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WHICH SHALL IT BE? Before the Fifty-fourth Congress passes into history, it will have been discovered that Grover Cleveland is either the shrewdest politician known to modern politics or is the destroyer of a country, as well as being a party wrecker. His message on the Venezuelan controversy can bring but two results-a declaration of war against England by Congress, or a complete back down by that body from its present warlike attitude. Should it be war, the name of Benedict Arnold will be mentioned with pride by Americans, compared to the man per to which that of our President will be referred. But if Congress fails to back up its Quixotic bravado, Mr. Cleveland will be regarded as a public idol.

England will not take the initiative in opening hostilities with this country. She is secure in her position on the Vene zucian question, because she has only to take possession of the disputed territory without troubling herself about the outcome of the report of our proposed commission of Inquiry. Should the report be favorable to England, no harm will have been done. If, on the contrary, it is un favorable, then Congress must either dispossess England and restore the seized territory to Venezuela, or crawfish out of the dilemma. As the controversy stands since President Cleveland has referred it to Congress, that body must either fight or run. There is no alternative.

A number of our beetle-brained statesmen are chuckling over a possibility of a settle ment of the dispute through the interven tion of the European powers. That as sumption is like extracting mental com fort from the moon. With a single exception, the European nations are interested in cotonial expansion, and are sympathiz-ers, if not open allies, of England in this final disposition of the Monroe doctrine Ti se countries argue that if the United Stores arrogates the right to demand that international disputes be settled by orbitration, we should also assume th functions of a peacemaker, and preven the South American countries from pro-

The question of our ability to cope with England in the event of war, is not of great importance at present. Should that calamity occur, it would be a conflict of years and at first its results would be against Unfortunately, we are not possessed with ability to walk on water, nor have we the navy to even defend our seacoast, to say nothing of attempting to assume the aggressive. England would not venture, as invasion of our territory, or the prob-lem of conquest would be soon solved. But she would shot so up like rate in a box

products, and destroy us as a commercial nation." Our patriotic statesmen should also consider the effect of their warlik boasting on the country, even should a war not cecur. There are such things as financial pinics, and they are in a fair way to bring one about.

DANGEROUS PRACTICE.

A form of litigation is in vogue in the District which might, under certain conditions, give rise to vexatious complica tions and cause great expense. In suits brought against the District the individual Commissioners are made the defendants and not the corporate body. Instead of a cause being entered against the District of Colambia, it is John W. Ross, George Truesdel and Charles F. Powell that are called upon

It is in contravention of the organic law The act creating the present form of government for the District provides that the Commissioners, being the responsible power, shall be saed in the name of the District. An experienced court officer calls attention to the fact that a deviation from this rule may cause the trouble above referred to. If any one of the Commissioners were to die, or retire from office pending such a suit, proceedings would have to be begun de novo.

It will be seen that through this disregard of the organic act, not only the District, but those bringing it into court, might suffer great annoyance, delay and unnecessary expense, and that the practic ought to be discontinued. It has even been suggested that it might be well to ask Congress for specific additional legislation, if a cure cannot be effected in any

POLITICAL FIREWORKS.

There is something about the patriotist of Senator Chandler that reminds one of the vaporings of a teakettle. That part of his anatomy which does not bubble and question would be difficult to hit with hostile bullet, were it exposed, and if i could be safely separated from the big end of his body, the effervescing Senator might go to war with perfect impunity. He wants Congress to purchase a million of arms an maintain an army on a war footing; also to build a powerful navy and establish costly seaconst defenses. When this is done he will doubtless ask our national legislature to begin the conquest of Mars. It might be well to add that Mr. Chandler belonged to that noble band of patriots who built a tariff wall around this country. and that this last effort is probably intended as a parapet to that wall upon which his party may stand goard over the destinles of our nation.

It would most the United States \$500, 000,000 to carry out the project of Senator Chandler. This sum may seem a mere bagatelle to his exaggerated mental vision. but it means a good deal to the American public, and it would involve the happiness of many a citizen in the increased taxations such an enormous expenditure would make necessary. It is easy for statesmen of Senator Chandler's caliber to propose these tramfuzzle schemes. To them they amount to nothing more than the time wasted in their preparation. But the public, who do not understand the tricks of politicians, look upon these elaborate efforts to make a newspaper reputation, as exmples of patriotic statesmanship.

The present Congress will bristle with such warlike measures; but like the quill of a porcupine, they will neither be dan gerous por far-reaching. In the absence of opportunity to enact party legislation the Congressional majority must resort to burning this kind of political red fire. Bu the House has overreached itself in adopt ing the Venezuelan appropriation, and if the Senate follows its example, an eroption of Mount Vesuvius will dwindle to insignificance compared to the international fire vorks that will follow.

THE VERDICT ALREADY KNOWN. The public will hold its breath from sheer mazement should the Senate resolution to investigate the efforts of corporations to control legislation amount to anything but political buncombe. The last Senate inerated in the tariff law a measure intended to annihilate trusts; but, instead of doing so, these burdensome corporations ore numerous and arrogant than ever. It is possine that the anti-trust law was enacted is good faith. If so, it would be well for the Senate to make inquiry why has not been enforced.

In conducting its investigation on the methods adopted by corporations to control the election of Congressmen and also to influence Congressional legislation, the Senate might secure valuable information by ascertaining how many Senators and Representatives are either members of corporations or in their pay as advisory counsel. Further light on the subject might also be obtained from a list of Congressnen who are under obligations to corporations through the acceptance of compli mentary passes, franks and similar favors When the list of the national legislators who belong to the above-named classes is made up it will be found that but few Congressmen are left to answer no when it omes to voting on important legislation

that concerns corporations. It will not be so easy to learn bow corporations manage to secure the election of Congressmen favorable to their interesta. The wire pulling is generally done in the selection of delegates to Congres sional conventions, and the party in the majority in the several districts usually profits by the support of corporate influ ence. Many of the Senators and Representatives might. If they chose to do so. tell precisely how it is done. But, as they will not be placed on the witness stand, the proposed inquiry will doubtless end as did he one that investigated the Senatorial ugar trust stock dealing.

It is interesting to note how assiduously statesmen, who do not like to be interviewed cultivate the acquaintance of news paper men.

When Ambassador Bayard spoke of "shak ing hands across the spreading main' in his London speech the other night he did not refer to the hairy neck omament of the British lion.

The Spanish cable still continues to lie both about the Cubans and at the bottom of the ocean.

According to English reports, John Bul is so intently watching the American engle's flight, that he is neglecting his Turkey hunt.

When Uncle Sam hangs up his stocking his year he will wish it were big enough to hold a few doses ironclads.

Fortunately the football season is over The militia heroes can now receive our undivided attention.

Since the street car strike, Philadelphia Is having the biggest go-as-you-please walk-

Annual Christmas Tournament of the Washington Club.

HOLE MATCH HAS BEGUN

Half a Dozen Scores Were Made by Some of the Champions - They Looked Gay in Red Coats and Green Collars-Medal Match to Be Played

The Washington Golf Ciab will succeed in making the ancient and royal game of golf as popular at the National Capital as it was in the days of the Stuarts and the field of St. Andrews. The club has both an expert and an enthusiast as its president, Mr. Henry May, and a secretary, Mr. Edward F. Riggs, ir., who has been energicle and potent in pincing the club on a firm basis.

The Washington club is scarcely more than three years old from concention to the present time, but is arready fairly well equipped. Its field is a plateau just cast of Rossyla and west of the Georgetown University. The club bonus is old English in style with the large chimney where they "pile high the blazing logs," and is fitted up with appointments which are decidedly modern. The membership is about one hundred and is of the higher walks of



social life and from among the most suc-cessful in business and dipigmatic life in the city. The rules and regulations are similar to those which prevail at Newport, Chicago, London, New York and other golf

THE CHRISTMAS TOURNAMENT.

The club is just now in the midst of its usual Christmas tournament which proved such a big social and sporting success last year. The principal events are a "hole match," for the president's cap, and the medal match, which will begin tomorrow morning. The hole match was begin yesterday morning at 10 o'clock and will, perhaps, be concluded about 4 o'clock this afternoon, the men to be about 8 k hours in the field each day.

The holes are in certain spaces which are known as "mutting greens." The himholes of this course are named the Arlington, the River, Round Top, Wood, Far, Meadow, Monsment, Tare, and Home. From the Round Top tee to the Wood tee is the 580 yard drive. The first drive from Round Top toward the Wood necessitates the lifting the ball over a ravine which is thickly grown with trees.

The good shoits make the drive over the ravine. More cautious players divide the shot, which, however, reduces the average of shots. This long drive was made by only three of the players yesterday, and by Mr. May, who was, however, only out for a practice.

THE DIFFERENT COSTUMES. THE CHRISTMAS TOURNAMENT.

THE DIFFERENT COSTUMES.



terday were in somber colors, but they were relieved here and there by the red jacket with green collar of those in the regulation garb.

The players are followed around the field from tee to tee by the "caddles" who carry the leathern bags in which are stored the clubs, which remind one in shape of the more prosaic "shingy stick." The ends of the clubs are either of wood, iron, or brass, the iron being known as lofters, or ruisers, and the brass as brassies. The ball is about an inch in diameter, and is of bone or guita-percha, and white, for easy observance.

observance.

The matches yesterday were as follows:
Mr. George Heilen against J. A. Taylor,
the latter allowing the former one stroke
at the eighth hole. Mr. Hellen won with
four up and three to play.
P. M. Prescott against Admiral Franklin. Prescott was holes and gave
the admiral three strokes at the second.
eighth and lifteenth tees.
Mr. Keith won from Mr. Bates by two
holes, giving Mr. Bates three strokes.
Mr. J. F. Leech won from Charles B.
Gray by eight holes, giving Mr. Grey eight
holes.

holes.

Scores, which will be announced today, were made by Dr. R. Jenkins, against Mr. J. W. Lockett and Mr. Prescott against Mr. George Hellen and Mr. Wylie against Mr. F. W. Barney.

A great deal of the game depends on the precision of the first stroke and how far the ball will be propelled, avoiding all



Mr. Leech Taking Position.

the bazards which are plainly marked out on the field by stakes uninted red and green. All the player's force is exerted on this stroke and some marvelous shots are made, ranging from 150 to 180 vards. The first stroke and all the succeeding strokes, after holes are made, are executed with the hall placed on little structures of clay which the caddles manufacture in an instant.

The shots up hill are usually made with the iron-tipped clubs which can be used with as much scientific skill as if one were playing billiards on a gigantic scale. Some of the poses in the act of the first stroke are striking and effective from the artistic standpoints. The maneuvering to get the ball into the hole on the putting grounds or greens is just a little suggestive of the boysh pastime of "knocks."

THE MEDAL MATCH.

The medal match, which will be played tomorrow, is to be counted up on the number
of strokes it will require to make the
eightenlinks. The prize will be designated
at the end of the series.

The entries for the medal match up to
vesterday at 4 o'clock were Messrs. A.
Taylor, J. W. Bates, Arthur Ketth, Horace
Wylle, P. M. Prescott, Admirai Franklin,
J. W. Lockett, Henry May, F. W. Barney,
George S. Fraser and Maxwell H. Allen.
The weather yesterday was what the
golfers called ideal, and in which everybody
else agreed with them. If they have a
continuance of this dispensation, the tournament will have been an immense success.
The good players in the field vesterday will
be noted by the handleans under which they
played. Today there will be a thinning out
as the successful men will play against, and
eliminats, esch other. THE MEDAL MATCH.

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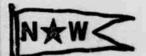
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