



## WASHINGTON LETTER.

### THE DISASTROUS FOREIGN WAR MUST END.

A Growing Sentiment all Over the Country to Abandon the Philippines—McKinley Becoming Alarmed over the Situation.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 11.—"End the war in the Philippines speedily, or the result will be disastrous to you and to the Republican party." That is the sum and substance of what is being daily dinned into the ears of Mr. McKinley, not by his opponents, but by leading Republicans, who know how unpopular that war is becoming all over the country. Mr. McKinley is gradually becoming convinced that the reaction in public sentiment concerning his Philippine policy, predicted more than a year ago by Col. Bryan, is at hand, and once fully convinced, there is no telling what he may do, for this country has never had a President who feared the public sentiment of the country as much as Mr. McKinley does, or who tried so hard to make his official acts meet its approval, regardless of his own opinion.

The most striking thing connected with the hearing on trusts, by the Industrial Commission, was a daring and somewhat scandalous attack upon Vice-Chairman Phillips of the Commission, who is connected with an independent oil company in Pennsylvania, by officials of the Standard Oil Trust. Mr. Phillips denied the charge that he had been mixed up in an offer to dicker with the Standard Oil Trust, but the charge left a bad taste in everybody's mouth, and it is not calculated to add anything to the prestige of the Commission, which isn't any too great at best.

Senator Stewart is a fine specimen of stalwart radicalism in all his views. He never trims on any question, and conservatism is unknown to his mind. He has got it in for France for several reasons, the latest of which is the second conviction of Dreyfus, and says that country really has no government at all, and that we should break off diplomatic relations until France gets a government. The Senator threatens to offer a joint resolution to that effect when Congress meets; also a bill repealing all official recognition of the exposition at Paris, next year.

The administration appears to be still determined to leave Gen. Otis in supreme command in the Philippines, although Secretary Root is understood to have recommended a change, and to favor sending Gen. Miles over there. There is politics in this determination, and it isn't the sort of politics that reflects any credit upon Mr. McKinley. The Hanna crowd are afraid of Miles now, and if he should go to the Philippines and do what Otis has so signally failed to do, they will fear him still more. They know that Otis is not likely, under any circumstances, to develop popularity enough to make him a political rival of Mr. McKinley. That is why they wish to keep Otis in command, notwithstanding the overwhelming evidence, from all sources, of his unfitness, not to call it by a harsher term. The agent of the non-partisan Associated Press, in a long letter from Manila, just published, after going into details, showing the failure of Otis, sums up the saying: "The secret of the whole trouble here is that the government has left a small man to deal with a most delicate problem, requiring broad statesmanship. Everyone agrees that Otis is honest, and that counts for much in a position affording such chances for dishonesty, but everyone agrees also with the most remarkable unanimity, that he has bungled affairs from the beginning."

It is evident to even the most casual observer of those political currents which are to be found by those who know how, just below the surface of party waters, that the Republican leaders are carefully paving the way to drop Mr. Hobart if they shall consider it expedient to do so. The state of Mr. Hobart's health is made the basis of all these preparatory stories. If it doesn't improve, "his family will have to veto the idea of his remaining in politics" etc. This is all tommyrot. Mr. Hobart has shown upon several occasions, during the last three months notably by his getting Alger to resign, that his health is good enough to do what other men, not on the sick list, failed to do. His "health" is likely to remain in a precarious condition, until Boss Hanna has fully made up his mind whether it will be best to have him run again with Mr. McKinley, and he isn't likely to fully decide until the National Convention meets. Then Mr. Hobart's health will take a good or bad turn, in accordance with Hanna's decision.

After wobbling around the question for about two weeks, the War Department, under political pressure, issued the order for the enlistment of two negro regiments for the Philippines.

They will bring the volunteer army up to the limit set by Congress, which it has been clear from the first that the administration intended to do.

Col. W. J. Bryan was unanimously elected a member of the Council of Administration, of the Spanish War Veterans Association, which has just closed its first encampment, in Washington, although he did not attend the encampment. Ex-Gov. Oates, of Ala., was also elected a member of the Council, as was H. H. Blunt, a Louisiana negro, who was a Lieutenant in the 9th Immunes. Gen. J. W. Keifer, of Ohio, was elected Commander-in-Chief of the new organization, which hopes ultimately to embrace all the state organizations of Spanish War Veterans which have been formed.

### LATE NEWS NOTES.

The beef trust is trying to monopolize butter, eggs and poultry.

Yellow fever has broken out in New York. There has been one death.

Yellow fever has broken out in the South. Key West has had ten deaths.

Latest upon the British trouble with the Transvaal, is a prospect of coming to an understanding and avoiding a resort to arms.

Democratic county chairman Johnston has laid his plans for an active, aggressive campaign, with live and instructive work.

The expedition sent out last May in search of the North pole balloonist, Andree, has returned without finding any traces of him.

The Democrats of this county will have a whole lap full of majorities next fall, for all nominees, state and county. Sick a pin there.

The British royal commissioner will shun the Paris exposition, and thousands of his countrymen will do the same. German exhibitors are withdrawing. All on account of the Dreyfus verdict.

Great activity exists at the British War Office in anticipation of trouble in the Transvaal. The officers of the admiralty office are visiting various ports on the sea coast for the purpose of selecting available transports.

It is continually reported that the Quayites of this county, intend to give the Republican county ticket a big send off—down hill—in November. This absolves the anti-Quayites from supporting the machine state ticket.

### Calf Killing Match.

If we have any experts at killing calves, in Centre county, we would be pleased to learn whether they would challenge the two Newark butchers spoken of below:

Two men were engaged in a calf killing and dressing contest for a purse of \$100. The exhibition was given in the shooting park. The contestants were Henry Hammel, of Jersey City, and Lawrence Hertling, of Newark. Hammel won, beating the world's record by three minutes, and his rival by about the same length of time. He dressed ten calves in fifteen minutes, while Hertling took eighteen minutes for the task.

### Aged One Hundred and Six.

Nathan Tinker Draper, of Grand Rapids, Mich., is 106 years old. He was born in New London, Conn., has been married twice, but both wives are dead. The old man draws a pension of \$12 a month because of the killing of one of his sons in the War of the Rebellion, but never saw any service himself. He has been a gardener nearly all his life, and is still able to do a little "fussing" about the yard, but not for any length of time. He says he remembers Thomas Jefferson very well, but never saw Washington. He has been a smoker all his life, but never to excess. He also drank liquor in his younger days, but never to an intemperate degree.

### A Balloon Accident.

Last Friday afternoon a fatal accident occurred on the Lewistown fair grounds, while preparing for the balloon ascension. The balloon was being inflated over a gasoline fire, when a breeze caused it to tip over and the gasoline flames blew over some boys who were holding the balloon. Robert Shaw received burns from which he died on Saturday. The aeronaut, Frank Wiley, was badly burned and could not make the ascent. Several others were badly burned.

### More Authority.

Constables now have powers identical with policemen, and can arrest without a warrant, and take before a local magistrate, any offender against the peace or violator of borough ordinances. The justice may impose fine and costs, the fine to be paid to the borough treasurer for the use of the borough.

—Lost, on Sunday evening, Sept. 10, on the pike between Centre Hill and Centre Hall, a ladies' double cape, of a light brown shade with brown velvet collar. The finder will please leave same at REPORTER'S office.

### The Country Visitor.

There is a venerable joke concerning the arrival of the country cousin and his family in town and his habit of dropping down upon his city kinsman for a few days' visit, remarks the Pittsburgh Dispatch. The countryman will sometimes come to the city and put up with a former neighbor or a relative where the welcome is not the most cordial, for candor compels the confession that the city man is not so hospitable as the man of the rural regions. But the countryman, if he transgresses occasionally, is an unintentional sinner. For it never occurs to him that he is not as welcome in the home of his city kinsman as the city man is at the home on the farm.

Year after year the town family goes to the country, piles in on the lord of the manor, eats his fresh butter and his home-made bread, drinks the milk and complains because there is no bath room in the house and the hours for meals are too early. The farmer does the best he can to straighten the tangles, and all the time leaves no doubt of the sincerity of his welcome. But when he comes to town some persons insist upon regarding his visit as a joke. There is no reason why this should be. He gets up in time for his meals and is content with his reception, instead of going home to make fun of the treatment accorded him. And the chances are that at the great majority of city homes he visits he is received with an open hand and a sincere cordiality. The joke is unnecessary. The man with the hoe pays for all he gets, and he is the one man who does pay for all.

### Baptism by Fire—A New Doctrine.

Seeking converts to a new doctrine, that of baptism by fire, the Fire Baptized Holiness Association is engaged in disseminating its belief among the people of Letkenny township, in Franklin county.

Evangelist Silas Hensell says that he was a poor farmer who has been baptized by fire. Hensell is a good talker, but it is doubtful whether his eloquence can persuade the farmers of that section to give up their valuable farms. This is what he advocates.

The evangelists are severe on the finery and silk dresses worn by women. One young woman was so worked up over their statements that she put all of her good dresses in the flames. Believing their assertions that hogs are unclean, farmer Murser has disposed of his large herd.

### Sealing Wax Language.

Postage stamps have long had a language, and now comes one who claims to translate the subtle meanings of sealing wax. Business letters should be sealed with red, friendly letters with gray. To your lover you devote blue, in token of constancy, unless you wish to hint that you have or think you have cause for jealousy, when you will use yellow. A reply to a wedding invitation should be sealed with white, and a condolence for a death call with black or violet. A dinner invitation may be sealed with coffee colored wax, and when a man gets a letter sealed with green, from the girl he admires, he may feel that she shyly bids him hope.

### When to Plow an Orchard.

The best time to plow an orchard is in the fall, as a heavy application of stable manure can be applied on the land and left as a mulch to remain during the winter. The frosts will disintegrate the manure and the soluble matter will be carried down to the roots by the time spring opens. If preferred, the manure may be harrowed in and rye sowed, which may be turned under in the spring and the land then limed as a partial protection against disease and insects, and also to neutralize the effects of an excess of acid generated by the decomposition of the green material.

### Ohio Farmers Lose Heavily.

Wind and lightning did great damage in Wayne county, Ohio, night of 7th, the loss to farmers being enormous. Clarence Rutt, in a barn when lightning fired the building, was killed, and the season's crops, machinery, and five horses were cremated. Wm. Bahl, Jacob Geiselman and Joseph Culler lost barns and their contents.

### An Immense Crop.

All previous high records will be broken by the corn crop of the United States of 1899. A canvass of the eight states which raise most of the corn of the United States warrants an estimate above that of 1896, which heretofore has been the record, and there is much in the advice received to justify a prediction that the crop will approximate 2,500,000,000 bushels. The first corn crop of the country to reach 2,000,000,000 bushels was that of 1885. Including the crop now to be harvested, only nine crops of 2,000,000,000 bushels or over have been produced.

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## MAJOR HASTINGS ARRESTED

### HE RETURNS FROM EUROPE AND CREATES A SENSATION.

Charged With Forgery by a Philadelphia Bank and is in Jail—His Sensational Letters Attacking his Brother.

Accused of forgery and false pretense, Major William H. Hastings, a brother of Governor Daniel H. Hastings, was arrested in Bellefonte last Friday.

The arrest was made by detectives Beckett and Stutz, of Philadelphia, on warrants sworn out by General Louis Wagner, president of the Third National Bank.

Major Hastings' arrest is but the climax of a sensational story dating back to 1894, when he held a responsible position with the Garcia Truss Company of Philadelphia, a concern in which ex-Governor Hastings and General Wagner were both interested. At that time, it is alleged, Major Hastings shipped a large consignment of boxes to South America, which he represented as filled with trusses.

On the strength of this shipment and presentation of bills of lading General Wagner alleges that through his interposition the Third National Bank advanced Major Hastings \$5000. With the money in his possession the Major left the country and went to Europe. After his departure it was learned that the consignment he represented as a shipment of trusses to South America was only boxes filled with refuse.

From that time until the present Major Hastings has remained abroad, spending his time in France, Germany, Italy and Spain. During his sojourn in those countries he wrote letters to ex-Governor Hastings, demanding large sums of money. These letters were as scurrilous in character as they were preposterous in demands.

The last letter, received two months ago, contained the threat that if Governor Hastings did not pay a specified amount by a certain time the Major would come to Bellefonte and blow his house to atoms. His sudden arrival in Bellefonte on Thursday, therefore, created considerable of a sensation. Major Hastings was much changed and tried to come there unrecognized, but without success. Ex-Governor Hastings was out of town and Mrs. Hastings and family, on hearing of Major Hastings' arrival, were considerably frightened.

The town authorities were appealed to, and a guard was placed on the ex-Governor's house, as well as a watch on Major Hastings. But the latter made no hostile moves. He remained quietly in his hotel, receiving but few visitors, until Friday morning, when he took a short walk around the town, to be arrested on his return to the hotel. No resistance was offered, though the Major seemed worried. He said he arrived in New York Wednesday and came to Bellefonte to transact a little private business with the ex-Governor, when he would again leave the country. Major Hastings was taken to Philadelphia on the afternoon train.

Before magistrate Jermon, of Philadelphia, on Saturday, Major Wm. H. Hastings was held in \$5,000 bail pending further examination. Gen. Louis Wagner was the only witness and he briefly related the details by which Major Hastings is alleged to have defrauded the Third Nat. Bank.

"In 1895, January, the prisoner secured two loans of \$5,000 each from my bank and the Merchant's bank upon a number of drafts, bills of lading and freight bills of boxes of goods consigned to Australia.

"About a week after securing this money he disappeared and his truss company failed. On March 16th we found that the boxes upon which the loan had been made were empty. Everything about the transaction was a fraud. The books of the company showed that the major owed it nearly \$40,000.

"Upon hearing of Mr. Hastings' arrival in Bellefonte, Friday, I at once secured a warrant for his arrest."

The magistrate asked the major if he had anything to say. He replied: "No."

In an interview Major Hastings admitted that he had hoped to go to Bellefonte unknown; that he intended to transact some private business with his brother, the ex-governor, and then he intended again leaving the country. Major Hastings has shaved off his long beard, and his heavy moustache is almost white.

### Marriage Licenses.

The following marriage licenses were issued during the past week: Walter Fanning and Cora Duff, of State College. Wm. Patton and Maggie Reese, of Port Matilda. John W. Bathurst and Mabel C. Cox of Coleville. John S. Holter, of Howard, and Bertha C. Bennison, of Walker twp. Theodore Fetzer, of Boggs twp., and Gertie Inhoops, of Patton twp.

### ANNUAL PICNIC.

Patrons of Husbandry, at Grange Park, Centre Hall, Pa. Reduced Rates and Special Trains via the P. R. R.

For the Annual Picnic and Exhibition, to be held at Grange Park, Centre Hall, Pa., September 15 to 22, the Pennsylvania Railroad Company will sell excursion tickets from Renovo, Harrisburg, and intermediate stations, including stations on the Lewisburg and Tyrone Branch, Shamokin Division, and Summit Branch, to Centre Hall and return, September 15, 16, 18, 19, 20, 21, and 22, valid for return passage until September 23, inclusive at rate of single fare for the round trip (minimum rate, twenty-five cents.)

On Saturday, September 16, special train will be run to Centre Hall, leaving Bellefonte at 10.10 a. m., stopping at principal intermediate stations. Returning, special train will leave Centre Hall for Bellefonte 7.00 p. m.

On Saturday 16, special train returning will leave Centre Hall for Coburn and intermediate stations at 5.30 p. m.

On Wednesday and Thursday, September 20 and 21, special trains will be run to Centre Hall, leaving Bellefonte at 7.20 and 10.10 a. m., and 7.25 p. m., stopping at principal intermediate stations. Returning, special trains will leave Centre Hall for Bellefonte at 3.30 6.30, and 9.45 p. m.

On Wednesday, September 20, special train returning will leave Centre Hall for Coburn and intermediate stations at 8.20 p. m.

On Thursday, September 21, special train returning will leave Centre Hall for Lewisburg and principal intermediate stations at 8.20 p. m.

For time of regular trains consult time tables. sept-17-21

### Foster's Weather Forecast.

My last bulletin gave forecasts of the storm waves to cross the continent from September 7 to 12 and September 14 to 18 and the next will reach the Pacific coast about September 19, cross the west of Rockies country by close of September 20, great central valleys 21 to 23, eastern states 24.

A warm wave will cross the west of Rockies country about Sept 19, great central valleys 21, eastern states 25. A cool wave will cross the west of Rockies country about September 22, great central valleys 24, eastern states 26.

The temperature of the week ending 8 a. m. September 25 will average above normal in the great central valleys, below on the Pacific slope and in the eastern states. The rainfall for the same period will be above normal in the great central valleys, below on the Pacific slope and in the eastern states.

This is not only the time of year for the average temperature to go lower, but the fall will be greater than the seasonal average. While the temperature will fluctuate, the general or average change will be rapidly downward as soon as the warm wave due near the date of this bulletin has passed and that fall will continue till the cool wave, scheduled for about September 28 has passed.

During the period of about 20 days numerous showers may be expected and fall pasture will be much improved thereby. This weather will be of great benefit to winter wheat, barley and rye now being sown, and the favorable weather conditions causing a fine growth of these recently sown grains will have a tendency to lower prices.

### Radiated Heat for Snake and Insect Bites.

A good authority says the early application of radiated heat has long been known as an effective antidote to bites of snakes, insects and to punctured wound, as from fish fins, and sharp inanimate bodies.

Those who hunt and fish usually have the means at hand to supply it. I have used a lighted cigar, a bunch of waste, a pine torch, the flame of a gasoline lamp, but, best of all, the glowing embers of the camp fire.

When the fin of a fish punctures the finger or the hand a sharp pain usually ensues, and may extend from the wound up the arm to the shoulder. This pain is often excruciating and sickening. Hold the wound close to a red-hot ember or anything giving off an equal amount of heat, and you will note that in a minute or two all the pain is gone, and that it is seldom necessary to repeat the application of heat. Healing takes place without further attention.

When the face or other parts of the body are tingling and burning and itching from mosquito bites so that it is impossible to go to sleep, give the parts a dose of radiated heat and you will go to sleep without further annoyance from the old bites.

The pain of a burn or scald is almost instantly relieved by applying Chamberlain's Pain Balm. It also helps the injured parts more quickly than any other treatment, and without the burn is very severe does not leave a scar. For sale by J. H. Ross, Linden Hall; S. M. Swartz, Tusseyville; F. A. Carson, Potters Mills; H. F. Rossmann, Spring Mills.

### LOCAL ITEMS.

Callings of More than Ordinary Interest from Everywhere.

### Judge Not.

In men whom men condemn as ill I find so much of goodness still; In men whom men pronounce divine I find so much of sin and blot, I hesitate to draw a line Between the two, where God has not.

—Joaquin Miller.

A horse misused upon the road Calls to Heaven for human blood. Each outcry of the hunted hare A fibre from the brain doth tear; A skylark wounded on the wing Doth make a cherub cease to sing.

### Cool nights this week.

The potato crop is an average and the tubers sound.

Mrs. Minnie Richard has put down a new boardwalk in front of her cozy residence.

A new house will at once be erected on the site of the burned Kramer house at Millheim.

A fine Colt, old since April last, excellent stock, for sale by Henry Eisenhuth, at Ingleby.

For insulating women, while drunk, James Tinney, of Williamsport, was fined \$10 and costs.

Rev. C. S. Long, of Lock Haven, has been appointed chaplain of the Twelfth Reg., N. G. P.

Rev. Goodling filled the Un. Ev. pulpit Sunday evening, and delivered an interesting discourse.

Major W. F. Barber, of Lewisburg, has been elected lieutenant colonel of the Twelfth Reg. N. G. P.

Capt. Snyder, late gate keeper, has finished contract for digging a cellar for a new house at Poemills.

H. C. Campbell will defer erecting a new barn on the site of the burned one near Fairbrook, until next season.

Rev. Rearick's appointments, Sunday, Sept. 16: Centre Hall 10 a. m.; Spring Mills, 2 p. m.; Tusseyville, 7 p. m.

This fall's seeding has been done in a most favorable condition of the soil, save where dashing rains have caused washouts.

David Zimmerman, one of the oldest residents of Sugar Valley, died Thursday. He lived at the east end of the valley and was aged about 80 years.

The time is near at hand when the boy will find Sabbaths more attractive for gathering chestnuts than gathering himself with his Sunday school class.

Farmer Cressy, on Wednesday, at the picnic, will tell what kind of house-keeping there is at Harrisburg, and of the great house-cleaning to be had on November 7th.

To-day the great Export Exposition opens in Philadelphia, to continue several weeks. Thanks to the management for complimentary to the fine Auditorium exercises to-day.

The next great event will be the landing of Dewey at New York, when city after city will offer the hero of Manila ovations that will set anything of the past in the shade, for splendor and enthusiasm. Uncle Sam's children are great as well as a grateful set.

Friday evening another tremendous downpour of rain set in. A thunder gust accompanied by a fierce storm, began its work at 4 p. m., and in 40 minutes the rain gauge registered a precipitation of .92 inch. The storm shook many apples from the fruit trees.

A tunnel is proposed through Pikes Peak. A million dollar corporation has applied for a charter to construct a railroad tunnel under Pike's Peak, with branches encircling the Cripple Creek district, the total length being fifty miles. The tunnel will enter the mountains at Colorado City and emerge at Marigold.

Cornelius Vanderbilt, worth 120 millions, died at his residence in New York, at 5.45, Tuesday morning, from a stroke of paralysis, aged 56 years. He left his Newport residence the day before in seeming good health. Riches do not insure long life nor happiness. Vanderbilt had his troubles; his death was quite sudden.

Altoona had a big financial deal, a few days ago, in the purchase of three of its companies, by quiet engineering, the money consideration being one million dollars, covering the Logan Valley Electric Railway, the City Passenger Railway, and the Altoona Gas Works. The purchase has been made for the Standard Oil Company.

The first test has been made at Conneaut of the only ore unloading machine in the world. Five machines will supplant 1,000 men. The ore handlers foresee their fate, and the company is guarding the machines day and night against violence. If successful, the machines will be adopted all along the lakes, displacing probably 50,000 men.