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**WASHINGTON LETTER**

From our Regular Correspondent.

The politico-social ball has begun. Congress—the pulse of the national capital—throbs again with its wonted vitality. Congress in session means a great deal to Washington. This time it means the opening up of the political and legislative machinery at least three months earlier than usual and with the probabilities that once it is set in motion it will continue to operate until June roses bloom again. With the presence of the government's official heads and of most of those folks whose personality and hospitality assist in making the capital one of the most unique and interesting cities in the world, there is good reason why that undeniable power commonly called "society" should not also have a big inning. It will have much to do, for political asperities must be tempered, and there are clouds that need to be brightly lined. It can be stated on the authority of the greatest travelers that so far as physical comfort is concerned it is impossible to strike a better average—climatic or otherwise—than in this city by the Potomac; a fact well worth remembering. In September the "season" will be well on, and the activity will know no cessation until the coming of midsummer heat, almost a year hence.

What will congress do? How long will it take to do it? These are the more important questions asked in financial circles, but of course they remain unanswered, and so long as that dubious condition remains, there is but little chance for a material improvement of the situation. There are two things a large proportion of the people of this country want congress to do. First, something which will restore confidence in our currency. Second, something that will help bring about international bimetalism. There are various opinions about the Sherman law, and there are also differences of opinion as to removing the tax on state banks. These two subjects are firebrands which may keep congress talking for months, while the industries of the country are suffering. Why not leave them for discussion at a later time, and let congress enact a law declaring that it is the settled policy of this country to keep every dollar as good as every other dollar, and instructing the president to sell gold bonds, in order to make this policy effective. Such a declaration, followed by the sale of twenty-five millions of bonds, would restore confidence, and would go a long way towards bringing about an international bimetallic agreement. But the president should have authority to sell five hundred millions of bonds if he should think it necessary. The objection that the sale of bonds will increase our interest account should not have weight. It is absolutely as nothing, compared to the vital importance of doing something to start up the wheels of industry and make trade possible. We are losing more every day than the interest on a hundred million bonds would come to in a year. Let congress act at once in a decisive manner to restore confidence in all classes of the country's currency.

There is excellent authority for the statement that Mr. Cleveland will send a special message to congress at its extra session in regard to the Hawaiian question. Preparations to that end have been completed at the state department. It is learned that Minister Blount regards the situation as extremely critical, and that he has advised prompt action on the part of this government as the only way of averting serious trouble on the islands. He says the people are chafing over the delay on the part of this government to act on their appeal for annexation, and are beginning to feel that they are being trifled with.

The friends of ex-President Harrison in Washington are displeased at the announcement which has been widely circulated declaring that a secret organization of clubs had been formed to re-enter him for the presidential race in 1896, which was placarding the state of Indiana under the direction of Gen. L. T. Michener. Gen. Michener says he is not connected with any such scheme. "The next presidential campaign is a long way off," he remarked. "No one can tell whether the conditions which would lead to a demand for Gen. Harrison's renomination will exist in 1896. Should there be a movement to bring him to the front again, it will not come through the medium of a secret society. No one knows or can prophesy what may be the political situation in 1896."

It is stated at the treasury department that there is no likelihood of the resumption of the issue of gold certificates until the free gold stands from seven to ten millions above the reserve. The free gold is now nearly \$900,000.

Mr. Cleveland looks visibly fatigued. His face is bronzed by exposure to the sun as a result of his outings on Buzzard's bay and he looks stouter than he did when he left Washington. There is no trace of rheumatism in his walk,

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