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WASHINGTON LETTER.

From our Regular Correspondent.

In spite of the fact that the report of General Nelson A. Miles was made public during the earlier part of the week, the comments on its disclosures seems to have grown in direct proportion to the number of days that have intervened since the War Department saw fit to allow its publication. Your correspondent called at the Department to see the original document, but was refused permission, with the assertion that the country was already familiar with all its details through its disseminations in the press. He found however, that a few weeks of suppression, the War Department has given out only parts of the reports. When it is recalled that General Miles was ordered by Secretary Root and President Roosevelt to proceed to the Philippines and report in writing on conditions as he found them, the present action of Root is indefensible, and, according to the tenets of honesty held by a number of prominent men who have been questioned on the subject, contemptible. What else can be thought of a Secretary who orders the highest Army officer to perform inspection duty, and then suppresses the report as confidential. After that, unable to further ignore the requests for publication which came from sources he dared not refuse, he gives out a grabbed version, prefaced by the statement that Miles' judgments were worthless, practically giving the lie direct to an eye-witness of conditions which grew out of a regime equalled only by the cruelties in Cuba, which the Spanish war was waged to redress. Added to this he has instructed subordinate officers to attack the veracity of the ranking general, and General Chaffee, who could not be called on by the Secretary to add his word to the array of depositions issued contemporaneously with the Miles report in refutation thereof, sees fit in an interview to declare the finding of his superior officer as of "no importance." Naturally he was prodded by the "power behind the throne," but these attempts to discredit Gen. Miles in order to bolster a malodorous regime renders the administrations open to the serious charge of fostering a spirit of anarchy in the American army, at the same time that the Republican party is posing as the defender of the military service of the country against attacks upon its discipline and integrity.

Another thing not pointed out by the daily press, but which has come under the observation of your correspondent, is this: The replies of the bureau chiefs, of Ordnance, Engineers, Commissary, etc., inspired by Root, are actually embodied in Miles' report and given out as a part of it by the Department with this significant exception; General Hughes, in

whose department occurred the worst atrocities as proved by courts-martial was called upon to reply to that portion of the report which bore upon his actions. It is notable that Hughes' contribution is withheld, the excuse vouchsafed to your correspondent being that it was "not gentlemanly." Here we have the spectacle of the commander of the army, so bitterly assailed, according to instructions, by a subordinate who is confessedly not an "officer and a gentleman" that his words are unfit to print. To those who are willing to see the force of these facts it is patent that Mr. Root is "hoist with his own petard."

In spite of attempts to gloss things over the Postoffice and other scandals "will not down." Machin is still being shielded and all inquiries at the Postoffice Department are met with the assertion that nothing further will be done until the President is made acquainted with the findings of the investigation as far as it has gone. On asking how the President was to be informed your correspondent learned that Secretary of War Root will be mixed in this matter as he seems to have been in other unsavory affairs which reflects but little credit upon his incumbency. He was in close consultation with Postmaster General Payne last Wednesday and left directly for St. Louis where it is expected that the Postoffice matter will be the chief topic of conference between Mr. Roosevelt and his right-hand man. It can be understood that a conference would have as a prime object the hushing of Republican mismanagement at the capital, at least during the time that Mr. Roosevelt is calling the West's attention to himself and his party. They realize that there is some virtue in consistency at least.

Two executive departments and two national governments are worried over the dispositions of some \$6,000 taken from Charles F. Neeley when he was arrested in connection with the alleged postal irregularities in Cuba. The amount, \$6,234 18, to be exact, now rests in the safe of the Postmaster General.

How it got there is a long story but it can be briefly stated for your readers in this way: Neeley was arrested by the chief of police of Rochester, New York, and held there awaiting the arrival of postoffice inspectors who were to take Neeley to the scene of his trial. Neeley holds the receipts of the Rochester chief for the money taken from him at the time of his arrest. The postoffice inspector received to the Rochester man, and Gen. Wood received to the inspector when the money was taken to Cuba to be used as evidence. [It then went to Secretary on a receipt, and he in turn accepted one from Postmaster General Payne. Neeley was released from custody under President Palma's

amnesty act, and was not convicted by the Cuban courts of the theft of the money. He called on the Chief of Police for the money and was referred, through the successive steps of the chain to the War Department, and now that the Postoffice Department has the sum it is assumed that the next demand will be made upon that Department. The flaw in the chain seems to come in the action of General Wood in not turning the sum over to the Cuban treasury as a part of the loot recovered from the postal frauds, but it will be remembered at that time there were traceable to army headquarters in Cuba other irregularities, whose spectres are still stalking, and which will receive renewed attention through these developments. The State Department also is entangled because the Cuban Government has just claimed the whole sum through its legation at Washington, and this involves Secretary Hay. Some time ago the Department of Justice was asked for an opinion as to the final disposition of the six thousand dollars, and Attorney General Knox advised that nothing farther be done until suit be brought to recover the money. Neeley declares his intention of suing, and Mr. Payne will try to persuade Mr. Hay to persuade Senator Quesada to persuade his government to bring suit likewise, and there the matter lies, an other tribute to the ineffectiveness of the administration.

A SURE THING.

It is said that there is nothing sure except death and taxes, but that is not entirely true. Dr. King's New Discovery for consumption is a sure cure for all throat and lung troubles. Thousands can testify to that. Mrs. C. B. Van Metre of Sheperdstown West Va., says: "I had a severe case of bronchitis and for a year tried everything I heard of but got no relief. One bottle of Dr. King's New Discovery then cured me absolutely." It's infallible for croup, whooping cough, grip, pneumonia and consumption. Try it. It is guaranteed by M. B. Blackburn. Trial bottles free. Regular sizes 50c and \$1.

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New York's New Liquor Law.

The liquor tax law, passed three weeks ago by the Legislature of New York, advanced the tax on the sale of liquor fifty per cent. The new law takes effect on May 1st and it is anticipated will put many saloon keepers out of business. As a result of the passage of the law, the liquor men have sworn vengeance on the Governor and Mayor of New York City. As for the up State farmers, the brewers and saloon keepers will use none of their products—cheese or hops—and will make the consumer pay the increased tax necessary to permit them to remain in business. The free-lunch institution will soon be a relic of the past and the 'speak easy' traffic will be a tract of the near future. This summer will see not a 'collar' but a 'cuff' on Coney Island beer glasses and the 'growler' will be diminished to microscopic dimensions. An idea of the proportionate sum the increased tax will bring in may be gathered from the facts that the country's per capita expenditure for stimulants in 1902 was \$17.33 for \$79,000,000 inhabitants; the cost at retail of all alcoholic drinks was \$1,100,000,000; the use of alcoholic beverages per capita was doubled in twenty years, and New York with her thirsty souls in 3,000,000 keeps up her end with unfailing regularity.—Collier's Weekly.

The south is not clamoring for Cleveland to become the Democratic standard bearer in the presidential campaign of next year. Editor McKelway and the prominent gentlemen he met at the Southern Educational Conference to the contrary notwithstanding. A great majority of those that make up the party are against the sheriff, though, perhaps not so bitterly as eight years ago when denunciation of him in scathing language was common. He is not the man they would prefer, but—if he should be nominated there is little or no doubt that he would carry this section. The South's likes or dislikes will not be much considered at the convention. We may be depended on to deliver our goods as the management of the national Democracy may direct.—Winston Sentinel.

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WINE OF CARDUI

Gastonia Gazette: The Macon Telegraph is of the opinion that Booker Washington has very largely developed that faculty of the negro, well known among the Southern people of being able to "pull a white man's leg." It seems even so. Just as the genial old time negro has a knack of learning the ways of Brer Rabbit, Brer Possum, the mule and the coon dog, just so he has a knack of understanding the ways of Mr. White Man. There are many of the old-time darkies who know very well how to say "Master" and "Yes, sah" and "Dat's so" and how to bow with a get-there deference. Booker in a somewhat more advanced stage seems equally as skilled in the fine art of managing some white folks.

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