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WASHINGTON LETTER.

(From Our Regular Correspondent)
WASHINGTON, May 26th, 1902.

A brilliant intermingling of the flags of France and the United States, the marching in the same column of the soldiers and the marines of the two nations and a medley of the "Marseillaise" and the "Star Spangled Banner" marked the dedication of the statue of the Count de Rochambeau on Lafayette Square last Saturday. On the platform erected for the occasion there gathered about President Roosevelt the French guests who have come to this country to participate in this auspicious ceremony and the representatives of the many foreign nations who have embassies or legations in Washington. Members of the Supreme Court, Senators and Representatives added, by their presence to the brilliance of the assemblage while the Marine Band, which was out in full strength and the French band from the warship "Gaulois" furnished inspiring music.

It was just 11:30, when, after a brief welcome by the President, the Marine band struck up the "Marseillaise" and the Countess Rochambeau stepped forward and drew the cord which let fall the French and American flags and disclosed the statue of the hero who came to the relief of Washington in the hour of his need, bringing with him 6,000 men to battle in the cause of freedom.

As the drapery fell from the magnificent bronze monument a battery of artillery boomed on the White Lot and the soldiers presented arms, the guests cheered and there was a general handshaking. Following the unveiling, Senator Lodge delivered a beautiful oration and then the President and the distinguished party of visitors reviewed the soldiers and marines, the Marine band playing the "Star-Spangled Banner."

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Hardly had the last strains of the martial music died away when the President, returning to the White House, received the official notification of the death of Lord Pauncefote, British Ambassador to the United States. Immediately the flags were ordered at half-mast and in marked contrast to the gayety which had marked the morning hours were the exchanges of condolences and the somber tones in which all spoke of the sudden demise of the dean of the diplomatic corps. Lord Pauncefote who had been accredited to Washington since 1893, was extremely popular in Washington. In manner he was both democratic and affable and at all large public and social functions he had been seen and in all charitable undertakings he had taken an active part, while his advice and counsel had been of material aid to the younger diplomats. It was through his efforts that the general arbitration treaty between the United States and Great Britain was effected and what he regarded as the crowning work of his diplomatic career, the Hay-Pauncefote treaty, was brought about by him and Secretary Hay with finished diplomacy. It had been his ambition to negotiate a treaty which would forever settle the Alaskan boundary problem and the seal fishery question and it was for that reason that he entered on his third term in Washington notwithstanding the fact that he was already seventy-four years old and was entitled to retirement at seventy. He will be succeeded as dean of the diplomatic corps by Herr von Hollenben, the German Ambassador.

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The most notable event of the week in the Senate was the speech on the Philippine bill, delivered by Senator Hoar, and which both his followers and opponents conceded to have been a remarkably eloquent oration. The scene which was presented as the venerable old man appealed to his colleagues in the most fervent terms was extremely dramatic and picturesque and the pathos which he injected into some of the passages was remarkable. Other

notable speeches of the past week have been those of Senators Bacon and Beveridge. So far as I can ascertain there still remains to be delivered speeches by Senators Patterson, Burrows, Spooner, Bailey, Pettus and Clay. When these gentlemen have spoken the measure will be considered under the fifteen-minute rule and I understand a number of amendments will be accepted by Senator Lodge, manager of the bill. The hope that the bill will be disposed of by the end of the month has "gone glimmering."

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Illustrative of the methods which some senators have to adopt in order to secure needed public buildings a good story is told of Senator Mitchell of Oregon. When Senator Hoar concluded his speech in the Senate on Thursday two bells sounded through the Senate end of the Capitol that being a signal for a recess, something seldom taken. Inquiry revealed the fact that the United States Senate had taken a recess to discuss the merits of a 60-pound Oregon salmon over which Senator Mitchell was to preside as host. The salmon proved to be all that the host hoped and as a result, it is said, the Senate will promptly and unanimously pass a bill for a public building at Portland, which by some oversight failed to get in as an amendment to the Omnibus public buildings bill. There is absolutely nothing fishy about this story,—except the salmon.

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Since the passage of the Naval appropriation bill the House of Representatives has enacted no important bills but it has accomplished a large amount of routine work. On Friday the House passed 105 pension bills and then adjourned until today in order that the members might be free to attend the Rochambeau statue exercises. There is some talk of adjourning today out of respect to Lord Pauncefote's memory and some of the Senators are advocating that course but that Congress will do so is by no means certain.

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The action of the President, taken on Friday, abolishing the rule by which the ranking army officer becomes acting Secretary of War in the absence of the Secretary and Assistant Secretary, has occasioned considerable comment as it is claimed in some quarters to be an affront to General Miles. There is no question that the order was intended to prevent the duties of the Secretary devolving upon the General but, in view of the freely acknowledged fact that the President and the General are not on speaking terms it is not altogether surprising that the President should object to having him even upon rare occasions serve as a member of the official family.

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