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Our Washington Letter

Special to the News from our regular Correspondent.

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 12.—Congress gave an exhibition of rapid transit legislation, as well as of the touch of nature which makes the whole world kin, when it broke all previous records, in making an appropriation of \$200,000 for the relief of the sufferers from the floods in the Mississippi River and its tributaries and in the Red River of the North. Inside of two hours President McKinley's special message, setting forth the urgent need of help for the flood sufferers, was read in both House and Senate, the resolution unanimously adopted, signed by the President, and the money made available for immediate use.

For the first time, excepting Sundays, of course, since the fourth of March the White House is free from a crowd of office seekers. It isn't free because the office-seekers have gone away, but because the President has gone down the Potomac River on the U. S. S. Dolphin for two or three days rest. Seeing a thousand or more persons every day is calculated to worry the strongest man into a nervous wreck, and that is about what Mr. McKinley has been doing right along.

Speaker Reed surprised the House and the public by making a speech purporting to explain why he had not appointed the House committees. He said in effect that the time had been too short for him to become well enough acquainted with the 150 new members to give them proper committee assignments and that he was following a precedent made by the late James G. Blaine at a similar extra session of Congress. He also said that he would welcome any action by the House, if at any time he was not properly carrying out its wishes. This was throwing down the gauntlet to his critics sure enough, but after all it was merely stating facts as they are. It is the majority of the House that has conferred the great authority wielded by the Speaker, and it is always in the power of the majority to recall that authority.

The Senate lost no time in confirming the nomination of Hon. Benjamin Butterworth to be Commissioner of Patents, and that was not strange, as it is probable that with the exception of several of the new ones every Senator is his personal friend. Few men are better known in Washington and none are better liked than Mr. Butterworth. During his long service in the House he made no enemies, although he never lost an opportunity to stand up for his convictions, political and otherwise. There never was a time when a man of his

courage, sterling integrity, and knowledge of patent law and practice was more needed at the head of the Patent Office, and there is little doubt that he will so far as his authority extends, bring about a speedy reform in some of the practices of certain attorneys who have been more intent upon skinning their clients than in maintaining the honor of the profession by rendering honest service for money received.

The unprejudiced individual can extract considerable amusement from the talk of the democrats and republicans about the news from the municipal elections held this week in Ohio and elsewhere. The republicans pooh, pooh the whole matter as merely local and of not the slightest value as a pointer in national politics, while the democrats insist that the returns indicate a great change in public sentiment since the Presidential elections are held.

There are men, usually well-informed, who say that the Cuban debate in the Senate on the resolution requesting the President to prevent the killing of Gen. Riviera, now a prisoner in the hands of the Spanish, which was adopted, and on the joint resolution for the recognition of Cuban belligerency, which is pending, was not started so much to help Cuba as it was to try to "get even" with Speaker Reed for having adopted the do-nothing programme for the House which promises to make delay on the tariff bill by the Senate so glaringly conspicuous. They think it would be paying Mr. Reed back in his own coin to have the Cuban sympathizers of the country hold him responsible for the failure of legislation in behalf of Cuba, and they know that the belligerency resolution cannot be put through the House by unanimous consent, and that there is no other way for it to get through in the absence of a committee to report it. The Riviera resolution is regarded as merely buncombe, because it is understood that before it was offered the Spanish minister had told Secretary Sherman that Riviera would not be executed.

Every newspaper man in Washington is glad that Mr. Theodore Roosevelt, called among the boy "our Teddy" is coming back. He is to be Assistant secretary of the Navy, but no matter what he is or where he is he is always a good "copy-maker," and consequently is liked by newspaper writer. Sec. Long, who insisted upon having Mr. Roosevelt for his assistant, may not be so glad of his success in getting him a few months from this time as he is now, if those who know the two men well are not mistaken in saying that Mr. Roosevelt is much the ablest. However, it is no new thing for men to have their superiors in brains and ability for subordinates, and will not necessarily make trouble.

The Dallas Times-Mountaineer says that one of the best evidence of the approach of spring was seen on the streets last Saturday. It was a wagon with a canvas cover, campstove attached to the rear carrying a regular old-fashioned family of a man and wife and 10 children, ranging from 1 to 15 years of age. When these pilgrims start out on the road you may rest assure that spring is here.

Some time ago the Southern Pacific rail-road obtained an injunction to restrain the city of Albany from improving Ninth street, in the matter of running across the railway company's right of way near the depot. The case was heard in Judge Hewitt's court, and he has rendered his decision, in favor of the city, dissolving the injunction.

State News Notes.

[Form our Exchanges.]

There are said to be only two woolen mills idle in Rhode Island.

The farmers throughout the state are busy getting seed into the ground. Plowing and sowing is general.

William Waldorf Astor owns 4000 houses in New York city, and has an income of more than \$6,000,000 a year.

A well attended meeting of the Umpqua Valley Sugar Beet Association was held at Myrtle Point last week. The next meeting will be held May 1, when the committee on acreage is expected to make its report.

W. L. Simeral, lately appointed farmer at the reform school, filled his resignation as stock inspector of Marion county last Wednesday. Cyrus Reed has been recommended by the state veterinarian as Simeral's successor.

Hon. J. S. Smith has bought the Albany Imprint. He can now give us a true account of the legislative hold up. U'Ren stated that the Davis gang received but \$100 each, and rumor says they got as much as \$1,700 each. How about it?—Jefferson Review.

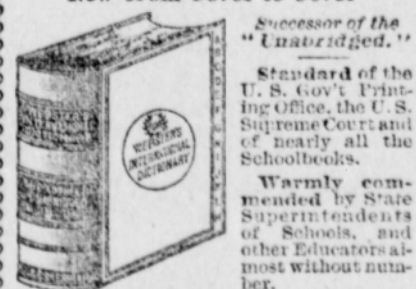
Although the waters of the Indian Ocean are filled with voracious sharks, the inhabitants of the numerous islands near Ceylon swim about in the water with impunity, the sharks refusing to molest them, while a stranger would be instantly devoured.

Many of our business men have expressed a willingness to assist in the erection of a stamp mill at Grant's Pass to do custom work, and a proposition will soon be presented to them to take stock in such an enterprise. The promoters of the scheme are practical men and wish, besides, to construct a small foundry and machine shop with sufficient machinery to make hydraulic pipe.—Mining Journal.

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