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WASHINGTON LETTER.

From our Regular Correspondent.

Attorney General Knox has finally informed the War Department of his decision in the famous Littauer glove case and it is to the effect that Representative Lucius N. Littauer, of New York, cannot be prosecuted for the part he is alleged to have taken in obtaining contracts to furnish gloves to the army, in violation of the statute which forbids members of Congress from sharing the benefits of contracts with the government; because the statutory period of limitation, within which such a prosecution could be brought, elapsed more than a year ago. The contract was obtained by E. R. Lyon on December 7 '98, and it is claimed that Congressman Littauer was directly interested in it and as this was a violation of the Federal law he was liable to criminal prosecution. However the statute of limitation has made this impossible and the Attorney General has decided also that as the contract was properly executed and the goods delivered, the government cannot bring an action against Littauer to recover the money. He adds his opinion that "no useful purpose would be subserved" by further action. This will probably end the case and the republican congressman will go unmolested.

Senator Morgan will introduce at the coming extra session asking the President for an explanation of his delay in continuing his negotiations for the trans-isthmian canal. The Senator claims that the Spooner act directs the President to treat with Nicaragua as soon as the negotiations with Columbia fail. Instead of doing this as soon as the treaty was rejected by Columbia, the President has merely waited for something to turn up, and is apparently oblivious of the directions of the Senate. It is said that many Senators will support Senator Morgan and as the Cuban reciprocity legislation will have to originate in the House, it is very likely that while the Senate is waiting it will take up the trans-isthmian canal question. As many friends of the Administration will come to the President's support, it may open the session with some very interesting debates.

Politicians of both parties here agree in expressing approval of the Alaskan Boundary Award which was given out last week in London. While it was recognized that this country would never allow Canada to get possession of much of the disputed territory, it was hardly thought that England's formal consent could be obtained of a boundary line which so little of a compromise as the one just agreed upon by the majority of the commission. But Lord Alverstone, the British Commissioner, became convinced that the American claim was just and he had the moral courage to side

with the three American Commissioners against the two Canadian. He thus made the vote four out of six and prevented a dead-lock. The Canadian showed their resentment by refusing to sign the award, but aside from reflecting the general attitude of their countrymen and disgusting many Englishmen, their action will not have the slightest effect. The line which will be marked on the map agreed upon, starts from the Portland Canal and runs as far inland as to shut Canada from any access to the sea from that point to Mt. St. Elias. It gives us the entire Lynn Canal as well as the towns of Dyea and Skagway which lie at its head. The importance of this canal is due to the fact that it is the main route into the Klondike region. The Portland Canal is given to Canada, as are also the two islands at its mouth, Pearse and Wales; but two other islands lying a little farther out, and in such a position as to command the entrance are given to the United States. The strategic value of these islands is further enhanced by the fact that they command Port Simpson which is to be the Pacific terminus of the new trans-continental railroad. The Canadians are very indignant at the decision as they doubtless felt that the British government would sustain them right or wrong. They assail the honesty of Lord Alverstone and their attacks are not tempered by the fact that he is the Lord Chief Justice of England, and that they made a special plea for "distinguished jurists" on the Commission. They expected a political division and got a legal and equitable one; yet they declare it to be the price paid by the British government for an Anglo-Saxon friendship. However the boundary is settled, the Americans are satisfied, and the equity of the decision is England and Canada's quarrel.

Another question involved in the case of W. A. Miller, as assistant foreman of the bindery the Government Printing Office has just been decided by Controller of the Treasury Tracewell. Miller was dismissed by the Public Printer and remained out sixty-three days when the President ordered his reinstatement. This action by the President was equivalent to a declaration that Miller's dismissal was unjust, and in the subsequent discussion with the labor leaders Mr. Roosevelt voiced the same opinion. Miller naturally demanded compensation for the time of his forced suspension, and the Auditor of the State and other Departments denied his claim. Miller appealed to the Controller of the Treasury who has now issued a decision sustaining the Auditor in refusing to pay Miller for the time he was out declaring that pay cannot be allowed for work not performed, even if the suspension should be found to be without sufficient cause. It seems to many here that this is an attempt to compromise the

Miller case. If his dismissal was unjust he has the same claim to his pay as he had to reinstatement and if there was a cause for dismissing him, he should have been reinstated, there seems a contradiction in the decisions and Miller may take the case to the courts.

Persistent rumors of gigantic land frauds in the western country have reached Washington and are being investigated by the Interior Department. Government officials are said to be involved in a scheme to defraud the government. The charges are that several great railroad systems and many members of Congress have engaged in a conspiracy by which they obtained title to worthless lands, induced the government to make forest reserves out of their holdings, and obtained the right under the lieuland act to select in lieu thereof valuable lands not so reserved. In this manner they are said to have exchanged practically worthless land for that worth \$5 to \$6 an acre. This lieuland act never came up for open discussion in Congress as it was introduced by Senator Stewart as an amendment to an appropriation bill and was so enacted. It will take some days to get at the facts from the mass of startling rumors.

A GOOD NAME.

From personal experience I testify that DeWitt's Little Early Risers are unequalled as a liver pill. They are rightly named because they give strength and energy and do their work with ease—W. T. Eaton, Borene, Tex. Thousands of people are using these tiny little pills in preference to all others, because they are so pleasant and effectual. They cure biliousness, torpid liver, jaundice, sick headache, constipation, etc. They do not purge nor weaken, but cleanse and strengthen. Sold by M. B. Blackburn.

The Republican party is the mother of trusts, the grandmother of watered stocks and the maternal ancestor of the slump in the stock market—Memphis News.

A REMARKABLE CASE.

One of the most remarkable cases of a cold, deep-seated on the lungs, causing pneumonia, is that of Mrs. Gertrude E. Fenner, Marion, Ind. who was entirely cured by the use of One Minute Cough Cure. She says, "The coughing and straining so weakened me that I ran down in weight from 148 to 92 lbs. I tried a number of remedies to no avail until I used One Minute Cough Cure. Four bottles of this wonderful remedy cured me entirely of the cough, strengthened my lungs and restored me to my normal weight, health and strength. Sold by M. B. Blackburn.

The McCormick interests are said to have gained control of the International Harvester Co., and the various plants in the trust will be merged.

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Petroleum is the fuel of all the locomotives in Asia.

The Homoloidal Mania

Kinston Free Press.

Whether expressed or not just at this time in this State a question that is largely occupying the minds of people is the increased number of homicides committed within the borders of our country. Why this is so and what the remedy to stay the increasing homicidal mania would require the wisdom of a sage to answer.

The point, especially as applied to North Carolina that the law as to murder is inadequate, has been pretty well discussed in the newspapers, both by the editors and jurists and the conclusion reached is that the law is not wholly responsible. Another phase of the question shows the responsibility to be on the jury system which entitles the defendant to such an unfair advantage over the public which the State's prosecutor represents. This in itself cannot wholly be the cause, as the average jury, however is accountable to the community in which it resides and cannot go beyond the bounds for which public sentiment will stand. Therefore the question resolves itself into sociological one and the people as a whole are responsible after all. Accepting this as a fact the thing to do is to do away with mandarin sentiment and acquit ourselves like men when it comes to a question of duty, and be governed in our acts in such matters by our sense of duty.

The public is not clamoring for the blood of innocent men to appease their blood thirsty hunger nor do right-thinking people demand "examples," but they have a right, for self protection, to ask that just retribution follow the commission of crime and that when fairly shown to be guilty no power nor influence be allowed to intervene to avert the aims of justice.

The tendency of the times is to fall into a false idea of forgiveness or rather indifference, and the criminal goes unwhipped of justice because the majority of the public wills it so. If the criminal is inclined are confident of sure and swift punishment it is an uncontradicted fact that it will deter them from the commission of crime.

It is said of a neighboring county that a recent sentence of death passed upon a murderer disclosed the fact that he was the 42nd to be tried in the county in 20 years for a capital offence and the first to be given the death penalty. It is too much to ask the public to believe that other than complete absolution did not intervene in at least some of those 42 cases to put aside justice.

It is certainly a serious thing to sit in judgment on a human life, but it is equally certain that it is man's duty to lend his aid in the vindication of the law in the interest of society at large.



Miss Ida M. Snyder,
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Kodol Dyspepsia Cure does for the stomach that which it is unable to do for itself, even when but slightly disordered or overloaded. Kodol Dyspepsia Cure supplies the natural juices of digestion and does the work of the stomach, relaxing the nervous tension, while the inflamed muscles of that organ are allowed to rest and heal. Kodol Dyspepsia cure digests what you eat and enables the stomach and digestive organs to transform all food into a rich, red blood. Sold by M. B. Blackburn.

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