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WASHINGTON ITEMS OF INTEREST

WASHINGTON, Dec. 30.—Never has the completeness of the immunity granted members of the Diplomatic Corps at the American Capital been better exemplified than by a recent occurrence which has set the inner circle of Washington society in a whirl of gossiping excitement.

According to the story, a colored man stopped a gentleman in evening dress and fashionably gowned woman about nine o'clock one evening recently in New Hampshire avenue and asked his way to another part of the city.

The man who did the shooting and his richly-attired companion have never been located or officially identified, although they stopped for half an hour after the affair in a fashionable apartment house near the scene of the shooting and talked to the clerk there.

This is the story, so far as made public by the authorities. But from other sources it was learned that the man was a diplomat from one of the South American republics and that the woman with him was the wife of

an army officer and prominent in society here; that her husband, becoming suspicious of the attentions showered upon his wife by the diplomat, had hired the colored man to follow them. This is going the rounds of diplomatic and exclusive social circles, and will not down.

This immunity from the laws of Uncle Sam, even though a serious offense has been committed, is extended to some two hundred diplomats, together with their families and households in Washington. The law is very stringent toward an officer who attempts to arrest or bring to trial a member of the diplomatic corps, providing a long term of imprisonment for the over-zealous official under the immunity law, automobile, but this government diplomats also are freed from suit for debt. They may run up bills, if they see fit, and suddenly leave Washington without the possibility of being brought to justice.

A number of cases are on record of attempts to hold diplomats for exceeding the speed laws in their has always hastened to uphold the international law relating to diplomatic immunity, and country justices have been in danger of summary punishment. A year or more ago a diplomat was assaulted on the streets of Washington, as by a well known politician. The trouble arose over a woman whom the diplomat was escorting home, and the latter was stabbed. Although he was seriously wounded, the diplomat refused to press the case against the politician and it was dropped.

ATHLETIC INSTRUCTOR HAS ARRIVED

CHARLES RIPER WILL TAKE OVER DUTIES OF A. A. A. FRIDAY.

Athletic Instructor Charles Riper, the newly appointed manager of the A. A. A. arrived here yesterday to assume his important post in that establishment and will take over the trust officially tomorrow morning. He is a pleasant young gentleman who seems to have his particular cult at his fingers' ends, as it were, and to be heartily in earnest about it.

Mr. Riper desires to meet the junior members of the A. A. A. at the auditorium on Saturday morning between the hours of 10 and 12 o'clock, along with all other boys who have an intent or desire to join the association; and in the evening of the same day, it is his wish to meet the senior members and all who may be thinking of joining, at the same place, from 7 to 9 o'clock.

The coming of Mr. Riper will have much to do with closing up a lot of pending negotiations for membership and his work will undoubtedly draw heavily on the interest of those not yet in the athletic fold. The institution is in splendid shape and becoming more popular every day; and in a very short time it will be in full running order, with all classes fixed and all arrangements made for a fine career. Good luck to it!

The government has one redress if diplomats become obnoxious. It may demand their recall as being non grata to this country. Frequently this course has been adopted. Of course, the same immunity is granted American diplomats abroad as are granted the foreigners here.

SERVICE IN THE CABINET.

The Custom of Our Presidents in the Republic's Early Days.

If President John Adams had been a man of different temperament the custom might have been established in the early years of the government of the United States of retaining the cabinet of one administration for service with its successor where that successor succeeded to the political ideas of its predecessor. President Adams sought at first to retain through his administration the members of the cabinet of President Washington.

President Jefferson of course took a new cabinet. President Madison continued in his administration a number of the cabinet officers of President Jefferson, and President Monroe held some of his predecessor's. John Quincy Adams also continued to meet about his council board some of the advisers of James Monroe, but Andrew Jackson began his administration with an entirely new set of official counselors.

For some time the gentlemen who had acted respectively as secretary of the treasury, secretary of war, secretary of the navy, postmaster general and attorney general in the cabinet of President Jackson retained their seats under President Van Buren, but changes only awaited the passage of time.

President William Henry Harrison's cabinet was brand new, and John Tyler sought to keep it together after Harrison's death, but in less than six months all had resigned except Daniel Webster, the secretary of state. Presidents Polk, Taylor, Fillmore, Pierce, Buchanan and Lincoln each formed a new cabinet.

President Johnson's difficulties with certain members of the cabinet that existed at the death of President Lincoln are well known. Since that period, when for the second time in American history the question of a cabinet officer's right to retain a seat which the president wishes to have vacated came up for angry controversy, cabinets by mutual but tacit understanding end with the administrations.—Boston Globe.

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There is a story of an eastern blacksmith who went west and made a bet that he could knock a hole through the jet of one of these nozzles with a sledge hammer. He lifted his arms, swung the sledge and came down on the ten inch stream with a force that would have dented an anvil. But the jet, never penetrated, whisked the massive hammer out of the blacksmith's hands and tossed it several hundred feet away into the debris of gold bearing gravel beneath a crumbling cliff. After this the blacksmith left out iron when he spoke of hard substances.

There is also a power plant near Durango, Colo., where a United States cavalryman one day thought he had an easy job in cutting a two inch stream with his sword. He made a valiant attack. The result was that his sword was shattered in two and his wrist broken.

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