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The Diplomatic Ax.

The effect of the Bowen-Loomis statement issued from the White House yesterday must be to heighten the public confidence in the "square deal." Not even Mr. Bowen's best friend can justify his course as revealed by the testimony cited; and not even Mr. Loomis' best friend...

Mr. Bowen's course has been this: In mingled public spirit and personal enmity for Mr. Loomis he reported certain apparent misconduct on the part of Mr. Loomis, his predecessor and then his superior, to the State Department. Such a report was, beyond any doubt, his clear duty.

But Mr. Bowen did not rest. Instead, he seized the opportunity offered by the absence of Secretary Hay, who had disposed of the charges as seemed wise, and the President, who had no doubt approved Mr. Hay's course in the matter, and wrote to Secretary Taft, the executive pro tempore.

Meanwhile he was committing the very serious offense of undermining the influence of the United States in the country to which he was accredited by inspiring newspaper attacks upon his superior officer.

As for Mr. Loomis, he seems to have willfully confused his personal character and his capacity as a minister plenipotentiary with an indiscretion most extraordinary. How a man with such lack of judgment ever earned his way to the post of Assistant Secretary is hard to realize.

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and real naves and his bluff having been called, he now proclaims himself victor, with as much assurance as though all the forces had really belonged to him and he had led one of his brilliant and clattering cavalry charges over a dusty and bloodless field of Potosdam.

William is near and dear to all our hearts for he is the chief comedian of world politics. Without him many a dull and dreary day would oppress our souls; with him in the limelight no situation is without its gayety and no pause in the action without a long speech which pleases the Kaiser and amuses the world.

Recent dispatches are gently tinged with German chauvinism; they are adroitly worded to cover the back-down of William and save his face; we are told from Berlin that a great diplomatic battle is in progress with the chances in favor of German success.

True, France sacrificed Delcasse, who knows how far his pro-Russian policy had already weakened his influence? True, Rouvier has consented to allow Germany to talk as much as she likes, provided the protocol for the conference is in conformity with French interests.

The Nationals have been gathered to their fathers in the percentages column. Official bulletin: "No international troubles will be settled at the White House unless the contestants have lost at least 500,000 men and eight navies."

Now is the time for all good men to come to the aid of their graduated sons. The Republic of Panama has delayed putting its 1,000,000 new pesos in circulation because it can't find a suitable motto for the coin.

Women's clubs need not be worried by the report that the Dakotas are the home of many Mormons, as these are only the New York Mormons. Although it is said that Mr. Taft resembles Mr. Cleveland, it must be remembered that one sits on the lid while the other holds down the river bank.

Instead of having yellow fever, Governor Magoon is just sick of his job. When Count Cassini comes out now with "The war will go on until it ends," everybody knows he's referring to New Jersey's crusade against mosquitoes.

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IN SOCIETY'S CIRCLE SECRETARY SHAW RETURNS TO CITY

General and Mrs. Gillespie Off to Atlantic City. Miss Helena Johnson Bride of the Rev. C. H. Butler.

SOCIAL GOSSIP OF THE DAY

Several Members of Smart Set on Jaunt to Headquarters of Rod and Gun Club. Secretary of the Treasury and Mrs. Shaw and the Misses Shaw have returned from Atlantic City, and their future plans for a more permanent departure are dependent upon the weather.

Major General Gillespie, U. S. A., retired, and Mrs. Gillespie have gone to Atlantic City to spend their time before sailing for Europe July 4, and are established at the Marlborough. Senator and Mrs. Isidor Rayner, of Baltimore, have gone to Atlantic City and are spending some time at the Traymore.

Representative Edward Walker, of Detroit, Mich., is a guest at Atlantic City, stopping at the Dunlop, and is constantly being greeted by friends of both the upper and lower house of Congress as he runs over to Atlantic City, if but for a day. Col. Edward Morrell, Representative from Philadelphia, and his mother, Mrs. John G. Johnson, are at Atlantic City for a change of air.

Yesterday afternoon a party of Washington people started off for a jaunt to the Rod and Gun Club, to be gone a couple of days. Among the party were Mrs. Walter Fairfield, Mrs. Abbe, Dr. Bouvee, and the charge d'affaires from Spain, Senor Don Luis Pastor. Mrs. Moore Richardson, who was the guest for the past season of her mother, Mrs. Elizabeth Stauffer Moore, on New Hampshire avenue, is now at her former home in Greensburg, Pa., but will leave there shortly for New York, where she will be the guest of her cousin, Mrs. George C. Johnson, formerly Miss Mary Clark, daughter of Senator W. A. Clark of Montana.

Second Assistant Postmaster General William S. Shallenbarger left yesterday with his family for a three weeks' vacation at Haven, Me. Mrs. and Miss Schade leave today for their country home at Wiehle, Fairfax county, Va. They will not return to town before October. Will Sail for Paris. Nelson A. Elissasser, of 89 Vermont avenue, will sail from New York July 6, on steamer Bremen for Paris and London. Mr. Elissasser will return about September 15.

Lloyd Henry and Geo. De Neal, members of the Stag Club, have left the city on their summer vacation. The club has suspended all meetings until later in the season, when the members are contemplating taking a camping trip. Dr. Julian Cabell, U. S. N., and Mr. and Mrs. Peter M. Wilson, of this city, have gone to Richmond to attend the wedding there tomorrow of Mrs. Katherine Manning, of that city, to Gen. William R. Mitchell.

Miss Julia Kaufman, of Norfolk, Va., is the guest of her aunt, Mrs. Charles Kaufman, of Eighteenth street. Mrs. Jacques Elias and daughter, Miss Ernestine Frank, of New York, formerly of this city, spent a few days here this week. Mr. and Mrs. Phil King and Mr. and Mrs. Abe King and family, left town yesterday to spend the summer at Friendship Heights, Md. Miss Hortense Lueddeman, of Charlottesville, Va., spent a few days here this week. Mr. and Mrs. O. J. Mont, are spending the summer at Boyds, Md., making their home with Mrs. Asa Welsh. Mrs. Louise P. Holiday, of Easton, Md., is in the city to visit her daughters, Mrs. J. B. Boeck and Mrs. Levin H. Campbell.

Among the Washington people now at Atlantic City are Mrs. C. DeWitt and son, C. H. Caltran, and Mr. and Mrs. Y. W. Smith, the Almont-Craig; Mrs. E. B. Sawyer and daughter, Mrs. Aquarelle; Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Pol, and Miss Low, Chelton; Mrs. J. S. Sherwood, the Eldridge; Mrs. J. M. Haddon, Haddon Hall; Mr. Perry Minnick, the Iroquois; Mr. and Mrs. Ben S. Fawcett, whose marriage took place in this city a few days ago; Mrs. E. S. Minor, the Blenheim; G. M. Croeland, the Fredonia; Miss Janet M. Clark and Miss Ellen Gunderer, Haddon Hall; W. S. Overton, the Iroquois; Clifford and Mrs. C. H. W. Johnson, the Runnymede; Miss S. McCarthy, Miss E. H. Dent, the Rudolf; Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Oswald, Miss R. Richardson, and W. J. Douglas, the Seaside; W. F. Ford, C. Westberry, Mrs. C. B. King, and Miss M. L. Weiss, the Shoreham.

Invitations have been issued by Mr. and Mrs. William Wallace Orison to the marriage of their daughter, Evelyn Cecelia, to Harry Rider Stanford, of this city. The wedding will take place Wednesday, June 28, at 4 o'clock, in the Presbyterian Church, Ashburn, Va. CHAPERON GIVES DANCE TO CLUB. Mrs. Belle Jenvey Abrams, the popular chaperon of the Belmont Club, entertained that organization in a delightful manner, Friday evening, June 16, at the Takoma Clubhouse on Oak avenue, Takoma Park. Music, fancy dancing, singing, pool, billiards, and general dancing were enjoyed until a late hour, when all stroled to Mrs. Abrams home on Maple avenue, where refreshments were served and arrangements made for an automobile trip to Chevy Chase Inn and lake, which took place last night. The members of the club and their friends who went were Harry Hoyer, president of the Belmont Club; Earnest Johnston, Lester Kengib, Tracy Johnston, Philip Kelly, Roy Howard, Clifford Howard, J. McDonald, Relf Prescott, B. Parker, Castle Williams, D. H. Gosven, Edwin King, Mr. Giger, Mr. Abrams, M. Brazzo, and Mr. Mülle, and Miss Jessie Dickson, Miss Gorman, Miss Annie Sla, Miss Mabel Sullivan, Miss Elsie North, Miss Sadie Harley, Miss Van Dyke, Miss Porter, Miss Abbie Johnson, and Mrs. Abrams.

WEEDEN KEELER MEMORIAL CHURCH

Miss Helena Johnson Bride of the Rev. C. H. Butler.

GROOM'S FATHER OFFICIATES

At 8 o'clock last evening, in the Keller Memorial Lutheran Church, Miss Helena Johnson and the Rev. C. H. Butler, pastor of the church, were married by the groom's father, the Rev. J. G. Butler, pastor of the Luther Place Memorial Church, assisted by the Rev. E. F. Parsons. The altar and the choir were decorated with flowers, which were well filled with the many friends of the young couple. The Rebek orchestra, under the direction of H. W. Weber, furnished music for the occasion, and played the wedding march from "Lohengrin" as the bride party entered the church.

The ushers, matron of honor and flower girl met the bride couple at the door of the church and preceded them to the altar, where the simple marriage service of the Lutheran church was read. The bride, who is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Johnson, wore a beautiful wedding gown, it was lace robe made over satin. She wore a long tulle veil fastened with lilies of the valley. Her bouquet was a bouquet of white roses and pink peonies. Mrs. George C. Johnson was matron of honor. She wore a flowered mull and carried a cluster of pink roses. The bride's little niece, Miss Helen Johnson, in white frock and carrying a basket of sweet peas, was flower girl.

There were six ushers—George C. Johnson, the bride's brother; Dr. William Butler, the bridegroom's brother; Van Auker, Thelma, Richard, Prof. Swartzell, principal of the Rockville High School, and Dr. Schmidt. A reception at the home of the bride's parents followed the ceremony, after which the newly married couple left Washington to spend their honeymoon. They will be at home to their friends after the end of July. The Rev. C. H. Butler received a great number of beautiful presents. Mattingly-Simms. A beautiful wedding of last evening was that of Miss Irene Josephine Simms, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Giles Simms, and William Fenwick Mattingly. The ceremony was performed by Rev. R. E. Denison, rector of the Rock Creek Church, Washington, father of the bridegroom, will officiate.

The wedding of Miss Isabel Bouie, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Veirs Bouie, and Harry Herbert Buck, the son of the Rev. and Mrs. Charles E. Buck, which takes place at the home of the bride, Bouie, at Rockville, Md., at 5 o'clock this evening, will be one of the very prettiest weddings of the week. The Rev. Dr. Buck, rector of the Rock Creek Church, Washington, father of the bridegroom, will officiate. A pretty home wedding was solemnized at 4:30 o'clock Monday afternoon at the home of the bride, Twelfth and

Irving streets northeast, Brookland, when Mrs. Susie Louthan became the wife of Christian Etz. The son-in-law of the groom, the Rev. William Parish, of Rockville, Md., officiated. Only the members of the immediate families of the contracting parties were present. A light luncheon was served, after which the couple departed for an extensive trip to Canada and the New England States. Invitations issued. Mr. and Mrs. Herbert T. Briggs have issued invitations for the marriage of their daughter, Ada, to Frank A. Walker, of Norfolk, Va. The wedding will take place on Tuesday, June 27, at 4:30 o'clock at the Centennial Baptist Church, Eighth street, between F and G streets, northeast. The bride will be attended by her sister May as maid of honor, and William B. Walker, brother of the groom, will be best man. The ushers will be: Ray M. Wright, Marshall E. Briscoe, Henry L. Saur, and John Herbert Briggs, brother of the bride. Mrs. George L. Chandler, a life-long chaperon of the bride, will render the wedding march. The Rev. A. K. Wright, pastor of the Centennial Baptist Church, will officiate. Owing to the couple leaving the city early in the evening for a trip to the seashore, there will be an informal reception to the bride party and immediate friends on Monday evening, June 26, from 8 to 10:30, at the home of the bride's parents. Cards are just out for the marriage of Miss Emma Ellworth Garner and Harry P. Freund, which will take place Wednesday, June 28, at 8 o'clock in the

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Dismemberment Menaces Republic of Liberia

France Has Just Annexed a Slice, and Great Britain Has a Hand Stretched Out—Appeal to the United States.

NEW YORK, June 21.—Henry F. Downing, just returned from Liberia, where he has spent his time since being appointed consul at Leando during the last term of President Cleveland, makes some interesting comments on conditions in the black republic founded by American colored men in the late '50's. He declares that many of the leading American colored men in Liberia are greatly alarmed at the attitude of England, Germany, and France. They fear an attempt will soon be made to divide up the country. Mr. Downing is of the opinion that the United States should take an interest in the republic.

"The situation is extremely dangerous," he says. "The commercial and natural resources of the country have attracted the cupidity of the three great European powers. It begins to look as though Liberia would soon lose its identity as an independent state. Looks to United States. 'We feel that the republic is an unrecognized part of the great United States and cannot understand why we are ignored when the country is stretching out so far into the Far East. 'The nations of Europe are not only taking advantage of every opportunity that arises but are actually creating opportunities to get a foothold in Liberia. 'Several times France has encroached on the territory of the republic. Only

invited in marriage to Miss May Stone, of Wissahickon. Promptly at 6 o'clock the bridal procession, headed by the choir, advanced to the altar, followed by the bride, leaning on the arm of her brother-in-law, Lionel Skiffman. She was exquisitely dressed in a superb lace robe and carried white peonies. The bridesmaids were Miss Charlotte Keeler and Miss Ida Cleave Van Auker. They were picturesquely dressed in charming gowns of white Paris muslin and Tuscan poke hats, tied with pink chiffon streamers. They carried pink sweet peas. The maid of honor was Miss Anna Gertrude Schuyler, whose costume was of pink silk muslin, with white lace hat, trimmed with pink plumes. The groom was accompanied to the altar by his best man, Joseph J. O'Neill, of Wissahickon. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. R. E. Denison, rector of the Rock Creek Church, Washington, father of the bridegroom, will officiate.

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WIFE LOSES HER SUIT AGAINST MAJOR ARMES

No Receiver to Take Charge of Fairfield to Secure Her Half of Income.

Justice Anderson yesterday declined to grant the petition of Mrs. Mary Wine Armes asking for the appointment of a receiver to take charge of the property of her husband, Major George A. Armes, and to distribute to her one-half of the income of the property. When the decision of the court was announced on this point of the controversy between Mrs. Armes and her husband, the latter, by his counsel, Edward H. Thomas, suggested to the court that for the interference of his court that Major Armes enter into bond in the sum of \$1,500, as a guarantee to pay to his wife her share of the rents from Fairfield. Major Armes was called upon to show cause why a receiver for the Fairfield property should not be appointed, as was asked by his wife. In his answer to the rule Major Armes gave a brief review of the troubles which have sprung up between himself and his wife since their marriage last February.

In brief, he said his wife would have been one of marital happiness had it not been for the appointment of a receiver-in-law, Mrs. Mary E. Powell, with his family affairs. He said Mrs. Powell was the influence which induced his wife to leave him and his children. Affidavits of Mrs. Armes and her mother, Mrs. Powell, in reply to the statement made by Major Armes were offered in evidence yesterday in connection with the consideration of the question of the appointment of a receiver. Justice Anderson decided the subject-matter was not relevant. Both Mrs. Armes and her mother deny that either of them induced Major Armes to part with an interest in the Fairfield property. On the contrary, they say he did so of his own volition in order to make a settlement on his wife.

Mrs. Armes further states that she made complaint against the conduct of Major Armes toward her while they were on their wedding trip. If it was not for her self-respect and the good name of her family she would have left her husband immediately after the trip was over, she declares. LAWYERS' GRATITUDE. To the Editor of The Washington Times: I wish to extend to you my heartfelt congratulations upon the successful termination of the fight you have been waging against dishonesty in the legal profession. It is to be deeply regretted that such a fight was necessary, but I am sure that at least ninety-five per cent of the members of the local bar join me in the belief that, as a result of the fight waged by you, there will no longer be cause for complaint against our profession. In carrying on and winning this fight you have won the deepest gratitude of every honest lawyer. Very truly yours, FREDERICK C. HANDY. Washington, June 11.

To the Editor of The Washington Times: Your paper of May 7, containing your editorial on "The Duty of the Bench," came when I was out of town on business and I had no opportunity until recently to read it carefully. I wish to commend you for this effort to elevate the bench in the public mind to the level consistent with the dignity and proper character of the profession and thus overcome the evils and faults to which you call attention. It is a splendid article and merits the approval of all right thinking men. Yours very truly, E. W. BRADFORD.

HEALTH-CRANK HOPKINS. A series of 10 comic panels featuring a character named Hopkins who is addicted to smoking cigars. The panels contain humorous dialogue about smoking and health. Panel 1: Why a little boy like you smoking big black cigars. Panel 2: Why would you dretzel see me smoke a little cigar? Panel 3: Oh! the stench is terrible. Panel 4: I would like to be of service to this lad—but the war smoke weakens me. Panel 5: Why this is a fifteen cent straight. Panel 6: It looks like a stroke of apoplexy. Panel 7: And I saw the man buy it—did he own eyes. Panel 8: The old man don't know a good cigar when he sees one. Panel 9: May be sun-stroke. Panel 10: Copyright, 1905, by the New York Evening Telegram and New York Herald Co.