

OUR WASHINGTON LETTER.

(SPECIAL TO THE NEWS.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., July 23.—The President's hurried visit to Washington this week showed plainly that this government realizes that the Chinese trouble is a much more important affair than it was at first thought to be. True, the news has been a little more reassuring during the last two or three days than it was the first of the week, but that only relates to the small successes won by the allied forces, which for the time removes anxiety for their safety from being overwhelmed by superior numbers, but the casualties in those successes show that the Chinese have learned something since the war with Japan—that they can now fight and that they are armed with modern guns and have learned to shoot to hit. That means, if the revolution which is now apparently confined to Northern China extends to the whole empire, the biggest and bloodiest war the world has ever seen. What part the U. S. will play in this war, if it comes, no man can say at this time.

Officially it was given out that the only reason for the President's presence in Washington was to decide whether an extra session of Congress should be called—not a man beyond the 100,000 now authorized can be enlisted in the army no matter how urgent the need, without legislation by Congress—and that question was immediately decided in the negative. That is, that there was no need to call Congress together now, although the developments of any day might make it absolutely necessary. Unofficially there is talk that the President came to Washington because there was a serious diplomatic hitch among the allied powers, and that Russia had demanded that the others agree to certain things regarding portions of the Chinese empire contiguous to Russia which were vigorously opposed by Japan. Whatever may have been the cause of his visit, the President has gone back to Canton, which showed that in his opinion there was no necessity for his remaining in Washington.

The opinion of the advisability of an extra session of Congress among the few public men who have been in Washington during the last few days seems to be divided on political lines, the democrats favoring an extra session and

the republicans opposing.

The fate of the foreigners in Peking, including the American Minister, is still a matter of doubt. Several dispatches, one from a U. S. consul, have been received which seem to confirm the one received by the Chinese Minister some days ago saying that the foreign ministers were alive on the 9th inst., but as nothing has been heard from any of the ministers the general opinion in Washington is that they are all dead and that the Chinese government is purposely sending misleading news concerning their safety.

Gen. Leonard Wood, military governor of Cuba, is in Washington arranging with Secretary Root the preliminaries for the election of delegates to the Cuban Constitutional convention which is soon to be held. The one Cuban subject in which our people are most interested—annexation. Gen. Wood politely, but positively declines to talk about at all. He says the island is beginning to get quite prosperous, this year's sugar crop being 75 per cent greater than last.

Gen. O. O. Howard, who passed through Washington on his way to the Blue and Gray reunion at Atlanta, thinks the situation in China more perilous than our public is disposed to regard it. He said: "The situation is certainly a grave one, and I look for severe fighting before the ending is reached. I fear the powers will experience difficulty through a lack of unanimity of purpose and concert of action. With the troops of each of the allied powers acting independently, the task of restoring peace will be most difficult, and I am much afraid that only after some bitter lessons have been learned will it be possible to secure harmonious action. The difficulty will be in securing a supreme authority that will be recognized and will have power to enforce its decrees. A court of arbitration might be established, to which might be referred clashes of authority, but if any one of the powers should refuse to abide by the court's decision, obedience could not be enforced except by turning against the rebellious one the arms that should be used against the common enemy, and that could not be thought of for a moment. If a central power could be established and a general commissioned by it placed in command of the allied force, I believe the outbreak could

be quickly suppressed, but I am fearful that no such power can be established."

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The last Oregon legislature passed an act amending the statutes and providing for the filing of criminal information direct by district attorneys and leaving the calling of grand juries to the discretion of circuit judges. It was maintained in some quarters that such a procedure was in contravention to the constitution of the state, but a decision rendered by the supreme court last week in a case brought to test it, declares for the constitutionality of the act which will now stand unquestioned.

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Sixty-one U. S. soldiers were on Wednesday evening's north-bound train, enroute to Seattle, where they will take the steamer on the 28th for China, with the 21st U. S. cavalry. They were from Angel Island near San Francisco.

Spent a Good Farm Doctoring.

Mr. A. N. Noell of Asherville, Kansas, says he spent a good farm doctoring himself for chronic diarrhoea but got no relief and was afraid that he must die. He chanced to get hold of a bottle of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy and was permanently cured by it. For sale by E. J. Eastman, Gold Hill or Ben Haymond, Rock Point.

Engine No. 1357, that passed through on Monday evenings north-bound passenger, was a coal burning locomotive, and will be used on the Albany local running between Albany and Portland.

Fifteen years ago J. C. Loutzenhizer, a prosperous farmer of Cameron, Mo., and a veteran of the Civil War, without any apparent reason, left home and came to the Pacific coast, leaving his family and property. He came to Oregon and took up a claim in the Alsea country where he resided until a few months ago, when he went to Albany. During these many years he corresponded with his family and sent them most of his pension of \$30 a month, but absolutely refused to return home, and threatened if any one came after him to go to some place where he could not be found. He was a member of the A. O. U. W., a past master, and paid his dues regularly in the Cameron lodge. The Albany lodge investigated his case and this week his son-in-law and daughter, Mr. Garrell, of Cameron, arrived on the scene and escorted the old gentleman to his eastern home where he will be cared for by his family.

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