

WASHINGTON LETTER.

Some News Collected at the National Capitol by Our Regular Correspondent.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 10, 1901. The first public example of the dignified and concerted opposition which will be offered by the democratic minority in Congress was afforded by the dissenting report of the democrats of the House committee on ways and means, on the Philippine tariff bill which was presented to the House on last Friday.

Mr. Richardson presented the minority report which denounced the measure as "another step in the well marked line of imperialism." The report goes on to say that "We oppose the whole policy of the majority in dealing with the Philippine archipelago. We believe that instead of the effort they are making to set up and hold permanent colonies, there should long since have been inaugurated a policy assuring to the people of those islands stable government and their ultimate independence."

The report goes on to demonstrate how thoroughly impractical, even from a commercial standpoint, is the republican policy and submits that in addition to the original \$20,000,000 paid to Spain for the islands it has cost the government the past year \$85,000,000 to maintain the army of occupation, without taking into account the increased expense of naval service and the appalling number of lives which have been sacrificed. In return for all this the United States has received from the islands trade amounting, during the past year, to \$5,327,706, while foreign nations have received Philippine trade amounting to \$48,000,000 during the same period.

The minority report will, of course, have no effect upon the course of the majority and the bill will be discussed during the next two days and on Wednesday will be passed by the House. Richardson's report may, however, have the effect of opening the eyes of the public to the frightful price the country is paying for the gratification of republican imperialism.

There has been no party division on the question of an isthmian canal and after a full discussion of the provisions of the Hay-Panama treaty it will come up for ratification by the Senate. It will meet with a serious opposition. The majority of the Senators who will vote for ratification believe that under the terms of the treaty the United States will have the right to fortify the canal, to grant concessions in the way of rates to her own coastwise trade and to close the canal to an enemy in time of war.

The Senate committee on isthmian canals has reported Senator Morgan's bill, providing for the construction of the Nicaragua canal and carrying an appropriation of \$180,000,000. The House committee on interstate and foreign commerce has voted to report favorably the Hepburn bill providing for the construction of the same canal. The vote in favor of the bill included all the members of the committee with the exception of Mr. Chandler.

Chairman Hepburn was instructed to push the bill for immediate passage in the House, and as he will have the assistance of both parties on the floor of the House it is probable that it will come up for discussion immediately after the holiday recess.

Senator Frye has come out with a defence of his ship subsidy bill which by the way, does not defend but which will be made the most of by the republicans in favor of the bill. It is more than probable that in view of his position as president of the Senate he will be able to exert sufficient influence to carry the measure in that body but it is doubtful if even the combined efforts of Senators Frye and Hanna can make it go down with the House. It has always been the House that has stood between the people and this sort of class legislation and, as far back as 1891 that body defeated a similar attempt on the part of the Senator from Maine, to turn into the pockets of private steamship owners a generous share of the public funds.

The decision rendered on Friday by the Schley Court of Inquiry has resulted in a bitter disappointment for a large majority of the people of the United States. The selection of Admiral Dewey as president of the court led the people to believe that Admiral Schley would receive the fairest treatment and that a verdict which would practically exonerate him would be rendered. Some of the more conservative pointed out that on merely technical grounds the court admiral had been negligent in that he had not been diligent in finding certain duties and no one believed that Admiral Dewey would flinch from criticising his brother officer if he found grounds for so doing. As it is, the people have, from the minority report submitted by Admiral Dewey, grounds for believing that even from a technical standpoint there was nothing reprehensible in the admiral's conduct and, at the same time they have the opinion of the majority of the court that he was guilty on every count of the "precept." Needless to say the friends of the admiral feel that the navy department knew what it was doing when it selected the officers who sat with Admiral Schley and that a fair trial has not yet been had. Attorney Hays, who worked so hard to clear out Hays from any charge, expresses himself as bitterly disappointed and believes that Admiral Schley should appeal to the civil courts for vindication. Whether the admiral will feel that he can afford such a course or not remains to be seen. In the meantime it is believed that Congress will take up the matter and make a thorough investigation.

Of Benefit to You. Mitchell, Fulford, Md. "I was troubled with a cold, and was advised to try DeWitt's Little Blue Pills and did so with wonderful results. It is perfectly cured. It is the best salve on the market. Sure cure for piles, sores, burns, Borears of children. J. S. Denny and Wyo Mills drug store.

NEWS OF THE WEEK.

Local and Other News of Interest for Our Readers in a Brief Way.

Go to Perry's for bargains. Buy Perry's home made mince meat. The boys and girls are enjoying skating. Perry can give you plenty of nice creamery butter.

The time for the annual swear off is rapidly approaching. A large sack of salt for hog killing at Kinnamon's for \$1.15. In this issue will be found the winter schedule of the Queen Anne's Railroad.

The nearly woods are being searched for Christmas trees, holly, evergreen, etc. A man with small family wanted to work on farm. See advertisement for particulars.

Moving will soon be in full swing, and a number of changes will be made in our town. Notwithstanding the cold weather our huntsmen have been putting in full time this week.

Our oystermen have been keeping good watch on the oyster beds, it being too cold to work. Don't forget the low-rate excursion to Baltimore, next Monday, 23, via Queen Anne's Railroad.

Although a little early, Santa Claus has been visiting our merchants and trying his supply. I have for sale a handsome young mare, 6 years old and fine driver. Eleven months credit. S. E. Kirby.

It strikes us that the "I-told-you-so" attitude of the weather man concerning the cold wave is unbecomingly almost sure to follow the storm. The north Atlantic sea and coasts will be visited severely by winter storms about this time.

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DECEMBER WEATHER.

Rev. I. Hicks Gives us Some Points and Predicts a White Christmas.

December begins in the midst of a regular storm period, near the center of the mercury and Venus disturbances. A low barometer with generally threatening weather and active storms will spread over much of the country from west to east by the 1st and 2nd and rains will have turned to snow and sleet in the west and north, with a high barometer, blizzard and cold wave coming into view from the northwest.

Some of the heaviest and most general sleet storms of the winter will be central on the 5th, extending to be central on the 10th. The moon being on the celestial equator on the 3rd, heavy storms, with electrical phenomena southward, are likely to continue until after that date.

Threatening and unsettled weather may be generally expected, with renewed storm of sleet and snow about the 5th and 6th. These are reactionary storm days, calling for falling barometer, change to warmer and rain, turning to blizzards of sleet and snow and cold wave just behind the area of low barometer and higher temperature. Look for some local weather over most parts of the country between the 3th and 9th.

On and about the 9th, another low barometer will start eastward from western extremes, will grow rapidly warmer and by the 11th marked storm disturbances will be organized and starting on their eastward journey. From about Wednesday the 11th to Saturday the 14th, these storms of rain, sleet, snow and gales will pass over the country to the Atlantic coasts. Look out for possible blockades of sleet and snow, storm periods and the sweeping cold wave almost sure to follow the storm. The north Atlantic sea and coasts will be visited severely by winter storms about this time.

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DAY SCRAPPERS.

They Invade the Dogmen's Grounds and Steal the Bivalves.

The oystermen on the Eastern bay are complaining about the intrusion of scrapers. They maintain that the present force is insufficient to ward them off and that better protection is needed. The Talbot oystermen are also troubled considerably, as expressed in the following letter: "Our local oystermen are, and have just cause for complaining about the intrusion of the scrapers upon the bays reserved for the tongers' sole use. Not many days ago seven scrape boats were in full view of our town's oystermen, holding a scraping carnival upon the bars inside Tighman's point, where the tongers are supposed to have exclusive rights. A few days ago a telegraphic message was sent from here to commander of the State fishery force, Thomas C. B. Howard at Annapolis. Therein was briefly set out the condition adversely affecting our oystermen both here and at St. Michaels. It is Captain White's duty, of the police boat Frolic to keep these intruders under surveillance and run them out of the waters reserved for the tongers. If he cannot do it, put a man in command of the Frolic who can and will enforce the law. This is what our tongers of the deep expect and demand, and there is no doubt but what this is the sentiment of their co-laborers upon the opposite side of Miles river. Within the past ten days the steamer Melrose or the steamer Thomas with Commander Howard most likely aboard, has been on the alert, flashing the searchlight over the waters at night. The presence of Commander Howard or his authorized representative, will run the scraping intruders out of the forbidden waters."

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Unconscious From a Fall. William Durney, the 13-year-old son of Mr. Wm. C. Durney, of Centerville, met with what would seem to be a fatal accident, Tuesday afternoon by being thrown from a horse. The young man was exercising the horse and it is supposed the horse fell, throwing the boy heavily upon the frozen ground. No one was near the young man when he was thrown but a number of persons were present shortly afterwards and he was taken to the office of Dr. Corkran by Mr. Joseph M. Bartlett. He was in an unconscious condition. The side of his face is badly bruised but no bones are broken but it is feared that he is suffering from concussion of the brain.

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