

WASHINGTON.

(From our regular correspondent.)

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.

This information has, it is believed, caused Mr Harrison 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.

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.

The republicans have temporarily abandoned 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 revolutionary as that gag rule, but they will not hesitate to adopt it if their present plans miscarry as they are likely to do through the stubbornness 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 vote against it, and if their votes would defeat the bill it is doubtful whether they would cast them.

It is generally conceded that the joint resolution offered by Senator Carlisle authorizing the appointment of three commissioners to act with a like number appointed 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.

The republicans who have been shouting 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.

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

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