

WASHINGTON.

From our Regular Correspondent.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 28th, 1898. General Nelson A. Miles is probably the only prominent official in Washington who will be really glad to meet General Calixto Garcia, who, with his fellow commissioners, named by the recent Cuban Assembly, to confer with Mr. McKinley on Cuban affairs, is coming to Washington. General Miles took a great fancy to Garcia when he was in Cuba, during the Santiago campaign, and will give a dinner in his honor, at his club. Members of the administration will be polite to Garcia, but they will not tire themselves throwing bouquets at him or his Cuban colleagues. It is generally understood that General Shafter quered Garcia with the administration. The matter has not been fully decided, but it is thought that Mr. McKinley will refuse to receive Garcia and his associates as a commission representing the Cuban Assembly, but may receive them as private citizens and hear what they have to say, or may direct Secretary Day to receive them.

The \$20,000,000 which we shall have to pay Spain, if our terms for peace and the purchase of the Philippines are accepted, is only about one-third—possibly not one-fourth—of the total amount this Government will be called upon to pay. One section of the terms provides that each country shall waive all claims that its citizens have against the other for money damages. That will make this Government responsible for all damage done to property owned by American citizens in Cuba, during the two last revolutions. Claims against Spain, aggregating more than \$25,000,000, are already on file at the Department of State, for this class of damages, and if this Government becomes responsible, as many more are certain to be filed. Allowing that these claims would be scaled down one-fifth, there would still be left about \$40,000,000 for this Government to pay, besides half that amount which it must pay to Spain. There is nothing in those terms for Americans to do any hurrahing over.

Wherever there is a government appropriation there will be schemers devising means for getting some of the money. The probability that the United States will build even more warships in the next fifteen years than it has built in the past fifteen years has resulted in the formation of a shipbuilder's trust, embracing practically all of the establishments which are prepared to construct warships. Inasmuch as there has from the first been an agreement among the shipbuilders as to prices when bidding for Government work, it is a little difficult to understand why they have made this new combine, but certain that it is not in the interests of the Government, as was shown by the action of the combine in virtually compelling the Navy Department to agree to its plans concerning the new monitors, contracts for which were recently given out.

Thoughtful persons are asking if the announcement of the administration that its commercial policy in the Philippines would be that of the "open door"—equal freedom of trade to all nations—which prevails in all of free trade England's colonies, is not the first step towards the abandonment of a strictly protective tariff by the Republican party. Many think it is. Whatever may be Mr. McKinley's intention, he will find it a source of constant irritation to our own business men and those of other countries who do business with us to have one commercial policy for the United States and another for our colonies.

There are indications in plenty that the end of the investigation conducted by Mr. McKinley's commission into the management of the war is likely to be very different from what is conducted up to election day indicated. The evidence heard, in Washington and elsewhere, since election has not

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been directed by General Dodge so markedly as it was previous to election, and bits of truth regarding official mismanagement are constantly coming to the surface. It is stated on good authority that Mr. McKinley has been convinced that individuals as well as the system of the war department, which everybody admits to be faulty, were responsible for much unnecessary suffering and many deaths, and that he wishes the guilty punished. Whether any man of prominence is punished remains to be seen, but the opinion is daily growing that the Commission will have to report a number of persons as deserving punishment. The public will not be satisfied if this list includes only a few scape-goats in the persons of minor officials. The two men who were directly in charge and who were responsible for every order sent out by the War Department are Secretary Alger and Adjutant General Corbin, and if they escape punishment, it will be ridiculous to punish any of their subordinates.

Mr. Andrew Carnegie, the multi-millionaire steel maker, who finds the country in which he made his money not good enough to live in, and who is said to have taken out British citizenship papers several years ago, in Scotland, where he lives about three-fourths of his time, was raging around Washington last week, on the Philippine question, to an extent that has caused many to believe that he has big money invested in Spanish bonds. That is the only logical explanation of his wild fool talk about hoping that Americans will be shot down when they try to take possession of the Philippines, etc.

**Bedtime.** A physician of courtly old-school manners used to give prescriptions marked respectively for early bedtime and for late bedtime. A discussion arose the other day between several friends as to what constituted early and late bedtime. Some of the ladies maintained that ten o'clock was the limit between the two, others that early bedtime lasted until eleven and a few who believed in beauty sleep pleaded that early bedtime began at eight and ended at half past nine o'clock.

So many people are engaged all day, and the dinner hour is necessarily, in city life, deferred to so late an hour, that families do not break up from their quiet evenings until after ten. Society pushes its hours later and later, and the votaries of fashion come near having no bedtime at all, snatching their rest when they can between one gay rout and another. The invalid and the aged and the child must perforce retire early. For those study-going persons who regulate their lives by rule, and who habitually rise at an early hour and breakfast punctually at seven o'clock, ten is certainly a good bedtime hour. Brain-workers would find their account in seeking the repose of the couch and the darkened and silent chamber, with preferably opaque curtains to exclude the light of the moon and street lamp alike, at ten o'clock.

A long sleep rests the mind as well as the body, and prepares one for the work of the next day, whatever it may be. Far better than an opiate or a narcotic is the habit of seeking the pillow at an early hour, and quietly lying still, with closed eyes and relaxed limbs, until sleep, gently wooed, comes with its healing touch and softly weaves its spells of balm.

The good doctor probably meant by early bedtime any hour between eight and half past nine and midnight. Growing children cannot too carefully be enjoined to get plenty of sleep. The boy or girl who has lessons to learn must waken early after a good night's rest, and this is insured only by punctuality in retiring. Eight o'clock is a good bedtime for all young people under fifteen, and should be insisted upon by parents.—Harper's Bazar.

Some people are never satisfied. The millionaire wants to be a multi-millionaire; the physician who has a paying practice works on to increase it at the expense of his struggling brothers; the leading soprano in the church choir sulks and pouts out her pretty lips if the poor little girl who hasn't missed a service in years is allowed to sing three words by herself; the merchant is ever on the alert to bait away the trade that he knows his competitor has a right to; the lawyer lies once and finds it so pleasant that he keeps telling more every day; and so it goes. But there is only one thing in the world that we have ever wanted to feast our eyes on; when that is realized we will be ready to yield up the ghost, for the millennium will surely have come. It is the sight of a foot race, open to all our delinquents, from their homes to this office, to see which one will get his arrears paid up first.

Prison Missionary—"Why do you not attempt to reform?" Convict—"I would, madam, but for one obstacle: I am not at liberty to do so."

**Taxed Worse Than We Are.** In the Philippine Islands all males over twenty-one years of age must pay a poll tax that equals about four pounds of our money, and the women must pay three pounds. A man must pay a license to sell coconuts from his own trees or indulge in his own raising. Every article of furniture that costs half a sovereign is taxed. The curtain never goes up at the theatre unless \$2 is paid to the government, and for every act of slaughtering his own animals, clipping his own sheep or felling his own trees, the Philippine farmer must pay a fee to the government. There is exacted government tribute for getting married and for being buried, and at every step and turn of his life the tax collector holds out his hand to him, and it is not a demand that can be refused. No wonder Spain wishes to keep a possession that yields such a return; no wonder also, that the last sixty years have developed seventeen rebellions in the Philippines.—London Tid Bits.

**Our Distinguished Gods.** The wife of a London embassy attaché enjoys relating the following experience: "During the time when Colonel Cody was making his triumphant tour of Europe she was one night seated at a banquet next to the Belgian consul. Early in the course of conversation he asked: 'Madame, you had undoubtedly been to see grand Bouf-falo-beel? Puzled by the apparently unfamiliar name, she said: 'Pardon me, but whom did you mean?' 'Vy, Bouf-falo-beel, ze famous Bouf-falo-beel, zat gr-reat countryman of yours. You must know heem.' It was only after some thought, says the lady, that she recognized the well known showman's name in this disguise, and comprehended that the good Belgian thought him one of America's most eminent names, to be mentioned in the same breath with Washington and Lincoln.—Detroit Free Press.

**Odd Curative Treatment.** A Transvaal doctor is credited with the discovery of a new curative treatment. He asserts that he can cure persons of small pox, fevers, diphtheria and many other maladies by simply wrapping them in milk sheets. The patient is laid on a mattress covered with blankets, and is placed in a sheet just large enough to envelop the body. The sheet has been saturated in a pint and a half of warm milk, and is applied to the body without wringing. After lying still for an hour thus swathed, the patient is sponged with warm water, or put into a warm bath for a few minutes to remove the milk. The treatment is based on the germ absorbing power of milk, and the idea of it is said to have been suggested by the fact that milk absorbs poisonous germs from a bucket in which it has been standing.—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

**The Prince of Wales' Joke.** A good story is told about the prince and is well vouched for. In the eighties, when the Radicals were more than ever, clamorous and active, a young lord said to him: "Sir, have you ever thought of the possibility of this becoming a republic, and your losing your title and income?" "Yes, I have," said the prince. "And have you thought of what you would do?" the young lord persisted. "By, yes," said the prince, "there would always be a chance to lecture in America."—Providence Journal.

**Reason Enough.** "No, George, don't ask me. I can't go down the fire-escape with all those people looking." "You must. You'll be burned to death if you stay here." "I can't help it, George. I wouldn't go down that ladder for all the world. These shoes I have on are two sizes too big for me!"—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

**STRONG STATEMENTS.** Three Women Relieved of Female Troubles by Mrs. Pinkham. From Mrs. A. W. SMITH, 59 Summer St., Biddeford, Me.: "For several years I suffered with various diseases peculiar to my sex. Was troubled with a burning sensation across the small of my back, that all-gone feeling, was despondent, fretful and discouraged; the least exertion tired me. I tried several doctors but received little benefit. At last I decided to give your Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound a trial. The effect of the first bottle was magical. Those symptoms of weakness that I was afflicted with, vanished like vapor before the sun. I cannot speak too highly of your valuable remedy. It is truly a boon to woman."

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TRAPPIST MONKS IN ALGIERS. How They Live at the famous Monastery of Staoueli.

If Algiers is at present a rather lawless paradise, the famous monastery of La Trappe de Staoueli is a paradise of peace. The life of the Trappist monk is no idle dream. He is the hardest laborer one can imagine. As I stroll about the farms and plantations, says a writer, I see monks digging potatoes, chopping wood, gathering grapes, drawing water, wheeling huge barrows of vegetables, directing the laborers in the vineyards, planting, hoeing, destroying weeds, trimming flower beds, tilling in the distillery, carpentering, bottling wine—doing a thousand things. Generally they are clad in sober brown or white habits, with hoods, stout boots and big straw hats. But sometimes, when their labors are very menial, they cover themselves up in a sort of loose blouse, such as a butcher might wear. In this they are unrecognizable. A day or two ago I was on the farm watching a herd of little black pigs fighting over their food, when a young laborer came up and began to talk—about pigs, naturally. He told me that he looked after them, and invited me to make the tour of the piggeries. The conversation slipped from the subject of pigs to that of bulls, from bulls to bull fights. Thinking the young man was a Spanish workman—half the world is Spanish at La Trappe de Staoueli—I drew out my cigarette case and offered him a cigarette. He refused it gently, saying: "It is forbidden; I have not smoked. I have not been outside these walls for fifteen years." And, turning up his blouse with a smile, he showed me his monkish habit underneath. I learned afterward that he and his father had been monks together at La Trappe. The father is buried now in the cemetery, and the son presides over the destinies of the Trappist pigs.

It is a mistake to believe, as many people do believe, that the Trappists never speak. Some of them may speak at certain times and in certain places with strangers. They may speak in order to give directions to the workmen in the fields and about the farms. But within the monastery and among themselves they preserve continual silence.

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