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PERPLEXING SITUATION.

A news item yesterday states that Secretary Root has returned to Washington after his long trip to various South American republics in the interests of a closer union between the northern and southern portions of this great hemisphere. According to the telegraph reports which reached this country about Secretary Root's journey, he was met on all sides by the kindest and most courteous treatment from our sister republics' representatives; not so much on account of his being the representative of the greatest country in this half of the globe, but more on account of his mission. During Secretary Root's absence, however, a rather embarrassing situation has arisen in regard to the Cuban crisis, and one which unless handled with extreme caution may tend to destroy all the good results of the statesman's mission to South America. The United States today is intervening in the domestic affairs of Cuba and has declared Secretary Taft a United States government official, provisional governor of Cuba until a new and stable government can be established in that Island. So far the flag of the Cuban republic has not been lowered and Secretary Taft is serving as governor under that flag instead of the Stars and Stripes. On all sides, however, we hear talk of annexation and there is no doubt but that congress might annex Cuba at its next session if such were the will of the people of this country. But what would such action have upon South American republics? Secretary Root's mission was to make States' allies look on the United of any their best friend instead very doubtful country, but it is to be the cayenne would feel such. Therefore we annexed Cuba, fronts President 'em which cabinet at this party and his easy one. We do not time is no confidence of our sort to lose nor do we want to count sisters state of anarchy at our gate a line. If Cuba must be annexed it be by the will of a majority of inhabitants and then when annexation takes place let it be with the understanding that the island will as soon as possible be permitted to enter as a state, thus ensuring to all its inhabitants the power of the ballot which we enjoy in place of their recourse to riot and revolution. Fair and impartial treatment such as this would allay all South American doubts as to our fairness as a nation and our desire to be on the best of terms with all our neighbors. That we were not annexing Cuba for territorial gain but simply to bring peace, security and freedom in its fullest sense to a people as yet ignorant of the true uses of liberty.

INDIANA STILL SAFE.
Indiana which used to be heralded

as a doubtful quantity politically, but which for many years has been almost as reliably Republican as it is possible for a State to be, will not change this year. A few weeks ago some Republicans were alarmed at the evidences of the getting together of the Democrats and the apparent apathy of the Republicans. They believed that it pointed to disastrous results. Such opinions are no longer entertained. Even the strongest Democratic papers in the country point to Indiana as "hopeless." Louis Ludlow, of the Indianapolis Star, whose political prognostications are based on visits to every district in the State, thus sums up the situation:

"The state election will take place five weeks hence. A careful survey of the situation in Indiana shows that general conditions are highly favorable to the Republicans. Among whose judgement is regarded as a reliable index of the political drift it is believed Indiana will go Republican anywhere from 30,000 to 50,000."

"The developments of the last few weeks have been altogether favorable to the Republicans. William J. Bryan and W. R. Hearst have done more to increase the size of the Republican plurality in Indiana than anything the Republican campaign managers have done or hope to do. Bryan's government ownership declaration chilled the Indiana Democracy and drove away from the Democratic banners many erstwhile Gold Democrats who otherwise would have been fighting in the ranks with Bryan as their accepted leader."

"All over Indiana are heard, among Democrats who never have faltered in their allegiance to party, expressions of keen disappointment over what they term Bryan's "blunder." It is a common remark that whenever the Democrats begin to show signs of getting together some one in a position of leadership is certain to say something or do something that will upset the whole kettle of fish."

AS TO TELEPHONES.

The Home Telephone Company evidently intends to give the people what they want, knowing perhaps, that they have not been getting what they deserve for some time past. The new telephone system which is to be installed will unquestionably be the best that money and brains can devise and there will be none in Indiana that will approach it in perfection. In the meantime, however, the Central Union Company also is spending much money in improving its system and people are naturally wondering just what all this will bring about. Both companies with their costly investments cannot hope for profitable returns. One or the other must finally be vanquished if there is not a merger and just now it looks as if the Home Telephone Company would be justified in turning down any merger offer that might be made. It will be a fight in which the fittest will survive and as a general proposition the sympathies of the people are always with the home concern.

SCIENCE OF AGRICULTURE.

The exhibit of farm products grown by the pupils of the district schools of Wayne County, which was recently made in this city, could not be otherwise than beneficial. It is a fact that until the past few years it was not fully recognized, that the district schools paid little or no attention to the industry of farming. A majority of the pupils, who came from the farm, were interested in everything excepting the pursuit which their fathers and their forefathers followed. Many were led to believe that after all the farm was the poorest place in the world and the tendency which the schooling gave them was to leave the farm at first opportunity. The science of agriculture stands on an equal plane with the other sciences and the more the schools do to interest and instruct the pupils therein, the better the farms will be and consequently the better the country as a whole.

PEN, PENCIL AND BRUSH.

Count Tolstoi neither drinks, smokes nor eats meat.

Old John Lie, the most beloved Norwegian writer, has returned to his native land after a twenty year sojourn in Paris. He is seventy and almost blind.

Alfred Stevens, the famous Belgian artist, is dead. He was a commander of the Legion of Honor and had practiced his art for nearly three-quarters of a century.

Dr. Charles Edward von Hartmann, the noted German philosopher, is dead. His most famous book is said to be "The Philosophy of the Unconscious."

Charles Dana Gibson is seeking a studio in Paris after a tour of the Art galleries of Italy and Spain, from knowledge being a sufferer turned sick and would have reversion of America but for the persuasion.

Rapid Education.

"You wouldn't guess it from looking at that burglar that he went through one of our leading colleges."

"No, I wouldn't. Did he take high honors?"

"No. He only took some rare books and a few gold pens. He went through it in his profession as a burglar."

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A Disguised Kipling Story Refused
By Leading Magazines of the Country.

(Communication in New York Sun.)

Occasionally some unappreciated genius whose manuscripts have been found, unavailable by a long list of magazine editors rises from his couch of thought and notifies the public that a "ring" exists, and that outsiders have no chance with their manuscripts no matter how worthy they may be of consideration. Personally, I have no sympathy with the complaints of these literary wayfarers, possibly because I am neither an author nor a writer myself; but that a certain amount of really good material is passed over and lost by undiscerning editors I can affirm from the result of an adventure which I will relate:

A nonliterary friend and myself, after some discussion of the subject in question, decided upon test—perhaps one of questionable propriety, but nevertheless a test, and a relentless one. One of Kipling's most popular short stories was selected. The environment of the tale was English, but as the story depended little on local color, the scene was easily transferred to America. An entire change of names of characters was accomplished after considerable mental effort. Aside from this, I give my word of honor, not a paragraph, a line, a word or a punctuation was changed. Upon being typewritten it was sent to the following publishers:

Collier's Weekly.

Harper's Monthly.
Scribner's.
Ainslee's.
Century.
Munsey's.
Lippincott's.
Metropolitan.
Cosmopolitan.
Outing Magazine.
McClure's.
Frank Leslie's.
Everybody's.
Saturday Evening Post.
Smart Set.
Broadway Magazine.

In the case of each of the above mentioned publishers the story was returned to us accompanied by a note in which the editorial soul breathes forth its appreciation and regret, but nothing more. Finally, to make the position of the undiscerning publishers superlatively ridiculous, the manuscript was forwarded to Kipling's original publishers of the story. After an interval of about seven weeks we received a letter containing a check and acceptance.

The check was returned by us, with the explanation that the story was to be amplified into a novel, and in due time we received our manuscript back.

This experience is as true as the result was preposterous, and is a commentary and a reflection on somebody's intellectual pretensions—upon whose we will leave it for the public to decide.

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