

THE POPULISTS MAY CONTROL.

A Careful Analysis Shows They Probably Have a Balance of Power.

REPUBLICANS LETHARGIC.

A Straight Majority or None at All is Wanted by Them.

Depends on Kansas, California, Nebraska, Montana and Wyoming—If Republicans Carry Four Senators, Stevenson Will Have the Deciding Vote—Almost Certain That Kansas, Nebraska, Wyoming and Montana Will Elect Populists With Either Republican or Democratic Sentiments—Each Party Will Vie in Serving Them for Favors—They Can Command Complete Obedience—McPherson Declines He Has Been Offered a Portfolio—Reports of the Homestead Committee Confict—The Immigration Problem.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 14.—Though no further caucus of the Republicans of the Senate was called to-day as had been expected, the organization and control of the Senate continues to be the absorbing question, discussed to the exclusion of all other things political. The Western Senators who want to succeed themselves, Felton, in California; Perkins, in Kansas; Saunders, in Montana; Padlock, in Nebraska, and Warren, in Wyoming, with their colleagues have succeeded in sparing the Republicans of the Middle and Eastern States to some show of energy, but they have not been able to inspire them with more than a passing hope that they or other Republicans can be elected to succeed them.

The truth is, as I have repeatedly said before, and as Republican Senators continue to admit confidentially, there is no great desire on the part of the Republicans to acquire a partial control of the Senate through the election of Third party Senators with Republican tendencies. If they cannot gain a clear majority of straight Republicans, they would prefer to have the Senate in the control of a clear majority of straight Democrats, or of Democrats and Populists who are identified with the Democrats.

Up to this time not a single correct list of the composition of the undivided membership of the next Senate has been given to the public. In every one of them blunders have appeared due to either haste or carelessness. As a decision of the whole absorbing matter will have to be made immediately after the 31st of March, when the Senate is called in extra session to confirm nominations made by President Cleveland, and as the news from the five questionable States, Kansas, California, Nebraska, Montana and Wyoming, will be watched for daily with increasing interest, it is important to know exactly how the Senate will stand exclusive of those five States in respect to the membership which can now be set on foot as absolute certainties.

The Democrats who will hold over, that is, whose terms do not expire the 31st of next March, or who have already been elected for a new term beginning at that date, are: Fitch and Moran, of Alabama; Jones and Berry, of Arkansas; Call, of Florida; Colquhoun, of Georgia; California, Nebraska, Montana and Wyoming, who will be watched for daily with increasing interest, it is important to know exactly how the Senate will stand exclusive of those five States in respect to the membership which can now be set on foot as absolute certainties.

The Republicans who hold over, or who have already been elected to succeed themselves after the 31st of March, are as follows:

- Stanford, of California; Teller and Woodruff, of Colorado; Platt, of Connecticut; Higgins, of Delaware; Spoon and Dubois, of Idaho; Capron, of Illinois; Allison and Wilcox, of Iowa; Lodge, of Maine; Hoar, of Massachusetts; McMillan, of Michigan; Vestal, of Minnesota; Power, of Montana; Chandler and Gallinger, of New Hampshire; Burroughs, of North Dakota; Sherman, of Ohio; Mitchell and Bailey, of Oregon; Cameron, of Pennsylvania; Dixon, of Tennessee; Edwards, of Texas; Daniel and Hatcher, of Virginia; and, of West Virginia, Vilsack, of West Virginia, in all 31.

The following Senators, whose terms will expire the 31st of March, will be succeeded by Democrats, all of them now being Democrats, with the exception of Hisscock and Sawyer:

- Carson, of Delaware; Pasco, of Florida; Turpie, of Indiana; Cockrell, of Missouri; Hodge, of New Jersey; Hisscock, of New York; Bacon, of North Carolina; Faulkner, of West Virginia; Sawyer, of Wisconsin, in all 10.

The following Republican Senators, whose terms expire the 31st of March, will be succeeded by themselves or other Republicans: Hawley, of Connecticut; Hale, of Maine; Daws, of Massachusetts; Stockbridge, of Michigan; Davis, of Minnesota; Stewart, of Nevada; Carey, of North Dakota; Quay, of Pennsylvania; Aldrich, of Tennessee; and, of Vermont, Allen, of Washington, in all 11.

From this it will be seen that with the 31 holders Democrats, and 10 Democrats certain to be elected, the Democrats will have 41 Senators, and the Republicans will have 29 holders and 11 certainties, will have 40, all this exclusive of the Populists, Felton, of Kansas, and Kyle, of South Dakota, who are expected to vote on organization, Kyle for the Democrats and Felton for the Republicans, which would make the Senate stand 46 Democrats to 34 Republicans, exclusive of the 6 States about which no definite statement can yet be made, though telegrams were received by the Senators from California to-day saying that they will certainly elect a straight Republican Senator to succeed Felton.

Stevenson would decide it. It will be noted, however, that if the Republicans would win the organization and control of the Senate, they must elect four of the Senators from the five States in question, as 45 votes are required for a majority. With 44 votes the Senate would be a tie, and "I am a Democrat" Stevenson would give the deciding vote as President of the Senate.

Here again the question arises whether, in the event of the Republicans winning the four Senators from the five doubtful States, necessary for a majority, they will be permitted to swear them in if there be contests or if any shadow of doubt be thrown upon the legality of their election. I have spoken to-day with a number of Senators, both Democrats and Republicans, on this subject and they agree that it has been the practice, when the credentials were found to be in perfect legal form, to permit the persons holding such credentials to take the oath, though there were contestants for the seats,

or though there were doubts in regard to the legal constitution of the Legislature which elected them. It is a general belief among Senators, though they will not be quoted as admitting it, that what California may elect a Republican, Kansas, Nebraska, Wyoming and Montana will return Populists with either Republican or Democratic tendencies, and in that case it is probable that both Democratic and Republican Senators will vie with each other to make the admission of the Third party people as easy and lovely as possible, hoping for subsequent favors from the handful of men who will hold within their little circle the fate of all legislation in the Senate.

Their Commands Would Be Law. Should those three or four Populists be elected to sit with Felton and Kyle, already in their seats, the balance of power would be firmly in the hands of these few. They could issue their commands in regard to organization and legislation and the Republicans and Democrats would have no recourse but to obey, and this, as affairs look at this writing, is the most probable outcome of the confusion. As to the interference of Republicans of the National Committee or of the Senate in the Senatorial elections of the States named, I am assured by a Senator whose counsel would be more valuable than that of any other person in the land, in case should they be attempted, that there will be positively no interference. They would keep all hands off and allow the States in question to attend to their own affairs. This, said the Senator, was final, and no matter what might be asserted the country could rest assured that not a man nor a dollar had been or would be sent to any doubtful States to assist Republicans there in any way whatever.

Senator McPherson emphatically and indignantly reported that he has been offered the portfolio of the Treasury Department by Mr. Cleveland. He says the story is a lie out of the whole cloth, and if one part of it is more colossal than another, he is sure that the latter is not his self authority for it.

Representative Dalzell has been given an honor which is exceedingly complimentary in character, though non-political. At a meeting of the Yale Alumni Association of the capital last evening Mr. Dalzell was elected Second Vice President of the association, which has a very numerous membership. Mr. Justice Brandegee, of the Supreme Court of the United States, is the First Vice President.

THE HOMESTEAD REPORT. Judge Oates Says the Bone of Contention Centers in the Pinkertons. WASHINGTON, Dec. 14.—[Special.]—Judge Oates, Chairman of the sub-committee of the House which investigated the Homestead and Pinkerton matters, said to THE DISPATCH correspondent to-day that he had not the least idea as to what the committee would do in regard to a report. "Of course, Congress expects some kind of a report," said the Judge, "but when each member of the sub-committee seems to want a report different from every other member it is pretty hard to guess what will be done. We shall get together next Tuesday and talk the matter over, and possibly we may reach some conclusion."

The bone of contention seems to be in regard to the Pinkertons. I think some of the committee would like to advise the enactment of a law prohibiting the maintenance and employment by individuals or corporations of such armed bodies as the Pinkertons. For my part I don't know how the United States can interfere with a matter which seems to me to belong wholly to the several States, whose citizens are especially affected. If they do not see fit to enact laws governing such conditions, I don't see why we should step in and legislate for them. However, I am but one member of the sub-committee and will let it decide upon a report, possibly the minority may decide upon another."

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CARNOT TO RESIGN.

The French President Suffers a Fate Similar to That of Grevy.

THE BIG WITNESSES TESTIFY

As to Baron de Reinach's Connection With the Panama Scandal.

A NEW POLITICAL DEAL ARRANGED. PARIS, Dec. 14.—The rumors that President Carnot will resign shortly are confirmed this evening. At Tuesday's Cabinet meeting during the heated dispute between M. Ribot and M. Rouvier, the President interposed the remark: "The action of certain Ministers renders my retention of office almost impossible."

M. Rouvier, therefore, left the meeting, declaring that he would resign. President Carnot's difficulty is increased by the reports that his father and Brothers are involved in the Panama canal scandal. President Carnot himself, and not M. Ribot, was the one who sent to M. Tirard the dispatch, "I call upon you as a friend of my family, not to refuse office. If you do I will resign to-morrow."

The principal witnesses examined by the Panama Canal Commission to-day were M. Rouvier, who yesterday resigned, the Finance portfolio, M. Constant, a former Minister of the Interior, and M. Georges Clemenceau, the well-known Radical Deputy.

The Baron Realizes Some Profits. M. Rouvier was the first to be examined. He declared that he had nothing to add to what he said yesterday. Being questioned in regard to his relations with Baron de Reinach, he replied that when he visited Reinach's residence the Baron asked him to see M. Herz on account of the desperate state of mind into which Baron de Reinach had been driven by various charges brought against him by various newspapers.

Reinach Gives Up in Despair. Witness did not know why Baron de Reinach had applied to M. Herz to have the press attacks stopped. When witness and Baron de Reinach left the house of M. Constant, the last named gentleman having declared that he had instigated the newspaper agitation, the Baron said: "I am lost." M. Clemenceau added that M. Herz was a shareholder in the newspaper *La Libre Parole*, in 1888-89 to the amount of \$10,000 and that he himself had had frequent relations with Baron Reinach, whom he believed to be connected with the Panama Canal Company only in the capacity of broker.

When M. Constant was called to the stand he declined to be sworn, but he gave his word of honor that he would tell the truth. He testified that he had told Baron de Reinach that he had nothing to do with newspaper agitation. He had never seen M. Herz, he said, editor of *La Libre Parole*, which he had summoned to testify before the committee, in which he refused to appear before the committee and declares that M. Drumont, editor of *La Libre Parole*, must be liberated from prison.

The Government Seizes Reinach's Papers. The seals were removed from the house of the late Baron de Reinach to-day, and all papers and documents belonging to him were taken possession of by Government officials and afterward handed to the committee investigating the scandal.

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IN THE POPE'S NAME

Was the Message to the Archbishops Delivered by Satolli.

ALL DOUBTS NOW SET AT REST.

Leo XIII Irritated at the Catholics Who Question His Mission.

HARSH MEASURES ARE THREATENED. BALTIMORE, Dec. 14.—There has just been issued by the publishing house of John Murphy & Co., of this city, for private circulation among the bishops of the Catholic Church in the United States an authentic "Abstract of the Minutes of the Third Annual Conference of the Most Reverend Archbishops of the United States." This authorized abstract is signed "P. L. Chapelle, Secretary," and is accompanied by the following statement:

In accordance with a resolution of the board the foregoing abstract has been approved by the Most Eminent Chairman, Cardinal Gibbons, and by His Grace, the Most Rev. Archbishop of New York. These approved minutes will probably be accepted by Catholics everywhere as conclusive on the disputed questions as to what took place in the conference of Archbishops as to Mgr. Satolli's mission and the views the Papal delegates laid before that conference on the public school question. Following are the abstracts bearing on this matter:

All in the Pope's Name. The Cardinal introduced the Apostolic delegate, the Most Rev. Archbishop Satolli. He reviewed the propositions that he had been commissioned by the Holy Father to speak to them in his name on the question of Catholic education. He read and explained in different propositions, which he laid before the Archbishops for the purpose of finally settling the school question, and of setting the means that should be adopted for the carrying out of religious instruction to Catholic children.

At the afternoon session of the same day the document presented by Mgr. Satolli was taken up and some modifications suggested. Mgr. Satolli, who afterward entered the room, thanked the prelates for their kind reception and adding that their deliberations would be productive of excellent results. At the request of all members of the board he kindly consented to alter the last sentence of his pamphlet by concluding the important document with the following words: "All of which has been read and approved by the prelates having the honor of the difficulties having been solved, the modifications asked for have been made, and the Most Eminent Chairman should convey by letter to His Holiness the Pope, and to the grateful acknowledgment, deep sense of respect and best wishes for his success and that of the Holy Father for having sent to them so learned and holy a representative on a special mission to the duties of which he has so ably discharged."

A cable dispatch from Rome says: Much irritation exists at the Vatican on account of the attacks made by certain American Catholic journals on the person and the mission of Mgr. Satolli. It is learned that Mgr. Satolli's mission may cause inquiry to be made into his origin. The Holy Father is desirous that his agents shall be respected, and that his views of pacification in the United States shall be known. There are any number of it, the Pope will in this instance, also take severe measures with those who oppose his intervention. It is believed here that the Vatican knows whence the hostile American criticisms proceed.

FOILED BY FATE. Robbers Terrorize an Old Couple, Attempting to Get Money. NEW CASTLE, Pa., Dec. 14.—[Special.]—Mr. and Mrs. Jonathan Kallert reside in Shenango township, four miles from this city. They are old folks and quite wealthy. Yesterday Kallert expected to receive a large sum of money in payment of a note, but was disappointed.

At 9 o'clock last night, while Kallert was lying on a lounge, his wife being in bed, there was a rap at the door which the old man answered. Two masked men with pistols in hand pushed into the room, ordering Kallert to hold up his hands. The old man was so frightened that he sank into a chair, but he held his hands high over his head. They were asked to produce the money, but he was literally unable to do so. Repeating the demand for money one of the men pushed the muzzle of a pistol against his face and pointed another at the bed where Mrs. Kallert was lying, threatening to shoot both if the money was not forthcoming.

Fear for his wife's safety enabled the old man to profess that he had no money. The men laughed and asked him where the money was that he got on the note. Luckily he had the note in his pocket, and was permitted to use one hand to produce it. They satisfied the men on that score, but they told him to turn his pocketbook inside out on the table. He did so and they took \$10, leaving the remainder in the note. Mrs. Kallert says she heard the voices of the other men on the porch, who were probably posted as pickets. Kallert came here to-day and pointed the matter in the hands of Detectives Brown and Marshall.

Must Protect Themselves. BOSTON, Mass., Dec. 14.—The Boston agents of the various ship lines question the justice and intelligence of the rulings of the Treasury Department regarding the restriction of immigration. The agents all disclaim any intention of placing obstacles in the way of travel from abroad en route to the World's Fair, but they say the companies must protect themselves.

Governor Flower Opposes It. ALBANY, N. Y., Dec. 14.—Adjutant General Porter has declared that he would request the Legislature to furnish \$500,000 for the transportation of the National Guard to Chicago during the World's Fair. He will also request that the State be reimbursed for the expense of the transport. He has the greatest experience at Buffalo showed to be absolutely necessary. Governor Flower is opposed to the expenditure.

FOUND ON THE TRACK. He Tells About It. It is one thing to be found on the track and another to be found on the right track. So believes W. W. Evans, Editor *Waynesburg*. Evans, Independent who for 25 years suffered incessantly from distressing nervous headaches and last year was compelled to quit work because of it. He found himself on the right track when he had taken half a box of Dr. Miles' Restorative Nervine and the headache had disappeared and had not returned. J. R. Downer, Cambridge, O., says: "My niece was afflicted with St. Vitus' dance several years and physicians failed to do her any good. I procured a bottle of Dr. Miles' Restorative Nervine completely cured her." Sold on every street and in every drug store. Prepared by Dr. Miles Medical Company, Elkhart, Ind.

THE COOLEYS OVERRULED.

Defects in the Indictments, Though Loose Practice, Hold Them in Theoretical Unfitness to-day. District Attorney Frasher quoted from Wharton to show it is a peculiarly Pennsylvania custom to have the indictments drawn in the form objected to. Mr. Downs also quoted from Wharton to overrule this. Judge Ewing ruled that it is the custom in this State. He thought it very loose practice, and would have quashed the bills but for an instance which he quoted as precedent. Attorney Scargitt asked for a continuance on account of the absence of witnesses, and also because of the popular feeling in this case, but he also was overruled. The witnesses both for the Commonwealth and the defendants had gone off behaving after last night they would not be required again this term. The Judge said they would all require to be here before to-morrow. Meanwhile a murder case was taken up, and the Cooley case will come next. The case against Lida Pastoriou will, of course, also stand over.

Attorney Downs, surprised at being overruled by the Court, intends to bring up a point earlier. He has gotten several cases in his favor from "Wharton's Precedents in Indictments," and hopes yet that what Judge Ewing characterized as "loose practice," although allowed by custom, may be set aside in this case and a continuance granted.

KENTUCKY DISTILLERS DISAGREE. Those With Heavy Stocks Want the Tax Increased, While Others Object. LOUISVILLE, Dec. 14.—At a meeting of the wholesale whisky dealers and distillers of Kentucky this afternoon no agreement could be reached as to the internal revenue tax on whisky. Those who have a heavy stock want the tax increased, while those whose holdings are short want to remain at 90 cents a gallon.

The distillers are borrowing money from the bank to tax whisky out of bond in anticipation of an increase in the tax. The new State revenue bill increases the State tax on whisky, and an attempt will be made to have the assessors continue the old valuation of 88 a barrel.

ONE HUNDRED MINERS STRIKE. They Think the Company Screens Are Entirely Too Coarse. SALISVILLE, O., Dec. 14.—[Special.]—100 miners employed at the slope mines of the Ohio and Pennsylvania Coal Company, at this place, have declared a strike. The trouble has been brewing for some time, the dispute being over the screens used. Most of the output of this mine is used to coal engines on the Cleveland and Pittsburg Railroad, and the mine owners, who are Cleveland capitalists, will attempt to run the mine with non-union men.

A GRAVE VANDAL INDICTED. A True Bill Found in the Hoosier District Where the Outrages Occurred. INDIANAPOLIS, Dec. 14.—The Morgan county grand jury, convened to investigate the alleged desecration of soldiers' graves, returned an indictment this morning. While the officials will not admit it had any reference to the grave desecration, that body was charged only with the investigation of that matter, and so far as can be learned, has done nothing.

A Wholesale Grocery Failure. CINCINNATI, Dec. 14.—A. R. Clark, doing business as A. R. Clark & Co., wholesale grocers, assigned this afternoon, after having confessed judgments in favor of creditors to over \$50,000. Debts and assets about \$100,000 each.

FIFTY MINERS PERISH.

English Colliers See the Scene of Another Unexplained Disaster. LONDON, Dec. 14.—At least 50 lives were lost to-day in the Bamfurlong colliery at Wigan by a terrible explosion. The earth was shaken for a great distance and a cloud of smoke shot up through the shaft into the air. It is believed the explosion was caused by accumulated coal gas which had escaped the notice of the official charged with the inspection of the mine.

The flames spread to the engine house at the head of the air tunnel. This stopped the pumping of air into the mine and added greatly to the peril of those who were in the pit. The fire was not subdued until 5 o'clock this afternoon. Some little time after the bodies of 20 of the miners who had been suffocated by the explosion were recovered in the mine after the explosion were brought to the surface. Though the work is extremely dangerous, the exploration of the workings is continued in the hope that some of the miners may have reached places of safety. The rescued miners believe that the explosion was caused by the sparks from the engine house, which is said to have caught fire a few minutes before the explosion. Men were sent through the mines warning the laborers, and many of these nearest the shaft escaped. The miners worked further from the shaft tried to rush through fire and smoke and were suffocated in the effort.

AELWARD CAN'T BE ARRESTED. The German Reichstag Adopts a Motion That Will Protect Him. BERLIN, Dec. 14.—The Reichstag to-day adopted a motion declaring that Rector Ahlwardt, sentenced to five months' imprisonment for libel committed in his no-parliamentary pamphlet, is entitled to immunity from arrest.

TAILLON CALLED TO QUEBEC. To Be Asked to Take the Premiership Resigned by De Boucherville. MONTREAL, QUE., Dec. 14.—[Special.]—Mr. De Boucherville's resignation of the Quebec premiership was to-day accepted by Lieutenant Governor Chapleau. Mr. L. O. Taillon, of this city, received a summons from the Lieutenant Governor and left for Quebec this evening. It is believed that Mr. Taillon will be induced to form a new administration.

De Boucherville's resignation is the talk of the hour in political circles. The relations between Chapleau and De Boucherville have not been of a friendly nature for years and when Chapleau was appointed Premier he had the desire to see De Boucherville out of the province. He is known that De Boucherville would not serve under him. The Prime Minister waited until the Lieutenant Governor resigned the Capital and the day after he handed his resignation, which was promptly accepted. Several other ministers are expected to retire and De Boucherville's withdrawal will widen the breach between the clericals and Liberals. They were, in expectation and adding that their deliberations would be productive of excellent results. At the request of all members of the board he kindly consented to alter the last sentence of his pamphlet by concluding the important document with the following words: "All of which has been read and approved by the prelates having the honor of the difficulties having been solved, the modifications asked for have been made, and the Most Eminent Chairman should convey by letter to His Holiness the Pope, and to the grateful acknowledgment, deep sense of respect and best wishes for his success and that of the Holy Father for having sent to them so learned and holy a representative on a special mission to the duties of which he has so ably discharged."

Alterations Only in the Style. On Saturday, November 19, the Most Rev. Delegate made a kindly and eloquent speech, thanking the prelates for their kind reception and adding that their deliberations would be productive of excellent results. At the request of all members of the board he kindly consented to alter the last sentence of his pamphlet by concluding the important document with the following words: "All of which has been read and approved by the prelates having the honor of the difficulties having been solved, the modifications asked for have been made, and the Most Eminent Chairman should convey by letter to His Holiness the Pope, and to the grateful acknowledgment, deep sense of respect and best wishes for his success and that of the Holy Father for having sent to them so learned and holy a representative on a special mission to the duties of which he has so ably discharged."

FLED FROM HIS WIFE. A Divorce Applicant Who Had Been Wrongfully Imprisoned in an Asylum. SIOUX FALLS, S. D., Dec. 14.—Some sensational testimony was given by Wesley A. Merchant, of Warsaw, N. Y., in an application for a divorce from Alice C. Merchant. He was the owner of 800 acres near that place. He had ten horses and \$6,000 in the bank and was prospering. In July, 1891, he was working in his field, when he was seized by messengers sent out by his wife. This was at 3 o'clock in the afternoon. At 11 o'clock that night he says he was in the insane asylum at Buffalo. He says he was confined in the asylum for three weeks, when his wife secured his dismissal.

Meanwhile, he swears she tried to get the \$6,000 from the savings bank, but had failed. In March, 1892, Mrs. Merchant advised him to return to his home, but he had left for Canada to escape his wife's clutches. While Merchant was in Canada he had been appointed guardian of the personal property. After a trip to Canada he returned to Sioux Falls, where he received a divorce to-day. Local physicians who have examined him say he is sane, in his opinion, and has never been insane. He will leave in a few days for Buffalo, where he will begin a suit for the recovery of his property.

REFUSES FEDERAL AID. The Protestant Episcopal Church Will Support its Schools in Alaska. NEW YORK, Dec. 14.—[Special.]—It was decided by the Episcopal Board of Managers of the Protestant Episcopal Church to refuse further Government subsidies for the support of their schools. This action was determined upon when the question of renewing the contracts with the Government for the conduct of the schools in Alaska was under consideration. The board adopted a resolution saying "that this board itself unable consistently with its convictions as to the incompetency of the Government to make appropriations for religious education, and for educational purposes to accept any such appropriations in the future."

For the past five or six years this Government subsidy, which amounts to \$50,000 annually, has been granted to the Protestant Episcopal Church for the support of two schools. One of these is at Mount Hope, which is within the Arctic circle, where the highest average temperature registered in the summer is 60°. The other is at Aniak, on the Yukon river.

GROVER WILL PRESS IT. His Thumb Will Touch the Button and Start the World's Fair. CHICAGO, Dec. 14.—Grover Cleveland will be asked to make a speech on May 1, 1892, at the Exposition. At the close of the speech if he accepts the invitation, Mr. Cleveland will touch an electric button, starting the 14,000 horse power plant over in machinery hall that is to run all the whirling wheels of the Fair.

THE AMAZONS STILL FIGHTING. King Benharzin Appeals to the British and Will Resort to Bushwhacking. PARIS, Dec. 14.—Benharzin, the fugitive King of Dahomey, writes that the negotiations which took place at Cava resulted in the conclusion of an agreement providing for the cessation of the war in return for the cession of the town of Kotonon to the French. Benharzin said he thereupon set fire to Abomey and retired to Acradutan with 20,000 soldiers, and that he is prepared to carry on a sanguinary guerilla warfare. He concludes his letter by proposing to cede Whydah to the British.

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