

WASHINGTON.

From our Regular Correspondent.

Washington, April 17, 1899. It is regrettable that Congress is not in session, so that the Democrats could inject sufficient ginger into Mr. McKinley to make him call Germany down as they made him call Spain down a year ago.

War Department officials are at last convinced that peace in the Philippines is still a long way off, and the administration is beginning to realize that the islands were not a bargain at \$20,000,000 and that we will pay the money a long time before we get possession of the property, such as it is.

Gen. Shafter has had critics in plenty ever since the charge was made and never fully disproven that he had "flunked" in the Santiago campaign and that he would have made a mess of the whole business if Gen. Joe Wheeler and others had not prevented, but his testimony regarding the canned "roast" beef brought more harsh criticism than anything he had previously said or done.

Beware of Ointments for Catarrh that contain Mercury, as mercury will surely destroy the sense of smell and completely derange the whole system when entering it through the mucous surfaces.

that the army will be entitled to under the army reorganization act.

Mr. McKinley's selection of Mr. E. Bartlett Tripp, of S. Dak., who was minister to Austria under the Cleveland administration, to represent the U. S. on the International Commission that will endeavor to straighten out the Samoan tangle, was disappointing to a number of Republicans who would like to have secured the plum.

The Best Springtime Tonic, - A Seashore Trip.

When spring-time comes, after the dull, heavy winter weather, we all feel the need of something to tone up the system. Formerly this was done by the use of bitter decoctions, but now-a-days the knowing ones have found that the best tonic is a trip to the Ocean Beach, and the practice of spending a few days on the Shore is finding more and more devotees every year, so much so that the Seaside Hotels make extra arrangements to accommodate the early Spring visitors.

Atlantic City with its numerous open-all-the-year Hotels, Sun Parlors and magnificent boardwalk with a southern exposure, giving promenaders a splendid view of the ocean while inhaling the warm invigorating salt air wafted up from the Gulf Stream, is especially suited for the purpose, and through the good train service of the Philadelphia & Reading Railway and its connections.

We would also call the attention of the traveling public to the fact that Philadelphia & Reading engines burn hard coal, thus avoiding smoke. The Atlantic City Railroad is double track all the way, and is ballasted with anthracite cinders, thus eliminating the very disagreeable feature of dust, and that this route has the record of inaugurating the 60 minute train service between Philadelphia and Atlantic City, running and maintaining for 60 days without a break the fastest train in the world.

American Soldiers in the Philippines.

The losses of our troops in the Philippines since August 6th are officially reported as follows: Killed in battle and died of wounds, 214; died of disease, 254. Total deaths, 468. Wounded, 1,020, or a total of casualties, 1,489. The Tenth of Pennsylvania has lost 15 killed in action or died of wounds and six dead of disease; twenty five are reported wounded and one missing. The usual proportion of wounded to killed is five to one, but the Tenth had 15 killed to 25 wounded, while in the entire army in the Philippines the loss was 214 killed to 1,020 wounded. A correspondent writes:

At present we know that about 400 American soldiers have perished in the Philippines, since fighting with the Spaniards ended, who would have not died in the course of nature at home. At the modest estimate placed upon the money value of men by our courts this is a loss of \$2,000,000 in dead soldiers alone. As the total gross value of Philippine imports from the United States used to be less than \$170,000 a year in time of peace, in how many decades will the natural profits of Philippine trade, with an open door policy in force, amount to \$20,000,000? In how many centuries can such trade be expected to balance the other items in the debit account of imperial America?

Olives in History.

When the dove flew out from the ark it brought back to Noah an olive leaf. When King Solomon was settling accounts with the workmen who built his temple he gave 160,000 gallons of olive oil as wages.

In Southern Europe for hundreds of years the olive groves have been the fortunes of their owners. It is said the gnarled and knotted olive trees in Gethsemane are the same trees under whose branches Christ prayed. It is said Italy's olive crop is worth \$125,000,000 a year.

In one year an olive tree will yield 100 gallons of olives and they sell from 50 to 75 cents a gallon. A young tree gives \$5 profit a year, and in California, where the olive tree has been transplanted, it begins to yield fruit much sooner than in its original home. One county in California has a grove of 200,000 trees.

THE CZAR'S SCHEME.

EDITOR STEAD SAYS AMERICA CAN INSURE UNIVERSAL PEACE.

Nicholas' Proposals Are Sincere Evidently Ready to Arrest Future Increase of Her Armaments but Europe Is Sceptically Apathetic.

William T. Stead, writing from London, says: "I have seen the Czar. I have heard from his own lips the earnest desire of his heart that something practical should be done, and that quickly, to divert to the service of humanity some of the many millions now devoted to the preparations for war. He has taken the initiative in summoning the conference.

"He is prepared to give earnest of his sincerity by arresting the future increase of Russian armaments. But unless he is supported by the peoples who detest militarism, as well as by those who groan under its burdens, his well-meant endeavor will fail."

"What is hoped by those friends of peace and enemies of militarism who turn their eyes to the Great Republic of the New World is that between now and January the citizens of the United States will, by public demonstrations, formal resolutions and by every other method whereby a democratic people gives expression to its convictions and its aspirations, have manifested to the world their determination to help the Czar to put this thing through.



THE CZAR OF RUSSIA.

"A national committee to promote the success of the Peace Conference, with local committees in every city in the Union, would do much to achieve this end.

"In England, where the difficulties are much greater, owing to the senseless prejudice against Russia which has been the baleful legacy of the Crimean war, such a national committee is already in course of formation. By the end of next month it is expected here will not be any considerable centre of population which will not have had its public meeting demanding that energetic support be given to the Russian proposals.

"These proposals, stated briefly, are (1) that there should be declared a truce of God for five years; (2) that during that period the governments should not increase their expenditure on armaments beyond the figure stated by them at the conference of the maximum of their needs; (3) that some international agreement should, if disputes arise between the signatories of this pact, bind them always to invite the mediation of neutral powers before appealing to the sword.

"A joint Anglo-American denunciation of, say, fifteen men and five women, chosen from the foremost of our race, charged with the mandate to proceed through Europe on a pilgrimage of peace to present an address of thanks to the Czar, would rouse the continent. It would affirm the duty of the English-speaking race and demonstrate that it had both the capacity and the will to act as a unit in the cause of peace.

"Round the Anglo-American deputations would group themselves in the first place the representatives of the seven small states—Sweden, Norway, Denmark, Holland, Belgium, Switzerland and Portugal, with an aggregate population of nearly thirty millions—and with these reinforcements the great international delegation would begin its crusade through Europe.

"In four weeks it would have shaken the continent from centre to circumference."

"The Czar's conference is attracting much sympathy from the Queen and other members of the royal family who are said to be aware of the entire sincerity of the Czar.

Why the Light Went Out.

In front of the high altar in the cathedral in Salzburg there is a great lamp that is supposed to burn forever and a day. One morning, years ago, worshippers were surprised to see it go out, and this was repeated morning after morning, always about the same time. It was thought the attendant had neglected to give it sufficient oil, and though he declared his innocence he was told that he would be discharged if the oversight were repeated. Unwilling to deal unjustly with the man, the dean of the cathedral hid himself one night to see if he could solve the mystery. He had not long to wait. About 10 o'clock a big rat was seen descending the rope by which the lamp was suspended. Having reached the oil it fed freely and then went away by the way it came. Needless to say that the assistant held his place.

Mr. Crimmonbeak—Did you ever think what a funny thing a lemon is? Mrs. Crimmonbeak—Why funny? "You know how sour it is?" "Oh, yes." "Well, people take them to make em sing sweetly."—Yonkers Statesman.

A Shocking Scandal.

From the Kansas City Journal.

A horrible scandal is on at the College in Winfield, this state. The devil entered into the hearts of some of the students the other night, and they went out and painted all the pigs a seal brown, and fixed up a goat with green whiskers and a red body, after which they tied the animal to the bed room door of one of the college officials. We speak advisedly about the devil having entered the hearts of the students, for this is the explanation offered by one of the college regents, and it really does seem as though nothing less than the devil could lead a divinity student to paint a billygoat red and green.

The Costliest Bean on Earth.

It is not generally known that the vanilla bean is the costliest bean on earth. It grows wild and is gathered by the natives in Papantla and Misantla, Mexico. When brought from the forests these beans are sold at the rate of two pounds five shillings per 1,000, but when dried and cured they cost about two pounds five shillings per pound. They are mainly used by druggists, and last year over 90,000,000 beans were imported into this country.

Raised Keyboard Piano.

Mr. Henschel's new invention of a piano with a raised keyboard is now on view in London. The keyboard is so raised that singers and others can now, while singing, play the piano in a standing and upright position, thus seeing and being seen.

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