

OUR WASHINGTON LETTER.

[SPECIAL TO THE NEWS.]

WASHINGTON, D. C., June 18.—It is evident that Major-General E. S. Otis is not regarded as a popular hero by the people of Washington. He was in the city twice this week, but outside of official circles his presence created not even a ripple of interest, and there was not even a semblance of any sort of popular demonstration in his honor. In view of the position he has held in the Philippines for a year and a half this is really surprising. More surprising too, from the fact that yesterday, spent by him in Washington, was "Flag-day," when a universal exhibition of Old Glory had a tendency to stir up the patriotism of the people. That General Otis is a favorite of the President and of Secretary Root is certain, but it is equally certain that he is not a favorite with the people.

Two Cabinet meetings this week were almost entirely devoted to the Chinese revolution and its probable effect upon American commercial interests in China. Members of the administration do not attempt to hide their anxiety about it. So long as the trouble is confined to fighting between Chinese soldiers and the "Boxers," as the revolutionists are called, it would not matter much to us, but the latest news indicates the danger of a general breakup in China and a war of outside Nations for control of the territory. That would be a very serious thing for our commercial interests over there, and might easily involve us in the war. That would not please the administration any more than it would please the people, yet the administration knows that it must protect our commercial interests and take the chances of having to fight for them. The situation is serious enough to cause anxiety.

Admiral Schley has added to his popularity in Washington, always great, by a letter stating that he knows nothing about politics, wants no political office, and would under no circumstances accept a nomination to one. That is just the sort of talk that was expected from Schley. It was also expected from Dewey, but ambitious wives have influenced other men before George Dewey was born.

The Court of Claims, in passing upon the case involving the payment of prize money for the destruc-

tion of the Spanish fleet, off Santiago, decided that Sampson, as commander-in-chief of the American squadron during the battle, is entitled to \$8,335 and Schley, as commander of a division of the squadron under Sampson, to about \$3,000.

If the plan meets with the approval of the National Committees, for if one party has them the other will too, there will be something new introduced in this year's campaign. The novelty is graphophone talks by prominent party men. Agents of the graphophone company have had statesmen cooped up in a number of committee rooms at the Capitol for hours at a time recently, talking stump speeches into the phone. These have been taken to Philadelphia to be exhibited before the National Committee, which will decide upon the merits of graphophone spell-binding. If approved, there will be no obstacle in the way of the smallest community hearing the biggest men in the party as often as they wish, and energetic proprietors of cross-road stores will supply themselves with talks of all kinds which will be ground out to suit their customers. There are difficulties, however. The human voice when repeated by the graphophone, loses that magnetic quality which is at times capable of rousing masses of men into high pitches of enthusiasm and becomes a series of jerking, squeaking, comic sounds.

Mr. M. F. Thompson, Secretary of the Southern Industrial Convention, made a sensational attack upon labor organizations in his testimony before the Industrial Commission this week, declaring their influence to be more dangerous to the perpetuation of our government in its purity and power than would be the hostile array on our borders of the armies of the entire world combined. A number of prominent labor organization men were present and heard Mr. Thompson. They were not surprised, as his reputation as an anti-Union man was well known to them. Such sentiments as those expressed by Mr. Thompson are so radical that they carry little weight, even with men who are opposed to the labor organizations.

The big politicians have been trying to get a little fun out of the uncertainties of the Vice Presidency in both parties. It is quite common when they meet for them to

ask each other, with a sly wink. "How would you like to be the Vice President?" While both parties have a surplus of willing candidates who will have to grow some more before they get big enough for the position, there is a disposition on the part of those who are already big enough to fill it to fight shy of the nomination and to act as though they would not have it unless it was forced upon them.

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