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THE WASHINGTON LETTER.

The special session of the senate of the fifty-eighth congress has adjourned since after having ratified both the Panama and the Cuban treaties and the president expressed himself as satisfied with the work of the session. Nevertheless, there is grave doubt in the minds of many friends of both treaties as to their future. In the case of the Cuban treaty it has been amended in several instances and, at least, of the amendments seriously jeopardized the success of the agreement. This is the Bacon amendment which provides that the treaty shall go into effect only when "approved by the congress." The question is raised, Can an exchange of ratification be made when the ratification of the senate is of an equivocal character and depends, for its ultimate settlement, on the action of both houses of congress at the next session? It is certain that there will be no reciprocity with Cuba until late in the next session and in the opinion of many competent judges the house will amend the treaty and thus precipitate a general discussion and contest which will mean the defeat of the entire project.

It is admitted that a serious mistake has been made with regard to the Colombian treaty, in that Senator Morgan was permitted to print in the Congressional Record all of his speeches against the canal, while the injunction of secrecy was not removed from any of the speeches made by the friends of the convention, aside from Senator Cullom's brief closing argument. Moreover, the question is now raised as to whether the secretary of the treasury will feel authorized to pay out funds under the provision of the Spooner act and on the contract made with Colombia, as there is a serious difference between the provisions of the two. Several senators, who most vigorously maintained that there was nothing in Mr. Morgan's contention to this effect, now admit that it is an important factor, although they say that hereafter all responsibility rests with the attorney general who will have to decide this question. The old suspicion of the sincerity of the senate advocates of the Panama route is again aroused on apparently good grounds.

It is frankly stated that the president is seriously disappointed at the failure of the senate to confirm or reject his nominations of William Michael Byrne for United States attorney for Delaware and Dr. Crum for collector of the Port of Charleston, S. C. Both of these nominations were sent in during the regular session and reported unfavorably by the judiciary and commerce committees respectively, but no action was taken by the senate as a whole. They were sent in again on the first day of the special session and Mr. Byrne's nomination was unfavorably reported by the committee on judiciary but the commerce committee refused to assemble to consider the Crum nomination. True to his word, the president has appointed both men as recess appointments but it is evident that the senators "played politics" and determined to place the onus of the appointments on Mr. Roosevelt. Taking the past session as a whole, there is good ground for the belief that Mr. Roosevelt was very shabbily treated by the leaders of his own party. From the standpoint of the leaders there is reason for it. He is the most difficult president to use and manipulate republicans have ever had. Cleveland was as difficult, but republican office seekers expected nothing from him.

Another instance of what appears to have been a scheme to get the president into hot water has just come to light. He was invited to visit Chicago and make an address with the understanding that his visit would be purely non-partisan. It now transpires that the day set for his visit, April 2, is just five days in advance of the municipal election and the reception committee is made up entirely of republicans even the mayor of the city, who is a democrat and a candidate for re-election, having been ignored. The president, when informed of the facts, immediately perceived that an attempt had been made to make political capital out of his visit, with the very possible result of injuring him if the democratic majority position were elected, and has spoken very plainly to the Illinois

senators for not informing him with regard to the election and keeping faith to the reception committee. He has further indicated to the mayor that he hopes he will participate in all ceremonies for which preparations have been made.

The report of the anthracite coal strike commission has been made public and will, in many respects, be regarded as a signal victory for the miners. They are awarded a 10 per cent increase in wages from April, 1902, to March 31, 1903. This applies to all paid regular wages and nine hour men are to be paid on a 10 hour basis. Moreover, provision is made for an increase of wages by 1 per cent for each 5 per cent increase in the wholesale price of coal over \$1.50 per ton, for pea size. All disputes are to be settled by a "joint conciliatory commission," to consist of six and to have continuous existence in each district. Three members of this committee are to be appointed by the operators and three by a majority of the miners, so that in those sections where the union men are in a majority, union men will be selected. When an agreement cannot be reached by this jointly divided commission a seventh shall be called in and he will cast the deciding vote. Such check-weighers, etc., as the miners may desire shall be appointed by them and recognized by the operators but shall be paid by the miners. The average price of coal is to be decided by a commissioner appointed by a circuit judge and paid by the operators. All increases in the size of miners' cars shall be accompanied by a proportionate increase in wages. All awards stand until March 31, 1906. Among the general recommendations made by the commission are, one urging the abolition of the custom of employing special police who, it is believed, tend to make trouble, one urging that existing laws against the employment of child labor be enforced, and a statement that the commission did not feel at liberty to recommend compulsory arbitration.

It was stated in these letters some time ago that the navy department was so pleased with the appropriation for an increased strength in the navy that all expedition would be used in constructing the new vessels. The assertion has been confirmed by the remarkable progress made. Within three months from the approval of the bill, plans will have been prepared and contracts awarded, thus breaking all records, and this notwithstanding the fact that the advertisements for bids must be out sixty days before proposals are opened. This applies to the five new ships just authorized.

Real Estate Transfers
George Daumann, Jr., treasurer, to Commissioners of Pike county, 55 acres, No. 99, Thomas Ruston, Jr., Dingman, taxes.
Commissioners of Pike to Horace O. Kipp, same land.
Horace O. Kipp to Albert Helms, same land.
Albert Helms to Chas. A. Weber, same land, \$50.
George W. Pierson to Commonwealth, Peter Brauer, 415 acres, Blooming Grove, \$630.
George Gregory, sheriff, land sold as property of F. Bergward to Wm. J. Collier, Matamoras, \$240.
J. C. Wallace to Jacob F. Wacker, land on Mott street, Milford borough, \$1,100.
Samuel Vonnle, Jr., to Commonwealth, 415 acres, Dingman, John Snyder, No. 23, \$630.
Emily Olivia Bacon to the Barnard Realty Co., land in Shobola, \$3500.

Public Sale!
The Board of Directors of the Independent School District of Milford, will expose to sale on Wednesday, the first day of April, A. D., 1903, at 2 o'clock p. m., on the grounds on Catharine street in the city of Milford, Pa., all that certain two story frame school house building, with the steam apparatus, fixtures, etc.
Terms of sale made known at time of sale and attendance given by said school board.
By order of the board.
W. T. STRUBLE,
Secretary,
Milford, Pa., March 23, 1903.

To Cure a Cold in One Day
Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. All druggists refund the money if it fails to cure. E. W. Grove's signature is on each box. 20c.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL NOTES

George Buchanan is on a trip to New York in the interest of the Big Store.
Mrs. Fred Wilson, after a visit of several weeks here, has returned to New York.
A marriage license has been granted to Harry Noack of Dingman's Ferry and Mary Rich of Scranton, Pa.
Arthur R. Pearson, who for several years has furnished his patrons in town with most excellent milk, has retired from the business.

Ministers Hear of Buddhism's Creed
The Presbyterian Ministerial Association was interestingly entertained Monday afternoon at the Free Museum of Science and Art, Thirty-third and Spruce streets, by Professor Maxwell Sommerville, of the University of Pennsylvania, who lectured on Buddhism.

Professor Sommerville began his discourse at the entrance of the Buddhist Temple. "It is well," he said, "to look into many of the religions that existed before Christ's time. There is much good in many of them. In the religion instituted by Buddha both men and women worship at the temples, but the men pray harder than the women. Before going in to pray to their heathen gods they chew rice balls into lumps, which are thrown at the guardians stationed at the entrance of the temple. If the missiles stick to the gods the worshippers go inside and supplicate the higher gods for whatever they need. Should the balls not stick they do not offer up any prayers, nor do they enter the temple."
The ministers were then shown through the temple.

Professor Sommerville dwelt at length on the life of Buddha and his teaching. He also told several interesting stories of his own travels in Japan and India. His trip and experiences in the Sahara Desert were recounted in a fascinating manner.
The history of each god and the worship he receives from the Buddhists was explained in detail.
"I have been criticized in some religious journals because I have given lectures in this temple on Sunday afternoons," said Professor Sommerville, "but many that never enter a house of God have attended these lectures, and profited thereby. Many have cried at the meetings and been converted from sin through some remark that I have made about some edifying religious practices of the followers of Buddhism."—Philadelphia Telegraph.

Reveries Body Found
Last Sunday as Eugene Hanco and a companion were strolling along the river at the lower end of Cave Bank they saw in midstream a body floating down. Procuring a boat they towed it to the shore and it was afterwards brought to Milford. On searching the clothes an Erie time slip, dated Jan. 21st, bearing name of George Reeves, was found, and it was ascertained that he had been employed in the car shops at Port Jervis and left there Jan. 29th. When or where he met his death is not known but it was evident that the body had been in the water for some time, and apparently buried in the sand. A brother residing at Hankins, N. Y., was informed and he had the body removed from here Monday evening.

Got in the Press
An excellent cut of our chief burgess, J. C. Chamberlain, appeared in the Philadelphia Press Tuesday. That most excellent paper should be more generally taken in town. People here are prone to keep well informed concerning New York but are willing to remain in considerable ignorance regarding our own state affairs. There are several good Philadelphia papers which give just as much general news as the New York dailies, besides containing a page devoted especially to state news and politics. Especially during the session of the legislature it is desirable to be informed and one would suppose that sufficient interest among his constituents would center around the speeches of the member from Pike to make state papers of great demand.

For Sale
Two houses situated corner Ann and Third streets, Milford borough, now occupied by William Williams and Frank Scott respectively. Will be vacated April first; buildings must be removed by April fifteenth. P. N. BOURNACE.

OBITUARY

Dr. Charles W. Roberts Succumbs to Heart Trouble at Scranton
Our community was saddened last week by news of the death of Dr. C. W. Roberts, who passed away at Scranton early Friday morning, March 20th. Only a short time ago he was in town arranging to open the bath cure, which business he hoped to make successful. Last season he purchased a handsome property on Ann street and had fitted it up for the purpose of conducting a treatment similar to that given at Naubem in Germany.

Dr. Roberts was born about fifty-three years ago at Florida, in Orange county. After arriving at manhood he became a clerk in a Philadelphia drug house, studied medicine and graduated at the Hahnemann medical college in that city. He practiced some time in Washington, D. C., and then located at Scranton, where he built up a large and lucrative practice.

The sudden death of his twin brother, Samuel, last fall was a severe shock and one which in his condition seemed impossible for him to overcome. For several years he had been troubled with an affection of the heart and it was for the purpose of obtaining relief that he took a trip to Naubem and he then conceived the idea of establishing baths in this country. After looking around for a proper location, Milford was so fortunate as to meet his views as to requirements and it was hoped that he would be spared to inaugurate the system here and successfully establish the business.

Dr. Roberts was a genial man and during his stay in town last summer impressed the citizens by his courteous manner, public spirit and broad minded business methods.
He is survived by his wife, who was a Miss Mary Dunning of Middletown, N. Y. The remains were conveyed to that city last Monday and interred in Hillside cemetery.

MRS. HENRY WENTZ.
(From our Matamoras Correspondent)
Margaret Connelly, wife of Henry Wentz, an engineer on the Delaware division of the Erie, died at her home, Matamoras, at 9.30 o'clock Sunday evening, after a six months' illness of Bright's disease. She was 39 years of age the 25th of last Sept. Deceased was born here, the daughter of Michael and Mary Connelly. About 10 years ago the family moved to Matamoras, and Oct. 25, 1897, the deceased was united in marriage with Henry Wentz. She was an excellent young woman, a loving mother, and a member of St. Joseph's church. She has many warm friends who deeply lament her death.
Mrs. Wentz is survived by her husband, two children, May, aged four years, and Margaret, aged six months; her parents one brother, Patrick Connelly, of Piermont, N. Y., and one sister, Ella, wife of Charles Sanford of Bridgeport, Ct.
The funeral took place from the house Wednesday morning. Interment in St. Mary's cemetery.

Borough Finances
The auditors' report shows for the year 1902-03 that the treasurer received from all sources of borough money \$2,442.54, that he paid out for sundry claims \$2,510.73, leaving a balance due him of \$68.09.
The borough indebtedness fund shows \$644.15 received by treasurer, \$569.24 paid out for bonds, interest, etc., and a balance in his hands of \$74.91.
Net amount of dog tax is \$68.59.
The amount of poor tax expended by L. Geiger was \$363.63, leaving a balance in his hands, paid over to his successor, of \$143.95. J. C. Chamberlain received of poor money \$205.90, expended \$61.25, and has a balance in hand of \$144.65.
There appears now to be of poor funds on hand \$308.58.
There appears to have been expended in finishing the borough building exclusive of furniture \$371.65.

Tragedy Averted
"Just in the nick of time" our little boy was saved," writes Mrs. W. Watkins of Pleasant City, Ohio. "Pneumonia had played and havoc with him and a terrible cough set in besides. Doctors treated him, but he grew worse every day. At length we tried Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, and our darling was saved. He's now sound, and well." Every body ought to know, it's the only sure cure for coughs, colds and all lung diseases. Guaranteed by all druggists. Price 50c and \$1. Trial bottles free.

INTERESTING NEWS ITEMS

The W. C. T. U. of East Stroudsburg has passed resolutions to try to enforce the Sunday laws against all kinds of selling.

Stroudsburg has brought suit against former county treasurers to recover the five per cent on licenses improperly retained by them.
A three year old son of J. C. Miller, residing back of the Half-Way House, was buried the first of this week. The child died last Sunday morning.

The remains of John S. Crawford, which were placed in the receiving vault here last January, were recently interred in Milford cemetery.
Palmer Deane was the successful bidder for building the abutments and wing walls of the bridge across the Sawkill on the turnpike near the Hamilton place. The contract price is \$350.

Wells' dam, which suffered damage by the high water some time ago and was repaired, was again broken out by the high water this week. Mr. Wells is now considering a stone dam which will withstand floods and decay.
The borough auditors statement does not appear in the Press because it bid \$9 for the printing and the Dispatch bid \$15. Therefore the two auditors, Frank Schorr and Chauncey Watson, awarded it to their friend, The Dispatch.

Charles P. Mott is the patentee of a knock down camp which can be erected without the use of nails or any implements and which when folded occupies a very small space. The invention will be useful for hunters and camping-out parties.
The school directors at a meeting held last Saturday evening resolved to locate the new school building on the old site on Catharine street. They now advertise the old house for sale and also give notice that they will receive bids for the erection of the new structure.

Charles G. Leland, who died last week in Florence, Italy, aged about 70 years, was the originator of the German dialect poems which became very popular. The one printed elsewhere was published in Graham's Magazine about fifty years ago, and gave the name to a book of poems.
Street Commissioner P. F. Steele, under the direction of the street committee, has done an excellent job this week scraping the mud off the streets. There is now a good solid road bed of hard gravel without hauling and dumping a lot of it on the highway to be ground up into dust for summer use. We think our officials are pursuing the proper method.

Over in Luzerne county a trolley road has been built from Wilkes-Barre to Hazleton which is operated during the day with electric cars for passengers and during the night with steam engines for freight. This solves a problem, and if the Port Jervis company would extend its line down here and operate it in the same manner it would no doubt find it a very paying proposition.
Troinkle, the murderer of Mrs. Payne, who was sought last week in the swamps of Wayne and also in the woods of Pike county, has not been heard of or seen since it was supposed he was shot at by Fred Hartman near Brill's swamp. It looks as though he was too slick to be caught in an ordinary chase. The latest report is that he was captured at Gorham, near Geneva, N. Y., Wednesday.

Gaining in Popularity
Good houses are in demand in the town and very few are offered. A gentleman well acquainted in New York remarked a day or two ago that he had heard more enquiries among city men concerning Milford in the past few months than he had in twenty years previous. This is a good omen. Now let every one, including the borough officials, make extra effort to give the town a neat and attractive appearance, showing our summer visitors that we appreciate them and thus also inviting others and there is no reason why there should not be an unusual influx of strangers here. Of course there are a few spots that will likely remain unkept and neglected eyesores, but we can show that we are doing our utmost to improve and beautify our surroundings, and it will have a good effect with our city guests.

Boston still continues to hold anti-imperialist meetings protesting against the suppression of truth about Philippines, charging cruelty, etc.

STRIKE COMMISSION FINDINGS

The Miners Both Lose and Win and are Entirely Satisfied
What the miners get:
An increase of 10 per cent in wages to contract miners, from November 1, 1902, and during the life of the award.
An increase of 10 per cent in wages to water hoisting engineers for the same period.

An increase of 10 per cent in wages to other engineers, pumpmen and firemen, from November 1, 1902, to April 1, 1903, and 5 per cent thereafter during the life of the award.
An increase of 10 per cent in the wages of all company men and other employes.
Company men and other employes not specifically provided for to be paid on the basis of a nine hour working day.
Engineers, firemen and pumpmen to work in eight hour shifts instead of twelve hour shifts.
Engineers and pumpmen to be relieved on Sundays without loss of pay.

Local boards of arbitration for the settlement of disputes in individual collieries.
A sliding scale, by which the miners' wages are increased 1 per cent for every 10 per cent increase in price of coal.
Check weighmen to be employed at the collieries by the miners at their own expense.
Uniform distribution of mine cars among the miners.
Any increase in the size of mine car or tipping to be accompanied by proportionate increase in rate paid per car.

What the operators get:
No specific recognition of the united mine workers.
The present methods of payment for coal mined shall continue unless changed by mutual agreement.
Concerted effort on the part of the mine workers to limit output except by agreement with operators forbidden.
Work not to be suspended pending settlement of matters referred to arbitration boards.
No discrimination against non-union men.
Boycott and violence condemned.
Demand that coal mined be paid for by weight refused.
Interposition of the state militia in the coal regions to preserve peace justified.

Easing the Hills
Supervisor John Schrieber has done an excellent job taking down the Conashaugh hill which was about the hardest pull on the road to Dingman's. By taking about three feet off the top and grading down to and on the bridge, the side walls of which will be raised, an excellent grade has been made. For this all travelers will be thankful. There are other places on that road where with comparatively small expense a great gain could be accomplished. The day of good roads and easy grades is surely coming and supervisors and citizens will be wise to heed the demand and not postpone such work and spend money in temporary repairs, until the matter is taken out of their hands by a state commission and improvements forced which may bear heavily on taxpayers. The fact that school directors became too parsimonious and attempted to pay wages with state appropriations and cut salaries of teachers to save school tax until the matter became so notorious as to call for legislative interference, should be a warning to those having the care of highways. Put the taxes in good, permanent improvements and in taking down hills so that when the movement for good roads comes it will have been anticipated to a great degree and you will not be burdened by doing in a short time what should have been done in the years past while you have been wasting time and money in makeshift methods of working the roads. Begin now and save future troubles which may come pretty thick.

Dedication Ceremonies at St. Louis
On account of the dedication ceremonies of the Louisiana Purchase Exposition at St. Louis, Mo., April 30th to May 2nd, and the National and International Good Roads Convention to be held at St. Louis, Mo., April 27th to May 2nd, the Erie will sell special excursion tickets from Port Jervis to St. Louis April 26th, 27th, 28th and 29th, good returning, leaving St. Louis not later than May 4th, at one fare for the round trip.

More Rites
Disturbances of strikers are not nearly as grave as an individual disorder of the system. Overwork, loss of sleep, nervous tension will be followed by utter collapse, unless a reliable remedy is immediately employed. There's nothing so efficient to cure disorders of the liver or kidneys as Electric Bitters. It's a wonderful tonic, and effective medicine and the greatest all around medicine for run down systems. It dispels nervousness, rheumatism and neuralgia and expels malaria germs. Only 50c, and satisfaction guaranteed by all druggists.

THE RAMBLER'S PICKINGS

Last Monday came very near being a rainy day.
The Wells' dam took a slide and went out again.
The sea will give up its dead and so will the river, even months after.
The site for the new school house is settled at last, and everybody who is not satisfied will have to be anyway.

Gabe Reser spent a couple of days in New York recently.
The road machine has begun operation.
The Dunbar bell ringers gave a good entertainment in Brown's Hall last Saturday evening. As usual the small boy with his noise was very much in evidence.
On account of sickness, Miss Mada Boyd has resigned the position as teacher of the Union school and the directors have engaged Miss Helen Palmer to teach out the term.
Athletic fever has struck town.

Grass is starting beautifully, soon our residents will spade up their garden patches, set out a quart of onions, plant a few peas, then the trouble will commence, stoning your neighbor's chickens and dogs.
A new man took hold of the weather Wednesday. The old residents say we will have March in April.
Wm. T. Struble was fortunate in getting his railroad ties down the river before the rise Tuesday. The high water no doubt caused more or less damage to some gain.

Lon. Greening was in town Tuesday, having in his possession some blooming trailing arbutus, rather early.
Madam Jardon is spending a few days in New York.
Some of the old landmarks on Ann street will soon disappear. It will be an improvement.
John J. Poillon is home after some months spent in New York.

HANS BREITMANN'S PARTY

Hans Breitmann gife a barty,
Dey had blaino-blayin;
I felled in lofe mit a 'Merican frau,
Her name vas Madilla Yane.
She hat haars as grown ash a pretzel,
Her eyes vas himmel-blue,
Und dey lookt into mine,
Dey shpilt mine heart in two.

Hans Breitmann gife a barty,
I vent dere you'll be pouned.
I valst mit Madilla Yane
Und vent shpinne round and round,
De postleit Fraulein in de House,
She sayed 'pout two honderd pound
Und efery dime ash gife a shump
Und make de windows sound.

Hans Breitmann gife a barty,
I dells you it cost him dear.
Dey rolled in more ash sefen keeks
Of foot-stare Lager Beer.
Und vefere dey knoofs de shpicket in
De Deutschers gife a cheer.
I dinks dat so vint a barty.
Nefer soom to a het day.

Hans Breitmann gife a barty,
Dere all vas Souss and Brouse,
Yeu de sooper coomed in, de gompany
Did make demselves to house;
Dey ste das Brot und Genay broest,
De Bratvasser und Bresten flest,
Und vash der Abendessen down
Mit four parcels of Neckarwels.

Hans Breitmann gife a barty,
We all cot troock ash bige.
I took mine moult to a parcel of beer
Und emptied it out mit a schwig.
Und denn I gland Madilla Yane.
Und she shlog me on de kop,
Und de gompany fted mit duple-locks
Dill de constable made oos shlop.

Hans Breitmann gife a barty—
Where ish de lofely golden cloud
Dat float on de moundain's prow?
Where ish de himmelstrahlende Stern
De shiar of de shpirt's light?
All goodn afay mit de Lager Beer—
Afay in de ewigkitt!
—Charles G. Leland.

Unclaimed Letters.
List of unclaimed letters remaining in the post office at Milford for the week ending March 28, 1903:
Miss Mary Fisher, A. M. Clark, D. Reiss.
Persons claiming the above will please say "Advertised" and give date of this list.
CHARLES LATIMORE, P. M.