

ANYTHING WRONG

Cabinet Meeting in Midsummer for the First Time in Many Years.

THE PRESIDENT NOT PRESENT.

Breach of Neutrality Laws Suggested as the Probable Cause.

WASHINGTON, July 22.—For the first time in many years there was a midsummer cabinet meeting in Washington during the afternoon, in the absence of the president. Secretary of State Olney apparently came to Washington from Falmouth for the express purpose, for he arrived at noon, and will leave again immediately. The conference lasted for fully two hours, and from time to time Assistant Secretary Adee, who has been acting as secretary of state during the absence of Secretary Olney, was called into the room to advise as to some point under discussion. Whatever the subjects were, it cannot be learned, and, apparently, it was resolved to keep the proceedings secret, for each of the persons declined courteously but positively to answer a single question touching their deliberations.

Our Relations With Spain.

All that could be gathered was to the effect that nothing had happened at Gray Gables to give rise to any apprehension. Still there was an air of gravity in the demeanor of the cabinet officers as they emerged from the conference that would indicate that some weighty and important questions had been under discussion.

What these may have been can only be surmised without any tangible evidence of probability. One theory is that the Mora claim was before the cabinet in the shape of some proposition from the Spanish government. Another idea broached was that there was an ugly question as to the fulfillment of our neutrality obligations towards Spain that had caused the sudden assemblage of the cabinet officers.

THE BOYCOTT ON BANKS.

Secretary Carlisle of the Opinion That No Serious Results Will Follow.

CHICAGO, July 22.—A special to The Daily News from Washington says: The treasury, from Secretary Carlisle down to his subordinates who have charge of banks and the currency, were discussing the threats of boycott by the Knights of Labor against national bank notes. It was about the only subject talked of, but after a careful consideration of the question in all its phases, Secretary Carlisle expressed the opinion to one of his advisors that no serious results would follow such a boycott. His conclusion was based upon the figures in regard to the circulation of national bank notes.

The amount of these outstanding June 1, 1895, was only \$208,579,490, and of this amount about \$20,000,000 is held by banks. National bank notes have never been made legal tender by statute, so that it is true that it would be impossible to force any person to accept them in individual transactions. They are, however, available for use by the government in the payment of all its obligations, except for interest on the public debt, and the redemption of national currency.

FAVORS REED OR M'KINLEY.

Senator Quay Defines His Position in the Next Campaign.

PITTSBURG, July 22.—Senator Matthew Stanley Quay has declared in favor of Reed or McKinley for president. This statement came out in answer to a letter sent out by James S. Smith, chairman of the Republican city committee of Williamsport, asking the senator to define his position. In answer the senator says:

"I am in favor of the nomination of either Reed or McKinley for president, whichever of the two seems more available when the national convention assembles. I am not in favor of the free coinage of silver at the ratio of 16 to 1."

UNDER CIVIL SERVICE RULES.

The President Places Employees of Pension Agencies on the List.

WASHINGTON, July 22.—The president has issued an order placing employees of all pension agencies under civil service rules.

The order was signed by President Cleveland on July 15, and takes effect from that date, but owing to a clerical error had to be returned to Gray Gables for rectification. The extension covers all the employees, 500 in number, in the pension agencies of the country.

MADE AN ALLIANCE.

Farmers' Alliance and Trades Unions of Texas Amalgamate.

DALLAS, Tex., July 22.—The state Federation of Labor, the Federated Trades of Texas and the state Farmers' Alliance have amalgamated to all intents and purposes and a joint call has been issued for a meeting of the three organizations at Lampasas Springs, Tex., Tuesday, Aug. 20.

GUESSERS ARE AT SEA.

They Do Not Know What to Expect from the Supreme Court.

WASHINGTON, May 13.—The supreme court premises are as completely deserted by its members and the public as though the income tax had never come up to receive the attention of the court and attract visitors. It had been supposed that the court would go into immediate consultation after the completion of the argument in the case, but if there has been any consultation up to date it has not been held in the conference room at the Capitol.

Justice Jackson's position, while a matter of much speculative interest at this time, is apparently known to no one but himself, unless he has found occasion within the past day or two to acquaint some of his fellow members of the court with his views. There is little doubt entertained but that the court's decision will be announced Monday week, and there can be no question of the general expectation in Washington that it will be antagonistic to the law as a whole, though for this opinion nothing in the nature of a definite fact as to the standing of members of the deciding tribunal is advanced.

FRAUDS UNEARTHED.

Dead Men and Myths Draw Money From the Chicago Treasury.

CHICAGO, May 13.—Local paper says: "Frauds of the grossest nature in the payrolls of the department of public works have been uncovered by Commissioner Kent. Dead men, the commissioner says, have been enrolled as laborers, and their names forged to time checks; names have also been duplicated and residences located where there were vacant lots. All of these facts are now in the possession of Commissioner Kent and in course of preparation for submission to the legal department of the city for prosecution. It is estimated that \$1,000,000 has been stolen from the city in this manner."

George Gould Ambitious.

WASHINGTON, May 13.—George J. Gould will be a candidate for United States senator from New Jersey to succeed Mr. Smith, whose term expires in 1899. This is the report which is creating considerable gossip among public men. Mr. Gould is a legal resident of Ocean county and his friends are urging his candidacy as state senator from that county as a preliminary step to the higher ambition.

Succeeds Professor Carhart.

ST. PAUL, July 22.—The state normal school board met here during the day and elected George R. Kleeberger to succeed Professor Carhart as president of the state normal school at St. Cloud. Professor Kleeberger has been since 1878 connected with the normal school at San Jose, Cal.

Turks Are Indignant.

CONSTANTINOPLE, July 22.—Although the newspapers here are prohibited from making any reference to the murder of M. Stambouloff, the Bulgarian statesman, the people are wildly indignant, and are not sparing in their censures of the police and government of Bulgaria.

Americans In It.

The Mexican National Exposition of Industries and Fine Arts, to be held in the City of Mexico next year, is to be a success, for a Chicago architect has been engaged to design the buildings, and the construction company that will build them has been incorporated under the laws of Illinois. Mr. F. W. Taylor, secretary of the State Horticultural society of Nebraska, has been appointed to take charge of the transportation and excursion department, with headquarters in Chicago, to arrange with American railroads for the best rates as to freight and excursion rates for exhibitors and visitors to the exposition.—Chicago Inter Ocean.

For Paris in 1900.

One plan of entertainment for the Paris exhibition of 1900 is to reproduce the Boulevard du Temple of Louis XIV's time. It was there that the fairs were held, and on it were the Vauxhall, the Royal Circus, the Waxworks of Curtius, Mme. Nicolet's menagerie, the Jardin Turc, the Funambules and many cafes. The proposer, M. Bertrand, manager of the opera, suggests that to these shows be joined the old Hotel de Bourgogne, the theater that preceded the Comedie Francaise and Lulli's Opera.—New York Sun.

Will Get Even.

All those whom Nordau, the "degeneracy" expert, abused will have a chance to get even with him, as he is to publish a novel and have a play acted. How the fur will fly!—Philadelphia Press.

Tunnel Under the Clyde.

Under Glasgow harbor a tunnel has been just completed connecting the two banks of the Clyde. It is 16 feet in diameter and 700 feet long and has taken five years to build.

The Danbury Four Hundred.

The society of young women in Danbury, Conn., whose members are pledged not to marry any man who uses liquor, now numbers about 400.—New York Tribune.

FORTY YEARS AFTER.

We climbed to the top of Goat Point hill, Sweet Kitty, my sweetheart, and I, And watched the moon make stars on the waves
And the dim white ships go by,
While a throne we made on a rough stone wall,
And the king and the queen were we,
And I sat with my arm about Kitty
And she with her arm about me.

The water was mad in the moonlight,
And the sand like gold where it shone,
And our hearts kept time to its music
As we sat in that splendor alone,
And Kitty's dear eyes twinkled brightly,
And Kitty's brown hair blew so free
While I sat with my arm about Kitty
And she with her arm about me.

Last night we drove in our carriage
To the wall at the top of the hill,
And though we're forty years older
We're children and sweethearts still,
And we talked again of that moonlight
That danced so mad on the sea
When I sat with my arm about Kitty
And she with her arm about me.

The throne on the wall was still standing,
But we sat in the carriage last night,
For a wall is too high for old people
Whose foreheads have linings of white,
And Kitty's waist measure is forty,
While mine is full fifty and three,
So I can't get my arm about Kitty
Nor can she get both hers about me.
—H. H. Porter in Life.

It Worked.

"I beg your pardon, madam, but I have not asked you to buy any of my tablecloths as yet," said the peddler in tones of humbleness as the housewife paused to catch her breath.

"Then what did you stop here for, you?"
"Why, I was constrained by a sense of respect which I bear for all humanity to stop and offer my wares to you. If you will hear me just a moment, I shall make my unenviable position clear to you. You know the lady over by the creek—the one in the white house with the green shutters yonder?"

"Of course I know her, the old gossip-monger!"
"Now just hold on till I tell you how the thing stands."

"Has she been lying to you about me?"
"Well, I dare say that she said nothing about you that any honest-minded person would believe. It was simply—"

"What did she say? Tell me what she said. Oh, I'd like to!"

"Well, she simply said that you didn't use tablecloths, and she wanted to bet me a week's board that I couldn't sell you one."

"What's that? Is that what she said? She said I didn't use them, eh? Oh, the hussy!"
"Now, it's not that I care anything about it," explained the peddler as he opened the pack, "yet I know decent and well bred people when I see them, and I was determined, although it has thrown me somewhat out of my way, to see for myself."

The housewife gritted her teeth in silence and took her purse from her pocket.
"Now these are \$6 a pair," continued the peddler in kindly tones. "Or you may have the entire 20 pairs, all I have left, for \$75."

As he passed, empty handed, out of the garden gate a moment later he saw over his shoulder the form of a woman standing on the porch. She was mute and livid, and her eyes were cast at the house with the green shutters.—New York World.

Next to Nothing.

"H'm! Have you been taking anything for your trouble?" inquired the village doctor of a patient from out beyond Squantum Corners, who complained of being all run down.

"Well, no," was the reply. "I haven't taken anything worth speaking of during the last three months, except a couple of bottles of Tombs' tiptop tonic, and a bottle or two of Potter's peculiar pectoral, and two or three bottles of K. K. K., and a box or two of Pielbold pills for plain people, and a few doses of Indian invigorator, and two or three kinds of homemade biters, and some compound extract of cow, gin and quinine, and some liver medicine, and a few powders of one kind and another, and a bottle of something that we found in the cellar with the label lost off, and a dose of salts now and then, and a little slippery elm tea, and some recipe that the neighbors brought in, and three or four sample bottles of stuff that ages left at the house. Outside of these I haven't taken a single thing except some root and bark tea and some infusion of red clover blossoms that my wife insists on my taking three times a day. To be sure, I have been wearing a porous plaster and liver pad most of the time, and soaking my feet regularly every night, and living on health food and malted milk. But outside of that I haven't done a thing, doctor, not a thing!"—Truth.

RAILWAY RAMBLES.

Express trains pass each other at a velocity of 90 yards a second.

Representatives of 275 railroads are expected to attend the international railway congress to be held in London next summer.

The French government proposes to impose fines upon railway companies for trains that start after the time mentioned in the time tables.

A contract has been made for the construction of the railroad from Kenah to Assouan in Egypt to be completed by the end of 1897. There will then be a continuous line from Alexandria to the first cat-ract.

Work is practically finished on the Baltimore double track tunnel. It has cost over \$8,000,000 and will save 16 minutes in the running time between Washington and New York. There is no other such tunnel in existence. It is practically a belt line underground.

Mont Blanc is threatened, like the Jungfrau, with an interior railroad. A Swiss engineer proposes to run a tunnel 7,400 meters long into the monarch of mountains, starting at St. Gervais, and then to build a vertical shaft 2,800 meters high to the top. His estimate is that it can be done in ten years for 9,000,000 francs.

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