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The latest news from Micronesia shows a renewal of the fighting between the natives and the Spanish troops. They attacked the latter unawares, and killed ninety Spaniards, including soldiers and civilians.

CORRESPONDENCE.

We do not hold ourselves responsible for the statements made, or opinions expressed by our correspondents.

The Old and the New Constitutions.

MR. EDITOR.—The remarkable opinion of a majority of the Justices of the Supreme Court has amazed the community.

It seems unaccountable that any intelligent person can compare the new Constitution with the old one, and arrive at the conclusion which the judges have.

Article 41 of the present Constitution takes the place of Article 42 of the old Constitution. They read:

Table comparing Old Constitution and New Constitution. Article 41 of the new constitution is significantly longer and more detailed than Article 42 of the old constitution.

The first difference is the change from "the King's Cabinet" to "the Cabinet." One was literally "the King's," responsible to him. The other is the people's, responsible to the Legislature.

The distinction is so radical and marked, that the meaning cannot be mistaken. Under the old Constitution the Ministers held office "during His Majesty's pleasure," under the new one they "shall be removed by him only upon a vote of want of confidence."

That the Judges could not perceive the fundamental difference in the provisions, and plain intent, of the present Constitution, is almost past understanding.

INDIGNANT CITIZEN.

Why the Concealment?

MR. EDITOR. For some reason best known to the Judges of the Supreme Court, in giving their opinions in the Cabinet matter, the majority have disregarded precedent, and have not signed their reply.

This is not a judgment of the Court, but a matter of their individual opinions. Are they, or is any one of them, ashamed of their or his part in the matter?

In judgments even, where a majority decide cases, the name of the dissenting justice is always given. And generally he states his grounds of dissent.

The public are entitled to full and frank action in this matter. Evasion and shirking of responsibility should be beneath the dignity of a judge of the Supreme Court.

CITIZEN.

Keep on the right side of your local newspaper men. A little mark of appreciation lubricates a reporter's joints as readily as those of other sorts and conditions of men; and no honest business ever suffered too much newspaper notice.

The Supreme Court's Decision.

As there seems to be some confusion in the mind of the public in regard to the matter of the opinion of the Justices of the Supreme Court on the Cabinet question the following statement is given:

"On the 16th instant, the Cabinet of His late Majesty sent a request to the Justices of the Supreme Court for an opinion upon the question whether the Queen was authorized by the Constitution to request their resignations and was free to appoint a new Cabinet.

"On the 17th the Cabinet asked the Justices to suspend their reply until they should be notified to proceed with it. In the forenoon of Wednesday, the 25th, the Cabinet asked the Justices to proceed with the consideration of the question. At about 2:30 p. m. the opinion of the Justices was handed to the Attorney General, and thereupon the Cabinet sent in their resignations to the Queen, who then appointed and commissioned a new Cabinet, as follows:

- "Hon. Samuel Parker, Minister of Foreign Affairs;
"Hon. H. A. Widemann, Minister of Finance;
"Hon. C. N. Spencer, Minister of the Interior;
"Hon. W. A. Whiting, Attorney-General.

"The Chief Justice was summoned to the Palace and administered the oaths of office to the new Cabinet."

The New Apportionment.

The Apportionment Bill which has now passed both Houses, has fixed the number of Representatives at 356. This number is based on the recent census. The greatest opposition to the returns came from the Democratic side. There was a furious onslaught all along the line. But when the apportionment was arranged on the present basis, it was seen that not a single State in the Union would lose any part of its representation.

The allotment of Representatives under the apportionment stands as follows:

Table showing the allotment of Representatives by state under the new apportionment. Includes states like Alabama, Arkansas, California, etc.

Total 356

The Biggest Gun Yet.

The new ten inch rifle recently tested at Sandy Hook has broken the record by throwing its shells fifteen miles. This beats by about two miles and a half the longest shot ever known heretofore—the famous Jubilee shot fired in England in 1887. This is assuming, of course, that the stories of cannonballs fired across the English channel in Queen Anne's time are fabulous. The 9.2 inch gun from which the Jubilee shot was projected was a far inferior weapon to the ten inch beauty just tried at Sandy Hook. During the firing at Sandy Hook an observer out at sea would have seemed to see the projectiles falling from the sky. He would have had to climb a high mast to bring the gun into the range of vision above the curvature of the earth. This is the kind of gun with which the Monadnock is to be armed. The Monterey will have some still more powerful, and the Oregon will be equipped with a battery more formidable yet.

The new gun has a twelve-inch bore. The tests were made under the direction of Lieutenant Taylor, the engineer in charge of the works at Sandy Hook. The gun was first loaded with 100 pounds of powder and a hollow shell. The charge of powder was gradually increased, until 250 pounds were used at a load. The gun stood the heavy charges. The reports were heard nearly forty miles down the coast.

The Department of Agriculture will make efforts this year to introduce in South Russia the cultivation of "fast-growing" rice. At present the kind of rice, which ripens in sixty days from the time the seeds are put into the ground, grows only in China.

CURIOS CONDENSATIONS.

London affords for the use of its 5,000,000 inhabitants 19 free public and 25 commercial bathing establishments.

Women are eligible for office in Roumania, and in 1888 Mme. Anna Jonesco was elected Mayoress of Mangala, which position she held for two years.

A noble prince, in fact a very noble prince, with blue blood and a first-class coat-of-arms, has just advertised in a paper at Nice for an American heiress.

The frosty weather has been telling heavily on the accident insurance companies. One company in London is said to have had 225 claims for broken legs within seven days.

Mississippi has a girl's industrial college. Columbus, Ga., has laid the corner stone of a building to be devoted to the same purpose, and now Alabama is agitating the subject.

There is very little ebb or flow of tide in the Arctic, but occasionally there are very strong currents. All winter there is a general flow of tide and ice toward the south, while in summer this flow is northward.

New York is ahead of all the other cities if individual riches running up into seven or more figures is meant. It is said that New York has over 1,000 millionaires, while London has 600, Paris 500, Berlin 200 and Vienna 100.

The Americans go in for big things, and one of the latest is a big cheese, the biggest ever made in the locality where it was manufactured, and probably the largest ever made in the United States. The cheese factory at East Otta is credited with having made this monster cheese, which measured 5 feet in diameter, and was 39 inches high. Its weight was something like 4,000 pounds, and fully 38,000 pounds of milk was used in its manufacture.

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