

NEWS FROM THE NATIONAL CAPITAL

PRESIDENT UNDECIDED.

Washington, June 5.—Some definite conclusion is to be reached during the coming week in regard to the course to be taken by the Government in the disposition of the case developed by the Interstate Commerce Commission investigation into the Harriman railroad mergers. An important conference is to be held to consider the question at the White House in the week which will be attended by the President, the members of the Interstate Commerce Commission, Messrs. Kellogg and S. Verance, special counsel for the Commission, and Attorney General Bonaparte.

At present Mr. Roosevelt is undecided about what shall be done. He has received advice from some sources urging that Mr. Harriman be prosecuted, while other officials of the Government have taken the position that such a prosecution could not be successfully carried out. So far the President has not given any indication as to how he regards the case. It is believed he is in favor of going any further with the crusade against Mr. Harriman.

The members of the Interstate Commerce Commission are also divided on the question of going after Mr. Harriman for alleged violations of the anti-trust law. Chairman Knapp is known to consider the case as developed against Mr. Harriman of such a character that it would be a matter of great uncertainty as to whether a conviction could be had. These views are believed to be shared by at least two other members of the Commission, though they have refused to state their opinions.

REPORTS EXAGGERATED.

Bonaparte Tells Cabinet About Row In San Francisco.

Washington, May 30.—At the cabinet meeting yesterday, Attorney-General Bonaparte laid before the President and Secretary Root the report of District Attorney Devlin, of San Francisco, upon the alleged assault on Japanese residents of that city. The report, Mr. Bonaparte says, shows that the first stories of the alleged assault were exaggerated, and that the difficulty appeared to be a lack of police protection, owing to a strike. Secretary Root requested him to do every effort to protect these people. Think the assaults were due largely to uncertain conditions existing in San Francisco by reason of the labor troubles.

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In this connection an interesting colloquy took place between a westerner and the agent of one of New York's tallest structures on Broadway. The westerner had come to an office which he needed in renting and a "cleaner" check book and was taken aback when he was asked some pertinent questions as to his business, his previous landlords and his past connections.

He was able to pass muster all right, but remarked afterward that he would ship his family tree on to New York next time before attempting to rent an office there.

This condition is not so generally true in New York or anywhere else as it might be, but certain it is that much loss could be avoided and a "cleaner" tenancy maintained at the beginning. In- stead of this, it might be mentioned that the best and surest way of getting reliable information about any man is to ask his former landlord.—Building Magazine.

ALL IN THE DAY'S WORK.

Discipline in the army becomes in time so much a matter of course that it takes precedence of everything else. Capt. J. W. Gambler of the British navy tells in his memoirs of an example of it that came under his observation. He was visiting his brother, an army officer in the Royal Engineer Barracks. They spent considerable time amusing themselves with a gallery pistol, practicing at a target on a wall in his quarters.

My brother had an army servant named Andrews, says Capt. Gambler, extraordinarily stupid, but very cool-blooded. While we were practicing, a ball went through a door, and by chance nipped him in the ear.

He took it as a matter of course, and gave no sign that could possibly be a breach of discipline. We knew nothing of it until we came out and saw him groping about under a table.

"What are you looking for, Andrews?" asked my brother.

Andrews drew up, stood at attention, and replied in an apologetic tone, "I was only a-looking for a bit of my ear as come off when you fired a shot through the door, sir."

He evidently thought that for a private to have his ear shot off did not entitle him to interfere with an officer's amusement.

AFFECTING WIDOW.

There is an old lady living in a small town in southern Pennsylvania who makes great effort to keep abreast of the times. Her opportunities, however, are circumscribed, and she is sometimes compelled to resort to her imagination. She went to a church social lately, and as she entered the room one of the attendants said:

"Good evening, auntie. I am very glad you came. We are going to have tableaux this evening."

"Yes, I know," replied the old lady, "I smelt 'em when I first came in."

HER SHOES TOO COMFORTABLE.

"Why is Mabel so disagreeable today?"

"She's pouting because her new shoes don't fit."

"No?"

"No. They don't hurt her a bit."—Milwaukee Sentinel.

HAD HEARD OF HIM.

Nuff—I sing to drive trouble away. Redd—You always succeed, don't you?—Kansas City Times.

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