### Reciprocity

THE PANAMA IMBROGLIO THE regular session begins December 7.

LEADING SUBJECT OF DISCUSSION IN CONGRESS.

When the Senate made known its desire of taking a vacation, before the regular SION IN CONGRESS.

Speaker Cannon remains firm in his mination was a surprise, but he is sup-5djourn without accomplishing the object for which the special session was its regular business at once, the Speaker called, and as a result the Senate will will aunounce the committee appointbe forced to remain in session, unless it ments, without waiting for the regular revises the date of voting on the Cuban session, as was his first intention. Sev-

The reciprocity bill came from the and are waiting to be sent to the differ-

the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations. There is no doubt that it will be passed by the Senate, but for some for voting on it until December 16. The regular session by at the senators postponed the day for voting on it until December 16. The regular session by at the progress of the regular session by at least one week.

Those interested in the progress of the United States Senate, is practically assession by at least one week. House and was reported favorably by ent committees. By starting to work

nator Newlands Wants Cuba avited to Join the Union of States.

session, the house declared that Coh grees would not adjourn until the Cuban bill had been acted upon As neither branch of Congress can adjourn longer than three days without the consent of th session, the House declared that Conmilitary the right of way during the ex-ercises. T e base of operations will be In order that the House may take up its regular business at once, the Speaker Connecticut and perhaps other states eral thousand bills have been introduced will take part.

next year which will being together un-der one command the largest military area since the Civil War. Fifty hous-and troops are to take part in the war somewhere about 150 miles from New Colombians on every question. Colombians on every question.

Events in Panama are progressing Senate. When the announcement by the Committee on Committee was made, that Senator Morgan was to be succeed ed by Senator Hannaas chairman of the Committee on Inter-oceanic Canals, Sen-ator Morgan rose and delivered a bitter Those interested in the progress of the army are glad to hear that plans are being considered to hold army unanoenvers and as soon as the question of the digreater part of two sessions of the Senate and before it was over the Senator had to request the privilege of finishing from his seat. In declaring that President McKinley favored the Nicaraguan route, games, which will make the manoeuvers similar to nose held each year in France and Germany. Negotiations are in progress with the railroad companies to transport the troops and to give the military the vicit of war divisor the capital on the isthmus. The military the vicit of war divisor the capital on the isthmus. The military the vicit of war divisor the vicit of war people of Panama would no agree to this as they could be outvoted by the Colombians on every question. Colombias econds her proposals by threats to raise 100,000 men and declare a "Boer War."

The way preference between the routes. Sense has a tor Morgan was very sarcastic in his speech, using many times the President's favorite words' "clean" and "decent," and referring to the new Panama" whose only authority was contained in a telegram received from a rev Panama affairs were discussed in the olutionary junta. He accused the Pres

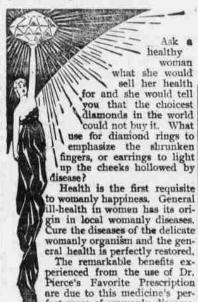
ident of disobeying the orders of the Senate, contained in the of breaking faith with his pledge to carry out the policy of McKinley; of aiding the revolution in Pasama; and of a perennial ambition to get all the credit of the building of the canal

"Has the President any excuse" he asks for nis tail are to carry into effect the agreement with Nicaragua and Costa Rica, unless it is the resentment toward Celombia and gratification of personal

Ouban affairs were the subject of an interesting debate in the senate, brought about by a resolution, introduced by Senator Newlands, Democrat of Neva a in which Cuba was invited to enter the American Union as a state with Port Rico annexed to it as a country. Sena-tors Lodge Hale and O. H. Platt opposed the resolution, chiefly on the ground that it would arouse the suspicion that this country was trying to annex Latin American territory and that an invitation under the ciscumstances, would seem equivalent to a command.

Mr. Newland supported his resolution by declaring that Cuba would gain greatly by free trade with the United States and that the loan which she was about to make' could be raised easier and cheaper if her bonds we're guaranteed by the United States. In Porto Rico the resolution was discussed and it appears that the inhabitants of the island have no desire to be joined to Cuba as a county. No doubt they aspire to become a state themselves some day, and believe their prospects would be lessened by becoming a province of Cuba

The speeches of the three Republicar senators indicated a concerted attemp to oppose the resolution, and it is said that the object was to allay the suspic-ions of the South American countries at the present moment when arrairs in Panama are so critical. Senator Platt, who was the author of the famous amendment which was incorporated in the Cuban constitution, declared, "I think that our relations with Cuba have been misunderstood. I do not think we are exercising any protective power over Cuba. I do not think that we have even constituted ourselves the guardian of Cuba and made Cuba our ward." Senator Lodge said he was opposed to island states and that we had all the control of Cuba in a military and political point of view that we could desire. In the course of his remarks he said that he hoped that all the Europen flags on continent would follow that of Spain to Europe



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