

WASHINGTON LETTER.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 23, '99. The President has returned from his extended campaign tour in the West, and the next important work confronting him is the preparation of his annual report to Congress. Material for this has been gathered by the various department chiefs, and will be placed before the President for his examination and such recommendations as he deems wise.

The most important subject to be discussed, of course, will be the Philippine situation. In view of the approaching presidential campaign, there is little doubt that the President's recommendations in regard to this matter will be very general. They will suggest the wisdom of retaining permanently these far away islands, but Congress will be told substantially that all questions concerning the form of government to be established there must be settled by the legislative body. The President will review the operations of the army since the outbreak of the Philippine war in February, and will give a cheerful statement of the progress made against the insurgents, with a prediction of early pacification. But those who look for strong, original outlines of the course which should be pursued by this government in regard to the Philippines will be disappointed. Details of government will be deferred until the Filipinos are subdued. By that time the national campaign is expected to end. In spite of the important issues before the country, it is predicted that the forthcoming message will be a very tame document, evading as far as possible the defining of issues which could widen Republican factions. Silver will be straddled, as in the last McKinley message to Congress; trusts will be mildly disapproved in very general terms, but a good deal of stress will be laid on the prosperity of the country under protection, and the Philippine problem will be held in abeyance until the war is over.

It has been often said of President McKinley that he does his work with his ear constantly on the ground. No action is taken until he has had opportunity to estimate how it will affect votes. He has had more than his usual chance to feel the public pulse during his recent western trip. His friends admit that he has found great discontent with the imperialistic tendencies of his administration. He will say no more on that line prior to the elections than that peace must be restored and order must be enforced. On this there can be no difference of opinion, and it will give anti-expansion Republicans an excuse to remain awhile longer in line, on the plea that they do not yet know the ultimate purpose of the party in regard to the Philippines.

The action of this administration in tacitly endorsing the navy clique which has lost no opportunity to injure Admiral Schley, will receive an emphatic response to November when the vote of Maryland is counted. Schley's friends in that state are waiting for this opportunity to express their opinion of the injustice done to the hero of Santiago. Reports from the state indicate that the transient leaning in many districts to Republicanism has disappeared entirely, and the state will roll up its old-time Democratic majorities in every county. The Sampson thing overlooked the possibility of this rebuke. When this administration came in the Republicans had shown such strength in Maryland that they secured a cabinet officer, James A. Gary being made Postmaster General. The treatment of Schley, after his destruction of Cervera's fleet, has aroused the deepest indignation throughout his state. Every occasion has been seized to heap honors upon him to offset the humiliation put upon him by the Navy department. The feeling has spread steadily throughout the state and Republican leaders admit that the vote will be heavily against the administration.

When Congress meets the house Republicans will elect the Speaker to succeed Mr. Reed. The Democrats of that body will present a candidate for Speaker, and whoever may be thus honored will be the nominal leader of the minority upon the floor. By reason of his nomination by the Democrats this leader will be given a place on the outside on rules, which governs the order of action upon business in the house. He will also control debate upon the most important bills before the house and, by courtesy and practice, have a good deal to say about the appointment of Democrats upon committees. The nomination therefore is something more than empty honor, and there will be an active campaign

on the Democratic side in behalf of three leading members. These will be DeArmond, of Missouri, Richardson, of Tennessee, and Bankhead, of Alabama. Mr. Bailey, of Texas, the nominal leader in the last house, seeks election to the senate, and it is understood has no desire to continue his leadership of the lower body. While it is too early to predict the outcome of this Democratic contest, the better opinion is that DeArmond will be nominated by the Democrats. Richardson, however, will be a close competitor for the honor and it is possible he may be selected. Both gentlemen are strong and popular members, quick and forceful in debate, and with sufficient experience in the house to insure an efficient management of the interests of the party not only in debate but all that goes with the conduct of the opposition. It was as leader upon the floor that Thomas B. Reed won his greatest fame in the house. He became known and feared for the keenness of his retort, his quickness to see the disadvantage of the majority, and his ability to make a point and accentuate it in such manner that it did not escape general notice and comment.

The Cup Remains in America.

NEW YORK, Oct. 20.—Through wild and hoary seas, in a breeze that approached the dignity of a gale, the gallant sloop Columbia today vanquished the British challenger Shamrock by 6 minutes and 34 seconds, corrected time, thus completing the series for the America's cup with a magnificent rough weather duel and a glorious Yankee victory. For the eleventh time the attempt of a foreigner to wrest from America the yachting supremacy of the world has failed. The intrinsic value of the reward which hundreds of thousands of dollars were expended to secure is small—simply an antiquated piece of silverware which Queen Victoria offered to the best sailing ship in the world in the early days of her reign, but around it cluster the precious memories of unbroken American triumph and the honor of mastery in the noblest of sports.

To Sir Thomas Lipton, whose name is now added to the list of defeated aspirants for the honor of carrying the cup back across the Atlantic, the failure was a crushing blow. His hope had been high. But, like the true sportsman that he is, the sting of defeat has left no bitterness, and with undaunted courage, he intimates that he may be back with a better boat to try again. During his stay here, Sir Thomas has made himself more popular than any previous challenger, and the yachtsmen of this country will be glad to welcome him back. Except for the repeated flukes and the unfortunate accident to the challenger on Tuesday, this series of races has been unmarred by a single untoward incident. The boats have had two fair and square races, one in light airs and the other in a heavy blow, and Sir Thomas is perfectly satisfied that he was beaten by the better boat.

Trouble About the Negro.

ATLANTA, Oct. 21.—A special from Montgomery, Ala., says: "A sensation entirely new in this section, was sprung here today in labor circles. A street fair and trades display will be held here commencing Monday, with a street parade, in which the trades unions were to participate. Today the unions announced that they would not take part in the parade because the parade committee of the fair declined to allow the negro trades unions a place in the line. The street fair people and the unions appointed committees to confer and try to arrange matters, but without results.

The white union men take the position that the white unions have contracts with reference to wage scales, etc., with those composed of negroes, and that they would not deal with an organization that was not responsible and respectable; that as a regularly organized trades union, the negro union is entitled to a place in the parade, and that the refusal of the fair committee to give the negroes a place is disrespectful to organized labor rather than to the negro race.

A Lion Scalps a Boy in Georgia.

ALBANY, Ga., Oct. 21.—The danger of twisting the lion's tail was pointedly illustrated today. Fred Morris, aged 10, visited Cooper's circus. Eluding the vigilance of the keepers he seized the tail of the biggest lion and gave it the severest twist his small hands were able. With an angry roar the beast thrust its paws through the bars, grabbed the child's head and nearly pulled it off before he could be rescued. The scalp was nearly torn off, and the claws scraped the skull in a dozen places. The child is seriously injured.

WILL OF MR. PAGE.

Children Got \$200,000.—His Wife Will Receive About \$50,000.—The Methodist Orphanage Gets the Academy of Music or \$5,500 and His Grandchildren are Given \$5,000 in Bank Stock.

The last will and testament of the late A. Frank Page, dated October 2nd, 1899, was admitted to probate yesterday, Dr. T. M. Jordan and Mr. Lee Johnson being the subscribing witnesses. Mr. E. T. Gray, one of the executors, when asked for a synopsis of its contents, said:

"Previous to his death, Mr. Page had divided among his children the larger part of his estate, consisting of railroad stock, real estate, &c., and in his will, after reciting the fact that he had made these liberal provisions for his sons and daughters, he bequeaths to Joseph G. Brown, as trustee, \$5,000, par value, of the capital stock of the Commercial and Farmers Bank of Raleigh to be equally divided, with the increment, among his grandchildren as they successively become of age, the share of any one dying before majority unmarried and without children to go to the survivors, but if any one so dying shall be married or leave children, the share shall go to the children, if any, but if none then to the surviving husband or wife. The market value of the stock is about \$6,500.

"To the trustees of the Methodist Orphanage at Raleigh is devised the Academy of Music on the corner of Martin and Salisbury streets (not including the annex) in trust, to pay one-half of the net rents and profits to Mrs. Lula B. Page, wife of the testator, during her life, and to apply the other half to the support and maintenance of the orphanage. After the death of Mrs. Page the whole shall belong to the orphanage, in fee, with power to dispose of it at any time (with consent of Mrs. Page, if sold before her death), and invest the proceeds in other property for like uses. This devise is expressed to be in lieu of the balance of the donation of \$6,000, which Mr. Page some weeks ago announced his intention of making to the orphanage. The trustees of the orphanage, however, are given the option of accepting this devise or of taking a donation of \$5,500, in cash which, in the event of the declaration of the trustees of their preference for the same, the executors are directed to pay to the orphanage, and of such sum \$5,000 is to be used towards erection of buildings and \$500 is to constitute an endowment fund for the support of the orphanage.

"All the rest and residue of his estate, of whatsoever kind and wherever situated, is given, bequeathed and devised to Mrs. Lula B. Page, his wife, and her heirs absolutely.

"Mrs. Lula B. Page and Messrs. Joseph G. Brown and R. T. Gray are named as executors with power to sell and dispose of any of the property at public or private sale, at their discretion, and without application to any court."

The amount of the estate devised in money, stocks and real estate is estimated at about \$60,000. The property formerly divided among his children was estimated at \$200,000. It consisted of the Aberdeen and Asheboro Railroad, and large lumber interests in Moore county; the Commercial and Farmers' Bank building here, the Park Hotel and other real estate, and in addition much stock in various enterprises.—Raleigh Observer.

MILLIONS BACKING IT.

New York Central Directors Authorize a Large Increase of Capital Stock.

New York, October 23.—The directors of the New York Central Railroad met today and authorized an increase in the capital stock of the road from \$100,000,000 to \$115,000,000, the money is to be raised by a sale of stock and will be used in the further equipment of the road. The stock is to be sold to share-holders at par, each stockholder being allowed to subscribe an amount equal to fifteen per cent. of his former holdings. The new stock will probably be issued about the first of January.

"For some time past," said Senator Depew, after the meeting, "the Central has felt the need of a better equipment. We have been preparing contracts for the building of more than 10,000 cars of all descriptions. Of course, all the \$15,000,000 will not be needed for those 10,000 cars, but we now have plans forming looking to spreading out in every direction in equipment of the road."

CHANGE OF INTERESTS.

Norfolk and Southern Railway Passes Into New Hands.

Norfolk, Va., October 21.—The Norfolk and Southern Railroad extending from Norfolk to Edenton, N. C., has passed to the control of the Norfolk, Virginia Beach and Southern railway, owned by the Vanderbilt railway syndicate. The directors of the first named company have elected John Carstensen president, and Alfred Skitt, vice president. These gentlemen hold the same positions in their purchasing company. Mr. Morris King will continue to act as general manager of the Norfolk and Southern and will represent the other railroad in this city.

Mr. C. A. Brown has purchased the Maxton Scottish Chief from Mr. M. G. McKenzie. The name of the paper has been changed to the Maxton Herald.

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Lincoln, Neb., 23.—Col. W. J. Bryan arrived in Lincoln to-night, and after three hours' rest started for Strouburg, where he will begin his two weeks of speech-making in Nebraska. He said his health was excellent and he was confident of being able to conclude his campaign as scheduled.

Mr. Bryan said his long tour in Nebraska had no special significance. He had in the past neglected his home State, and he was simply redeeming promises of speeches made long ago.

North Carolina's negro congressman, George E. White, has been sent to Ohio to corral the negro vote for the Republicans of that state.

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