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WASHINGTON LETTER.

From our Regular Correspondent.

Still another grave scandal in the present administration has come to light to plague the republicans. This time it is in the General Land office. Hugh F. Price, Surveyor General of Arizona, having been dismissed and W. E. Murphy, his chief clerk, having been suspended. It appears that Price has been collecting large sums in excess of the legal fees from miners who sought to enter land claims. Although allowed an ample clerical force, Price would postpone the preparation of the claim papers until the time limit for the entry had almost expired, then he would demand fees of various sizes for extra clerical work. It is intimated by those in a position to know that there are probably numerous similar instances and it is generally conceded that the time has arrived for an overhauling of the entire Department of the Interior, save perhaps, the Patent Office, not less thorough than that now taking place in the Postoffice Department. Meanwhile, rumors of serious scandals in the administration of the Immigration law by the Treasury Department are beginning to circulate and no one can tell where the end will be.

News of a somewhat extraordinary proceeding on the part of the President has just been received in Washington. Holmes Conard, who with C. J. Bonaparte, was retained as special counsel for the government to assist in the prosecution of cases growing out of the Postoffice investigation, has arrived in Washington and states that for the past six weeks he and Bonaparte have, by orders of the President, been engaged in going over the old Tulloch charges, which the Postmaster General characterizes as "hot air", a "stump speech" etc., and which were vigorously denied by Merritt, postmaster at Washington. Captain Castle, auditor of the Postoffice Department, Comptroller of the Treasury Trace well, and other officials still in the government service, as well as by First Assistant Postmaster General Perry Heath, Former Postmaster General Charles E. Smith and others. No one knows what is the President's object, but there are indications that the position of Bristow and Proctor, the Civil Service Commissioners, both of whom supported Tulloch, will be sustained to the great discomfort of the officials above named. Conard describes himself as a "liberal republican"

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while Bonaparte claims to be a "liberal democrat," which, being translated, probably means that neither man has strong partisan bias, but both have unsullied reputations for honesty and the public will receive with every confidence, as will doubtless, Mr. Roosevelt, their verdict with regard to the Tulloch allegations. Postmaster General Payne does not attempt to conceal his chagrin at the action of his chief, and from the unguarded manner in which he has expressed himself on several recent occasions it is believed that the Postmaster General contemplates resigning from the Cabinet at an early day.

It is believed, moreover, that the Todd case is likely to be the occasion of a very serious falling out between the Postmaster General and the President. There is a question of veracity between Messrs Payne and Roosevelt and it will be impossible for both of them to emerge from the present difficulty with credit. Payne removed from office Miss Hulda Todd, a fourth class postmaster at Greenwood, Delaware, and appointed as her successor a benchman, Allee, the Addicks Senator. Numerous protests followed the action and Payne explained that he had taken the action because Miss Todd's term had expired and according to an agreement between Allee and Ball, the Delaware Senators, the former had a right to control the federal patronage in that county. Protests were then sent to the President and he announced that he had called on Payne for an explanation of his action. To this Payne replied with an interview in which he says that the agreement was made with the knowledge and approval of the President, that he reported on the case to the President at Oyster Bay before the President called for an explanation, and intimates that in saying he had called for a report the President is "playing to the galleries."

Mr. Payne has also said that he is weary of taking the blame for other people's mistakes. Just what he means by that no one appears to know but an interesting document seems likely to follow. Meanwhile, the press, regardless of party, is refusing to believe that Mr. Roosevelt was party to any such contract with the representative of "the most notorious political corruptionist in the country", as one republican paper describes Addicks, and everyone

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is demanding Payne's resignation.

Four more persons have been indicted during the past week in connection with the postal frauds, although it is said at the Postoffice department that the most sensational cases are yet to come. Last week's indictments reveal three new cases of "graft" whereby Machen used his position to defraud the government. In one instance he was collecting by means of a go-between, 63 cents on every package mail box, after having arbitrarily raised the price to the government to \$1.25; in another instance he is shown to have been collecting from one-half to one-fourth the net profit on every letter box sold to the Post Office Department since 1903; and still another he is shown to have been, with George W. Beavers and Jas. W. Erwin, an assistant superintendent of free delivery, a stock holder in a concern which was selling to the government at an exorbitant price a simple little device which is attached to mail boxes in some cities and which indicates when the next collection will be made. On the letter box contract it is claimed that Machen pocketed not less than \$15,000, possibly much more.

The President has now set the date for his return to Washington for September 28th, and the decorators are going over the White House hanging draperies and adding the finishing touches to the repairs which have been made this summer. The large chandeliers in the East Room have been cut down to a size more proportionate to the height of the room and the gilt piano is reported to be almost ready to bring back from New York, where it was sent for repairs. Washington is generally coming back from the seashore and mountains, and everything points to an early and active social season.

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Does the Negro Get Justice In Our Courts?

Charlotte News.

The Charlotte Observer makes the sweeping statement regarding the negro: "He is not ill-treated nor discriminated against except in the courts, and for the injustice done him there, there seems to be no remedy."

As the courts are supposed to be the final recourse for the obtaining of justice, wherever else injustice may be done, this rather astonishing statement would mean that the negro has no redress for injustice anywhere in the South. The statement is astonishing for another proposition concealed within it, namely, that the very same men who will treat the negro fairly and without discriminating elsewhere, become his oppressors just as soon as they take their oaths of office.

And this statement goes out to those who do not know the South, to any Northern exchange, for instance, with this wholesale accusation against our people and with the note of despair that there is any remedy.

We suppose that the ignorant and defenceless class everywhere are sometimes the prey of the petty tyrants who too often get into the insignificant positions where they can fatten on the fees which it is to their interest to collect from those that they fine. Yet it is seldom that any deserving negro can get some friend among the white people to see that he is not imposed upon in the petty courts.

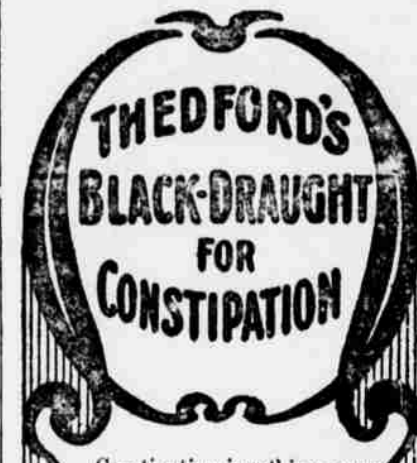
When a negro is able to hire a lawyer it is nonsense to say that his lawyer is not as able and as willing to protect his client as though that client were white. And as a matter of fact, in all the lesser crimes for which the negro is constantly appearing in court, there is a very strong feeling that he should not be judged too strictly, that he should not be judged by the white man's standard, even though he is condemned by the white man's laws. There is a sentiment of pity in the breasts of all decent white men for the negro in trouble, and the lawyers know how to appeal to that sentiment. In fact so evident is this that we have sometimes heard the question mooted, whether the leniency of the Southern juries toward the negro for theft, drunkenness, and the loose sexual relations that obtain among them is not a bad thing for the negro. Who does not know that a white man convicted of larceny would not receive just as heavy a sentence as a negro, perhaps heavier, and that the sentence would be imposed with a good deal more of righteous indignation than in the case of the negro.

The only ground for all this sweeping indictment of a whole people is in the matter of those crimes in which the negro is involved with a white man or a white woman. It cannot be denied that the race feeling enters here. In the case of crimes against white women, however, it ought to enter, for the crime itself is an unnatural one, in the crossing of racial lines, and is doubtless, in most cases a product of race hatred. Even here, however, the punishment of the criminal is only what it should be. It is swift and sure. But there is no more desire to punish indiscriminately, to punish the wrong man, than in the case of the white man.

In the case of the murder of a white man by a negro,

there is some of the same feeling, yet in most cases it was the race feeling that provoked the murder. Nor do we believe that it can be proved that the juries or the courts are any less severe in such a case than they should be in cases of murder.

Just the other day in Mecklenburg, there was an altercation between some whites and negroes, and a negro pulled his gun, the whites being unarmed, and killed one of them and wounded others. He was sent to the penitentiary for ten years. Jersey justice would probably have decreed capital punishment, even if all the parties had been white.



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