

WASHINGTON LETTER.

(From our regular correspondent.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., U. S. A., Nov. 16 -The Building of the British Embassy in this city has been completely renovated during the past summer and refurnished with an assortment of elegant hangings sent from England. The walls also have been newly papered with material of American manufacture however. The British ambassador and Lady Pauncefote had a large package of samples of the best British wall paper sent from England, but nothing suited them so well as what they found in this country, and in returning the samples Lord Pauncefote wrote: "I do not care for any of them I shall select a suitable pattern from one of the establishments in this country, as the United States teyond question leads the world in the matter of wall paper." The walls of the Ambassador's study have been dressed with a paper in two tones of crimson. This effect is followed out in the heavy velvet carpets which have been laid in the study and the two drawingrooms. A new chair of rosewood has been placed in the study. The windows of the second drawing-room have been hung with heavy satin damask curtains of old china blue and white, which are caught back with heavy silk ropes of blue and white. The ball-room has been greatly beautified by the hanging of elegant the catch of fur seals; the unmarked portiers and curtains of satan damask in a delicate shade of sage green. The divans in the centre of the floor have been newly upholstered in material of the same color. Before the opening of the regular les question, involving the rights of fich season the paper on the walls of the ball- ing in the North Atlantic off Newfoundroom will be replaced with an effect of land and other points; the regulation of white satin and watered silk. The walls of the first section of the vestibule, as far back as the marble columns, have been painted a rich Pompeiin red, and beyond the main hallway a delicate bird's-eye view, with a narrow ernate band of gold moulding three or four feet high, giving the effect of a dado. A similar moulding has been placed at the top of the wall. The effect of the portrait of the young queen, which bangs at the first landing of tne grand staircase, is especially effective against this background.

Three hundred thousand cubic feet of water per minute are now being taken from Lake Superior and poured into the Chicago drainage canal, whence it finds its | be built on the lakes and then floated out way through the Illinois and Deiplanes to the ocean. Progress has been made on rivers into and down the Mississippi to the Gulf of Mexico. The law of Illinois provides that whenever the water turned therein amounts to this quantity, the canal "is hereby declared a navigable stream, and whenever the general government shall improve the Desplaines and Illinois rivers for navigation, to connect with this channel, said general government shall have full control over the same for navigation purposes, but not to interfere with its control for sanitary or drainage purposes." Accordingly, the trustees of the canal have formally tendered it to the United States government on the condition named? In order to accept this gift, according to law, the general government will have to expend over \$15,000,000, or less than half what Chicago has spent upon the channels. In this connection the importance of the canal is urged as a water route from the great lakes to the Gulf of Mexico if the Desplaines and Illinois rivers are improved. The memorial says the canal is deeper than the draft of any lake vessel, and is wide enough to float three abreast, but is commercially useless to the nation owing to the lack of a proper channel in

the Illinois and Desplaines rivers. It re-

mains to be seen what effect the diversion of this immense amount of water will have on the level of the Great Lakes and how it will effect Canadian and American harbors thereon. Curiously enough, just at the time that the tender was made, the Supreme Court in this city began to hear arguments on an ir junction prayed for by the state of Missouri to prevent the use of the water in the canal on the ground that the sewage of Chicago sent through it, would be hartful to the health of St. Louis. The case, however, is not

expected to come to anything. Negotiations are now in progress looking towards a resumption of the sittings of the High Joint Commission between Canada and the United States, which came to an ineffectual stop a year or two ago owing to the inability of the commissioners to agree upon the Alaskan boundary question. At that time, elections were in prospect in both countries, and it was not possible for either side to refrain from "playing politics." Now that the governments have triumphed in each and are safe for a long term to come, it is felt that it will be easier to reach some agree ment. Probably the Alaskan modus vivendi will be allowed to hold, modified only by direct negotiations between the two governments and that the Commission will turn its attention only to the other important questions at issue. These are numerous and of long standing, including the issues over Bering Sea and boundary between Canada and United States near Passamaquoddy Bay in Maine and at points between Wisconsin and Minnesota and Canada; the Northeast fisher the fishing rights on the great lakes; alien labor immigration across the Canadian-American border; commercial reciprocity between the two countries; the regulation of the bonding system, by which goods are carried in bond across the frontier, and also the regulation of traffic by international railways and canals of the two countries; reciprocal mining privileges in the Klondike, British North America, and other points; wrecking and salvage on the ocean and great lakes in coasting waters, and the modification of the treaty arrangement under which only one war vessel can be maintained on the great lakes, with a view to allowing warships to some of these questions and a practical agreement reached on several of them. But in each case the settlement was dependent on a disposal of all of them. With the prospects of omitting Alaska from the points involved, the chances of reaching a treaty agreement on the other points will be materially improved.

The following pensions have been issued to Canadians: Original Widows-Martha Smith, Ladysmith, Ontario, \$8; Elizabeth Jackson, St. Catharines, Ontario, \$8; Marie Zoe Bradley, Matane, Quebec, \$8; Increase-Lewis Bugler, Kincardine, Outario, \$8; Louis Huet, Montreal, Quebec,

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In the roster of the new Congress of the United States the name of John Allen, of Mississippi, will be missing. After eighteen years of service he has decided to re-

During all the years that he has been in the House of Representatives, Allen has been recognized as the wit of the body. His influence upon legislation has been small for the reason, as he says himself, that he established early in his career a reputation as a humorist. From that time on no one would take him seriously, and as a consequence he earnestly advises all young men who enter politics to avoid posing as wits.

Allen tells many funny stories about bimself. One of his funniest experiences he says, happened at the Ponce de Leon Hotel, in Florida. Ten years ago he visited this famous resort, and, after registering, was shown to a suite of rooms on the parlor floor.

"When the bellboy disappeared," Mr. Allen says, "I looked around and it struck me at first that I had bumped up against a pretty good thing. Why, do you know. the carpets on those floors must have been of real velvet and about six inches thick. They had silver-mounted hair brushes and combs and fancy fixings till you couldn't dress, and the size of that room was about the same as the corner lot that we used to play town ball on when I was a boy. Now, I ain't a very rich man, and when I got to thinking about it, I began to get

"'John, old man,' I said to myself, 'you'd better investigate this thing before you go any further.' So I sneaked down to the barroom and laying fifteen cents on the bar, asked for a drink of whiskey. The bartender gave me the whiskey all right, but he said it was thirty cents. paid it and, going over to the ciger counter, I hauled out a nickel and asked for a cigar. The young man told me that he didn't keep anything less than twenty five-centers. Then I stepped back to my room and rang for a bellboy. When he came up. I gave him a half-dollar and said: 'Son, don't say anything to anybody, but just go down and rubber around a little and find out how much they charge a day for these rooms.' You see, I was getting uneasy. That boy came back in about ten minutes and told me that rooms were only worth \$40 a day.

I had with me, I saw I had to do something pretty quick. I just grabbed my valise and headed for the counter. When I got there I looked very serious and told the clerk that I had just discovered that it was absolutely necessary for me to be in Jacksonville that evening. Just make out my bill for the time that I have been here,' I said, 'and I'll pay it and catch the next train.'

"The clerk said, 'Really, Mr. Allen, we can't let you go so soon. We had expected that you would stay with us week at least. Just let me send your grip back to your room and you telegraph your friends in Jacksonville that you won't be there.'

I just had to go and for him to make out the bill right away.

"'Well, if you must go,' he replied, 'I suppose you must, but there ain't any bill. Mr. Plant telegraphed us yesterday that you were to be the guest of the house as long as you stayed here and that we were to do everything that we could to make you comfortable.

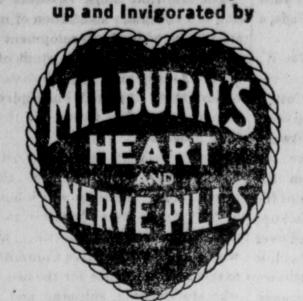
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The baby girl grew up to womanhood and married one of her stepfather's sons, Charles Steel. When Mrs. Steel died Mary Cuthbert kept right on with the family, and she is with them to-day as cook and housekeeper. Yesterday she celebrated her seventy-second birthday, and all the family sent her presents. She expects to end her days with the Steels. who look upon Mary Cuthbert as one of

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