The Present Session of Congress Continues Rock and the Whirlpool-A Fight In

Which No Quarter Is Asked. The leaders in congress are between the devil and the deep sea. This is a statement made with a good deal of pleasure by members of the Republican minority. But it is no partisan statement for all that. Unfortunately it is only too true. That's the way it appears to my friend the man up a tree, and for once he is right.

The further the present session of congress continues the more of a spectacle it grown too costly to permit such waste becomes. The late lamented Steele Mac- of time. It follows that there is less kaye never for a moment conceived of any- oratorical skill displayed than in former thing so stupendously absurd. It has at times been farcical, always a comedy of our leading lawyers made a specialty errors, and in its farreaching results must necessarily become a tragedy.

"A Plague to Both Your Houses." But the "Roman mob" on the floor of the house have no heed for results, be they what they may. Their own actions justify their criticism, severe as it may appear. Day after day and week after week they have deported themselves to the amusement of the crowded galleries as no set of schoolboys ever dared think of doing. They have laughed and joked while the country was in distress, and heeded not. distant, certainly not beyond the next elec-

This utter abandonment of consequences to the party now in power is the natural result of success to a body made up largely of the discontented elements in politics. The overwhelming majority given the Democrats in the lower house was not the result of any one or two national questions upon which party lines were distinctly drawn. On the contrary, it was due more than anything else to the widespread discontent with the powers that existed at that time.

The Republicans had held full sway so long that of necessity many abuses had sprung up in national affairs. For these they were held alone responsible. So it is now with the Democrats. They have had full swing for a few brief months, and the public is now blaming them for every evil that has befallen the country.

The Late Mr. Tweed Quoted. This is but too true. In a large sense it is not justified by the facts in the case. The Democrats were not responsible for the Sherman silver law, nor were they responsible for the depleted condition of the treasury, brought about through excessive and almost ruinous appropriations, but they will have the blame to bear all the same.

But what are you going to do about it? That is the question which confronts the leaders of the Democratic party at both ends of the capitol at this time. I have asked many, but as yet have no answer that is in any way satisfactory. They all give assurance of their good intentions, but you all know the place where good inten-tions unfulfilled lead some. Just at this time that appears to be the destination of some of the leaders of the party in power, and they are using the limited express in

their anxiety to get there.
What about the tariff? Who can tell? President Cleveland, worn out by his efforts to unite his party, went off in disgust on a government revenue cutter to kill It was a case of duck or no dinner in his estimation, and the chances of the party for starvation were only equaled by Lieutenant Greely and his colleagues

when lost in the arctic regions.

Ask any of the recognized leaders at either end of the capitol to tell you what is going to be done with the tariff, and they will only look at you in an agonized way and pass on. They don't know. That is the whole thing in a nutshell. Once in a great while you will find one of the smaller fry willing to give you his opinions at length. They are not worth the time they take to tell. Those who understand the situation wisely keep their mouths shut.

The Silver Question. Now as to silver. Again you are met with the same unwillingness to go on rec-ord. The silver men, in an indefinite way that is truly beautiful, will tell you that, phenixlike, silver will rise from the ashes of the past and that this congress will adopt the double standard. Quite interest-ing if true. But is it true? Certainly not. It may come to pass, but if it does there is nothing in the present situation to justify

any such confident assertion. The gold men are just as "chipper."
They poohpooh the claims of the silver men, but cannot give any definite assurance as to what the outcome will be. About the only thing that seems certain at this time is that the financial question is by no means settled and that the present congress has got to fight it out to a finish—that is, if there can be a finish of a question which has troubled the country since its foundation and will doubtless

continue to trouble it till its fall. So far as the tariff is concerned, a little light appears to be breaking at last. The action of the senate, while not in line with the Wilson bill as it passed the house, bids fair to be met in a proper spirit by the joint conferees. The result will be in all probability a patchwork bill which will legislation will stand out clear and bold by ed. Where the protection was general the discrimination did not stand out with ed payment. very reason of the few industries protectsuch terrific force.

A Pretty Kettle of Fish.

and all of them, big and little, are in pretty hot water. The eastern men, for instance, are floundering about in a mad desire to avoid the income tax bait. Precious few of them will swallow it, but it looks just now as though they were largely in the minority, and that the income tax cork to the tariff tackle could ride the

most active in it for some years to come. Men who have served in congress since "befo' de war" say that never in their ex-perience has such bitterness been shown in debate. But it goes even beyond that. It is carried into the cloakrooms, into the restaurants of both the house and senate. and even follows congressmen to their own

It is a fight in which there is no quarter, into which no feeling of conservatism has a part, and into which at times even a suggestion of fair play seems like an absurdity not to be considered seriously for

Chief Otan, the orang-outang from the Javanese village in the Midway, has arrived at the Philadelphia zoo. Otan is used to first class Java coffee. A cup presented him from the eating station at Altoona was declined. Otan knows railroad coffee.

The men in the Caucasian settlements in South Africa outnumber the women by 10 to 1, and spinsters are rare.

THE LAWYER OF TODAY.

He Is Gradually Becoming More and More of a Specialist.

"There is as much learning here in the legal profession as ever, but it is not on exhibition," said a Philadelphia lawyer. "In the first place, the courts to Be a Farcical Spectacle—Twirt the | will not countenance its undue display. In old times an advocate was allowed great latitude. Formerly, in a case of damages caused by a neglected side-WASHINGTON, March 7 .- [Special.] - walk, the attorney would be allowed to expound not only the laws relating to damages for neglect, but he might stray off into the realms of medical jurisprudence at great length, and even perorate with an allusion to the Magna Charta, the constitution and the American eagle. At present a lawyer must confine himself to the real merits of his case. The machinery of our courts has days, especially at the period when some of criminal defense. Now few lawyers of eminence, either in Philadelphia or REDUCED the east generally, undertake the defense in a criminal case.

"Today the practice of law, like other professions, is becoming more and more specialized. A law office is simply a business office, as you may discover by visiting some of the handsome new office buildings down town. I know of one office where there are several partners, that would remind you of a bank-But the day of reckoning cannot be far ing office, and where a bookkeeper and cashier is employed to pay off clerks, typewriters and other employees. You the control of the c will, however, still find veteran members of the bar pursuing old time methods in a cozy, quiet office, sitting at a baize covered table amid a wilderness of well ROUND TRIP TICKETS thumbed books. They carry a dark green bag filled with briefs when they go to court, precisely as all lawyers did 50 years ago, and as London barristers ill do.
"As to young lawyers, however tal- ALBANY TO still do.

ented they may be, if without social or political prestige, their struggle to advance in the profession is sure to be a hard one. Practice now is often inherited or transmitted in some other way. I could point out to you in Philadelphia law firms that have been confined to the members of one family or its collateral branches since the Revolution.

"I may say that there is an evident impetus to change many useless old legal methods. The remark of Lord Coleridge, when in this country, that there were many volumes of English legal decisions which it would do no harm to destroy, would answer as the mainspring of this impetus. Legislation is certainly advancing in this-that merely experimental general laws are passed with greater difficulty than formerly."

Another lawyer, older than the other, said: "Progress in the legal profession? Progress is hardly a term to apply to law, for it is founded on precedents, sometimes the older the better. For this reason jurisprudence is the least progressive of the sciences. Still there have been, no doubt, improvements in methods of practice, though I am not much of a code lawyer. I have had to study hard all my life. The younger lawyers appear to do little of that. They seem to believe, with Aaron Burr, that 'law is whatever is boldly advanced and plausibly maintained."—Philadelphia

Trained Nurses. The fashionable impetus which it was expected the patronage of the Princess of Wales would give to the occupation

of trained nursing in England has hardly been realized. It will undoubtedly receive a stimulant in the plan, of which word now comes from there, to have nursing lectures at fashionable houses to instruct the aristocratic pupils in the rudiments at least of caring for the sick. These "afternoons" are to be illustrated with genuine hospital implements, including a patient, and, with tea and biscuits handed round. will take on as well an agreeable social

A story heard recently accentuates the need of all this. It was related of an English peeress, who, wishing to master the duties of a trained nurse, procured admission to a hospital for such instruction. She proved an utterly hopeless pupil, and at length it was deemed advisable to ask her to resign. Her martial tread through the wards and general "heaviness" in all that she did actually made her presence a detriment, which would seem to indicate that even aristocratic nurses are born, not made.—New York Times.

When a Chinese Bank Fails.

Bank notes were issued in China as early as the ninth century, when the art of printing was unknown in Europe. These notes have generally been redeembe no revenue bill, nor for that matter will ed, because in China, when a bank fails, it be in line with the pledges made the all the clerks and managers have their ople in the Chicago platform. The claim | heads chopped off and thrown in a heap so long made by opponents of a protective along with the books of the firm. And tariff that it was in the direct line of class so it has happened in those good old barbarous times that for the past 500 years

Now that China is coming under the sway of western civilization, we have Altogether it is a pretty kettle of fish, no doubt it will have the same financial troubles as its more civilized banking brethren.-Chambers' Journal.

A Chinese Invitation.

The Chinese send three invitations to the guests that they desire to see at their great repasts. The first is dispatched two days before the feast. The second congressional waves successfully.

But whatever is the outcome of the present situation its effect will be felt by the on the day itself, in order to remind and the third just before the hour has struck, so as to show how impatient they are to see their friends arrive .-Hong-Kong Letter.

To Make It Permanent. The faint and elusive mark of a lead pencil can be preserved by holding the written page over the spout of a fast boiling teakettle. When it has been well steamed, it is "set," as the washerwoman says.—New York Evening

A Judge of Human Nature. "Doctor, tell me honestly whether my health is improving or not." "My dear sir, you're getting on fa-

mously, famously.' "You are not speaking the truth, doctor, but I can tell without your assistance whether I am getting better or

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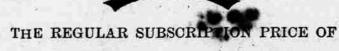
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