances has been reported in Oriente, outside of the Municipality of Jiguani. General Reyes is a veteran of all the wars of independence, and began his career in the War of Ten Years."

Telegram from Cienfuegos: Calm prevails in the district of Cienfuegos with the only exception of unimportant skirmishes in the Hills of Trinidad. - Reports not confirmed announce that as a consequence of the presidential decree granting a period of ten days to the rebels to return to their usual occupations, there seems to be a suspension of hostilities, or at least a decrease of the effectiveness of the persecution. Rumors have circulated to the effect that active steps are being taken for the surrender of Laredo Bru.

Various members of Congress conferred with the President to-day, and many of them offered their good offices to obtain the surrender of revolutionists.

The Secretary of the Interior, the Secretary of War and the Head of the Army, informed the President that according to reports received, the revolution in Santa Clara is well under control and will soon come to an end.

The Secretary of the Interior informed the President of a telegram received from the Mayor of Santa Maria del Rosario announcing the presence of revolutionists in that Municipality.

The group of revolutionists operating in Cidra and Limonar (Province of Matanzas) has been dispersed. The leader of this group was killed.

The Department of State has received reports from the Embassy in Washington, relating to General Garcia Velez. - The American authorities have offered to cooperate with Ambassador Torriente in matters concerning the revolutionary campaign of the Veterans and Patriots, actively persecuted in the U.S. by Agents of the Cuban Government.

Section entitled "DEL MOMENT" - Congratulating the President for the result of his trip to the Province of Santa Clara, which has been the last blow to the revolutionary movement.

EDITORIAL entitled LEGISLATIVE ACTION" - Unfavorably commenting upon the inactivity of both branches of Congress.

Cable despatch from New York (by "Universal" service) quoting an article published to-day in "The New York Tribune" under the titled "The Chess Champion is the Counsellor of the Cuban Rebels". It refers to a Proclamation which the Revolutionary Committee is preparing, in which the revolutionists will set forth their demands.

Cable despatch from Ocala, Fla., announcing that three Cubans arrested there, will be set free.

"LA NOCHE" - May 6, 1924.

An article commenting upon an official report received from the Cuban Embassy in Washington to the effect that General Garcia Velez is now fleeing.

The President is constantly received telegrams of adhesion from the interior of the country. Some of these telegrams are published in this paper.

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La Noche - May 6, 1924 (Continued).

Four hundred and twenty (420) Chinamen arrived to-day on board the S.S. "Siboney".

An article stating that a group of Congressmen intend to present a motion requesting that the officers in command of the "Monteagudo" barracks in Santa Clara, where some soldiers revolted, be court-martialed.

EDITORIAL favorably commenting upon the disciplined attitude of the Army and the Navy during the present revolution.

According to reports received from Oriente, an aeroplane was captured at Chaparra, and three American citizens who piloted it, arrested. - It was learned afterwards that the plane was on a commercial trip to Gibara and had no connection whatsoever with the revolution, whereupon the three Americans were freed.

"EL IMPARCIAL" - May 6, 1924.

Rumors circulated in official circles this afternoon, to the effect that Captain Castillo Pockorny had risen in insurrection. The rumors did not locate the place where Castillo Pockorny was operating.

"EL PAIS" - May 6, 1924.

An article stating that the President of the Republic cannot govern alone. Dr. Zayas needs the advice of men who may be a guarantee for the country. He must take in his Cabinet, at this critical period, men of history, moral solvency and of great prestige

Article by M. Marquez Sterling on "THE PROBLEMS OF THE PACIFICATION", unfavorably commenting upon the methods employed by Dr. Zayas to quell the present disturbance, and his abuses against the liberty of thought. ..... The defeat finally ends by acting on the consciences as an encouragement of dignity and patriotism. And, on the other hand, corruption, incited by the conviction of its immunity, increases its hated organized empire for all the conquests which morals prohibit .....

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"HERALDO DE CUBA" - May 7, 1924.

Despite the new revolutionary outbreaks reported, the various groups show very little activity and lack cohesion, while the confidence of the Government in that the rebellion will be quashed within a short period, increases.

The situation remained unchanged yesterday, with the only exception of the appearance of a small group of armed men in the district of Guantanamo, confirmed by the Department of the Interior, and another group of the Municipality of Santa Maria del Rosario (Province of Habana).

Steps are being taken by Dr. Madrazo, of Cienfuegos, for the surrender of Laredo Bru. Madrazo is a partner of Laredo Bru.

No further uprisings have been reported in the Province of Habana.

According to official reports, the uprising in the Province of Matanzas has been put down. The Provinces of Pinar del Rio and Camaguey are quiet. - The moral peace, rather than the material peace is sdisturbed at the present time.

Official reports were received last night of the punishment inflicted by the federal troops to the gang commanded by Jose del Carmen Hernandez, near Fomento (Santa Clara). Three rebels were put out of commission and five made prisoners. The federal forces also captured 30 horses well equipped, abandoned by the rebels when they fled. The prisoners declared that great discontent prevails in the ranks of the rebels; that they believe the movement has failed, and that they would have surrendered before if it were not for the fear of being sent to prison.

Captain Castillo Pockorny has not gone to the woods, as it has been ascertained that he is quietly working in his sugar plantation near Central Stewart.

Dr. Madrazo informs that up to three o'clock this morning, he had not been able to locate Laredo Bru. - It has been learned that Laredo Bru is greatly desirous of conferring with his friend Madrazo.

Details of the case of the landholders of Caujeri, near Jiguani

An article stating that the ex member of the House, Rafael Cabrera y Sanchez forms part of the group commanded by Laredo Bru. Cabrera Sanchez was Mayor of Cruces.

The troops sent from Habana to reconnoitre the Province, did not find any trails of revolutionary groups.

A group of rebels has appeared in Central America, near Guantanamo.

It has been learned through a reliable source, that a group of rebels has appeared in the town of Jaguey Grande. Rogelio Castillo is said to be in command of this group.

The ex Corporal of the Rural Guard, Ramos, took the field in Santa Maria del Rosario and joined the rebels at Tapaste. Military planes scouted the Province of Habana yesterday.

Cable despatch from New York: Long before President Coolidge decreed an embargo on arms for Cuba, the local authorities of the State of Florida were alert, because they had knowledge of revolutionary expeditions were being prepared for the Cuban rebels. - It is generally believed that the revolutionists received war supplies by aeroplanes. - The Representative of "Heraldo de Cuba" has not been able to locate any of the members of the Cuban Junta in New York. It is believed that they had fled for fear of being extradited.

"The Sun" published yesterday a despatch from Berlin, informing that the Cuban Legation had published a Manifesto in the "Deutsche Aligmeine Zeitung" attributing the uprisings in Santa Clara to some sugar enterprises, hinting that they consider it as a means to bring about an intervention.

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"Heraldo de Cuba" - May 7, 1924.

Cable despatch from Washington: The Department of State has had no official knowledge of the official declarations by the Cuban Legation in ~~Berlin~~ Berlin accusing American sugar enterprises of promoting a revolution in Cuba to obtain an intervention, and, consquently, the case could not be commented upon. It was unoficially said that the U.S. took prompt steps, in accordance with the Platt Amendment, to stop the shipment of arms not consigned to the Government.

Cable despatch from Washington: It was learned here to-day that the extradition of General Garcia Velez is practically impossible. The U.S. is proud of being the refuge of political exiles, and though it may be friendly toward the Cuban Government, it will not permit the extradition. However, the deportation can be the means of getting rid of the revolutionists, to place them in the hands of the Cuban Government.

EDITORIAL, favorably commenting upon the Proclamation issued by President Zayas, inviting all Cubans in arms to return to their usual occupations. In this article, President Zayas is also requested to give up his intentions of being reelected.

"LA NOCHE" - May 7, 1924.

In the encounter with the revolutionists at "El Quirro", the Chief of the group of rebels, Jose del Carmen Hernandez, was wounded. One of the rebels was killed, and the rest soon dispersed.

PALACE NEWS: The President of the Republic held a conference this morning with General Crowder. Ambassador Crowder took up the question of a certain measure adopted with an American citizen for infringement of the Sanitary Regulations, and also requested information concerning the revolution. "Ambassador Crowder assured the President that his Government maintained its points of view concerning the policy which it had been following toward constituted governments, with respect to unjustified revolutions.

It was rumored that the efforts made by Mr; Madrazo to obtain the surrender of Laredo Bru, will probably be crowned by success tomorrow or the day after.

EDITORIAL entitled "THE RIGHT OF REVOLUTION" - Unfavorably commenting upon the article written by Mr. Brisbane recently, commenting in an unfavorable manner upon the embargo of arms decreed by President Coolidge.

Yesterday, a soldier from Camp Columbia was killed in a skirmish with the rebels near river Ochoa. - Jose del Carmen Hernandez, a rebel who was wounded, will surrender to-day.

Official reports received from the Cuban Embassy in Washington, announce that the American Government did not give any importance to the revolutionary movement in Cuba, and never thought that the revolution would overthrow the constituted government . Cubans residing in the U.S. were justly alarmed by the false reports spread by the Revolutionary Junta, and expressed their surprise that the American Government did not announce its policy contrary to all revolutions. The conspirators availed themselves of this silence to say that the sympathies of the U.S. were in favor of the Veterans and Patriots.

Article entitled "THE INCENSE BEARERS OF THE INTERFERENCE" - Commenting very unfavorably upon the article published yesterday in "The Evening Post" of New York, concerning the attitude assumed by the Cuban Revolutionary Junta of New York.

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PRENSA" - May 7, 1924.

The Special Correspondent of "La Prensa" sent to the front reached the Camp of Laredo Bru, and interviewed him. - The military operations in the Cienfuegos-Trinidad have been practically suspended since last Sunday after the encounter in the Hills of San Jose, in which the party of Laredo Bru was dispersed. - Dr. Lopez Madrazo, Partner of Laredo Bru in a Law Office, and Florencio Veliz, President of the Municipal Council of Cienfuegos, reached the Federal camp established and San Jose, and after a short conference with the Commanding Officer, a large body was ordered to be in readiness to proceed. The troops escorted Madrazo and Veliz until they were out of the Camp, and then returned. Madrazo and Velez continued their march , using the services of a guide. The Correspondent then realized the reason for the suspension of hostilities in that district, and that steps were being taken to obtain the presentation of Laredo Bru. The Correspondent managed to leave the Camp unobserved and to follow Madrazo and Veliz at some distance, and after a hard march through the thick of the woods, they reached an outpost of Bru's camp. He had to say that he was one of Madrazo's party who had been left behind, and was allowed to proceed. When he presented himself to Laredo Bru, the latter told him, in very few words, that he was in a very difficult position because his forces had been dispersed over the hills, and besides they were not large in numbers, and excused himself from making any further public statements. - Lopez Madrazo is taking steps to have Bru return to his home, without being molested, in accordance with the terms of the recent presidential decree.

Section entitled "DEL MOMENTO" - Favorably commenting upon the fact that the rebellion is agonizing, and peace and order will soon be restored.

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"EL MUNDO" -May 8, 1924.

EDITORIAL entitled "ON THE GOOD PATH" - Favorably commenting upon the two measures adopted to facilitate the prompt ending of the rebellion: the proclamation of the President offering guarantees to those who returned to their homes within a period of ten days, and the modification of the writ of indictment decreed by the Special Judge against those accused of participating in the conspiracy.

Laredo Bru demands, for his return to legality, that the federal forces which remain near his camp be withdrawn. He also requests the liberty of all those who participated with him in the rebellion. In Cienfuegos, favorable comments are made of the peaceful ending of the present events. The rebels who operated near San Juan de las Yeras have already presented themselves. - Rafael Cabrera, Oswaldo Soto and Captain Canton have also returned to legality. The rumors of uprisings of Colonels Thomas and Lorente in Guantanamo and Jiguani, are false. - General Machado vists the President and expresses his regret for the present disturbances. - By a Decree signed by the President, all retired officers of the Army and Navy are called to active service. Another Decree calls for the increase of the enlisted members of the Army and Navy. - General Crowder visited the President yesterday. It has been learned that the President assured him that the rebellion could be considered as ended. - The President has signed a Decree appropriating the sum of $250,000.00 to cover the expenses incurred in the mobilization of troops.

Secretary Iturralde informed yesterday afternoon: that Antonio Calzada, Major of the Army of Independence, had been taken prisoner Placetas; that absolute tranquility reigns in the district of Esperanza; that the Mayor of Jaruco informs, after an inspection, that no rebels exist in that Municipality; that the Province of Pinar del Rio is quiet, and that the Mayors of Santa Maria del Rosario and San Antonio de las Vegas deny the rumors of the existence of revolutionary groups in said municipalities.

A telegram from Fomento anncunces that seven prisoners were made to the rebels in an encounter

Cable despatch from Washington: It is rumored in Washington that the Cuban Government may possibly request the extradition of Garcia Velez. Garcia Velez will oppose his extradition, based on the fact that he is a political refugee (See "Havana Post" of May 8th).

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

Cable despatch from Washington: Mrs. Charles E. Fetter and Harriet Powell-Wheeler, filed a protest to-day (May 7th) before the Department of State, against the manner in which Americans are treated in the Isle of Pines. Said ladies came to Washington to protest against the ratification of the Treaty placing the Isle of Pines under Cuban sovereignty. The Depsrtment of State was informed that the Cuban authorities of the Island are carrying on a work of persecution against the American citizens who oppose the ratification of the Treaty. Mrs. Fetter informed that her husband had recently been sent to jail under a trivial accusation. It is stated that the Japanese have commenced to purchase lands in that Island, or obtain a five-year lease when they cannot purchase them. Officials of the Department of State gave assurance to Mrs. Fetter that instructions would be sent to Mr. Charles Forman, American Consul in Nueva Gerona, to protect fully all the rights of the American residents in that Island.

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"Diario de la Marina" - May 8, 1924.

PALACE NEWS:

Cristobal de Zayas Bazan has been appointed again Private Secretary to the President of the Republic. Zayas Bazan had resigned only a short time ago.

The President has signed a Decree transferring the sum of $16,000.00 from the chapter "For interest and amortization of Bonds of the Loan of 1917, series 'A'", to be applied to "Material and Sundry Expenses of the Custom House of Habana."

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"HERALDO DE CUBA" - May 8, 1924.

The following short comment: "President Zayas stated in Cienfuegos that he did not want any bloodshed, and that his greatest happines would be to say that "nothing has happened here". We are glad that the President is of that opinion, because in that way "nothing will have happened" to the 400,000 dollars unduly appropriated for expenses of war from the Public Treasury, and they will not be the only victims of this revolutionary joke."

The following insert also appears: "All have agreed in declaring that the revolution has been a joke. A pretty and cheap joke, as they say. You will see the cheapness of it. There were 33 millions and a fraction deposited in the National Treasury. Now there are 31 and a fraction. That is to say, that leaving out the fractions ("picos"), there is a difference of two millions. An the leaving out of the "picos" (pico is a fraction and also the beak of a bird) is not a rhetorical figure. President Zayas has asked, to end an imperceptible revolution consisting of only 28 men in Santa Clara, first $400,000.00, and later one million. You will see therefore that the beak is not a beak but a bird of prey. And who knows what it will still continue to cost as long as there is a "peseta" in the Treasury....while there is light in your eyes, there will be poetry.

Cable despatch from New York: Despite the declarations made by Despaigne and Gutierrez, it is believed that Garcia Velez is still in New York. The Department of State is watching him closely, knowing where he is, and in a condition to arrest him at any moment. The Wall Street Journal has published an article stating that the disturbances in Cuba are backed by the most conservatives elements of the Island, and also states that the most important sugar mills in the Island are owned by American companies, and that there is no reason why the American properties should suffer losses caused by disturbances. The despatch adds that said article of the Journal seems to hint that a list of claims is being prepared. -- The "Heraldo-Tribune" states that according to declarations made by Cuban officials, the rebellion is practically ended.

Cable despatch from Washington states that no airplanes were included in the sale of war material to Cuba.

The peace ~~xxxxxx~~ emissaries who went to confer with Laredo Bru to the Hills of Trinidad, returned to Cienfuegos full of hopes. The rebels will return to their homes if they are not molested or dismissed, of if their pensions are not taken away from them. Dr. Santiago Rey, Governor Mendez Peñate and Juan Felipe Cruz have been designated to arrange the last details for the presentation of Laredo Bru. Osvaldo Soto and five others presented themselves to the authorities.

The President has appropriated by Decree the ammount of $15,000.00 out of the money of the Loan destined for the Department of Public Works, for the repair of the Palatino Pumps. -The contract for the works will be awarded without the previous requisite of an auction, in accordance with article 471 of the Organic Law of the Executive.

EDITORIAL unfavorably commenting upon the present conditions of the streets of Habana. Habana is one of the principal ports of Latin-America, and surely deserves better streets.

Disturbances of the peace were feared in the Isle of Pines, and for that reason the President sent for the Mayor of Nueva Gerona to confer with him.

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"Heraldo de Cuba" - May 8, 1924 (Continued)

TThePrrvvincial Assembly of the Liberal Party will hold a meeting tomorrow to make the nominates of candidates for representatives. Cuellar, who has been very active in the preparations for this meeting, has stated that the campaign of reelection will commence on June 1st, and that he is absolutely certain that Dr. Zayas will be the candidate of the Conservative Party. "The work which has been accomplished --he said-- permit me to assure that Menocal is frankly defeated in the Conservative Assembly, and our friends Sardiñas, Albarran, Rey and others will see to it that the League is maintained, and at the same time proclaim the reelection of Dr. Zayas." -- It is understood that the National Assembly of the Conservative Party will meet on the 11th instant. - The candidates for representatives which will probably be nominated tomorrow, are: Urquiaga, Navarrete, Madan, Juan Manuel Alfonso, Napoles, Soris, Fuentes, Socarras, Averhoff, Dr. Jimenez de la Torre, Dr. Carrera Justiz and Serafin Martinez.

"LA PRENSA" - May 8, 1924.

The steps taken by Mendez Peñate, Rey and Lopez Madrazo, point to an early presentation of Laredo Bru.

A telegram from Cienfuegos announcing that in the conferences held between a Commission and Laredo Bru, for the presentation of the latter it was agreed to make extensive the Amnesty Bill now pending, to those who took part in the present revolution. - It has also been learned that Laredo Bru addressed his men in his Camp, thanking them for having kept their word, but that in view of what had happened, he advised them to return to their homes, and that he and his staff would remain in the field, until his case was settled by his friends. It is understood that Laredo Bru will leave directly for the U.S.

Colonel Pujol has succeeded in restoring the tranquility which had been disturbed by the attitude of the landholders of Caujeri.

A cable despatch from Tampa, Fla., stating that a son of General Garcia Velez was one of the Cubans arrested at Ocala, Fla.

"LA NOCHE" - May 8, 1924.

The Correspondent of "La Noche" in Trinidad informs that the party of Laredo Bru burned the bridge of Siunia, of the railroad line between Fomento and Trinidad.

EDITORIAL entitled "THE POLITICAL PROBLEM"- commenting upon the present condition of the various political parties. It also comments upon the fact that the disturbance of the peace has served to demonstrate: (1) that the people of Cuba do not want any revolution; (2) that the revolution was of no consequence, and did not obtain the support of the people, (3) that the noble, generous and magnanimous attitude of Dr. Zayas has greatly exalted him in the hearts of his xxxxxxxxxx countrymen. As a consequence of all the above, anybody who examines the political problem will find that reelection is the only possible solution, unless something unexpected happens.

An article commenting upon the fact that the harbor question demands an urgent solution, and now that the revolution has ended, the Government should look into this matter.

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"EL MUNDO" - May 9, 1924.

EDITORIAL unfavorably commenting upon the intentions to despoil some landholders of the Province of Oriente, of their properties.

Cable despatch from Washington, referring to the activities of some residents of the Isle of Pines, in Washington. (See "Havana Post" of May 9th).

The conditions proposed by Laredo Bru for his presentation, have been accepted.

Forces of the garrison of Santa Clara, finally captured at Juncaral, near Hatillo, the two machine guns which were carried away by the soldiers who revolted in said garrison.

A group of persons who intended to revolt in the Province of Habana, were captured yesterday.

Seditious proclamations continue to circulate in the Province of Santa Clara.

The rebels of Camarones have returned to their homes.

All the members of a group operating near Cienfuegos presented themselves to the authorities.

Commander Gonzalez and others who followed him, have returned to legality.

By a Decree, the President has appropriated the sum of $50,000.00, to cover the expenses incurred by the Department of the Navy in connection with the revolution.

An appeal made by the Director of "El Heraldo" to the People of Cuba, the Congress of the Republic, the Courts of Justice, an the Press, with regard to the closing of "El Heraldo" and the deportation of Baroni.

The Indians of Yateras (Oriente) in an effort to prevent their being despoiled from their lands, fired against the soldiers.

"DIARIO DE LA MARINA" - May 9, 1924.

"AN APPEAL" - Favorably commenting upon the appeal made by Bartolome Sagaro, Director of "El Heraldo", protesting against the closing of said newspaper and the deportation of Baroni.

The federal troops had a clash with the indians, or residents of the Caujeri estate who are defending their property. A Sergeant and a soldier were killed in the encounter. - This is not considered as a part of the revolution, but only a case of landholders who claim certain rights.

General Menocal has been unable to postpone his trip, and will sail for New York this morning.

EDITORIAL, commenting upon the necessity of postponing the reorganization of the Parties, in view of the present troubled conditions.

"EL TRIUNFO" - May 9, 1924.

Major Piñeiro, with 40 men who followed him, presented himself yesterday afternoon to the authorities, in Cienfuegos.

The party operating near Jaruco, has also returned to legality.

Prominent Federal Officials of the United States, arrived yesterday. They come on an important mission of investigation.

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El Triunfo" - May 9, 1924. (Continued).

Article stating that the President has sent a message to Congress, informing that he has appropriated by Decree, the sum of $38,000. to combat the outbreak of typhoid fever in Gaines. In said message, he requests authorization ~~xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx~~ to spend up to the sum of $100,000.00 for the same purpose.

Irregularities in the Department of Sanitation: An alteration of figures was discovered in a Bill of $18,000.00 covering the cost of the ~~xxxxxx~~ tank built in Mazorra Hospital

"CONTRASTS" - An article commenting uponthe fact that the Veterans and Patriots bitterly opposed the Amnesty Bill, and now they ask to be included in the benefits of said Law.

EDITORIAL criticizing the inactivity, stating that in reality, the deficient actions of Congress has provoked the protests of public opinion for quite some time past.

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1. I enclose brief summaries of news articles and editorial comment in the Havana press for the days May 9, 10, 11, and 12, 1924.

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"HERALDO DE CUBA" - May 9, 1924.

An article referring to the assassination of Mayor Villalon of Santiago de Cuba, stating that it was caused by political quarrels, accusing Luis Estrada, a prominent politician, of being the inducer of the crime.

Article unfavorably commenting upon the appropriations of money made by Presidential Decrees to cover the expenses of the campaign against the revolution. It refers to the $400,000.00 for arms and ammunition, another for the increase of the daily allowance for food to soldiers, $50,000.00 for expenses of the Department of the Navy, and still another Decree appropriating $100,000.00 to be distributed among the Departments of State, of the Interior, and of the War and Navy, to cover expenses incurred by reason of the revolution. - The article also refers to the $38,000.00 appropriated by Decree to fight the typhoid outbreak in Guines, and the Message sent to Congress requesting that this appropriation be increased to $100,000.00.

Cable despatch from Washington (from the Special Correspondent of "Heraldo de Cuba") May 9th - In official circles it is considered that the Cuban revolution is a thing of the past, and the Department of State has declared to-day that Ambassador Crowder does not consider the situation of the Island to merit a daily report. The Department of State has received no report from Ambassador Crowder for several days, and the Department thinks that the Island is totally pacified. It is declared that Garcia Velez is still in the United States, but his exact whereabouts could not be ascertained yesterday

After having suppressed the rebellion, the Republic has recovered material peace; but the moral peace continues disturbed, due to the grave threat of reelection. Dr. Zayas should give up his ambition to perpetuate himself in power, and thereby show himself in harmony with his anti-reelectionist history when he was the Head of the Liberal Party and a defeated candidate. -- Up to the time of going to press, Dr. Laredo Bru had not surrendered; but it is believed that he will pass through Habana tomorrow, on his way to the United States. Minister Aristides Agüero has cabled the Department of State, saying that he did not make the declarations attributed to him by "The Sun" of New York.

An article stating that officials of the Department of the Treasury and of the Federal Court of the United States arrived yesterday, for the purpose of making investigations in connection with the question of the Liberty Bonds, and the large quantity of American greenbacks circulating in Cuba.

Telegram received from Cienfuegos at the last hour, stating that all the men who followed Laredo Bru had presented themselves to the authorities, with the exception of Cepero, Garrigó, Casals and Romero, who formed his Staff. Laredo Bru is expected at any moment, and will immediately proceed to Habana on his way to a foreign country The military units have been ordered back to their respective posts. It is believed in official circles that Laredo Bru has already surrendered.

Cable despatch from New York: After forty-eight hours, the Correspondent of "Heraldo de Cuba" finally located Colonel Despaigne, and obtained an interview. Despaigne denied the official reports that the Government had quahes the insurrection; that they will resort to the guerrilla warfare; that Garcia Velez bade him good-bye fourteen days ago, saying that he was leaving for Cuba.....

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Heraldo de Cuba" - May 9, 1924 (Continued).

EDITORIAL entitled A USELESS TRIP" - Stating that, in reality, nothing was achieved by Zayas' trip to Cienfuegos and Santa Clara, and that he does not deserve any diplomatic or military credit for the suppression of the rebellion. That the credit belongs to Rey, Governor Mendez Peñate, and Juan Felipe Cruz. That the present revolution has been quelled; but that the real or apparent causes have not disappeared. It must be observed that a revolution defeated is a revolution pending, until its causes disappear,- and reelection is still a threat. That is to say, that Dr. Zayas has not only not appeased the ~~xxxxxx~~ revolution, but he caused it.....

There was a riot last night at the meeting of the ~~Xxkkxxx~~ Provincial Assembly of the Popular Party. The candidates of the Cuellar brothers, Juan G. Gomez and Jose Maria Zayas, were defeated by the group called "Renovacion" headed by Carmelo Urquiaga, Jimenez de la Torre, Raul Navarrete and Eligio Madan. The following candidates fore representatives were proclaimed:

Carmelo Urquiaga	Alfredo Organes
Armando Rabell	Raul Gubllot
Ramon Valera	Jose Hernandez Guzman
Alejandro Rodriguez	Juan Manuel Alfonso
Luis Perez Messonier	Andres de la Noval
Luis Fuentes Socarras	Carlos Manuel Napoles
Eligio Madan	Raul Navarrete

The candidates for Senators were not elected, as the quorum broke up.

"LA NOCHE" - May 9, 1924. -

The conflict of the port laborers continues unsolved . The harbor workers insist in the enforcement of Decree 665, and the ship owners refuse to comply with it, in spite of the fact that it is a law in force. Convicts are still employed.

EDITORIAL commenting upon the fact that the presentation of Laredo Bru puts an end to the revolution. "La Noche" expresses its satisfaction for the termination of the campaign, and hopes that tranquility will soon reign throughout the Republic. It praises the attitude assumed by Zayas toward the revolutionists, because in reality, they were only deluded men, probably thinking that they were serving a noble cause and plunged into an unpremeditated adventure, but who afterwards saw their mistake. The responsibility lies in those who induced them, who prepared everything in a foreign soil, and who have not had the courage to risk their own lives. The Government must now act with energy, and punish the guilty parties.....

A despatch from Nueva Gerona (Isle of Pines) dated May 5th stating that the Cuban population are full of fear due to the attitude of the American residents who prepare a great celebration to hail Mr. Fetter who will get out of jail.

The President intends to sign a Decree granting an extra allowance to telegraph operators, by reason of the heavy work performed during the revolution.

"LA PRENSA" - May 9, 1924.

By Long Distance phone: Laredo Bru is expected to give at any moment, at Cienfuegos, at Trinidad, or at any point of the South coast. Persons who rose in arms are constantly arriving after they have surrendered.

Zayas will issue a proclamation declaring that the rebellion is enses.

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"La Prensa" - May 9, 1924. (Continued).

According to a message received by the General Staff of the Army, Major Ortiz scouted the whole district of Guantanamo and found no rebels.

Detail of the encounter between the troops of the Government and the group of landholders of Caugeri. The landholders were willing to give up their attitude of protest, and agreed to take advantage of the Presidential Decree, but when a group was returning, it met with forces of the Government, and a skirmish supervened.

EDITORIAL entitled "THE AMNESTY" - Unfavorably commenting upon the intentions of Congress to approve the Amnesty Bill. The Senate has appointed the members of the Committee to report on the project of Amnesty as amended by the House. In view of the fact that Congressmen have this matter on hand, the time has come for public opinion to pay attention to this grave question. Pardons and amnesties mean a retrocession instead of progress.....

Telegram from Cardenas announcing that Mayor De la Rosa has withdrawn the resignation which he had presented.

Cable despatch from New York, referring to the differences of opinion existing among Garcia Velez, Despaigne and Dr. Gutierrez. These differences are said to have arisen by the fact that Garcia Velez, who was not in accord with the revolutionary movement, refused to place himself at its head.

Cable despatch from New York stating that "The New York Times" has, as usual, published a very judicious editorial concerning the present affairs of Cuba. It states that Oriente and Santa Clara is where the revolutions have always started. Referring to the assassination of Mayor Villalon, of Cienfuegos, the article states that it was the outcome of a feud, and that the Government has officially announced that it has nothing to do with politics. ....In Washington, no hopes of any kind can be relished concerning the charges of corruption made against Zayas' Government and against the Cuban Congress. Whether they are true or not, the Veterans and Patriots believe in good faith that they are well founded. The influence of this association in Cuba is not to be despised. One of its manifestos declares that the only way to put Zayas out of power is by "force and violence". To elections to be held shortly are classified by them as "impossible.". And notwithstanding, the Crowder Code should have assured them impartial elections. The duties of Coolidge's Administration are quite clear. It cannot approve of any revolutionary movement tending to overthrow Zayas through violence. On the other hand, if chaos arises, or if the insurgents control the situation, it may perhaps be necessary to enforce the Platt Amendment, and then the intervention to restore peace and order in the interior will be imminent.

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"HERALDO DE CUBA" - May 10, 1924.

Cable despatch from New York stating that Garcia has either sailed, or about to sail for Europe.

Telegram from Camaguey announcing that the Provincial Assembly of the Conservative Party was organized yesterday. - Alfredo Caballero Gomez was elected President of the Executive Committee. The delegates to the National Assembly were also elected (See list on bulletin board). - This paper says that the reelectionist tendencies were defeated at this Assembly.

No sooner the revolution has ended, when new rumors of conspiracy are received from Cienfuegos. Osvaldo Soto, for instance, says that the revolution has not yet commenced.

Cable despatch from New York: Only one New York paper publishes a short despatch from Habana announcing that absolute peace has been restored in Cuba, and that the surrender of Laredo Bru is expected to take place at any moment. Despite the Manifesto issued by the Cuban Revolutionary Junta, it is persistently rumored that Garcia Velez is still in New York.

Cable despatch from Washington: It has been confidentially learned that the Department of State has been informed xxx by the the Dept. of Justice that Garcia Velez has not sailed for Cuba, but is still in New York. The Dept. of State announced that it had received no report from Ambassador Crowder during the last five days, and this is considered as an indication that there has been no such revolution in Cuba, but only depredations of bandits. It is indicated that General Crowder is a competent and experienced observer of Cuban affairs, and that if anything occurred in Cuba, the Department would immediately be informed by him. - The Cuban Embassy made public declarations to the Press announcing that the revolution had ended with the presentation of about 200. The Cuban Embassy also explained the Fetter case.

"LA NOCHE" - May 10, 1924.

Another railroad conflict is in sight, in view of the fact that General Jack refuses to comply with article No. 3 of the Agreement signed on April 9th.

"EL MUNDO" - May 11, 1924.

EDITORIAL entitled "A FINE SOLUTION" favorably commenting upon happy way in which the armed conflict was terminated and in which there were neither vitorious nor defeated, and expressing the hopes that moral peace be now restored. The article indicates that the Government should now undertake the rogram of regeneration of the Veterans and Patriots, in order that the economic restoration of Cuba be consolidated.

Telegram from Matanzas stating that the workers of the Rope Factory have gone on strike, demanding the reinstatement of a laborer who was dismissed.

Two high officials of the Habana Post Office were arrested, accused of robbing the mails.

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"DIARIO DE LA MARINA" - May 11, 1924.

Article commenting upon the urgent necessity of cleanning the sewers of repairing the streets of Habana. - Steps taken by the Department of Sanitation to that effect. The proximity of the rainy season prompted said Department to request the Department of Public Works to take some action. - The Local Chief of Sanitation has also sent a communication to the City Chief Engineer, in connection with the lack of water in certain districts of the city. In his communication, the Local Chief of Sanitation remarks that the scarcity of water is one of the direct consequences which provoke sanitary conflicts.

Cable despatch from Washington announcing that a third petition made by the Cuban Government for the purchase of war material, has been approved by Mr. Weeks, Secretary of War. This order amounts to $8,000.00.

"EL TRIUNFO" - May 11, 1924

Important declarations made by Dr. Celso Cuellar del Rio. - In the preamble, "El Triunfo" says: "Dr. Celso Cuellar del Rio, President of the National Assembly of the Popular Party, has made, in a rapid synthesis, a very proper and judicious review of the work realized by the present Administration, analyzing, with a serene judgment, the most salient actions of theGovernment which guides the destinies of the Nation at the present time". Dr. Cuellar del Rio states that the Popular Party has defined its policy, and decided to nominate Dr. Zayas for a second term, and that, in doing so it was only guided by patriotic motives. The first action of Dr. Zayas, after he bedame President, was to restore moral peace, because, without it, no efficient political action could have been possible. Zayas has restored the exterior and interior credit. When Dr. Zayas took charge of office, there were only $65,000.00 in the Treasury, but with outstanding checks which nobody accepted, amounting to seven million dollars, and with a Budget of expenditures amounting to 136 millions. The interior credit was greatly weakened by the failure of the Banks, and the foreign credit was severely shaken as a consequence of the crisis. Dr. Zayas solved the great crisis, and saved the country from an impending fall. He readjusted the Budget of expenditures, cutting them down to SIXTY MILLION DOLLARS per year, without affecting the normal march of the various Departments. Dr. Cuellar also states that Zayas has defended the sugar interests, as the principal sources of wealth, and solved the serious problem of the sale of sugar. - Another important aspect of this Administration, was the contracting of the fifty-million-dollar loan. He then sets forth the savings effected by Dr. Zayas, and points out that there are thirty-two millions deposited in the Treasury at the Present time. That said amount is not the product of the loan, but the product of revenues collected. The construction of the Central Highway has been the greatest desire of Dr. Zayas, but this work could not be undertaken unless there were sufficient funds to carry it out, and has sent messages to Congress requesting the necessary appropriations to connect Habana with all the principal towns of the Island, by highway. Dr. Zayas also intends to include in his platform of Government, the solution of the water problem, and of the hospitals. ..... "I can assure you that if Dr. Zayas is reelected for a second term of four years, he shall carry out all the betterments which I have mentioned, and you can also be sure that the interior and exterior debts, if not totally, they will be cancelled to a large extent. It suffices to know the present surplus, to think that within a period of four years, with similar surpluses, the exterior debts will be cancelled....." He also referred to the fact that President Zayas has been the only Pr sident to do anything toward suppressing reelections; that

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"El Triunfo" - May 11, 1924 (Continued).

there is absolutely no time to carry out the corresponding constitutional reforms before the elections, but that the Cuban Popular Party and its ally the Conservative Party, do not wish to abandon power without having reformed the Constitution suppressing the presidential reelections. If he is reelected now, he will not try to run for a ~~xxxx~~ third term, because the Cuban Constitution only authorizes one reelection. - Another important feature of his platform, is to establish the obligatory presence of the members of the Cabinet before Congress..... Dr. Cuellar also said that Dr. Zayas will be elected by an overwhelming majority, supported by the National League.)

"EL MUNDO" - May 12, 1924.

"EDITORIAL, tntitled "WE WERE SAYING YESTERDAY....." Further commenting upon the necessity of restoring moral peace in the country, urging Congress to hasten the approval of laws which public opinion considers as urgent and necessary. Among others, the following laws are mentioned in this Editorial: The Law of Payment of Gratuities, the Payment of the National Police by the State, the Reform of the Tariff.

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

173 Chinamen arrived yesterday on board the S.S "ZACAPA", from New York.

"EL TRIUNFO" - May 12, 1924.

The organization of the Municipal Assemblies of the Liberal Party took place yesterday. This paper states that the Machado tendency seems to have been in the lead.

EDITORIAL entitled "TO WORK, GENTLEMEN" - Urging Congress to do something.

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1. I enclose brief summaries of news articles and editorial comment in the Havana press for the days May 13, 14, 15, and 16, 1924.

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SUMMARY OF NEWS ARTICLES AND EDITORIAL COMMENT IN THE HABANA PRESS.

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"HERALDO DE CUBA" - May 13, 1924.

Cable despatch from New York referring to the movements of General Garcia Velez. About ten days ago Garcia Velez sailed from Philadelphia for Jamaica, probably with the intentions to prepare an expedition to land in the Eastern end of Cuba.

An article addressed to the President of the Republic, signed by "Heraldo de Cuba", requesting the liberty of Carlos Alzugaray, Oscar Soto and J. Muñiz Vergara. If those who took arms against the Government have been permitted to return to their homes, the prolonged imprisonment of the above mentioned gentlemen is unjustified.

Article commenting upon the case of Laredo Bru. - He was in Cienfuegos yesterday, and is expected to arrive in Habana this afternoon.

An interview with Mr. William G. Fitz Gerald, in which he merely refers to the object of his trip to Cuba, the good reception accorded him, and the good climate and beauties of Cuba.....

Declarations made by the Local Chief of Sanitation of the Isle of Pines, Mr. René de la Vallette, in connection with the attitude of the American residents of that Island. He states that the information published by a newspaper of Habana to the effect that the Office of Sanitation had been assaulted by a group of Americans, is absolutely false. "In the first place, neither I nor the local authorities of Nueva Gerona would have tolerated such an outrage, as it would have been also an outrage to our sovereignty. And if that had been the case, I would have immediately placed the matter before the Department of Sanitation. I do not believe that the group of annexationists of the Isle of Pines would dare commit such abuses without becoming responsible and obtaining the proper and immediate punishment. This group is in absolute minority. The 500 or 600 Americans established in the Isle of Pines, have remained, and still remain neutral in the conflicts which have arisen with the Cuban authorities. Practically all of them are quiet and laborious merchants and patriarcal grape-fruit growers. Outside of a slight incident, to which the proportions of a "question of State" has been given, everything is quiet in the Isle of Pines..." He then refers to the Fetter case, to the group of Americans who are now in Washington trying to delay the ratification of the Treaty, to the delicate position of the Cuban authorities.

EDITORIAL entitled "UNTIL WHEN, HONORABLE SENATORS?" - Criticizing the attitude of the Senate in connection with the Law of Gratuities.

The President has sanctioned the Law granting a life pension of $2,400.00 per year to Juan Felipe Risquet. The President has also sanctioned the Law appropriating the sum of $150,000.00 for the termination of the aqueduct of Guines.

The Central Electoral Board explains that the Representatives to be elected at the Province of Camaguey are five, and not six as erroneously stated in the Call published on May 3rd.

Antonio Iraizos, at present Sub-Secretary of Public Instruction, will be appointed Minister to Portugal. There are three candidates to cover the vacancy to be left by the appointment of Iraizos: Hernandez Massi, Castro Targarona and Joaquin Llerena.

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"LA PRENSA" - May 13, 1924.

Section entitled "DEL MOMENTO" - Endorsing the petition made to the President of the Republic, by the President of the Association of the Press to permit the publication of "El Heraldo" and "El Sol" in view of the fact that the causes which prompted the Government to suppress them, have disappeared.

Antonio Gonzalez Mora, Director of "El Mundo", visited to President to-day to request the immediate construction of the road from Cienfuegos to Rodas. The President informed Gonzalez Mora that said Works would be undertaken as soon as possible.

A man and a woman have been arrested by the Secret Police, accused of falsification of American bank notes. The electrotypes used to print said bank notes, were seized by the Police.

Article commenting upon a session held last night by the Delegation No. 2 of the Railroad Brotherhood. A General Railroad strike will be declared, as soon as the revolution is ended, if Mr. Mack refuses to comply with the terms of the agreement made.

Cable despatch from New York, commenting upon the activities of Ambassador Torriente to obtain the approval of the Hay-Quesada Treaty.

EDITORIAL entitled "PEACE AND CONCORD" - Favorably commenting upon the quick way in which Dr. Zayas restored the public peace in the country. It further states that President Zayas must complete his work, by annulling the order of suppression of two newspapers of Habana.

"LEGISLATIVE WORK" - Urging Congress to approve the Law of Gratuities and the Law creating one thousand new school rooms.

According to an official note given out by the General Staff of the Army, the reports received from the various military districts show that absolute peace reigns in the country, and not a single revolutionist remains in the woods.

"LA NOCHE" - May 13, 1924.

Article entitled "PERNICIOUS FOREIGNERS" - Very unfavorably commenting upon an article published to-day in the "Havana Post", making maliciously commenting upon the aggression to the Local Chief of Sanitation of Nueva Gerona, by American citizens. "La Noche" requests the deportation of the Americans who sign said article, Messrs. L.C. Gilsner, E.A.Willis and A.L.Slevin.

It has been learned that the President intends to make a trip to the Province of Oriente, by the end of this month, or early next month.

An article stating that General Crowder was taken ill while at Cayo Mason yesterday, and was unable to attend the banquet given by Colonel Eliseo Cartaya.

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"EL MUNDO" - May 14, 1924.

EDITORIAL entitled "FUNDAMENTAL QUESTIONS" - Commenting upon the urgent necessity of reform the Tariff and reorganizing the Cuban banks, which are, at the present time, matters of vital importance for the country, because, without them, there can be no economic independence. It further refers to a report, published in a pmphlet form, submitted to the Congress of Economic Corporations recently held, by the Association of Merchants of Habana, in connection with the Tariff Reform.

Dr. Laredo Bru arrived yesterday to his home in Vedado, and made some declarations concerning the terms under which he surrendered (See "Havana Post" of May 14th).

Yesterday, Dr. Iturralde made some declarations to the Reporters. He said that the publication of the newspapers which were suppressed, will be authorized shortly. He also said that many of the persons arrested on the charge of conspiracy, shall be liberated, reforming the writ of indictment, as has already been the case with Mario Garcia Velaz and Federico Morales; but that the principal leaders of the movement, among whom there appears Oscar Soto, who appears to be the principal promoter of the rebellion, shall remain subject to the result of the proceedings, and consequently, arrested with the exclusion of bail. As to the soldiers who deserted from the garrison "General Monteagudo", they will continue under arrest, inasmuch as they are accused of a grave crime. At no time has the Government thought of declaring the penal action ~~extinguished~~ against said soldiers, extinguished, as has been published. Referring to the deportation of Baroni, he said that that question had already been finally decided. However, the President could authorize the return of Baroni, in which case, he would abide by the decision of the President. Finally, he said that the situation of some newspaper men accused of being in connivance with the revolutionists, will be decided at any moment.

"DIARIO DE LA MARINA" - May 14, 1924.

Referring to the arrival of Laredo Bru, this paper says that it is for the purpose of sailing for the U.S., and that the object of his trip abroad is to confer , in New York or in some other place of the U.S., with the persons who have appeared as directors or instigators of the revolutionary movement, and that, consequently, his trip will not be of long duration.

The publication of "El Heraldo" and "El Sol" will be resumed tomorrow.

This paper also states that the President intends to make a trip to Oriente in the near future.

EDITORIAL, favorably commenting upon the pamphlet published by the National Association of Industrial Men concerning the reform of the Tariff

"EL TRIUNFO" - May 14, 1924.

The Secretary of Sanitation called on the President yesterday to inform the latter of the expenditure of the $38,000.00 appropriated to combat the outbreak of typhoid fever in Guines and other sanitary works. Dr. Porto also informed the President that as a result of the campaign against the typhoid fever, the number of persons afflicted had decreased, and it is hoped that the epidemic disease will soon be finally extirpated.

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"El Triunfo" - May 14, 1924. (Continued).

AN ILLEGAL BUSINESS IS BEING PLANNED IN THE SENATE, IN CONNECTION WITH THE LAW OF GRATUITIES TO PUBLIC EMPLOYEES. - The Senate is trying to amend the Bill approved by the House, in the sense of including the payment of the 30% of the debts of Public Works and the 70% owed for supplies furnished; and if these amendments are approved, the payment of the gratuities shall be a myth, as the Law will only benefit the happy contractors of the times of Villalon. These contractors have enthusiastic defenders in the Senate, some of whom are personally interested in the approval of these amendments. It has been learned that the opinion prevailing in the House is that if the Senate approves the amendments and the Bill returns to the House, it will be rejected flatly. .....

EDITORIAL entitled "PATRIOTIC ORIENTATIONS" - Favorably commenting upon the actions of Dr. Zayas as President of the Republic, stating that the country must feel greatly satisfied with them.....

An article stating that gambling is going on in Guanabacoa in a scandalous manner.

An article commenting upon the fact that one of the points of the program of Dr. Zayas if he is reelected for a second term is the reduction of the exterior loan to a minimum.

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"HERALDO DE CUBA" - May 14, 1924.

In an article referring to the arrival of Laredo Bru to Habana, this paper states, in the headlines: "The conditions under which Laredo Bru returned to legality cannot be more honorable, and nothing in them gives rise to the supposition that he has been defeated. None of his companions shall be persecuted none dispoiled of his office or employment, and all shall retain their arms and ammunitions. Rather than a surrender, it looks more like an armistice between two belligerents, in which one does not feel sufficiently strong to demand and the other sufficiently weak to give up." - The article gives a detailed account of the trip to Cienfuegos. That all the informations published in connection with the revolution, have been confirmed. That Laredo Bru had 200 men well armed and equipped, which, together with the small groups operating in that district, amounted to about 1200 men. The article further refers to the lack of support, and the causes which compelled Laredo Bru to surrender.

Declarations made by the Secretary of the Interior: the soldiers who deserted shall be court-martialed; Oscar Soto and other leaders of the revolutionary movement, shall remain under arrest with the exclusion of bail, etc.

Miguel A. de Carrion will probably be appointed Sub-Secretary of Public Instruction, in the place of Dr. Antonio Iraizos who will be appointed Minister to Portugal.

"Dr. Zayas is a cheap pacifier, but a very expensive wrrior. As a pacifier, he only needs a special train to sleep in, dines by collection made among friends, and has bread and cheese for lunch. But as a warrior, he spends in a few days, without enlisting a single person and without mobilizing, one million four hundred thousand dollars. Cuba has been very lucky that the revolution did not last long. (This armed movement has been converted into a movement of public funds.)- The conspirators collected $600,000. which have not appeared anywhere. Dr. Zayas takes out of the Treasury $1.400,000.00 which will appear in some friendly pocket. Dicidedly, (there is only one common denominator in our struggles: to appropriate our neighbor's money.")

An article stating that everybody supports the petition made by "Heraldo de Cuba" yesterday, for the liberation of Alzugaray, Soto and Muñiz Vergara. The President of the Economic Corporations of the Island has addressed a similar petition to the President.

The finishing touches are being given at the Palace to the Budget for the coming fiscal year, and the corresponding Message will be sent to Congress next week.

The opinion prevails in the Department of the Treasury that the Retirement Funds will have disappeared by 1930, in view of the juicy retirements granted by the Audiencias. The lack of a work of fiscalization ~~xxxxxxxxxx~~ over the Municipalities is regretted, because it often happens that when the Municipal Treasurers run away, they carry the pension funds accumulated, from the promulgation of the law to the present day.

The Mendieta tendency has won in Pinar del Rio. - Mendieta will be the only candidate of the Liberal Party, which means that he is "the future President of Cuba".

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"Heraldo de Cuba" - May 14, 1924 (Continued).

EDITORIAL entitled "AMNESTY FOR MILITARY MEN" - After stating that sixteen amnesty laws have been passed in Cuba during its twenty years of existence, which amnesties were granted for common crimes, the editorial refers to amnesties for political crimes, and points out the necessity of including in the amnesty Bill now pending, and as an act of justice, the officers of the Police and of the Army who took part in the revolution of February, and to whom Menocal did not want to restore their civil rights.

Telegram from Santa Clara announcing that the last forces of the Government which had been sent against the revolutionists, have returned to Santa Clara which means that said Province has been totally pacified.

Cable despatch from New York, giving an interview with Representative German Lopez, concerning the armed movement in Cuba. He considers that the revolution has been a failure. He states that the program of the Veterans and Patriots is excellent, and that every Cuban accepts it, but he cannot approve the idea of trying to impose said program by means of a revolution. "Experience has taught us what "revolutions" mean in Cuba, and I cannot understand how with a Platt Amendment, anybody would dare to plunge into such an adventure." He further states that he is aware of the fact that illegitimate interests prompted the V. & P. to take arms against the Government, and that he will prove it in Congress when he returns to Cuba.....

Cable despatch from New York, giving an interview with Dr. Antonio Sanchez de Bustamante which Dr. Bustamante refers to the possible adhesion of the United States to the International Court at The Hague, and predicts the organization of an International Court at Habana to settle American disputes.

An article referring to the discovery made by the Police of electrotypes and other material used for printing false bank notes of the United States.

"LA PRENSA" - May 14, 1924.

An article commenting upon the arrival of Laredo Bru to Habana. Laredo Bru held several conferences of a private nature, one with a prominent lawyer of Habana, and then with Antonio Gonzalez Mora, Director of "El Mundo". It has been learned that Laredo Bru intends to make a new trip to Cienfuegos within the next 48 hours.

The censorship of telephone and telegraph lines has been lifted. The Message referring to changes in the Budget for the coming fiscal year, will be sent to Congress to-day. - Authorization has been granted to Col. Charles Hernandez and to his brother Eduardo, retired high officials of the Department of Communications, to stay away from Cuba for a period of two years. - A transfer of credit of $1,860.00 has been authorized, to be applied to the Signal Corps of the Habana Police.

Cable despatch from New York announcing that 304 Chinamen will shortly land in Cuba, with certificates showing that they are "Students", "Merchants" and "Diplomats". It also states that the Presidential Decree only refers to Chinamen leaving their country after May 8th, but not to those who are already on their way.

EDITORIAL entitled "HABANA CONTINUES WITHOUT WATER" - Unfavorably commenting upon a shameful case: A bar established near Central Park could not supply any water, because the pipes are dry the greater part of the day, and when there is any water, it is dirty and unfit to drink.

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"LA NOCHE" - May 14, 1924.

EDITORIAL commenting upon the threats of "A New Railroad Conflict."

"LET HIM GO AWAY" - Article unfavorably commenting upon the attitude assumed by Dr. La Vallette, Local Chief of Sanitation of the Isle of Pines, in connection with the Fetter case, requesting his dismissal as he is in connivance with the annexationists of the Isle of Pines.

"EL PAIS" - May 14, 1924.

EDITORIAL, commenting upon the impending railroad conflict, stating that the railroad men are defending a good cause, and bitterly criticizing the conduct of General Jack.

24 Japanese arrived yesterday on board the "Turrialba".

"EL MUNDO" - May 15, 1924.

EDITORIAL entitled "LIQUIDATION, AND NEW ACCOUNT" - Commenting upon the favorable termination of the armed conflict and the restoration of normalcy in the country, requesting the liberation of Soto, Alzugaray and Vergara. It further comments favorably upon the rumors that the Government intends to grant a war bonus to the members of the Army and of the Police Forces of the Republic for their successful cooperation in the campaign. It is gratifying to learn that said money of the Treasury will not be used to purchase war material, but applied to bring comfort to many homes. Finally, it urges the approval of the Law providing the payment of Bonuses to Public Employees (Law of Gratuities).

Cable despatch from New York, transmitting the declarations made by General Menocal in which he condemns revolutions and states that Jose Miguel Gomez had magnetic powers as a leader of men. He also said: "As long as we Cubans can maintain an Army not at the mercy of politicians, but at the exclusive service of the interests of the country and which doing away with all display of force may serve to maintain the independence of our institutions, we will be saved....."

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

The Third Pan-American Scientific Congress will be held in Lima (Peru) next November. The Cuban Committee has been organized under the Presidency of the Secretary of Public Instruction. Other members will be: Dr. Antonio Sanchez de Bustamante, Dr. Jose A. Fresno, the Cuban Minister to Peru, Dr. Adolfo Aragon, and Engineer Jose R. Villalon who is at present President of the Committee on Foreign Relations of the Senate.

The Rotary Club has prepared its program for action during the present year. Said program includes: The obtention of improvements for Public Instruction, the Central Highway, and the beautifying of the city of Habana.

EDITORIAL entitled THE CHINESE IMMIGRATION. Commenting upon the drawbacks of this immigration, and stating that the Decree recently issued by the President of the Republic, is a frank success of the campaign initiated by "Diario de la Marina".

"EL TRIUNFO" - May 15, 1924.

Out of 43 Delegates to the Provincial Assembly of the Liberal Party in the Province of Oriente, chosen by 13 Municipal Assemblies, 35 are in favor of Machado and 8 in favor of Mendieta. This clearly shows that the supporters of Machado will win in Oriente.

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"El Triunfo" - May 15, 1924 (Continued).

The Cuban Telephone Company is defrauding the State. It has never paid a single cent by reason of the Tax of One per Cent, despite the fact that it charges said tax in all its bills. It is believed that the Department of the Treasury will impose a heavy fine to said Company.

EDITORIALS:

One, unfavorably commenting upon the intentions of the Senate to include the payment of the balance due to contractors and for supplies in the Law of Gratuities.

Another editorial referring to the campaign of the press for the reform of the Tariff, stating that although "El Triunfo" is not in favor of an exagerated protectionism, nevertheless, some national industries must be protected.

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"HERALDO DE CUBA" - May 15, 1924.

Interview with Dr. Antonio Papi Aizpuru, one of the members of the Commission sent by the Liberal Party of Panama to Washington, who is now in Habana on his way to Washington. The object of his trip is to request the intervention of the United States in Panama, in view of the outrageous actions of the present despotic Government, and also because the United States will not permit the people of Panama to revolt against a constituted government.

The typhoid fever is making headway in a dreadful manner in Guines, causing the death of three or four of the persons afflicted, every day. Ten physicians of the Department of Sanitation, with several sanitary brigades, are actively trying to check said epidemic disease, but up to the present time they have been unsuccessful. The lack of an acqueduct and of resources to check the disease, baffles the experts of the Department of Sanitation.

The General Staff of the Mendieta group held a meeting yesterday, and came to the conclusion that the Victory of Mendieta is beyond all doubt. Among the persons who attended said meeting, were: Col. Mendieta, Governor Barreras, Dr. Ferrara, Dr. Miguel Mariano Gomez, several members of the House of Representatives and other prominent persons. It was resolved to try to obtain an interview between Mendieta and Machado, to show the latter all the data on which the Mendieta followers base their contention that Mendieta has won, with a view of preventing a struggle in the midst of the Liberal Party.

An article commenting upon the conferences which the President has held with prominent members of the Conservative Party, to discuss the campaign of reelection. All the attempts made by the President to act within the Liberal Party, have failed, because this Party only recognizes two aspirants: Mendieta and Machado.

A short article stating that things in the Department of Public Works go from bad to worse. The contracts are not awarded to the best bidder, but to the bidder who offers the highest commission.

In an article commenting upon the state of abandonment of the Post Office Department, this paper gives a list of 35 letters received in its offices, and which do not belong to the paper or to anyone there. Among said letters, there is one addressed to the General Staff of the Army; others to the Secretary of the Criminal Chamber of the Audiencia, to the Department of War and Navy, etc., which shows the incompetence of the men who handle the mails.

EDITORIAL entitled "THE PAYMENT TO THE POLICE" - Favorably commenting upon a project of law presented to the House, providing for the payment of extra salaries to the members of the Police by reason of a long time in the service.

Article by Ramon Vasconcelos, stating that the reorganization of the Liberal Party is not yet finished, but the results obtained so far indicate that both Mendieta and Machado are accepted as Presidential candidates, but it is gratifying to note that reelection is not accepted.

"EL HERALDO" - May 15, 1924.
(This is the first number of "El Heraldo" published, since it was suppressed by the Government on May 3rd).

"THE FALLEN MASK" - Criticizing Dr. Zayas for the suppression of

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"El Heraldo" 9 May 15, 1924 (Continued).

"El Heraldo" and for the deportation of Mr. Baroni. It also states that Dr. Zayas has always tried to appear as a man of law and has having due respect for all Codes; but he is only a pettifogging lawyer. But it did not take long to make him throw off his mask. The sole announcement that a handful of unarmed Veterans and Patriots, according to official reports, had risen in insurrection in the Province of Santa Clara, sufficed to violate homes, to gag the press, etc., without even suspending the constitutional guarantees.....

An article stating that the Government has sent emissaries to Sergeant Perez, "the humble father of the revolution", to induce him to return to legality, and it is expected that he will present himself to the authorities at any moment. The article also states: "We know that the Government is willing to permit the presentation of this man, and of the men who accompany him, without demanding any responsibilities for their actions....."

"THE PACT OF 'SAN BLAS'" - An article commenting upon the declarations made by Laredo Bru on his arrival to Batabano relating to the conditions under which he had surrendered, That, as can be seen, the revolution has been ended by a pact: "The Pact of San Blas". (The Government which was haughty before a handful of seditious persons, has had to resort to diplomacy to end the rebellion.) There has been neither vanquished nor vitorious, and the Veterans and Patriots maintain wholly their program, and retain the weapons which they brandished prematurely to overthrow a Government which can be overthrown with no other weapons than the vote. Let it now be said, as Martinez Campos said after the Zanjon Treaty: "Forgetfulness of the past, and confidence in the future", to which the men of Laredo Bru will answer, as did the Cubans of 1878: "The Cubans forgive, but they do not forget."......

An article unfavorably commenting upon the announced trip of President Zayas to Oriente. That the object of his trip is to make a campaign in favor of reelection; but Dr. Zayas has less supporters now in Oriente than at the time of reorganizing the Popular Party.

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Article entitled "HYPOCRITES" - Stating that "El Heraldo" returns to the arena with an uplifted forehead, without having to repent of anything, decided to struggle with the same or greater energy against the iniquities and low actions of the present regime, convinced as it is that for certain rulers the laws are only scraps of paper. It refers to the confiscation and suppression of "El Heraldo", and to the deportation of Aldo Baroni. This paper had faithfully kept the promise made of not publishing any news which could be considered as alarming or of doubtful origin, but "El Heraldo" certainly could not fail to make its most energetic protest for the unwarranted treatment it had received from the Government, and also published in a conspicuous place the letter which Baroni wrote on board the boat in which he was deported. This letter aroused the anger of the authorities, and more energetic measures were adopted against this paper. The idea of inflicting a deadly blow to "El Heraldo" has been clearly shown, but all efforts to destroy this paper will fail, because it is now more popular than ever. "We are now under the sway of a shameful dictatorship which does not suppress the laws in force, but tramples upon them, which is more grave, because when the guarantees are held in suspense, steps can be taken to obtain their re-establishment, and when the Dictatorship is proclaimed, it can be combatted, whereas, if while the empire of the Constitution and of the laws is proclaimed, they are trampled upon, the only thing which can be requested and desired is a radical change of rulers, substituting others more conscious of their duties or less hypocritical."

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"El Heraldo" - May 15, 1924 (Continued).

An article bitterly criticizing Sub-Secretary of the Interior, de La Torre, for his activities during the period of the revolution, stating that "he has fished in muddy waters", and has derived a substantial benefit out of the extra allowance granted to soldiers. Consequently, he has purchases a new "Buick" automobile, and is planning to purchase a country residence..."All that as a reward for his services, and his intrigues against honest and decent persons."

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An article quoting a document drawn up and signed at the offices of "El Heraldo", in which the Police notifies the Decree of suspension of the order of suppression, which document is preceded by the following commentary: "The Conquests of Democracy. In Republican Cuba, and when the constitutional guarantees are not even held in suspense, a newspaper need to have this shameful document , in order that it may be published."

EDITORIAL entitled "ILLEGAL, INIQUITOUS, USELESS AND IMPOLITICAL" - Commenting upon the deportation of Aldo Baroni. The editorial gives some quotations from Articles 19 and 24 of the Constitution, to show that the Decree of deportation was illegal. (This editorial appeared in the edition of May 4th which was confiscated by the Government).

"THE CONSPIRACY OF THE HALF COIN" - An article giving some details showing why the revolution failed. The Chiefs of Zones who had agreed to rise in insurrection, had signed a bank-note, which was cut in halves, one of which was retained by him and the other delivered to the Supreme Council. When said chiefs of zones received the part of the bill retained by the Supreme Council, it meant that the time to rise had come. Neither Laredo Bru nor any of the other chiefs received the signal to revolt, and consequently, the revolution just ended was not decreed by the Supreme Council of the Association of Veterans and Patriots.....

Another lengthy article referring to the deportation of Baroni, and the false position of the judicial authorities in connection with this case.

"LA PRENSA" - May 15, 1924.

Proclamation of the President of the Republic to The People of Cuba, announcing that peace has been restored (See "Havana Post" of May 16, 1924).

"THE WATER PROBLEM OF SANTIAGO DE CUBA" - Article commenting upon some defects of the Law of October 24, 1923, stating that Santiago de Cuba runs the risk of remaining without water for a long time to come. By a false opinion of the Committee appointed, the construction of the acqueduct will not be commenced.....

EDITORIAL entitled "THE TARIFF PROBLEM" - Commenting favorably upon the pamphlet published by the National Association of Industrial Men concerning the Tariff Reform.

"LA NOCHE" - May 15, 1924.

The railroad men break relations with the Railroad Company. The strike will be declared at any moment. Mr. Jack refuses to comply with the agreement signed on April 9th. A communication has been sent to the President of the Republic.

EDITORIAL commenting upon the attitude of the Senate in connection with the Bonus Bill, expressing the hopes that its approval will not be delayed.

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"La Noche" - May 15, 1924 (Continued).

Cable despatch from New York referring to an article written by Antonio Escobar criticizing the intervention of the United States in Latin-American countries, saying that the intervention is very harmful to said countries.

PALACE NEWS: The members of the Mixed Committee entrusted with the study of the Amnesty Bill, held a conference with the President to-day. They will again call on the President next Saturday to report of their final decision, and said Bill will be discussed and approved next week. General Montes has again taken charge of the Department of War. - Information has been obtained to the effect that the Amnesty Bill will be amended , so as to include the persons who took part in the recent revolution.

"EL MUNDO" - May 16, 1924.

EDITORIAL, very unfavorably commenting upon the rumors that the Provincial Council intends to purchase the "Palacio Balboa", or the building formerly occupied by the Compañia Internacional de Seguros. This is termed as a "Chivo".

Cable despatch from Ocala, Fla., stating that the Cubans who were arrested, have been liberated.

Invitation made by the Mayor of Habana for the ceremonies to commemorate the anniversary of the death of Jose Marti, on the 19th instant.

Cable despatch from New York, giving an excerpt of Mr. Hughes' speech, in which he affirms that the only assurance of peace lies in the cultivation of international good faith.

Feature editorial favorably commenting upon the declarations recently made by General Menocal in New York.

"DIARIO DE LA MARINA" - May 16, 1924.

A resolution was adopted at the meeting held yesterday by the Rotary Club, to apoint a Commission, which will take steps to obtain the liberation or indictment of Dr. Alzugaray, in view of the fact that his present situation is not in accord with the laws in force. - The water ~~xxxxxx~~ problem of Habana was also discussed at said meeting. The opinion was given that the present canal cannot bring a larger supply of water, and that, consequently it became necessary to appropriate a large sum of money to undertake the works which are necessary to solve the problem. - Reference was made to appropriation granted some time ago by the Municipal Council, amounting to $500,000.00, and which have disappeared.

Telegram from Santa Clara announcing that the Special Judge Ponce de Leon has reformed the writ of indictment in the case against the Veterans and Patriots. Alzugaray, Solano Romero, Calzada and 18 prisoners, are liberated under bail of $1,000.00. The presentation of Vicente Soler is expected to take place tomorrow, and he will be released under bail.

EDITORIAL entitled "THE CONGRESS OF LIMA" - Commenting upon the importance of said Congress,for Cuba.

Text of the laws creating the new Municipalities of Antilla and Florida, marking their corresponding boundaries.

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1. Enclosed will be found Brief Summaries of News Articles and Editorial Comment of the Havana Press for the days May 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, and 23.

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"HERALDO DE CUBA" - May 16, 1924.

Article referring to the threats of a new railroad strike, because the United Railways Co. fails to comply with the bases agreed upon last October. The Manager of the Railroads adopts an uncompromising attitude, trusting in the apathy and incompetence of the Government officials.

Article unfavorably commenting upon the appointment of Count Rivero, to travel at the expense of the Department of Agriculture Commerce and Labor. In the Decree signed by the poor and old General Betancourt, the title of "Count Rivero" is used, infringing the provisions of the Constitution... "We would like to see --the article states-- the passport which will be issued by Doctor Carlos Manuel de Cespedes, a Cuban diplomatic passport in favor of a foreign citizen." - Referring to the activities of Count Rivero in connection with a "Samples' Fair", the writer states: "When poor people rob, they go to jail; but counts receive an international commission, to display the hybrid of Spaniards who live at the expense of the Cuban Treasury....."

Dr. Laredo Bru will leave for the United States next Monday on board the S.S. "Miami". He will remain in the United States four months, and then he will return directly to Cuba.

An article stating that the majority of the Delegates elected, to the Provincial Assembly of the Liberal Party, are in favor of Colonel Mendieta.

The Department of the Interior received yesterday a detailed report from Colonel Carrillo, announcing that the Province of Santa Clara has been totally pacified, and that the last groups of rebels have presented themselves to the authorities.

Yesterday, Dr. Antonio de Goicoechea gave his second lecture on "The Crisis of Modern Constitutionalism", and attacked the sovereignty of the people, which is to blame for the evils now suffered by Europe.....

According to data furnished by Dr. Enrique Recio, 19 of the 35 delegates which constitute the Provincial Assembly of the Liberal Party in Camaguey, are in favor of Mendieta's candidature.

Cable despatch from New York: Interview with Dr. Gutierrez, who affirms that Garcia Velez is still in New York, explaining his former statements to the effect that "Garcia Velez had left for the South". He also said that the revolution has not yet started in Cuba, and that it will not break out until Garcia Velez lands in Cuba, or until someone else is appointed to take the leadership. "Consequently, it cannot be said that Dr. Zayas has quelled the rebellion, simply because the rebellion has not yet started." The armed movement which has just been quashed, does not mean the termination of the activities against the Government of President Zayas. - The cable despatch also gives an incident between General Garcia Velez and the secret agents who followed him, after the former returned "from the South". - It also states that Garcia Velez is suffering great hardships, and is very poor, which proves that he has not sold himself to Dr. Zayas, as has been said.

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"Heraldo de Cuba" - May 16, 1924 (Continued).

EDITORIAL, unfavorably commenting upon the statements recently made by General Menocal in New York, to the effect that "the period of revolutions in Cuba had ended", and at the same time giving to understand that he was to be credited for putting an end to Cuban revolutions. The article states that Washington, and not he, xxx is to be credited. When the American Government decides to adopt a policy of "Watchful waiting", or when it says "Hands off", it means that the revolutionists are left at liberty to act, and they even obtain some material support. But when the American Government declares that it will not recognize any government emanating from a revolution, then the revolutions rapidly and inevitably fail, as was the case with the last revolution which only lasted fourteen days, and cost the Cuban Treasury one million four hundred thousand dollars.

"EL HERALDO" - May 16, 1924.

Article unfavorably commenting upon the projected trip of President Zayas to the Provinces of Oriente. Duque de Heredia, one of the prominent leaders of the Liberal Party in said Province xxxxxxx states that reelection has no supporters there.

In an article commenting upon the appropriation granted by the Senate to quell the revolution, it is stated: "The 'camouflage' revolution which broke out in the Province of Santa Clara -- a strange and confuse revolution which has given rise to malicious commentaries, it being affirmed that it was prepared by the Government itself, to cause the failure of the real and genuine revolution of the Veterans and Patriots, which caused the fall of a prominent person connected with the V.& P. xxxxx -- did not diminish the reelectionist enthusiasm of high governmental spheres, and the Palace, as well as the Departments of the Interior, of the Treasury, of the Lottery, of Public Works and all other offices infected with the germs of reelection, continue to carry on their plans to have Zayas remain in the Presidential chair for a second term..."

"THE REAL CAUSES OF OUR SUPERESSION" - This article begins by stating that the Government lies when it affirms that "El Heraldo" was suppressed for having published alarming news of the revolution, because the only information contained in its last issue was the telegram which Dr. Zayas sent from Cienfuegos; that the real cause was the letter addressed by Baroni to Dr. Iturralde.....

A letter from Vicente Soler to the Director of "El Heraldo", stating that he does not wish to present himself to the authorities, so it is not true that he has returned to his home.

EDITORIAL entitled "NEITHER A COWARD NOR A TRAITOR" - Commenting upon the fact that Garcia Velez has been neither a coward nor a traitor as stated in "El Sol"; but that he has only proved to be incompetent to assume the leadership of the movement of regeneration.

"THE MILLION" - Unfavorably commenting upon the money appropriated for the expenses of the campaign against the revolution, stating that as transfers of credits are not authorized, the Government found a good excuse to dispose of the funds deposited in the Treasury. It also states that the million has surely come very handy to take care of electoral expenses, and that many Populars, and many who are not Populars, will receive their correspondings "tips". Dr. Zayas has undoubtedly been very lucky since he left his residence of Morro 3, and he surely thanks God for having permitted Garcia Velez to prepare a revolution.....

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"LA PRENSA" - May 16, 1924.

Section entitled "DEL MOMENTO" - Unfavorably commenting upon the Bill excluding Japanese from the U.S., recently approved in the American Senate. This paper states that it will not discuss whther the Americans are right or wrong in doing so, but that it certainly constitutes a menace for the future.

PALACE NEWS: General Crowder called on the President to-day. The President has signed a Decree appropriating the sum of $200,000.00, to cover certain expenses made in connection with the recent revolution, including the payment of horses requisitioned for the Army.

"MATERIAL AND MORAL PEACE" - Favorably commenting upon the liberation of the Cubans who were arrested in Ocala, Fla., praising the attitude of Federal Commissioner Savage.

"LA NOCHE" - May 16, 1924.

An article stating that Dr. Laredo Bru left for Cienfuegos yesterday.

The harbor conflict remains unsolved. The harbor workers are not disposed to resume work until Decree 665 is complied with. The authorities maintain an indifferent attitude. The Government must take immediate action.

EDITORIAL commenting upon the unjuest arrest of labor leaders Bonifacio Ruiz and Gervasio Sierra.

PALACE NEWS: It was affirmed at the Palace, by a group of Congressmen, that Dr. Zayas will probably annul the Decree of deportation of Baroni, at any moment.

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"EL MUNDO" - May 17, 1924.

Telegram fromCCienfuegos referring to the arrival of Laredo Bru to said City. The correspondent of "El Mundo" obtained the following written declarations from Laredo Bru: "I consider all my connections with the present leaders of the Association of Veterans and Patriots, as severed. I have recovered my liberty of action. I will now act in accord with the dictates of my conscience. Cienfuegos considers that it has , for the present, liquidated its situation in this connection."

Cable despatch from New York, stating that Dr. Antonio Sanchez de Bustamante recommends Habana asthe ideal seat for the American sessions of the International Court of Justice.

Dr. Ricardo Dolz and Dr. Aurelio Hevia visited the President yesterday, to request the liberation of political prisoners.

Governor Barreras invited the representatives of the Press to his office yesterday, and gave them a detailed explanation of everything connected with the projected purchase of the "Palacio Balboa". The newspapers directors were greatly satisfied with the explanations given.

"EL TRIUNFO" - May 17, 1924.

An interview with General Garcia Velez in New York (Article written by Eduardo Abril y Amores, published in the "Diario de Cuba" - of Santiago de Cuba) - Garcia Velez said, among other things: "I have defeated myself; I have preferred to suffer the misfortunes of failure, rather than stain the pages of History."

Article commenting upon the activities of the Department of Sanitation in connection with the sanitary conditions in Guines. Samples of water from the six wells from which the residents obtain their supply, were analyzed. The result of the analyses was that five of the samples showed the presence of the "Coli" germs, two of which also contained the "Pioceianico germs.

An article stating that the President will issue a Decree shortly, authorizing Garcia Velez, Despaigne, Gutierrez, Martinez Villena and others to are abroad, to return to Cuba, with the assurance that they will not be molested in the least. - The liberty of Oscar Soto and of Muñiz Vergara will also be decreed. It is also affirmed that all action against the civilians accused, will be stopped. Only the members of the Army who rose in insurrection will be subject to penal action, and they will be court-martialed. These measures will be adopted at the request of Ricardo Dolz and Aurelio Hevia, who visited the President of the Republic and the Secretary of the Interior to that effect.

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"HERALDO DE CUBA" - May 17, 1924.

An article from Antonio D. Torra, Special Correspondent of "Heraldo de Cuba" relating to the outbreak of typhoid fever in Guines. Said epidemic disease has caused more deaths than the recent revolution. Guines is more in need of a sewer system than of an acqueduct. The Department of Sanitation has at last decided to use Chlorine in the water, thereby making it unfit to drink.....

At a conference held yesterday between Secretary Sandoval, it was decided to commence the construction of the Santiago acqueduct immediately.

Article very favorably commenting upon the attitude of Governor Barreras in connection with the projected purchase of the "Palacio Balboa". He invited the newspapers Directors to a meeting, and after informing them of the terms of the purchase, he said that he wished to hear the objections made to it. After some discussion all those present stated that they were perfectly in accord with the transaction, and it was unanimously recognized that Governor Barreras had given a very good example of patriotism, etc.

Referring to the project of Budget for the coming fiscal year, this paper states that President Zayas will recommend a Budget amounting to 75 million dollars. No details have as yet been given out of the increases suggested by the President.

EDITORIAL entitled "THE LAST MANIFESTO" - Unfavorably commenting upon the recent Proclamation issued by the President of the Republic. The President states that material and moral peace has been restored, when, in reality, the material peace has only been restored in a transitory manner, and there is no such moral peace. How can the President speak of moral peace, when there are some persons still in prison, without a trial and without a sentence of a Judge, and thereby deprived of the guarantees granted by the Constitution....?

"EL HRALDO" - May 17, 1924.

An article unfavorably commenting upon the Project of Budget now in the hands of the President of the Republic. It states that the Executive is secretly preparing another assault upon the Treasury; that he is decided to increase the expenditures of the Budget to 75 millions; that the additions to the original project have so far increased by 5 millions; that the surplus will only amount to one million dollars, because the estimated revenues only amount to 76 millions, etc.

An article stating that the insurrection of the soldiers of the garrison "Monteagudo" , was a camouflage revolution prepared by the Government to disable the Veterans and Patriots and to take reprisals against them. A prominent member of the Association of Veterans and Patriots affirms that neither sergeant Juan Perez nor any of the soldiers who revolted had any connections with the friends of Garcia Velez. That a certain Congressman, friend of Dr. Zayas, gave instructions to Sergeant Perez. The Government knew that a revolution was about to break out, and anticipated the events by means of a skilful stratagem.....

Messrs. J. F. Stars and B. C. Sambon, prominent members of the American colony of the Isle of Pines, declare that the majority of the American residents of that Island are satisfied with the

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"El Heraldo" - May 17, 1924. (Continued).

way in which the Cuban authorities treat the American citizens. Mr. Sambon stated that the campaign initiated there was only the work of a few exasperated Americans . Referring to one of the causes of the incident, he said that the Cuban laws do not permit the cutting down of trees even in private estates. That this law may be good or bad, but it is a law and it must be complied with. That some exasperated persons have not wanted to comply with it, and this is what has given rise to the incident. "I can say--he added--that I have lived and continue to live very well with the Cuban laws, and if I believed that they were not good, I would leave the country rather refuse to comply with them."

Article commenting upon the recent visit of General Crowder to the Palace. Some persons affirm that he called on the President to complain about the smuggling of undesirable immigrants. Others say, however, that his visit was in connection with a phrase which appeared in the last Manifesto issued by Dr. Zayas. The statements made by Dr. Zayas to the effect that the revolutionists had sought in vain the support of "ungrateful foreign interferences", had displeased General Crowder, and this was probably the object of the conference. (The Spanish text of the Manifesto reads: "ingratas ingerencias extrañas" - According to Velazquez dictionary, INGRATA means: Ungrateful, unthankful, harsh, disaggreeable, unpleasing, ingrate, ingrateful).

Article by Dr. Heliodoro Gil, explaining the reasons for having deserted from Mendieta's group.

"LA PRENSA" - May 17, 1924.

EDITORIAL commenting upon the scarcity of water in Habana during the reiny season.

"LA NOCHE" - May 17, 1924.

A cable despatch from Kingston, Jamaica, referring to the activities of a certain person, there, who is believed to be General Garcia Velez.

"EL MUNDO" - May 18, 1924.

EDITORIAL, requesting the liberty of Soto and Muñiz Vergara, who are still in jail due to their activities in the movement of the Veterans and Patriots.

"DIARIO DE LA MARINA" - May 18, 1924.

President Zayas states that in accord with the xxx idea and the policy which prompted him to issue the Decree relative to the persons who had disappeared from their homes or who had apparently joined the revolution, , he has obtained the release of many who had been arrested, and that he is taking steps to obtain the release of those who are still in jail, since the Judiciary, without failing to comply with its duties, shows a good disposition in this direction; but that said steps do not induce the military prisoners subject to special laws.

General Menocal is expected to sail from New York to Habana to-day.

"HERALDO DE CUBA " - May 18, 1924.

The widow of Rafael Martinez Alonso has informed the Court of Instruction that the killer of her husband is at present in Habana; but that she does not know who protects Jose R. Cano, the assassin.

A writ of indictment has been issued by the Special Judge, against

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"Heraldo de Cuba" - May 18, 1924 (Continued.

Generoso Campos Marquettii, accused of complicity in the revolutionary movement, but he has not been arrested, and is now a fugitive from justice.

"EL HERALDO" - May 18, 1924.

It is now when the Government fears an uprising of the Veterans and Patriots, and takes measures of precaution in the Provinces threatened by a seditious outbreak. The Secretary of the Interior holds a long conference with Colonel Pujol, Chief of the Military District of Oriente. War material has been sent to Santiago de Cuba on board the S.S. "Yara". The Government declares that absolute peace prevails in the country, but, (nevertheless, something is feared.)

In Matanzas, Representatives, Councilmen and Delegates to the Provincial Assembly of the Liberal Party, have proclaimed the candidature of General Machado.

EDITORIAL entitled "PRESENT, PAST AND FUTURE" Commenting upon the struggles of Cuba to obtain her liberty from Spain, the lack of a good Government since Cuba became a Republic, the virtues of the Cuban people, the scandals of the present administration, and the necessity of displacing the present regime by means of the unanimous vote of the people at the coming elections.

"LA NOCHE" - May 18, 1924.

An article stating that in view of the failure of the recent revolutionary movement, the Veterans and Patriots have changed tactics, and their activities are now directed toward killing Dr. Zayas and four or vie others. La Noche protests energetically against this criminal attempt.

"EL TRIUNFO" - May 19, 1924.

An article commenting upon the rumors that Colonel Mendieta intends to withdraw from political struggles, in view of the recent resolution adopted by a group of Liberals of Matanzas who state that Mendieta is the one who should recognize the victory of Machado.

EDITORIAL commenting upon the necessity of approving the Amnesty Bill without delay.

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"HERALDO DE CUBA" - May 19, 1924.

"Carlos Mendieta shall be the candidate of the Liberal Party, and his name is the only flag of victory for the coming elections." Referring to the organization of certain Municipal Assemblies of the Liberal Party, effected yesterday, stating that at Zulueta (Province of Santa Clara) Colonel Mendieta was unanimously elected delegate to the Provincial Assembly. . Everything seems to indicate that Mendieta will be the candidate of the three delagates to the Municipal Assembly from Placetas. Mendieta's candidature was proclaimed by the Municipal Assembly of Ranchuelo. -- Telegrams from Prisciliano Piedra and Enrique Lauzurica, Councilmen (Provincial) of Matanzas, explaining that they are not in favor of Machado, as has been published in Habana, but that they are in favor of Mendieta.

An interview with Colonel Mendieta, in which, among other things, he states that presidential reelection is a political crime which has twice provoked a revelution, and might bring about a third revolution. He outlines his program of Government, and states that his ideal of government would be that which, through a proper interior and exterior behavior, would render useless the maintenance of the Platt Amendment; the United States want serious and responsible governments in Cuba..... In case Machado is victorious at the National Assembly, Mendieta will support him, "because --he said-- I am not, I have never been, and I shall never be a deserter nor a problem for my Party."

At a mass meeting held yesterday by the port laborers, it was resolved to resume work to-day. The harbor workers will address a memorial to the President requesting the liberty of labor leaders Gervasio Sierra and Bonifacio Ruiz, and the staying of the proceedings instituted for aggressions against strike-breakers. The convicts have been withdrawn from the wharves, in view of the fact that the employers have enough employees to do the work.

Cable despatch from New York, referring to an editorial published by the "Herald-Tribune" stating that the last Cuban revolution was quickly put down, because it lacked a leader.

"LA PRENSA" - May 19, 1924.

EDITORIAL entitled "A DREADFUL PROBLEM" - Commenting upon the scarcity of water in Habana (See "Havana Post" of May 21,1924).

Dr. Laredo Bru sailed for the United States this morning. He delcared that he will not go to Europe, that he only goes on a pleasure trip, and that he will not see Garcia Velez, but that he will probably confer with Colonel Despaigne.

"EL MUNDO" - May 20, 1924.

An article referring to the difficult situation of Luis Guillermo Gallo, who was arrested under the accusation of being a messenger of the Veterans and Patriots. When he was arrested on May 2nd, he said he was an American citizen. Now the American Embassy has requested to keep him in jail until the receipt of certain information from the American State Department, as he may be guilty of having dodged the military service during the great war.

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"DIARIO DE LA MARINA" - May 20, 1924.

Memorial presented to the President of the Republic by the Employees of the Department of Communications, requesting that the Pay Roll of 1920 be put in effect, and suggest the necessary modifications which must be made in the Budget.

Steps taken by the newspaper Directors to obtain the liberty of the newspaper men who are in jail. Shortly after they visited the President, a telegram was received from the Special Judge in Santa Clara, ordering the release under bail of Oscar Soto, Muñiz Vergara and Sergio Carbo.

"HERALDO DE CUBA" - May 20, 1924.

"To save the Republic from the imminent danger of reelection, there is only one way: the glorious exaltation of Mendieta to the Presidency." - The Liberals must take into consideration that presidential candidatures are not improvised, but forged at the anvil of historical events. - Result of the organization of various Municipal Assemblies of the Liberal Parties. The members of the Assembly of Guanabacoa are unanimously in favor of Mendieta.

Cable despatch from New York: On May 9th Dr. Gutierrez received several letters from Cuba referring to the activities of the Veterans and Patriots stating that the people of Cuba in general believed that General Garcia Velez had been bought by Zayas, because his absence from Cuba when the revolution broke out cannot be explained in any other manner. Garcia Velez returned the letters to Gutierrez, and in one of them he wrote: "When the last Veteran & Patriot has become weary, I will still remain poor and alone, but a firm and irrencilable enemy of Zayas." He wrote other notes referring to the hardships he is suffering. - Text of a letter from Gutierrez to Garcia Velez referring to the uprising in Cuba.....

"EL MUNDO" - May 21, 1924.

EDITORIAL entitled "THE SCHOOL TEACHER IS THE MAKER OF PEOPLES." Commenting upon the necessity of increasing the salaries of school teachers, now that Sagarol's Bill inceasing the number of school rooms has been approved by the Senate.

"DIARIO DE LA MARINA" - May 21, 1924.

EDITORIAL, commenting upon a letter received from Engineer Chivás, referring to the report submitted by the Committee appointed to study the projects for the solution of the water problem of Santiago de Cuba. The article states that the Committee rejected all the projects presented, but failed to point the drawbacks of each project, and by the way the reported is drafted, it seems to recommend Salcines' project which entails an expenditure of fourteen million dollars.

405 Chinamen arrived yesterday on board the S.S. SIBONEY from New York.

(Note: The total number of Chinamen arrived since April 15th, accurding to the press, is 1718).

"EL TRIUNFO' - May 21, 1924.

An imposing parade took place in Santiago de Cuba yesterday, asking for water and some attention on the part of the Sanitary authorities (From a telegram from Santiago de Cuba).

EDITORIAL, commenting upon the project to increase the number of members of the House of Representatives. This editorial states that it is quality, and not quantity, what is required.

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"HERALDO DE CUBA" - May 21, 1924.

The Republic is facing a grave dilemma: it either falls to the dreadful side of reelection, or waves the flag of victory of Mendieta. The Liberals, fully realizing their situation, give a formidable push to the campaign for Mendieta, and Governor Barreras, at the head of the Municipal Mayors, brings the "Bloque Guajiro" to the line of battle. In the meantime, Ferrara has gone to the Province of Santa Clara to arouse the enthusiasm of the Liberals. Mayor Cuesta constitutes an interrogation, but it is hoped that he will not forget that Mendieta was the only prominent politician who defended him when his candidature was in danger.

Menocal is again in Cuba disposed to combat reelection. His followers affirm that with three provinces assured, Menocal is sure of his presidential nomination in the Conservative ticket. - If the anti-reelectionists are defeated, they will strengthen the ranks of the Republican Party. General Menocal is perfectly aware of the efforts made by the Government to have the National Assembly of the Conservative Party maintain the National League and to proclaim reelection, and he knows it so well that he has declared that if the reelectionist tendency wins, he and his friends will join the ranks of the Republican Party for the only purpose of combatting the partisans of reelection.

A group of spiritualists from Sancti-Spiritus is now in Habana. Their object is to see the President and deliver him a message which they claim to have received from the late Juan Bruno Zayas, brother of the President. They also claim to have communicated with Maximo Gomez. They did not wish to disclose the contents of the "message" until it was handed to the President, but it is said to be a recommendation to the President and to the Cubans as to the policy they must follow to maintain the Republic.

Interview with Dr. Valladares, Mayor of Bauta, who has full confidence in the victory of Mendieta. "If Mendieta is the candidate of the people, as everybody recognizes, there is absolutely no reason to believe that he will not be nominated by the Assemblies".

THose who indulge in the pleasure of grabbing lands of the State, are now planning very juicy business under the protection of the recent Decree which permits contracts to be made for a term of twenty years.

The Municipal Assemblies of Jaguey Grande and Santiago de las Vegas recommend the candidature of Colonel Mendieta.

EDITORIAL, unfavorably commenting upon the projected amnesty to robbers and assassins.

"EL HERALDO" - May 21, 1924.

Telegram from the Correspondent of "El Heraldo" in Camaguey, referring to a telegram sent by Governor Zayas Bazan to the President of the Senate informing him that not a single cent is spent in Camaguey for Public Works, outside of the construction of the sewer system.

EDITORIAL entitled "PLAIN INJUSTICE" - Criticising the attitude of the Government toward Aldo Baroni. "Had we known how things were going to end, all the editors of "El Heraldo", with its Administrator at the head, would have gone to join the ranks of Laredo Bru. In that way, we would all have received the honors of surrendering, and "nothing would have happened, as Dr. Zayas said."

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"LA NOCHE" - May 21, 1924.

The tax of one per cent estimated to yield two million dollars every quarter, according to calculations made by Mr. Clifford, has increased since Mr. Troncoso was made head of that Department, and is now yielding three million dollars every quarter. The money deposited in the Treasury amounts to $32.998,903.55.

"EL PAIS" - May 21, 1924.

An article stating that the Cuban Minister in Uruguay has been declared "persona non-grata" by the Government of Uruguay

"EL MUNDO" - May 22, 1924.

Bands of bandits have made their appearance in the Province of Oriente. A telegram from Manzanillo refers to an encounter with the bandits commanded by Gamboa. The soldiers killed one of the band.

Telegram from Matanzas stating that the workers of the Matanzas Division of the United Railways have gone on strike. The strike was declared because the Company dismissed twenty laborers who refused to handle cars loaded with merchandise of Armour and Company and of the Rope Factory. The strike in these two companies continues.

Cable despatch from Washington quoting the message sent by President Coolidge to President Zayas on the 22nd anniversary of the inauguration of the Republic of Cuba.

Telegram from Santiago de Cuba: At a meeting of the Municipal Council of Santiago de Cuba it was resolved to send a telegram to the President of the Republic, requesting the construction of an acqueduct in said city, at any cost.

"Correspondence from New York" by Antonio Escobar, commenting upon a book recently published by Mr. Hermer Key, Director of the newspaper "Svenska Dagbladt" of Sweden, recommending the migration to South America. He also refers to the exaggerated tolerance of immigrations in Latin-American countries

"DIARIO DE LA MARINA" - May 22, 1924.

EDITORIAL, unfavorably commenting upon the attitude of the Department of Sanitation in connection with the outbreak of epidemic diseases. Said Department only takes action in cases of alarm, which generally occurs during Spring, and remains idle the rest of the year.

"EL TRIUNFO" - May 22, 1924.

Letter from a travelling correspondent, stating that as a result of his investigations, he has come to the following conclusions: (a) That the Conservative Party did not promote or support the past revolution; but that 98 per cent of those who rose in insurrection were Conservatives of the group which follows Menocal. (b) That Machado has obtained victory over Mendieta, in Oriente, Camaguey, Santa Clara and Matanzas.

EDITORIAL entitled "THE RETURN OF THE TYRANT" - Commenting upon the fact that General Menocal's return means that he will take active part in the coming electoral campaign.

The members of the Mixed Committee appointed to xxxxxxx report on the Amnesty Bill, conferred with the President of the Republic yesterday.

An article unfavorably commenting upon the threats of a new railroad strike.

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"HERALDO DE CUBA" - May 22, 1924.

An article commenting upon the visit paid to the President of the Republic by a Committee appointed by the Railroad Brotherhood. The members of the Committee request the release of the laborers of the Federation of the Port who are now in jail. The President promised them to call Mr. Jack to a conference, and to try to obtain the compliance of the Bases recently signed at the Palace. - A Committee of the Railroad Brotherhood left for Matanzas last night to inform the railroad men of that Province of the promises made by the Government to intervene in the recent conflict and to avoid a more serious situation.

A reporter of "Heraldo de Cuba" tried to interview General Menocal, but was unable to do so. The Private Secretary of General Menocal informed the reporter that under the present circumstances, the General did not wish to change his line of conduct, and, consequently he could make xxx no statements regarding the political situation..... The reporter states that he heard some remarks to the effect that the General will undoubtedly be nominated by the Conservative Party, and adds that the four terms of the problem are: Mendieta, Machado, Zayas, Menocal, and thatprobably two of them will fight against the other two, or perhaps each one will fight for himself.

An article stating that Dr. Celso Cuellar del Rio is now combatted by the members of the Popular Party of Matanzas, and probably he will not be able to obtain his nomination for Senator from that Province. The article also refers to call sent out for a meeting of the Popular Party in that Province, which call has a foot note stating that Cuellar, Campos and others xxxx will not be permitted to take part in said meeting, as they are to blame for the present state of abandonment of said Party, insofar as the Municipality of Matanzas is concerned.

The labor conflicts which existed in Matanzas have been provisionally settled.

PALACE NEWS: - A conference was held yesterday at the Palace, at which Wifredo Fernandez, the Secretary and the Sub-Secretary of Justice, and the Prosecuting Attorney of the Supreme Court, were present. The conference was about the Amnesty Bill pending, and the purposes to include in the benefits of said Bill all those who took part in the recent revolution.

An article giving an account of the meeting held in the "Club Carlos Mendieta", presided by Dr. Ferrara. Text of the speech made by Ferrara. He said that it was necessary to prepare a program before that "Provisional Directory" made any progress in its campaign; that the first declaration which should be made is that they condemn reelection, and that they will reject any agreement or understanding with groups opposed to the Liberal Party..... That Mendieta will win without great difficulty. "On the other hand, if Machado were the candidate, we would surely be defeated, because he would be the candidate of a combination of interests and the people would not vote for him at the polls." .....

Cable despatch from New York, commenting upon the arrival of Laredo Bru to that City. - Garcia Velez has been discarded as the leader of the Veterans and Patriots, and Laredo Bru will assume the leadership.

EDITORIAL, commenting upon the campaign of the Government against Ramon Vasconcelos. Secretary Regueiferos is bitterly attacked in this article.

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"Heraldo de Cuba" - May 22, 1924 (Continued).

An article very unfavorably commenting upon the decision rendered by the Committee appointed to study the projects for the construction of the acqueduct of Santiago de Cuba.

The President of the Republic has gone to Finca Maria, and will not return to the Palace before Monday. The meeting of the Cabinet scheduled for tomorrow, has been postponed.

"EL HERALDO" - May 22, 1924.

Article stating that Garcia Velez is trying to evade the persecution of the police, and has sought refuge in a hotel of New York. He complains of the manner in which he is insulted in Cuba, without taking into consideration his patriotic actions and his services to the country. He has absolutely no money. He affirms that the money collected for the revolution was spent in a scrupulous manner. The arms and ammunitions confiscated by the Americans, form only and insignificant part of the lot. The value of the war material purchased will be announced. "I could have lived comfortably --he said-- with the salary of a Minister, but the country demanded my services and I undertook this generous work....."

"SCHOOL TEACHERS AND NEWSPAPER MEN" - Favorably commenting upon a recent article published in "El Mundo" stating that"the schhol-teacher is the maker of peoples." This article states that the school-teachers and the newspaper men are the heralds of civilization, and it is for this reason that Bartolome Sagaró took up the defence of the school-teachers.

Article commenting upon the irregularities in the Department of Public Works. (Out of the six millions appropriated for public works, four millions already appear to have been spent, and there is nothing to show for the money already spent.)- Two millions were juggled during the revolution. The only victim of the said revolution, was the defenceless National Treasury. Some politicians took advantage of the abnormal conditions.....

An article stating that in spite of the Presidential Decree recently issued, the Chinese immigrants continue to invade Cuba; said famous decree is only a falsehood.....

EDITORIAL, unfavorably commenting upon the attitude assumed by the followers of Mendieta, who have formed a "Directory" without waiting for the organization of the Municipal Assemblies of the Liberal Party. Mendieta can be considered as defeated in the National Assembly; Machado has the support of the Assemblies, and of the electoral body.

Cable despatch from New York commenting upon the fact that steps have been taken by General Menocal and Ambassador Torriente to solve the situation of Garcia Velez in order that he may be allowed to return to Cuba.

"LA PRENSA" - May 22, 1924.

The strike declared yesterday in the Matanzas Division of the United Railways of Habana, has been satisfactorily solved.

EDITORIAL entitled "STUDIOUS LEGISLATORS" - Favorably commenting upon the actions of the Senators, who often hold conferences to study some of the most important Bills pending. It is said that the Law of Bonuses, the Amnesty Bill and the purchase of the Santa Clara Convent, will soon be the object of study. The writer regrets that other important bills should not have been included in the program, such as the Law increasing the number of school

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rooms, the increase of salaries to school-teachers, the construction of the Central Highway, the Tariff Reform, and other important bills pending.

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PALACE NEWS: ~~xxxxxxxxx~~ politicians referred this morning to the conferences which will be held shortly at the Palace between the President and the Delegates to the National Assembly of the Conservative Party, to discuss the presidential nomination and other matters relating to the coming electoral campaign. In this connection, it was said that the President does not intend to make any changes in his Cabinet until after the proclamation of andidates has been effected.

Cable despatch from New York: Ambassador Torriente intends to sail for Cuba on the 27th instant, for the purpose of bringing certain matters to the attention of the President of the Republic. If Dr. Torriente finally decides to go to Cuba, his stay in Habana will be very short.

"LA NOCHE" - May 22, 1924.

EDITORIAL criticizing the order issued by the Department of the Interior prohibiting the exhibition of the motion picture production "La Garzona".

The outbreak of typhoid fever in Güines is still worrying the Sanitary authorities. There are more than 190 cases at the present time.

"EL MUNDO" - May 23, 1924.

The water problem of Habana was discussed at yesterday's meeting of the Rotary Club. One of the resolutions adopted in regard to this question, was to take steps to seek and obtain water from other springs in Vento, a thing which can be easily accomplished within the period of one year.

The Central Electoral Board has authorized the organization of a new national political party, under the name of "Partido Laborista Nacional" (National Labor Party).

"DIARIO DE LA MARINA" - Afternoon edition - May 22, 1924.

Section entitled "IMPRESIONES" - Commenting upon the present situation of the various aspirants to the Presidency, stating that the march of political events is now in the hands of the Conservatives. If Zayas is nominated by the Conservatives, his reelection will depend from the attitude of Menocal, as Menocal is the only person who can bring about a division of any importance in the midst of the Conservative Party. Zayas will not resort to bayonets or cohersion to obtain his reelection, but to arguments, and has already prepared a series of speeches in which he will set forth the good actions of his Administration. Zayas will have the second ablest politician against him: Machado, who has an immense personal attraction and a great serenity of spirit. "In his Party, Machado has the support of practically all the leaders and also a great part of the popular masses. There is not a single one of theimportant figures of the Liberal Party who is not for Machado." Ferrara and Miguel Mariano Gomez are considered of little importance, as they both have been defeated in previous elections. The article ends as follows: "Consequently, we will have Machado against Zayas, with Menocal as Referee. If things do not change fundamentally next month". (No mention is made of Mendieta).

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EDITORIAL commenting upon the meeting of the National Assemblies of the various political parties, recommending the convenience of postponing the proclamation of candidates until such time as the candidatures can be presented to the proper electoral boards, and in this way leave a door open for any possible agreements between political parties.

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Article commenting upon the political activities of General Menocal. Menocal is making supreme efforts to obtain the control of the National Assembly of the Liberal Party, but, convinced as he is that it is too late to change to will of the majority which is in favor of the maintenance of the National League, he is now working in favor of Dr. Cosme de la Torriente, to try to make him present his candidature against that of Dr. Zayas. Torriente knows that this is not the proper time, and postpones his aspirations for a better opportunity. Menocal will approach Dr. Zayas to demand a share for his followers in the new combinations, in exchange for the support which Menocal's friends might give to Dr. Zayas. Many of Menocal's friends have already offered their support to General Machado, in case Menocal fails to be nominated.

Article commenting in advance upon a meeting to be held to-day in the Mendieta Club. Sixteen municipa mayors of the Province of Habana will declare themselves in favor of Mendieta. - A similar campaign will be made in other provinces.

EDITORIAL entitled "THE BUDGET" - Commenting upon the inactivity of Congress in connection with the Budget for the coming year, stating that the Project was presented to the Senate since last November.

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"HERALDO DE CUBA" - May 23, 1924.

Cable despatch from New York: Contrary to what had been generally believed, Colonel Laredo Bru did not go to the U.S. on a pleasure trip, but to get in touch with Despaigne and Gutierrez. After a conference held by Despaigne, Laredo Bru and Gutierrez, a note was given out stating that after an exchange of views regarding the Cuban situation and the manner to carry out the campaign of regeneration, and in view of the desires of the Cuban people to change the present administrative and political regime in Cuba, they decided to continue the work of depuration undertaken by the National Association of Veterans and Patriots, and to that end, they will use the most efficient means or those which circumstances may recommend. It was also resolved that Gutierrez should leave for Cuba, while Laredo Bru and Despaigne will remain in the United States. Rumors have circulated in New York regarding the possibility of a coalition between the Veterans and Patriots and Liberal and Conservative groups to overthrow the President who lacks the necessary majority to be reelected, if he is nominated. - In a short interview, Laredo Bru stated that only a crazy person can accuse him of being in accord with Zayas.

The Veterans and Patriots released from jail, met at a dinner yesterday afternoon to celebrate the event, and ratified their purpose to continue their revolutionary activities, and to carry out an active campaign in favor of the ideals maintained by the Association of Veterans and Patriots..... The attendants were Carlos Alzugaray, Federico Morales Valcarcel, Jose Muñiz Vergara (Captain Nemo), Mario Garcia Velez, Jose Gonzalez, Alberto Lamar Shwayer, Oscar Soto and other prominent persons.

President Zayas will spend the Summer months at Finca Maria, and will only grant audiences at the Palace twice a week (Tuesdays and Thursdays)

Dr. Morales Garcia, Local Head of Sanitation of Habana, has addressed a communication to Secretary Porto, declining all responsibility for the lack of sanitation in this city. He is afraid that epidemic diseases might break out due to the miserable conditions of the streets with holes containing water in state of stagnation, the garbage strewn around, and also because the sewer inlets are never cleaned.

EDITORIAL entitled "THE NEW BUDGETS" - Protesting against the project of Budgets for the coming fiscal year. The first figures learned show that expenditures are increased, instead of being decreased, and refers to the administrative corruption prevailing.

Judge of Instruction Saladrigas has issued a writ of indictment against a Notary Public and other persons accused of falsehood and swindle. They tried to take unlawful possession of some lands in the Municipality of Batabano.

The Administrator of the Fiscal Zone of Moron who stole $65,000. and ran away, has been arrested and sent back to Moron.

"EL HERALDO" - May 23, 1924.

"THE DILEMMA OF THE CHIEF" - An article stating that the President has threatened the Senators with vetoing the Amnesty Bill (and the Law of Gratuities) if they fail to approve the Budget ~~xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx~~

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"El Heraldo" - May 23, 1924 (Continued).

"MENDIETA BEGINS TO WORK FOR REELECTION"- A letter from Governor Zayas Bazan, of Camaguey, to "El Heraldo", announcing that many of the friends of Mendieta appear to be in favor of Reelection; that he does not know whether they do so to scare the followers of Machado, or whether they really want to support Zayas.

"BLOODY JEST" - Bitterly criticizing the Administration for the attitude assumed in connection with the water problem of Santiago de Cuba.

"THE PRESENT POLITICAL SITUATION" - Criticizing the attitude assumed by the followers of Mendieta. - Reelection is losing ground before the overwhelming force of the Liberals.

An article commenting upon the fact that Zayas is convinced that Menocal will united the various groups in which the Conservative Party is divided, and that Menocal will be the candidate of said Party. This keeps Zayas greatly worried. Even his own followers are now quarreling over the distribution of "botellas" and "colecturias. But to solve this crisis, Zayas counts on the opportunity afforded him by the present circumstances: The Budgets will soon be approved, and all those who do not agree with his line of conduct will no longer have any influence to obtain appointments for their friends. The new offices, and all those which can be filled chargeable to the 75 millions of the Budget for the next year will be entirely at the disposal of Zayas, and he will distribute them.

As is known, Cuesta has the full control of the Provincial Assembly of the Liberal Party in Habana. . -Governor Barreras announced some days ago that he intended to order a visit of inspection made to the Ayuntamiento of Habana. At the sole announcement of this visit, Cuesta was stricken by panic, and his friends immediately got busy and have offered Barreras a place in the senatorial ticket. Naturally, the visit of inspection will not be effected now. This means either that Logic does not exist any longer, or that Barreras is in complicity with the irregularities which the Governor thinks that have been committed in the Ayuntamiento. - "We will now give some advice to Iturralde: Let him announce another visit of inspection to the Ayuntamiento of Habana, and he will get the other nomination for Senator which Cuesta has at his disposal."

The Municipal Assembly of the Liberal Party of Placetas, acclaimed Machado as the future President of the Republic.

Data which show beyond all doubt that General Machado will come out victorious in the National Assembly of the Liberal Party. He will win in five provinces. It is only in Pinar del Rio where the followers of Mendieta seem to have obtained victory.

The Executive Committee of the Provincial Assembly of the Conservative Party has already chosen its candidate for the Presidency: General Menocal. It was also unanimously resolved to combat reelection.

EDITORIAL entitled "PUBLIC INERTIA" - Stating that Manuel Sanguily has broken his silence, to criticise the corruption of the rulers and the inertia of the ruled. And what he affirms is a graphic resume of the cancer which corrodes politics and the Administration...

The Secretary of the Interior has requested the Mayor to reimburse $171,886.00 which the State advanced to pay the salaries of the Police.

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"LA PRENSA" - May 23, 1924.

An account of the meeting held at the Mendieta Club by Municipal Mayors, Provincial Councilmen and Delegates to the Provincial Assembly of the Liberal Party of Habana. The following persons were among the attendants: Colonel Carlos Mendieta, Dr. Orestes Ferrara, Dr. Miguel Mariano Gomez, the Provincial Governor Alberto Barreras, Enrique Recio, Dr. Horacio Diaz Pardo, Colonel Eliseo Figueroa, Modesto Maidique, Antonio Ruiz, General Miguel Llaneras, Dr. Miguel Suarez, Dr. German Wolter del Rio, and others. They defend Mendieta's candidature.

EDITORIAL entitled "THE CHINESE TRAFFIC" - Unfavorably commenting upon the results obtained by the Decree recently issued by the President tending to put a stop to the influx of Chinese immigrants. "Taught by experience obtained in similar cases, we abstained from applauding the resolution issued in connection with Chinese immigration, awaiting the results of the Decree which apparently tended to check, or at least to diminish the traffic with Chinese immigrants, and we now see that our silence was fully justified, as shown by the large consignments which have recently arrived....." From the point of view of public convenience, the Chinese immigration is bad; but the problem has another aspect. It has all the characteristics of a "business", in which greedy speculators and venal officials take part.....

"THE PEOPLE ARE LOSING FAITH" - Criticizing the inactivity of Congress.

Arrival of two prominent Americans. - It has been announced in official and diplomatic circles that two prominent Americans will arrive in Habana tomorrow: Mr. Summer Wells, High Commissioner of the United States in Santo Domingo, and Senator Medil McCormick. They both come by rail from Santiago de Cuba.

"LA NOCHE" - May 23, 1924

An article stating that the ex-members of the Army accused of sedition must not be included in the benefits of the Amnesty Bill now pending.

EDITORIAL entitled "THREE AMERICANISMS" - Commenting upon the three ideas of Americanism now prevailing: "Pan-Americanism", "Spanish-Americanism" and"Latin-Americanism", asking which of the three will prevail, and makes an analytical study of each. - The "Pan-Americanism" was invented by Bolivar, and tended to bring about a political union among all the countries of America. This is what caused the Congress of Panama in 1826, but failed to give results owing to the bad faith of the U.S..... The work of Washington has consisted in establishing a protectorate over all the small Republics of the Continent.... But if Washington insists in committing abuses, in meddling in the domestic affairs of these republics, imposing military occupations, and becoming a collector of money-lenders, then the other Americanism will grow: the "Spanish-Americanism" preconized by Ugarte, and which means the alliance of all, or a great part of the Spanish-American countries against the United States; and alliance which sooner or later will result in war..... There is a third Americanism spoken of in connection with a Congress of the Latin Press held in Lisbon. It is not exactly an Americanism, but a Latinism, in which the Spanish-American countries are included. It is a French idea, and derives its forces from the spreading of French culture in Spanish America. The weakness of this theory consists in the purpose to identify, racially, the Frenchmen and the Latin-Americans.....

Railroad strike in Sagua la Grande. The laborers of the Northern

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"El Mundo" - May 24, 1924 (Continued).

District of the Central Division of the United Railways, went on strike yesterday. The reason for the strike was that certain employees holding offices in the Executive Board of the Railroad Brotherhood were dismissed by the Company.

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"THE HACIENDA CAUJERI" - Commenting upon the case of the Caujeri estate, stating that certain persons are trying to take unlawful possession of the lands of said estate, which belongs to the State, and states that the despoillation has not been actually effected, due to the bold and decided attitude assumed by the tenants. The attention of the President of the Republic is respectfully called to this question. The authorities are also requested to act. If it is too late to exercise the civil action, the criminal action is still open.

EDITORIAL entitled COOPERATION AND EQUITY - Commenting upon the recent labor conflicts, criticising the attitude of the laborers who recently established boycott against Armour and Company and the Rope Factory in Matanzas, and also against the "Compañia Naviera" in Port Tarafa. The employers and employees must realize that it is only in equity and cooperation on which cordial relations can rest.....

"EL TRIUNFO" - May 24, 1924.

EDITORIALS:

EAGER TO RULE - Commenting upon the eagerness of General Menocal for power, and his little chances of winning at the coming elections.

THE WATER PROBLEM - Favorably commenting upon the cruzade undertaken by the Rotary Club, for a solution of the water problem of Habana.

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"HERALDO DE CUBA" - May 24, 1924.

An article referring to the meeting held yesterday by the supporters of Mendieta's candidature. After listening to the speeches of Mendieta, Ferrara, Barreras, Diaz Pardo, Recio, Llaneras, and others, the attendants resolved to scatter throughout the Republic, maintaining the following principles: (1) Cruzade against Reelection, against incompentence, and against the insatiable nepotism; (2) A decided support to Mendieta, because he will affirm the victory of the Party, and will purify the Administration; (3) Discipline within the Party, which can be condensed in the following words: if Machado comes out victorious in the Assembly, Mendieta will be the first to support him.

The steamer "Maximo Gomez" will make the longest trip of instruction of midshipmen ever attempted in Cuba, and the ship is being prepared to start out during the first days of June.

The President of the Republic has signed a Decree whereby the sum of $1.106,738.45 belonging to the special funds of Pensions and Retirements are invested in 5-1/2%-bonds of the Treasury.

The Cuban Consul in Hull, England, informs the Department of State that Great Britain will cut down the duties on sugar in its next Budget.

Some politicians who often visit the Department of the Interior, affirm that Zayas hopes and desires that Machado will be the candidate of the Liberals, because in that way, Reelection will win without resorting to violence. They add that if Mendieta is nominated, Zayas will have the support of some Liberals.....

The Central Electoral Board has rejected the appeal filed by the friends of Dr. Jose Manuel Cortina against the Provincial Assembly of the Popular Party in Pinar del Rio. This decision entails the defeat of Cortina in his senatorial aspiration for said Province, because Urquiaga has full control of the Delegates appointed by said Assembly. - A protest has been filed against the Municipal Assembly of Habana.

EDITORIAL entitled "THE PRESIDENT AND THE AMNESTY" - Praising the attitude assumed by President Zayas in connection with the Amnesty Bill pending, because Zayas has said that an amnesty to robbers and assassins cannot be embodied in a Law.

"The Veterans and Patriots will abandon the struggle for the regeneration of Cuba." - A letter from Dr. Carlos Alzugaray announcing that he has presented his resignation as a member of "The Committee of Five." . - Dr. Oscar Soto also announces in a letter that he will give up all the offices he holds in said Association, although he will continue to toil for the welfare of Cuba.

Cable despatch from New York: Information has been obtained from a reliable source to the effect that Eusebio Aspiazu, Private Secretary of General Menocal, has disappeared from the Hotel "Ritz-Carlton" and when he left, he owed a large sum of money to that Hotel. It has also been learned that General Menocal did not only come to the U.S. for the purpose of purchasing Central "Almeida", but also to sound the opinion of the Washington Government concerning Mendieta's

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nomination."We are informed --the despatch states-- that when he learned that the Government officials were in favor of the Liberal candidate, he was greatly disappointed. We were also informed that Ambassador Crowder himself is inclined to Mendieta's nomination."

An article unfavorably commenting upon a resolution recently issued by the President in connection with an appeal filed by a contractor concerning the awarding of an auction for public works. The President is of the opinion that the contracts should not be awarded to the lowest bidder, but to the contractor whose bid is nearest to the estimates made by the Department of Public Works.....

An article referring to the arrival of Mr. Summer Welles and of Senator McCormick.

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Aldo Baroni is now in Holland. Articles written by him will soon be published in "El Heraldo", as he will not remain idle in Europe.

An article commenting upon the organization of the Municipal Assemblies of the Liberal Party, and the victory of Machado. In four municipalities of the Province of Oriente (Palma Soriano, Manzanillo, Guantánamo and Yateras), Machado obtained 16 delegates to the Municipal Assembly, and Mendieta only 2. - Reports from Matanzas announce that Machado will win.....

A telegram from Ibrahim Arias denying the information published to the effect that the employees who are in favor of Mendieta are persecuted by the Governor of Oriente.

"The Mendieta followers, frankly defeated, have now initiated a work of gloomy purposes." - Article unfavorably commenting upon the meeting held yesterday by the leaders of Mendieta's candidature.

"THE GIPSIES ARE GOING AWAY" - Article by Sergio Carbó, commeting very unfavorably upon the corruption prevailing in the present Administration and the lack of patriotism of the governing classes of Cuba, comparing them with a band of gipsies.

Telegram from Santiago de Cuba referring to the activities of the Veterans and Patriots in the Province of Oriente. A quantity of arms and ammunitions for the Veterans and Patriots is said to be deposited at the present time in Kingston, Jamaica, and ready to be used when the time comes. These arms are of the most modern type and were purchased in Germany. The conspiracy continues. The "Velezites" announce the outbreak for the latter part of July, when the sugar crop is ended.

"THE WATER PROBLEM OF SANTIAGO DE CUBA" - A letter from Civil Engineer José Caminero to Engineer Chibás, one of the members of the Committee appointed to pass upon the projects presented. Engineer Caminero refutes some statements made by Engineer Chibas concerning said projects.

The following Prosecuting Attorneys have been appointed for a period of six years: Dr. Julio Ortiz Casanova, Prosecuting Attorney of the Audiencia of Habana; Antonio J. de Varona y de la Torre, Assistant Prosecuting Attorney of the Audiencia of Pinar del Rio, and Dr. Manuel Crespo y Riera, Prosecuting Attorney of the Audiencia of Oriente.

The present crisis of the Association of Veterans and Patriots will not bring about a change of policy, but only a change of the

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leaders of said Association. Its reorganization will shortly be announced, and Garcia Velez will possibly be defeated. Letters From Muñiz Vergara (Captain Nemo) and from Soto, explaining the motives which prompted them to gather around a dinner table on May 22nd.

Cable despatch from New York, containing statements made there by Dr. Laredo Bru. He states that neither he nor his friends have given up the struggle, but that they only have changed the methods of combatting; that they will continue to struggle for their political ideals, within legal grounds; that the uprising was not an unpremeditated act, but an act calmly considered and discussed..... It was striking that Laredo Bru did not mention the name of Garcia Velez, which seems to indicate that they are on the outs.

"DIARIO DE LA MARINA" - May 24, 1924. (Noon Edition).

The section entitled "IMPRESIONES" contains the following article: "The Caujeri question will become a noisy affair. Over 2,000 "caballerias" of land (equivalent to more than 66,000 acres) belonging to the State, and which the State paid for in cash to the Church which was the former owner of this magnificent property, pass to the hands of a few gentlemen by means of an "expediente" of survey in which high officials of this not less high Administration appear to be envolved. The indians of Yateras have had to defend, rifle in hand, the property of the commonwealth, because those in charge have not wanted, or have not been permitted, to do so. The Teapot Dome affair results a children's play when compared with this banquet of hungry land-eaters, since the oil affair did not entail, as happens in this case, the abusive trampling upon hundreds of families who live in, and cultivate, the lands of Caujeri. We will see whether this crime is realized. We doubt it, because we do not believe that Dr. Zayas will permit such a big blot to fall upon his Administration."

"LA PRENSA" - May 24, 1924.

Section entitled "DEL MOMENTO" - Unfavorably commenting upon the prohibition to exhibit the motion picture "The Birth of a Nation", stating that in the United States a great historical value is given to said film.

The President of the Republic has signed a resolution to lend to the Ayuntamiento of Habana the sum of $283,777.50, from the funds deposited in the Treasury, to pay the salaries of the Police corresponding to the month of May.

"EL MUNDO" - May 25, 1924.

EDITORIAL entitled "THE JOYS OF AN INTERVENTION" - Very unfavorably commenting upon the American Intervention in Haity, describing some of the abuses committed against Haitian newspaper men. This article also praises the attitude of Senator McCormick, who has requested the suspension of the Martial Law in said Republic, because it is "anti-democratic, anti-republican, and contrary to American ideals."

Everything seems to indicate that the Municipal Council will not discuss and approve the Budget of Expenditures for the coming fiscal year, because the Councilmen are not disposed to hold special xxxxxxxx meetings, and the next session does not open until the first Monday of August.

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Text of the communication addressed by Dr. Juan F. Morales Garcia, Local Head of Sanitation of Habana, to the Director of Sanitation, in which he refers to the lack of water in Habana every year during the rainy season, and the necessity of putting an immediate remedy to this evil. He points out the dangers of an epidemic outbreak in Habana. He says that there is no hygiene possible without water; that 70 per cent of the sanitary services installed in Habana are absolutely useless from 10 to 12 hours every day, due to the lack of water; that the lack of water takes away from the Sanitary Authorities all moral force to enforce the sanitary regulations. - Activities displayed by the officials of the Sanitary Department to check the outbreak of typhoid fever in Guines.

Cable despatch from New York: Dr. Gustavo Gutierrez sailed to-day for Habana on board the S.S. "Pastores". The Presence of Laredo Bru in New York is taken as an indication that peace has been completely restored in Cuba. General Garcia Velez is still in New York.

"EL TRIUNFO" - May 25, 1924.

A committee of railroad men from Camaguey will arrive to-day to act in the Sagua conflict. It is feared that a general strike might break out. Discontent prevails among all the railroad laborers.

The political campaign in favor of Machado will be intensified from June 1st. Colonel Lopez Leiva, of Santa Clara, will come to Habana to take charge of the Central Office of Propaganda, with the cooperation of Varona Suarez, Vazquez Bello, Barraqué, Cespedes, Viriato Gutierrez, and other prominent leaders.

Section entitled "PINCELADAS" - commenting upon the question of the "Caujeri lands", stating that the indians of Yateras should not be despoiled of the lands in which they live.

"HERALDO DE CUBA" - May 25, 1924.

Cable despatch from New York quoting a long article published in to-day's Sunday Section of the "New York Times, giving a resume of the activities of the Cuban Revolutionary Junta, and making a history of the case under the American point of view. It also analyses the personalities of the leaders of the Cuban revolution, and affirms that the Velezite Movement has been an "Up-to-date revolution". Garcia Velez is described as a man of vast experience; Despaigne, as an austere guardian, and Gustavo Gutierrez, as a practical professor and a man of action.

An article stating that the Department of the Interior intends to establish a censorship over motion pictures imported in Cuba.

At a meeting held last night by the Delegation Number Two of the Railroad Brotherhood, the attitude of the laborers of the Central Division of the United Railways was criticized. The strike in that Division was not authorized by the higher organizations.

An article commenting upon the outbreak of typhoid fever in Guines. This article states that President Zayas has refused to grant the funds necessary to check the epidemic disease which afflicts Guines. Despite this insurmountable difficulty, the sanitary authorities continue working but their discouragement indicates that their efforts will be unsuccessful.

Article commenting upon the Budget for the coming fiscal year

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"Heraldo De Cuba" - May 25, 1924 (Continued).

recommended by President Zayas, stating that the expenditures will not be below 78 millions. The President will leave a substantial margin to Congress for the approval of special appropriation laws, as was done last year.

An article commenting upon the progress of the campaign for Mendieta in the Province of Camaguey. The leaders of that campaign still have faith in Mendieta's victory. None of them have any doubt as to the final outcome, and full of optimism, they prepare for the last struggle.

Cable despatch from New York: The Correspondent of "Heraldo de Cuba" held an interview with Dr. Gutierrez when the latter was sailing on board the "Pastores"for Cuba. Gutierrez said that he had received the answer of General Garcia Velez to the energetic communication which he addressed to the General, but that this was no time to disclose the contents. Dr. Gutierrez also stated that Colonel Despaigne expects to sail for Cuba in about ten days. The campaign of the Veterans and Patriots will be continued, and that they will not tolerate corruption and reelection.

Article unfavorably commenting upon the actions of the Secretary of the Treasury, who delays the payments to contractors under cunning pretexts. He alleges that the Department of Public Works has gone beyond the limits of its authority accepting works which exceed the amounts appropriated for said works, and in this way he refuses to issue the orders of payment.

"EL HERALDO" - May 25, 1924.

An interview with Mr. Eduardo Abril Amores, Editor of the "Diario de Cuba" published in Santiago de Cuba. Mr. Abril y Amores states that he is neutral in the present political struggles, and predicts the overwhelming victory of Machado, who has obtained a majority of the Delegates to the Provincial Assembly of Oriente. The people of Oriente hate reelection, and will oppose it energetically. The strength of the Veterans and Patriots will be felt at the coming elections, and will prevent reelection. The Conservatives will nominate General Menocal, but if this aspiration fails, then they will vote for Machado.....

Telegram from Alto Songo (Province of Oriente) stating that a ~~stating that a~~ strange disease which is believed to be contagious has appeared in that town, and has already caused five deaths in the course of a few days. Some persons think that it is the beginning of some epidemic outbreak, ~~xx~~ of which the sanitary authorities of that Province are not yet aware.....

Editorial entitled "UNCONSTITUTIONAL" - Stating that the President has no right to stop the legal actions against the persons involved in the prosecution of the Judges by reason of the recent revolutionary outbreak. Dr. Zayas is invading the powers of the Judiciary alleging reasons of general convenience, but this may be used as a precedent to protect later the criminals employed in the service of the campaign for reelection.

The Railroad Brotherhood grants a period of ten days to Mr. Jack to solve all the railroad conflicts pending. If at the expiration of this period he has not put in force the bases recently agreed upon, the laborers will submit the case to a referendum to declare a strike.

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"DIARIO DE LA MARINA" - May 26, 1924.

"THE HACIENDA CAUJERI" - Making a history of the first steps taken in connection with this scandalous fraud to the State, stating that the matter was slowly and carefully planned. It refers to documents appearing in officials records, which were apocryphal. After the promoters of this business obtained certified copies of these documents, they were made to disappear from the official records. A notarial deed drawn by a Notary who never existed. Complicity of Governmen officials. Necessity of a severe punishment of the guilty parties.

A conference was given yesterday by the Section of Historical Sciencies of the Atheneum of Habana. The speech was made by Doctor José Francisco Castellanos, and he spoke on "The annexationist idea of Cuba to the United States of North America" from an American point of view.

"EL TRIUNFO" - May 26, 1924.

A general railroad strike will be declared tomorrow, if the conflict now pending is not solved by them. In the Sagua Division, only trains manned by inspectors are running. Delegates from the Central Committee of Camaguey are expected in Habana to-day. An important Assembly will be held tomorrow.

Article by Napoleon Galvez commenting upon the necessity of an Amnesty Law.

An article commenting upon the organization of a Labor Party in Cuba, stating that the policy of the Labor Party of England would not do for Cuba. "Besides, said platform is less liberal than the program of the Conservative Party, and, we are either mistaken in our opinion, or the program of a labor party should be amply radical.

An article stating that the victory of Machado in the Province of Matanzas has been assured. The intentions of the friends of Mendieta who tried to take by surprise the Assembly, proclaiming Mendieta as the presidential candidate, have failed.

EDITORIAL commenting favorably upon the Project of Amnesty now pending in Congress.

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An article referring to the Organization for smuggling undesirable immigrants into the United States. The immigrants smuggled to the U.S. last year are calculated at about 5,000 yielding a profit of about $1.500,000. Habana is the center of operation, having branches in various countries of Europe. Details of how the contrabands are made.

EDITORIAL commenting upon the fact that the members of Congress will receive money for the approval of the Amnesty Bill.

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"EL HERALDO" - May 26, 1924.

An article very unfavorably commenting upon the actions of Dr. Iturralde and Dr. de la Torre at the head of the Department of the Interior. - Under Iturralde and de la Torre, the Department of the Interior has been a center of corruption and administrative disorder, the greatest illegalities have been permitted in the Post Office, and the worst grafts have been committed in connection with gambling.

An article commenting upon the present political situation. Referring to the trip of Dr. Torriente to Habana, the article states that he probably brings some message not quite pleasing to Dr. Zayas. The Embassador comes to Cuba to confer with the President, and to inform him verbally and carefully of the study which Washington has made of reelection in Cuba. The impressions which Dr. Torriente brings are probably pessimistic and negative.....

An article stating that Dr. Zayas is now in touch with Dr. Narciso Davalos, and they are both trying to find a formula whereby the nomination of national candidates made by the Popular Party may be accepted by the Central Electoral Board.

"LA PRENSA" - May 26, 1924.

EDITORIAL stating that the public powers do not pay proper attention to the postal and telegraph services. The Law of July 1, 1920, increasing the salaries of the personnel of the Department of Communications, and the Law of October 30 1922, increasing the personnel, were never enforced, but were later repealed. The Law establishing an eight-hour day for the employees of the State, does not apply to postal and telegraph employees. These employees are poorly paid.....

Another editorial entitled "THE PROBLEM OF THE GARBAGE" - Commenting upon the state of abandonment of the street cleaning services in Habana.

"LA NOCHE" - May 26, 1924.

The railroad strike will be declared tomorrow. Cruces, Cienfuegos and Santa Clara will second the strike declared in Sagua. All the delegations of the R.R. Brotherhood will send a representative to Habana. Other news of the railroad conflict.

EDITORIAL, commenting upon the railroad conflict, defending the laborers.

The writ of indictment issued against Colonel Despaigne, excluding him from bail, has been modified. He can now be released under bail of $3,000.00. A similar decision was rendered in the case of Dr. Gustavo Gutierrez.

"EL MUNDO" - May 27, 1924.

EDITORIAL entitled "UNCONCEIVABLE INDIFFERENCE". - Commenting upon the Caujeri question, and the crimes committed to despoil the State of a very valuable property. This editorial refers to the necessity of investigating the case.

"DIARIO DE LA MARINA" - May 27, 1924.

Cable despatch from Washington: Ambassador Torriente held a long conference with President Coolidge to-day (May 26), but upon leaving the White House, he refused to discuss the object of his conference, and merely stated that routine affairs had been discussed.

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"Diario de la Marina" - May 27, 1924 (Continued).

Yesterday, the Provincial Council approved an appropriation of $200,000.00 to pay the first instalment of the purchase of the "Palacio Balboa". The purchase price of said property is $400,000.00

Ambassador Torriente will leave for Habana to-day, via Key West. He will arrive on Thursday afternoon, and he only expects to stay eight or ten days in Habana.

EDITORIAL entitled "POLITICAL THEMES - THE PRESENT SITUATION OF OUR POLITICAL PARTIES." - Stating that no differences of opinion existsin the various political parties, that is to say, they are devoid of special principles or platform, and practically the only difference existing is in the names by which they are known. The political parties must have distinct <u>platforms</u>.

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Article by Gonzalez Beauville, explaining why "Heraldo de Cuba" is in favor of Mendieta; that it is a question of principles, and not of men. Mendieta personifies victory, and Machado the defeat. He further points out the good qualities of Mendieta, and the poor qualities of Machado.

Article unfavorably commenting upon the attitude of the House of the House of Representatives in connection with the Amnesty Bill, giving an account of yesterday's session in that legislative body. The full text of the Report submitted by the Mixed Committee, on said bill, is also published in this issue. The projected Law only favors the public officials who have defrauded the Treasury. The ex members of the Army who took part in the Revolution of February have been expressly excluded from the benefits of this Law.

The employees of the(State)Department of Communications will not collect the extra salaries to which they are entitled by reason of their seniority in the service. The appropriation is insufficient by $70,000.00 for the last two months of the present fiscal year.

Dr. Ferrara and Mayor Cuesta held a conference yesterday, for the purpose of seeking a formula of harmony and consolidation which will permit the carrying on of the electoral campaign without hurting the interests of the Liberal Party. A resolution was adopted to maintain absolute cordiality among the various Liberal groups. This is considered as a great step forward of Mendieta's candidature.

"AN UNPRECEDENTED INFAMY" - Commenting upon the amnesty Bill, and the hasty manner in which the report of the Mixed Committee passed from the Senate to the House. "Heraldo de Cuba, in the name of the Cuban society, and for the satisfaction of six hundred and fifty thousand electors, desires to know once for all what are the reasons, and how many they are, for making Congress play such a ridiculous role. They must be reasons of MANY DOLLARS, when the usual slowness of the Mixed Committees, and the usual way in which they submit their reports, has been substituted by a speed proper of a ~~xxxxxxxxxxxxxx~~ race-track.....

The merchants are taking steps tobe exempted from the payment of the tax of one per cent on goods returned. - The campaign against thetax of four per cent on profits, continues.

From an insert: "Secretary Regueiferos must be greatly pleased for what the Senate did yesterday. From now on, all rich persons will have the right to kill those whom they hate, or who are an obstacle to their niggardly aspirations. The Law has disappeared for rich men, and as Dr. Regueiferos is a"nouveau-riche" since he presides the Committee on Bank Liquidation, we sincerely congratulate him, because he will have no penal sanction for the crimes which he commits in the fulfilment of said office. We hope that Regueiferos will accompany Cano, the fugitive assassin who will surely be amnestied, to the presence of the President of the Republic, and that Dr. Zayas will repeat the biblical phrase of "Nothing has happened here," and "We are all equal." After all, we do not understand the reason of the persecution against Vasconcelos."

EDITORIAL commenting upon the recent victories of the followers of Mendieta: the defeat of Pino Guerra in Consolacion del Sur and of Governor Barcelo in Victoria de las Tunas, and the consolidation of the situation in Matanzas.

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"Heraldo de Cuba" - May 27, 1924 (Continued).

The Municipal Judge of Guantanamo has been suspended from office, and indicted under bail of $5,000.00. He had rendered a decision on a claim presented by the group "De Las", placing them in possession of a part of the Hacienda Caujeri. The Special Judge appointed will defend the rights of the State.

"EL HERALDO" - May 27, 1924.

The attitude of General Jack failing to order the compliance with the Agreement signed on April 9th, and countersigned by the President of the Republic, and the lack of energy on the part of the Government to demand the enforcement of said covenant, will inevitably cause a railroad strike. The laborers say that the Government does not wish to act as a mediating power to avert conflicts, and that they will not be responsible for this new strike. General Jack presents false accusations against labor leaders, and requests that they be arrested on the charge of violating the law of explosives. A railroad assembly will be held to-night for the purpose of adopting the necessary measures in the present conflict.

An article favorably commenting upon the indictment of the Municipal Judge of Guantanamo for his actions in connection with the Caujeri case. This article also recommends that further investigations be made to find other guilty parties.

The present Administration is hated by the country. The present members of the Cabinet have no other support xkxxkn than that of the President. The majority of the Secretaries have their Departments converted into centers of graft. Zayas would change his Cabinet if obtained the support of the Conservative Party to be reelected. The supporters of reelection said to be quarrelling with the President. - Iturralde and De la Torre are criticized, because they revived the methods of Martinez Lufriu. - Portela is also mentioned as a bad Secretary, who has carried the Department of the Treasury to disaster. He boasts of having many millions in the Treasury, but that money was saved and piled up by Despaigne, Hernandez Cartaya and Cespedes. - Porto and Sandoval have also been a failure, etc.

An article announcing that the two complaints filed against Dr. Iturralde, Secretary of the Interior, will be ratified to-day before the Criminal Chamber of the Supreme Court. One of said complaints was filed by Bartolome Sagaro, accusing Iturralde of attacks against individual rights for the suppression of "El Heraldo" with an absolute disregard for the letter and spirit of the Constitution, which does not authorize the Government even to establish a censorship. - The other one refers to the complaint made by Dr. Miguel Angel Aguiar, for disobedience on the part of Iturralde and others, of the order issued by the Third Criminal Chamber of the Audiencia of Habana, for the presentation of Mr. Aldo Baroni before said Court.

"THE LAST HOPE" - Referring to the Caujeri case, and the venality of some members of the Judiciary in connection with this affair. The Supreme Court is requested to appoint a Special Judge, but one who may be upright and honest and energetic, because the last hope of the country rests in the integrity of the Courts of Justice.

The news of the proximate arrival of Ambassador Torriente, was a severe blow to the group of the Palace, and to the President himself. It is rumored that Torriente brings a message to Zayas to the effect that Reelection is not at all pleasing to the Washington Government. Torriente is said to have held conferences in New York and in Washington with prominent Cubans, with leaders of the Association of Veterans and Patriots, and a high official of the American State

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"El Heraldo" - May 27, 1924 (Continued).

Department commissioned by Mr. Hughes to take up these matters. This is considered as a victory of the aspirations of the Veterans and Patriots. - In connection with Torriente's trip, it has been rumored that he will be a presidential candidate at the coming elections, supported by General Menocal. - Torriente could not include "Regeneration" in his platform, because he was precisely the promoter of a scandalous "chivo" included in the protest of the Veterans and Patriots.

An article commenting upon the arrival of Dr. Gutierrez. - After Dr. Gutierrez sailed from New York, taking advantage of the promises of the Government that he would not molested, the Special Judge has ordered his arrest and release under bail, and this is considered as an open breach of the agreement reached with Dr. Zayas. - The object of the trip of Dr. Gutierrez to the U.S. was to interview General Garcia Velez, and obtain from him the "half coin" which was the signal of the revolution. However, upon landing in the U.S., Gutierrez was unable to find Garcia Velez.....

The Secretary of the Interior has given orders that the instructions of the Judges be not complied with in the future. - A new abuse of the Secretary of the Interior. - Dr. Emilio Nuñez Portuondo sends the following telegram from Santa Clara.

Santa Clara, May 26, 1924 - 7:20 P.M.
"El Heraldo- Habana.
The Special Judge hands me the order of release of the indicted Luis Guillermo Gallo, in the case instituted against the Veterans and Patriots, and the Warden of the Jail informs me that he cannot comply with that order because the Secretary of the Interior has in turn given instructions that the order be not obeyed. In view of this flagrant violation of the Constitution, I wish to state my protest and to call the attention of the Liberals that identical methods will be used to impose reelection, which can only be prevented by the union of the Liberals with Machado as their candidate, who will respect the rights of the citizens."

EDITORIAL commenting upon the machiavellic methods of Dr. Zayas. He knows that he does not have a strong political party to support his reelectoral aspirations, and is now endeavoring to create divisions in the midst of the Liberal and Conservative parties.

Dr. Aurelio Alvarez has presented his resignation as President of the Senate, which will be irrevocable if the Santa Clara Convent deal is approved; but if said bill fails to go through, then he will withdraw his resignation.

"LA PRENSA" - May 27, 1924.

Senator Collazo refers to the resignation presented by the President of the Senate, Dr. Aurelio Alvarez. He recommends the acceptance of the resignation, because Alvarez is not in accord with the group of Senators which constitute the majority, and states that Vera Verdura must be appointed in his place.

Text of the demands presented to General Jack by the Railroad Brotherhood. The demands made are: (1) that the workers on the construction and repair of roads be not compelled to work more than eight hours a day; (2) The compliance with all the stipulations of the Agreement signed on April 9, 1924, and especially those referring to the payment of the increases agreed upon, and (3) The reinstatement and payment of salaries of all the employees and laborers dismissed without any justified cause during the period comprised since the last strike.

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"La Prensa" - May 27, 1924. (Continued)

EDITORIALS:
"AGAINST WIND AND TIDE" - Very unfavorably commenting upon the approval of the Amnesty Bill.

"THE REPUBLIC WITHOUT WATER" - Commenting upon the scarcity of water in Habana, Camaguey, Santiago and many other places, stating that this scarcity will be more strongly felt during the months of June, July and August. Some paragraphs of the recent letter written by the Local Head of Sanitation of Habana are quoted, stating that what the Local Head of Sanitation says of Habana, is also applicable to many other cities of the Republic.

"EL PAIS" - May 27, 1924.

EDITORIAL entitled "A PROBLEM EXCLUSIVELY CUBAN" - Criticising the intervention of the American Government in the question of the Amnesty Bill.

"DIARIO DE LA MARINA" - May 28, 1924.

The President has signed a Decree regulating the exportation of alcohol and liquors. Said Decree was published in the Official Gazette of yesterday. This measure will safeguard the interests of the State, and at the same time give protection to the interests of the Manufacturers. Only the manufacturers themselves will be able to ship alcohol and liquors free of internal revenue taxes. The shipments made by maritime lines not well known will have to be guaranteed by a bonding policy, which will be released after the landing certificates are exhibited.

THE SENATE approved the Law of Gratuities yesterday. It also approved the bill creating one thousand new school rooms (See Running Comment). 3220

THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES approved the Amnesty Bill (See Running Comment).

A general strike in the lines of the United Railways will take effected at 9:00 P.M to-day. A resolution to this effect was adopted at an Assembly held last night by the railroad men. The bases presented to Mr. Jack were also approved. The army will custody the properties of the R.R. Company. - Orders have been sent by the Department of the Interior to the Mayors of Cifuentes and of Calabazar de Sagua, to offer guarantees to all.

EDITORIAL stating that Congressmen continue to waste time. The heads of the Parliamentary Committees made promises during the past legislature that the urgent problems pending would be solved during the present session of Congress, but nothing has been done. Nothing has been done to correct the defects of the Crowder Code. A great deal has been said of the necessity of the Reform of the Tariff and the supression of the tax of four per cent, but Congress does not pay any attention to these vital problems. Congress does not pay the least attention to anything serious, constructive or convenient to the general interests of the country.....

PALACE NEWS: The Secretary and the Sub Secretary of Justice and the Prosecuting Attorney of the Supreme Court conferred yesterday with the President in connection with the Caujeri case.

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"EL MUNDO" - May 28, 1924.

EDITORIAL entitled "A CHAIN OF CONFLICTS" - Unfavorably commenting upon the announced general railroad strike.

Luis Guillermo Gallo, accused of complicity with the Veterans and Patriots, has been released under bail.

Section entitled "PERFIL DEL DIA" - Favorably commenting upon the approval of the Amnesty Bill.

"EL COMERCIO" - May 28, 1924.

EDITORIAL, favorably commenting upon the approval of the Amnesty Bill, stating that it is a work of mercy and forgetfulness.

"LA NOCHE" - May 27, 1924.

EDITORIAL entitled "THE AMNESTY IN THE HOUSE" - Criticising the opposition made to the Amnesty Bill in the House of Representatives, expressing the hopes that it will be approved in to-day's session.

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