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WASHINGTON LETTER.

WASHINGTON, March 20, 1899.
According to War Department officials General Gomez will not receive a dollar of the \$3,000,000 about to be distributed, entirely on his say so, among Cuban soldiers by this government. This statement has caused everybody to wish to know where Gomez got the money to pay for the present very extravagant mode of living in Havana. It is known that previous to the beginning of the negotiations with R. P. Porter, who acted as Mr. McKinley's personal representative, which resulted in the agreement to pay \$3,000,000 for the disbandment of the Cuban army, Gomez had no money, and that ever since then he has apparently had plenty. Did Porter make an individual payment of money to Gomez? If so, how much, and from what fund was it derived? These are some of the questions suggested by the situation and asked on every hand. Congress did not appropriate a cent to pay Cuban soldiers, but there was an item added to the sundry civil bill by the last Congress, appropriating \$3,000,000 as an emergency fund, to be expended at the discretion of the President. That is the money that will be used, but of the claim that Gomez has got none of it and will get none of it we are true, the source from which Gomez extracted the wealth to pay his present enormous expenses is left a mystery. But it will be solved. The acting secretary of war says that the administration intends to make Cuba repay from its revenues this money.
Senator Thurston, of Nebraska, is not one of those wild Republicans who regard the presidential election of next year as already settled. In an interview Mr. Thurston said: "The presidential battle next year promises to be lively and exciting. McKinley will probably be renominated and I presume that Bryan will head the Democratic ticket. I believe that the Republicans will win if we stand together and work hard, but our Democratic friends will undoubtedly put up a stiff fight. We must not indulge ourselves with the delusion that we are going to have a walk-over."
Secretary Alger doesn't appear to care anymore about being censured than he did about the welfare of the soldiers during the war several days before congress ad-

joined Alger announced that the junket that he intended to conduct to Cuba and Porto Rico was off, because his official duties would prevent his leaving Washington. Of course it was well known that Alger abandoned the intended junket because he failed to get a sufficient number of Democratic senators and representatives to accept invitations to accompany him. But for consistency's sake it was supposed that Alger would remain on duty and make a bluff of being busy. Not he. He left immediately after Mr. McKinley did for a trip to New England, which was extended to Canada, and this week he is going to start for Cuba and Porto Rico, but he won't carry any congressmen with him. He says he is going to pay the expenses of himself and the two men who will accompany him, but it would require the vouchers for the payment to convince the public.
Private news from the Philippines indicates that the administration is again juggling with the public in regard to the situation. While no official dispatches have been quoted, officials have talked so as to leave the impression that the reports of Gen. Otis since the victories of the past week have been to the effect that Aguinaldo's army is about ready to ask for terms and that a general collapse of the rebellion may be looked for at any time. Owing to the strict censorship, no private telegrams dealing with the conditions existing can be sent from Manila direct, but some have been sent to Hong Kong by boat and cabled from there, which do not take such a rosy view of the situation. According to these the war is a long way from being over, and the only effect that will follow thrashing Aguinaldo's army, which our troops do every time they come into contact with any portion of it, will be to transfer the fighting ground to the hills and bushes, where it will be difficult for our men to get at them except when they choose to be got at, and possibly to other islands of the group. There is a nightly panic in Manila and most of the white women and children have been sent away for fear of a native uprising. Time will tell which is correct, the official or the private view of the situation. The Oregon has arrived in Manila Bay.
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VICTIM OF THE HOTEL FIRE

Miss Grandy, a Daughter of North Carolina, Met Her Death While on a Pleasure Trip to New York.
Washington, March 18.—Miss Lascelles Grandy, of Elizabeth City, N. C., who lost her life by jumping from a window at the Windsor Hotel fire in New York last night, was better known here than in her native State. She has resided here twelve years. She was a daughter of Judge Grandy, a prominent jurist of North Carolina, and sister of Harrison Grandy, who recently graduated at the Columbia University here.
Miss Grandy was born in Elizabeth City, N. C., about thirty-two years ago, where she made her home until the death of her father. She was educated in the best schools of this country and afterwards completed her education in Paris.
At the death of her father Miss Grandy came into possession of a large fortune, which she invested in Washington real estate. Her home was at 1023 Connecticut avenue, and was for years known as one of the most hospitable homes in Washington. Miss Grandy was fond of travel and spent almost every summer in Europe. Her home was filled with old-world curiosities, and her collection of bric-a-brac is considered one of the finest in this city.
Although not a society woman, Miss Grandy numbered among her friends some of the best-known residents, and was prominently identified with several women's clubs. Her afternoon teas were famous as rendezvous of women conspicuous in literary, artistic and social circles.
She left here last Saturday, the 11th, for New York on a pleasure trip to New York, expecting to return on the 22nd. Her mother has recently returned from Elizabeth City, where she went with her son Harrison, who has just started in the practice of law.
The Raleigh's Compliment to Spain.
GIBRALTAR, March 18.—As the United States cruiser Raleigh sailed from here for New York, this afternoon, homeward bound from Manila, in order to be put out of commission, she hoisted the Spanish ensign and fired a salute while passing the Spanish squadron, commanded by Admiral Camara, off Algeciras. The Spanish flagship Carlos Quinta thereupon hoisted the American ensign and returned the salute.
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Why it Failed.

SAVANNAH, Ga., March 18.—J. H. Cutting, formerly of Boston, has arrived here from Nicaragua. He was a lieutenant of the Rama Rifles, in the recent Nicaragua revolution under Reyes. The revolt lasted barely three weeks. Cutting says it would certainly have succeeded, but for the arrant cowardice of Reyes and other leaders.
"Had we had only 500 Americans, we would have gone through Zelaya's forces like molasses out of a garret window," said Cutting, but our leaders were too cowardly to fight. They showed the white feather at the first approach of danger."
Cutting says the taxation in Nicaragua is unbearable and that the American mine owners and operatives there may be expected to soon raise another and a successful revolution.
South Swept by Terrible Storms.
MEMPHIS, Tenn., March 18.—A series of terrific wind storms swept through portions of Alabama, Mississippi and Arkansas today, doing an immense amount of property damage and killing a number of people. The storm covered a radius of several hundred miles, destroying telegraph wires and cutting off communication with a large part of the affected country.
Cleburn county, Alabama, seems to have suffered the most severely, the storm there reaching the proportions of a tornado. The reports of fatalities in the county vary from six to twenty and many more are said to have been injured. At Sellers, and Luverne, Ala., much damage is reported, and at Rob Roy, Ark., one man was killed and several were badly injured.
Just before "Tom" Marshall made his first visit to Boston an ordinance was passed imposing a fine of \$5 for smoking on the streets. "Tom" lighted a cigar, started down the street, and was arrested. He went before the proper officer, was duly fined, planked down \$10 and started away. "Hold on," said the judge; "there is some change coming to you." To which "Tom" is said to have replied: "Oh, keep the change, I shall want to spit presently."
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MRS. PLACE ELECTROCUTED

The First Woman to Occupy the Chair.
Sing Sing, March 20.—Mrs. Place was electrocuted this morning. The procession started to the death chamber at ten forty-five. The electrocution was immediate. Two shocks were employed. Although the prisoner was somewhat hysterical it was thought she might recover her nerve this morning and still be brave at the critical moment. She was accompanied to the chair by her old pastor, Dr. Cole, of Yonkers, who stood by her side offering spiritual consolation to the last. Only two newspaper men were present in accordance with an edict from the Governor. Dr. Jennie Griffin, of Troy, a well known physician, was also present at the request of the Governor. Other witnesses were principally physicians and professional men.
McKinley Bracing Up Fast.
THOMASVILLE, Ga., March 17.—The President is beginning to show plainly the good effect of his outing. The bloom is once more returning to his cheeks and the fagged-out appearance is vanishing. He is enjoying the vacation greatly and expresses himself as delighted with the drives around Thomasville. Invitations continue to pour in from the surrounding country, but are all being declined in pursuance of the purpose to avoid everything having the aspect of a semi-public function. The presidential mail is growing rapidly, the people being well acquainted now with Mr. McKinley's whereabouts.
A Born Diplomat.
Mrs. Hanson: "I understand, sir, that you have secretly been making love to my daughter, and I must forbid any acquaintance begun in that way. You should have seen me first."
Shrewd Suitor: "Madame, had I seen your first I should have forgotten your daughter and fallen in love with you."
Mrs. Hanson: "Um—the informality of the proceeding was all I objected to. Come with me and I will introduce you to my husband."

Philosophy.

A woman asks a woman questions to discover something. She asks a man questions to discover the man.
True love makes all things lovable, except perhaps the chaperon.
What a second lover chiefly deplores is that it was not he who first taught his loved one to love.
It is noble to go to the succor of the weak and the oppressed, to say nothing of the Presidential patronage it sometimes creates.
Man calls woman capricious simply because he is too stupid to comprehend the laws by which she is swayed. Woman does not call man capricious. The inference is obvious.
To insure a happy new year, keep the liver clear and the body vigorous by using De Witt's Little Early Risers, the famous little pills for constipation and liver troubles. Howard Gardner.
The Supreme court has rendered an important decision in reference to the liability of proprietors of tobacco salerooms. Under this decision such a proprietor is liable to the true owner of tobacco wrongfully taken to the saleroom and put upon the floor by the proprietor or auctioneer, whether the proprietor had actual knowledge of such wrongful taking or not. The court cites an old-time authority in reference to the liability of auctioneers and agents for goods that have been stolen and sold by them in ignorance of the felony.
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Ian Maclaren's New Work.
Ian Maclaren, who is now on a lecturing tour in this country, begins in an early issue of The Ladies' Home Journal his latest piece of literary work. It is a series of popular articles in which he defines the relation that a minister holds to his congregation; how a preacher is helped by his people; how a congregation can make the most of a minister, and other phases of the most satisfactory attitude of a congregation to a pastor.
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