

NOT READY YET TO PLACE PIE

Powers That Be Are Not Satisfied as to Applicants for Various Federal Positions in This Vicinity.

RUMOR THAT MAJ. ROLLINS IS TO LOSE POSTOFFICE

Roland Said to Have a Chance—Another Investigation to Be Made Here by Postoffice Inspectors?

Special to The Gazette-News.

Washington, Feb. 23.—The long-delayed shelling out of federal pie to those boys in Congressman Grant's district, and more particularly in Asheville and Biltmore, is yet to be delayed a bit longer, according to rumor and report. It has been the opinion of those visiting the capital from the district during the past few days that with the filing of reports by the postoffice inspectors recently in Asheville on special duty to investigate sundry charges and counter-charges in connection with applicants and near-applicants for the chief berths, the atmosphere would be wonderfully clarified and that nominations would be speedily sent in.

The expected has not happened, however. It is understood that the inspectors have made their reports to the department and, while the contents of these reports are not made public, it is rumored that everything is not as lovely in the district as Mr. Grant, for instance, would like. In fact, it is said that the inspectors failed to give Mr. Grant and some of his supporters entirely clean bills of health. While it is believed here that Mr. Grant's man Luther will win out and ultimately be named as postmaster at Biltmore, it is also believed that when he goes through he will, to use a familiar expression, "leave some hair on the table."

W. E. Logan, Mr. Grant's choice for marshal for the Western district of North Carolina, is still leading in the race and may in time win out. It is whispered about, nevertheless, that the marshalship is not yet definitely settled and the plum while almost is not quite within the grasp of Mr. Logan.

THE ASHEVILLE POSTOFFICE.

It is the Asheville postoffice appointment that is just now exciting the most interest. A few days ago it was practically conceded that Postmaster Rollins would be named for a fourth term. Now there has been a change somehow and while no one professes to know just what has happened it is currently rumored among the North Carolina colony that Maj. Rollins has lost ground and that his chances for appointment are diminishing rapidly. One republican who recently visited the capital declared positively that Maj. Rollins would not be re-appointed. Asked who would win the place he said that a hard fight is in progress and that while apparently T. F. Roland is in the lead the appointment is by no means settled. "It is safe, however, to say," continued this Tar Heel, "that whether Roland wins or not Maj. Rollins will lose out."

While this is the view taken by some of the friends and supporters of Rollins appear sanguine and certain of his re-appointment as postmaster at Asheville.

ANOTHER INVESTIGATION.

In this connection it is understood that another investigation is to be made at Asheville by postoffice inspectors and that this time the Asheville office will be singled out as the "point of attack."

Rumor here and reports coming to the capital from the state shed an interesting bit of light on the recent investigation into charges brought against a postoffice inspector in the Asheville district by Congressman Grant. This investigation had to do with the "famous" letter written by Congressman Grant to Brownlow Jackson, postmaster at Hendersonville, in which it was alleged Grant attempted to coerce the postoffice inspector. For a time it was understood that the matter rested on an interpretation of the letter, the postoffice inspector interpreting it one way and friends of Congressman Grant interpreting it another. The letter it was believed was missing. When the investigation was held, however, so rumor has it, the letter or a copy thereof was in evidence and those who profess to know something of the case say that the result was distinctly in favor of the postoffice inspector.

It is evident that Mr. Hitchcock and the president are going thoroughly into the situation in the Tenth district and that pending a second investigation, no appointment in the district will be made. It is understood that Mr. Grant has not given Postmaster Rollins his endorsement. While the representative has endorsed for the postmaster at Asheville, if any one, cannot be learned.

INSURGENTS ARE DEFEATED; A LARGE LIST OF CASUALTIES

New York, Feb. 23.—Reports from Manassas state that the insurgents under General Chamorro suffered a severe defeat at the hands of the government forces at Yuma. Casualties slight, however.

PROOFS OF PEARY FEAT CALLED FOR

House Committee Would Pass on Them—Doings of the Day in National Congress.

Washington, Feb. 23.—Peary's proof that he reached the north pole were called for today, by the house naval committee. The sub-committee considering bills for conferring various rewards upon Peary adopted a resolution calling upon Secretary Nagel for Peary's official reports of the discovery of the pole.

In order to better protect the interests of the government the house passed a bill repealing section 860 of the revised statutes, providing for immunity of witnesses.

Although David A. DeArmond, the noted democratic leader is dead, his work still lives. A bill introduced by him last session concerning national bank statements was favorably acted upon by the house sub-committee today.

Whether the cotton producing states are represented adequately in the consular service is a question the house probably will call upon Secretary of State Knox to answer, the result of a resolution introduced by Congressman Garner of Texas.

Colonel Gordon, the venerable Mississippi senator, celebrated his last official duty in the senate by presiding over that body an hour, while Senator Brown delivered an income tax speech.

COLDEST WEATHER OF THE WINTER

Six Below in Chicago and Very Low Temperatures Are Reported from Other Points.

Chicago, Feb. 23.—Chicago experienced the coldest weather of the winter today. It was six degrees below zero.

At St. Paul, Minn., Feb. 23.—Twenty below zero was recorded this morning.

Kansas City, Feb. 23.—Five degrees below zero was recorded here. Throughout Nebraska, Missouri and Kansas, low temperatures are reported.

RENEWAL OF WEAKNESS ON COTTON EXCHANGE

The Old Crop Months Sold Off to Net Loss of 30 to 33 Points After Midday.

New York, Feb. 23.—There was a renewal of the weakness noted during Saturday's trading in the cotton market today, with May selling off to 13.57 and old crop months generally to a net loss of 30 to 33 points shortly after midday, under heavy liquidation and bear pressure.

TO PULL OFF FIGHT IN SAN FRANCISCO.

San Francisco, Feb. 23.—The forty-five round championship on July 4 between James J. Jeffries and Jack Johnson for a purse of \$100,000 will be fought in San Francisco. This announcement was made late last night following a conference between Tex Rickard, Eddie Graney, Supervisor John L. Hargett, Sam Fitzpatrick and Jim Griffin.

The Crew Saved.

Beaufort, N. C., Feb. 23.—The entire crew of thirty men of the British steamer Arroyo, which went ashore near Diamond Shoals was taken off safely by life savers.

All Quiet in London.

London, Feb. 23.—Political affairs appear likely to simmer for some weeks until the matter of the finance is disposed of, unless a revolt of the advance radicals spreads.

THE WEATHER.

Forecast until 5 p. m. Thursday for Asheville and vicinity: Fair and colder tonight, with a cold wave; Thursday partly cloudy.

Exposon in Coal Mine.

Central City, Ky., Feb. 23.—There was a gas explosion in the mine of the Iron Mountain Coal company, today which probably fatally burned Warren Gibbs, a miner. Seventy-four other men in the day shift escaped with slight injuries.

A Bank Quits.

Boston, Feb. 23.—National City bank of Cambridge closed its doors today.

Plot Discovered.

Lisbon, Feb. 23.—The government is greatly perturbed by the discovery of a wide-spread revolutionary plot.

May Call Out the Entire National Guard To Cope With the Philadelphia Rioters



More Than a Thousand Persons Arrested for Rioting in Quaker City, and Two Are Dead.

TWO THOUSAND WINDS BROKEN IN A DAY

Sundry Mobs Decline to Take State Fencibles Seriously, Leaving Police With Bag to Hold.

Philadelphia, Feb. 23.—Strike leader Pratt this afternoon declared the men have practically won the strike. He said: "If the company wants fight we can give it all its wants. We have only played our first card." Mayor Reburn issued a statement this afternoon that there existed less necessity for troops than on any day since the beginning of the strike.

Philadelphia, Feb. 23.—Two dead, three dying, more than a thousand injured, is the toll exacted by the reign of lawlessness the past three days, as a result of the Philadelphia Rapid Transit company strike. The failure of the State Fencibles to intimidate the strikers will probably force the authorities to call out the entire National Guard. Thus far the principal objects of attacks. More than one thousand persons have been arrested for rioting, thirty-six were indicted by the grand jury. Two thousand car windows were broken yesterday.

With the exception that much less disorder was reported the street car strike situation has undergone little change.

With heavy police protection, the transit company is operating a limited number of cars. The public are not patronizing the company to any extent, fearing injury from bricks or bullets.

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MAN IN SANITARIUM; WOMAN IN THE ASYLUM.

Raleigh, Feb. 23.—W. E. Massenberg, of Statesville and Henderson, in a sanitarium to recover from his debauch and Mrs. Arthur Nowell, of Greensboro and Raleigh, in the Central State hospital in Raleigh, committed there as being an insane person, is the finale in the war of the two who left Raleigh on Tuesday of last week, and were arrested in Glison Saturday afternoon after stops at High Point, Charlotte, Hamlet, where they were registered at hotels and a boarding house as man and wife. Mrs. Nowell's little boy, Frank, six years of age, who was with them, is at the home here of his grandfather, United States Commissioner John Nichols.

James K. Vardaman Falls Outside the Breakwaters.

Jackson, Miss., Feb. 23.—Leroy Percy of Greenville, lawyer and planter, was chosen last night United States senator from Mississippi to succeed the late A. J. McLaurin and to serve during the three years of his unexpired term. By a majority in joint legislative caucus of five votes, over former Governor James K. Vardaman. The result came on the fifty-eighth ballot and was brought about through a process of elimination, terminating a dead-lock, which has prevailed during seven weeks.

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Will Build Railway ALONG FORNEY'S CREEK

Norwood Lumber Company to Construct Branch Line of Eight Miles.

The Norwood Lumber company of West Virginia which recently purchased large boundary lands from the Harris-Woodbury company at Bryson City have begun the construction of a railroad, to branch off the Southern near Bryson City.

The new road will be extended about eight miles up Forney's Creek, and is to be used largely in hauling lumber to the mammoth hand mills which the Norwood company contemplate building at an early date near Bryson City. Mr. Mendenhall has the works in charge.

SALVATION ARMY WILL HOLD A SPECIAL MEETING

The Salvation Army will hold a special anniversary meeting tonight in the cotton mill district at Avery street chapel. Adjutant Bouter and wife, accompanied by Capt. Callin's little son, Elmer, have just arrived from Atlanta, Ga. The adjutant will have charge of the meeting assisted by his helpers and comrades who have been converted during the past year. Special singing will be one of the attractions. Everybody welcome.

Strikers in Chicago.

Chicago, Feb. 23.—The strike of the building tradesworkers probably will spread strikers ranks to two thousand.

"BATTLING" NELSON IS WORSTED BY WOLGAST

Only Once Did He Seem to Have a Chance and This Did not Last Long.

San Francisco, Feb. 23.—The total receipts to the Nelson-Wolgast fight yesterday was \$37,000. Wolgast received \$27,000 and Nelson \$10,000.

Richmond Arena, Cal., Feb. 23.—His face battered to a pulp, his eyes closed, covered with blood and staggering helplessly about the ring, Battling Nelson, conqueror of Joe Gans, was saved from a knock-out in the fortieth round of his fight with Ad Wolgast, when Referee Eddie Smith stopped an unequal contest.

Nelson, game to the last, stood in the center of the ring and, though he could hardly raise his hands, begged to be allowed to continue. He was led to his corner heart-broken.

In the opposite corner of the ring, the new light-weight champion of the world, Ad Wolgast of Cadillac, Mich., was lifted to the shoulders of his trainers while the big crowd cheered.

Only once did Nelson have a chance. In the twenty-second round, with a stinging right cross to the jaw he staggered Wolgast, and before the round closed he dropped Wolgast in the middle of the ring with a similar blow. Three seconds were tolled before Wolgast regained his feet.

The crowd prepared to leave the arena as the word went from bench that another boy had fallen victim to the wonderful durability of the Dane. But in the next round Wolgast recuperated and from then on slowly but surely won Nelson down.

For twelve rounds before the finish Nelson seemed bewildered and his blows were delivered as though his arms were stiff. From the thirteenth round Nelson could hardly see or hear. The left side of his face had lost all semblance of its former contour. He staggered and hung on. In the thirty-seventh round he was all but out.

In the thirty-eighth round John Robinson, Nelson's manager, wanted to throw the sponge into the ring, but Abdul, the Turk, another of the seconds, tore it from his hands and threw it into the bucket. Robinson protested on the verge of tears that his man was beaten.

When the fortieth came Referee Smith asked Nelson if he wanted to quit. Nelson, unable to talk, merely shook his head negatively. After 20 seconds of the fortieth round had gone and as darkness was beginning to creep over the scene, Referee Smith raised Wolgast's glove and the new light-weight champion was made.

Wolgast out generated, out boxed and all but outgamed Nelson. After the fight Wolgast scampered out of the ring like a school boy and galloped through the mob to his training room. Nelson was taken out on the arms of his seconds. As he was carried through the crowd he was cheered for the grit and gameness he had displayed.

A Sad Moment.

Chicago, Feb. 23.—"This is the saddest moment of my life," said Mrs. Nelson, mother of "Battling" Nelson, when she heard of her son's defeat by Ad Wolgast, at Los Angeles. Mrs. Nelson says this lesson will teach "Battling" to give up prize fighting.

Will Speak Tonight.

New York, Feb. 23.—President Taft will speak tonight at the New York board of trade banquet, leaving soon afterward for Washington.

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WORK IS RESUMED IN GROVE PARK

A Large Force of Men, After a Long Delay Caused by Unfavorable Weather, Now Employed.

THE DEAKE TRACT IS NOW RECEIVING ATTENTION

Good News Given by Mr. Randolph, Who is Looking After Mr. Grove's Interests Here.

Work was today resumed in the development of the E. W. Grove park, and before the week ends, it is expected that a large force of men will be at work. The unfavorable weather conditions of the winter has forced all work to be shut down for the past two months.

W. F. Randolph, who is the Asheville representative of E. W. Grove's interests, states that the work of developing the extensive acreage of Mr. Grove's holdings will necessitate the employment of a large force throughout the season.

The development of the Deake tract, the portion of the E. W. Grove park planned and platted by direction of C. D. Beadle of the Biltmore nurseries, will be undertaken immediately. The street ways have been cut out through the woods and these portions of the tract will be developed at once.

Mr. Beadle's surveyors have begun work in the mountain tracts purchased by Mr. Grove last fall. The mountain sides will be planned to be developed similar to that outlined and surveyed by him in the section east of Charlotte street.

The resumption of work in the park is good news to the laboring men, as it is the intention of Mr. Randolph to put on enough men to complete much of this fine residential development during the summer and fall season. It will mean that the payroll will amount to a larger sum than ever before.

PRESIDENT TAFT VISITS MORGAN'S TREASURES

He Goes to See the Pictures, Accompanied by a Large Squad of Detectives.

New York, Feb. 23.—The president, accompanied by a large squad of secret service men, today visited J. Pierpont Morgan's art gallery. He spent the rest of the day working on the speech he will deliver tonight at a banquet.

Six hundred police lieutenants of Greater New York cheered President Taft last night as he appeared smiling before them at the Waldorf-Astoria, a late and almost informal arrival at the fourth annual banquet. He had previously attended and delivered an address before the society of the Cincinnati in the state of New Jersey, an aristocratic affair held at the Hotel Plaza. Leaving there after a speech which dwelt almost entirely with the life of Washington, the president made quick progress to the police gathering by automobile where he was enthusiastically received. Mayor Gaynor shared the honors with Mr. Taft at the lieutenants' banquet, and there were present besides the officers more than a hundred known men in political and municipal life.

The dinner was held in the grand ball room but the Astor gallery was also called into service. Many prominent women looked on from the gallery and boxes.

Zealous Jersey City, anxious to do the president full honor in the matter of police protection, gave his arrival there a case-like aspect. For an hour before his train arrived over the Pennsylvania railroad at 4:31 p. m., the entire terminal had been carefully patrolled by more than a score of policemen.

Stepping from his car the president as usual was surrounded by a hollow square of policemen and secret service men but the elaborate preparations of the New Jersey men gave the impression that undue measures of protection were being taken. Three mounted policemen on active, sharp-shod horses led the automobiles from the boat and galloped in front of them at a lively pace, clearing the way to the home of the president's brother, Henry W. Taft, at No. 26 West Forty-eighth street. At the residence President Taft was left alone with relatives until the banquet.

Percy Elected to Succeed McLaurin.

Jackson, Miss., Jan. 23.—The two houses of the Mississippi legislature met today and unanimously elected Leroy Percy of Greenville United States senator, succeeding the late Senator McLaurin. The senator's term expires March 4, 1911.

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