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WHAT ABOUT THE BILL?

TWO CABINET MEMBERS TELL HOW MATTERS STAND.

But They May Not Know--All Signs Go to Show that There is a Little Danger in the President's Vetoing It.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 23.—Two members of the cabinet have expressed the opinion that the president will allow the tariff bill to become a law without his signature. Both admitted that this opinion was based upon statements made by Mr. Cleveland before leaving Washington and not upon any information from Gray Gables.

So far as can be learned, the president has not written to any of his cabinet since his departure. In the absence of official advice touching the president's intentions, this opinion of the members of the cabinet furnishes the only indication of how Mr. Cleveland felt on the subject before going. He has recovered from his malarial attack since then and he may have decided on an entirely different program.

It had been the impression in administration circles that the bill would be signed, and the "opinions" of the cabinet officers are not accepted as at all conclusive. All the signs, however, seem to show that the president has no idea of vetoing the measure. If this had been Mr. Cleveland's policy he doubtless would have returned the bill before Congress was given an opportunity to disperse.

His long meditation of Gray Gables can be accounted for only on the theory that he has resolved to permit the bill to become a law without his signature.

The clause of section 7 of the constitution, under which a bill may become a law without executive approval, reads:

If any bill shall not be returned by the president within 10 days (Sundays excepted) after it shall have been presented to him, the same shall be a law in like manner as if he had signed it, unless the Congress, by their adjournment, prevent its return, in which case it shall not become a law.

If the president signed the bill it would go into effect at once. Every body wants to know when its provisions will become operative if it be not signed. The bill reached the White House at 1:15 on Thursday afternoon last. The clerks took great care to have the exact time stamped on the bill, as this will become a very important point if the bill becomes a law without the president's signature. The 10 days will expire at 1:15 on Monday next, and Secretary Carlisle, in his instructions to the customs collectors, states that the present law will remain in force up till that hour and minute.

Chairman Cummings' Report.
Chairman Cummings, of the armor plate investigating committee, has sent his report to the government printing office, accompanied by the voluminous testimony taken during the inquiry, which, when printed, will make an octavo volume of nearly 1,000 pages. Mr. Cummings had intended making his report to the house of the senate, but he has delayed action for the purpose of making a closer examination of the statistics and terms of the contracts with the Carnegie company.

The clause of the contract under which the committee will claim the right to take off the plates and test them ballistically, provided that the ballistics test required by the ordinance bureau, the government shall still have the right at any time to fire at them, with the proviso that in case such plates pass the test successfully, they shall be paid for by the government, the contractors engaging to furnish new plates for only those that fail to pass.

There is no stipulation as to the time when these tests shall be made, and Mr. Cummings holds that there is nothing in the contracts which bars the government from making them at any time.

Mr. Cummings takes the broad ground that the object of his investigation has been to ascertain the true character of the plates which have been put upon the new vessels. If they are of good quality, no one will be more pleased than he to ascertain that fact; but, on the other hand, if they are not, he asserts that they should be promptly replaced, the question as to who has to bear the loss to be determined in such manner as congress may determine.

The overwhelming evidence of fraud unearthed by Mr. Cummings, the committee are sure to be taken into account in any adjustment of the matter effected by congress, whether the suspected plates pass a satisfactory ballistic test or not.

Hunting Up Absent Senators.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 23.—When the senate met only 21 senators were present—less than half a quorum. Upon a later roll call 32 answered. Mr. Harris moved that absentees be sent for. This was agreed to, and the sergeant-at-arms is now discharging the duty imposed upon him under Mr. Harris' motion.

At 1:20 a quorum was secured and the senate went into executive session.

The executive session lasted but a few minutes, and at 1:30 the senate adjourned for the day.

Immediately afterwards a long list of confirmations of presidential nominations to minor offices were made public. Porter of Tennessee to be circuit judge is not in the list, and it is stated that his nomination was not considered.

Bad Blaze in Bowling Green.

BOWLING GREEN, Ky., Aug. 23.—Two entire blocks burned here during the morning, and incendiarism is suspected. The loss is \$150,000. The insurance is about half of the loss.

Car Countermands His Order.

ST. PETERSBURG, Aug. 23.—The czar has countermanded the order for a holiday of the army maneuvers at Snolensk owing to the prevalence of cholera in that vicinity.

Nina DuFour, the founder of the New Orleans Bee, of the oldest newspapers in the South, died at his home in that city Wednesday.

DENOUNCED THE ORDER.

A Prominent St. Louis Merchant Writes a Strong Letter.

ST. LOUIS, Aug. 23.—W. H. Garland, a prominent merchant, has written a letter announcing his withdrawal from the American Protective association. He writes that the order, which was organized to keep religion out of politics, has been manipulated so that it is now an adjunct of the Republican party. In St. Louis there are 33 churches or local lodges. The president of each of these is a Republican. Two, and probably three, of these presidents are city officials. Nearly all of the Republican city officials are members of the order.

At one time the St. Louis councils had 21,000 members, but the order is rapidly declining, and today there are no more than 5,000 members in good standing in the city. The total state membership is about 9,000, confined almost exclusively to St. Louis and Kansas City. It will be remembered that the St. Louis and Kansas City lodges controlled everything in the recent Republican state convention, and forcibly set upon Colonel Kern's proposed resolution denouncing the American Protective association.

WHY QUINCY QUIT.

He Could Not Spare the Time to Attend to the Business.

BOSTON, Aug. 23.—Regarding his resignation from the chairmanship of the Democratic state committee, Josiah Quincy says he will still retain his membership in the committee, but says he cannot longer spare the time to the duties of the chairmanship, and that it is a good time to get out now that the tariff bill is passed. But some of Mr. Quincy's friends say this means that he is definitely in the fight for the mayoralty.

The resignation is a great surprise even to most of the Democratic leaders, and they either have nothing to say about it or handle the subject in gingerly fashion.

THE ENGLISH FIRM.

They Seize a Vessel that is Being Fitted for Eastern Warfare.

LONDON, Aug. 23.—The English government has ordered the customs authorities at Glasgow to seize the warship Isma, which is being fitted out there for either China or Japan. The order was issued under the foreign enlistment act, as was also an order on Saturday to seize at Newcastle the torpedo catcher built at the Elswick works for China.

The foreign enlistment act makes it a misdemeanor to assist a foreign state at war with a friendly state by equipping in its service or by employing it with war vessels or warlike stores.

AN ALABAMIAN KILLED.

Express Messenger Cohen, of Huntsville, Struck by a Freight-train.

MERIDIAN, Miss., Aug. 23.—Express Messenger T. N. Cochran, of Huntsville, Ala., was killed on the Alabama Great Southern railroad, near this city. The young man was leaning outside his car, watching the movements of several trains on top of the depot, when he was struck a heavy beam. He lived but a short time after the accident.

Mr. Cochran was to have been married the latter part of this week to a prominent society belle of this city. He was also engaged to a prominent and wealthy family in Alabama.

Trying to Catch the Murderer.

BRUNSWICK, Ga., Aug. 23.—Captain T. J. Welch, of the Brunswick and Western railroad, and other friends of the late Conductor John F. Nelson, are sending out circular letters all over the country containing notice of the reward of \$250 offered by Governor Nathan for the arrest of the negro, Tom Johnson, who assassinated the conductor on the night of July 22. These circulars contain a good description of Johnson. Since the night of the crime the Brunswick and Western people have been doing all in their power to apprehend the murderer, and are closely following every clue.

Rumors of a Corn Meal Trust.

KANSAS CITY, Aug. 23.—John P. Sherwood, of Indianapolis, is here completing arrangements for the formation of a corn meal trust. He claims to have already obtained the signatures of the Hudson company, of Terre Haute, Ind.; Harvey Bates, of the Indianapolis Flouring mill; George B. Holliman's Highland mills, Anderson, Ky.; Nebraska City Central mill; the mill owned by G. F. Faldman & Engler & Fisher, St. Louis, and the Corle & Son oatmeal and cereal company, of Kansas City.

A Gay Wife Goes.

SAVANNAH, Aug. 23.—A little sensation has just developed in the report of the elopement of a wife of two months with a well known drummer. The woman is said to be from Pensacola, Fla., where she was married about two months ago to a well known young Savannahian. She is a girl of about 18 years, a devoted inmate and her companion have gone to New Orleans. The husband has made no effort to trace her.

They May Fight in Iowa.

ST. LOUIS, Aug. 23.—The Sioux City Athletic club has received a telegram from W. A. Brady, Cochet's manager, saying Cochet accepts the offer of the club of a purse of \$25,000 to fight Peter Jackson here. The offer was at once telegraphed Jackson, guaranteeing training expenses and all he needs. Members of the club expect to interfere, and think that the fight will be pulled off in Sioux City.

An Outrage in Nashville.

NASHVILLE, Aug. 23.—In south Nashville, a negro named Charles Willis seized a young woman named Jackson, while she was walking on the pavement near her home, and attempted to assault her. After a fight he was arrested and an attempt was made to lynch him. He was finally jailed, and a mob of 300 collected around the jail but was dispersed by the police.

The Mayor Guilty of Boozing.

NEW ORLEANS, Aug. 23.—The jury on the case of Mayor Callahan has just brought in a verdict of guilty.

A Call has been Issued for a Convention of daymen to be held at the Georgia experiment station near Griffin on Aug. 22.

The State National bank of Vernon, Texas, has been closed by a bank examiner. Poor collections crippled it.

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WHITE MEMBERS BOLTED.

THE COLORED BROTHER ON TOP IN NASHVILLE.

The Whites Marched Out of the Convention Hall in High Dudgeon After an All Night Wrangle.

NASHVILLE, Aug. 23.—After an all night session of row and wrangle over the color line question, raised in the Davidson county delegation, the Republican state convention, at 4 o'clock a. m. decided in favor of seating negroes. The Lilly Whites, as they have been denominated, were in high dudgeon when the vote unseating them was announced.

"Are we to understand by this that all the white Republicans of Davidson county are to be disfranchised?" howled Colonel Elijah A. Strick, standing in his seat.

"It means that you are to leave the floor of the convention," replied the speaker.

The Lilly Whites then filed out under derisive jeers, and on passing through the door, one of their number turned and shaking his fist behind him said: "Yes, and we will vote against your nominee."

The convention then adjourned until 10 o'clock a. m. without having effected permanent organization.

Coxey's Little Showdown.

INDIANAPOLIS, Aug. 23.—The Populists have requested affiliation with "General" J. C. Coxey. Some leaders of the party here have the impression that Coxey is running a sort of side-show in connection with the People's party.

He charged yesterday for his speech at Indianapolis the first day, and now it is announced that he will speak to the people of INDIANA county "at 10 cents a head." Members of the party who have been investigating his methods have recommended that he be not endorsed by the state committee to make speeches.

THE SPINNERS' FIGHT.

No Prospects of an Early Agreement Among the Mills in Massachusetts.

FALL RIVER, Aug. 23.—The executive committee of the spinners' association met again to consider the strike situation. It was reported that the Kerr thread mill had made satisfactory terms with the spinners employed, but the members declined to say just what they were.

It is believed that the Kerr mill will continue paying old wages until the mixed condition of things in other concerns is cleared up.

A delegation of spinners from the Sanford Spinning company was present to protest against allowing any reduction of wages in that mill. The members said they would strike rather than work for less wages than they are now receiving.

The table yarn mill spinners were also present and were very much worked up on account of the alleged breaking of faith with them on the part of Agent Arnold B. Sanford, also president of the Sanford Spinning company.

Spinners of the mill can well afford to pay the old wages on account of the prosperous condition of the yarn business as compared in activity with cloth manufacturers.

The executive committee voted to send Acting secretary O'Donnell to the mill to interview the agent, and there is every likelihood of a strike unless concessions are made. Conditions at Hargreaves Granite and Shovel mills are unchanged. The union of the weavers in counting room from the works is causing a great deal of annoyance to the spinners' agent, but the locked out spinners will have a claim on the treasury just the same as though they were on a strike.

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The report that the bodies of the negroes who were lynched were burned has been confirmed. A gentleman who witnessed the affair says that the corpses were thrown on a great pile of dry wood, and that a negro who had participated in the lynching applied the match.

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Mr. Tucker imposed certain conditions for reopening the bank, which proved very satisfactory to his callers, and it was arranged that the bank should resume business as soon as Mr. Griffith returned and arranged the details. It is expected that the doors will be reopened in a few days.

Mayberry Miller Arrested.

ALTOONA, Aug. 23.—Mayberry Miller, clerk in the wrecked Second National bank of this city, was arrested, while in company with his fiancée, on the Newton Hamilton emporium grounds near here, on the charge of changing figures in the bank balance book before the visit of the national bank examiner six months ago. He did this, it is said, at the request of Cashier Gardner.

A letter has been received from Cashier Gardner stating that he could give himself no account of the suicide of Examiner Miller, but nothing has been seen of him yet.

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