

OUR WASHINGTON LETTER.

[SPECIAL TO THE NEWS.]

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 30.—One of the most sensational scenes of the session preceded the action of the House in striking out of the Post Office appropriation bill the clause providing for the support and extension of the pneumatic tube mail service in cities for the next fiscal year. It was caused by the charge of Representative Moody of Mass., that the company owning the service had bribed and attempted to bribe members of Congress, and that a member of the House committee of Appropriations was a large owner of stock in the company. He also charged that Mr. Neillson, who was Assistant Postmaster General under the last Cleveland administration and who is now vice-president of the pneumatic tube company, was paid money and stock to advocate pneumatic tubes for the postal service.

Root's Secretary answer to a Senate resolution of enquiry shows that four army officers are receiving allowances from the Cuban revenues, aggregating \$16,100 a year, because it was considered necessary to enable them to meet expenses connected with the positions they hold in Cuba. Accompanying the answer were copies of acts of Congress of March 3, 1849 and February 3, 1853 approving similar allowances to army officers who performed civil functions in Mexico and California, under the War Department; also a copy of the order of Secretary Alger, dated March 1, 1899, making the allowances. Secretary Root closed his letter to the Senate by saying: "The said payments were authorized by the President of the U. S. upon the oral advice of the Attorney General that the same were in all respects lawful."

The decision of the Senate by a margin of one vote to deny Mr. Quay a seat, on the appointment of the Gov. of Pa., was a surprise to all except those who manipulated the schemes which brought it about. Such cases are supposed to be decided by the Constitutional opinions of Senators, but this case was not so decided, although there is no doubt that the Constitution influenced the vote of most of the Senators. If the inside history of this case is ever written, more than one man occupying a high position will hang his head for shame. A contest for a seat in the U. S. Senate is not the proper field for even- ing up on personal grievances, but there is little doubt that it was so used in the Quay case. The populist Senators, except Pettigrew who did not vote at all, voted against Mr. Quay. The other votes against him were 14 democrats and 13 republicans.

Every few years the Treasury Department finds it necessary to notify the country that there are no great sums of money in the U. S. Treasury belonging either to heirs of men who loaned the government money in Revolutionary days, or to the heirs of those whose claims against foreign countries have been paid into the U. S. Treasury for distribution. These warnings are all that the officials can do to head off the sharpers who from time to time swindle those who are willing to put up money for a share in such claims, as there is no law under which they can be reached. Bonds are being sold in parts of the west on the basis of a promise to pay \$1,000 in case of success in collecting the claims for each \$10 invested. It would be just as safe to promise a million for each penny invested.

Representative McCleary, of Minn., accompanied by the editor of the Minneapolis Journal Junior,

which raised the money, and by Archie Cadzow, the boy who originated the idea, called on Admiral Dewey, at his suburban residence, Wednesday morning, and presented him with a handsome gold watch, inscribed as follows: "Presented to Admiral George Dewey, U. S. N., by the children of Minneapolis and the Northwest, May 1, 1900. Each donor contributed 1 cent."

The politicians are all laughing at the New York Herald for the mess it has made in its editorial attempt to handle national politics. Several days after Admiral Dewey's candidacy was announced the Herald came out with a column leader, as nearly supporting Dewey as it ever gets to supporting anybody. This week, probably because the growth of the Dewey boom failed to meet its expectation, the Herald came out with a leader practically declaring in favor of the reelection of President McKinley and containing argument in favor of his making a better President than Dewey. The last editorial was headed by Lincoln's advice—"Don't swap horses while crossing a stream." The Herald is one of the world's greatest newspapers, but nobody ever takes its political utterances seriously. Nobody could, for any length of time; they change too fast.

Only the interference of members of the House committee on Military Affairs prevented a fist fight between Bartlett Sinclair, who was the representative of the Gov. of Idaho during the labor riots, who was on the witness stand, and lawyer Robertson, who represents the mineas organizations. Sinclair called Robertson a liar and the latter, reaching over the head of a stenographer, struck at Robertson's face and made a break to try to get at him. No Congressional investigation of late years has brought more bad blood to the surface than this one, and it isn't yet over.

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W. C. Poiran,
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