

aspect at the capital. Busy as Washington is during the winter months, when summer comes a general air of letnargy seems to prevail. Everybody who can get out of town for the sum-mer avails himself or nerself of the opportunity to do so and in sequestered country mooks or near the oracing breakers of the ocean recruits strength for the arduous duties of the next sea-

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Senators and representatives either return to their homes or seek popular summer resorts. The diplomatic colony is greatly depleted, the embassadors, ministers and subaltern officials seeking rest at other American points or in their own country, to remain away un-til September or October. But this summer the cabinet officers will not be able to enjoy the vacation they customarily take during the sultry months, for the Cuban problem still confronts them, as well as knotty questions regarding our other insular possessions. For that reason the city will not be altogether as quiet and deserted looking as it usually

upper body of congress who will be a familiar figure on the streets of Washington during the summer is Francis M. Cockrell, the senior senator from Mis-souri. Another is Senator Morgan of Alabama and still another Senator Hawley of Connecticut. Senator Cock-rell has a comfortable residence at 1518 R street, where he does the greater part of his work when Congress is not in

Senator Cockrell is noted for his methodical way of doing business. With him punctuality and system are every. thing, and he has things so arranged that he can give every letter he receives careful personal attention. While he retains a very efficient clerk to assist him, the senator follows closely everything intrusted to him, and the ma-jority of his letters are answered in the senator's own handwriting. That he is a very busy man is attested by the fact that besides being a member of the most important committee of Congress, the Senate committee on appropriations, he is chairman of the committee on engrossed bills and a member of the military affairs, Pacific islands and Porto Rico, library and

rules committees. Besides being noted for his great attention to details, Senator Cockrell is probably the only man in Congress who does his own marketing. This habit he has continued for years, except when visited by illness, and he may be seen daily in the Center market purchasing the necessities of life. He does not go quite so far as to carry his packages home like an everyday "commuter," but has them sent to his home, and after finishing his marketing turns his attention to more weighty affairs. Of the center of respectful attention in the city just now is the White House, and the eyes of the people are directed to it all the more frequently on account of some strange shadowgraphs that are from time to time ap-pearing on the pillars of the presidential portico. The attaches have besents the Society of the Army come imbued with superstitition, and residents of the executive establishment are puzzled to account for the queer shadows seen. Faces of the dead and outlines of the living are to be traced when the conditions are right, and every one is asking himself if the shadowy phenomena have any dread meaning. On the snow white pillars of the portico the shadows show themselves with a startling distinctness of outline and can be easily traced by an observer. But they are defiant of solution. About the time the health of the President's mother became such as to cause alarm the shadow since called the "pointing finger" made its appearance. It was seen on the central pillar. Gradually the superstitious became imbued with the belief that it referred to the President's mother. Then came a shadow that convinced the believers in the eerie that their supposition had been correct. When a guard who received the telegram from Canton conveying the sad news had ushered the messenger up the stairway, he leaned in the embras ure of the hall window. The story goes that he observed a strange shadow outlined clearly on a white column. Plainly silhouetted was the form of an elder-

the final selection will be made from these four models. The gentlemen having the matter in charge are the secte-tary of war, Senator Wetmore, chair-man of the joint library committee, and General R. D. Ruggies, who repreLimaniour, minister of finance. Of the three Mariscal is the best known in the United States, where he once resided as

twenty years, and being now in his sixth term, it requires rather a stretch of the imagination to present General minister plenipotentiary, and as the oldest, being two years the president's senior. He is also a native of Oaxaca,

Potoma Apart from the decisions of the Supreme Court in the insular cases, a de-cision which has aroused a good deal of talk was rendered on the last day of the session. It is especially interesting to merchants and attorneys all through the country, as it affects the preference clause of the bankruptcy act, which makes a preferred creditor of the mer-

in the community of nations. chant who has received any cash pay-ment on his account within four months prior to the filing of his petition by the debtor. The Supreme Court, sustaining the decision of the court below, holds that in all such cases the creditor must return to the court all money paid to him within four months prior to the roads of which Mexico now boasts, the country would never have made the ad-vance she did. But for them there would not be the direct communication between filing of the bankruptcy petition before he can file his claim and participate in the division of assets with the other creditors.

The decision was unexpected by many business men and lawyers, who had hoped to see the lower courts overruled. Now it is said that it will probably result in an agitation for the enactment f a bill amending the bankruptcy act by limiting voidable preferences to those given where there was reasonable cause to believe that it was intended to be a preference.

Diaz as a "constitutional president," and it would seem that the term "dicis married to a Baltimore lady, and has acceptably filled many high positions. tator," even despot, fits him better. He "amended" the constitution to fit his case, and has "amended" everything in

Limantour is a young man, but has made a name for himself in connection with national Mexican financtering, and during Diaz's illness he acted as provisional president. The favorite, Mexico with a view to the perpetual retention of power. During his succes-sive administrations, to be sure. Mexico has made immense strides, having more than doubled her exports and her however, and the one most strongly intrenched-having the army at his imports, having paid off the heaviest of back—is General Reyes, who is some-thing of the romantic character that Diaz was thirty years ago. There is a strong predilection down here for mil-itary man as ruler of the country, and there is no other military man so well her obligations, and reinstated herself

All the great things which have made for the regeneration and rehabilitation of Mexico are credited by Diaz and his friends to himself. But they forget, or seem to, that without the assistance of American capitalists, who mainly built the more than 7,000 miles of railthere is no other military man so well equipped and with such prestige as General Reyes.—City of Mexico Correspondence Washington Post.

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