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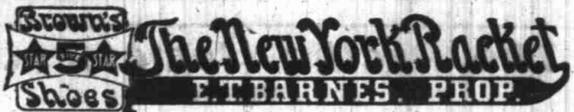
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## A NEW NATION WILL BE BORN

### The Republic of Cuba Will Begin Its Existence

### ON THE TWENTIETH DAY OF MAY

### GENERAL WOOD HAS BEEN IN- STRUCTED TO TURN OVER THE GOVERNMENT

To the Newly Elected Officers of the Island Republic—Armed Forces Will Be Put on Hand Until the New Nation Will Provide and Organize Its Own Army to Protect It.

WASHINGTON, Mar. 25.—May 20th is the new date fixed for turning over the island of Cuba to its people. The change of date was made with the approval of President-elect Palma, and his advisers, Senors Tamayo and Quesada.

Secretary Root this evening made public his order to General Wood, directing him to turn over the Government and control of Cuba to its President on May 20th next. The order requires the Cuban Government to assume all treaty obligations, and directs General Wood to continue the artillery force, to avoid leaving the island entirely defenseless until the Cuban Government shall have an opportunity to organize its own forces. General Wood also is directed to convene the Cuban Congress before May 20th. He also is directed to consult with President-elect Palma, and substitute such persons as he shall desire for those now holding official positions in Cuba. The order says:

"You are authorized to provide for the inauguration on the 20th of May next, of the Government elected by the people of Cuba, and upon the establishment of said Government to leave the Government and control of the island of Cuba to its people, pursuant to provisions of the act of Congress approved March 2, 1901."

Then follow in detail the instructions to General Wood as to the transfer of authority to the Cuban Government. General Wood and all staff officers on duty in Cuba are ordered to report to the Adjutant General at Washington for instructions as to future assignments. It is stated at the War Department today that nothing has yet been settled with regard to the future station of General Wood.

General Wood will leave here tomorrow for Havana, to carry into execution the plans for the transfer of the Government. It is understood President-elect Palma will not go to Havana until the early part of May.

### Cuban Reciprocity.

Washington, Mar. 25.—Another conference was held at the White House tonight, on the subject of Cuban reciprocity, and was participated in by the President and House leaders, including Chairman Payne, and Dalzell and Long of the Ways and Means Committee, and Cannon, chairman of the Republican caucus.

The conference was in the main an exchange of views between the Executive and the Congressmen on the general reciprocity proposition, and the positive statement was made that there were no new developments in the situation, and that the program adopted by the Republican caucus, providing a twenty-per cent reduction on Cuban imports, would be carried out in the House.

### In the Cabinet.

Washington, Mar. 25.—Considerable time was taken up by the Cabinet to-

day, in reading the instructions given Governor General Wood for the withdrawal of United States Sovereignty in Cuba. This Government is anxious to maintain a million dollar drydock at Havana, to establish and maintain one or two naval stations, to continue a system of weather stations and other important meteorological work, but these details are matters subject to negotiations and discussions between this Government and the Cuban Representatives. The postal service is one important branch whose transition into absolute control of the Cubans will occasion no difficulty.

There was only a passing reference to the recent Miles incident at the Cabinet meeting, and a disposition was manifested to ignore the case for present.

### A Beautiful Tribute.

Washington, March 25.—President-elect Tomas Estrada Palma, of Cuba, left the city at midnight for New York, where he will remain until the last of April, when he will leave for Cuba.

General Palma paid this tribute to the United States Government:

"The Government of the United States has shown a most beautiful example of good-faith in dealing with a weak Government which it undertook to rescue from its oppressors. It has demonstrated its generosity and patriotism, and by the shedding of its own blood has helped Cuba to break the chain which united it with Spain. The United States has given to the world evidence of good-will seldom found. The people of the United States have remembered their own Declaration of Independence, and have fulfilled their duty to mankind."

### A LIVELY MIX-UP.

### Two Sluggers Finish a Twenty Round Bout with a Row.

PORTLAND, Or., Mar. 25.—Mike Donovan, of Rochester, and Charles "Dutch" Thurston, of San Francisco, fought twenty rounds to a draw tonight, at the Eastime Club. The fight was pretty even up to the 20th round, with the advantage, if any, with Thurston. He was very lively on his feet and most of Donovan's leads fell short. In the last round both men went at it hammer and tongs, trying for a knock-out. Thurston was the stronger, however, and Donovan was getting a bad pummeling when, just at the end of the round, Donovan struck Thurston a very low blow. Referee Grant did not consider the foul blow an intentional one, and called the bout a draw.

Martin Denny, one of Thurston's seconds, jumped into the ring and began to remonstrate with Donovan for striking Thurston a foul blow. Donovan promptly struck Denny, and a lively mix-up was only averted by the police entering the ring and putting a stop to the row.

### MANY HOMESEEKERS

### Coming Westward, Five Thousand Leaving Minneapolis Yesterday.

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., Mar. 25.—Over 5000 homeseekers passed through Minneapolis tonight, en route to North Dakota and states further west. The estimates by the various roads handling this movement places the total for today at 5000 people. With an additional 1500 or more, taken out by the west-bound trains last evening, the homeseekers' rush through this gateway in the past 24 hours has been well up to 7000.

The homeseekers included about 2000 Dunkards, chiefly from Illinois, Ohio and Indiana, who are travelling in six complete trains over the Great Northern Railroad, along whose lines in Northwestern Minnesota and North Dakota they will make permanent settlements. Forty passenger coaches and 100 freight cars were required to carry the party and their household effects.

### A STRIKE ORDERED.

LOWELL, Mass., March 25.—The Textile Council today voted to order a strike in the cotton mills of this city, on March 31st, because of the refusal of the mill agents to grant a 10 per cent increase in wages. The strike will directly affect about 20,000 operatives.

## BIG SENSATION IN CONGRESS

### Richardson Charges That Bribery Has Been Practised

### TO SECURE THE RECENT TREATY

### TRANSFERRING DANISH WEST INDIES TO THE AMERICAN GOVERNMENT.

### Congressmen Said to Have Been Cor- rupted, and an Investigation Has Been Ordered—A Committee Appoint- ed to Deal With the Question—Fun- ston Attacked and Abused.

WASHINGTON, March 27.—A genuine sensation was caused in the House today, by the presentation by Richardson, the Democratic leader, of charges alleging the corrupt use of a fund of \$500,000, in connection with the sale of the Danish West Indies. The charges were contained in an alleged secret report of Captain Walter Christmas, to the Danish Government, which declared that he had employed corrupt means to bring the negotiations for a sale of the islands to a consummation. The report mentioned the names of Abner McKinley and his partner, Colonel Brown; C. W. Knox, who was described as an "intimate friend of Senator Hanna"; Richard P. Evans, who was said to represent "Mr. Gardner and his friends in the House," and two press associations, the names of which were not given, as having been interested in the matter.

The charges against the members of Congress were not specific. Upon the basis of this report, Richardson asked the adoption of a resolution for the appointment of an investigating committee of seven. Great excitement attended the whole proceeding. Richardson's motion was adopted, and the speaker appointed the following committee:

Dalzell (Republican, Pa.); Hitt (Republican, Ill.); Cousins (Republican, Ia.); McCall (Republican, Mass.); Richardson (Dem., Tenn.); Dinsmore (Dem., Ark.); and Cowherd (Dem., Mo.). The Army Appropriation bill was subsequently passed without material amendment.

### Committee to Organize.

Washington, March 27.—Representative Dalzell, chairman of the committee appointed today by Speaker Henderson to investigate the charges in connection with the Danish West Indies treaty, will go over the allegations tomorrow, and the arrangements will then be made for an early meeting of the committee, probably on Saturday.

### No Commissions Paid.

Washington, March 27.—It is said that the answer of the State Department to the Richardson resolution directing an investigation of the charges made in connection with the Danish West Indies treaty, will disclose the fact that, according to the record, the United States Government has refused to have anything to do with any persons as party to the treaty who were not directly connected with the Danish Government. The Department also placed on record its determination to pay no commission to any person on account of a sale of the islands. It will be pointed out that our Government has no right to dictate to the Danish Government as to what it should do in the matter of paying commissions.

### Attacked Funston.

Washington, March 27.—In the Senate today Harris and Quarles spoke at length on the oleomargarine bill. Harris supported the measure, but urged that an amendment placing the tax of 10 cents a pound on adulterated butter and regulating the manufacture and sale of renovated butter ought to be adopted. Quarles vigorously denounced the oleomargarine industry as at present conducted, as a fraud, and insisted that in the interest of the whole American people the pending bill ought to be enacted into law. Taking advantage of the latitude of debate afforded by the Senate rules, Patterson sharply criticized the methods by which General Funston captured Aguinaldo, and sought to show that Funston's statement published today, that he had not violated the articles of civilized warfare, was not accurate.

Washington, March 27.—Representative Babcock, of the Ways and Means committee, called at the White House today in response to a request from the President. It was discovered that the committee stands eight to eight, as between Payne and Tawney on Cuban reciprocity propositions, and Babcock held the deciding vote. After the interview it was stated that Babcock had been won over by the President, and that he would vote for the Payne proposition.

### The Silver Standard.

Washington, March 27.—Republican members of the Senate committee on the Philippines were in session today, considering the Philippine Government bill. After the conference adjourned, the members of the committee stated that there was a practical unanimity in favor of permitting the present silver standard in the Philippines to remain undisturbed.

### Wished to Retire.

Washington, March 27.—Chairman Babcock, of the Republican Congress-

sional Committee, today informed President Roosevelt that, owing to ill health, he desired to relinquish the chairmanship of the committee.

### The Consular Service.

Washington, Mar. 27.—The House committee on foreign affairs today voted to report the bill to reorganize the United States Consular Service. The bill provides for the appointment by the President of a committee to assist in the reorganization of the Consular Service, which is to be effected within two years. Consular officers are graded with fixed salaries, fees are abolished; a board of examiners is established, and a provision is made for an eligible list, from which appointees may be selected.

### GERMANY IS UNCERTAIN.

### The Open Door in China the Subject of Negotiations.

BERLIN, Mar. 27.—The Associated Press has high authority for saying that the Government of the United States has been sounding Germany as to how far the latter country would go toward maintaining the "open door" in China.

The purpose of the inquiry was to learn whether Germany, in any event, would take a resolute stand for equal trade opportunities. The inquiry resulted in obtaining from the very head of the German Empire the impression that Germany, while willing to take an identical attitude with the other powers for the "open door," would not in the final instance oppose something that Russia really desired.

### BRITISH LIBERALS

### Will Meet Boer Agents in Paris for a Consultation.

PARIS, Mar. 27.—The Figaro says, it has reason to believe that an interview is about to take place between Lord Rosebery, Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman, the Duke of Devonshire, and other Liberal leaders, who are now in Paris, and Dr. Leyds, the European representative of the Transvaal. The Figaro says, Leyds reached Paris last night.

Pretoria, Mar. 27.—Four guns, taken by the Boers when General Methuen was captured, are still in General De la Rey's hands. Those recaptured by Colonel Kekewich are the guns lost at the time of the Vondolop convoy disaster.

### TRAVEL IS INTERRUPTED.

### Passenger Traffic on Northern Pacific Stopped by Spring Rains.

ST. PAUL, Minn., Mar. 27.—The main line of the Northern Pacific is blocked, and passenger traffic is seriously interrupted. Trains are now blocked by the spring rains. The melting snow and severe rains have transformed the stretches of prairie near Mandan, N. D., and between Mandan and Jamestown, into veritable lakes. At many points the tracks are completely covered by water. The Great Northern line has suffered severely, although the floods have not been severe enough to block the trains.

### STRIKE IS POSTPONED.

### Senator Hanna Secures a Temporary Settlement of Anthracite Troubles.

NEW YORK, Mar. 27.—The miners and mineowners of the Anthracite fields debated their differences today in a conference arranged by the conciliation committee of the National Civic Federation, but the meeting was without result, save that the workers agreed not to strike on April 1st, as decided at the Shamokin convention. There is to be a further friendly discussion between the two interests, and Senator Hanna is empowered to call another conference at any favorable time within the next thirty days.

### GUEVARRA TO QUIT.

### Lukban's Successor in Samar Is Ready to Surrender.

MANILA, Mar. 27.—General Smith in command of the American forces on the island of Samar, had an interview yesterday with the insurgent General Guevarra, and several officers of his command. Guevarra succeeded Lukban as the insurgent leader in Samar, and has signified his intention of surrendering to the American authorities.

### HE WAS DAMAGED.

### Affecting Scene in a Court Room at the Trial of a Case.

DAVENPORT, Wash., Mar. 27.—A damage suit for \$30,000, brought by Frank Thompson against H. H. McCulligan for alienating his wife's affections, was begun here Wednesday. When asked to estimate his damage, the plaintiff today broke down and cried, and said:

"I am damaged more than my life is worth."

### MISS STONE RECOVERED.

### The Noted American Missionary Is Going to London.

VIENNA, Mar. 27.—Miss Ellen M. Stone, the American missionary, passed through Vienna tonight on her way to London. Miss Stone appeared to have recovered from the effects of her captivity better than was expected by those who saw her at the time of her release.

### REPAIR PLANT BURNED.

CHIHUAHUA, Tex., March 27.—The roundhouse, carpenter shops and entire plant of the Chihuahua & Pacific Railroad Company has been destroyed by fire, the origin of which is unknown. The loss is estimated at \$200,000. All the engines, with the exception of two, were destroyed.

### CASTORIA.

The Kind You Have Always Bought  
Solely at  
Wm. A. Rorer & Co.

## TO RULE THE PHILIPPINES

### Committee on Insular Affairs in Congress

### PREPARES A BILL FOR PASSAGE

### PROVIDING FOR A CIVIL GOVERN- MENT FOR THE ISLANDS— JUDGE TAFT'S IDEAS.

Incorporated in the Measure by the Congressmen on the Committee—A Legislative Assembly Is Provided, Consisting of an Upper and a Lower House—In the Houses of Congress.

WASHINGTON, Mar. 25.—The Republican members of the House Committee on Insular Affairs are rapidly perfecting a bill, providing a civil form of Government for the Philippines. In the main the measure, as perfected, follows that favored by Judge Taft. In its present form the bill provides for the institution of a civil government in the Philippines, when the Commission shall certify to the President that a state of permanent peace has been secured. Thereafter the census is to be held, and the islands divided into districts. A Legislative Assembly is created, consisting of two Houses. The upper House is to some extent a continuance of the Philippine Commission. The Lower House of Philippine Assemblymen is to be elected by the people.

### Rhea Unseated.

Washington, Mar. 25.—The House today, by a majority of ten, unseated Rhea, of Kentucky, a Democrat, and seated in his place J. McKenzie Moss, who was formerly a Democrat but who, according to his brief, is in accord with the Republican party on the dominant Miles, outlining a plan of campaign in the House is forty-three, while only two Republicans, Hanbury and Vreeland, of New York, voted with the Democrats, enough Republicans declined to vote to reduce the majority to ten. At the conclusion of the debate on the case was rather spirited, Rhea making an eloquent defense of his right to the seat.

After the vote the House began a consideration of the army appropriation bill.

### A Sharp Attack.

Washington, Mar. 25.—A sharp attack on the pending Oleomargarine bill was made in the Senate today, by Money. He denounced the measure as unconstitutional, dishonest, immoral and unjust. He said it was a proposition to tax out of existence one industry for the benefit of another, and it was "protection gone mad."

### Chinese Exclusion.

Washington, Mar. 25.—The House Committee on Foreign Affairs today completed the consideration of the Chinese Exclusion bill, and ordered it

favorably reported to the House. The measure comes from the committee with quite a number of changes. The exclusion of Chinese laborers is made complete, both as to the mainland territory of the United States, and all insular possessions, including the Philippines and Hawaii.

### General Miles Plan.

Washington, Mar. 25.—It is the intention of Chairman Cooper, of the House Committee on Insular Affairs, to call up tomorrow the Burlington resolution requesting the President to submit to the House a letter of General Miles, outlining a plan of campaign in the Philippines, and it is expected the committee will report favorably on the resolution.

### A BIG NUGGET.

### Who Wouldn't Like to Have It, if Report is True?

GUTHRIE O. T., Mar. 25.—Great excitement has been caused at Lawton by the unearthing in the Wichita Mountains of an eighty-five pound nugget, eighty-three per cent pure gold.

### WON'T HOLD WATER.

AUSTIN, Tex., March 27.—The Associated Press correspondent had a talk with State Health Officer Tabor this morning regarding a recent publication by the War Department to the effect that a certain species of mosquito is the only medium for the transmission of yellow fever. Dr. Tabor is of the opinion that the "theory won't hold water," and states that he will not accept it. He had been familiar with yellow fever from childhood and knew enough to keep rigid quarantine and disinfecting rules in effect.

### PRESIDENTIAL NOMINATIONS.

WASHINGTON, Mar. 26.—The President today sent the following nominations to the Senate:

Albert M. Anderson, Colville Agency, Wash.; Herman G. Nickerson, Shoshone Agency, Wyoming; Civil Engineer, M. T. Endicott, U. S. N., to be Chief of Bureau of Yards and Docks, with rank of Rear Admiral.

### AMERICAN CANNED MEATS.

NEW YORK, March 27.—The British Government has made a contract with the London branch of a large American packing firm for 230,000 cases of canned beef, to be delivered in London for the British army, and for 500,000 pounds of sliced bacon in tin cans for prompt shipment. This is said to be the biggest single contract for canned beef on record, and is mostly for two-pound cans.

### PURE LIQUOR LAW.

DULUTH, Minn., March 27.—The Minnesota Dairy and Food Department scored its first conviction under the pure-liquor law. Captain Henry Savage has been convicted of selling impure whisky, and 40 other prosecutions are pending awaiting the decision in the Savage case.

### MUST SUSPEND ACTION.

SHANGHAI, March 27.—The Chinese Government has instructed the Viceroy of Canton to suspend negotiations with the French syndicate for the Canton-Fatsan Railway, as this project is calculated to affect the rights of the American syndicate.

"Agents' Authority to Sell"—Real Estate blanks, at the Statesman Job Office.



## Easter Millinery Offering

TODAY  
FRIDAY  
SATURDAY

Sale Prices on all

Trimmed Hats  
Street Hats  
Children's Hats

This is my Easter offering and it is worthy of your investigation

MISS MINNIE EVANS  
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Department

Easter Eggs for Children Under 12 Years  
Free Tomorrow from 10 to 11 O'Clock . . .

## Easter Glove Sale Today

Ladies' Kid Gloves; fine, selected stock; guaranteed quality fitted by expert fitters.

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A Glove that most every store sells for \$1.50. We have given them the test of time and found them good.

Special \$1.08

Extra High Grade French Kids—all shades for Easter.

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Our High Grade Majestic Gloves in all colors.

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