

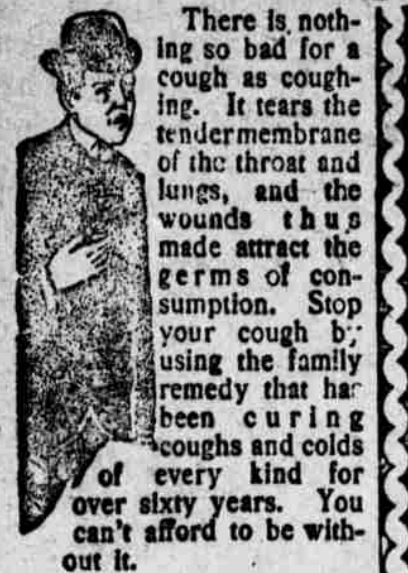
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WASHINGTON LETTER.

From our Regular Correspondent

"Whatever else is left undone, hurry with the army bill." That is the sum and substance of what Mr. McKinley says to every prominent Republican Senator and Representative, who goes to the White House. The reason he wishes the legislation for the increase of the army hurried is, that he has received a hint that the decision of the United States Supreme Court will be against the constitutionality of the Porto Rican act, which would mean that the United States would have to relinquish ownership of the Philippines, and would consequently have no use for a large standing army. He wishes to get the big army provided for before the court hands down its decision, and it will not be surprising if the Attorney General so manipulates the case as to prevent its conclusion until after the end of this Congress, as Mr. McKinley might prefer not having Congress in session should the decision be adverse. This story sounds incredulous, but it is being seriously talked about in political circles, and there have been other cases in which administrations have been given advance hints of important decisions of the Supreme Court. Any member of the court can usually make a pretty nearly correct guess of how his colleagues will stand upon important decisions from their talk in a general way, to each other. Whether the whole story is correct or not, it is absolutely certain that Mr. McKinley is plainly showing his anxiety of the speedy passage by Congress of the Army Bill.

The Isthmian Canal Commission has handed Mr. McKinley its preliminary report. As expected it favors the Nicaragua route for the Canal. The Panama Company's lobbyists are moving Heaven and earth to prevent legislation by Congress, in favor of the Nicaragua Canal.

According to Representative Hull, Chairman of the House Committee on Military Affairs, which is now trying to put together an army bill that will be supported by all the Republicans, many of whom have publicly expressed widely differing opinions of what the bill should provide for, especially as to the number of men, the volunteers in the Philippines will not be brought home until regulars, enlisted under the bill not even yet written can be sent to take their places. At least, that is a fair construction to place upon Mr. Hull's own words—"The army now in the Philippines will have to be brought home in the summer, that is, those of the men who do not care to reenlist. The transports which go out from them should depart laden with the troops who are to replace them."

Representative Camp Clark, of Missouri, returned to Washington feeling as chippy as usual. He said: "I am not

downcast or discouraged by the licking we got. The most unpleasant feature is it will take us six or eight years to get the Senate. As to the proposition to reorganize the Democratic party, it is a fact in natural history that the tail cannot wag the dog; and the same is true in politics. The party does not need reorganizing to begin with. It is thoroughly organized, and even if it were to be reorganized, it would not be from the outside. We want everybody to come in that feels like helping us, but we have a perfect organization of our own." Of the probable work of this session of Congress Mr. Clark said: "I think this will be an extremely busy session. The main thing the Republicans will do will be to ratify the Hay-Pauncefote treaty and pass the Nicaragua Canal bill, in accordance with it, and to pass Mark Hanna's ship-subsidy bill. If the Supreme Court decides the Porto Rican act unconstitutional, then the Republicans will run races with us as to which will drop the Philippines first. But if it is decided to be constitutional, then this session of Congress will have to pass some kind of a bill for the government and control of the islands. This, with the routine measures and the new apportionment under the last census will make it an exceedingly busy session."

The reception of the proposition advanced by the radical Republicans to reduce the representation of the Southern states which have restricted negro suffrage, has been of such general condemnation that it has been abandoned for the present session and will not figure in the reapportionment bill which will doubtless become a law in the near future, but some of its advocates hint their intention to try to get the question before the long session of the next Congress.

In the case of Minister Conger, this government is presenting the extraordinary spectacle of keeping a man at his post, which is supposed to carry much authority and discretion and at the same time proposing a scheme to the powers, to absolutely ignore him. Because Mr. Conger has views of his own, instead of having adopted those with which the Chinese Minister at Washington has inoculated the McKinley administration, a proposition has been made by this government to the powers interested to take the negotiation for a settlement with China out of the hands of the foreign ministers at Peking, and make a fresh start through a commission. The ground for this is the alleged fear that the present negotiations will fall because the foreign ministers at Peking can not agree.

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Employ Good Teachers.

Chadbourne Messenger. The time is drawing near for the opening of the fall and winter term of public schools, and the matter of employing teachers is a subject that should be carefully considered.

The free school system is highly commendable, if conducted on the right plane. By it many an intelligent poor boy and girl have attained a sufficient education to successfully combat with the affairs of daily life. We know of many people today who have had no educational advantages except public schools, that are making successes in the several vocations of life.

But while the system has done a power of good, it has been seriously abused. It is the misfortune of some districts to have directors or committeemen, who for the lack of interest in education, or an improper conception of employing teachers, render the system a failure. School teaching is a science acquired by cash, good tutors, hard study and experience. In some parts of our country the impression prevails that any person who can pass an examination and get a certificate is a duly qualified teacher. This, of course, is a necessary requisite, but it is simply the first step in pedagogy. Successive steps are obtained by persistent study of educational literature and actual experience in the school room. The successful teacher must keep up with the times, and to do this he is at a large expense, financially, physically and mentally. In view of the "cheap John" plan persisted in by some committeemen in employing teachers, what encouragement is there in thorough preparation for the profession? It is simply driving good teachers out of the business and leaving the field to "school keepers," who can be hired cheap, and who, by the way, might be worth the price of their salary on the farm, or in a crop of turpentine boxes.

Cheap teachers are the most expensive teachers. A two months school, taught by a teacher who is worth a good salary, is much more beneficial than a six months school taught by a poor teacher who doesn't earn a small salary.

We are living in an enlightened age and if we would have our children, fully prepared for the conditions that will be ushered in by the dawn of the twentieth century, we must see to it that they have the advantages of good schools, for here it is that they are prepared for the walks of life. If we would have good schools, we must have good teachers, and to have good teachers, we must pay them salaries that will justify them in preparing for the duties of the profession.

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Bishop Morrison on Evangelists.

Sensationalism in the pulpit got a severe reproof from Bishop Morrison, who held the Western North Carolina Conference last week and will hold the North Carolina Conference next week. In his address to the preachers, he said:

"You can never bring them about by any sensational men or sensational methods of your own. I speak kindly and not against evangelism or evangelists, but I am here to say that more harm has come to our church during the past ten years on account of pulpit buffoonery and I may say pulpit bullyism than for any other cause. The abuse of the ministry to the delectation of the Godless has been deeply hurtful. Preachers have run after this fad too much, and have laughed until they have come to believe the falsehoods told about the ministry to be true. That kind of preaching is dangerous and I thank God the thing has about run its course.

"Neither can you bring about these conditions by your own sensational methods. I have known a preacher to advertise himself and have people to come out to his performances. I have known a preacher to advertise that he would preach on such sensational subjects as 'Looking Glasses, Hoofs and Horns,' etc. You will never get souls saved by such disgusting and God forsaken means."

Bishop Morrison is one of the youngest in point of service of the Methodist Bishops, but in wise and timely utterances, he rings clear every time.

There is much difference of opinion as to what is "sensationalism." Some people call any minister who gets out of the ruts a "sensationalist." The need of the hour in the pulpit is for men who preach the gospel in vigorous and attractive manner that attracts the attention of men and women. The ablest theologian living is lacking in the first essential of ministerial usefulness if he is dull, dry and uninteresting. Some evangelists have thought buffoonery and sensationalism was putting life and freshness into their sermons just as Rev. Dry-as-Dust fears to give utterance to a vigorous and striking statement because it sounds "sensational." It is the mean between these extremes that is needed in the pulpit—preachers who can wake up the people with out bringing the gospel down to the level is a show.

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A PLEDGE.

Let us enter into an agreement, you and I. Let us make the compact this very minute. Let us not wait until New-Year's day to begin. You know how the stiff binding of our New-Year's book keeps the leaves we turn flying back into the old position again. We want to get our compact, or "new leaf," into the rat of habit before 1901 opens. Then we can the easier and better observe it. I think I heard you agree to the proposition, which is that for one year we will not in the presence of our family, especially the children, or in the presence of any one, whether friend, acquaintance or stranger, say aught of the drudgery of the farmer, the hard life he leads, and the poor business it is. We will not bemoan the hard life we lead. We will not denounce the farming class as a set of fools. We will earnestly endeavor, so far as in us lies, to perceive the beauties about us. We will, by every means in our power, beautify our premises. We will study to reduce our expenses, not by denying ourselves the comforts of life, but by studying our business earnestly, endeavoring at all times to reduce the cost of production to the lowest possible point compatible with the best product we can produce. We will strive to increase the fertility of our farms, the excellence of our products and the quality of the live stock on our farms. We promise all this, knowing that by so doing we will contribute to the welfare of ourselves, our family and mankind. I know that several thousand have entered into this compact with me, and I know that we will earnestly endeavor to keep it. We do this because we know we will be far better and happier if we do.—Farm and Fireside.

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