

IS RATHER SERIOUS

The Assistant Attorney-General on Stand.

IS MORE CALM TODAY

His Answers Curt But Not So Disrespectful as When He First Took the Stand—Could Not Look at the Attorney—Said He Put No Prejudice in His Ballinger Excoriation.

Washington, May 19.—Oscar Lawler, assistant attorney general for the interior department was recalled to the stand for cross-examination by Attorney Brandeis this morning when the Ballinger-Pinchot investigating commission resumed its hearing.

Lawler was much more subdued and calmer today than when he began testifying on Tuesday.

If Mr. Lawler had been sitting on the mourners bench at a funeral he could not have looked more glum and serious than he did this morning. His answers were curt, but they were not so disrespectful as when he first took the stand.

He kept his eyes fastened on the table before him and never cast so much as a glance at Attorney Brandeis while being questioned.

Letters which passed between Ballinger and George W. Perkins of the firm of J. Pierpont Morgan & Company and which were asked for by Mr. Brandeis and transmitted to the committee were not placed in the record as they did not refer to the subject of the committee's inquiry. Mr. Brandeis pointed out that letters mentioned in the correspondence already read had not been produced.

Taking up the cross-examination of Lawler, Mr. Brandeis sought to ascertain whether Mr. Lawler in writing his letter "As if he were the president" had approached the matter in a judicial frame of mind. Mr. Lawler thought the had.

"Didn't you have any prejudice one way or the other?"

"Only the prejudice which one honest man has in favor of another honest man and against a dishonest one," replied the witness.

Mr. Lawler said that after an examination of the records he had reached the decision that Mr. Ballinger in whom he had always had the greatest confidence had told the truth and that Glavis had not.

"You know that Glavis had no knowledge of the charges you were making against him?"

"I made no charges against him, except insubordination."

"Didn't you charge him with untruthful neglect of duty and delay in the preparation of the Cunningham case?"

"I only stated the facts."

Mr. Brandeis pointed out that in writing his letter "as if he was president," he had omitted reference to certain material documents including two reports on the Cunningham claims made by Glavis.

MAXOR'S COURT.

The following cases were disposed of at the mayor's court this morning at the city hall:

State vs. Frank Rollins, speeding automobile. Fined \$1 and cost.

State vs. Emeline Little and Mini Diggens, both colored, disorderly conduct. Fined each \$1 and cost.

TO ENTERTAIN.

Mrs. E. W. Ayers and Mrs. H. B. Mayo will entertain at the Country Club, Washington Park, tomorrow afternoon. The occasion is anticipated with pleasure by those who are invited.

DR. JOHN G. BLOUNT III.

The many friends of Dr. John G. Blount will regret to learn that he has been indisposed for the past few days. He is still confined to his home. It is to be hoped he will soon be out again.

NEGLIGENCE CAUSED DEATH.

Violation of Mining Laws Responsible For Disaster.

Princeton, Ill., May 19.—Violation of the mining laws with the knowledge and consent of mine inspectors is held responsible for the smothering of the lives of 245 miners in the St. Paul coal mine at Cherry, Ill., last November, according to a verdict returned by the jury. There were 250 separate verdicts returned.

The cause of the fire which brought about the disaster is charged to carelessness in handling the car load of hay which caught fire near the air shaft.

BIDS ARE OPENED

They Pertain to the State of North Carolina.

STATE COUNCIL ATTEND

Thirty-nine Bids Hanging From Par to 104 1/2 Are Received, the Aggregate Being \$1,765,000—The Highest Bids Made by Individuals—New Bids Will Be Asked For.

Raleigh, May 19.—At noon today there were opened in the State Treasurer's office in the presence of the Governor and his Council of State and a number of interested parties the bids for the \$3,430,000 refunding State bonds to be issued July 1 under the act of the last Legislature providing for the taking care of bonds outstanding that mature in 1910.

There were thirty-nine bids which ranged from par, which is the minimum at which the State is allowed under the constitution to sell its bonds, to 104 1/2. A great number of the bids were at par, especially those coming from large financial institutions in and out of the State. The highest bids were by citizens individually bidding for blocks of bonds from \$5,000 to \$50,000, the aggregate of bids being \$1,765,000. After the bids were opened, the Council of State decided that pending actual sale, it would be ill-advised to give to the press the bids in detail.

The greater part of the afternoon was spent by the Council of State going over the bids and the general situation. It was announced late this evening that new bids would be advertised for to be opened May 23. This was immediately done. New York financial papers being instructed by telegraph. It is believed that now that the noted bond case of the Raleigh Savings Bank vs. the Corporation Commission is settled in a way that establishes the right of the banks holding these bonds to have them deducted from their surplus before shares of stocks are assessed for taxation, there will be bids for larger amounts of these bonds and at greater premiums.

FRIGHTENED BY BALLOONS.

Colored People Thought the Comet Was Upon Them.

Hamlet, May 18.—After watching the skies until their patience exhausted to see the comet tonight, a crowd of young men eager for fun sent up five large paper balloons, some of them with long strings wrapped with cotton tied on. These balloons went some three hundred feet upward and then floated eastward over that part of town inhabited by the colored people. At once shrieks and cries went up from that part of town and the effect of these balloons was far greater than the comet would have been.

A large crowd of colored people gathered at the church early in the night and began to pray and when the balloons passed over the excitement grew to an extent that was alarming.

THE GEM.

The Gem tonight bids fair to be attractive and interesting. Such pictures as "Muriel's Stratagem," dramatic, "A Ranchman's Wooing," a Western comedy, "The Airship Gaze," comedy, and "Beautiful Windermere," one of the Vitagraph's studies from life, and "Nature," a charming portrayal of panoramic beauty, will be shown. Lake Windermere is located in England, and is celebrated for its many small islands and magnificent surroundings. Quaint cottages of the peasantry dot the roads which lead to the hotels and inns that make it a great resort. High above the placid waters stands Rydal, the home of Wordsworth, the poet. Here is a Mecca for the artist, the poet, the author, and all lovers of nature. These pictures are suitable for any taste; they are sure to please the closest observer. Are you going to attend?

TO ATTEND COUNCIL.

Quite a number from Washington and immediate section will leave tomorrow morning for Wilmington for the purpose of attending the Diocesan Council of East Carolina which convenes in St. John's Church, that city, tomorrow night, continuing until the following Tuesday.

FORTY-SEVEN MEN DROWNED.

St. Petersburg, May 18.—Forty-seven workmen were drowned today in the Delapier river, near Alexandrovsk, when a boat bearing 80 men struck a rock.

ABANDON ALL HOPE

Regulars See No Chance of Understanding.

TO VOTE ON WEDNESDAY

Can Come to No Agreement With the Insurgents on Railroad Bill—Make the Democrats Propositions Looking Towards Completion of the Measure.

Washington, May 19.—Abandoning all hope of reaching any common understanding on the railroad bill with the "insurgents," the regular Republican Senators moved an early adjournment of the Senate today to permit the Democrats to get together to consider propositions looking to the completion of the bill. Previous to the adjournment Senator Aldrich made an effort to obtain an agreement to take the final vote next Wednesday, but there were several objections and the request was not pressed.

It was the general understanding that the Democrats would be asked to assist in expediting the bill by permitting amendments to be laid on the table, by refraining from speech-making and by other means, with the understanding that in return the last three sections of the bill relating to capitalization would be withdrawn.

The Democratic conference was held in the Senate office building and was attended by about a dozen of the Democratic lawyers. After considering propositions advanced by the Republican regulars they decided to submit their views to their colleagues in time to consider any suggestion that may be made at tomorrow's session looking to the fixing of a day for a final vote on the bill.

As the result of the day's labor the Senate accepted by a majority of 17 votes the House provision regulating the defense of cases arising out of orders of the Interstate Commerce Commission as offered and amended by Senator William Alden Smith of Michigan, and later modified at the suggestion of Senator Hughes of Colorado. The provision as it passed the House places the conduct of such cases in the charge of the Attorney General and permits the Interstate Commerce Commission to intervene. The vote on this combined proposition of the Michigan Republican and the Colorado Democrat told 69 to 23.

In addition to action on the defense provision, the Senate also accepted an amendment proposed by Senator Aldrich extending from 60 to 120 days the period during which the Interstate Commerce Commission may suspend for investigation any new rates or classifications made by railroad companies. This also was a concession in the interest of the shippers and was accepted without division and without debate.

DENOUNCED PATTERSON.

Nashville, Tenn., May 18.—Governor M. R. Patterson and the State Democratic Executive Committee were bitterly denounced today in speeches and resolutions by perhaps the largest mass meeting of voters ever held in the State of Tennessee, called for the purpose of protesting against the action of the governor and executive committee in attempting to force all judicial candidates to submit their candidacy in the general primary of June 4. This action of the committee was contrary to precedent and resulted in several of the candidates for the Supreme court and Court of Civil Appeals announcing themselves as independent candidates.

IMPORTANT MEETING.

It is to be hoped that every member of the Chamber of Commerce will be present at the meeting this evening. Matters of grave importance to the city are to be discussed.

HOUSE OF NO REPEATERS.

Come and laugh with us tonight at the Gaiety. The Sea Voyage, tremendously funny. We stake our reputation on it as a howling success. It isn't safe to see this if you are not a laughing proof.

Thou Shalt Not is a Biography and one of the best and latest pictures made. It is a powerful argument against race suicide. This subject is bound to attract widespread attention from the fact it is a powerful argument on the principles of the medical profession, the health board of every community, and the worthy tuberculosis committee. Besides this it tells a beautiful story of love and self sacrifice.

Illustrated song for tonight will be "Kitty." Also a Biography tomorrow night, "The Way of the World." Remember this is price night.

MINSTRELS TONIGHT.

The Billy Kernand Colossal Minstrels arrived in the city this morning and will show at the opera house this evening. They usually show under canvas, but on account of the inclement weather have decided to use the opera house. The prices are 50c for children; adults 35c. No reserved seats.

WORLD CONVENTION

Sixth Sunday-School Convention in Session.

MANY DELEGATES PRESENT

With an Attendance of 4,500 Delegates the Convention Began in Washington, D. C., and Will Continue Until Next Tuesday—President Taft to Speak.

Washington, May 19.—With an attendance of 4,500 delegates, the World's Sixth Sunday School Convention began here this afternoon, to continue until Tuesday next.

From every quarter of the world delegates came and when the gavel fell this afternoon 52 different churches were represented in the body, which was called to order by the Rev. F. B. Meyer, of London, president of the World's Sunday School Association.

"We are going to have the greatest Sunday School convention ever held," he said. "Our object is twofold—first, to stimulate a missionary interest in Sunday schools, and, secondly, to organize Sunday school work and promote its ideals throughout the world."

Many visitors, not delegates, but attracted to the meeting, also have come to Washington and it is expected that during the week of the convention 10,000 strangers will be within the gates of the national capital. The delegates from the 52 nations will in turn represent 26,000,000 Sunday school students.

The program includes the services in various churches throughout the city, the larger meetings being held in Convention Hall with a capacity of more than 5,000 people.

President Taft will speak at the welcome service this evening. The convention sermon was delivered this afternoon by Rev. F. B. Meyer.

Other prominent workers who took part in today's exercises were Bishop Cranston, of the Methodist Episcopal Church; Bishop Harding, of the Protestant Episcopal diocese of the District of Columbia; Bishop Joseph C. Hartzell, Africa; Bishop Yotsu Honda, Japan; the Rev. Dr. J. Monroe Gibson, England; the Rev. Dr. Samuel H. Greene, of this city, and John Wainwright.

The most spectacular feature of the convention will be the parade on Friday afternoon; when 10,000 men will march up Pennsylvania avenue and around the capitol, from the steps of which they will be reviewed by the women workers.

OPERETTA

The Cast is Practicing for the Production of Sylvia With a Will—Benefit of Y. M. C. L.

Those who are taking part in the operetta "Sylvia" are practicing with a will, and if nothing unforeseen happens the management will present it to the public earlier than at first anticipated. Besides the chorus the leading parts will be assumed by the following well known singers: Sylvia.....Miss Alice Bright. Bettie.....Miss Ada Rhodes. Mollie.....Miss Mae Ayers. Polly.....Miss Mary Shaw. Dolle.....Miss Olive Burbank. Areminta.....Mrs. A. G. Smither. Prince.....Mr. B. W. Taylor. Delacey.....Mr. John Smith. Country Lad.....Mr. Edmund Harding. Farmer.....Mr. W. H. Harding.

This operetta is presented for the benefit of the Young Men's Christian League and should receive a most generous patronage from our people. The exact date of its appearance will be given later through these columns.

TOWNSMAN HONORED.

Mr. W. H. McDevett, of this city, has been made District Deputy Great Sachem for the second district of the Improved Order of Red Men. His jurisdiction embraces the tribes at New Bern, Washington, Bath, Vanceboro and Paeletus and Aurora. This is quite an honor and the order is to be congratulated on their selection. Mr. McDevett will fill the position with credit.

GONE TO NORFOLK.

Mr. T. B. Cooke who has been the day clerk at the Hotel Louise here for the past several years, has gone to Norfolk, where he has accepted a position in the Monticello Hotel, of that city. Mr. T. H. Hodges, formerly the night clerk of the Louise, has succeeded Mr. Cooke.

MENINCH BY ACCLAMATION.

Nominated by Ninth District Republicans Yesterday.

Shelby, N. C., May 18.—The Republicans of the Ninth Congressional District assembled in convention here today, nominated by acclamation for Congress, Samuel S. McIninch, of Charlotte. Mr. McIninch has been a life-long Democrat and several years ago was elected on that ticket as mayor of Charlotte. He has not signed his acceptance. His opponent will be Congressman Edwin Yates Webb, the incumbent.

UNDER MARTIAL LAW

Has Been Declared at Pinar Del Rio, Cuba.

RUINS BEING WATCHED

The Number of Dead Said to be 125, and That Fully 200 Are Seriously Injured—The Leaders Against the Negroes Are Preparing to Make the Most of the Explosion.

Havana, May 19.—Martial law was today declared at Pinar Del Rio, where 3,000 pounds of dynamite exploded yesterday afternoon destroying the Rurales barracks. Advice received here state that the number of dead will be greater than was first supposed, totalling fully 125 and that more than 200 are seriously injured.

More troops were rushed to the scene today by special trains, under General Montegada. A close watch is being kept about the ruins. Though many physicians and nurses have been despatched from Havana, more are needed. The scenes among the injured are described as terrible.

Although the government is closely investigating the report that the explosion was the first manifestation of the negro uprising threatened to start yesterday, the belief is general here that this theory is wrong. The fact that the Rurales were transferring the dynamite at the time of the accident is regarded as sufficient explanation of the affair.

Nevertheless the leaders of the campaign against the negro leaders are preparing to make the most of the explosion. According to them, it was a similar attempt to the late Senator Morua Delgado's attempt to start a revolution by murdering sleeping Rurales in their barracks at Guanabacoa.

RECITAL

Commencement Recital Last Night Was a Great Success.

The commencement recital at the school auditorium last evening by Miss Lillian Bonner's class was listened to with pleasure and profit by a large audience. The different selections and the manner in which they were rendered certainly demonstrated excellent training and instruction on the part of the teacher in this department of the public schools. It was really a revelation to see how the little tots rendered their parts. On account of the length of the program we cannot publish all the numbers, suffice it to say every one taking part acquitted themselves creditably, not only to themselves but to their teachers and the school. Some of the musical selections rendered would have done credit to much older students. The large audience showed their appreciation by continually applauding the pupils. Miss Myrtle Ecklin was awarded the prize for memorizing the most music during the year and Miss Margaret Williams the prize for being the best student. Altogether the occasion was a most enjoyable one and reflected credit upon Miss Bonner as a teacher.

MATINEE

The Hallie Mack Shows Will Give an Afternoon Show Saturday at 3:30 O'clock.

Another large crowd witnessed the performance by the Hallie Mack Shows last night. The performance was an improvement over the preceding night. Many of the acts last night were creditable and pleased the audience. Saturday night closes the engagement of this company in the city. They go from here to Wilson.

ROOSEVELT VISITS ROYALTY AGAIN.

London, May 19.—Theodore Roosevelt today visited the continental monarchs staying at Buckingham Palace. Shortly after the kaiser arrived at Buckingham Mr. Roosevelt drove up in a state carriage. The kaiser appeared delighted to see him. The ex-president was cordially greeted also by the other royalties.

Kermit and Miss Ethel today inspected Windsor, being taken over the extensive grounds and through many parts of the historic edifices there. Kermit also visited Eton College, where he was cheered by the students. Under guidance of the provost he went through the entire establishment, paying special attention to the sporting equipment and fields.

POSTOFFICE CLOSED.

On account of today being a legal holiday, Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence, the general delivery of the city postoffice is closed today.

THE COMET.

Many citizens are looking forward to the appearance of the comet this evening. The prophets state that it can be seen tonight in the western sky very soon after the sun goes down. No doubt a large number will witness the wonder.

MAKE A RICH HAUL

\$32,000 Stolen From the Adams Express Company.

THE CRIME IS A MYSTERY

Theft a Most Mysterious One and the Robbers Get Away Without Leaving Any Clue Behind—Money Was Left Unguarded for a Moment and Disappeared.

Oil City, Pa., May 19.—Thirty-two thousand dollars was stolen from the Oil City office of the Adams Express Company early today. The theft is one of the most mysterious crimes of the kind committed in Pennsylvania in years. Not a clue was left by the robbers. The money belonged to the Pennsylvania Railroad.

It was taken from the office in the absence of Night Manager Truby. He left the office unguarded for a few minutes, about 4 a. m. When he returned there was no trace of the money.

The theft had evidently been planned carefully by practiced criminals. It is believed they had kept a careful watch on the office for days, possibly for weeks, till the opportune moment arrived.

More than 200 detectives took up the case within a short time after the robbery was discovered. The Pennsylvania Railroad, the Express Company and the local authorities detailed their best men.

A close investigation of the neighborhood of the office brought to light no clue that would aid the searchers. How the robbers escaped could not be determined with any degree of certainty. While some of the detectives are inclined to believe that they got away disguised as common hoboes on a freight train, the search in the main is being conducted with the idea that a resident or residents of the town are guilty.

A report received here this morning sent the detectives working on the possibility of the robbers having escaped by automobile. A speeding car was declared to have been seen speeding out of town not long after the robbery.

A dragnet was today thrown over Pennsylvania from one end to the other, and the large cities notified of the robbery. The money was in three bags. The exact total was \$32,024.24. It had been turned over to the day agent yesterday by S. Montellus, of Philadelphia, cashier of the pay car of the Pennsylvania road, when he had finished paying on the Buffalo & Allegheny division, and later turned over to Truby. It was consigned to the treasury at Philadelphia.

Public School Commencement This Evening

A large number of our citizens attended the commencement exercises of the Washington Public Schools this morning at the school auditorium. The following program was carried out:

- 11 A. M.
- 1. Processional. Poet and Peasant overture. Misses Lucie Peterson and Rosalie Freeman.
- 2. Addison's "Creation Hymn." By the school.
- 3. Invocation. Rev. H. B. Seagriff.
- 4. Sermon. Rev. Bertram E. Brown, Tarboro, N. C.
- 5. Kipling's "Recessional." By the school. (Solo part by Mr. Betts.)
- 6. Benediction. Mr. Brown.
- The sermon of Mr. Brown, rector of Calvary Church, Tarboro, was listened to with pleasure by the audience. The subject of the discourse was the "Three Sayings of the Blessed Virgin Mary," and the speaker took as a text three passages of scripture from St. Luke 1 ch. 38 verse, St. Luke 24 ch. 48 verse, St. John 2 ch. 5 verse. The sermon was a masterpiece of thought and logic. While a young man Mr. Brown stands high as a pulpiteer. His reputation had preceded him and those who heard him this morning were prepared for a feast of good things and when he had finished they were not disappointed.
- Tonight the graduating exercises take place to which everybody in Washington has a cordial invitation. The superintendent of the schools, Prof. N. C. Newbold, asks that everyone contemplating being present be on time. The following is the program for this evening:

- 8:30 P. M.
- 1. Processional. "Ripples of the Alabama." Miss Rosalie Freeman.
- 2. Chorus, "Who Knows What the Bells Say?" Cantata by Henry Parker.
- 3. Reading. "The Baldheaded Man." Miss Lucie Peterson.
- 4. Literary address. Hon. O. B. Martin, Washington, D. C.
- 5. Chorus, "Come and Search for Violets."
- 6. Report of superintendent.
- 7. Awarding medals and prizes.
- 8. Presentation of diplomas to graduates.
- 9. Kipling's "Recessional."
- 10. Benediction.
- The following compose the class for 1910: Margaret Gertrude Cor-

THEIR LAST TRIBUTE

Thousands Wait to Pass King's Bier.

WOMEN FAINT IN CRUSH

The Last Tribute of a People Paid to Their Dead King—Despite Rain and Cold Great Throngs Kept in Line Last Night—Estimated to be Largest in London's History.

London, May 19.—The last tribute of his people to Edward the beloved was given today. Tomorrow, when the dead ruler will be laid in his sepulcher, the pomp of kings will overshadow the nation's grief. Today the populace had its last opportunity to pass his bier in Westminster Hall. Despite the rain and cold, great throngs kept in line the night through. When dawn came a crowd which the police estimated to be the largest ever gathered in London was lined in a monster line five miles long from Westminster through the heart of London, along the embankment, doubling back.

It was increased at the rate of 100 a minute. That fewer might be disappointed, it was intimated this afternoon that the doors of Westminster would be kept open till midnight, instead of 10 o'clock. This would have been done last night were it not for the sheep-like crush snapped triple cordons of police and threatened to send the historical crowd of mourners into panic. Extra details of police guarded the lines today to guard against the repetition of the danger.

So great was the crush today, however, that many women were overcome. Their removal in ambulances tended to alarm the crowds.

The court removed today from Buckingham Palace to Windsor, where the final funeral services will be held tomorrow. The removal was accomplished quietly.

This afternoon the vanguard of the 30,000 troops that will participate in tomorrow's pageant, began to arrive from Aldershot and other military centers.

In the squares, parks and streets, bivouacs were established, and by midnight tonight London will resemble a city under martial law. Tent cities will be pitched in the parks, but so great is the army that all the soldiers cannot secure even these accommodations and certain streets were today commandeered for their use, traffic being deflected while they established camps. Preparations were made for fully 15,000 men to sleep in the open.

Kaiser Arrives.

London, May 19.—Kaiser Wilhelm II. arrived in London today, to pay last honors at the bier of his uncle, Edward VII. He reached the city at noon, and was welcomed by King George, the Dukes of Connaught and Cornwall, Prince Arthur of Connaught and other royalties.

The kaiser was accompanied by his brother, Prince Henry of Prussia. The German royalties were taken to Buckingham Palace, where many of the visiting monarchs are guests.

COMMENCEMENT TONIGHT.

Several from the city expect to attend the commencement exercises of the Carolina Institute at Old Ford this evening. The program promises to be one of the best yet given at this well-known institution of learning.

KILLED BY LIGHTNING.

Morgan Farrow, colored, who resides at Broad Creek Swamp, near Pantego, last week was engaged in ploughing in the field when a thunder storm came up. In order to escape it he and his helper started to the house. While on their way lightning struck the singletree of the plough, killing the horse and stunning both men. It was some little while before they regained consciousness.

Lucy Mae Peterson, Benjamin Franklin Morgan, Millard Fillmore McKeel, Jr., Russell Mills Cox, Harold Root Mull, Arher Plossant Farmer, certificate student.

The following have been named as marshals for tonight: Ernest Harding, Enoch Simmons, Joseph Mayo, Henry Morgan, Oscar Cordon, Albert Willis, Beverly Blount and Frank McKeel.

- Mr. Joseph F. Taylor will introduce the speaker of the evening, Hon. O. B. Martin, of Washington, D. C. Hon. Stephen C. Bragaw will deliver the John H. Small medal and the Morris Debater's medal. Superintendent W. L. Vaughan will deliver the Howell English prize and the Brown Scholarship prize. The diplomas will be awarded by the secretary of the Board of Trustees, Mr. Collin H. Harding.
- NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.
- Gaiety Theater.
- J. E. Hoyt—Ladies' Shirts.
- Jas. B. Clark Co.—Men's Gloves.
- J. L. O'Quinn, Florist—Suits.
- Cheapeake Steamship Co.
- Goose Grease Liniment.

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