

IMPORTANT CABINET MEETING—STATEMENT OF GEN. RUGER.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 1. There was a full meeting of the cabinet to-day and the session continued more than three hours.

I have carefully abstained from any interference with the organization of the house from the first. On the application of the governor and on my own belief for the necessity thereof for the preservation of peace, I placed troops in the state house, but not in the assembly rooms of either house, on the day of meeting.

The soldiers were placed as stated. As soon as I was fully informed of the circumstances I ordered the soldiers withdrawn, as I had previously informed Gov. Chamberlain that I should confine my action to the preservation of peace and should not interfere with reference to keeping the doors of the rooms of meeting of the houses or the rooms themselves, unless it becomes necessary because of breach of the peace, which the civil officers of the houses should be unable to restore.

After the adjournment of the cabinet, inquiry was made of the members to ascertain the result of their deliberations, but they decline to make any communication.

Reports prevail of a disagreement concerning South Carolina affairs. Occasionally much earnestness is expressed, particularly, it is said, by Secretary Fish opposing the administrative policy in that State, and rumor goes so far as to say that the Secretary contemplates resigning, but this rumor is not generally believed, and the reports cannot be authenticated.

The speakership contest is waged to-night with very great animation, and the friends of Saylor, Morrison, Cox and Randall express themselves fully confident. Not enough democratic representatives are here yet to warrant an expression of opinion as to the probable successful candidate.

The debt statement shows a decrease during the last month of \$456,662; coin in treasury, \$798,514.71; currency, \$11,746,215.33; special deposits for redemption of certificates of deposit, \$40,735,000.

The main building of the international exhibition was purchased this morning by the international exhibition committee for \$250,000.

The Herald announces that Tread has determined to dismiss all his counsel and let the law take its course.

The Herald prints the following dispatch, dated Columbia, South Carolina, December 1st, at 11 a. m.: The houses are still in session, the members are sleeping, smoking and conversing and a few of them listening to the eloquence of a negro from Charleston known as Fancy Bill the Santee orator.

Both parties will hold the fort to-morrow. The democrats know that if they go out they will not be ready to go in, and they propose to stay until 12 a. m. to-morrow, when the Laurens and Edgefield delegations will doubtless be elected by federal soldiers. The scene in the hall at this hour is unique and interesting.

Speaker Mackay, republican, remarked to me a few moments ago that this was the first free square meeting of the legislature that had ever assembled in South Carolina. There is a free and easy air about it that does not agree with the situation as it really is.

Everything remains unchanged. Both houses are expected to continue federal interference. Gen. Ruger has done nothing yet with regard to excluding the members from Edgefield and Laurens counties from the floor of the house. There can scarcely be a change before to-morrow. A proposition was signed by the two speakers to adjourn the respective houses simultaneously to meet to-morrow at noon with the status of each unchanged. The take effect immediately, provided Gen. Ruger would agree; but Ruger refused on the ground that he must obey orders if he received them from Washington.

The situation is unchanged. Both bodies have occupied the house of representatives since 12 o'clock yesterday. Numerous propositions for a compromise are still on foot. It is now half past one and the U. S. troops have not interfered. The democratic representatives from Edgefield and Laurens are still in their seats. It is now likely that a sufficient number of republicans will unite with the democrats, in which event the entire matter will be settled.

A fire broke out early this morning at the corner of St. Bernard and Clayborne streets, has reached and crossed Esplanade street and is still burning. Three blocks have been destroyed.

One of the many characters of San Francisco is "Jack the grabber." Jack moors his boat close to ships discharging cargo at the wharves. His boat contains hooks and grapples, especially devised for bringing up substances from the bottom. If a vessel be discharging coal, Jack's hooks will fish up all the lumps that drop into the water while in transit from the ship to the wharf. If an anchor drops his pocketbook is the water, Jack is the man to find it for him. It is said to

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