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## WASHINGTON LETTER.

From our Regular Correspondent.

An anomalous and unedifying situation exists in the Postoffice Department where the investigation still drags on under the most unfavorable circumstances. Robert J. Wynne, First Assistant, is acting Postmaster General, but is under such strict orders that he dares not say a word as to the progress of the investigation nor even discharge employes found to have been guilty of actual dishonesty. Postmaster General Payne is away from Washington, cruising about on a government revenue cutter, but so restricted are the powers of acting Postmaster General Wynne, that Mr. Payne left the signed discharge of Charles Hedges when he went away so that if the result of Fourth Assistant Postmaster General Bristow's investigation proved dishonesty on Hedges part he could be gotten rid of without awaiting Mr. Payne's return.

Charles Hedges, superintendent of city delivery, has been summarily dismissed for failing to pay account. While the charges against Hedges are ample to warrant his dismissal it is not worthy that an old case, over three years old, was dug up and made the ground for his dismissal when there was far more serious grounds of recent occurrence on which his discharge might have been based. The reason for going back so far and taking up a comparatively insignificant charge is that Hedges' subsequent irregularities involved H. H. Rand, the confidential clerk of the Postmaster General, whose peccadilloes it was not desired to reveal. Nevertheless, Mr. Bristow has now taken up the case of Rand and is investigating the numerous charges against him. Mr. Bristow's position in the matter is a very delicate one and there is some doubt as to whether he will have the courage to report recommend the dismissal of the Postmaster General's pet employe. George W. Beavers has, since my last letter, been indicted for accepting commissions from the Brandt-Dent Automatic Cashier Company, but has not yet been arrested. It has long been believed by the postal officials that Beavers was guilty of serious delinquencies although his tracks were so cleverly covered as to make their proof in court very difficult. Several more indictments by the grand jury of the District of Columbia are anticipated within a few days and some new indictments have been returned by the Brooklyn grand jury although it is not positively known against whom they were rendered.

President Roosevelt has found himself in an extremely delicate position in his relations with organized labor. Public Printer Palmer recently discharged William Miller, an assistant foreman of the book binding department, because he had been expelled

by the union. Miller appealed to the President and to the Civil Service Commission with the result that the latter found his dismissal was unlawful and the President ordered his reinstatement. The union promptly held a meeting at which it was determined to file with the President charges against union men, but would be compelled to go on a strike if Miller resumed his duties. Miller is expected to return to work at once and the outcome is awaited with interest. The local union of bookbinders has a peculiar rule whereby the amount of work which each man is allowed to perform per day is limited. Miller insisted that the men perform more work and so incurred the displeasure of the union. Mr. Roosevelt has issued a declaration that in the department of the government there shall be no discrimination between union and non-union labor. In other words, the union of the states is still supreme. The charges of the union against Miller the President has refused to consider, shifting all further responsibility on Public Printer Palmer.

A report comes from Oyster Bay to the effect that a Speaker-to-be Cannon, after a conference with the President, agreed to withdraw his opposition to the consideration of all financial legislation at the next session of Congress. There is some skepticism regarding the report, however. Persons who know Mr. Cannon well declare that he would never have receded from his position without some very valuable promises from the President. Of course if Mr. Roosevelt was ready to place a considerable amount of patronage at the disposal of the prospective Speaker he could obtain from the latter a promise to do or not to do anything at all. On the other hand, it is pointed out that a promise from the Speaker to withhold opposition means nothing because the Speaker does not have to oppose legislation. His mere neglect means its defeat. Mr. Roosevelt's sudden interest in financial legislation is taken to indicate his desire to regain popularity with Wall Street and it is interesting to note that his interest and advocacy of such legislation dates entirely from a long conference at the White House participated in by the President, Senator Hanna, and G. W. Perkins, a partner of J. P. Morgan & Co.

The news comes from Indiana that the republicans of that state are anxious to have Senator Beveridge made Vice President so as to make room for Governor Durbin whom they wish to send to the Senate in place of the "boy orator" of whom his colleagues have grown very weary, and whose usefulness has, therefore, virtually ended. Of course Beveridge will strenuously oppose the movement to nominate him for second place but his wishes may not be consulted.

There is considerable anxiety in Washington because of the failure in Wall Street of two large firms, Talbot J. Taylor and W. L. Stowe & Co., and the general demoralization of the market. If, as is confidently hoped by some republican leaders, the present financial crisis merely serves to squeeze a portion of the water out of inflated stocks and does not affect the general prosperity of the country all will be well, but on the other hand, it results in timidity of capital and a general feeling of uncertainty throughout the country, the result will be disastrous to republican prospects. As the conditions are just opposite to those prevailing a year ago and an interest is low and money plenty, the Secretary of the Treasury can do nothing to relieve the situation.

## NIGHT WAS HER TORTURE.

"I would cough nearly all night long" writes Mrs. Charles Applegate, of Alexandria, Indiana, "and could hardly get any sleep. I had consumption so bad that if I walked a block I would cough frightfully and spit blood, but when all other medicine had failed, three bottles of Dr. King's New Discovery wholly cured me and I gained 58 pounds." It is absolutely guaranteed to cure coughs, colds, la grip, bronchitis and all throat and lung troubles. Price 50c. and \$1. Trial bottles free at Blackburn's.

The announcement that the big coal companies are now producing more coal than ever before may not be particularly timely information in the midst of July hot wave, but it is a good fact to file away for future reference next winter, when the word fuel will have a more kindly sound than it now possesses. —Ex.

## BRUTALLY TORTURED.

A case came to light that for persistent and unmerciful torture has perhaps never been equalled, Joe Golobick of Colusa, Calif., writes: "For fifteen years I endured insufferable pain from rheumatism and nothing relieved me though I tried everything known. I came across Electric Bitters, and it's the best medicine on earth for that troubles. A few bottles of it completely relieved and cured me." Just as good for liver and kidney troubles and general debility. Only 50c. Satisfaction guaranteed by M. B. Blackburn.

With snowstorms reported from some of the mountain states and sunstrokes from several other quarters, it would seem that the United States has climate and temperature in sufficient variety to suit the most fastidious. remarks on exchange.

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They say the corn crop out West grows four inches a day this hot weather. When the farmers there remember this, they smile, no doubt, in spite of the torrid weather.

Grumbling is lots of comfort to some men.

## The Bull Yearlings.

News and Observer,

A Raleigh speculator, who has sounded all the heights and depths of bonds and stock speculation, says that the Rhamkatte Roaster is the best authority on speculation in the country. It will be remembered that upon being asked by a constituent to name the best stocks to buy, the editor of the Roaster replied: "Buy bull yearlings and swing on their tails. Any other stock is liable to get away or depreciate. Bull yearlings will continue to appreciate in value and Morgan and Rockefeller cannot hammer them down.

There's a world of wisdom in this—more than appears on the surface. Properly understood that, instead of gambling on stocks and bonds, of which the speculator knows little, a man will be wise to put his money in money in property near at hand, about which he knows most and in which good judgment and business sense will bring a return in dollars. Bull yearlings, in this sense is generic for any legitimate business or any property that a man can see, direct or control, as contrasted with "futures" "margins" and like far-off something, which may be sold or may be elusive.

If all the money lost in "futures" and in stock gambling in the city of Raleigh since Lee's surrender had been invested in cotton factories, this city would have enough mills to spin all the cotton in the Fourth Congressional district; if it had been invested in bull yearlings, there would be enough cattle to give a scare to the beef trust; if in improving the land, the Wake farms would look like gardens. And Raleigh has not "rushed the growler" as much as some other North Carolina towns.

"Experience is a dear teacher but fools will learn in no other." There are young men in almost every town where there is a "ticker" who are betting against the Morgans and Rockefellers, whose fathers lost piles betting against the Jay Cookes and Jay Goulds. They make a dollar today and next week they will lose ten. Their energies are diverted from business and manufacturing. The wiser men on change see their finish, but no advice and no experience will learn speculators wisdom. They will quit only when they "get broke." But, while this evil afflicted some of the larger towns, it does not touch our whole life as in the greater cities, and most of our young men are devoting their thought to business, manufacturing, production, instead of seeking a short cut to wealth by betting on the rise and fall of stocks. The recent slump ought to induce all to follow their example. Twenty years hence the business man who has stuck so close to business and made their profits will have an hundred dollars to one dollar owed by the man

who watched the "ticker." The Rhamkatte Roaster is entirely right. The thing to do is to avoid stock gambling; buy bull yearlings and swing "out" their tails.

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Cleveland Plain Dealer.

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Happy uniforms, happy gold lace, happy buttons, happy horses that bear these knightly brigadiers and long may the goddess of peace keep them unspoiled and in tact. Glorious thirty three, we salute thee.

It may be observed that the man who is grumbling about the hot July weather is the same fellow who was growling about the cold June.

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