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## WASHINGTON LETTER

From our Regular Correspondent.

One of the severest tests to which the present administration has been, or will be, put will be presented when the President returns and receives the protests of the transcontinental railway companies which are up in arms over the destruction of the monopoly they have long enjoyed as a result of the monopoly of the Panama Railway Company. Soon after the railway was completed its directors entered into an agreement whereby they bound themselves to transact business only with certain steamship lines, notably the Pacific Mail Steamship Company on the west coast and the Panama Steamship Company on the east coast, which line it controlled. In this way transportation by way of the isthmus was insured from competition and a monopoly created which enabled the transcontinental railroads within the United States to maintain the high rates they have always charged, this "conspiracy in restraint of interstate commerce" having been perfected by the late Collis P. Huntington. As the Panama railroad was without the United States this government was powerless to prosecute it for maintaining a trust in violation of the Sherman law.

Now that the Panama railroad has passed to the ownership of the United States it is proposed to charge for transportation of freight and passengers only the actual cost of transportation plus a fair rate of profit which shall be converted into a sinking fund. But the more important feature of the government's ownership promises to be the acceptance of freight and passengers from all steamship and sailing lines which now exist or which may be established, regardless of what prices they may charge for water transportation. This means, of course, that the rates between American ports and the isthmus will be regulated by free and fair competition and they will inevitably be materially lowered from the prices maintained when a monopoly existed. It is estimated by the railroad lobbyists, who have already come to Washington with the hope of protecting their clients, that the free competition of steamship companies and the Panama railway will result in the lowering of the freight rates between New York and San Francisco, via Panama from nine dollars a ton to the rate now charged, to four dollars a ton. Passenger rates it is claimed, will be lowered from \$115 to \$65, meals included. Of course the railroads will still command the situation where time is a factor, but with freight which demands no haste and with passengers who are willing to take their time, the Panama route will prove the favorite unless the railroads lower their rates to accord with the new water rate. The capacity of the Panama railway will

also be limited but it has been decided to double the track which will somewhat offset the factor.

The railway lobbyists maintain that it will plunge their clients into bankruptcy to meet these rates. They don't say, however, that this would be the case only because of the extent to which the railroad stock has been watered. Nevertheless, there will be a strong pressure brought to bear on the President to take some steps which will save the pampered railways from the effects of their competition and there is no doubt it will require great moral strength on the part of the President to resist. If the President proves invulnerable then the lobbyists will turn their attention to Congress and it is entirely possible that in that quarter they may prove successful. However, the President or Congress prove true to the interests of the people the railroads will doubtless be compelled to materially lower their transcontinental transportation rates.

The people of the U. S. are not the only ones who have suffered from the monopoly of the trans-Isthmian line, as is shown by the protest of seven South American ministers who have filed a protest with the State Department against the renewal of contracts with South American steamship lines which they claim have been robbing the people of their respective countries.

Appropos the railway question considerable interest attaches to the hearings which are to be given on the subject of railway legislation by the Senate committee on interstate commerce, of which Senator Elkins, of West Virginia, is chairman. The members of the committee are Senators Elkins, Cullom, Aldrich, Keen, Dooliver, Foraker, Clapp, Millard, Tillman, McLaurin, Carmack, Foster, of Louisiana, and Newlands. The first of the meetings called to deal with this subject under authority of a special Senate resolution, will occur next Monday, and it is expected that they will be held almost continuously for several months. Of the above membership, Senator Aldrich is still in Europe. Millard is in Nebraska and Tillman is at his home in South Carolina. Although it is hoped he will be able to attend and Senator Millard will probably return to Washington before long.

It is generally expected that as a result of these hearings the committee will report some form of railway legislation to the Senate as soon as the body convenes, although those familiar with the attitude and affiliations of a majority of the committee expect that any measure which it will propose either insufficient to accomplish the desired end, or, and this is more likely, will be so drawn as to prove unconstitutional when submitted to the Supreme Court. It will remain there for the real friends of the

President and of railway rate reform to amend the bill on the floor of the Senate until it assumes a form both practical and adequate. The next session of Congress will prove an unusually interesting one. Great interests of the public will be at stake, no one of more importance than this one of the railway rate be at stake, no one of more importance than this one of railroad rate regulation, and the attitude and votes of every member of both houses will be, or should be scrutinized closely by their constituents.

## MORE RIOTS.

Disturbances of strikers are not nearly as grave as an individual disorder of the system. Overwork, loss of sleep, nervous tension will be followed by utter collapse, unless a reliable remedy is immediately employed. There's nothing so efficient to cure disorders of the Liver or Kidneys as Electric Bitters. It's a wonderful tonic, and effective nerve and the greatest all around medicine for run down systems. It dispels Nervousness, Rheumatism and Neuralgia and expels Malaria germs. Only 50c, and satisfaction guaranteed by M. B. Blackburn.

After a girl has had one or two lessons in elocution she is liable to break forth in recitations on the slightest provocation.

## 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 cannot 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.

Some people preach "look out for tomorrow." We believe it much better to enjoy life while you live—tomorrow you may be dead and some other fellows will enjoy your earned duets.—Ex.

## 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.

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## PLEASANT AND HARMLESS.

Don't drug the stomach to cure a cough. One Minute Cough Cure cuts the mucus, draws the inflammation out of the throat, lungs and bronchial tubes, heals, soothes and cures. A quick cure for Croup and Whooping Cough. One minute Cough Cure relieves a cough in one minute because it acts first on the mucous membrane right where the cough troubles—in the throat or deep-seated in the lungs. Sold by M. B. Blackburn.

## Dedications Monument at Appomattox.

A Lynchburg dispatch of the 19th to the St. Louis Republic says:

"There was a love feast of Virginia and North Carolina in Appomattox today at the unveiling of the monument marking the last volley fired by Cox's brigade of North Carolina, and the dedication of lesser monuments marking what North Carolinians did on the eventful day of the battle forty years ago.

Every speech struck a high note of patriotism and joy in a united country and veterans of the blue and the gray mingled like brethren.

"Among the noted Federal soldiers present were General E. W. Whataker of Washington, who was General Custer's chief of staff, and Major George H. Armes, of Washington, owner of the battle ground and donor to North Carolina of the site on which the monuments are erected.

"When the monument to North Carolina Confederate dead was dedicated in Raleigh in May, 1896, there was placed upon it the inscription:

"First at Bethel. Last at Appomattox." This alluded to the fact that the State and lost the first Confederate soldier in pitched battle—Henry L. Wyatt, in the battle of Bethel, Va., in June, 1861, and that North Carolina troops fired the last volley and made the last stand at Appomattox.

"Evidence was brought forward late, showing that North Carolina troops went farthest to the front at Gettysburg and Chancellorsville, and that the State furnished more men than any other to the Confederacy.

"Inscriptions on the monument fully set forth the claims of North Carolina, which has been disputed by Virginians, and for a time the latter were so wrought up that they declared no Virginia veteran would attend the dedication."

## A DESTRUCTIVE FIRE.

To draw the fire out of a burn, or heal a cut without leaving a scar, use DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve. A specific for piles. Get the genuine J. L. Tacker, editor of the Harmonizer, Centre, Ala., writes: "I have used DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve in my family for Piles, cuts and burns. It is the best salve on the market. Every family should keep it on hand." Sold by M. B. Blackburn.

"When tired, go home. When you want consolation, go home. When you want to show others that you have reformed, go home and let your family get acquainted with the fact. When you want to show yourself at the best, go home and do the act there. When you feel like being extra liberal, go home and practice on your wife and children first. When you want to shine with more brilliancy than usual, go home and light the whole household. Home is the best place of all if we would but make it so."

If it is a bilious attack take Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets and a quick cure is certain. For sale by J. M. Moretz.



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 conical 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.

Pittsburg, 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. HASSON.

Gov. Glenn, while at Appomattox, was presented with a gun by a negro man who picked it up many years ago. He went through the crowd hunting for the Governor until he found him. He alone knows why he wanted to give it to the Governor of North Carolina.

## FOR AN IMPAIRED APPETITE.

Loss of appetite always results from faulty digestion. All that is needed is a few doses of Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets. They will invigorate the stomach, strengthen the digestion and give you an appetite like a wolf. These Tablets also act as a gentle laxative. For sale by J. M. Moretz.

People who live in air castles are seldom bothered with draughts.

## IT SAVED HIS LEG.

P. A. Danforth of LaGrange, Ga., suffered for six months with a frightful running sore on his leg; but writes that Bucklen's Arnica Salve wholly cured it in five days. For Ulcers, Wounds, Piles, it's the best salve in the world. Cure guaranteed. Only 25cts. Sold by M. B. Blackburn.

Lots of men regard religion as the moth balls of the next life.

## Over-Work Weakens Your Kidneys.

Unhealthy Kidneys Make Impure Blood.

All the blood in your body passes through your kidneys once every thirty 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 unsteady 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.