

OUR WASHINGTON LETTER.

[SPECIAL TO THE NEWS.]

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 24.—Senators who voted for the amendments added to the Hay-Pauncefote treaty before its ratification by the Senate, say they were not actuated by any enmity toward Great Britain, and were only desirous of properly protecting the interests of the U. S., that if Great Britain accepts the amended treaty promptly there will be no reason to anticipate any hard feelings toward the English, but that if the treaty is rejected or there is unusual delay in acting upon it by the British government there is likely to be legislation in connection with the Nicaragua Canal that will furnish the English something to get disgruntled about. Senators generally express the opinion that England will accept the amended treaty.

The Panama Canal lobby which has heretofore been doing its work secretly is beginning to openly work against the Nicaragua Canal bill, and there may be some sensational developments before this session of Congress closes. A number of Senators who have been supposed to favor the Nicaragua Canal are said to be really in favor of the Panama Canal and only to be wanting a favorable opportunity to declare themselves.

The Reapportionment bill reported from the House Census Committee, which leaves the total membership of the House the same as at present, but takes one member each from eight states—Ind., Kans., Ky., Me., Nebr., Ohio, S. C., and Va.—and gives six states—Ill., La., N. J., N. Y., Minn., and W. Va.—one more than they now have, and Texas two more, is being fought hard, and as no party question is involved the division is not on party lines. The nucleus of the opposition comes from the States which would lose under the bill, but it is by no means confined to them. An effort is being made to solidify the opposition in favor of a bill supported by the minority of the Census Committee, on a basis of 387 members of the House, one to each 294,000 population. Under that bill no state would lose any members and the following would gain: Ark., Calif., Colo., Conn., Fla., Iowa, La., Mass., Miss., Mo., N. C., Dak., Wash., W. Va., and Wis. one each, Minn., N. J., and Pa. two each, and Ill., N. Y., and Texas, three each. If the opposition can be united on this bill it may knock out the committee measure.

The pressure for appropriations in the River and Harbor bill has forced the House Committee to largely exceed the total amount that was set when the preparation of the bill was begun and to lessen the pressure the Committee has decided that the total, including continuing appropriations, shall not exceed \$60,000,000.

Lawyers and politicians crowded the Supreme Court room this week to hear the arguments in the cases, the decisions in which are expected to determine the Constitutional status of Porto Rico and the Philippines. The Attorney-General in person made the argument in favor of the interpretation put upon the Constitution by the administration, and the other side was well represented by able lawyers. The decision is expected soon after the Court reassembles in January, but to attempt to predict its nature would be the merest guess-work. If it be adverse to the administration, there will be an immediate and radical change in its policy toward our new possessions.

State Department officials will not acknowledge that those missionary claims against Turkey have been settled, but the nomination by

the President of a new minister to Turkey—Mr. J. G. A. Leishman, of Pa., now U. S. Minister to Switzerland, in place of Minister Straus, who left Constantinople many months ago to emphasize this government's displeasure at the failure of the Sultan to keep promises made to settle those claims, indicates that some satisfactory understanding has been reached. There is no other plausible explanation of the President's sending a new minister to Turkey.

The Senate Committee on Military Affairs has completed a substitute for the Army Reorganization bill which will be reported to the Senate immediately after the recess. Excepting that the number of men provided is the same as the House bill provided the substitute is practically a new measure. Instead of abolishing the "Canteen," as the House bill did, the substitute provides that beer but no other form of intoxicant may be sold at the post exchanges. The organization is entirely different to that in the House Bill, which was prepared by Secretary Root, and closely follows the recommendations made by Gen. Miles. This may not be altogether palatable to the Administration, but if opposition is likely to endanger the bill it is not likely that any will be made.

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The suggestion seems worthy of consideration. The extra cost in the

way of bonus would be \$300,000 for each 1000 experienced and acclimated volunteers. If 10,000 volunteers should re-enlist the extra cost to the Government would be only about \$3,000,000. This is a small item in the general expense of the war. The moral effect of a general re-enlistment of the troops now in the field should also be considered. The Filipinos are awaiting the departure of acclimated troops in the expectation that raw recruits will take their places. These Filipinos realize the value of climate as an ally in tropical countries. They know also that the enlistment of troops in the regular army does not make raw recruits veterans. If, therefore, 10,000 volunteers should re-enlist the Filipinos would comprehend more fully the nature of the task before them. War is waste under the best possible conditions, but there may be economy in so conducting a war as to bring it to an end.—Bulletin.

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