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WASHINGTON.

From our Regular Correspondent.

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Mr. McKinley is eating the crow prepared for him by the Senate when it thoroughly Americanized the Hay-Pauncefote treaty before ratifying it, as though he enjoyed crow as much as he did Christmas turkey. But that isn't strange. He is always in favor of what the majority favors. He has heard from the people as well as from the Senate, and will direct that the amended treaty be forwarded to the British Government with as much complacency as though it hadn't been amended at all. Secretary Hay made it easier for him by giving out an official statement saying that he was personally responsible for the wording of the original treaty, and that it was agreed to by the British Ambassador without the crossing of a "t" or the dotting of an "i." This action of Mr. Hay was but following the example of Alger who made himself a scapegoat to save Mr. McKinley's feelings. It is the belief of most Senators that England will accept the amended treaty, but many of them do not hesitate to say that it is perfectly immaterial to them whether she does or not.

Senator Hanna took occasion before Congress adjourned until January 3, for the holiday recess, to do some vigorous cracking of the party whip over the heads of those Republican Senators who have dared to express opposition to the Ship subsidy bill. He threatened them with all sorts of things if they did not get into line for the bill by the time Congress reassembled, and added that no Republican who opposed the bill need expect any favors from the administration. Whether those tactics will win cannot be told until the Senate is again in session.

Extravagance is in the Washington atmosphere, and all sorts and conditions of men are trying to get some of the Treasury surplus which they expect Congress to appropriate at this session. When the House committee on Rivers and Harbors met, at the beginning of the session, it was understood by the members that the bill to be prepared should not carry a total of more than \$40,000,000. That understanding was knocked into a cocked hat by the provisional agreement by the committee to items in the bill which, with provision for continuing contracts, nearly doubled the amount first named. That frightened the committee, and a decision was reached to cut the total of the appropriations carried by the bill down to \$50,000,000, which will in the opinion of most persons, be a sizable amount.

Close friends of the administration admit that Mr. McKinley and his Cabinet are in a state of anxiety concerning the decision that the U. S. Supreme Court will hand down in the cases involving the Constitutionality of the McKinley policy toward the islands acquired from Spain, which were argued this week—in other words, whether the Constitution follows the flag where it is permanently raised. Attorney Gen. Griggs made the argument against that contention, and lawyers say it was one of the ablest he ever made. It is not known, of course, what the decision, which is expected some time in January, will be, but the preponderance of legal opinion, entirely outside of politics, seems to be that it will be against the administration. That opinion is privately held by many who support Mr. McKinley.

Mr. McKinley's nomination of Mr. J. G. A. Leishman, of Pa., to be U. S. Minister to Turkey, is considered to be an official acknowledgment of the failure of the series of bluffs, beginning with the departure from Constantinople of U. S. Minister Straus and ending with the call of the battleship Kentucky at Smyrna, Turkey, to make the Sultan pay the claims of American missionaries for property destroyed by Turkish mobs, leaving the Sultan the winner, as the claims have not been paid.

The Senate Committee on Mil-

tary Affairs has knocked out the Army reorganization bill passed by the House, which was prepared by Gen. Corbin, and credited to Secretary Root, by preparing a substitute which will be reported to the Senate when Congress reassembles. The substitute provides for the same number of men as the House bill, but in the organization follows the recommendations of General Miles. It also provides for a continuance of the army canteen, which the House voted to abolish to please the ladies of the W. C. T. U., who were at the Capital in force when the vote was taken, only stipulating that beer shall be the only intoxicant sold.

Although the resolution authorizing the retirement as a Captain in the navy of Representative Boutelle, of Me., who is now in a sanitarium suffering with an incurable brain trouble brought on—everybody knows how, went through the House and Senate without objection and is now in the hands of Mr. McKinley, there are lots of Senators and Representatives who believe it to be a bad precedent for Congress to set, but who disliked to oppose it for fear that they would be charged with lack of feeling for a poor fellow, whose friends only asked that he be provided with a government salary for the rest of his life. If Congress should undertake to provide for all such the country would soon be bankrupt.

FOR NATIONAL HONOR.

We Should Keep the Promises Made to the Filipinos.

Some people profess to believe that the United States cannot be a world power unless its authority be spread out over a large portion of the globe and maintained there by a standing army. They have no conception of any power except that of brute strength, and the idea that a country is great and therefore strong because it has numerous colonies find blind acceptance with them. As a matter of fact a country is weakened by the possession of distant territory, which must be all times and which, in time of war, must be watched with special care lest it revolt or be stolen. England and other territory-holding nations have learned this to their sorrow. There has not been a war in which England has engaged for years that has not been prolonged and, in one case at least, lost, because her territories required valuable troops for their defense and continued subjugation.

It is not a matter of mere sentiment which makes the restoration of the Philippine Islands to the natives a desirable action. We should keep the promises made when we accepted Filipino help against the Spanish, for the sake of our national word of honor but also for our own comfort and even safety we should let them go. They are not necessary to make the United States a world power.

This country is that already. It is more. It is the foremost power in the world, as acknowledged by Sir Robert Giffen at the recent meeting of the Manchester Statistical society, when he said:

"The United States has compelled her recognition as a world power, and the most powerful of all, so far as her population and resources are concerned. It really has a greater European population than any European state. Its pre-eminence cannot be questioned."

Conquest has not made us great, however. We have developed in peace, and, despite, not through, wars, for war in the end costs more than it brings. Our greatness is the result of natural growth, the outcome of the constitutional seed planted by the fathers. Our strength is in our patriotic manhood, ready at all times to defend the principles of liberty and equality, and in the doubt about real prowess, which has always existed in the minds of the rulers of the earth. And it will be wise to make an exact showing of our resources in attempts to hold stolen islands.—*New York News.*

License Blanks.

License blanks for Hotel, Restaurant, Wholesaler, Bottler, Distiller, for sale at this office, 10 cents each, 3 for 25 cents.

U. Ev. Church Services.

Missionary meeting, on Friday evening, at W. V. Robbins', at 7:30 p. m.

Sunday school, Sunday, at 9:15 a. m.

Preaching, on "Eternity," at 10:30 a. m.

Junior K. L. C. E., at 2 p. m.
Senior K. L. C. E., at 6 p. m.

Union services, in the M. E. Church, at 7:15 p. m.

Watch night services, on Monday evening, beginning at 9 p. m., consisting of addresses, prayer and experience meetings, appropriate singing, and evangelistic services. All are very cordially invited to all these services. Strangers welcome.

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They are Very Voluminous.
Provide For a Fine Of
\$25 for Sunday Fish-
ers and the Punish-
ment of Other
Offenders.

At a recent meeting of the representatives of the Fish and Game Commissioners of the State, the Forestry Commissioners, officers of the State Board of Health and members of the sportsmen's associations and similar organizations at Harrisburg, vigorous action was taken to have laws enforced to protect fish and game.

Heretofore objections have been raised to bills presented because it was stated they interfered with the rights of other bodies seeking protection, and the meeting was for the purpose of discussing legislation that will meet the requirements of residents in all sections of the State. One of the bills to be presented for endorsement has been prepared carefully by the Pennsylvania Fish Protective Association, with the assistance of the State Fish Commission. Most of those now on the statute books are defective in character, and as a whole are unsatisfactory to all interests, commercial as well as sporting.

Before beginning the work the association sent out more than 3,000 circulars to anglers and fish protective associations throughout the State, asking for suggestions, and, as far as possible, in the bill, which is now completed, the suggestions have been carried out.

The bill is very voluminous and contains about fifty sections, some of them being decidedly novel. As a whole bill is regarded by those who have seen it as both comprehensive and fair, alike to the commercial men and the anglers.

Section 1 defines what shall be game fish and commercial fish. The various species of trout, black bass, pickerel, pike, muskellunge, strawberry bass, pike, perch, blue pike, *i. e.*, rock bass and white bass are designated as game fish, and shad, herring, white fish, cisco, sturgeon and striped bass or rock fish are named as food fishes.

Section 2 prohibits fishing for any species of game fish in any manner except with rod, hook and line, or for food fish with device not specifically mentioned in the act, under a penalty of twenty-five dollars.

Section 3 makes the open season for trout, except lake trout, open April 15 and close on July 15; lake trout, from January 1st to September 1st, and bass, pike, pickerel, pike perch, etc., from June 15th to December 31. The penalty for violation is ten dollars for each fish.

Other sections provide for the safety of fish, what sizes and how many can be taken; the use of certain nets; the prohibition of Sunday fishing; for the erection of fishways on dams; against fishing in private waters; for state reserves; punishing the use of explosives; for elimination of undesirable fish.

Section 21 permits the Fish Commissioners to declare a close season of any fish not protected by legislative enactment by making public proclamation. But such proclamation shall hold good only for three years. Violation of the provisions of the provisions of the proclamation is punishable by a penalty of \$25.

Section 22 permits the capture of any fish not specifically named, game or food fish at any time of the year with rod, hook and line, except where proclamation is made by the commission to the contrary.

Sections 23 to 29, inclusive, all relate to legal procedure in case of violations.

Section 30 gives permission to the Fish Commission to forbid the fishing for any species of fish newly planted for three years, after giving public notice in three papers in the county in which the stream is located. Penalty for violation, \$10 for each fish captured.

Section 33 forbids fishing on Sunday, under a penalty of \$25, and

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Section 34 to the end of the bill relates to the appointment of Fish Commissioners and fish wardens and their duties.

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The following letters are held at the Bloomsburg, Pa., postoffice, and will be sent to the dead letter office Jan. 8, 1901. Persons calling for these letters will please say "that they were advertised Dec. 25, 1900":

Mr. Urvin Kline, Mrs. Gracie Mayer, Mr. J. H. G. Whitman, Mr. N. D. Wolvery.

One cent will be charged on each letter advertised.

O. B. MELLICK, P. M.

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