

## OUR WASHINGTON LETTER.

[SPECIAL TO THE NEWS.]

WASHINGTON, D. C. July 2.— Uncle Sam has taken up a new war burden. Not because he wanted to but because there was nothing else for him to do. Americans and American commerce in China had to be protected, and as for the time the interests of all foreigners in China are the same, the burden of war will be shared with the other civilized nations. Besides the U. S. naval forces, a brigade of regular troops will be sent from the Philippines to China—a portion of the brigade will be on Chinese soil before this is in print. Gen. Chaffee, who will command the U. S. force in China, like all the other officers who have risen from the ranks, has a fighting record. He will sail from San Francisco, on the transport Grant, July 1, and with him will go the 6th cavalry regiment. Under the most favorable conditions it will require about four weeks for him to get to Taku, at which port he will land. It is possible, of course, that peace may be restored before then, but the War Department is taking no chances on that. Supplies, including winter clothing for the troops, for a campaign of months are being forwarded as rapidly as possible, mostly from Manila.

The news of the safety of the foreigners who were so persistently reported to have been murdered in Pekin, caused the President to say, before leaving Washington for a month's stay at his old home in Canton, Ohio, that he believed the worst of the Chinese trouble was over. A gentleman who heard him, said that he agreed with him, provided the Europeans did not deliberately take steps to intentionally keep up the trouble, for purposes of their own.

If many Congressmen have not undergone a radical change of mind since the spirited debate which resulted in ordering the time clocks taken out of the Treasury Department, soon after they were put in, several years ago, they will have something to say to the managing officials of the Post Office Department very soon after Congress reassembles. During that debate the time clocks were denounced as humiliating, degrading and disgraceful to the employees of the Treasury. Somebody was determined to sell a lot of these time

clocks to the government. So when they were abandoned, by order of Congress, by the Treasury Department, the Post Office Department was turned to. And with such success that today every free delivery postoffice, about 800 in all, has one of these clocks, for which the department paid \$125, not to mention 50 cents a piece for keys and other extra stuff needed to keep the complicated mechanism of these clocks going. Why a system indignantly condemned when applied to Treasury employees, should be adopted for postoffice employees? is one of the questions these Congressmen will be likely to ask.

U. S. Consul Stowe, at Cape Town, South Africa, has appealed to the Department of State to try to stop the practice of young Americans shipping for South Africa on British ships carrying mules and horses, with no idea of what they will do after they get there further than that it is a part of the U. S. Consul's business to take care of stranded Americans, and to help them get back home. In his report Consul Stowe says: "I pity and sympathize with these boys when they file into this office. I help them from my pocket more than I can afford to and I obtain work for them, but my time is of more value to the government in other lines of work. The war, with its added work, is enough without adding unnecessary work consequent upon the desire of young Americans to see the world. It ought to be made plain to the young men that the U. S. government has no fund to use for their care abroad and that the consul cannot afford to support them and send them home, even with the assurance that money will be sent him in the slow process of mail."

A prominent patent lawyer thus tells how one shrewd New England manufacturer keeps ahead of competitors: "I have one friend in Massachusetts who is a manufacturer of machinery. He has numerous competitors in his trade, but he manages to keep ahead of them in a unique manner. He is continually adding improvements, the product of inventors, to his machinery. He sells his goods at exactly the same price as do his competitors, but he throws in free the improvements; covered by patents, which he pays for. His profits may be small, to be sure, but his trade is large, and in the long run he not only makes a large amount of mon-

ey, but keeps ahead of all his rivals in the trade."

Fourth Assistant Postmaster General Bristow, who was sent to Cuba to take charge of the official investigation of the postal system, has returned to Washington. He declines to talk for publication further than to say that the full extent of the stealing is now known and the evidence to convict the thieves secured and that the Cuban postal system is now in good condition.

### Was it a Miracle?

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At Walla Walla a man murdered a woman because she would not marry him, and then turned the pistol on himself. He lingered for some hours, and it was thought he might not die. But die he did, and it was well that he did. His act has shown that the woman's intuition that he was a brute and a coward, and not fit to marry, and therefore not fit to live.

### White Man Turned Yellow.

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