

NEW CRISIS FOR SPAIN.

Elevation of "Butcher" Weyler Followed by Resignation of the Cabinet

THE PROTEST IGNORED

Don Ascarraga, Weyler's closest friend, called to the new ministry—Queen Regent Defiant—Pays No Heed to Protest.

Madrid, Oct. 22.—Spain is facing a crisis again. General Weyler is the cause of it. The cabinet resigned en masse yesterday as a protest against the appointment of the "butcher" as captain general of Madrid.

To make the affair all the more serious, the queen regent later received Don Ascarraga and requested him to become responsible for the formation of a new ministry.

Azcarraga is known to be a strong supporter of Weyler, and through all the latter's bloody career in Cuba was one of his staunchest supporters.

The fact that the queen regent has invited one of Weyler's closest friends to form a cabinet which is to take the place of the one which has shown its disapproval of Weyler in so marked a manner is especially significant.

Weyler Has Been Costly.

It is thoroughly understood throughout Spain that Weyler has cost the nation her colonies and her pride. To him alone Spain looks when placing the responsibility for the loss of Cuba, Porto Rico and the Philippines.

Weyler, by his inhuman and atrocious treatment of the Cubans, is the man who is held up to scorn throughout the country whenever the war with the United States and its disastrous ending is recalled.

Consequently, when two days ago it was announced that he had been appointed to the very high post of captain general of Madrid there was a tremendous amount of feeling shown everywhere.

At first people seemed surprised at such a mark of distinction being shown to the former governor general of Cuba. Then anger came, and today there is no sign that it will subside.

Insult to the Public.

The queen regent has fanned the flame by so promptly accepting the resignation of the Silveira ministry and then at once asking a man who is thoroughly committed to Weylerism to organize a new cabinet.

Signor Silveira, the premier, entertained an audience with the queen regent this afternoon. Her majesty, knowing probably what was to come, granted him an interview. The premier at once formally announced the resignation of Signor Gassott and Signor Dato, respectively minister of agriculture and the interior.

Signor Silveira informed her majesty that the resignation of these officials carried with them the resignations also of all the high department officials. This meant nothing but the absolute abdication of the entire Silveira ministry.

Ignored the Protest.

Silveira then told the queen regent that the movement was to be considered as the strongest kind of a formal protest against the appointment of General Weyler as captain general of Madrid.

At 7 o'clock last evening Premier Silveira again had an audience with the queen, and in order to make the resignation of the cabinet all the more emphatic presented those of Marquis Pidal, the minister of foreign affairs; of Count Torranaz, minister of justice; of Signor Villaverde, minister of finance; of General Azcarraga, minister of war, and of Admiral Lazaga, minister of marine.

The queen formally accepted the resignations as given into her hands, and almost immediately requested Azcarraga to form a new ministry. It is known that there have been serious differences for some time among the members of the Silveira ministry, but these in themselves were unimportant and of not enough moment at any time to cause a disruption.

CYCLONE IN TEXAS.

Town of Lodi Swept by Severe Storm Yesterday.

Fort Worth, Texas, Oct. 22.—Reports from Lodi state that a cyclone swept that town yesterday. Some ten or fifteen people are said to have lost their lives. The path of the storm was two hundred yards wide. It is feared the worst reports have not yet been received. Many country houses were blown away.

THE WEATHER FOR IOWA.

Rain tonight and probably Tuesday. Local Temperature. The following is the temperature as taken at the weather bureau in this city by Observer Henry Schmidt: Nine o'clock last night.....55 Seven o'clock this morning.....58 Two o'clock this afternoon.....56

FUNDS FOR INSULAR BENEFIT.

Philippine Commission Passes Bill Setting Aside \$475,000. Manila, Oct. 22.—The Philippine commission has passed a bill appropriating \$475,000, gold, for the payment of expenses incurred for the benefit of the insular government during October. The bill goes carefully into detail regarding items of expenditure throughout the archipelago.

Judge Taft, president of the commission, has been engaged for some time in taking a mass of Filipino testimony concerning the conduct and policy of the friars. All the testimony offered by the Filipinos shows that they do not desire the return of the friars to the parishes.

Archbishop Chappelle has gone to Luzon, accompanied by three Dominican friars. It is asserted, and generally believed that he intends to re-establish these friars in certain parishes and the trip is exciting the natives in Manila.

Letter From Aguinaldo.

Senor Buencamino has received what purports to be a letter from Aguinaldo ordering the former leaders of the revolution, who are now in Manila, to desist from the formation of political parties and to cease all their attempts at pacification. The letter mysteriously hints that plans are maturing among the armed rebels in the field and describes these as "best for the country." Senor Buencamino declares that the letter is genuine. The military situation was comparatively quiet.

WILL BUILD A NEW BOAT.

Officer of New York Yacht Club Makes Statement to That Effect.

New York, Oct. 22.—An officer of the New York Yacht club is authority for the statement that a new boat will be built to defend America's cup and that the Herreshoffs will be the builders. This is the first positive declaration that has been made in this matter. It was not said whether the new yacht will be owned by an individual or a syndicate, but the announcement indicating that steps will be taken for the proper defense of the trophy will probably be made at a regular meeting of the club to be held October 25. It will now be left with the Herreshoffs to prepare a boat that is faster than the Columbia.

BERTRAND RAGSDALE DEAD.

Iowa Boy Dies of Disease Contracted During Siege of Tien Tsin.

Des Moines, Oct. 22.—Word was received Saturday by George Ragsdale, of this city of the death of his nephew, Bertrand Ragsdale, formerly of Albia, Iowa. For the past four years Bertrand has been acting as United States Marshal at Tien Tsin, China, where his father, W. S. Ragsdale, acted as United States consul. The informant received today is to the effect Bertrand contracted a disease during the siege of Tien Tsin. He recovered somewhat from his illness and was moved to Nagasaki, Japan, where he was to spend a month. During his stay at the latter point he died.

MYSTIC BOY IN TROUBLE.

Arrested at Eldon Charged With Theft of \$90.

Eldon, Oct. 22.—(Special).—Saturday evening Marshal Creamer arrested Tony Sebastian, aged 14, of Mystic, charged with stealing \$90 from a boarder's trunk at his home. The boy had \$80 of the money in his shoe and it took quite a while before Mr. Creamer could find it. His excuse for stealing the money was that his brothers lived in Chicago and he wanted to go to them as he was tired of Mystic. The marshal from Mystic will arrive this evening and take the boy back.

SUICIDE AT DAVENPORT.

Prominent German Woman Kills Herself—Felons Sentenced.

Davenport, Oct. 22.—(Special).—Mrs. Anna Brauch aged eighty-six, hanged herself in her bedroom Sunday because of melancholia. She was a prominent German woman. George Twigg was sentenced to 10 years and Link Roberts and William Messenger to 15 years each in the district court this morning for assaulting a colored girl. All are colored men.

LOVERS DIE TOGETHER.

Found Locked in Each Other's Arms in a Park.

Corry, Pa., Oct. 22.—Harry Betts and Daisy Blydenburg, prominent young people, were found locked in each other's arms seated on a bench in Corry Park this morning. They were lovers and it is supposed to have been a case of suicide. The girl was shot thru the breast and the young man thru the head.

ROOSEVELT IN HOME STATE.

Will Make Ninety-three Speeches in New York Towns.

New York, Oct. 22.—With the intention of traveling 2,140 miles, almost all within the confines of New York state, and with the purpose of delivering ninety-three speeches of from seven minutes to two hours duration, Governor Roosevelt left Westchester by a special train at 11 o'clock today. He will not return to New York City until November 3.

NEWS OF CHINA

French Troops Have Already Occupied Pao-Ting-Fu.

THEY HOLD RAILROAD.

Are Also Occupying the Railroad Depot and Are Reconnoitering North and South Along the Tracks Which Are Being Repaired.

Paris, Oct. 22.—General Voyron, commander of the French troops in China, telegraphs from Taku, on the 20th, as follows: "The French troops occupy the railroad and the railroad depot at Pao-Ting-Fu and are reconnoitering north and south as far as the terminus. The railroad is being repaired. Columns from Peking and Tien Tsin will shortly arrive here."

University Attendance at a Standstill.

Iowa City, Oct. 22.—The attendance at the University of Iowa up to today is 1,324. This means that the total enrollment will just about equal that of last year. It was 1,400 last year. It seems pertinent to inquire why the attendance has thus decreased or at most held its own. The other large universities have had enormous increases, especially the universities of Wisconsin, Chicago and Michigan. The condition here would seem to predict a better outlook for the state university, excellent executive management, an augmented staff, and prosperity everywhere. No one here seems able to answer the question why the university attendance has not increased.

Harvard Instructor Arrested.

Boston, Oct. 22.—Charles R. Eastman, instructor in zoology at Harvard, was arrested at the Parker house tonight and taken to the house of correction at Cambridge. It is understood that he has been indicted for murder. The case grows out of the death of his brother-in-law, Richard H. Grogan, Jr., on July 4, from a bullet from a revolver used by Eastman. Eastman claims the shooting was accidental.

Great Rally at Fairfield.

Fairfield, Oct. 22.—The republicans of Jefferson county had a great rally here Saturday with rough riders, brass band, military bands, patriotic floats filled with young ladies and blocks of marchers. The afternoon meeting was addressed by Hon. Ben Sallinger, of Carroll, who made a great speech filled with sharp points and sound sense, enthusiastically received by the hundreds who could get admittance to the Grand opera house. A grand procession in the evening welcomed Hon. Calvin Manning, of Ottumwa, who has recently returned from the Paris exposition, and who made an eloquent and effective address.

Deemer May Succeed McClain.

Iowa City, Oct. 22.—The most promising candidates to succeed Chancellor McClain as the head of the law department are Judge Deemer, Attorney General Remley and Judge Wade. The sentiment seems to be crystallizing in favor of Judge Deemer, and many knowing ones assert that Judge Deemer and Emilin McClain will change places—one from the bench to the law school, the other from the law school to the supreme bench.

Traveling Men for McKinley.

Albia, Oct. 22.—For McKinley and Roosevelt, N. B. Kiser, A. L. Tullis, E. C. Sloan, G. J. Harding, W. H. Keeran, E. A. Kiser, John A. Uhler, For Bryan and Stevenson, J. G. Peyser. While sitting in the little office of the Byerbee hotel Saturday evening, there being eight traveling men there, the above poll was taken. Kiser says the only reason it was not 16 to 1 was that there were not traveling men enough.

Stonemason Killed.

Fort Madison, Oct. 22.—P. N. Dixon, of Kahoka, Mo., expert stonemason for the Fort Madison and Appanoose stone company, was killed at the quarry in Illinois this morning. The tall block of the derrick gave way and the cable struck him, knocking him violently against a stump. He was 60 years of age and leaves a family.

He Invented the Air Brake.

New York, Oct. 22.—Henry Miller, a neighbor of Horace Greeley, is dead at Chappaqua, N. Y., in his eightieth year. He was the inventor of the steam and air brake and all the railroad brakes now in use, it is said, are patterned after his invention.

Escaped Maniac Captured.

Newburg, N. Y., Oct. 22.—An all-night search for seven maniacs who escaped last night from the Matteawan State Hospital for Criminal Insane resulted in the capture of the leader, a notorious criminal named Patrick Geohagan.

Population of Alabama.

Washington, Oct. 22.—The population of Alabama is 1,828,697 against 1,513,017 in 1890, an increase of 20.8 per cent.

Messenger Whitacre Dead.

Richmond, Ind., Oct. 22.—Jonathan Whitacre, a messenger in the national house of representatives, who came here to visit relatives and vote, is dead.

DEMOCRATS AT BUNCH.

Hold Old-Fashioned Ox-Roast and Hear Speeches.

Bunch, Oct. 19.—(Special).—This place is becoming famous for large political meetings. First the Stock meeting, then Gov. Shaw and Congressman Lacey spoke here. The democrats, not to be outdone, by the latter meeting, arranged for an old-fashioned barbecue yesterday and the entire country turned out. The crowd was estimated at over 3,000. The speakers were ex-Senator Taylor, of Bloomfield; Claude Porter and Jno. W. Lewis, of Ottumwa. Four heaves were roasted to feed the multitude. There were four brass and five martial bands present. Every township in the county sent delegations, Bloomfield taking the lead with 120 decorated vehicles in the line. It was a big day for Bunch.

GOVERNOR WOOD ARRIVES.

Cuban Affairs Are Quiet With People Interested in Convention.

New York, Oct. 20.—General Leonard Wood, governor general of Cuba, arrived today from Havana. He will proceed immediately to Washington. He says he came up at the request of the department and to make preparations for the removal of his family to Cuba. Affairs there are quiet and the people are busy preparing for the convention in November. The death rate in Havana, including yellow fever is smaller than for years. The recent increase in fever is attributed to large immigration of Spaniards. The governor will return at the end of the month.

SPLIT IN THE SECOND.

Henry Vollmer Fights With Free Silver Organ.

Davenport, Oct. 20.—(Special).—There was a big political sensation here today. Vollmer sent a letter to the Times demanding the withdrawal of his name from the columns of the "Leader," the democratic free silver organ, alleging as a reason that the paper has made secret attacks on him.

He denies he has received from the position taken in his acceptance letter or that he is attacking the banks. The "Democrat" (gold) is now the only paper supporting Vollmer. The "Leader" is for free silver. A bitter fight is likely and it will serve to strengthen Rump's candidacy.

SUPREME COURT DECISIONS.

Decisions Handed Down by Iowa's Highest Tribunal Yesterday.

Des Moines, Oct. 19.—The following decisions were handed down by the supreme court yesterday. State of Iowa vs Babcock, appellant, Dubuque, reversed. Hwitl, appellant, vs Jensen, Pottawattamie, affirmed. Carter vs Riggs, appellant, Lyon, affirmed. Sherman vs Frasier, appellant, Blackhawk, affirmed. Blach, appellant, vs Iowa Central Railway company, Marshall, reversed.

WOULD NOT ANSWER QUESTIONS

Sigourney Man in Federal Court for Violation of Census Laws.

Keokuk, Oct. 19.—An indictment was returned yesterday in the federal court against George Skidmore, of Sigourney, who is charged with having refused to answer the questions of the United States census enumerator. He pleaded guilty to the charge when he was arraigned and was fined \$1 and costs, which will amount to about \$25.

GROVER SHOTS HIMSELF.

Iowa City Man Meets Accident While Cleaning a Gun.

Iowa City, Oct. 19.—(Special).—C. W. A. Hill, prominent grocer of this city, accidentally shot himself in the stomach while cleaning a gun, at 8 o'clock this morning. The ball passed thru him and he died at 11 o'clock. He was well known throughout the state.

Colored Men's State Meeting.

Des Moines, Oct. 20.—Arrangements have been made for a grand mass meeting for the colored men of Iowa at Des Moines, November 1. The speakers will include the most eloquent colored orators of the west. In the afternoon J. Frank Wheaton, of Minneapolis, will be the orator, and in the evening addresses will be delivered by George Woodson, of Meekland, and D. M. Anderson, of Keokuk, and Judge Straker, of Detroit, Mich. Arrangements will be made for reduced rates on all the railroads, and this will be the biggest gathering of colored republicans in Iowa.

Largest Button Factory in the World.

Muscatine, Oct. 20.—Nicholaus Barry, Jr., is soon to erect a button factory in Muscatine which will surpass any similar factory in the world in dimensions of its productive capacity. This new factory will be located on Fourth and Poplar streets and the dimensions show a building with a 206-foot front, and a depth of 160 feet, built "L." The building is to front on Fourth street. The work on the building will be taken up at once and last night a bond of \$5,000 was accepted by the city council as a guarantee that the company's work would be carried out in good faith.

Arranging for Big Meeting at Vinton.

Vinton, Oct. 20.—The republicans of Vinton and vicinity are making preparations for a big day on the 26th inst., on which date they will hold an afternoon and an evening meeting. Governor Shaw will address the afternoon meeting in the park at the court house, and Congressman James A. Tawney, of Minnesota, has been engaged for the evening meeting.

SHERMAN DEAD

Ex-Secretary of State Passes Away This Morning.

HIS END WAS PEACEFUL

Died of Brain Exhaustion—Was Surrounded by Friends and Relatives—Had Been in Ill Health for Some Time—The Secretary's Wealth.

Washington, Oct. 22.—Ex-Secretary of State John Sherman died at 6:45 o'clock this morning of brain exhaustion. Death came peacefully after almost thirty-six hours of nearly complete unconsciousness. A number of relatives and friends, who had assembled in Washington in response to summons, were at his bedside when the end came.

Friends at His Bedside.

The number included H. Tocumseh Sherman, Charles M. Sherman, Miss Lizzie Sherman, Mrs. James McCallum, his adopted daughter, who had been the late secretary's constant attendant, and her husband. General and Mrs. Miles, the latter a niece of the secretary, did not reach the house until after the venerable statesman had passed away. The arrangements for the funeral will be completed today. As contemplated the services will be held in this city on Tuesday. The remains are to lie in state at the house until this evening, when they will be taken to Mansfield, O., where interment will be made in the family burying ground beside the body of Mrs. Sherman, who died early in the summer.

Secretary Sherman's Wealth.

Secretary Sherman's death occurred in the handsome home on K street, which he erected eight years ago. Some weeks ago the secretary deeded this valuable property to Mrs. McCallum. Conservative estimates of the secretary's wealth place it at a million dollars, most of which is believed to consist of Washington real estate, securities and the old family home at Mansfield. Mr. Sherman has not been in robust health for over a year. In March, 1899, while on a pleasure trip to the West Indies, he suffered a severe attack of pneumonia, which almost proved fatal. He was brought to this city where he became strong enough to visit at his home in Ohio.

Wife's Death a Blow.

The death of Mrs. Sherman was a severe blow to the secretary from which he never fully recovered. He returned to Washington in September much broken in health and spirits and for a time was able to move about in the open air but for the past three weeks has been confined to his bed. His general debility was aggravated by an irritating cough which hastened his end.

White House is Closed.

The news of Sherman's death was immediately communicated to the president, who was greatly affected by the news. He immediately directed that the White House be closed to visitors and the flags of all public buildings be placed at half-mast. The president as a mark of honor to the deceased is personally preparing an expression of the nation's grief in the shape of a proclamation descriptive of the personal qualities and civic abilities of the deceased statesman. At the state department a message was framed to be transmitted to the United States ambassadors, ministers and charges abroad, officially notifying them of the death of Ex-Secretary Sherman. The department will be closed for business during the funeral services in order to allow officials and employees to attend in person.

Funeral Arrangements.

The funeral will be held at the Sherman residence early Wednesday afternoon, Rev. Alexander Mackay-Smith, rector of St. John's church, officiating. Services will be held in Mansfield Thursday, at which time President McKinley will attend.

John Sherman's Life.

John Sherman, financier, United States senator and secretary of the treasury during Grant's administration, was born in the town of Leitchfield, Ohio, under the name of Sherman, a colonist of 1643, and began life as a rodmann in the Muskingum river improvements. Having studied law with a brother in Mansfield, Ohio, he was admitted to the bar the day he became a man of age, and since that time has made Mansfield his home. Mr. Sherman made it a rule from an early day to save \$500 a year from his income and this practice was the basis of his present wealth. After six years in the law he started a sash and blind factory, which paid him about \$5,000 a year, and by purchase of suburban lands and later real estate operations in Washington, D. C., and careful investments in corporations, he has now become a rich man. Senator Sherman's political career is so well known that it is only necessary to say, with regard to it, that, having in 1853, opened a law office in Cleveland, he gave it up in 1854 upon election to congress, and since then has been almost continuously connected with the Federal government.

Bets Are Scarce.

Republicans are so hard up for bets on the election that they are forced to make wagers among themselves on majorities. No democrats can be found who will bet a cent on Steck, or in fact any of the county ticket.

POLL OF KANSAS TAKEN.

It Shows a Majority for McKinley of More Than 24,000 Votes.

Topeka, Kas., Oct. 22.—The totals in what is regarded as a close poll of Kansas were given out last night by the republican state committee, and they show a majority for McKinley of 24,196. This poll shows that there are 350,000 voters in Kansas. Five thousand of these are socialists, and will support the Debs ticket. Three thousand are third-party prohibitionists, and will support Wooley. Of the remaining 352,000, 136,000 are for McKinley, 159,000 are for Bryan, and 6,000 are doubtful. Of the 360,000 voters in the state 350,000 will go to the polls and vote. Of this number McKinley will have 176,250, Bryan 151,250, Debs and Wooley 7,500. This estimate gives almost two-thirds of the doubtful vote to Bryan. Chairman Albaugh said last night: "Both branches of the legislature will be republican. Our poll shows that McKinley will carry thirty of the forty senatorial districts, and there is no good reason why a republican senator should not be elected in each of these thirty districts."

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WASHERY MEN QUIT.

Strikers Induce Them Today to Refrain From Working.

Scranton, Oct. 22.—This morning several hundred strikers gathered along the road leading to the Grassy Island coal washery at Oliphant near here, operated by the Delaware & Hudson Co., and when the workmen appeared and circled around them gave them to understand they must desist from working until the strike was settled. The workmen decided to return home, and the strikers marched with them back to Oliphant. No violence was used. This is the first move toward shutting down the washeries which are turning out a thousand tons of the smaller sized coal daily and if the men in other washeries do not come out there will be a similar demonstration.

Miners Ask for Aid.

Mt. Carmel, Pa., Oct. 22.—The miners' relief committee here has issued a circular asking for contributions to aid the striking miners of the district.

MIDNIGHT FIRE AT MUSCATINE.

Oatmeal Company Sustains a Loss of About \$20,000.

Muscatine, Oct. 22.—At midnight Friday a fire swept thru the warehouses of the Oatmeal company, inflicting considerable damage. The buildings, which are long shed-like structures, were used for the storage of oats, and nearly a block of these warehouses was in flames when the department reached the scene. Half an hour later the blaze was under complete control. The burned building is 390 feet long by about 20 feet wide, and for a part of its length has double roof. It was filled with advertising matter and "shell stock" or boxes of the packing of "Friends Out." The loss is about \$20,000; with insurance reaching about \$10,000.

CHARLES DUDLEY WARNER DEAD

Former Editor and Litterateur Dies Suddenly.

Hartford, Oct. 22.—Charles Dudley Warner, of literary fame, one of the owners of the Hartford Courant, died suddenly Saturday afternoon. Warner had a severe attack of pneumonia two years ago which weakened his heart and he has never fully recovered. At noon today he attended a luncheon and bid farewell to friends about to leave for the Mediterranean. He gave no indication of illness. After lunch Warner started on a walk. After going some distance he asked leave of a house to sit down and then to lie down, and requested to be called in ten minutes. When the woman of the house went to call him he was dead.

TELLS SECRET ON DEATHBED.

Wife of Two Months Confesses to Her Elopement and Marriage.

Pittsburg, Pa., Oct. 22.—Facing death, a bride of a little more than two months confessed to her grief-stricken parents her elopement and marriage. In a short confession on Wednesday at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. David Morrison, No. 942 Logan street, was the wife of James Sherman, a clerk at the Edgar Thompson steel works, and it was not until two hours before her death that the parents learned their daughter was a bride.

The young couple had eloped to Youngstown, August 5. The dying girl asked that her husband be sent for and it was a happy brief reunion.

MOVE BIG PLANT TO AMERICA.

Britain's Largest Crucible Steel Works to Locate in West Virginia.

Pittsburg, Pa., Oct. 22.—Seybold & Dickstod, of Sheffield, England, the largest manufacturers of crucible steel in Great Britain, are preparing for the removal of their plant to the United States. An option has been taken on a site near Wheeling, W. Va., and it is proposed to erect thereon a modern plant costing about \$3,000,000. About 3,500 men are to be employed. The object of the move is to get into the American market. The constantly increasing cost of coal in England also is a prominent factor acting as an impetus to the move.

NON-PARTISAN ELECTION LAW.

Kentucky Legislature Passes the Bill and Governor Will Sign It.

Frankfort, Ky., Oct. 22.—The two houses of the legislature Saturday passed the non-partisan election law agreed upon by the conference committee, and it is expected to be signed by Governor Beckham today. There is no doubt he will sign it.

FAVOR THE OPEN DOOR.

France and United States for Territorial Integrity of China.

CORRESPONDENCE IS OUT

Notes Which Have Recently Passed Between the Two Nations Made Public—Attitude Resembles That of Germany and Great Britain.

Washington, Oct. 22.—The state department today made public the correspondence which has taken place between itself and the French government since the original French note respecting China, which laid down the terms suggested by France as the basis of negotiations for a settlement. This last correspondence consists of two notes exchanged between Secretary Hay and M. Thiebaut last week, putting in formal shape certain verbal statements of importance respecting the negotiations. Resembles German-British Scheme. An interesting and important feature is the United States' suggestion that the powers bind themselves again to preserve Chinese territorial integrity, and to maintain "the open door," exactly the objects aimed at in the British-German agreement or alliance which was made public last week. While the note by Secretary Hay bears the date of October 19 and the British-German agreement is assigned the date of the 16th, the action of this government was taken in ignorance of the agreement and it is entirely possible it may have been the means of bringing about the disclosure of its purpose. May Join the Alliance. Our suggestion indicates a favorable response by the United States government to the invitation to join with Great Britain and Germany in the objects specified. Secretary Hay's reply to the communication was handed him October 1 by the French charge d'affaires, and which contained the notification of adherence to the essential principle of the French note by all the interested powers and suggesting that the Chinese plenipotentiaries be notified that the powers are ready to negotiate thru the ministers of the powers at Peking follows. Secretary Hay's Reply. "The government of the United States is gratified to learn that all the interested powers have adhered to the essential principles of the French note of October 14, and trusts that such reservations as they have suggested will, like those mentioned in the reply of the United States, prove no embarrassment to the progress of negotiations in the course of which they can be frankly discussed with a view to common agreement. "Holding, as it does, in accord with the French government, that the essential thing now is to prove to the Chinese government that the powers are ready to meet in the path of peaceful negotiation and are united in their repeatedly declared decision with respect to the integrity of China and the independence of its government, while equally united in the resolve to obtain rightful satisfaction for the great wrongs they and their nationals have suffered, this government has instructed its ministers in Peking to concur in presenting to the Chinese plenipotentiaries the points upon which we have agreed as the initial step towards negotiations and towards the re-establishment of the effective power and authority of the imperial government. The government of the United States believes the happy influence upon the determination of the Chinese emperor and his government, which the government of the French republic anticipates that the result of this step would be still further induced if the powers were to include as a part of their initial declaration and if collective manifestation of their determination to preserve the territorial integrity and administrative entirety of China, and to secure for the Chinese nation and for themselves the benefits of open equal commercial intercourse between the Chinese empire and the world at large."

COLLEGE REPUBLICAN CLUB.

Permanent Organization Will Be Perfected at Iowa City.