

## CHINESE EXCLUSION PROBLEM.

**It Will Be a Long Time Before Anything  
Can Be Done Towards Carrying  
Out the Law.**

WASHINGTON, May 18.—The indications are that the administration will pursue a policy of delay in the matter of the Chinese exclusion act and that the delay will continue until congress shall convene and take some action regarding the law.

The fact that the Chinese cannot be proceeded against as a body will greatly contribute to this delay. The first cause of delay will be the fact that the decision of the supreme court has not yet been reduced to exact phraseology. It is the custom of the court in times of urgency to formulate its conclusion and to announce them and to withhold the text of the decision until the judges shall have had time to frame the language of the decision in a way which will meet the views of a majority of the court.

That was the case last Monday. The principles agreed upon were announced, but the language of the decision has not been framed and submitted to the judges who agreed to the majority decision. That must be done before the decision can be promulgated. It is the evident purpose of the Six Companies to resort to every legal technicality to obstruct action and to prevent deportation, and the small sum remaining of the appropriation made to enforce the law would be exhausted in defraying the expense incurred in contesting the few cases that might be presented to the courts by the treasury department. It would be useless, therefore, to enter actively upon the execution of the law.

The Chinese cannot be proceeded against in a body. Each case must be presented and determined individually, a proceeding which would result in the expenditure of much time and money. It is the general belief that no steps will be taken to enforce the law until the opinion of the court has been fully prepared and attested copies referred to the secretary of the treasury and Chinese minister. The latter will forward the decision to his government and await instructions, and in the meantime the minister is not likely to make any movement whatever unless called upon to act for the protection and defense of his countrymen.