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## NICE PLUM FOR MOTT

He is to Be Special Prosecuting Attorney.

His Appointment Reveals Some Facts That Are of Political Interest—Washington Gossip.

A Washington special to the Charlotte Observer, dated December 21st, says:

By virtue of some very active backing from the North Carolina Republican organization, in conjunction with some influential support outside of the State, M. L. Mott has secured a position under the Department of Justice, which all lawyers would consider attractive. The position is that of prosecuting attorney in special cases in which the government may be concerned, such as, for instance, the trust and postoffice scandal cases. It will be seen that events may so shape themselves that the postoffice cases may not only be tried before a North Carolina, Justice Pritchard, but one of the prosecuting attorneys may also come from the Old North State. Mr. Mott was asked at the department whether he had had much experience in conspiracy cases.

The announcement that Mr. Mott would be given this position disclosed some facts that are not without political interest. It became known that Congress would be asked to again make an appropriation to be used in prosecuting the trust cases. This announcement is chiefly of moment, as it would seem to indicate that the administration contemplates no backward step, regardless of the hostility recently aroused from trust sources. This appropriation, it is presumed, will be made available early in January, directly after which Mr. Mott and others similarly employed expect to get their first assignment to duty. These special attorneys will not be placed on regular salary, but will be indefinitely employed, and of course the government will pay good fees, even when it happens that cases are not of sufficient importance to attract general attention. The gentleman chiefly instrumental in procuring this recognition for Mr. Mott was Senator Forsaker, of Ohio. It seems that there has been much in common between Mr. Mott's father and the Ohio Senator during national convention times. Senator Forsaker, Mr. Mott and others were in conference at the Department of Justice one day recently when Col. R. B. Glenn entered the department on business for a client. Attorney General Knox asked Mr. Glenn about Mr. Mott, when that gentleman stated that he was from North Carolina. Mr. Glenn replied that if the government was after a prosecutor who could convict men for crime, that the department could not do better than employ Mr. Mott. The Attorney General reserved his decision until to-day, and Mr. Mott will leave to-morrow for his home with the definite assurance that he will be sent for in a very short time.

Democratic leaders in the Senate say the fate of the Panama canal treaty will be left in doubt until the information requested by Senator Hoar in his resolution has been received. "The administration must have a clean bill of health," said one of the leaders of the minority. "Not until it has shown that it has not been in collusion with the men who brought about the revolution at Panama will the minority Senators look with favor on the treaty and be willing to allow it to pass the Senate." Following this line of action, the nomination of Minister Buchanan to represent the United States at Panama was held up in the executive session on a motion by Senator Gorman. Minister Buchanan had already received his commission and had started for Panama when that motion was made, but the rules permitted such motion within two days from the date of confirmation. The course of the Democrats in respect to that resolution indicates their purpose to leave nothing undone that will record their opposition to recognition of Panama until the Senate has acted on Senator Hoar's resolution. Democratic leaders declare that the only way in which the administration can show itself to be guiltless of any collusion at Panama is to have that resolution adopted, and to place the information it calls for before the Senate.

Leave off Bathing and be Healthy. "When people leave off bathing there will be little or nothing for the doctors to do," says the Chicago Dispatch. "Pneumonia, colds and a hundred other ills result from the foolish habit of washing the body. To bathe is to be dirty, for you thereby make a sewer of the skin. Blood, attracted by the skin, gives up products that should be left to seek a natural outlet, and soils the skin." The foregoing declaration, made by Prof. John Dill Robertson at the annual meeting of the Chicago Eclectic and Surgical Society at the Auditorium, has aroused considerable interest here. Professor Robertson asserted that the theory that the closing of the pores of the skin would result in death is false. He said that all physiologies which made such an assertion were wrong. The habit of taking "dry" baths was also denounced. The rubbing of a rough towel over the skin, according to Dr. Robertson, remove the natural scales of the skin, or the "false skin." This he said, causes the growth of bacteria on the skin. The doctor cited the case of an Eskimo brought from Greenland to Boston, who had never been ill in his life. He was given a bath, contracted pneumonia and died in two days.

Unless Captain Hudgins, of the steamer Berkshire, is mistaken, says the Philadelphia Record of the 20th, there is danger of serious submarine disturbances off the coast of North Carolina. The Berkshire reached this port yesterday, and the story told by the master is of decided interest to scientists. He reports that on Thursday at 5 p. m., when the steamer was 68 miles northeast from Frying Pan Shoal light-ship he cast the lead in 20 fathoms of water, and on drawing it in found the metal to be unbearably hot. Twice the experiment was made and each time the lead came up so hot that it could not be held in the bare hand. As the steamer came north the heat became less, but a few miles. Captain Hudgins has no theory to advance concerning the unusual happening, but thinks there may be a chain of deep sea volcanoes that are awaiting a favorable opportunity to become active. Some scientists believe that the Gulf stream has had its course deflected to the westward, bringing it nearer to the coast, but mariners declare the stream would have to be hotter than they have ever found it to heat the lead. Some incredulous passengers on the Berkshire intimate that the lead was inadvertently dropped through a porthole into the furnace room, but the sailors scorn the idea that such a mistake could have been made.

## NINE PERSONS KILLED

As the Result of a Brakeman's Neglect.

He Failed to Plug the "Meteor"—It Jumped the Track and Landed Sixty Feet Off the Road Bed.

In a wreck Monday, says a Kansas City dispatch, at Godfrey, Kan., of the "Meteor," a St. Louis & San Francisco fast train from the south, nine persons were killed and 22 injured. Of the injured four probably will die, while 14 were severely hurt.

The dead are: James Kirkpatrick, George Hoyt, conductor; B. A. Dewess, engineer; Theodore Bishop, fireman; James H. Wyman, Asa McCreland, Leon Corbin, Joseph Corbin, John Bluebacker, newsagent. Probably fatally injured: Sberidan Kanable, E. G. Garroway, John Bell, messenger; H. B. Darlington, mail clerk. All the dead lived in Kansas and Oklahoma and the injured are residents of the West.

J. A. Bartley, a freight brakeman, whose failure to plug the passenger train caused the wreck, has not been found. The wrecked train was one of the finest and fastest in the service. It was made up of two baggage cars and one mail car, a smoker, two chair cars and a sleeper. When the train reached Godfrey, it was running at full speed to make up time. The crew of a freight train that had preceded the Meteor left the switch open and the passenger train left the track, rolling down an embankment. The sleeper turned over and so fast was the train running that the engine and the forward baggage car landed nearly 60 feet off the road-bed before it stopped. The sleeper remained upright and none of the passengers in this car was injured. The baggage cars were completely wrecked and the smoker was badly damaged. Five of those killed were in the forward end of the smoker and four of them were killed instantly.

Engineer Dewess, of Fort Scott; Conductor Hoyt and Fireman Bishop were all instantly killed and Express Messenger John Bell, of Kansas City, was seriously injured. Others of the crew and almost every passenger on the train were injured except those in the sleeper, who escaped with a severe shaking up. Sixteen persons, including Henry M. McDonnell, of Lodi, O., were seriously hurt and 15 others were slightly injured. Most of the injured were badly burned, as well as being maimed. The responsibility of the wreck is laid at the door of a brakeman of the freight crew, who failed to flag the passenger train. He has disappeared. The engine on the freight had become "dead," and the crew was ordered to remain on the main track and turn the switch for the passenger train, then about five. The brakeman was ordered to flag the Meteor. This he neglected to do. In the crash the baggage car telescoped the engine and landed in a corn field, while the smoker and two chair cars were piled in a mass on top of the engine. Most of the injured were in the chair cars, which took fire soon after the wreck occurred.

## Emigrated to a State Where He Can Vote.

Because he was not allowed to vote in this State, says the Durham Herald, Calvin Mitchell, colored, who made a good living on a farm just beyond the mill of Cox & Christian, has sold out and gone to Washington State. There he will make his home in the future. Mitchell was what might be termed a well-to-do colored farmer. He made a plenty of everything and when he sold out a few days ago he had two mules, a horse 100 barrels of corn and other property. But he wanted to vote, and this he could not do in the State of North Carolina unless he could come up to the requirements of the constitutional amendment. After brooding over the matter for several months, Mitchell finally decided to cast his lot elsewhere.

## The Strike in Chicago.

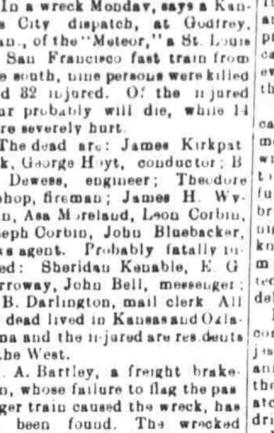
A correspondent from Chicago to the Charlotte Chronicle of the 21st, says: No sign of peace had entered in the lively drivers' strike to-day, when the fourth day of the tieup of hearses and carriages came with renewal of desolate funerals, and the prospect that the police may be put on the "plain wagons" now used for carrying the dead. Ambulances have come under the ban of the striking pickets, according to the reports received from undertakers and liveriesmen, who declare that the police will be necessary to man the conveyances of the sick as well as those of the dead.

The Congregationalist calls attention to the fact that Dr. Briggs was cast out as a heretic, says The Presbyterian Standard, for saying that there were three sources of authority, the Bible, the Church and the Reason, and that Dr. Patton has just said in his inaugural address that the materials from which theological science is derived are to be found in three sources, the Bible, the Church and the Reason. If the editor of the Congregationalist had Dr. Patton's theological acumen he would see that there is a difference between the material for a science and the source of authority. And then, Dr. Briggs might say the same thing that Dr. Patton does and mean a heap worse.

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low, low," with his mouth shut, or the deafening noise made by children on New Year day with their trumpets. The yakamiks usually deposit their eggs in a hollow in the ground, often at the foot of a tree. A nest generally contains ten eggs of a pale green color. The young birds follow their mothers as soon as they are hatched but do not lose their pretty down covering until several weeks old. The yakamiks are very readily tamed and proved valuable servants to the Indians, who domesticate them, and as they are courageous and will protect animals entrusted to their care at every risk of themselves, even dogs are obliged to yield to their authority. There may be trusted with the care of a flock of sheep or domestic fowls, and every morning will drive the ducks and poultry to their feeding places, and, carefully collecting any stragglers, bring them safely home at night. A yakamik soon learns to know and obey the voice of his master, follows him when permitted wherever he goes and appears delighted at receiving his caresses. It pines at his absence and welcomes his return, and is extremely jealous of any rival. Should any animal attack its master, the yakamik in utmost fury, attacks it with wings and beak driving it away. It presents itself regularly during meals, from which it chases all domestic animals, and even the negroes who wait on the table, if it is not well acquainted with them, and only asks for a share of the eatables after it has driven away all who might aspire to a favorable notice from the family.

An Achievement in Buying. One morning, says the World's Work, a New York syndicate buyer received the following telegram from one of his largest Texas clients: "Burned out. Must have complete stock at once. Have engaged temporary quarters. Use judgment, but rush goods."

The store was one of the largest in its territory, and every day lost to business meant a tremendous loss of money. The syndicate buyer figured on a large sheet of paper for twenty minutes. At the end of that time he called his staff of buyers and explained the situation. He had blocked out a large commission for each, with the exception of two; they were to arrange for fast freight shipment and to negotiate for immediate express shipment for goods that went in small quantities. It was the end of the season and the stock of goods in New York was almost exhausted. To his men he said: "I've got to buy a \$100,000 stock and do it right away." Every man went about his task. The head of the buying bureau kept in telephonic communication with his men for three hours, advising, planning, all the while assembling a mass of goods. Then he went out himself and bought. By noon \$50,000 worth of goods had been secured by the buyers, and by night half of it all was on the way to Texas. A week from the night of the fire the \$100,000 stock was ready in the Texas merchant's temporary quarters, and a remarkable buying achievement had been done.

Wm. J. Bryan at St. Petersburg. William Jennings Bryan was received in audience by Czar Nicholas at noon Monday, says a St. Petersburg dispatch. The ambassador, which lasted for 15 minutes, was arranged almost on the spur of the moment by Ambassador McCormick, who until yesterday was uncertain as to the time of Mr. Bryan's arrival at St. Petersburg.

During the conversation with Mr. Bryan, His Majesty expressed in the most emphatic manner the feeling of friendship entertained by him and by the Russian nation for the United States and the hope that the good relations which have always existed between the two countries would never be disturbed. He gave evidence of the deepest interest in and acquaintance with affairs in the United States. In response to Mr. Bryan's inquiry concerning the progress of public instruction, His Majesty gave a minute description of the system of education in the Russian empire, showing an intimate knowledge of the educational methods and the statistics relating thereto.

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