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THE MULLIGAN LETTERS. How Blaine Met His Accusers—His Spirited Defense. References are frequently made to the Mulligan letters in papers hostile to Blaine, and these references are made with a coloring which the facts as officially printed in the Congressional Record of June 4th, 1875, do not appear to warrant. In April or May preceding the Republican convention in Cincinnati, J. D. Harrison, an implacable enemy then as now to Mr. Blaine, attacked Mr. Blaine's integrity. Harrison was a director of the Union Pacific Railroad. His statement was that the Union Pacific Railroad had charged to some one \$64,000 of the bonds of the Fort Smith and Little Rock Railroad of Arkansas and that the real beneficiary was James G. Blaine. An investigation was ordered by the judiciary committee, of which Hon. J. P. Knott, of Kentucky, was chairman. Nothing of any special interest was developed until one Warner Fisher, of Boston, and the now famous Mr. Mulligan were summoned. Fisher was a speculator in railway securities and Mulligan was his book keeper. Up to the time of the appearance of these two men before the committee, Blaine had met every accusation against him, and the bent of the investigating committee was to make a report of exoneration. Mulligan's statement, however, made a sensation. He said that Mr. Blaine had twice called upon him, that at the first meeting Blaine had besought him to give him the letters in his possession. There was a correspondence between Blaine and Fisher, which Mulligan, the book keeper, had stolen out of Fisher's safe. Mulligan was persuaded to lend the letters to Blaine for a few hours when they were returned. The next day Blaine to refresh his memory on the contents of the letters, was allowed to review them, when he put them in his pocket and refused to give them up. Blaine justified his act on the ground that the letters had been stolen by Mulligan, who was no longer in Fisher's service. The letters belonged either to himself or Fisher, and the latter wished Blaine to hold them. The committee then demanded the letters, and Blaine, after a day's consideration, refused to give them up. The committee thereupon agreed to report Blaine to the house as a recalcitrant witness. Thus matters stood until the 4th of June, 1875, when Blaine made the dramatic scene in the house of representatives which suggested to Bob Ingersoll his term of 'Plumed Knight,' afterward applied to him in his famous speech at Cincinnati. Blaine arose in his seat to a question of privilege. He was the very embodiment of rage and passion. His face was pale and bloodless. No one who sat within his hearing could have failed to surmise that something was coming. Thereupon he reviewed succinctly what he deemed his persecution at the hands of the judiciary committee, his refusal to give legal advice to give up the Mulligan letters, and said: 'When the famous witness, Mulligan, came here loaded with information in regard to the Fort Smith road, the gentleman from Virginia drew out what he knew had no reference whatever to the question of investigation. He refused to state on all my private memoranda being allowed to be exhibited by that man in reference to business that had no more connection, no more relation, no more to do with the investigation than with the North pole. And the gentleman tried his best—also I believe that has been abandoned—to capture and use and control my private correspondence. This man has selected out of correspondence running over a great many years, letters which he thought would be peculiarly damaging to me. He came here loaded with them. He came here for a sensation. He came here primed. He came here on that particular errand. I was advised in it, and I obtained these letters under circumstances which have been notoriously scattered throughout the United States, and are known to everybody. I claim I have the right to those letters, not only by natural right, but upon all precedents and principles of law, as the man who had these letters in possession held them wrongfully. The committee that attempted to take those letters from that man to use against me did wrongfully. They preceded in all boldness to a most defiant violation of the ordinary private and personal rights which belong to every American citizen, and I was willing to meet the judiciary committee on this floor. I wanted them to introduce it. I wanted the gentleman from Kentucky to introduce that question upon this floor, but they did not do it.' Mr. Knott (in his seat)—I know you did. Mr. Blaine—Very well. Mr. Knott—I know you wanted to be made a martyr of. [Laughter.] Mr. Blaine—And you did not want to, and there is the difference. [Applause and laughter.] I go a little farther; you did not dare to. 'Now, Mr. Speaker,' continued Mr. Blaine, 'I have defied the house to compel me to produce these letters. I speak with all respect to the house. But I say this house has no more power to order what should be done, or not done, with my private correspondence than it has with what I shall do in the nature and education of my children—not a particle. The right is as sacred in one case as the other. But, sir, having vindicated that right, standing by it, ready to make and sacrifice in the defense, here and now, if any gentleman wants to take the issue with me on behalf of the house, I am ready for an extremity of contest or contest on behalf of so sacred a right. And while I am so, I am not afraid to show the letters. Thank God Almighty, I am not afraid to show them. 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