

WASHINGTON.

From our Regular Correspondent.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 5th, 1898.

Mr. McKinley has made it plain to Senators and Representatives who have called upon him since Spain agreed to our terms for the surrender of the Philippines to us that he has not made up his mind what we ought to do with the Philippines, and will not do so until we have had them under military control long enough to get the information necessary to form an intelligent opinion.

By putting in a vigorous protest, Senator Jones, of Arkansas, succeeded in getting the War Department to change the orders assigning the Twenty-fifth Infantry (negroes) to garrison duty at Fort Logan H. Root, near Little Rock, and having a white regiment, the Twelfth Infantry, ordered there instead.

Maj. Gen. M. C. Butler, who was ordered from Havana, where he was serving as one of our Military Commissioners, to Washington, to confer with the authorities in regard to the military occupation of Cuba, has gone to South Carolina to spend a few days with his family before returning to Cuba.

The two Democratic Governors-elect—Sayers, of Texas, and McMillin, of Tennessee—who are members of the House, will be missed when they retire. Mr. McMillin, the date of whose inauguration will be fixed by the Legislature, which meets the first Monday in January, will retain his seat in the House until after the adjournment for the holiday recess, and Mr. Sayers, who is the leading Democrat on the Committee on Appropriations, and whose inauguration as Governor will take place January 17th, will keep his seat up to the last minute, so as to have a hand in shaping as many of the regular appropriation bills as possible before retiring.

Senator Cockrell says he hasn't fully made up his mind as to what he will do when the time comes to vote on the Philippine question, and he doesn't expect to do so until he ascertains the details of the treaty and the intentions of the administration, but that if he had the power to act for this government, at this time, he would tell the Philippines to set up their own government, and would recognize its independence. He added: "Who knows the Philippines cannot govern themselves? The world said the same thing when we were struggling for liberty, and some of the best

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men in the American colonies believed that we would never be able to maintain a republic. I believe that the Philippines can establish and maintain just as free and just as good a republic as do the French people with all their boasted intelligence, and I should like to see the experiment tried."

The administration will not attempt to secure currency legislation at this session of Congress, for the very good reason that the administration is divided upon the sort of currency legislation that is wanted. It will be remembered that Mr. McKinley, in his annual message to Congress, last year, did not endorse the radical financial views expressed in the annual report of Secretary Gage; only called the attention of Congress to them, and suggested that they be studied. Now, Comptroller of Currency Dawes, who was personally selected by Mr. McKinley for that position, has made a straight attack, in his annual report, upon several of the most important of Secretary Gage's recommendations. It is reasonably certain that Mr. Dawes did not do this without the knowledge and consent of Mr. McKinley. There is also another reason why the administration will not try to get financial legislation—fear that it would concentrate public attention upon the financial question and thereby strengthen the silver men.

The Loss of the "Maria Teresa."

The controlling sentiment about the loss of the "Maria Teresa" was that it was a bit of very hard luck for Lieutenant Hobson that, after he had been at such pains to bring her up from the bottom of the sea, she should not have kept afloat. On Tuesday, November 1, being on her way from Guantanamo to Norfolk, under command of Lieutenant Commander Ira Harris, in company with the collier Leonidas, and in tow of the wrecking tugs Vulcan and Merritt, she was abandoned in a heavy northeast gale, about thirty miles north of San Salvador. All her crew were taken off and saved. Commander Harris reached Charleston on the Merritt on November 5, and reported his loss to the Navy Department. According to his report, the storm began about one o'clock on the morning of November 1. As it increased and the sea rose, the ship leaked badly, and the sea broke over her bows, making trouble for the forward pumps. Then water got into the forward fire-room, swashing the coal about and choking more pumps. It became difficult to keep up a serviceable amount of steam, and the mariners passed a laborious and very disagreeable night. About one o'clock P. M. Commander Harris determined that the ship was no longer tenable, and began to transfer his men to the Merritt. This was accomplished with great labor. At 5:30 the Vulcan, which up to that time had towed the Maria Teresa, slipped her hawser and cast her off.

On Monday, November 7, a report reached New York that a steamer with two funnels, believed to be the Maria Teresa, was ashore on Cat Island. The report being confirmed, the Vulcan was sent from Norfolk, under command of Captain McCailla, and the Potomac from Guantanamo, in charge of Captain Converse, to investigate and take action. Lieutenant Hobson went with the Vulcan to get his old friend afloat again if she is found.—E. S. Martin, in Harper's Weekly.

Fruit and Nuts.

Green figs, according to a prominent medical journal, are excellent food. Walnuts give nerve or brain food, muscle heat and waste. Raisins are stimulating in proportion to their quality. Pine kernels give heat and stay. They serve as a substitute for bread.

Apples supply the higher nerve and muscle food, but do not give stay. Oranges are refreshing and feeding, but are not good if the liver is out of order.

Dried figs contain nerve and muscle food, heat and waste; but are bad for the liver.

Blanched almonds give the higher nerve or brain and muscle food; no heat no waste.

Green water grapes are blood purifying (but of little food value); reject pips and skins.

Blue grapes are feeding and blood purifying; too rich for those who suffer from the liver.

Tomatoes. Higher nerve or brain food and waste; no heat; they are thinning and stimulating. Do not swallow skins.

Juicy fruits give more or less the higher nerve or brain, and some few, muscle food and waste; no heat. Lemons and tomatoes should not be used daily in cold weather; they have a thinning and cooling effect.

Prunes afford the highest nerve or brain food; supply heat and waste, but are not muscle feeding, they should be avoided by those who suffer from the liver.

The great majority of small, fresh seed fruits are laxative. All stone fruits are considered to be

injurious for those who suffer from the liver, and should be used cautiously.

The Pennsylvania Germans.

The "Pennsylvania Dutch," as the descendants of the early immigrants from Germany who came from that part of the Rhine country called the Palatinate, are known to have an interesting history.

At an early date the German Palatinates embraced the tenets of the Reformation. They were considered heretics, and during a thirty-years' war their beautiful country was ravaged by contending armies. Subsequently there were persecutions and cruelties, and when Louis XIV, of France, carried on a war of extermination more than 100,000 of the Palatine inhabitants were murdered.

Life in the German Palatine became intolerable, and Penn's Province offered an asylum. William Penn made no less than three visits to the Palatinate, his first being in 1671. He was familiar with German, preached the Quaker tenets and made some converts.

The first immigration began in 1702. Many of the Germans had no money, and masters of vessels conveyed them across the ocean, depending for compensation on the chance of selling the immigrants to some purchaser for a term of years. Advertisements are cited as late as 1773, when a Dutch apprentice lad was "to be sold." There was a German slave trade, and from the overcrowded vessels and contagious disease not less than 2,000 Germans died at sea in 1738.

After the tide of German immigration had set in it continued for many years, as far as Pennsylvania was concerned. There were estimated to be 280,000 Germans in Pennsylvania prior to the Revolution. They cared little for political honors, as the right to sit in assembly was confined to English subjects.

The dialect of the Pennsylvania Germans, as they talked it in the past, was known as Pflazisch. Barring its English infusion, the dialect is the same as when first brought here. The tenacity with which the Pennsylvania Germans have clung to their form of speech for so many years is not without parallel among other people—in Wales and Switzerland—but the Pennsylvania Dutch, as it is called, is becoming debased, and is likely to continue from now on.—Selected.

Woes of the Non-Advertiser.

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The Migration of Butterflies.

One of the most beautiful sights in the world is the annual migration of butterflies across the Isthmus of Panama. Where they come from or whither they go, no one knows, and though many distinguished naturalists have attempted to solve the problem, it is still as strange a mystery as it was to the first European traveller who observed it. Toward the end of June a few scattered specimens are discovered flitting out to sea, and as the days go by the number increases, until about July 14 or 15 the sky is occasionally almost obscured by myriads of these frail insects.—Indianapolis News.

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The date for the Spanish evacuation has been definitely settled as January 1st. All the Spanish troops then remaining in the island will be quartered, under the protection of the United States in camps especially designated, pending embarkation for Spain.

The stenographic report of the joint session of the evacuation commissioners was signed last week by the Spaniards, the Americans having previously attached their signatures. Colonel Clous and Captain Hart visited General Parrado, president of the Spanish evacuation commission, who, after signing the convention, sent Lieut. Colonel Girauta with Colonel Clouse to the other Spanish commissioners, Admiral Monterola and Marquis De Montero, both of whom signed it.

The landing place at Marianao has been turned over officially to Gen. Humphreys, who is the ranking chief quartermaster of the United States troops in the island. A depot for quartermaster's stores will be erected there. The pier and wharf were inspected by Gen. Greene, Gen. Humphreys and Col. Hecker, who expressed themselves as satisfied with the work.

In the course of the next fortnight work will be commenced, under Col. Hecker, who expressed themselves as satisfied with the work. In the course of the next fortnight work will be commenced, under Col. Hecker's directions, upon a railroad from Carabana, on the east side of Havana bay, to Guanabacoa, where it will connect with the tracks of the United railroad, thus facilitating the transportation of commissary supplies.

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