



WASHINGTON LETTER.

AN APPARENT DEFINITE WAR POLICY DECIDED UPON.

The Administration Suspends a Consul for Aiding the Insurgents.—The Danger to Us of Imperialism.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 28.—Have we, as a people, anything to gain by joining hands with Great Britain in a Napoleonic policy of world conquest? Although the administration is at present carefully concealing any disposition it may have to enter upon such a policy, the disposition is believed to exist, and that question may become a leading one in next year's Presidential campaign. In diplomatic circles it is believed that the first steps towards such a policy have already been taken, and that the suspension of Dr. Bedloe, as U. S. Consul at Canton, China, at the request of the government of China, is one of them, although it is stated at the State Department that the suspension of Dr. Bedloe was brought about by some irregularity in connection with his issuing papers to an American vessel engaged in supplying arms and ammunition to the Filipinos and in issuing certificates to Chinese merchants trading with the Philippines.

The present attitude of greatness occupied by the U. S. was attained by following from the days of Washington a policy of strictly attending to our own affairs and leaving the people of other nations to do the same. The glomour of foreign conquest has turned the heads of the people of other nations many times in the past, and a few months ago there appeared to be danger that the Americans would be blinded by the same glomour, but the common sense for which Americans are renowned, has come to the rescue, and our people are realizing not only the meaning, but the danger of the adoption of an imperialistic policy by the U. S., and present indications are that the realization will result in a restoration of the Democratic party to power, and a resumption of the only safe foreign policy for this government to follow.

Men who at the beginning supported the expansion policy of the administration, are now severely criticising the results obtained by following that policy. For instance, the Washington Post, which has to all intents and purposes been an expansion sheet, says editorially: "Either we have not the genius and the temperament for successful colonization, or we have been grotesquely unfortunate in the selection of our agents. It is impossible to see at this moment where and in what respect we have accomplished anything important either in Cuba or in the Philippines. In the latter we have undertaken to set up the regime of law and order and civilization, and we have failed utterly. In the case of Cuba we have undertaken to give the people self-government, or at least to test their capacity in that line, and we have done neither. In the Philippines we have for six months or more been engaged in a petty and perfectly fruitless war with the natives. In Cuba the government consists of a military autocracy, little if any more beneficent than that conducted by the Spanish Governor Generals in times of peace. In Luzon it is actual war we have upon our hands. In Cuba, it is smouldering discontent, turbulence in various parts of the island, and a fatuous and feeble tyranny at Havana."

The designs for the new \$5 silver certificate, one having upon its face a vignette of Washington, and the other one of Jefferson have been submitted to Secretary Gage. It is said that a Republican Senator heard about this and at once hurried to see Secretary Gage to tell him not to adopt the Jefferson design, because, if he did, it might become known as a Democratic note. Be that as it may, Treasury officials say that the Jefferson design is not likely to be adopted.

The prediction that all of the 35,000 volunteers, authorized by Congress would be enlisted, has been almost verified. An order for an enlistment of one more additional regiment which will bring the number of volunteers nearly up to the limit, has been issued by Secretary Root, and the new regiment will be composed of negroes. The officers will, of course, be white men.

Notwithstanding the statement of Secretary Gage that the Treasury would be able to meet all of the expenses incidental to the large army we are preparing to send to the Philippines, in addition to other governmental expenses, without asking Congress to impose new war taxes on issuing more bonds, expert financiers who have carefully studied the matter, and whose opinions are not influenced by political exigencies, still predict that more bonds or more taxes will be necessary, and when it is remembered

that there was a deficit of \$90,000,000 in round figures, at the close of the last fiscal year, the prediction seems reasonable. It may also be mentioned that special agents of the Internal Revenue Bureau are known to have been engaged for months in investigating the working of the various stamp taxes, presumably with an eye to more Congressional legislation in that direction.

LATE NEWS NOTES.

The brick yard of D. P. Guise, near Williamsport, was destroyed by fire on Monday.

Diamonds have doubled in price, as the result of the work of a syndicate. This will be rough on the poor.

The farm house of John R. Shoemaker, in Woodward township, Clinton county, was destroyed by fire Monday evening.

A spark from a thresher in operation destroyed the large barn of J. S. Collias, in Lancaster county, with all the contents.

A native Chief has come to the aid of Otis. Dato Mundi defeated insurgent forces in Cebu and seeks American citizenship.

England and the Transvaal Republic in South Africa, are on the verge of war. The Boers can muster an army of 60,000 men.

A crazed man E. Blanchard, at Towanda, on Monday shot his wife and William Mingle, a shoemaker, in a fit of jealousy, and then killed himself.

The Tenth Regiment, on its return from Manila to Pittsburg, on Monday, had a magnificent civic and military reception. Pittsburg did wonderfully for the boys.

Huge arches, erected in Chicago, of steel work for the Coliseum, collapsed on Monday, crushing the life out of ten men, and twelve others were fearfully hurt.

The court has enjoined the city of Lancaster from borrowing money to repair its reservoir because it has reached the debt limit of 7 per cent. on its assessed valuation.

A Chester county farmer saw his neighbor's chickens scratching up the corn in his field, and the farmer shot the chickens. The neighbor sued, and last week lost his case in court and had to pay the costs.

Half Fare to Philadelphia.

For the G. A. R. National Encampment, the Pennsylvania Railroad Company will sell excursion tickets to Philadelphia and return, September 2 to 5, at a single fare for the round trip (no ticket will be sold for less than fifty cents). The tickets will be good to return until September 12, inclusive, but this limit may be extended to September 30 if the ticket is deposited, with the Joint Agent at Philadelphia on September 5, 6, 7, 8, or 9, and 50 cents paid. For further information consult ticket agents.

Big Picnic Today.

The Business Men's picnic of Centre and Clinton counties, comes off today at Hecla Park, and with fair weather, the promise is good for a record breaking crowd. The attendance from Penna valley will be large, which can be largely accredited to the efforts of committeeman Frank Crawford, of Centre Hall, in working it up. A special return train to Coburn will leave Bellefonte at 9 o'clock in the evening, to accommodate those who went by train.

Started a New Livery.

Philip Leister, of Pottery Mills, has started a new livery in the community, and has opened a stable at the Old Fort hotel. He starts with four good horses, and all new buggies and carriages, an outfit to supply his patrons with a stylish turnout. Philip will have telephone connection and can supply a rig on a few minutes notice at a reasonable price.

Schools to Open.

Next Monday, September 4th, the boro schools will start their annual term of seven months, in charge of Prof. B. M. Wagenseller, D. Wagner Geiss, Frank A. Foreman and Miss Anna Bartholomew. The scholars will have a week off during the grangers picnic and two weeks during the holidays.

Farmers' Institutes.

The Department of Agriculture has fixed upon Monday and Tuesday, Feb. 12 and 13, and Wednesday and Thursday, Feb. 14 and 15, 1900, as the dates for holding the Farmers' Institutes for the coming season at Unionville and Howard, respectively.

Band Contest.

In a band contest at Hecla Park on 24, the first prize, \$75, was won by the Good Templar Band, of Lock Haven. State College was given second prize, and the third prize was awarded to the Coleville Band, of Bellefonte.

A PREACHER AS A FARMER.

How Dr. Lawrence M. Colfelt Spends His Summer Vacation.

Dr. Colfelt being so well known in this county, the following from the Phil. Record will be read with interest by the readers of the Reporter:

Among the Philadelphia pastors now out of the city in quest of change of scene probably no one is leading more active a life than Dr. Lawrence M. Colfelt, pastor of the Oxford Street Presbyterian Church, of this city, who in the later part of June hied himself away to his country home. The Doctor owns one of the finest farms in Bedford county, situated conveniently near the health-giving springs, and his evident joy in his surroundings is pleasant to witness.

After crossing the Atlantic six times and having done Europe very extensively, as well as most of the American resorts from Maine to Florida, he said recently, I can truly say that I find the farm amid the mountains of Western Pennsylvania the best place in the world for me to restore both nervous and muscular tone.

The Doctor is no idler or gentleman farmer. He engages daily in the practical labor of the farm and actually enjoys it. Those who see him in the winter as he holds his cultured audience in almost spellbound attention would find it rather interesting to see him this summer riding a reaper or following a plow, and yet he has been doing work of that kind during his whole vacation.

Plowing seems to be his favorite pastime, because, as he says, a man gets closer to Mother Earth at that than at any other work, and it is good for all of us to draw very near to her at times.

He firmly believes in the dignity of manual labor, and a part of his creed is that in the final summing up the manual toiler will be reckoned higher than other by the Master of Work, who says, "And the last shall be first."

The great respect in which Dr. Colfelt is held by the people of his own county disproves the saying, "A prophet is not without honor save in his own country." He mingles with his neighbors at farmers' picnics and various gatherings, and in the wide-brimmed straw hat and coarse linen suit he has affected this summer he is indeed a striking figure.

In a very quiet way the Doctor is a political worker, with a power none the less great because it is exerted so quietly. He is a reformer in theory and action, and during the past few years has done much towards organizing, if indeed he did not inspire, the anti-Quay movement, which is strong in that locality. The fact that Mr. Quay received only two votes out of a possible ten from the legislative men of that Congressional district is said to be due chiefly to Dr. Colfelt's influence.

His fine old country house, part of which has stood since Colonial times, is a place much sought by men of high standing who come frequently to consult with the Doctor on questions of general good. His library is composed of many hundreds of volumes, including Latin and Greek classics, early English poetry, Russian literature and all manner of antiquarian lore. He is especially fond of Russian literature, and a course of free lectures given by him on this subject to the Bedford young people are greatly appreciated.

And yet with all his work of various kinds and the never-ceasing care due to the pastorate of a large church, the Doctor finds time to entertain his friends with a charming simplicity, which is the only real, true hospitality.

Hurt in a Runaway.

Mifflin Snyder, one of the leading business men of State College was quite seriously injured at Lemont on Thursday afternoon. Mr. Snyder drove to Lemont in his spring wagon to get a load of goods from the Pennsylvania freight station. As he went to get into the wagon after loading the goods his horse became frightened, he reached for the lines but secured but one.

The horses were running furiously and Mr. Snyder was thrown to the ground, sustaining painful injuries. He was cut and bruised badly about the head and body. The team was stopped at the end of the street but the wagon was smashed.

A New Money Order.

The Postoffice department has adopted a new form of domestic money order which will be introduced gradually after September 4. It is the size of an ordinary bank draft and has two new features, the use of carbon manifold paper for reproducing the order instead of writing it twice as at present, and also a receipt. It is expected the charge for orders will be materially reduced about January 1st.

Recent Union County Deaths.

Kelly twp., Elizabeth Smith, age 47. Cowan, Nelson Bidole, age 61 y. Forest Hill, Harriet Kline, age 63.

REPLY TO POMONA GRANGE.

THE RESOLUTIONS BRING FORTH AN ANSWER.

Prof Hamilton Replies to the Grangers.—Says Pomona Grange Misrepresents Him, and no Class has a Right to Life-long Office Holding.

In our last issue the Reporter printed the complaints of Pomona Grange, No. 13, of Centre County, against Prof. John Hamilton, charging him with treating the Grangers unfairly in the State Agricultural Department, of which he is the head. In his reply he says:

"The complaint, coming as it does, from a Grange of which one of the aggrieved persons is a member, at least, suggests that the motives that prompted the criticism may not have been disinterested, and free from selfishness, as the authors would have the public believe. So long as this individual was retained, the Department was all that the country could desire, but immediately when the connection of this particular individual is severed, the Secretary of Agriculture becomes guilty of an unwarranted invasion of some assumed inherent right, and is, accordingly, denounced by those aggrieved as the enemy of the Grange. . . . No one in this country is regarded as having a 'fee simple' in any public office, neither does any class of citizens have exclusive and permanent right over all other classes to the offices of any departments in the State.

"No Patron of Husbandry in Pennsylvania can truthfully say that he has been discriminated against, in any respect by the present head of this department."

Mr. Hamilton then goes on to state that a majority of the state lecturers for institute work, are Grangers and were appointed by him, and because a change of two officials was made, one of whom held his position for thirteen years, he is denounced as discriminating against Granges, and further, that five of the chief officials of his department are members of the Grange.

In our last issue will be found the Grange side of this controversy, and by the above we give the Hamilton side a hearing, as fairly.

National Export Exposition, Philad.

The National Export Exposition, which opens at Philadelphia on Sept 14 and continues until November 30, will be the most interesting and important event occurring in Philadelphia since the Centennial Exhibition of 1876. In addition to its valuable commercial exhibits it will present many features of popular interest and amusement. The United States Marine Band, Sousa's Band, the Banda Rossa, Innes' Band, Damrosch's Orchestra, and other celebrated bands will furnish music alternately, and a Midway Pleasance, equal if not superior to the famous World's Fair Midway at Chicago, and comprising a Chinese Village, a Chinese Theatre, acrobats, and customs; an Oriental Village, London Ghost Show, Hagenbeck's Wild Animal Show, Blarney Castle, and many other unique presentations, will furnish abundant and diversified amusement. Arrangements have also been made for mandolin, guitar, and banjo concerts, and for a grand chorus from the German Singing Societies.

For this occasion the Pennsylvania Railroad Company will sell excursion tickets from all points on its line, to Philadelphia and return, at rate of a fare and a third for the round trip plus price of admission. These tickets will be sold during the continuance of the Exposition and will be good for return passage until Nov. 30.

For specific rates and additional information apply to nearest ticket Agent. aug31-2t

Died at Aaronsburg.

Miss Katharine Musser, daughter of postmaster Michael M. Musser, of Aaronsburg died yesterday afternoon after an illness of several years, from heart trouble. Her age was about 31 years, and is survived by her father, two brothers and a sister, one of whom is W. S. Musser, station agent at Spring Mills. She was a popular young lady, and will be greatly missed in her community. Her remains will be interred in the Lutheran cemetery at Aaronsburg on Saturday morning at 10 o'clock.

A Peculiar Accident.

Jacob Kerstetter, of Coburn, met with a peculiar accident on Tuesday morning, the injuries from which will lay him up for a while. With his brother Emanuel Kerstetter, he was out in the woods cutting shingle blocks. Emanuel was using a pole axe to drive a wedge into the log of wood when the axe flew off the handle and struck Jacob on the left leg, below the knee. The sharp bit severed one of the bones of the leg and out a deep gash in the flesh.

Niagara Falls Excursion.

September 7 and 21 and October 5 and 19 are the dates of the remaining Pennsylvania Railroad popular ten-day excursions to Niagara Falls from Philadelphia, Baltimore, and Washington, and intermediate points.

Excursion tickets, good for return passage on any regular train, exclusive of limited express trains, within ten days, will be sold at \$10.00 from Philadelphia, Baltimore, Washington, and all points on the Delaware Division; \$11.25 from Atlantic City; \$9.60 from Lancaster; \$8.50 from Altoona and Harrisburg; \$6.90 from Sunbury and Wilkesbarre; \$5.75 from Williamsport; and at proportionate rates from other points. A stop-over will be allowed at Buffalo, Rochester, Canandaigua, and Watkins within the limit returning.

A special train of Pullman parlor cars and day coaches will be run with each excursion. An extra charge will be made for parlor car seats.

An experienced tourist agent and chaperon will accompany each excursion.

Tickets for a side trip to the Thousand Islands (Alexandria Bay) will be sold from Rochester in connection with excursions of September 7 and 21, good to return to Rochester or to Canandaigua via Syracuse within five days, at rate of \$5.50.

Tickets for a side trip to Toronto will be sold at Niagara Falls for \$1.00 on September 23. In connection with excursion of September 7, tickets will be sold to Toronto and return at reduced rates, account Toronto Fair.

For pamphlets giving full information and hotels, and for time of connecting trains, apply to nearest ticket agent, or address Geo. W. Boyd, Assistant General Passenger Agent, Broad Street Station, Philadelphia. aug24-2t

Foster's Weather Forecast.

My last bulletin gave forecasts of the storm wave to cross the continent from the 27th to the 31st, and the next will reach the Pacific coast about September 1, cross the west of Rockies country by close of the 2nd, great central valleys 3d to 5th, eastern states 6.

Warm wave will cross the west of Rockies country about September 1, great central valleys 3d, eastern states 5th. Cool wave will cross the west of Rockies country about September 4, great central valleys 6th, eastern states 8th.

The temperature of the week ending 8 a. m. September 11 will average above normal in the great central valleys and below near the Atlantic and Pacific coasts. Rainfall for the same period will be below normal in the great central valleys and above normal on the Pacific slope and Atlantic coast.

The cool wave predicted to reach the 90th meridian, moving eastward, about August 14, was there on time; the change was great and notable throughout the country west of the Rockies.

On account of the large quantity of late corn September weather will have much to do in determining the final result of this year's production. Frosts often occur in the corn belt near the middle of September, and sometimes earlier in the month, and such a frost this year would immensely damage the corn crop.

Many will expect frost about September 12 to 15 this year, and if the frost does not come before September 26 to 28 it will make a difference of millions of bushels.

A cool wave will reach meridian 90, moving eastward, not far from September 15, and the temperature in northern parts of the corn belt will go down to near the frost line. Only a little damage may be expected at that time.

September will be a warm month as an average, but a great fall will occur between the 9th and 28th. The month will come in cool with rising temperature. A high wave will reach meridian 90 near the 9th, and then begin a general decline, fluctuating but falling relative to the normal.

First week in the month will have indications of drought, but showers will be the rule after the first ten days have passed.

The most severe storms of September will occur near the 9th on meridian 90, a little earlier west of that line, later east.

STOP ASSESSMENTS.

In view of the assessment attempted upon Colonel Keller, as a candidate for delegate to the Republican National Convention, to represent Berks county, the assessment being a cool \$3000 which he refused, would it not be the proper thing to pass a law forbidding any party making any assessments at all upon a candidate, and have him make the race purely upon his merits and not upon his money? This would be placing the rich and the poor, the meritorious and unmeritorious upon a fair level. Agitate no more assessments.

LOCAL ITEMS.

Callings of More than Ordinary Interest from Everywhere.

Rondel.

What if we're growing old? We have been young together. O'er fields of fragrant heather, By sunny ways we've strolled.

Our hearts have ne'er grown cold Through all life's dreariest weather. What if we're growing old? We have been young together.

So why should we care whether Some years have passed us rolled? I'll wear, by love consoled, Age gayly as a feather. What if we're growing old? We have been young together.

—W. A. Bradley.

Charles Martz, of Pinegrove, was granted a pension, \$6.

Creeks rose quick from Saturday's rains, and fell almost as quick.

Daniel Garman, of Bellefonte, has been quite ill the past few weeks.

Pensions granted: T. B. Senser, Unionville, \$8. Henry Wren, Loganton, \$6.

The corn crop in many parts of our county will be only half. Cause, want of rain.

One of John Beaver's twin boys, of Centre Hill, aged two weeks, died on Tuesday.

Dr. Lee's fitting, with many teams, arrived here Tuesday morning from Madisonburg.

Attorney Walker, of Bellefonte, delivered a fine address at the K. G. E. picnic, at Hecla Park.

Samuel Frank, of Sugar valley, died on Monday, aged 45 years. A wife and several children survive him.

The Lewisburg Reformed congregation has unanimously extended a call to Rev. A. E. Jones, of Hamilton, O.

The Susquehanna division, Knights of the Golden Eagle, will hold its picnic at Hecla Park, on Labor Day, Sep. 4th.

Rev. Rearick's appointments, Sunday September, 3: At Centre Hall, 7 p. m.; Spring Mills, 10 a. m.; Tusseyville, 2 p. m.

Subscribers receiving notices for dues on Reporter, will oblige by remitting. Deal with us as you would be dealt by, please.

Heavy as the rain was from Saturday evening's thunder storm, it did not soak the ground below plowing depth, as farmers inform us.

The Lewisburg Journal says the apple crop will not be very good in Union county this year, on account of dry weather causing the fruit to drop off.

The Odd Fellows of Snyder, Mifflin, Juniata and Union counties will hold their 7th annual reunion and picnic in Dr. Smith's grove at Adamsburg, September 9th.

A heavy thunder gust passed over this section last Friday evening, but left only one quarter of an inch of rain in this vicinity. East and south the rain was heavy.

Capt. Hugh Taylor, of Bellefonte, attended the reception given the 10th Regiment on Monday, and tells us it was the most magnificent affair in the history of the Iron City.

One of the cruelest remarks made by a musical auditor is reported from California. A vocalist was warbling to her own great satisfaction, "Oh, Would I Were a Bird!" when a rough miner shouted out, "Oh, would I were a gun!"

In the hearing of the turnpike case, to vacate the pike from Centre Hall to the county line in the Seven mountains, held last week in Bellefonte before Master W. G. Runkle, a distance of eight miles, the jury, a few days ago, returned a verdict of damages to the sum of \$1,100.

Millhall mourns the death of one of its best citizens. Hugh White Garth died suddenly at his home Tuesday afternoon, 22, aged 49 years. He had been ailing for some time from stomach trouble. Deceased was a cousin of Mrs. Joshua Potter of near this place and is survived by a widow and three daughters.

On Monday the Grangers' picnic at Williams Grove opened, with large exhibits on the ground. Sunday evening's storm did considerable damage on the picnic ground, requiring considerable extra labor to set things to rights. Worthy past master Rhone is not in attendance at Williams Grove, his time being required here to get all in readiness for the great Grangers' picnic at Centre Hall opening two weeks hence.

The Daily News, 23, prints, "Evaded the Draft," and credits the Clearfield Republican, instead of the Reporter. Many papers in the state copy from our columns, some with credit and others without. We don't complain of the latter, but miscredits are to be avoided; we frequently observe other papers getting credits that belong to the REPORTER.