

MAJ. ROLLINS' NAME GOES IN

He Is Nominated for Postmaster at Asheville, and Seawell to Succeed Skinner.

GRANT FOLKS EXPECTED LOGAN'S NOMINATION, TOO

Morehead Said to Have Induced Crane to Interfere in the Case of Stencil of Smith-field.

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The president sent to the senate at 1 p. m. the nomination of W. W. Rollins as postmaster at Asheville and Herbert F. Seawell as district attorney to succeed Harry Skinner. There is great surprise among the Grant following that W. E. Logan is not named for marshal in the west. This scores one for Duncan since all his opponents had united in the effort to bring about the reappointment of Harry Skinner as district attorney.

Republican National Committeeman E. C. Duncan and Judge Spencer B. Adams, who have been about the national capital for several days, had lunch yesterday with Postmaster General Frank H. Hitchcock. They came here by invitation, to settle pending patronage problems in North Carolina. It is said that Congressman Grant will name the western district United States marshal and that Judge Adams will succeed A. E. Holton as district attorney in the eastern district is not disclosed. Judge Adams goes to the White House today by appointment.

It is said that Senator Crane of Massachusetts has taken a hand in the Smithfield postoffice fight, at the instance of Congressman Morehead, and will oppose Stencil's confirmation as postmaster. As soon as Senator Overman read the story in this correspondence about the offer of a series of the repudiated carpet bag bonds bearing the name of the state of North Carolina by the New York holders to the state of Nevada he got in communication with Senator Newlands of that state. Mr. Newlands was unfamiliar with the matter, but at the instance of Senator Overman he wired the governor to find out the situation. The governor was not at the state capital when the message was received, and it was answered by the secretary of state, who informs Mr. Newlands that the bonds have been offered to the state authorities. The secretary of state expressed the opinion in his reply that the governor would decline to accept the issue for the purpose of harassing North Carolina, and indicated that his policy with regard to the matter would be much the same as that followed by the governor of Rhode Island. The impression had been created here that the Nevada authorities would accept the bonds and institute suit. That was undoubtedly the work of some of the bondholders.

It would seem that Nevada is to follow the action taken by the states of New York, Michigan and Rhode Island, all of which have declined to act as collectors of bad debts for New York speculators.

Senator Overman has voiced his opposition in the judiciary committee of the senate along with other senators to the confirmation of the five appointees selected by the president to serve on the new customs court, which is to investigate the tariff question. The president has drawn the nominations, and it is possible that he will heed the objections to the compositions of the court, which is not at all personal. Senator Overman protested that the south, the middle west and the southwest are unrepresented on the court. Three of the members live west of the Rocky mountains, one is a resident of New York and the other of Vermont. In view of the fact that it is now acknowledged that the tariff is a local question, it is important that every section of the country should be represented on the court. The tariffs of the republican party have always been discriminatory against the south, and with a court so constituted as is the one selected by Mr. Taft, there is no prospect that there will be any change in the policy of discrimination.

The public buildings committee of the house, of which Representative Thomas is a member, has voted in favor of a public building bill at this session of congress, but the final say must be had from the speaker before there can be any legislation along this line. Up to the present time Speaker Cannon declined to commit himself one way or another, but some people about the capital profess to see favorable indications of a public building bill in the attitude of Speaker Cannon. The republican news leader, who has introduced

Snapshots of Scenes in the Philadelphia Street Car Strike



C. O. PRATT AFTER HIS RELEASE ON BAIL



BLOCKING TRUCKS ON GERMAN TOWN AVENUE



THE STATE FENCIBLES.

CONNERS HAS WON DOUBTFUL VICTORY

He Will Hold Position of Chairman of New York State Committee, but There Is a String to It.

Albany, N. Y., Feb. 25.—William J. Conners made good his prediction that he would still be chairman of the democratic state committee after its meeting yesterday. In saving his political scalp, however, he lost most of his hair. Charles F. Murphy, the Tammany chieftain, whose complete mastery of the situation was realized by no one better than by Conners himself, granted the Buffalo leader a brief political reprieve in the interest of party harmony, after Conners had agreed to resign in April and to repudiate his recent harsh statements concerning Mr. Murphy and the alleged auctioning of judgeships in New York, which he declared were the result of his "infirmities of temper" and were unjustified in fact.

Chairman Conners was re-elected for a two year term on April 17, 1908. He announced at the meeting yesterday that "under no conceivable circumstances" would he be a candidate for re-election. He promised, however, to work hard to uphold the hands of his successor and to aid in restoring the democratic party to power. The state committee will meet in April to elect a new chairman.

Yesterday's meeting lasted less than 15 minutes. After the compromise, which was arranged at a personal conference between Chairman Conners and leader Murphy, all fear of a clash at the meeting vanished.

Four resolutions were quickly adopted without a dissenting voice. The first resolution was in favor of a federal income tax and urged "our representatives in the legislature to press for passage and vote for the amendment to the federal constitution giving to the congress of the United States power to impose a tax upon incomes." The second placed the committee on record as favoring the direct primary bills already introduced in the present legislature.

The committee then took a fling at "republican misrule" by adopting a resolution declaring that the republican party won the last national election upon the platform pledging it specifically to revise the tariff downward, but that in spite of that pledge, "the recent revision has in no way removed from the shoulders of the great mass of the people the burden of indirect taxation which the republican policy of protection imposes upon them for the benefit of the few."

It charged the republican leaders in the recent revision of the tariff with gross breach of faith and treachery to the people, and declared that the excessive cost of the necessities of life is directly attributed to republican misrule and is certain to continue until "the iniquitous tariff law—so well called the mother of trusts—shall be honestly revised by those who represent sufferers and not the beneficiaries under it and until, under democratic rule, the tariff of protection and special privileges gives way to the tariff for revenue only."

A JEWELRY STORE IS BROKEN INTO

Hawkin's Store at Hendersonville Entered and Robbed Got Considerable Booty.

Special to The Gazette-News. Hendersonville, Feb. 25.—Hawkin's jewelry store was broken into last night, and jewelry, valued at \$200 or \$300 was stolen. Things were badly scattered about, so that the exact amount of the loss has not as yet been determined. The robber must have been a novice at the business, since he passed over many things of greater value than those taken. The officers think they have a clue that may lead to an arrest.

A WRIT OF ERROR IS GRANTED TODAY

Supreme Court Will Examine Heike's Claim of Immunity, in the Sugar Trust Indictments.

Washington, Feb. 25.—Charles R. Heike's claim of immunity under indictment in connection with the New York sugar frauds, will be examined by the United States Supreme court. Justice Lurton today granted a writ of error, bringing the matter up for review.

Philadelphia, Feb. 25.—Mrs. Cyrus P. Curtis, who became editor of the Ladies' Home Journal when that publication started, died today, aged 53 years.

Two Are Killed. Memphis, Feb. 25.—Deputy Sheriff Lucy in an effort to arrest a negro was shot and instantly killed by the negro, who in turn was killed by two deputies.

UNITED STATES LEADS THE WORLD

That Is, as a Tobacco Exporter, and Ranks Second as an Importer of the Weed.

Washington, Feb. 25.—The United States leads the world as a tobacco exporter, being the second leading market of the world for imported tobacco, according to statistics of the department of commerce and labor. Last year the United States supplied forty-one million dollars' worth of tobacco entering the international markets.

A HUNDRED KILLED IN BOTH ARMIES

Whether Granada Has Fallen in Doubt—Day's Dispatches Are Negative.

Washington, Feb. 25.—Today's dispatches from Nicaragua received at the state department are generally negative. Whether Granada has fallen is a matter of doubt. Nothing is known here of the reported flight of Madriz. Olivas confirms the news that Chamorro's forces were defeated by fraas. The combined casualties were 100 killed.

COMMITTEE IS DEFIED BY WITNESS, MR. JONES

He Attacks James M. Sheridan, in the Ballinger-Pinchot Committee Hearing.

Washington, Feb. 25.—The Ballinger-Pinchot inquiry took an unexpected turn today when Special Agent Horace T. Jones of the land office took the stand for the "prosecution" and made a sensational attack on James M. Sheridan, who was sent to Seattle last year to take charge of the government's case in the hearings on the Cunningham coal claims. Jones declared Sheridan's conduct of the case was incompetent. Under cross examination Jones was defiant to members of the committee and declared he did not care what influence was determined from his testimony.

HOUSE MEMBERS IN COURT TODAY

Whether Judicial Branch of Government Has Control Over Legislative Branch Is Being Argued.

Washington, Feb. 25.—Whether the judicial branch of the government has control over the legislative branch is being argued today before Justice Daniel T. Wright, in the district supreme court, in the action of the Valley Paper company against the joint congressional committee. The paper company sought to mandamus the committee to award it the contract for paper for the government printing. The senators of the committee did not appear. Until the jurisdiction of the court is decided, the possible contempt of the senators will not be an issue.

COMMITTEE TAKES FAVORABLE ACTION

Resolution Proposing Change in Date of Inauguration Is Acted Upon by House Judiciary Committee.

Washington, Feb. 25.—The resolution proposing to the several states an amendment to the constitution changing the date of the presidential inaugurations from March 4, to the last Thursday in April, was favorably acted upon today by the house judiciary committee. Justice Wright, after hearing argument, announced that he would give a decision Monday.

Coleman Arrested. Boston, Feb. 25.—George W. Coleman, the alleged defaulting bookkeeper of the wrecked National City Bank of Cambridge, arrived here this morning and was arrested by the federal authorities.

Appeals Will Be Taken in Libel Cases. Washington, Feb. 25.—Attorney General Wickersham today decided that appeals will be taken in the Panama canal libel cases.

THE WEATHER. Forecasts until 8 p. m. Saturday, for Asheville and vicinity: Continued fair, cold weather tonight and Saturday.

THE PROPOSAL IS REJECTED

Neither Strikers Nor Transit Company Look With Approval Upon Peace Plans of Ministers.

THE COMPANY CLAIMS TO HAVE WON THE STRIKE

But the Limited Number of Cars in Operation Today Were not Well Patronized—Labor Backing Strikers.

Philadelphia, Feb. 25.—Good order was maintained throughout the day. There is little apparent change in the strike situation except that the company appears able to run more cars than formerly. It is claimed it is now operating 700 cars. The strikers remain steadfast, and feel sure they will win. The public are patronizing the cars more freely.

Philadelphia, Feb. 25.—Traffic on all street car lines is still far from normal, as the result of the strike of motormen and conductors. The limited number of cars in operation are not well patronized. Sympathy with the strikers, and fear that attacks on the cars might be resumed, caused thousands of persons to continue riding in wagons, and other conveyances. Thus far the day has been quiet.

While the transit company claims to have won the strike, the claim is disputed by the strikers' committee. Both sides submit the case to arbitration, has not borne fruit. Organized labor is backing the strikers strongly.

Cars Operated Last Night. Surface cars were operated on the principal streets of the city until midnight last night for the first time since the beginning of the present strike against the Philadelphia Rapid Transit company. Since the strike began on Saturday of last week all cars were withdrawn from service at nightfall but last night, guarded by members of the state police, the cars continued to run even through the turbulent mill districts of Kensington and Frankford.

Although the transit company officials reported that eighty-four cars had been stoned during the day no disturbance was permitted to attain serious proportions. All outbreaks were quickly quelled by the police and not a riot call was sent to headquarters. During the day, according to the company figures, 744 cars were in operation and sixty-six of these continued to run until midnight. Increased service is promised by the company, which announces that four hundred new men, many of whom were formerly employed in the company, were hired yesterday and will take out cars today.

Only one-third as many arrests were made yesterday by the police as were made the day before when seventy-eight people were taken into custody. Among those arrested was the son of a constable in the office of the committing magistrate. He confessed that he was a member of a band of youths who manufactured a quantity of explosive caps and then drew lots to see who should place the explosive on the tracks. He drew the fateful straw and was arrested while placing the explosives on the tracks.

A new and dangerous method of showing their antipathy to the transit company was adopted by crowds of boys in the up-town district when soap was used on the rails. A Twelfth street car was attacked by a mob at Twelfth and North streets. For about fifteen minutes bricks, stones and other missiles were thrown into the car, breaking windows and throwing the passengers into a panic. A detail of policemen gave chase to the rioters, who fled.

Soon afterward the same crowd commenced operations at Tenth and York streets, nearly, where they stoned the Tenth street car tracks. A detail of policemen was called for and again the mob was driven away.

Plans for the proposed sympathetic strike have been deferred for the present. The striking car men at their meeting adopted a resolution requesting that the strike of other union men be held in abeyance. As a result of this request members of the Central Labor Union and the Allied Building Trades Council, which have been busy planning the proposed strike of all trades, decided to postpone further action until the regular meeting of their bodies on next Sunday. At that time it is proposed to appoint committees to make the strike effective whenever such action is decided upon.

THREATS OF STORM IN BRITISH POLITICS

Existence of the Cabinet Menaced, and Feeling Among Politicians Is Fervent.