

CÁMARA DE REPRESENTANTES
DE PUERTO RICO

"I have always been much troubled with the anomalous situation in Porto Rico and while it was not fitting that we should take part in the politics of the island, yet in my own case I have always maintained a consistent attitude since the days of '98 when I recall speaking publicly to the effect that the Pole Star should be ultimate statehood through territorial government which has been worked out here repeatedly and against which the only argument I have heard having any weight whatever in my mind is the non-contiguity of Porto Rico to the other states of the Union. But this with modern means of communication amounts to nothing in my opinion. with us sovereignty resides in the people. I am willing as one of the sovereigns to have great possessions in lands, buildings, etc., but not of people, and I believe our system of government will be badly strained unless we are honest with ourselves in this matters and permit every aspiration which we ourselves have to be shared by all others under the American flag. It is not unreasonable to expect a period of time for preparation for full rights of citizenship. Whether this has now been accomplished in Porto Rico I would not attempt to say. I only state my unwavering and consistent attitude on the larger question."

Carta del General Darling, desde
Boston, Mass.- Dic. 6, 1920.



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"I should judge both Porto Rico and Continental America had candidates enough to satisfy everybody.

"As a matter of fact nothing whatever has been done as yet toward filling this post though from what I am told it is likely to be reached early after march 4th. next.

"Massachusetts will want many diplomatic appointments and already has the leader of the Senate, (and of course will have its presiding officer), the Speaker of the house, etc. So any Massachusetts man, in my opinion, will have to receive a loud call from the island and considerable outside support to be successful.

"I am told the backing of the Republican Party of Porto Rico would have great weight."

Carta del General Darling desde Boston,
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