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WASHINGTON LETTER.

Endorsement of the President's Philippine Policy by the Senate.

Senator Hanna and Ship Subsidies.

Washington, Jan. 14th.—Friends of the army reorganization bill are disappointed that the measure has not yet reached a vote in the Senate, but they find some consolation in the positive promise of leading senators that the bill will be passed this week. The delay is particularly annoying to Secretary Root, because it keeps all his arrangements for bringing the volunteers home from the Philippines up in the air, so to speak.

When the house took up the river and harbor bill it was confidently expected that it would pass after about two days debate, but the general debate only came to an end today. The debate has consisted largely of complaint of the leaving out of projects in which members are interested.

Eulogies on deceased members are usually of the perfunctory order in congress, but those on the late Senator Davis were not in that class. Mrs. Davis and a party of friends occupied seats in the executive gallery during the delivery of the orations, of which a veteran newspaper man said: "In recent years in the senate, no more beautiful, heartfelt and eloquent eulogies have been pronounced upon the memory of any senator."

The D. B. Hill boom for 1904 reached Washington forty-eight hours ago in charge of Bird S. Coler, Comptroller of the City of New York. That it is not a secret boom may be seen from Mr. Coler's very frank reply when asked what brought him to Washington: "I have been seeing democratic senators and representatives in the interest of David B. Hill's nomination for president. I believe Mr. Hill will be the nominee in 1904. I think he will have the support of democrats of every state in the Union. His friends have taken hold of this matter in earnest, and are going to push his claims for the nomination with great vigor from this time on. I have not heard a single objection to Hill's nomination, and I have talked to many leading democrats from different parts of the country. On the contrary what I have heard confirms me in the belief that Hill will be the next democratic nominee for president." The invasion of the Hill boom seems to have taken the thick and thin Bryan democrats by surprise. Their private talk indicates that the Hill democrats and Bryan democrats may indulge in a little figurative throat cutting before long.

The Burleigh reappointment bill only needs President McKinley's signature to become a law, and that it will get during the present week. It went through the house by a majority of 63 and through the senate without a division.

At a single sitting the house passed 170 private pension bills, which was the largest number disposed of in one day since the fifty-first congress. By a vote of 32 to 13, the senate has again put itself on record in favor of the Philippine policy of President McKinley. The vote was on an amendment to the army reorganization bill offered by Senator Hoar, providing that no further military force shall be used in the Philippines, except such as might be necessary to keep order in places already in the peaceable possession of the U. S. The effect of the amendment, if it had been adopted, would have been to encourage the Filipino rebels to gather a big army in any portion of the islands not actually garrisoned by our troops, without fear of molestation; while supposedly in the interest of peace, such an amendment would actually operate to prolong hostilities. History has taught that rebellion cannot be put down by pacific legislation; that those who appeal to arms against the powers that be must be whipped into subjection. That has been true even in advanced civilized nations. Any other method of ending the revolt of the semi-barbarous Filipinos would convince them that the Americans are afraid of them.

Senator Platt, of Connecticut, stated the case in a nutshell when he said of the democratic pretense of believing that the president would abuse the discretion vested in him by the army bill to increase the army when necessary: "If we could eliminate politics and argument for political effect from this chamber for a single day, I believe it would be the unanimous sentiment that there should be some flexibility in the army."

Senator Hanna usually declines to take notice of charges made against

him by unfriendly newspapers, but he made an exception of the charge that he had a personal interest in the passing of the ship subsidy bill, and authorized the following explicit denial: "I say that the assertion that I am interested in any way or in any company that has given orders for the construction of colliers through which it is expected to participate in the benefits to be derived from the passage of the shipping bill is absolutely false and without foundation. My sole interest in the shipping bill is that of an American citizen who honestly believes in the upbuilding of the merchant marine."

THE BUSINESS OUTLOOK.

The United States a World Power in Money as Well as Politics.

Most marvelous and impressive has been the progress of this country since the triumph of sound money in 1896. In a little over four years the United States has become a world power in finance as well as in politics. It has become a great factor in international affairs, and almost the controlling voice in international markets. Its traditional policy of indifference to what the rest of the world did, provided America was left alone, has been reversed, and in the West Indies and the Pacific we have become the governor of colonies, while in China we have joined the other powers in subduing that Oriental empire. Our commercial expansion has been even more remarkable than our political. We have become the greatest exporting nation. We have been able to produce better and cheaper than other manufacturers, and the products of our forges and factories as well as the products of our farms are going abroad in vast quantities. We are rapidly taking the place so long occupied by England. Europe has become our debtor. Instead of our borrowing from England and Germany, we are lending to those great countries.

England, Germany and Russia have placed loans in New York. American credits abroad are very large, and are likely to be increased by shipments of gold to relieve European necessities.

Our financiers are solving problems and are engaged in enterprises vaster far than was dreamed possible a few years ago. They have expanded with the times, and appear equal to their increased responsibilities.

The Crucible Steel Company of America has decided to build a rolling mill and open hearth furnaces to produce more steel to keep pace with the increasing trade. The company already has four plants which make the special steel used. The new plant will cost \$1,500,000 and will be situated either at West Elizabeth, eighteen miles from Pittsburg, or on Brunot's island, which is in the Ohio river, within the limits of Allegheny.

The Jersey City Journal has been commenting on export and import statistics and the growing balance of trade in our favor. It says:

"The progress made since the McKinley administration put an end to hard times and started the commerce of the nation on the road to prosperity is a record to be proud of. From a national deficit to a surplus, from a declining foreign trade to figures which eclipse all other nations, from hard times to prosperity. It is a fitting prelude for the beginning of the new century, and the inauguration of a trade movement that will make the Pacific Ocean the scene of commercial activity that will rival the Atlantic Ocean's record of the last century."

The coffee exchange enjoyed unusual prosperity last year. Its total sales were nearly seven and a half million bags against nearly four and a half million the previous year.

The Richmond Locomotive and Machine Works recently received an order from the Wabash Railroad for fifty locomotives, the contract price of which will aggregate about \$650,000.

There died in London last week in poverty a character once well known in New York, London and Paris—Henry A. De Lille, who married Olive Logan years ago. He was connected with several New York newspapers. While in Paris he greatly aided in a confidential capacity Napoleon III. One of his sons was formerly consul at Sheffield, and he was made a Chevalier of the Legion of Honor by Napoleon. Poverty and illness made his closing days tragic.

Another death last week was that of James Defoe, the last male descendant of the author of "Robinson." He was 82 years old and a pauper.

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