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AT THE NATIONAL CAPITAL.

Extra Session Avoided.—Minority Claim a Victory on Army Bill.—Representative Johnson Wrathful Again.

An immediate extra session of the next congress was avoided when the agreement was reached on the army bill, but there are indications that cause many to think an extra session probable in the near future. Things are in a more critical condition in the Philippines than is indicated by anything given out officially. Dewey's cable to hurry the battleship Oregon was given out inadvertently at the navy department, and the officials have since been trying to make the public believe that it had no significance. They are fooling nobody. Dewey's record isn't that of a man who does things without cause. He thought he needed the Oregon or he would not have sent that message, and it is well known that he doesn't need the battleship to fight the Filipinos. It has been feared in Washington ever since the Filipino attempt to burn Manila several days ago was known, that the destruction of property might be made an excuse for meddling by Germany or other foreign powers or a combination of powers. Long-headed men believe that there is greater danger of a war with Germany now, than there was at any time while our war with Spain was going on, and should their fears be realized, congress would at once have to be called in extra session.

The minority senators claim that they won a great victory in the army bill, but the more the new bill is examined, the less substantial their claim appears. It looks more like a bunco than a victory. The administration senators have secured from the minority about everything that the Hull bill would have given them and have escaped the extra session of congress, which everybody knows the administration dreaded. True, the new army bill only provides for the increase of men for only two years from next July, but that amounts to nothing when it is remembered that a majority of both houses of the next congress will give the administration any additional army legislation it may ask for.

A speech made by Senator Sewall who is an administration man when it comes to voting, has attracted considerable attention. He expressed regret that Dewey should have remained at Manila after his great victory, and that he should have undertaken to control the Philippines, which, he said, contain a population of ten million persons who are almost uncontrollable. He said that we must now make the best of the situation, and that if he was president he would send enough troops to make short work of the Filipinos, even to the extent of wiping them out entirely, if they could be pacified in no other way. He predicted that this government would find it impossible to satisfy the Cubans, and it was only a question of time when we would have war with them. And he intimated that the Cuban Junta was as likely to have been responsible for the blowing up of the Maine as Spain was. The speech would have caused a sensation uttered by any senator, but the effect was heightened by Senator Sewall's close relation with the administration.

The senate passed the river and harbor bill with the Nicaragua canal amendment, with only three dissenting votes—Petigrew, Rawlins and Teller—and friends of the canal in the house say that they have strength enough to prevent the amendment being voted out of the bill, and parliamentary skill enough to prevent its being juggled out.

Representative Johnson of Indiana, made another highly sensational speech attacking not only the policy of the president, but his personal integrity, but it did not receive as much attention as his first speech he made along similar lines, the general impression being that Mr. Johnson is trying to get even with the president he helped elect, for some real or fancied personal grievance.

Secretary Alger's position is anything but a pleasant one at this time.

It is well known that some of the president's friends wish to get Alger out of the cabinet, and that having failed up to this time to get the president to ask for his resignation, they have tried to bring about his resignation by other methods, one of which is believed to be responsible for the constantly repeated stories that the resignation was about to be forthcoming. Secretary Alger has served notice upon these men, and incidentally upon the president, that he will not willingly resign, by stating that so far as his own will is concerned, he intends remaining in the cabinet until the end of the administration.

The failure of Chairman Boutell of the house naval committee, to satisfactorily explain why the bill reported, appropriated \$545 a ton to pay for Krupp armor for the battleships Maine, Missouri and Ohio, and to tell what foreign governments were paying for the same armor, resulted in the house reducing the amount to \$445 a ton. In order to get the amount restored the navy department has placed the information before the senate that might have prevented the reduction being made by the house. Russia is paying \$575 a ton for the Krupp armor that is being used on the two war ships the Cramps are building, and Great Britain is paying \$568 a ton for the same armor. The two American companies which make armor offered to furnish the Krupp armor for the four battleships for \$545 a ton; hence the placing of that amount in the bill.

Residents of the Mississippi bottom near Ava, Illinois, are greatly wrought up over a strange and fatal disease. In fourteen days there were fourteen burials in one little cemetery. The disease takes hold of the victim somewhat like the new disease did horses and mules early in the fall. As yet no one has been able to find a remedy. Some are of the belief that the disease is caused from eating cornbread made of meal manufactured from worm poisoned corn, and it is reported that the doctors have forbidden the use of meal. The malady has not made its appearance in the hill country, and as corn bread is greatly used by farmers living along the river, it is possible that there is some cause for believing that the meal is poisoned by worms.

I have been afflicted with rheumatism for fourteen years and nothing seemed to give any relief. I was able to be around all the time, but constantly suffering. I had tried everything I could hear of and at last was told to try Chamberlain's Pain Balm, which I did, and was immediately relieved and in a short time cured. I am happy to say that it has not since returned.—JOSEPH EDGAR, Germantown, Cal. For sale by H. E. Grice.

For every session of the legislature Colorado pays out thousands of dollars to have the session laws published in Spanish because a lot of greasers in the south part of the state refuse to go to English schools and learn the language. This is a disgrace to the state. Not one in twenty can read any language. The printing is a straight steal and the Colorado legislature needs no extra inducements in this line.

Rev. E. Edwards, pastor of the English Baptist church, at Minersville, Pa., when suffering with rheumatism, was advised to try Chamberlain's Pain Balm. He says: A few applications of this liniment proved of great service to me. It subdued the inflammation and relieved the pain. Should any sufferer profit by giving Pain Balm a trial it will please me. For sale by H. E. Grice.

The neighbors of two old men in an Ohio town found them drunk in their cabin, with a hot fire in the stove, and for fear they would be burned to death put out the fire and left them. The precaution showed great foresight, for in the morning both were found frozen stiff, which science claims is a much more comfortable means of dying than by fire.

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SCISSORS AND PASTE POT.

"The American mule follows the flag," remarks an exchange. That is not true of the American jackass. He tries to keep the flag from going anywhere.

As we understand it, the anti-expansionists think that it was real mean in the American troops not to retreat when the Filipinos began to shoot.—Beaver City Tribune.

A young lady from Fairfield attended the concert at the Kerr Friday night and in removing her hat she also removed a layer of her top hair that resembled a bale of alfalfa.—Hastings Tribune.

An exchange remarks that "Senator Hoar spoke for two hours and ten minutes against expansion, but he failed to offset the four hours fighting that Dewey did for expansion on the first of May last."

The Omaha repeaters seem to be bound to expose themselves next summer whether they receive recognition from the government or not. They will only expose their lack of common sense and good judgment.—Ex.

The kind hearted but inexperienced city girl who recently expressed so much sympathy for the farmer because of his cold job in harvesting his winter wheat, is believed to be the same one who expressed a desire to see a field of tobacco when it was plugging out.

In the write up of a funeral an exchange says: "The deceased lay quietly in the casket." That was an undecorous thing to do. There is nothing that would mar the solemnity of a funeral more than for the corpse to get up and circulate among the mourners. It would reflect on the gentility of his breeding.

The dispatches from Manila say that the Twentieth Kansas captured a brewery in the suburbs of Manila. We are led to suppose that this is the cause of the great fighting qualities of the Kansas regiment. However the Hutchinson (Kansas) News remarks that it "hoped the boys immediately 'destroyed' all of the product on hand and kept up the reputation of their state."

A young man living in Blue Springs advertised for a wife under an assumed name and his sister answered under an assumed name. Photographs were exchanged and the sister felt so humiliated that she told her mother. The

mother broke the news to father who remarked that it was pretty hard to have two fools in one family and the incident was closed.

Don't judge a man by the clothes he wears. God made the one and the tailor made the other. Don't judge a man by his family relations, for Cain belonged to a good family. Don't judge him by his speech, for a parrot talks, and the tongue is but an instrument of sound. Don't judge a man by his failure in life, for many a man fails because he is too honest to succeed.—Ex.

A Joplin, Missouri, paper says that a woman preacher at that place recently stopped in the middle of a discourse and picking up a bible said she was going to throw it at a man who was unfaithful to his wife. As she drew her arm backward every man in the church but one ducked under the seat. After giving the man who stood without flinching a good puff, as the newspapers call it, she learned that he was a deaf mute.

A girl who gives away to a desire to gad about the streets and cultivate the acquaintance of young men and acting the simpering simpleton, is laying the foundation for a useless after life. Ten to one after she is married she will develop into a slatternly gossip, if no greater misfortune befalls her. It is the girl of good sound sense, the girl that loves home and helps mother that wins the model husband and becomes an ornament to womanhood. The girl that does this and devotes some of her time to reading tries to win the esteem of everybody, while the gadding street ornament wins the admiration that is not worth having.

The printing press has made presidents; killed poets, furnished bustles for beauties, and polished genius with criticism. It has made worlds get up in the morning, given the pulpit lungs of iron and a voice of steam. It has set a price on a bushel of wheat and made the country postoffice the glimmering goal of the rural scribe. It has curtailed the power of kings, embellished the pantry shelves and cursed rings. It has converted bankers into paupers, and made sawyers of college presidents. It has educated the homeless and robbed the philosopher of his reason. It smiles and kicks, cries and dies, but it can't be run to suit everybody and an editor is a fool to undertake it.

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