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### The President's Cabinet.

The President McKinley has completed his cabinet building. The Senate has confirmed his appointments. It will be noticed that the cabinet consists of eight members in addition to the president. Each of the eight is termed a secretary. The list is as follows: For secretary of State, Hon. John Sherman, of Ohio, who resigned his United States senatorship to enter the cabinet; secretary of the treasury, Lyman J. Gage, who gave up, for his present duties, the presidency of the First National Bank of Chicago, Ill.; secretary of war, Gen. Russell A. Alger, ex-governor of Michigan; attorney-general, Judge Joseph J. McKenna, of California; postmaster-general, James A. Gary of Maryland; secretary of the navy, ex-Governor, John D. Long, of Massachusetts; secretary of the interior, Cornelius N. Bliss, of New York; secretary of agriculture, ex-Congressman James F. Wilson, of Iowa.

The new administration starts out with high tariff as the leading plank in its platform. Such legislation will doubtless have an influence on that of our own parliament now in session at Ottawa.

### The Greater Republic.

As noted in our columns in an earlier number, three of the five States of Central America have united in a federation known by the name of the Greater Republic of Central America. The three federal States are Salvador, Nicaragua, and Honduras. When Guatemala and Costa Rica join the union the name will be changed to the Republic of Central America, that is, the word "Greater" will be dropped. There is good ground for hoping that the two states last named will not long remain out in the cold. General Barrios, president of Guatemala, is looked upon as the one who prevented that country from joining in the federation scheme. As a condition of joining with the three others, he

demanded that he himself should be selected as the chief executive officer of the combined republics, that his country should be recognized as the foremost in rank, possessing the largest representation in the diet, and that Guatemala city should be the capital of the federation. As these terms were unacceptable to the other governments desirous of coming together, Guatemala had to be left outside. The recent announcement of Barrios that he will not again be a candidate for the presidency of Guatemala, is looked upon as an indication that that country will soon join the federation.

### The Cretan Trouble.

Contrary to the instructions of the six great powers of Europe, the Greeks despatched troops to Crete. Under the escort of Prince George's little fleet Col. Vassos landed with his soldiers on February 15th. The heroic Cretan bands, aided by the troops, soon had the island under partial control. The Moslems were forced to take refuge in a few of the fortified coast towns. But the Powers must maintain "the integrity of the Ottoman Empire," and so they demanded that Greece with-

