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WASHINGTON LETTER.

(From our regular Correspondent.)

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The covert threat to reopen the war by sending a strong fleet to the coast of Spain, sent on from Washington this week, was ostensibly intended to scare the Spanish government into directing the Peace Commissioners, at Paris, to speedily accept the propositions made by the American Peace Commissioners, but its real object is to try to make votes for republican candidates for Congress by stirring up the war spirit among the people, and asking them to stand by the administration because the war isn't over. It is a queer sort of voter that this sort of thing will influence. That the Spanish Peace Commissioners will quibble and delay as long as possible is the natural thing to expect from Spaniards, but every fairly well-informed person knows that Spain is just as much bound to accept the terms of peace imposed by this government as Greece was bound to accept the terms imposed by Turkey, last year. The war with Spain will not be reopened, and if there is any bluster in that direction, it will be solely for political effect.

War Department officials are unduly elated because the testimony of Gen. Joseph Wheeler, R. V. Boynton and Fitzhugh Lee, taken by Mr. McKinley's Commission, this week, has been of the not proven order. That is to say, neither of the Generals named were personally cognizant of any mismanagement or neglect. It is beginning to be pretty well understood in Washington that the work of the Commission is to be so managed that no damaging testimony is to be taken until after the Congressional elections, unless it shall be given by some witness who gets marked "all right" by mistake.

Representative Dockery, of Mo., who has been making speeches in more than thirty counties, outside of his own Congressional district, was in Washington long enough, this week, to say that Missouri would give one of her old-time Democratic majorities next month, and that the legislature to be elected would certainly re-elect Senator Cookrell.

In a long reply to questions asked him concerning his branch of the War Department, by Mr. McKinley's Commission, Adjutant General Corbin attempts, by implication, to throw all the blame upon Admiral Sampson for the troubles the army had in connection with the movement against Santiago. He doesn't of course charge that Sampson was responsible for Shafter's making the movement before arrangements for the welfare of his men was completed, but his reproduction of the following dispatches from Sampson, dated July 7, implies just that. The first dispatch reads: "If ten thousand men were here city of Santiago would be ours in 48 hours," and the second: "Only await arrival of troops to reduce Santiago." By the same sort of implication Sampson is made to appear responsible for the cooping up of our troops on the transports during the week they were delayed in Florida waters by reports of danger from a Spanish fleet. Whether correct or not, the impression is now growing that Gen. Corbin in writing his answers, tried to make Sampson the scapegoat for all the mistakes made in the Santiago campaign, taking it for granted that Sampson's unpopularity would make the public take kindly to the scheme. It may stir up enmity between the War and the Navy Department that may lead to uncovering some things which

were thought to be safely buried. The public does not need to be informed that Sampson is a pet of the Navy Department.

Aguinaldo's man, Agoncillo, who has just left Washington, is as good as concealing his disappointment as a professional camouflager. Although he has received from the administration neither promise nor recognition, he is out with a published statement declaring himself pleased with what he has accomplished in Washington, and announces his intention to go to Paris to lay the claims of the insurgents before the Peace Commission, and his belief that the independence of the Philippines is assured. If he doesn't succeed in getting more attention paid to Aguinaldo's claim in Paris than they have received in Washington, he is wasting his own time and somebody's money by going over there, and there is not the slightest possibility that he will. The American Commission will have their orders from Washington long before he gets there.

Lawyers for the defense seldom bring out any testimony against the accused. The member of the McKinley War Investigation Commission—"The Alger Relief Commission," is what a local paper calls it—who have put the questions to the witnesses who have to be testified may not consider themselves Secretary Alger's lawyers, but, if they were, their questions could not be the opinion of many unprejudiced persons, have been more carefully prepared to prevent the giving of undesired evidence. On witness—

Col. Lee, who started to tell about some of the War Department's mismanagement in the matter of transportation, without being questioned upon the subject, was once called down and informed that the Commission was not ready to enter that branch of the investigation. He took the hint and thereafter only answered such questions as were asked. Gen. F. V. Boynton reiterated his theory that flies were responsible for so much sickness at Camp Thomas, and another witness—a brigade surgeon—indorsed it. Instead of trying to find out, the Commission appears to be trying to found anything derogatory to Secretary Alger's management of the War Department. It appears to desire only evidence that will be complimentary to the department.

There is much sympathy expressed for Mrs. McKinley, who left Washington for Canton, Ohio, Saturday night, to attend the funeral of her brother, who was killed supposedly by a jealous woman, on Friday evening. She was to have started to the Omaha Exposition today, with Mr. McKinley and a party of officials and their wives. The party went and will be joined at Canton by Mr. McKinley, but Mrs. McKinley will probably not go.

The arrest of Senator Quay, for conspiracy in connection with the failure of a Philadelphia bank, has been much talked about in Washington. Opinion is not unanimous as to whether Senator Quay is innocent or guilty of particular charge, but, aside from a few men who are under personal obligations to him, the letters from Quay to the Cashier of the Bank, who committed suicide after the bank closed its doors, have added to the opinion that long held by most persons who know his business habits that Quay is utterly unfitted to hold a seat in the U. S. Senate. Quay is, and has been for years, a regular stock gambler, and has never hesitated to make use of knowledge obtainable in his official capacity to gamble in stocks for his own profit. He was one of the most prominent of the Senatorial sugar speculators,

whose operations shocked the country, and brought about an alleged investigation, while the tariff was under consideration by the Senate Finance Committee. At the investigation, Quay adopted bluffing methods; told the Committee that he speculated in sugar or anything else, whenever he wished to, and in effect asked what the Committee was going to do about it. No real patriot will deny that the country would be better off if all such men as Quay were driven out of the Senate and kept out.

Nothing could show more encouragement for democrats in Congressional campaign than the fact that republicans acknowledge their fear of losing four out of the eleven Iowa districts, now all represented by republicans. A gain of thirty seats is all that is needed by the democrats to put the republicans in a minority in the next house, and the prospects of getting them and many more, is very bright at this time.

Ex-Senator Blackburn, of Kentucky, now in Washington, said: "The political outlook in Kentucky is as satisfactory as democrats could wish. Of the eleven Congressional Districts they will carry nine certainly, and of the remaining two there is more than an even chance to carry one, the Louisville district. It seems to me that there is every reason to regard the condition of the democracy throughout the Nation, with complacency, and I believe that the gains made by the party in November, will be large in a majority of the states."

Mr. McKinley is said to be very much disgusted at the position taken by Teddy Roosevelt, that his election to be governor of New York is necessary as an indorsement of the administration and the war, and it would not be surprising if he should take some way of letting it become known that he would not consider Roosevelt's defeat an affront to himself or his administration, although pressure is being brought to keep his mouth shut.

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