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General Canby and the Construction of the Virginia Legislature.

A Bold Stroke for Radical Spoils.

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General Canby's Proposition for Calling Together the Virginia Legislature.

I learn to-day from a source in Richmond entitled to credit that General Canby has sent circulars to all the members of the Legislature elect asking each of them if they can qualify by subscribing to the iron-clad oath. If he ascertains there is a quorum of both houses thus qualified he will issue his proclamation in about fifteen days announcing the result of the election and calling the Legislature together to ratify the fifteenth amendment and elect United States Senators. The members unable to qualify would in this case remain absent until the constitution had been ratified by Congress and the State admitted, when they would present themselves and qualify under the State constitution, from which the test oath has been expunged. Should there not, however, be found a quorum able to qualify by taking the test oath, the commanding general will then defer issuing his proclamation, but will order new elections to fill the seats which will be declared vacant by reason of inability to qualify as above. It is supposed there will be a quorum of both houses and that the ultras will have a majority on joint ballot, which, in that event, would enable them to elect United States Senators. Governor Wells and L. H. Chandler, both defeated radical aspirants, would doubtless in this case be sent to the Senate, and one of the main fruits of the victory recently achieved would, by this artful arrangement, be snatched from the hands of the liberal republicans; but should there not be a quorum the elections will scarcely alter the complexion of the Legislature, which now stands from the official returns as follows:—In the Senate, thirty white liberals and none colored, eight white proscriptionists and five colored; in the House, ninety-three white and three colored liberals, and twenty-three white and nineteen colored proscriptionists, making, on joint ballot, a liberal majority of seventy-one. Walker's official majority is 18,728.

Rumors About the Proposed Sale of Cuba.

Cuba is about the chief talk of the sensation makers to-night. They revive the story with additions of instructions to Sickles to recommend the sale of Cuba to the Cubans themselves as an easy, graceful and honorable mode of getting rid of the revolution now embarrassing Spain. It is circulated here to-night that quite a correspondence is in existence on this subject, the personal *scribentes* being Fish, Roberts and some unnamed parties in Spain, probably the head of the government there, and people high in the confidence of the new Powers. It is even said that the correspondence has assumed a shape that justifies an anticipation of speedy acquiescence in the sale project by the proud Spaniards. I do not presume to state that there is anything reliable in the story, believing that it is only based upon the conjectures of certain interested parties hereabouts.