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### WASHINGTON LETTER.

#### Extra Session May be Needed to Consider Status of Cuba.

The President insists that Congress shall share the Responsibility.

#### Arrangements for the Inaugural Parade—Captain Hovgaard's Tribute to Our Navy—Proposed Reclamation of Arid Lands.

Washington, Feb. 18, 1901.—President McKinley very frankly tells the senators and representatives who call on him that if the Cubans complete and forward their constitution to Washington within the next few weeks, as they are expected to do, he will call an extra session of the fifty-seventh congress to deal with the matter, as he most positively declined to accept the responsibility of deciding it himself. This is regardless of whether the present session fails to dispose of all the important pending legislation. Only two weeks of the present congress remain and there is a lot of work to be done to dispose of the regular appropriation bills, not to mention the oleomargarine bill which is now before the senate; the ship subsidy bill, with regard to which the opposition has openly served notice that it shall not be voted upon; the revenue reduction bill, now deadlocked in conference, owing to the refusal of the house conferees to accept the senate amendments; and other measures of more or less importance. The work of the present week will go far towards showing whether an extra session will be made necessary, aside from the Cuban question.

#### THE INAUGURAL PARADE.

Following precedent, it has been decided that President McKinley will, as he succeeds himself and there will be no outgoing president to ride with him, be accompanied by members of the joint congressional committee, in the inaugural parade. Members of that committee will also ride with Vice-President Roosevelt. While many unique features have been announced by the committee in charge, it is doubtful whether any single feature will attract more attention than the battalion of Porto Rican troops which will march in the parade.

#### AMENDMENTS TO PENDING BILLS.

Senator Elkins is trying hard to get the committee on commerce to agree to the Morgan amendment to the river and harbor bill, providing for the acquisition of Costa Rica and Nicaragua of a right of way for the Nicaragua canal. The committee has adopted amendments providing for storage reservoirs in some of the arid sections. The bill will be reported to the senate early this week.

Senator Perkins has offered an amendment to the sundry civil appropriation bill, providing for the laying of a cable to Hawaii, and appropriating \$500,000 therefor.

There is a rather persistent and apparently well-founded rumor around the capitol that, owing to the large total of appropriations by the fifty sixth congress, no bills providing for public buildings will be allowed to go through at this session. This will naturally cause much disappointment especially among those interested in public buildings that have been favorably reported.

#### DUTIES AND BOUNTIES.

In ordering that a countervailing duty equal in amount to the export bounties paid by those countries, be collected on all sugars imported from Russia and Belgium, Secretary Gage was merely carrying out the law as interpreted by his legal advisers. It is understood that an appeal to the courts will be taken in the case of Russian sugar, on the grounds that Russia does not pay an export bounty. Meanwhile Russia has got back at us by raising the tariff on all steel and iron products 50 per cent.

#### THE TROOPS IN THE PHILIPPINES.

With regard to the statements made by Senators Teller and Pettigrew that there were ten thousand more men in the Philippine hospitals than could be taken care of, Surgeon-General Strenberg said: "The report is preposterous. The number of sick has ranged from seven to eight per cent. Ample hospital accommodations and plenty of medical officers have been provided for the troops in the Philippines."

#### OUR NAVY COMPLIMENTED.

How our navy stands in Europe may

be judged from the following remarks of Captain Hovgaard, of the Royal Danish navy, who has just arrived in Washington: "My government has sent me here to study American ship-building and especially ship-engineering. The American navy is recognized on the European continent, as the best without any exception, the most modern, and so far as the engineering is concerned it is looked upon as a marvel of perfection. While in this country I will try to make arrangements to have our cadets take courses in engineering and technology here."

#### AN ARID LAND RECLAMATION FUND.

On the recommendation of Land-Commissioner Herman, Secretary Hitchcock, has made a favorable report on Senator Hansbrough's bill, providing that all moneys received from the sale of public lands in the arid and semi-arid regions shall be set aside as an arid land reclamation fund for the construction of reservoirs and other hydraulic works for the storage and diversion of water. The report is accompanied by a recommendation that the bill be amended so as to provide that the lands required for reservoirs and the lands to be irrigated be withdrawn from homestead entry before their survey instead of after.

Secretary Long has gone to Pensacola, Florida, to inspect the Naval Station at that point. He will return by way of New Orleans, remaining in the latter city to see the Mardi Gras festivities.

#### N. C. WEATHER REPORT.

The TIMES has received the report of the North Carolina section of the climate and crop service of the weather bureau, giving the weather statistics of the state for January. The month is described as having been on the whole a mild winter month. The mean temperatures were a few degrees below normal in the southern portion, but elsewhere they were above the normal. No temperature below zero occurred even at the most elevated stations in the Blue Ridge. The precipitation was generally, though not in every case, below the average; and the rainfall was less than usual. No covering of unmet snow remained on the ground for any length of time at any station during the month.

The monthly mean temperature for the state was 40.8 degrees, which is half a degree above the normal. The monthly mean for Hendersonville was 37.4 degrees. The average precipitation for the state during the month was 2.93 inches. In Hendersonville the total was only 2.18 inches, which is a very satisfactory showing.

The report adds that the wheat spread nicely, looked vigorous and promising at the close of the month.

#### A LENTEN THOUGHT.

EDITORS TIMES:—May I, through your paper, say a few words to the people of this pleasant little city?

I am not an Episcopalian, but as the season of Lent begins, it brings sad yet hopeful thoughts and wishes to our hearts. It seems as if only the good Spirit should live in the homes of those who have such a pleasant abiding place, surrounded by such lovely mountains and streams. Yet every housekeeper knows that in the spring-time no matter how careful she has been, there must come a thorough house cleaning. Is it not so with our lives? Can we not during this Lenten period, purify our hearts from the smoke that blinds our eyes to the good in others and faults in ourselves?

Shall we not sweep down the cobwebs of prejudice, cleanse the windows so that we may see our duties to others, fill our homes with the pure air of love to our neighbors, sweep out of our doors every particle of ill feeling, unkindness, censure, slander, gossip? This accomplished, put on the finishing touches that only earnest effort aided by humility, patience and love can give. Then, on Easter morning, we will be glad to welcome the day, with the joys and hopes that it brings to us all.

#### PORTO RICO'S STATUS.

It is hardly likely that the decision of the supreme court in the Porto Rican matter will be handed down before the last week of the term and just before the summer adjournment which takes place in May. Heretofore when great questions involving constitutional rights have come before the court, a long time has been taken to reach a decision. In this case the arguments on both sides were exhaustive, and the number of cases cited by counsel was probably a thousand or more.

The Japanese-American Weekly News is a New York publication.

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