BREEZY LETTER FROM WASHINGTON

Members of the McKinley Cabinet Not Mere Clerks.

NO FRICTION WITH GAGE

He Has Not Thought of Resigning—Pension List to Be Published—Sealing Question—Klondike.

From our regular correspondent.

Washington, Dec. 31.—President McKinley does not insist that members of his cabinet shall be mere clerks, as some of his predecessors, notably Mr. Cleveland, have done. Had this been fully understood by the public, the rumors about there being friction between President McKinley and Secretary Gage and the latter tendering his resignation would have been received with even less credence than it was. There is not and has not been any friction between the president and the secretary of the treasury, and there has been no tender of resignation and no occasion for such tender. That there is a difference in the financial ideas of the two officials was made apparent by the president's message which made specific recommendation of certain financial legislation and asked congress to give careful consideration to the recommendations contained in Secretary Gage's annual report to congress. But if is not a difference over which there has been or is likely to be any friction. It is simply the difference of two honest men as to methods. They both have the same object—making the money of the United States as good as the best money in the world at all times and under all circumstances. Secretary Gage is making a positive denial of the report that he had resigned, or made up his mind to do so. He said: "A cabinet officer ought always to be and is ready to surrender his office at the call of his chief, the executive, but I have not the slightest reason to believe that such action on my part is even remotely desired by the president. The desires of other people in that direction I am not disposed to consider."

Representative Codding, of the Fifteenth Pennsylvania district, which has almost if not as many pensioners as any congressional district in the country, says he has received no protests against Commissioner Evans' recommendation to have a complete list of pensioners printed, but from his personal knowledge of them he thinks many of the veterans are sensitive about having their disabilities made public and would prefer that no such list should be printed. The proposed publication of the pension rolls is not a new thing, the rolls were published in 1883.

According to Chairman Dingley's figures which are almost trustworthy, congress by authorizing the refunding of the public debt into 2½ per cent gold bonds could save the people of the country $12,000,000 a year in interest. Mr. Dingley says a bill providing for this may be reported from the ways and means committee. It could easily be passed by the house, but it would have no show in the senate. Whether the bill will be put through the house will depend upon whether the republican leaders deem such action expedient at this session.

Knowing the position of Canada, no one in Washington was surprised when Great Britain again declined to join with the United States, Japan, and Russia in stopping open sea sealing in the Pacific. The Canadian game to exchange its consent to stop open sea sealing for commercial reciprocity and other concessions is well known, and being well known it cannot possibly succeed. Canada is playing hog at its own expense. The president has signed the bill prohibiting open sea sealing and shutting out sealskins.

The British islands in the West Indies wish to renew the reciprocity trade arrangements they had under the McKinley tariff with the United States, and negotiations with that end in view were this week opened by Sir Julian Pauncefote, the British ambassador, with Hon. John A. Kasson, reciprocity commissioner.

Ex-Senator Dubois, who is said to be affiliated with the lobby which is trying so hard to prevent the annexation of Hawaii, adopted somewhat peculiar tactics when he wrote a protest against annexation, which was laid before the senate, and later printed as a senate document; but some of the language of the protest is even more peculiar. For instance, the following, which is little short of a personal insult to the senators, representatives and others of prominence who have returned from Hawaii stronger advocates of annexation than they were before visiting the islands: "It is my calm, deliberate judgment that there is not a just-minded, unbiased, disinterested American living who would favor annexing the islands to the United States after ascertaining the conditions existing there, through a fair and personal investigation."

President McKinley is gratified at the reception given his appeal for donations for the relief of the suffering non-combatants in Cuba, and believes that American charity will promptly and the suffering. Donations of money, food and clothing should be sent directly to United States Consul General Lee, Havana, Cuba.

Although confined to his house by sickness, Secretary Alger has perfected arrangements for the co-operation of the Canadian government in sending food into the Klondike gold regions.

THE CIVIL SERVICE BILL.

Washington, Jan. 5.—The civil service debate, which began in the house today, was based on items in the legislative, executive and judicial appropriation bill for the supporting of a commission. It promises to continue at least until the end of this week, with a possibility that it may run longer. But it is generally admitted on both sides that the appropriation bill was to stand, as the anti-civil service reformers do not seriously contemplate an attempt to strike it out.

The debate, therefore, is only preliminary to any programme which the enemies of the law may agree upon. The members of the house are divided into three camps on this question, those who stand by the law, those who advocate its entire repeal, and those who desire its modification.

EXPEDITION WORK BEGUN.

Everything Will Be in Readiness When Order to Start Is Received.

Denver, Jan. 5.—A communication has been received at the headquarters of the department of Colorado from General Miles requesting information in regard to the needs of miners in the mining regions. In pursuance of the act of congress approved December 18, 1897, General Miles has begun the work of preparing the relief force to be sent into the mining regions of Alaska. The troops detailed on this duty will take a plentiful supply of provisions, clothing and all articles needed by the miners. General Otis, department commander, will gather and send to Washington the information desired. It is probable that some of the posts in this department, perhaps Fort Logan, will be called upon to furnish part of the force to be sent to the Klondike in the spring. That is the general impression about army headquarters, and preparations are being made that everything may be in readiness when the order to that effect is received.

ALL READY TO START

Klondike Relief Expedition Only Waiting Few Details to Be Finished.

Vancouver, Wash., Jan. 5.—Captain D. L. Brainard, in charge of supplies for the government Klondike relief expedition, arrived today and opened proposals for furnishing supplies to be delivered at the head of Lynn canal, by February 1.

A large number of proposals were received from coast points and elsewhere. The award to the successful bidders has not been made as yet, but will be published as soon as determined.

The government pack train assembled here now is complete with the exception of four additional packers, and consists of one hundred and one mules, nine horses, and seventeen packers in charge of Lieutenant C. H. Preston and J. A. Ryan, Ninth cavalry. As soon as the supplies purchased by Major Jacobs a few days ago are received, Captain Eldridge, Lieutenant Clark, and fifty selected men of Company H, Fourteenth infantry, will be ready to proceed to Alaska.

Telegraphic instructions were issued from the war department detailing Captain Buhlen, assistant quartermaster, Fort Riley, Kansas, to take charge of the transportation branch of the expedition which will be ready to proceed from here by the 12th inst.

DEATH IN CUBA

Key West, Fla., Jan. 5.—El Diario de la Marina, the Havana reformist paper, editorially state that over 50,000 people have died in Cuba of hunger, most of them having been women and children. The concentrados are still starving, and more is need of active work to relieve the suffering. At La Esperanza in Santa Clara, there are 700 persons starving or dying of smallpox. The insurgents under Sayalo Alvarez have attacked the town of La Esperanza again, sacking several stores. The Spaniards made no resistance but retreated, leaving 12 dead. The Cubans lost 14 dead.

SUNDAY BALL.

New York, Jan. 5.—The World says:

There is hardly any doubt that the New York club will play Sunday ball during the coming season, not only on the road, but at the Polo grounds, Manhattan. While President Freeman has not yet made a definite statement to that effect, it is an open secret he will make an announcement next Monday which will be of the greatest interest to the followers of the national game in this city.

NEW ELECTRIC COMPANY.

Marinette, Wis., Jan. 5.—The Marinette and Menominee Electrical Company has been organized with a capital stock of $200,000. The company is organized to improve the power at Chappie rapids on the Menominee river and will furnish power to street railways and paper mills.

FT. M'KINNEY ON SALE.

Sheridan, Wyo., Jan. 5.—The work of surveying the old Fort McKinney military reservation which has been in progress for a month has been completed and the reservation will now be offered for sale. It comprises 28 sections of land, most of which is susceptible of agricultural development. Two sections on which the fort buildings stood have been donated by the government to the state.

DRAPER ON TRIAL.

Jacksonville, Ill., Jan. 5.—The trial of Charles L. Draper for murder is now on. The defense first sought to have the indictments dismissed, alleging irregularity in the language used. This point was overruled by the court. Another objection was offered to the manner in which the special venire men were drawn, the defense claiming the drawing was not in strict conformity with the law. The objection was overruled and the selection of a jury was commenced. Fifty or sixty talesmen were examined, the defense using its peremptory challenges lavishly. When court adjourned only three jurymen were accepted.

MORE VANDERBILTS.

Los Angeles, Jan. 5.—The Randsburg Railroad Co. has elected three directors: Edgar Van Etten, J. N. Beckley, A. A. Dougherty. Charles Weir, Walter Rose, Mr. Warren, of Rochester; Messrs. Crowley and Leonard, of Arizona; and Albert Smith, of Rochester. Edgar Van Etten, the general manager of the New York Central is to be president.

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MINE SUPERINTENDENT KILLED.

Spokane, Jan. 5.—Captain Hall, superintendent of the Le Roi mine at Rossland, was killed in an accident today.

MARRIAGE BILL.

Washington, Jan. 5.—United States Minister Dudley, at Lima, Peru, has forwarded to the department of state a copy of the marriage bill passed by the Peruvian congress, November 12, but vetoed by the president, December 5. The bill which was vetoed, legalized purely civil marriages and was applicable to Peruvians and foreigners alike. The president in his veto recommends that congress provide for the registration of marriages of non-Catholic foreigners, and it is expected that such a measure will be passed at the present session.

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Land Office at Oregon City, Oregon, December 18th, 1897.

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