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WASHINGTON LETTER

From our Regular Correspondent.

The President has scored one in his effort to bring Congress to terms on the subject of tariff revision and it now remains to be seen how the Senate and House leaders will avoid their 'plain duty' which has been so forcefully pointed out to them by the Chief Executive. On the day that Congress re-convened after the Christmas holidays, the President permitted the announcement to be made that he was "seriously considering" the advisability of calling Congress in extra session to revise the tariff. This information brought the staid pat-ters to their feet and created consternation at the Capitol. Senators and representatives had returned to their homes for the holidays convinced that the President appreciated the futility of asking them to lower any of the "sacred" Dingley schedules and were aghast when they learned that he was still determined to force them to show their hands on the tariff question. The leaders went at once to the White House, singly, in pairs and in gangs to urge the President not to take so rash a step as to call them to Washington just at the beginning of the heated term. The only consolation they received was an invitation to a conference to consider the subject. What the outcome will be it is impossible to predict but there is no doubt the President will have to face some of the wildest members of Congress and he will do well if they do not get the better of him.

When members of Congress came to Washington the first of December they found the President convinced that the promises of lower duties made during the campaign, "for political purposes only," should be kept and that the "top rails" of the tariff fence also should be removed. He had gone so far on this track, in fact, that his message, as printed, contained the statement, "I will communicate with you on the subject of the tariff later." The high priests of protection immediately besieged the White House and finally persuaded the President to send out to the press associations an order to strike from his message the line quoted. Some of the newspapers had, however, already printed the line so the President's original intention of sending to Congress a special tariff message became known in certain sections. The next step was to persuade the President that a special session could be held late in the fall, say in November, at which all needed changes in the Dingley rates could be made. Finally, the leaders showed their true hands by deprecating all changes in the tariff and their efforts to utilize the press to that end became known to the President during the holiday recess. The only way in which the President can be prevented from calling Congress in spe-

cial session, probably next Spring, will be by holding up to him the last administration of President Cleveland as a horrible example and even that will not prevent his sending to Congress a powerful appeal for revision next December if no extraordinary session is held.

Another aggravating fact which has been borne in on the President of late is that the Senate leaders have caused the Statehood bill to be taken up with no intention of enacting it but for the sole purpose of its becoming an obstacle to other legislation; such for instance, as measures calculated to give the government full control of railway rates, to check the steady growth of the trusts; to centralize the control of public forests under a single department etc. A little later in the session the plea of "no time" will be advanced whenever the President asks why this that or the other is not done and so Mr. Roosevelt is fast awakening to the fact that his Republican friends in Congress are not in earnest when it comes to legislation which would prove of actual service to the majority of the people and would favor no special interest.

Secretary Hay has sent to the Senate a number of arbitration treaties in which he and the President are deeply interested but which stand little chance of ratification as negotiated. The Democratic Senators see in these treaties a possibility of the Southern States being compelled to pay the repudiated State bonds which were issued by carpet-baggers in the reconstruction days, the proceeds of which went into the hands of Northerners who came south to exploit that section and from which south received no benefit whatever. Consequently the Democrats in the Senate have handed together and unless the conventions are so amended as expressly to omit from possible arbitration the payment of these bonds they will never be ratified.

The prospects are that the President and his Secretary of the Navy are likely to encounter insuperable opposition to their naval program. They have asked that new vessels, which will cost \$12,000,000 be authorized. The Government has already authorized ships which, before they are completed, will cost \$130,000,000 and there will be a national deficiency of \$22,000,000 at least this year. Congress now declares itself ready to authorize a few of the ships, asked for, but positively declines to authorize an additional expense for new ships amounting to nearly \$50,000,000. In this connection, attention is called to the fact the naval authorities now declare that the Oregon is obsolete, although it is one of the largest battleships afloat being of 13,000 tons burden. Now they demand ships of not less than 16,000 tons, although none of the foreign

powers except England are building battleships of such gigantic size. The more conservative members of Congress insist that at least one of the new 15,000 ton ships already authorized should be put into commission and thoroughly tested before any more are authorized and in this economical and judicious policy the Republicans will receive the full support of the Democrats in both houses of Congress.

SAVED FROM TERRIBLE DEATH
The family of Mrs. M. L. Bobbitt of Bargerton Tenn., saw her dying and were powerless to save her. The most skillful physicians and every remedy used, failed, while consumption was slowly but surely taking her life. In this terrible hour Dr. King's New Discovery for consumption turned despair into joy. The first bottle brought immediate relief and its continued use completely cured her. It's the most certain cure in the world for all throat and lung troubles. Guaranteed bottles 50c and \$1.00. Trial bottles free at M. B. Blackburn's.

Uncle John Bentley has figured it out that 5c cotton under Cleveland was worth more to the people than Roosevelt's 8c cotton. He figures that the same number of pounds of Mr. Cleveland's 5c which paid for a sack of flour and 20 pounds of bacon, under Roosevelt's 8c program will lack 20c of paying for the flour and no meat or soap—even short on bread. Uncle John is mistaken only in one thing—Roosevelt's 8c cotton has dropped to about 6c.—Wilkesboro Chronicle.

CHAMBERLAIN'S COUGH REMEDY
THE BEST MADE.
"In my opinion Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is the best made for colds," says Mrs. Cora Walker, of Porterville, California. There is no doubt about its being the best. No other will cure a cold so quickly. No other is so sure a preventive of pneumonia. No other is so safe and pleasant to take. These are good reasons why it should be preferred to any other. The fact is that few people are satisfied with any other after having once used this remedy. For sale by J. M. Metz.

The other day, says the Lewiston Journal, Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Iott, of Houlton, drove up to B plantation and while Mr. Iott was a short distance in the woods after partridge, Mrs. Iott, who was sitting in the carriage, spied a large buck deer at the edge of the clearing and immediately brought her rifle to bear upon Mr. Deer. He dropped after receiving one cartridge.

A VERY CLOSE CALL.
"I stuck to my engine, although every joint ached and every nerve was racked with pain," writes C. W. Bellamy a locomotive fireman, of Burlington Iowa. "I was weak and pale without any appetite and all run down. As I was about to give up, I got a bottle of Electric Bitters and after taking it, I felt as good as I ever did in my life." Weak sickly, run down people always gain new life strength and vigor from their use. Try them. Satisfaction guaranteed by M. B. Blackburn, Price 50c.

Music hath charms to soothe the savage breast. But the girl who does a continuous stunt on the piano forgets that the neighbors are partly civilized.

An agreeable movement of the bowels without any unpleasant effect is produced by Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets. For sale by J. M. Metz.

Stossel's Reward.

Asheville Citizen.

It is a pleasing circumstance and one highly illustrative of the American tendency to give honor where honor is due, that nearly every paper in the country, including those of pronounced Japanese sympathies, has singled out General Stossel the brave defender of Port Arthur, for extended eulogies. The optimist can take these conditions as fresh evidence that the world is growing better, and proof positive that where merit calls for recognition prejudice and personal attachments must be relegated to the rear. One of the best tributes so far paid to the intrepid Russian commander is that of the Indianapolis Sentinel. After outlining the conditions which have existed at Port Arthur for the past eleven months, the Sentinel says:

"After eleven months of brilliant and determined defense Port Arthur has been surrendered to the Japanese besiegers. A remarkable chapter has been written in military history. Only one other siege in a hundred years—that of Sevastopol—has lasted so long, and in that case as in this the Russians were the defenders, opposing the combined forces of England, France, Turkey and Sardinia. Prior to that Malta had been held by the French against a strong allied army for two years, and Gibraltar was successfully defended by the British for four years against France and Spain.

Besides these there have been many other remarkable sieges, but the tenacity of purpose and fierceness of attack and defense history does not show a parallel to the contest just ended. "Gen. Stossel no doubt had a thorough knowledge of the situation and gave up the hopeless struggle rather than call upon his few remaining men for further sacrifices. Whatever the final result of the war may be, he has won a fame that is imperishable."

To gain such a prize as that, and from the pen of one who has consistently upheld the arms of Japan, it would seem that the privations of the world-famous siege were well nigh worth enduring. Yet, if all reports are to be relied upon, the government for which Stossel and his men suffered will court-martial the general for the surrender of the fortress. While it is true that this action is only taken, "with a view of observing ancient customs," the fact that such an action should be entertained for an instant places the Russian ministerial staff in an extremely bad light.

WONDERFUL NERVE.
Is displayed by many a man enduring pains of accidental cuts, wounds, bruises, burns, scalds, sore feet or stiff joints. But there's no need for it. Bucklen's Arnica Salve will kill the pain and cure the trouble. It's the best salve on earth for piles, too, 25c at M. B. Blackburn's.

Probably more young people would embark on the sea of matrimony if stern parents would raise the blockade.



This great stock medicine is a money saver for stock raisers. It is a medicine, not a cheap food or condition powder. Though put up in coarser form than Theodor's Black-Draught, renowned for the cure of the digestion troubles of persons, it has the same qualities of invigorating digestion, stirring up the torpid liver and loosening the constipated bowels for all stock and poultry. It is carefully prepared and its action is so healthful that stock grow and thrive with an occasional dose in their food. It cures hog cholera and makes hogs grow fat. It cures chicken cholera and roup and makes hens lay. It cures constipation, distemper and colds in horses, murrain in cattle, and makes a draught animal do more work for the food consumed. It gives animals and fowls of all kinds new life. Every farmer and raiser should certainly give it a trial. It costs 25c. a can and saves ten times its price in profit.

Prussing, Kas., March 25, 1904.
I have been using your Black-Draught Stock and Poultry Medicine on my stock for some time. I have used all kinds of stock food but I have found that yours is the best for my purpose.
J. S. HANSON.

Some of a Year's Wastes.

New York Worth.

Men killed in the wars of the world in 1904 make up a waste of 400,000 lives, according to the Chicago Tribune's statistical estimate.

Russia's contribution in money alone to the war waste of the year was \$364,000,000.

Waste by fire in the United States and Canada amounted to \$255,000,000. We lead the world in the production of great ash heaps where homes and business blocks have previously stood.

Defalcations, embezzlements, forgeries and bank wreckings in this country in 1904 led to the waste of \$1,742,507.

Waste of life by violent causes other than war—such as the Slocum horror, various railroad accidents, explosions, etc.—approximated 20,000. There were more than 7,500 homicides in the U. S. and 87 lynchings.

The amount of human activity in the aggregate that goes for nothing and worse than nothing is astonishing.

He who attends strictly to his own business has no time to waste on visionary schemes for saving the country.

Over-Work Weakens Your Kidneys.

Unhealthy Kidneys Make Impure Blood.

All the blood in your body passes through your kidneys once every three minutes. The kidneys are your blood purifiers, they filter out the waste or impurities in the blood. If they are sick or out of order, they fail to do their work. Pains, aches and rheumatism come from excess of uric acid in the blood, due to neglected kidney trouble.

Kidney trouble causes quick or thready heart beats, and makes one feel as though they had heart trouble, because the heart is over-working in pumping thick, kidney-poisoned blood through veins and arteries. It used to be considered that only urinary troubles were to be traced to the kidneys, but now modern science proves that nearly all constitutional diseases have their beginning in kidney trouble. If you are sick you can make no mistake by first doctoring your kidneys. The mild and extraordinary effect of Dr. Kilmer's Swamp-Root, the great kidney remedy is soon realized. It stands the highest for its wonderful cures of the most distressing cases and is sold on its merits by all druggists in fifty-cent and one-dollar sizes. You may have a sample bottle by mail. Home of Swamp-Root, free, also pamphlet telling you how to find out if you have kidney or bladder trouble. Mention this paper when writing Dr. Kilmer & Co., Binghamton, N. Y.