Daily Democrat.

WASHINGTON.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 5, 1891. Mr Harrison and Mr Blaine in their efforts to make political capital for the republican party and to aid Mr Harrison in securing the republican nomination next year seem to have made a bad mess of the Behring Sea trouble with Great Britain, They have placed the United States in a most undesirable position, where we shall either have to fight England or become the laughing stock of the world. The British minister has it is said informed Mr Blaine confidentially that his government will fire upon any American vessel that attempts during the coming scaling season to search or seize vessels engaged in scaling in Bebring Sea under the British flag.

This information has, it is believed, caused Mr Harrlson to delay sending in to congress the correspondence between Mr Blaine and the British foreign office and his message of explanation, all of which was ready a week ago. Mr Harrison is perfectly willing that his administration should be the cause of stirring up the anti-British feeling, but he hesitates to go to congress for an appropriation of mone y for a real war with England. He fears that congress might brush aside the administration theories and authorize the arbitration which it has refused. Certainy we are not in any condition at the present time to fight Great Britain upon the water, where we would have to fightand the idea of an American backdown is not a pleasant one to contemplate. There may be some congressional music on this subject a little later on.

A democratic conference, including both Senators and Representatives, was held today for the purpose of considering ways and means of opposing the newly announced republican method of trying to force the Force bill to a vote in the senate by holding long continuous sessions for the purpose of tiring out the democrats. It was determined to resist to the end any and all efforts on the part of the repulicans to force a vote. Just what form this resistance will take will depend entirely upon circumstances. If the republicans get a quorum of their own members, which they are working hard to do, it will settle down to a question of physical endurance, f they fall to get a quorum, or to keep one present it will be easy to block their game
—the democratic senators have only to absent themselves, thus breaking ; quarum, without which no vote can be

The republicans have temporarily a bandoned their gag rules, not so much because of opposition to it in their own ranks though there is some little, as because, after counting noses, they believed that they could pass the bill without shocking the large conservative element of the country by anything quite as revolution ary as that gag rule, but they will not hes-itate to adopt it if their present plans miscarry as they are likely to do through the stubborness of the democratic opposition,

The democratic senators have very little hope of republican help in defeating the bill, as it is now certain that not more than four republicans will yote against it, and if their votes would defeat the bill it is doubtful whether they would cast them they have in deference to the wishes of the constituents, let it be known that they are oppored to the bill, but I do not be Heve that they will cast their votes against it, unless certain that they will not affect the result. In other words they are opposing the bill for effect at home, and in the hope of getting democratic votes for certain legislation in which they and their constituents are more directly interested,

It is generally conceded that the joint resolution offered by Senator Cardsle au thorizing the appointment of three commissioners to act with a like number pointed by the Canadian government, in investigating the commerce of the two countries and devising means to promote and increase it, is a step in the right direction and yet Mr Carlisle says he is certain that republican senators will not allow It to be acted upon. He says he intends offering it again at the next session.

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ing about the reciprocity treaty which had been or would shortly be negotiated with Mexico were either ignorant of the subject or else were attempting intentionally to fool the people. The Mexican minister here says that no treaty has been negotia ted and that none is likely to be negotiated at present, because his country will not grant concessions to an administration that has lost no opportunity to get the best of its weaker sister.

That is only an infinitesimal effect of the passage of Bill McKinley's McKinley Bill, Thousands of republicans all over the country have been criven out of their party on account of it. But we should say the effect is not fil. it is Bill himself who is ill.

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