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WASHINGTON LETTER

From our Regular Correspondent.

There were probably few democrats at the last session of the House who didn't feel a little bit ashamed of the proceedings. Rep. Bailey, of Texas, rose to a question of personal privilege, and after having read an editorial from a Washington paper, that claims to be democratic, calling him in effect a tool of Mr. Reed, he denounced the writer as an infamous and malicious liar. Later Rep. DeArmond, of Mo., arose also to a question of personal privilege, and policy of semi-weekly adjournments, and disclaiming that he and the Democrats who thought as he did, had rebelled against the Democratic leadership established in caucus, and virtually charging that it was the other Democrats who were acting in opposition to the caucus. As if that were not enough for one short sitting, Rep. Burke, of Texas, also made a personal explanation calling the meetings of the House a "great national force" and saying that so far as his own action was concerned, he had consulted no one. All of this was nuts for the Republicans and Mr. Reed took good pains to allow the Democrats to do as much talking as they wanted to do, so long as they talked against other Democrats. The majority voted for the three day adjournment just the same, and carried it.

The treaty negotiated by the last administration, with Great Britain, defining a great portion of the boundary line between Alaska and Canada, will never be ratified in its present shape. By a pretense of liberality in giving the United States about four teen square miles of territory (which we already had a legal claim to) the wily English diplomats made a trap which was intended to cost the United States all the territory worth having in that section, by shutting out our claims within what is known as our "thirty mile strip" and its intersection with the 141st meridian, and it came very near to succeeding too, as the treaty would have been ratified sometime ago had not Senator Stewart objected. Mr. Stewart objected on the general principle that the matter was too important to be hastily disposed of, and now that the contents of the treaty is understood, he is being congratulated for having prevented the Senate making a blunder.

According to current gossip, ex-Representative Hellamy Storer, of Ohio, must be a queer sort of a duck. The story goes that he took advantage of Mr. McKinley's financial obligations to him to force a promise that he should be appointed Assistant Secretary of State. When the promise was made, Mr. McKinley did not know that Storer was not on speaking terms with Senator For-

aker, or with either of the Republican Congressmen from Cincinnati, and now Storer insists on that appointment being made, although he cannot get the endorsement of either Senator, or any one of the Congressional delegation. He has refused to accept a foreign appointment, because his rich wife wishes to figure in the official society of Washington. It is said that Mr. McKinley has told Senator Foraker that there was nothing left for him to do but nominate Storer for the place, and that he added that any fight made on the nomination in the Senate would not be regarded by him as a fight on the administration. The nomination will almost be rejected, and Storer must know it, yet he insists on being nominated.

Certain Republican Senators, among them Mantle, Carter, Shoup, Warren and Burrows, have demanded of the Republicans of the Senate Finance Committee that a duty of not less than two cents a pound shall be placed on hides and that the duty on wool shall be raised to meet a schedule submitted by them, and the demand is accompanied by a threat to defeat the tariff bill if their wishes are not complied with. It is clearly within the power of these five Senators to defeat the tariff bill, but it is not the opinion of those best informed that they will make use of that power to such an extent. They are simply exercising their right to make a big bluff in the interest of the products of their states, in order to get as much of the protection swag for their constituents, as possible, but in the end they will take what is given them and vote for the bill.

Having satisfied themselves that Democratic Senators would make no further concessions, the Republicans accepted the last proposition made by the Democratic steering committee, and the vacancies in the Senate Committee will all be filled in a few days. Politically speaking the committees will stand substantially as they did at the close of the last sessions. An agreement might have been reached before, but the Republicans wished to punish the silver Republicans for supporting Bryan, and the Democrats insisted that it should not be done, and it was not done.

Citizen: Evangelist Wm. P. Fife, of whom it was announced that he would remove to Gainesville, Ga., to live and would locate his Bible school there, has concluded to remain in North Carolina.

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The Airship is Exploded.

Chicago Chronicle:

If reports from Pavilion township, Kalamazoo county, Mich., are true, the much talked of airship was not only a reality, but is now a thing of the past. George W. Somers and William Chanburn, old soldiers, claim to have seen the ship on Sunday evening, when they remained up until a late hour in attendance upon a sick horse. The apparition was illuminated at both ends and moved through space with wonderful rapidity.

They had scarcely time for this observation when a dull explosion was heard and the object disappeared. They declare the report to have been like that of heavy ordnance and to have been immediately succeeded by a distant sound of projectiles flying through the air.

In the morning there was found a large coil of heavy wire, evidently a part of some electric appliance. At another point a propeller blade of some very light material was discovered in a partially fused condition. Three men engaged in shingling a barn in Comstock township affirm that upon resuming work on the morning following the occurrence they found their work littered with minute fragments, which had in some instances penetrated the shingles and entered the boards beneath. Whatever may be the theories there is scarcely a doubt that the aerial stranger is gone forever.

Other Manifestations.

Washington, April 13.—A telephone message received to-night from Columbia Heights, a suburb of this city, stated that the airship was seen in that locality shortly after 9 o'clock.

Ripon, Wis., April 13.—The hundred and odd people of Ripon who think they saw the airship Sunday night was beautifully caught in a trap by two or three of the city's best business men. These went to Ingalls park, the college athletic campus, and there fastened together two large sized paper balloons by means of wires. The balloons were then set free and caused the excitement. Strange to say, the eye and ear are so easily deceived at such times as this, that many of the best citizens were ready to swear that they could either see the boat distinctly or hear the flapping of wings, when it is positively known they saw only the balloons.

That Photographed Airship.
Chicago, April 13.—According to the Chronicle, the airship seen at Rogers' Park, and of which photographs were alleged to have been taken by Walter R. McCann, is a fake of the flimsiest sort. William Hoodless, flagman at the station in the "park," gave the story away.

The alleged photographs were taken by McCann and a companion named Overrocker Sunday noon, and not early in the morning, as claimed by McCann. Hoodless says he saw the two men

coming to the station carrying two cameras and a suspicious bundle. The two men opened the bundle and exposed a little airship about four feet long, painted on canvas. At the end of the platform a guy wire runs out from the top of a telegraph pole. Two slender threads which were tied to the painted ship were thrown over the wire and the ship were drawn up. McCann moved back to a proper distance for perspective effort and snapped the camera. The time was carefully selected, when the sunshine was bright and the streets were deserted.

McCann was busy all day yesterday printing photographs from the negative he made in the camera, and this morning the photographs were on sale.

The Goat and the Airship.
From a Greensburg, Ill., telegram.

One disastrous result of the airship's visit came to the famous Greensburg goat. Billy saw the strange thing in the heavens, and immediately becoming frantic, commenced to but the northeast corner of the Reformed Presbyterian church. Finally, he took another despairing look at the heavens. The lights in the airship changed color at that instant. Billy frothed at the mouth and went against the corner of the church a seventh time, when his left horn broke off near its base.

A Child's Plea.

A pretty little golden haired girl of seven years walked timidly into a New Jersey Police court room the other day and asked for the "man who sent mamma to jail." The judge happened to overhear the remark and asked the little miss what she wanted. Tears came into her eyes as she turned to the judge and asked, "Did you send my mamma to jail?" When told her name, the judge recalled that a short time before he had sentenced a woman to jail for sixty days for drunkenness and told the child so. Looking up into the kindly face of the judge she asked: "Judge, did you ever have a mamma?" and then, choking with sobs, she could control her feelings no longer and begged piteously for her mother's release. "Your mamma has been very naughty," said the judge. "She gets drunk and abuses her neighbors. 'But she is good to me and I love her,'" sobbed the golden haired pleader, "and if you will let her go I—I won't let her be naughty any more—I love her so. Please, please, oh, please let her go." That was too much for the gray haired, kind hearted magistrate, and as he turned away to order the release of the mother, he used his handkerchief vigorously and his voice was husky from a "bad cold" which had suddenly developed.—Ex.

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A Separate Life.

I believe that a christian man should lead a separate life. The line between the church and the world is almost obliterated to-day. I have no sympathy with the idea you must hunt up an old musty church record in order to find out whether a man is a church member or not. A man ought to live so that everybody will know that he is a christian. If there are certain things in your university which are detrimental to your christian profession, you say, "No sir."

In London they used to have a good deal of drinking among church members. Some time ago when I was there I was invited to a late supper at the house of a Christian (?) man, prominent in the Sabbath school. I was going to meet some Sabbath school friends, and I expected a real religious time. To my amazement they had seven kinds of liquor, and they drank until I should call them drunk, but they would have considered it a great insult if I had said so. There was a lady sitting next to me who kept refusing and the deacon kept urging it upon her until her cheeks became quite red.

I finally said that they would have to excuse me. I left the table, and the host followed me up stairs. He wanted to know the trouble. I said:

"There is too much drinking; I can't stand it."
He said, "You are not a gentleman."

I went out of the house, and the next time I went to London I heard it whispered around what an ungentlemanly thing I had done. But I tell you, when I had opportunity of speaking in London I thundered against that thing until they put it away—when I was about, at least.

The Bible tells us to lead a different life. You may lose influence, but you will gain it at the same time. I suppose Daniel was the most unpopular man in Babylon at a certain time, but thank God, he has outlived all the other men of his name. Who were the chief men of Babylon? When God wanted any work done in Babylon He knew where to find some one to do it.

You can be in the world, but not of it. Christ didn't take His disciples out of the world, but he prayed that they might be kept from evil. A ship in the water is all right, but when the water gets into the ship, then look out. The world in a christian is just like a wrecked vessel at sea.—D. L. Moody.

Now that a state of war exists between Turkey and Greece, what is to become of the "pacific" blockade of Crete by the European fleets? The powers must at once make a choice of positions. They must declare their neutrality, in which event they would be compelled to cease firing on the Greek flag under which the Cretans fight and

to raise the blockade, or else be regarded as belligerents and allies of Turkey. The choice of the latter part would be opposed by public opinion throughout Western Europe; and the probabilities are in favor of the withdrawal of the blockading fleet. With the departure of the foreign ships the union of Crete with Greece would practically become an accomplished fact.—Philadelphia Record.

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