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WASHINGTON LETTER

From our Regular Correspondent.

All hope of ratifying the Dominican protocol has been abandoned by the President and the Republican leaders but the Senate has not yet adjourned since die, remaining in session on the ground that there are certain judicial nominations which must be confirmed before final adjournment can take place. A few days since Senator Morgan of Alabama sprung a sensation on the Senate by attempting to show that William Nelson Cromwell, the lawyer who engineered the sale of the Panama Canal property to the United States and who is suspected by some Democrats of having incited the Panama revolution, has been the *dux machina* of the San Domingo situation.

Senator Morgan exhibited to the Senate letters from a Mr. and Mrs. Reeder, formerly of Alabama, in which they charged that Cromwell had defeated a treaty between Santo Domingo and the United States, which has been prepared by Mr. Reeder and that he had caused to be substituted the protocol now under consideration by the Senate. When the proposed Reeder treaty was read in the Senate it was found to afford every advantage to the Republic of Santo Domingo and to "the Reeder syndicate" but none to this country and it occasioned much ridicule at the hands of the Republicans, but there are many Democrats who believe that there may be some foundation for Mr. Morgan's charges at least sufficient to warrant a very thorough investigation. Senator Morgan has introduced in the Senate a resolution instructing the committee on Foreign Relations to conduct such investigation, by subcommittee or otherwise, but at present there seems little likelihood of its adoption. Meanwhile, Mr. Cromwell has himself emphatically denied that he has now or ever had any connection whatsoever with Santo Domingo or that he would profit in any respect from the ratification of the protocol.

There is a mystery in Washington affecting the proposed modification of the tariff schedule by Congress at its next session. The mystery attaches to the promoters of a report that the Republican leaders are contemplating placing a small duty on coffee with a view to avoiding the necessity of revising the tariff so that it will afford less protection and produce more revenue. It is obvious that some method of increasing the federal revenues must be found as the federal expenses have materially increased and the administration will be compelled to draw heavily this year as it did last, on the accumulated surplus, but it is not true that there has been any thought of placing a duty on coffee, or tea, as is reported. This report has been industriously circulated in Washington for some days, but for a time no one

of the more reliable newspapers could be induced to fathom it. Finally it was confided to a firm of newspaper writers whose business consists of circulating reports for pay and then one of the leading newspapers of the country displayed it prominently in its columns. The question naturally arises, who is to profit by the circulation of this report? To whom is it of sufficient importance to warrant their paying professional newspaper writers to circulate it? Is it a stock jobbing deal? Does it emanate from German diplomatic circles, and is it put forth with a view to estranging Brazil from the United States for the benefit of the German trade? These are some of the questions that are being asked and to which no satisfactory answer is as yet forthcoming.

There is no doubt but that President Roosevelt will urge the next Congress to revise the tariff, but there is considerable doubt as to whether or not the Congress will heed his recommendations. There are strong indications that the Senate will be ready to respond to the executive urging—in fact that body has already taken the first step by authorizing its Finance committee to sit during recess, hold hearings and subpoena witnesses—but the Senate can do nothing with regard to the tariff until the House until the House takes the initiative, and that the Speaker and the little coterie which with him control the lower chamber persistently refuse to do. The initiation of a revenue measure is the one prerogative granted to the House by the constitution in which the Senate does not share and the members are very chary of doing anything which might appear like a yielding to the Senate on that point, so that it is entirely possible that the Senate's action, looking to a compliance with the President's views, may have a deterrent effect upon the House.

The President has, it is maintained by prominent members of Congress, exceeded his authority by accepting the services of certain prominent architects who volunteered to act as an advisory board to indicate where public buildings shall be placed and the character of their construction. In the General Deficiency appropriation bill, recently passed there is a provision prohibiting any official of the government from accepting the voluntary services of any one not now employed by the government and forbidding anyone so employed from volunteering to do work for which he was not employed. The penalty for violation of this statute is fine or imprisonment, or both. Of course it was mere inadvertence which led the President to take the step he did in violation of the law, but it is entirely probable that he will have to retract his steps and disband the committee whose services he accepted. It is urged that the law was a very

necessary one and in the present instance it is set forth that the architects selected for the advisory board can well afford to contribute their services without remuneration for the reason that they represent an architect's trust and that no plans for public buildings would be approved by them unless such plans have been prepared in the office of a member of the trust. Congress is sorely opposed to this trust and would doubtless make its will felt when called upon to appropriate funds to carry into effect the recommendation of the advisory board.

A CHICAGO ALDERMAN OWES HIS ELECTION TO CHAMBERLAIN'S COUGH REMEDY

"I can heartily and conscientiously recommend Chamberlain's Cough Remedy for affections of the throat and lungs," says Hon. John Shenick, 220 So. Peoria St., Chicago. "Two years ago during a political campaign, I caught cold after being overheated, which irritated my throat and I was finally compelled to stop, as I could not speak aloud. In my extremity a friend advised me to use Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. I took two doses that afternoon and could not believe my senses when I found the next morning the inflammation had largely subsided. I took several doses that day, kept right on talking through the campaign, and I thank this medicine that I won my seat in the Council." This remedy is for sale by J. M. Moretz.

Woman's grit sometimes asserts itself. In Charlotte, a few days ago, a negro boy killed another in the yard of a neighbor and was making his escape when a Mrs. Carter picked up an empty revolver and held him at bay until the police arrived.

STARTLING BUT TRUE.

People the world over were horrified on learning of the burning of a Chicago theater in which nearly six hundred people lost their lives, yet more than five times this number or over 3,000 people died from pneumonia in Chicago during the same year, with scarcely a passing notice. Every one of these cases of pneumonia resulted from a cold and could have been prevented by the timely use of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. A great many who had every reason to fear pneumonia have ward off by the prompt use of this remedy. The following is an instance of this sort: "Too much can not be said in favor of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, and especially for colds and influenza. I know that it cured my daughter, Laura, of a severe cold, and I believe saved her life when she was threatened with pneumonia." W. D. Wilcox, Logan, N. Y. Sold by J. M. Moretz.

When President Roosevelt was inaugurated he wore a small opal ring once owned by Abraham Lincoln. He should have worn a more lucky gem. Opals are said to bring bad luck to the wearer.

TRAGEDY AVERTED.

"Just in the nick of time our little boy was saved," writes Mrs. W. Watkins of Pleasant City, Ohio. "Pneumonia had played 'sad havoc' with him and a terrible cough set in besides. Doctors treated him, but he grew worse every day. At length we tried Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, and our darling was saved. He's now sound, and well." Everybody ought to know, it's the only sure cure for Coughs, Colds and all Lung diseases. Guaranteed by M. B. Blackburn. Price 50c and \$1.00. Trial bottles free.

During the past week twenty million eggs have been bought on the New York market. The American hen seems to be doing her duty.

THE WAR.

Russia has recalled her second Pacific squadron, commanded by Vice Admiral Rojestvensky, which substantiates the report that Russia now leans towards peace.

The St. Petersburg papers with one or two exceptions, are now advocating a conclusion of hostilities, and popular sentiment has veered strongly in that direction.

At the Russian Embassy in London it was said that it was "probably the Emperor influenced by public sentiment, might consent to peace negotiations."

In Berlin the belief that peace is not far distant, is gaining ground.

A German correspondent who has made inquiry into the situation, says, that in the present temper of the Russian people further mobilization is out of the question.

The London Times states that Japan has twice proposed peace, but Russia, believing the Mikado's funds were being exhausted, decided to continue the war.

General Kuropatkin reports the Japanese are being continually reinforced.

General Kaulbars, who had 28,000 prisoners taken, barely escaped capture himself by General Kuroki.

Reports say that when General Rennenkampf gave the order to retreat from Tsinkhien his troops kissed the blood-stained earth and sullenly obeyed.

At Niuchwang Russians, half starved and begging for mercy, are surrendering and the question of transporting the prisoners has become a serious question.

While the Russian council of war is understood to have decided to continue the war, the most important obstacle developed is the decision of the French bankers to defer the floating of the new Russian loan.

These bankers are believed to fear the Russian reverses will seriously depreciate the value of Russian securities, and that the Czar's government has reached the limit of its resources.

It is possible that in this serious and new development Russia will find an excuse for entertaining peace proposals.

While reporting that he is out of immediate danger General Kuropatkin says he is in ignorance of the whereabouts of General Kawamura's Japanese troops and another section of the enemy's army.

The Russian Commander in Chief assumes full responsibility for his disaster, but intimates the situation might have been different if two of his officers had obeyed orders.

The Japanese, according to advices from Tai pass, do not seem to be availing themselves of the advantage gained at Mukden, their slow progress, however, being attributable to a probable great turning movement.

Military officers in the department at Washington say they believe it impossible for the Russians to gain any sort of victory over the Ja-

panese in the present disorganized condition of their forces.—Ex.

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Even the matrimonial knot is apt to come untied.

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