

# Doings at the Capitol.

By Our Regular Washington Correspondent

Senator Cockrell stated the case in a nutshell when he said the other day, that the Cubans entirely misunderstood their status. This has become plain since the committee from the Cuban Constitutional reached Washington. Although they represent no government and are paid salaries by the U. S., they came to Washington with the idea that their status was the same as ministers plenipotentiary, sent by one government to negotiate with another, and they have been greatly surprised to discover that they were in Washington to be jollied and entertained at White House State dinners and such functions, but not to negotiate. A negotiator must necessarily have credentials, and where, pray would these Cubans get credentials? The convention which elected them has no government behind it, except the military government of the U. S., and a government cannot negotiate with itself. The subject upon which these self-deluded Cubans were most anxious to negotiate was the tariff they wish this government to lower or entirely remove the duty on Cuban sugar and tobacco, and having ascertained that Congress alone could act, they have been trying to see what chance there was of securing Mr McKinley's promise to recommend such legislation to Congress. They have not received any encouragement in that line, nor in the hope that Congress would modify the conditions laid down by the Platt amendment.

The members of the Cuban committee have been very careful about publicly expressing their opinion of Gen Wood, who is also in Washington, and of his administration of the military government of Cuba, but one of the Cubans who accompanied them, M M Colonado, who was editor and proprietor of a Havana paper recently suppressed by Gen Wood, has been knocking Gen Wood to everybody he could get to listen to him. He says the Cubans don't want Wood for governor and that his actions have been responsible for all the trouble over the Platt amendment. Gen Portoondo and Senor Liorente, members of the committee, are said to agree fully with the editor in his denunciation of Gen Wood, but to consider it impolitic to say so publicly.

Whatever he may do later, it is now certain that Mr McKinley will make no change in the Pension commission until after he returns from his trip to the Pacific Coast. The Kansas Congressional delegation was so anxious to capture this plum that they presented two candidates ex-Representatives Bluff and Peters with the request that either be appointed. Mr McKinley

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Representative Curtis, who acted for the delegation, that he was not yet ready to consider the matter.

The charge of the Light Brigade was not in it with the onslaught made upon Mr McKinley this week by republican Senators and Representatives to secure some of the army commission pie before it was all gone—the names of nearly 500 appointments to be lieutenants were made public this week. They made things so warm for Mr McKinley that he had to do something to stave them off, and as about all the places had been promised, some of them to the constituents of the very men who were clamoring for more he told them that many of those appointed would probably fail to pass the examination necessary to get a commission and that then they would have another chance. Most of them had to be content with, but it is understood that Senators Quay and Penrose, who held up Mr McKinley together, succeeded in leading another bunch of commissions, in addition to those they had previously secured. The British Ambassador called on Secretary Hay this week in order to find out whether this government had any suggestions to make, previous to its taking the road for six weeks about renewing negotiations for a treaty dealing with the Isthmian Canal question. Mr Hay had no suggestion to make, because he has not been able to get sufficient Senatorial support to justify his trying to negotiate another treaty.

The administration decided to stand by U S Minister Loomis, whose actions and non-action in the asphalt scandal in Venezuela has been so hardly criticized, both in the U S and in that country, to the extent of officially announcing that he was not recalled and that after a visit to Europe, for his health, he will return to Venezuela, if he wishes to do so. This was after Mr Loomis, who arrived in Washington this week, had a talk with Secretary Hay. It would be easy to get big odds that Mr Loomis will not "wish to" return to Venezuela.

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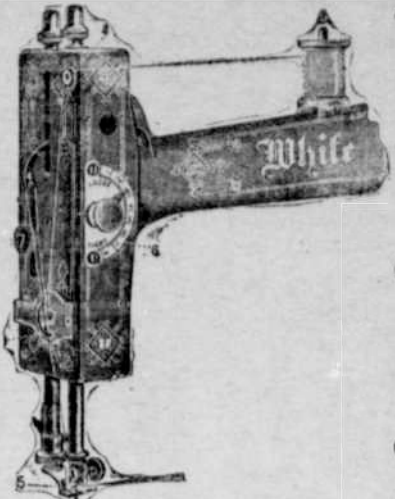
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