be very embarassing to both parties Plutocracy realizes that there must be two parties, at least apparently antagonistic, or another party is sure to arise that will make trouble.

Mr. Prouty made a speech in Boston the other day concerning the railroad attacks upon the present interstate that it might not be the best pcesibl that it might not be the railroad body but the atckis or the railroad upon it as incont raise a strong presumption in favor of its faithful de votion to the public interest. Do the railroads really desire a very effective rate controlling commision?
The demand of the people for freedom and better government is spread ing all over the world and among al races of men. Even the East India have held a great meeting and passe resolutions in favor of self governmen for the Indian people. The viceroy Lord Curzon, adopted the method of the czar and refused to give an audience to the representatives of the congress of the people. The snub was direct and intentional. That will only increase the unrest there, just as did in Russia.

The states of Tennessee, Arkansas and Kentucky have not forwarded their electoral vote to Washington to b counted. Are those states so ashame of the part that they took in the last presidential election that they want all mention of it obliterated from the rec ords? The president pro temporary of the senate has called the attention of the senators from those states to the neglect. The day set for officially count ing the electoral vote in joint sessio of the two houses is February 8.

There has been much written about LaFollette many estimates of his abil ity, much speculation as to his motives and different views taken of his character. What the railroad managers think of him is accurately stated by the Lincoln Star, which, after declar ing Spooner to be the greatest lawyer in the senate and the very back bone of that body, describes LaFollette in the following words: "LaFollette is a politician, a 'machine politician,' schemer and a boss of the most ruthless character; ambitious, vain, utterly regardless of means to reach his end, which is supremacy. LaFollette is narrow, prejudiced, intense, autocratic. Spooner broad, judicial, philosophic." Every one at all acquainted with the senate knows that Spooner is the most reliable man that the railroads have ever sent to the senate. As to his being a great philosopher and man of judicial ability, all the reputation he has in that line has been created by the subsidized newspapers, owned and edited in the interest of the corporations.

The sharks around the Winnebago agency who secured a fake indictment against Father Joseph Schell that no lawyer had the face to appear in court and prosecute, will be surprised to learn that he is the same man who started the prosecutions in Oregon that have resulted in the indictment of Senator Mitchell, Congressman Herman and a score ol more of republican thieves on the Pacific coast. The sharpers around the Winnebago reservation had better lie low while Father Schell stays around there.
The law providing for a general staff of the army has turned out just as Gen. Miles said it would. The secretary of war is entirely eliminated and seems to have nothing to do but to travel senators and representatives in congress are trying to accustom themselves to the military way of doing things just as they are done in Germany, but there are signs of revolt. Senator Hale made a big kick on the floor of the senate the other day. He went to
the secretary of war about a purely
civil matter concerning some barrack in his state. The secretary told him
that he had no outhority over the matter, that the senator must go to the general staff. He went and was told that at some time in the future he would be given a hearing. Senator Hale said: "I declined to cool my heels waiting on the general staff when the natter was purely a civil proposition coming immediately under the secreary of war's control." When Senato eller azked what duties the secretar war now performed Senator Hale re plied: "He went down to Panama, and is going to the Pbilippines. His traveling will not interfere with the gen eral staff. The secretary is not a man who is satisfied with a life of luxurious ease. He must find something to do, nd hence he goes outside the field covred by the general staff.' The sena ors who got crazed over the imperial mad, don't seem to like its applica ion to themselves.

Senator Elkins seems to have placed he railroad freight bill in his own pri vate car and then run the car onto his own private siding. The switch back onto the main track is locked and the key is lost.

The wrath of some of the senator with the imperial way that Roosevel ad in making a treaty with San Domingo without referring it to the senate for ratification, caused the presdent to give a new name to the agreement. He now says it is "memoran um of a proposed agreement." Neverheless he has taken possession of th sland with his warships and marines and is collecting the revenue there The senators say: "The new progran with its mplied new interpretation of esponsibility under the Monroe doc trine, involves a radical departure from previous practice and constitutes for al cuture time a precedent the far-reaching impotance of which cannot b linked." The Independent has no re rets that the senate is getting a dose of imperialism itself.

The New York Wiorld conthnues to ask: "What has become of reorganration?" The whole thing seems to have disappeared. Who can answer the World's question?
The musical labor unions in London ave a big row on hand and are de manding that none but British sub jects shall be allowed to manipulate the brass, the wood and the strings of London orchestras. They say that cheap labor. They are willing that the Italians, French, Germans and Americans shall do the singing, but urther than that they want none of them.
The editor of The Independent has done an enormous amount of reading to enable him to give the readers of oncerning the reliable information les. Coluthe Russian-Asiatic trouciated Press and special dispatches have been scanned, as well as a score or two of special articles written by persons long residents of Russia and apan, and yet after all that, nothing certain has been gathered. The corespondents send contradictory dis atches and the governmental report n many instances are conflicting. All that can be got out of the whole lot is hat by the use of troops, the peace as been maintained in St. Petersburg and other cities, although there have been minor disturbances in many places.
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