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WASHINGTON LETTER.

From a Regular Correspondent.

Senator Spooner, the boss Republican kicker of Wisconsin, is represented in Washington this week by an emissary whose business it is to obtain the assistance of the President in the fight against Governor La Fulleite. The President shies off and is not inclined to take a hand. It looks now as if the diminutive Fuzzy Wuzzy of the Senate might be disappointed in his ambition, though the Republican Committee has decided to seat his crowd. When he gets to Chicago with his holting delegation, he will not find plain sailing. Asher Hinds, the man who has all the of the parliamentary manuals by heart, and who stands at the speaker's right, during the sessions of the House always ready with a word or a wink, will be at Mr. Cannon's right when the convention is called to order. The precedents he has studied will justify the speaker chairman in throwing the Wisconsin bolters out altogether or giving each contestant half a vote. O, yes! A lively time at Chicago is on the tapis, La Fulleite will be there.

There has been considerable evidence that the people of the District of Columbia are tolerably well satisfied with their form of government under which all their affairs are taken care of by three Commissioners; but local self government will be the slogan of the delegation to the Republican national convention from this city, next week. Dr. Robert Reyburn, and John F. Cook will put forth every effort to induce the Republicans to incorporate a plank in their platform looking to a really republican form of government for the city.

There is active fermentation in military circles here over the sudden appointment of Major-General Henry C. Corbin to the command of the Philippine archipelago relieving General Wade. It is privately understood that General Corbin does not at all like the assignment. He has had the misfortune not to be a popular officer, as to the record of blackballs in several aristocratic clubs testifies but this status was materially improved by his marriage with the wealthy and much liked Edyth Patton not long since.

General Corbin's character as a man and a soldier was perhaps inferred by an interview which your correspondent had with him a year ago. He was then Adjutant-General of the U. S. army, a large, sturdy bluff man. I told him I had called to see what was being done about the case of Lieut. Sinclair, of the army in the Philippines, who had killed young Richter a soldier of his company deliberately, after two hours and a half of torture, in which he was at last strangled to death.

"Yes, I remember it," said the General, "there has been a great deal of talk about it."

"Apparently not too much General," I ventured to say, "if the report of the case is correct. It was what we usually call murder."

"O, this case that you are so excited about—"

"General," I interrupted, "I call your attention to the fact that you are not in the least excited, I have no occasion to be."

"O, I don't mean you especially," explained General Corbin, "but these anti-imperialists, and people all around. The fact seems to be that this unfortunate young man forgot himself for the time being and lost his head—and I don't wonder at it in that d—Philippine climate. Before he made that mistake he was considered one of the finest young men in the army."

"Do you define this offence as a 'mistake', General?" I asked. "Do you forget the testimony as to what Lieutenant Sinclair did? He committed murder."

"You call it murder, said the General," but he was tried for the alleged offence, and acquitted."

"Certainly, General. He was tried and acquitted by his comrades who found that he had done the things with which he was charged, and was innocent."

The General leaned back, asked his interlocutor to be seated, continued: "When I think about it, and my long service in the army, I believe, sir, that I have done worse things myself, than Lieutenant Sinclair is said to have done."

"You have done worse things, General?"

"Yes, I have. When I was out in the west among the Indians one of our men got fighting drunk and came whooping up the company street and yelling that he wanted to kill the Captain, that was me. I was not afraid. He jumped into my tent and drew a knife on me. I stooped and picked up a root that lay beside my chair and knocked him down with it. It might have killed him; if it had, I should have been just as guilty as Sinclair."

Your correspondent was astonished. He reminded the General that one case was a simple self defense and the other deliberate murder of an imprisoned soldier, and reminded him further that young Richter was bound upon the ground; that he was gagged with a cloth stuffed into his mouth with the end of a club; that he was tortured with ice water for two hours, and was finally suffocated and died under the torture.

"Where do you get these facts?" asked General Corbin.

"There is but one place in the U. S. General," I answered, "where they can be found. I found them in the record of your own office, General." I added that General Corbin had friends in the U. S. and perhaps some enemies, but that he had not a friend or an enemy who would not be astounded and grieved to think him capable of such a

deed as that of Sinclair's.

"Well," concluded the General, "You came to inquire about the reputation of young Sinclair. I say it is uniformly good."

It is known that General Corbin did not like his removal from this city to Governor's Island last fall although his gracious wife made for herself a secure place in the innermost circles of N. Y. society. He will have a year and a half of service in the Philippines and will then succeed to the Lieutenant-Generalship on the retirement of General Chaffee.

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A Forgotten Art.

State (Indiana) Sentinel.

Former Senator Thurston of Nebraska it will be recalled said not long ago that Roosevelt is a man whom everybody is for, but whom nobody wants. Mr. Thurston speaks as a Republican and his reference is to the voters of that party. The final analysis of his statement is that the Republicans by force of circumstances are compelled to accept Roosevelt as their candidate for the presidency, but would rather have some other person. That seems to be the practically unanimous opinion of his fellow partisans. It was the late Senator Quay who said that the Republican party was preparing for "a good licking." Whatever else may be said about Mr. Quay he was a good judge of the political effects of things. As every one knows, it has been given out from the White House that the platform which Senator Lodge, as the president's personal representative has been working upon, has been agreed upon except the phraseology of the staff and trust planks. These are troubling the mind of the President. Not the question of revising the tariff or curbing the trusts, but how to compose the plank so that the tariff beneficiaries and the trust magnates will not be alarmed and the voters lulled into the belief that the Republican party is of vigorous measures in people's interests.

It does seem that statesmanship is a forgotten art with the Republican leaders and that chicanery and wire pulling have succeeded it. With the traditions of the party thrown to the winds and all ethical responsibility left for a few who look with regret upon the change that has come over the organization, there is no element powerful enough to withstand the fight for spoils. No wonder the worst elements have come to the front and are fighting amongst themselves for mastery and that personal ambition is their sole motive of action. It is disheartening to those who believe in righteous party government to see a great party descend to opportunism and spoils. If Lincoln and the other fathers of the Republican party could see it now what would they think of it? Would they recognize it after they had looked into its present aims and tendencies? It is not the same organization and does not represent the same ideas. It is merely maintained for the benefit of a selfish few who with the aid of its machinery have striven to milk the country dry. How long will the people allow themselves to be deluded.

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