

## ARE THE NEGROES DESERTING?

The President Greatly Troubled by Ex-Governor Kellogg's Assertions.

From the New York World.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 10.—The interview published last week, in which ex-Governor William Pitt Kellogg of Louisiana told why the Republican party was losing the colored vote, has troubled President Harrison a good deal. The Post and the Sunday Herald of this city both refer to the matter to-day. A writer in the Sunday Herald says:

"President Harrison is in a peck of trouble about the color question. He pretends to be quite at ease, but he isn't. I happen to know that he was very much upset by the publication on Thursday of an interview with ex-Governor Kellogg of Louisiana, in which Mr. Kellogg saw very plainly that President Harrison was alienating the colored people, both North and South. A President is not quite indifferent nor entirely at ease when in order to counteract one published interview he will order the publication of another. Yet this is what President Harrison did. After reading the Kellogg interview on Thursday he sent for ex-Senator Bruce of Mississippi and requested him to issue a card in contradiction. Mr. Bruce did not see his way to the issuing of a card, even though President Harrison had requested—that is to say ordered—it, even though he entertained for President Harrison that feeling of gratitude which arises from a lively sense of favors to come. But he did consent to have himself interviewed, and the result was the interview published on Friday in the Washington Press, which I suppose may be regarded as the organ of the Harrison administration. A very half-hearted contradiction of Governor Kellogg's statement it was. Indeed, it was largely an admission of the accuracy of what Governor Kellogg had said, and where there was an attempt at contradiction the attempt was a very lame one. Andy Heaton, one of the two joint leaders of the Republican party in the District of Columbia, said yesterday:

"Kellogg was right, and Bruce knew it, but he was afraid to say what he thought."

"Well, Bruce has some expectations, and a man with expectations must not always say what he thinks, especially when instructed, as in this case, to say the other thing."

"As proof of President Harrison's friendliness to the colored race Mr. Bruce gave a list of all the colored appointments which have been made by the President since March 4. Governor Kellogg pointed out to the World correspondent to-day that the salaries of these appointments do not aggregate \$40,000, which is away below the patronage bestowed upon the colored people by President Cleveland. The appointments of colored people in the railway mail service have been due, not to President Harrison, but to First Assistant Postmaster-General Clarkson, and due more than anything else to the rush that was made to make as many appointments as possible before that branch of the service came under the civil service act. One who is competent to speak says that in the hurry many colored men were appointed by mistake, Col. Clarkson supposing that he was appointing white men, of course."

"President Harrison is not willing to have it understood that ex-Senator Bruce's interview was ordered by him, and consequently Mr. Bruce has prepared the following denial, which he desires to have published in the World:

"Ex-Senator Bruce emphatically denies the statement that the President sent for him on Thursday last to discuss the question as to whether any considerable number of colored people voted the democratic ticket at the election held on the 5th inst., and also denies that his interview, which appeared in the Washington Press on the 6th inst., was 'inspired.'"

"Mr. Bruce adds that while he was at the White House on the day named that visit was made upon his own motion and had no reference to the action of colored voters at the recent election."