

OUR WASHINGTON LETTER.

(SPECIAL TO THE NEWS.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., July 9.—Members of the Cabinet are inclined to accept the press news that every foreigner in Pekin had been killed as true, but they say that this government will wait for official confirmation of the news before it takes any additional action. Every telegram received in Washington bearing on the situation in China is at once forwarded to the President who is in Canton, O., and as they are numerous and important he is not getting any more rest there than if he were in the White House. It is all well enough to say that revenge plays no part in the policy of nations, but that does not make it true. Who believes that revenge for the destruction of the Maine played no part in forcing the war with Spain? If that Pekin butchery turns out to have actually taken place, "Remember Pekin" may sweep across this country as "Remember the Maine" did, and if so, it will not be a question of what the administration wishes to do, but of what the people demand shall be done. It will not mend matters to say that the Chinese government is not responsible. The responsibility will rest with the Chinese people, who can be got and punished, and will be.

Mr. R. S. Benson, of Florence, New Mexico, who spent a portion of the week in Washington, is very industriously spreading the idea, surprising to most persons in the east, that the men who have the best interests of the territory in view do not wish it to become a State, notwithstanding the declarations of political platforms. He is especially severe on the "greasers," of whom he said: "Fully one-half of the people in New Mexico are 'greasers', and we consider them a more undesirable class of citizens than the negro ever was. The 'greasers', by the way, are republicans almost without exception and there would be no getting away from their absolute control of party affairs. Nor does the law-abiding and self-respecting American find any prospect of relief in looking towards the democracy of New Mexico. If the republican party is burdened with the 'greaser', the democracy contains a large element that is possibly even more objectionable. Hundreds of murderers,

horse thieves, gamblers and all-around 'bad men,' that have been driven out of the States, have congregated in New Mexico and the other territories, and they are almost as unanimous in being democrats as the 'greasers' are in affiliating with the republican party. Neither the 'greaser' nor the 'bad man' has any high regard for human life, or for the honesty of the methods by which he gains his end. When you see what a despised devil and what a hated deep-blue sea the respectable citizen is caught between, there is no cause for amazement that we are not anxious to become a State."

A gentleman connected with the government of Argentina, who is now visiting Washington, tells a little story that illustrates life among our southern neighbors and at the same time carries a warning to us not to accept all the news we get from that section of the world. He said: "One of the most amusing things I know of is the bubonic plague scare Brazil is now going through. Probably you haven't heard the true inwardness of it here, but it is common property in South America. The facts are that the President of Brazil owes a visit of courtesy to the President of the Argentine Republic, which is long overdue. He is afraid to pay it, because if he leaves the country his enemies will start a revolution and place his rival in power, so he stays at home to keep the army and navy from deserting his cause. The bubonic plague isn't the first excuse he has invented to keep from paying the visit he owes to Argentina."

Uncle Sam's postal service gained more than a million dollars during the fiscal year just ended as compared with the previous year, but the expenditures were \$5,489,246 more than the receipts. The total receipts were \$102,287,458, and the expenditures \$107,776,704. The deficit for the previous year was \$6,610,776. If there isn't an increase in the amount of stuff carried free, are at a loss, the postal service will in a few years become a source of profit to the government, as it might be now if Congress had the nerve to legislate well known abuses out of existence, but those who profit by the abuses have powerful influence, so there is little hope in that direction.

Five regiments of U. S. regulars now in Cuba and one in Porto Rico

are to be ordered home at once preparatory to being sent to the Philippines. According to War Department officials, about 12,000 regulars are to be sent to the Philippines as rapidly as possible, for the double purpose of allowing the volunteers to come home and to be prepared for any emergency that may arise in connection with the Chinese situation.

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