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## Weekly News Summary.

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The president sent to congress a message March 27 announcing that every condition imposed upon the island of Cuba had been complied with and recommending the appointment of an envoy, consul general, and two consuls for the republic. Some of the agreements that Cuba has entered into were also specified. The island will be formally turned over to the Cuban government on the 20th of May next.

A dispatch from Washington asserts that as soon as the treaty providing for the acquisition of the Danish West Indies is ratified, the president will turn his attention to the selection of a governor for the islands. Jacob Riis, the well-known newspaper writer of New York city, is one of those suggested for the position, and his name is said to be favorably considered by the president.

The Chinese exclusion bill has been reported to the house by the committee on foreign affairs. A dispatch to the Chicago Tribune points out that the existing law expires by limitation on May 5 next, that this leaves only six weeks time in which to re-enact the exclusion law, and that a number of labor organizations are becoming much excited over the delay. The Tribune says that the labor leaders "fear that they will be tricked in some way and that there will be a lapse of time between the expiration of the present law and the passage of a new one. It is even asserted that Chinamen have been gathering along the Canadian border with this idea in view and that if there is a hiatus of only twenty four hours the astute Orientals will take advantage of the situation."

The democratic congressional committee was organized at Washington March 27 by the election of Congressman Griggs of Georgia as chairman. A committee consisting of Representatives Griggs, Williams of Mississippi, Rupert of New York, Richardson of Tennessee, Williams of Illinois, Jackson of Kansas, and Senator Culbertson of Texas was appointed to perfect a plan of organization. It will report to a meeting of the full committee to be held April 11. The following were selected to represent states which

have no democratic representation in congress: Connecticut, Robert D. De Forest; Iowa, G. A. Hoffman; Maine, H. G. Brown; New Hampshire, Ben Hollis; Wisconsin, E. C. Wall; Wyoming, C. T. Arnold; Indian Territory, Samuel Powell; Oklahoma Territory, Henry Bacon; West Virginia, E. H. Osseman.

On March 26 Mr. Cooper of Wisconsin presented the Burleson resolution to the house. This resolution called upon the president for information relative to General Miles' application for service in the Philippines for the purpose of putting into operation his plan for the pacification of the islands. The resolution was adopted. The army appropriation bill was then discussed, Mr. Warnock of Ohio speaking in opposition to the measure. Mr. Burleson of Texas then spoke at length on the resolution recently passed by the house, calling on the secretary of state for information as to the refusal to grant passports to Dr. Thomas and wife to go to South Africa in the interests of the Boer relief fund. He denounced Secretary Hay's part in the affair as being "evasive." Mr. Hitt of Illinois replied to Mr. Burleson, and defended Mr. Hay, saying that the American government had offered mediation and would do so again if acceptable.

### DANISH PURCHASE SENSATION.

On March 27 Representative Richardson of Tennessee created something of a stir in the house when he introduced a resolution providing for investigation of the charge that \$500,000 had been corruptly used in connection with the sale of the Danish West Indies. The Associated press report tells the story as follows:

The resolutions presented by Mr. Richardson are in part as follows:

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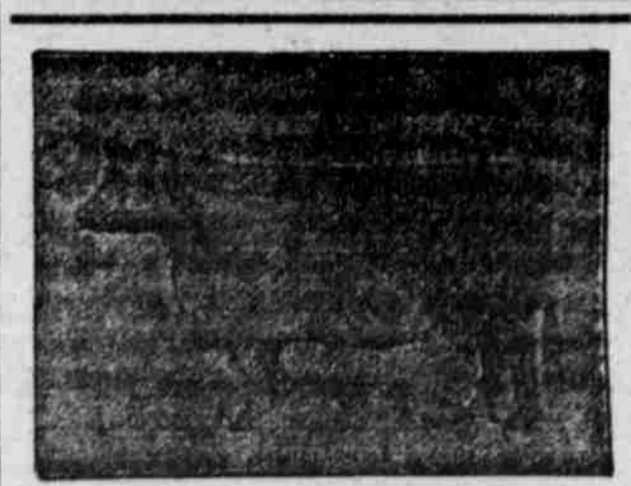
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