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España De anoche

Madrid 28 de noviembre

LOS PRESUPUESTOS

Hoy ha empezado en el Senado la discusión de los presupuestos generales del Estado

MITIN

El domingo se celebrará en Bens el mitin preparado por la sociedad el Fomento del Trabajo Nacional

CAMBIOS

Las libras esterlinas se han cotizado hoy en la Bolsa a 31.75

EDITORIAL

American Duties Our esteemed

upon New York contemp

Cuban Sugar, The Evening

Post, attracted by

our recent articles upon the subject,

prints the following editorial, discussing

the Cuban Sugar Problem—and

incidentally, Cuban Politics—from an

American standpoint:

"OUR SUGAR DUTIES.

"THE DIARY OF THE MARINA OF Havana

of November 17 makes mention of a delegation

of Cuban gentlemen visiting the

United States for the purpose of promoting

a treaty of reciprocity whereby the

sugar of the island shall be admitted to

the United States free of duty. The Havana

newspaper says that these gentlemen

have received much encouragement from

members of the New York Chamber of

Commerce and from bankers and business

men in various centres of industry. Simultaneously

we receive the annual report of

Brig.-Gen. James H. Wilson, commanding

the Department of Matanzas and Santa

Cruz embracing a special report on the

industrial, economical, and social conditions

existing there. Gen. Wilson strongly

advocates an arrangement by which the

sugar of Cuba shall be admitted to the

United States free of duty. He conceives

this to be the one thing needed to restore

prosperity to the island. The subject will,

no doubt, find its way into the discussions

of Congress soon. It is, therefore, to see

what principles are concerned in such

a measure, and to inquire whether our

Treasury can afford to make the sacrifice

involved in relinquishing so large a source

of its income.

"The United States imports about

1,600,000 tons of sugar annually, from

which it derives a revenue of about

\$5,000,000. The island of Cuba has

produced in a single year something more

than 1,600,000 tons. It is capable of in-

creasing its output indefinitely if a suffi-

cient inducement is offered. It is probably

safe to say that Cuba can produce all the

sugar that the United States can consume.

She has abundance of land adapted to the

growth of the cane. Whenever the pro-

duction shall be stimulated by a bounty

equal to our present duty on No. 16 sugar

(about two cents per pound), the increase

of the industry will soon overtake our

present consumption. Under the proposed

treaty of reciprocity, the mission of our

duty on sugar, if confined to Cuba alone,

would be the same thing as a bounty

to the Cuban planter, who would receive

which is equal to the cost of the article

at the factory. What is proposed, there-

fore, is to give Cuban planter a profit of

one hundred per cent on their product at

Americans will buy plantations and put

in sugar machinery. The industry is suf-

ficiently attractive regardless of the

question of duties or royalties. The island

of Cuba is probably the richest piece of

ground on the American hemisphere. It is

centrally the richest for sugar-growing.

Mr. William J. Clark, in his recently pub-

lished book on "Commercial Cuba" Scrib-

ners says that *ceteris paribus*, "sugar can

be produced cheaper per pound in Cuba

than in any other country in the world."

Therefore, there is little risk in investing

capital there in sugar-planting, regardless

of the American duties. The strong prob-

ability is that such investments will be

made with a view to the early annexation

of the island to the United States, since

annexation would be equivalent to a repeal

of the sugar duties. Cuban sugar would

then stand on the same footing as that of

Louisiana or the best sugar of Nebraska

and California. This is one of our rock-

ets. The Cuban people are not a docile

people to the addition of the American Republic.

We have more social and political problems

than we can deal with satisfactorily now.

Cuba would supply us with a new one, and

the danger is that we shall presently have

an irresistible lobby at Washington work-

ing for annexation for the money that is in

it and that the Cuban problem will be on

our hands without any previous preparation

for dealing with it."

Prominent People.

SEÑOR GONZALO DE QUESADA

Cuba's Delegate at Washington, com-

menting upon the appointment of

Monsieur SERRAVALLO as Bishop of

Havana, is quoted as having said:

"The Cuban Catholics would have

been with pleasure the appointment of

a Cuban prelate to the position of

Bishop of Havana, as was done with

the Archbishop of Santiago de Cuba;

but, of course, the selection made by

the Holy See must have been made in

view of the special qualifications of the

prelate designated, and will be

considered by the Cuban Catholics as

for their best interests."

Mr. ATWATER, Business Manager of

the Havana Journal, is expected back

from New York today.

CAPITAL CITY CHAT.

At the Insular Council meeting in

the Palace yesterday, the Secretary of

Agriculture and Public Works asked

Governor General BROOKS'S approval

of a project appropriating money to

construct ten bridges upon the car-

road connecting Pinar del Rio City

with the town of Consolacion del Sur.

INSULAR ITEMS OF INTEREST.

It is reported that work upon the

purpose of extension of the Havana &

Western Railway, from Pinar del Rio

City to Vinales, connecting at the

latter point with the existing line to

San Cayetano upon the North Coast,

will shortly be inaugurated.

Manzanillo reports indicate trouble

at Ceiba Haina, where hundreds of

laborers upon the Sugar Estate

Terresa have been suddenly dismissed

and left without means of subsistence.

The Mayor of Matanzas proposes

the construction of a Municipal Subor-

dinate correction and Hospital for in-

fantile infractors of town ordinances.

OFICIAL

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