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WASHINGTON LETTER.

The Cuban Problem and the Philippine Question Demand Much Attention from the Solons who Know not how to Extricate the Administration from the Dilemma Caused by the Spanish American War.

Regular Correspondence.

Washington, Feb. 11, 1902.—There exists a peculiar situation in the House of Representatives, and that chamber appears to be bent upon amply demonstrating to the country that with a republican majority and the Reed Rules it is a thoroughly impotent and irresponsible body. Even the President has ceased to urge his wishes upon the lower house and has concentrated his efforts upon the Senate where there seems to be every reason to believe that they have proved effective. The recent statements of Senator Platt, of Connecticut, chairman of the Committee on Relations with Cuba, and Senator Proctor, of Vermont, are regarded, not only as indicative of the attitude of the Senate on the question of Cuban reciprocity, but as a threat that if the House does not pursue a reasonable course the Senate will disregard it and effect the desired reciprocal relations by means of a treaty.

The excessive fear, inspired by the attack of Representative Babcock upon that portion of the Dingley tariff bill which serves to augment the immense profits of the Steel Trust, seems to have paralyzed the Ways and Means Committee and that body is afraid to report any measure granting reciprocity to Cuba because of Mr. Babcock's announced intention to move the amendment of the bill to secure a modicum of tariff reform. While the Ways and Means Committee is dominated by the extreme protectionist view such is not true of the entire House and a republican member who would not permit me to use his name, said yesterday: "The situation is most distressing to the more progressive republicans. They appreciate the truth of Senator Platt's statement that protection is likely to suffer most in the house of its friends and they realize that, if the Democrats have the foresight to drop their anti-expansion theories and go before the country on a straight tariff reform platform they will make serious inroads in our ranks. Our only hope is that the Democratic propensity to blunder will lead them to adopt 'anti-expansion' as their slogan rather than 'tariff reform'." The speaker was an astute Western Republican who may be counted upon to know the situation in his own section, at least.

The republicans are holding a perfect love feast in the Senate Committee on the Philippines over the testimony of Judge Taft in regard to conditions in the islands. It never seems to occur to them that a gentleman who is drawing a salary of \$30,000 per annum for governing the "colony" is most likely to see the rosy side of the situation. Without impugning Judge Taft's sincerity, it is reasonable to assume that from his magnificently furnished offices in Manila, and surrounded by the members of a commission abundantly recompensed for their services, things may look very bright in the Philippines. As a matter of fact, however, there are others, perhaps equally competent to testify, many of them officers who have penetrated into the strongholds of the insurrection, who do not regard the situation from the same hopeful and complacent standpoint as does Governor Taft.

The Philippine tariff bill continues to occupy the attention of the Senate and drastic censure of the course of the administration has been the usual order of the day on the Democratic side. Senator Lodge has, however, stated that the Senate proposes to pass the measure regardless of the opinion of the minority; and his position, that he and his colleagues are not open to reason or conviction, may serve to precipitate

the passage of the bill, in view of the large amount of business which the Senate still has to consider.

Representative Newlands, of Nevada has introduced a resolution in the House providing for the collection of three fourths of the Dingley rates on Cuban sugar and tobacco in consideration of reciprocal concessions from Cuba and concludes with an invitation to Cuba to come into the United States under a territorial form of government and with the proviso that statehood will be granted when, in the judgment of Congress, it seems advisable. Mr. Newlands deems such a course the most expedient solution of the Cuban problem. Speaking of the matter he told me that he had no reason for waiting until the Cubans had formed powerful political organizations, the members of which would expect to derive their livelihood from politics and would therefore oppose annexation, before inviting the island to come into the United States. "Under annexation," said Mr. Newlands, "the beet sugar men believe they would be better protected than with a reduction of the tariff, and I am inclined to think they are right. The Cubans have admitted before this Committee (the Ways and Means) that they now have employed in the production of sugar all the labor in the islands and they have tacitly admitted that the extension of the industry must come from the importation of cheap Chinese and other labor. If the island was annexed to the United States our immigration laws would apply, the rate of wages would be gradually raised to the same level and their sugar would be produced under conditions so similar to our own that the competition would be by no means as severe." The introduction of the Newlands resolution caused a sensation in the House and it was everywhere actively discussed. Had it come from a Republican source it seems most likely that it would have been adopted. Under the circumstances its future is most problematical.

Representative Oscar W. Underwood, of Alabama, expressed himself to your correspondent, yesterday in no uncertain terms upon the question of our relations with Cuba. He said that he was in favor of relations as near free trade as could be secured. "There are immense markets in Cuba for American products which would more than make up any possible loss which might be sustained by the sugar interests. Every increase in the manufacture of Cuban sugar will be attended with a demand for machinery which, under reciprocity, the United States will sell. The farmers of the whole country will be benefited by the increased demand for boots and shoes, and the resultant higher prices of hides, for instance; there will be a demand for American coal as the small Cuban product is so poor as to be hardly a merchantable product. There are a hundred demands which the United States will supply which are now supplied by other countries. The very fact that under a former reciprocity treaty, we had a trade of \$18,000,000 per annum ought of itself to be sufficient proof of the advisability of controlling these markets." In reply to a question, Mr. Underwood said that the present trade with Cuba had dwindled to a small fraction of the former trade.

The Carolinas Lead.

In the manufacture of cotton goods, the two Carolinas lead all the States of the South and are only surpassed in New England by Massachusetts and Rhode Island. South Carolina holds first place, having \$39,258,946 invested in cotton mills and machinery. Its annual product amounts to \$29,723,919, with 42,663 looms. North Carolina has \$23,011,516 invested, has 25,469 looms, and the value of the products is \$28,371,796—a better showing as to product upon capital than South Carolina shows.—News and Observer.

STATE NEWS.

Short Items of Interest Clipped and Culled From Our State Exchanges.

Harry Skinner was sworn in last week as U. S. district attorney, to succeed Claud Bernard.

Durham last year manufactured 23,894,200 pounds of tobacco, an increase of 4,657,570 pounds over the previous year.

The Reidsville correspondent of the Charlotte Observer says a child born there has six hands. It is otherwise physically perfect.

George W. Vanderbilt's estate in Buncombe is being considerably increased by the purchase of land in the western section of the county.

The Winston aldermen have passed an ordinance prohibiting the sale of cigars and tobacco in any form on Sunday. Penalty, \$20 for each offense.

Patrick Gorman, the aged Irishman who shot himself on the streets of Raleigh a few days ago because he was homeless and destitute, died last week.

The Spanish trophy given from the Cristobal Colon, destroyed at Santiago, was Friday put in place in the Hall of History in the State museum. The other trophy given from Manila will be removed to a place beside it.

A charter has been granted to the John Rudisill Manufacturing Company of Lincolnton, with \$75,000 capital. The charter is a very liberal one, and gives the company power to manufacture cotton and woolen goods, operate flour and grist mills, etc.

In Lenoir county a few days ago, Jim Edwards and his wife, colored, locked up their three small children in the house and went to the field, a mile away to work. During their absence the building caught on fire and the children were burned to death.

Judge Robinson at Goldsboro has rendered a decision in favor of Mrs. Faircloth in the matter of the will of the late Chief Justice Faircloth and orders that she receive of E. B. Borden, executor, \$18,342.77 with interest. This was the amount of her maiden property. There will be an appeal.

A double funeral took place Sunday in Hasti, Durham's colored suburb. Kin Scott, aged 95, and his wife, Frances, aged 80, passed away Saturday at the same time, and were laid to rest in the same grave. Throughout their long married life they were inseparable and even in death are not divided.

A horrible wreck occurred Tuesday morning on the Seaboard Air Line fifteen miles north of Raleigh, near Forestville, in which one man lost his life, another was fatally injured, and two cars were burned up. In one of these cars was the body of the brakeman and his remains were completely destroyed.

The State board of health reports hog cholera as prevailing in nine counties. It also reports forage poisoning as prevailing among horses in six counties, these being Hertford, Hyde, Pasquotank, Lenoir, New Hanover and Currituck. It is noticed that forage poisoning is killing a number of horses in Maryland.

Admiral and Mrs. Schley were given an ovation at Asheville Friday afternoon on their way from Knoxville to Washington. The train stopped twenty minutes and during that time Mrs. Schley was presented with a large bouquet by local Knights Templar, and the Admiral spoke briefly to the throng at the station.

The Senate has passed the bill appropriating \$135,000 for the purchase of the county court house at Winston for a Federal building. The bill also carries an appropriation of \$25,000 for necessary changes to be made in the building. The Senate committee has also favorably reported a bill appropriating \$100,000 for a Federal building at Durham.

Three of the students of the Agricultural and Mechanical College have pneumonia. One of them, who is 68 years old and is taking the special course in dairying, is critically ill.

Fifty counties have sent in reports as to their needs of State aid for the public schools. Twelve want no aid and the other thirty-eight want \$49,500. Carteret, the last to report, needs \$1,206.

An old colored woman, Mandy Tyre, while attempting to light a fire with kerosene at her home in Newbern, on Sunday had her clothes saturated with the oil which caught on fire and she was burned to death.

Over 200 members of the Cook County Democratic Club of Chicago, traveling in a special train enroute to the Charleston exposition, stopped in Charlotte a few hours Sunday night and were given a reception.

Capt. Sam Ashe has been chosen to deliver the Memorial Day address in Raleigh May 10th. He will speak of the life of James Iredeil Waddell, captain of the privateer Sherandoah. A fine portrait of Waddell is in the State Library.

A Bill has been favorably reported in the United States Senate to grant a pension of \$25 a month to Mrs. Adelaide Bagley, mother of Worth Bagley, of the United States navy, who was killed at Cardenas, Cuba, during the Spanish war.

The State has chartered the R. T. Stone Tobacco Company, of Stoneville, Rockingham county; capital paid up \$20,000, authorized \$400,000; also the Eagle Tobacco Warehouse Company, of Kinston, capital paid up \$7,000, authorized \$100,000.

The North Carolina Anti-Saloon League was organized at Raleigh last week with State Senator N. B. Broughton, President, and Rev. T. N. Ivey, D. D., editor Raleigh Christian Advocate, as Secretary. The Constitution declares its purpose to be the abolition of the liquor saloon.

Late Saturday afternoon fire broke out in the Atlantic Coast Line depot at Washington and burned out a half dozen or more firms. The loss on building, is estimated at \$50,000 and the goods \$20,000. Seven cars were burned and the freight depot entirely destroyed. A colored fireman was killed by a falling wall.

Attorneys filed a petition in the Federal Court at Wilmington last week asking that W. F. Dupree, farmer of Hanett county, be adjudged a voluntary bankrupt. The liabilities are \$7,752.88 in judgments secured against him about seven years ago while he was in business. The assets consist of wearing apparel valued at \$25.

Mrs. Dilly Byrum, of Holly Springs, Wake county, who died a few days ago, was 108 years, 10 months and 3 days old. Her husband was in Captain Evans' company in a North Carolina regiment in the war of 1812. He died in 1834. She had drawn about \$3,600 in pensions. Her father was a soldier of the Revolution.

John Caton, of Beaufort county, aged 26 years, was shot in the head through the window by an unknown party while he was sitting at the table reading to his mother Monday night. He was a son of Mr. Abner Caton, a prominent farmer of the county. The deed is supposed to have been done by moonshiners as Caton has been a witness against several.

The penitentiary directors have made a contract with an Atlanta firm by which the convicts will make overalls in the prison at Raleigh at day's wages and not under the piece system. The number of convicts desired is 250, but at present only 100 are furnished. The directors expect in 12 months to furnish the full number. At least 450 convicts will be on railway work much of this year and others will cultivate the uplands only of the State's great farms, "Caledonia," on Roanoke river.

A SEVERE WEEK OF FIGHTING.

Both the Boers and British Sustained Sharp Losses.

London, Feb. 10.—A report received to-day from Lord Kitchener, at Pretoria, shows last week to have been the liveliest week, with the heaviest losses on both sides, for several months past. Lord Kitchener gives the Boer casualties a total of 60 killed, 17 wounded, 57 surrendered and 574 taken prisoners. The British captured 480 rifles, one pom-pom and the usual grist of munitions and live stock.

The most serious British loss during the week was the capture of 60 wagons, conveyed by 160 troops. At a point 30 miles from Beaufort West, Cape Colony, the enemy swooped down on the wagons and cut up the convoy before assistance arrived. They were able to move only 12 of the wagons and burned the rest. In this engagement the British lost 2 officers and 11 men killed, and 1 officer and 47 men wounded, while the Boers lost 24 killed and 47 wounded. The Boers also captured a detachment of 100 men of Col. Doran's command.

Von Donop surprised Potgieter's laager, near Wolmarstad, Transvaal Colony, on February 7th, killing three Boers and capturing 36, as well as 25 wagons and live stock.

An Accident on the Midland.

The Goldsboro Argus of last Friday tells the following:

Passengers on the Smithfield train this morning coming into Goldsboro, received quite a shock about three miles from town, just across Little river bridge. A broken rail caused one box car and the passenger coach to jump the track and land broad-sided in the ditch. There were four passengers, two colored train hands and conductor Schutt, who was running for Capt. Collier, on the coach at the time. Rev. A. B. Crumpler and a young lady with him were not injured in the least, but Mr. C. L. Gurley, of Princeton, received a painful scalp wound and bruises on the arm, and Mr. D. T. Creech, of Pine Level, was slightly injured. One of the colored train hands, Henry Miller, received some bad bruises, but the other one, Henry McKay, received only slight bruises. The conductor was not injured. The passengers were brought on to this city on the engine and the injured were turned over to the care of Dr. W. H. H. Cobb, who dressed their wounds.

Fourteen New Lawyers.

Out of a class of thirty-three applicants for license to practice law who stood the examination before the North Carolina Supreme Court last week, only fourteen were successful. Here it is:

- H. A. Cranor of Wilkes county.
- N. G. Duncan of Sampson county.
- C. J. Rose of Cumberland county.
- C. A. Armstrong of Montgomery county.
- M. L. Edwards of Rutherford county.
- E. J. Nelson of Caldwell county.
- J. P. Bunn of Nash county.
- T. W. Jones of Buncombe county.
- H. S. Harris of Pitt county.
- F. E. Davis of Rutherford county.
- D. W. Perkins of Pasquotank county.
- G. H. Mitchell of Wake county.
- W. A. Worth of Norfolk, Va.
- J. H. Marion of Chester, S. C.

History as She is Taught.

Mr. J. L. Villalonga swears this is true. At the graded school yesterday a small boy was asked by a teacher to give the female of monk and promptly said, "monkey." "What was the principal event in the life of George the Third?" he was asked. "He raised an army of the crusaders and went to Jerusalem," quoth the lad. "What for?" "Why, to fight the Jerusalem of course."—Charlotte Observer.

SOME POLITICAL POINTS.

The Judicial Election in North Carolina Next Fall—Some of the Probable Candidates.

Mr. A. D. Watts, editor of the Statesville Mascot, and at present Private Secretary to Senator Simmons, writes to his paper from Washington as follows:

There seems no reason to doubt Judge Clark's almost unanimous nomination for chief Justice. The race for the associate justiceship conceded to the East is a lively one between Judge Brown and ex-Judge Connor. At one time it was thought that Hon. George Rountree, of Wilmington, would also be a candidate, but it is now certain that he will not be. For the other associate justiceship, the following Western Democrats are candidates: Charles H. Armfield, of Iredell; James A. Lockhart, of A. son; Charles A. Moore and F. A. Soudley, of Buncombe, and Platt D. Walker, of Mecklenburg. All of them have strong supporters, and the fight will be a spirited one. Our Iredell candidate has a fine chance to win, and I believe he will win, if the proper work is done for him.

The terms of all the Superior Court Judges expire, except those of Brown, Bryan, Shaw, Allen, McNeill and Hoke. Judge Winston, of the Second District, will be opposed by Capt. R. B. Peebles, of Northampton, and the contest will be close.

In the Fourth District Populist Judge Timberlake's term expires, and there will be a spirited contest for the Democratic nomination between ex-Judge Jacob Battle, of Nash; Capt. C. M. Cooke, of Franklin, and probably other gentlemen. It is generally conceded that ex-Judge Wm. R. Allen, of Wayne, will be nominated and elected to succeed Republican Judge Robinson, in the Sixth District.

In the Eighth Judge Neal is opposed by Henry B. Adams, Esq., of Union.

It is very probable that Benj. F. Long, Esq., of Iredell, will be unanimously nominated to defeat Republican Judge Coble. This will be retributive justice, as Mr. Long was the Democratic nominee against Judge Coble in the ill-fated year 1894, when Democracy was so crushingly defeated in North Carolina.

W. C. Fields, Esq., of Alleghany, and James R. Llewellyn, of Surry, are candidates for the Democratic nomination in the Eleventh district, and there may be other entries. In this district Republican Judge Starbuck is the present incumbent. Judge Wm. B. Council is unopposed in the Thirteenth, as is Judge Justice in the Fourteenth and Judge Moore in the Fifteenth. In the Sixteenth Judge Jones will be opposed by ex-Solicitor Garland Ferguson, of Haywood, and the race between these mountain men will be one of the hottest in the State.

Marriage Licenses.

For the week ending February 11, marriage licenses were granted the following couples:

White—John Done and Bessie Eatman, G. W. Hayes and Lucy Lee, Jehro Woodard and Lomie Capps, L. V. Langdon and Mary C. Lee, J. W. Lee and Ida Johnson.

Colored—Council Kelly and Sussey Stevens, John E. Lanza and Kittie Welions, Frank White and Mellie Eason, P. C. Brodie and Mary Richardson, Grant Williams and Judie Williams.

A Good Place to Live.

Capt. N. G. Phillips, a leading citizen of Graham county, sent the Raleigh News-Observer this message: "The last negro in this county formally left the county last Saturday and we have not a single negro in the county now." It is the only county in the State that numbers no negro among its inhabitants.

The main building of the Alexander County Home was burned Saturday.