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NEW ORLEANS, OCTOBER 17, 1877.

Senator Goodie arrived in the city yesterday. The Senator comes to preside over the meetings of the Legislative committee appointed to investigate the affairs of the Executive department of the Kellogg regime.

DEPOTISM AND COMMUNISM.

The Russians have met with a signal reverse in their rear; the cable announces the arrest of several hundred Russian Socialists or Nihilists in St. Petersburg, for a conspiracy against the government.

Communist has prevailed in Russia for centuries, but it is only of late years that a movement has been organized to make the general government of the State communistic, as well as that of the town and village.

The two great secret societies of Russia are the Nihilists and the Propagandists. The Nihilists are pure socialists. They propose the abolition of Czarism and absolute government by a popular revolution, and in its stead and on its ruins the establishment of a State in which there shall be no individual property, no religion, no government or laws, nothing—nothing.

In 1875 a conspiracy of the Nihilists was discovered and at the same time the most alarming proofs of the strength and power of the organization. A few of the leaders were discovered and a number of persons executed and others banished to Siberia.

That great discontent with the government prevails throughout Russia is universally admitted, but few persons expected it to break out in socialistic movements, such as the cable now chronicles.

It is a fact that has often been noticed before, that the more autocratic, despotic and tyrannical a government is, the wilder and more communistic are the counter ideas and doctrines that prevail among the lower classes.

spring of the government itself. It is useless for the Republican party to explain away these threatening facts by crying out "hard times" or attributing these popular movements to European immigration and the introduction thereby of European ideas.

No, the Nihilists of Russia, and the Internationalists, Socialists and Labor Reformers of America spring from the same source—centralized power, despotism, a violation of all the rules of government, a contempt for the law, the tyranny of capital and monopoly fostered by the government.

WHAT SHALL BE DONE WITH JOSEPH?

Now that Joseph has been captured the question has arisen, and a very serious one it is, what shall we do with him? It has, of course, been referred to the Cabinet, and the Cabinet has discussed the question, of course, upon the assumption that the surrender has been unconditional and that Joseph submitted himself to the merciful disposition of his captors.

But, while these companies were the only troops immediately engaged in the fight which resulted in the surrender, we must not forget that Joseph had passed the gauntlet of Howard, Gibbon and Sturgis, whom he had successively engaged during his long running flight of 120 days.

However this may be, Joseph and his Nez Perces deserve the treatment of foes and not of felons. He has surrendered only after one of the most gallant and stubborn fights on record. Gen. Miles intercepted Joseph at Bear Paw mountain, very near the Canada line, beyond which he would have been safe.

With this surrender ended the Nez Perce war, one of the most determined and gallant, as well as arduous, that the chronicles of our Indian warfare tell of.

It has been said that much depends on the conditions of surrender. We deny that this has ought to do with it. It has been surmised that the chiefs would be sent to Tortugas, or, as were the Modocs, hung. Against this we earnestly protest. The men are not felons. If the Government returns to them a less noble and generous answer than Alexander made to Porus, the great Indian king, let it not be recorded in history.

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In the canvass for the Speakership we were opposed to Mr. Randall because there was good reason to believe that he was hostile to Western and Southwestern interests.

considered that all these desirable qualities in a Speaker would be more than offset, as far as our section was interested, by a hostile sentiment to its needed improvements.

The overwhelming triumph of Mr. Randall in securing the caucus nomination is a very significant fact, and one that inclines us to change our former opinion concerning his attitude on the Mississippi levee bill and the Texas Pacific Railroad, which require a fractional part of the government aid that has been lavished upon Northern railroads, rivers and harbors.

If the lately elected Speaker had been inimical to the measures and enterprises specified, it is very singular that he was supported by a majority of the representatives from the States most deeply interested in their success.

The recent elections in France are variously and contradictorily reported and interpreted. Much of this conflict arises from the misconception as to the relations and attitudes of the several parties into which the French people are divided.

It is to be borne in mind that whilst this majority include Republicans of the various classes of Constitutionalists, of Radicals, and Communists and Red Republicans, the minority embraces also Napoleonists, Imperialists, Orleansists, Legitimists and Clericalists.

Whilst this majority may be regarded as an apparent victory of the Republicans, it must be remembered that in the Senate of three hundred members there is still a decided majority for MacMahon, and that in a conflict with the House, the Executive and Senate will be the equal in power and influence with the House.

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