

WASHINGTON LETTER.

(From our regular Correspondent.)
WASHINGTON, July 26th, 1895.

Secretary Carlisle told the Louisiana Senators and Representative Meyer, who called to see him to protest against the right of the Comptroller to decide whether the money appropriated by Congress to pay sugar bounties should be withheld, that he had no authority over the Comptroller, not even the power of removal, which is vested in the President alone. The Louisianians argued that the Comptroller had no legal authority to question the constitutionality of an act of Congress; that he was merely charged with the construction of the laws as he found them, and that if he had the power claimed, he would be paramount to Congress. Secretary Carlisle said it was true that the Comptroller might by the arbitrary exercise of his authority greatly embarrass the government, but he could see no present remedy. Congress had conferred this great authority upon the Comptroller, and the Secretary of the Treasury had no right to question his acts. The President, of course could remove a Comptroller, but he could not direct or review his acts. There seems little doubt that Comptroller Bowler has the law on his side, although the right to construe the constitutionality of an act of Congress appropriating money has not been exercised by a Comptroller for years. He says he is only doing his duty in view of the decision of the Court of Appeals of the District of Columbia, that the sugar bounty law was unconstitutional, in asking that arguments be presented showing the constitutionality of the act of the last Congress appropriating money for sugar bounties before he approves the payment of any money under that act. August 7 has been set for the hearing of arguments, and, as more than \$5,000,000 is at stake, an imposing array of legal talent is expected to take part.

The secret is out. Mr. Benjamin Harrison need not pretend that he is not an out and out candidate for the nomination any longer. There are people in Washington who have seen letters from Col. John C. New directing how certain wires should be pulled in order to increase Mr. Harrison's chances. Besides, it has leaked out that a near relative of "Lige" Halford, who used to be Mr. Harrison's private Secretary, is quietly running a Harrison literary bureau in Washington. It is ridiculous to say that these things are being done without the knowledge or consent of Mr. Harrison. Col. New managed his last canvass and is as near to being in his confidence as he ever allows anybody to get. Men who are known to be working for Harrison are not the sort to be wasting their time without an explicit understanding. Among these men are ex-Senator Spooner, of Wis.; "Long" Jones, of Ill.; ex-Senator Sewell, of N. J., and Senator Elkins, of W. Va. Mr. Harrison wants that nomination, and he is going to do his level best to get it.

In response to requests from the U. S. Consul at Panama and the New York officers of the Panama railroad Secretary Herbert has ordered a ship to Panama. There are two sources from which trouble is feared. There is a labor strike now on hand, and Ecuador is said to be about to invade Columbia which gives the United States the right to maintain free communication over the Panama railroad whenever Columbia fails to do so. Of course Secretary Herbert's instructions have not been made public, but it is almost certain that they include keeping of the Panama railroad open, as well as protecting American interests in general.

Ex-Senator Wade Hampton, of South Carolina, now Railroad Commissioner, says he was misrepresented by the Southern paper which quoted him as stating that he had personal knowledge of President Cleveland's intention to be a candidate for a third term. Speaking of this matter Gen. Hampton said: "I believe I did say that if the different parties took to splitting up and a half dozen candidates took the field a lot of the conservative gold bug democrats would want to run President Cleveland for a third term and that a big per cent. among the republicans would heartily join them. As a matter of fact, I haven't the slightest reason for believing from anything President Cleveland ever said or did that he is or will be a candidate for a third term. On the other hand, I have no idea that he is thinking about it or would consent to run for another nomination." This whole third term flurry, which has lately taken on new life, is based upon misrepresentations, which in most cases have been intentionally made by enemies of President Cleveland, and which have been spread and added to by editors who find that a more congenial subject than a discussion of the live issues of the day. While all things are possible, there is not the slightest probability that President Cleveland's name will go before the next democratic National convention either with or without his consent.

Mrs. DeGoode—"What did the minister preach against to-day?" Mr. DeGoode (wearily)—"He preached against time."—New York Weekly.

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