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ALL CLASSES ACQUIRE IN AMERICAN CONTROL. Presence of American Soldiers is a Wholesome Effort—Uncertainty in Regard to Money Standard.

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—American control is so close at hand that it is possible to see clearly the work ahead, says the Havana correspondent of the Tribune.

Maintaining order by means of the troops is a preliminary condition so well understood that it does not call for explanation. All classes in Cuba know why the soldiers are here, and knowing, they acquiesce.

The merchants and bankers who are opposed to a change advance some strong arguments against modifying the present system. They take the ground that since the United States expects to collect the revenues in trust and to expend them in Cuba, a change is not desirable.

SPANISH PAPERS SUSPENDED. SANTANDER, Spain, December 24.—The papers here have ceased publication, owing to the severity of the censorship.

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transition to a different basis cannot be made without industrial disturbances and without great hardship to all employers of labor. Silver is the currency of every day life. Wages and salaries are paid in it.

THE OPINIONS OF THE EMPLOYERS IS THAT if a change is made that they will be compelled to advance wages 10 per cent. for that is about what the stimulation of the Spanish silver currency or its readjustment to American values will cost.

THE PAYMENT OF THE AMERICAN TROOPS will add to the difficulties. A small amount of United States currency is in circulation, but it is in bills in denominations of \$5 and upwards, as these are large enough to command the regular exchange, which varies from 7 1/2 to 8 per cent.

THE SMALL SHOP KEPTERS and the laboring population are still ignorant of the value of American silver coin. In the cafes they are distrustful, and the cabmen will not accept them.

THE COMMERCIAL CLASSES are showing the greatest adaptability to the new conditions. Within a fortnight after the tariff is promulgated business will be moving smoothly in its accustomed channels.

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AT St. Mary's Catholic church today high mass will be celebrated at 10:30. Holy communion at 5:30 and 8 a. m. Special Christmas music will be rendered at high mass.

AT the M. E. church the Christmas sermon this morning will be held at 11 o'clock. The Sunday school will give a Christmas entertainment at 1:30 p. m.

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