

# Machinery Started For an Investigation Of Rep. Department

Investigation Not to Stop at Work of Present Administration But Will Go Back Through the Past Sixteen Years.

Plans Agreed on at Conference Held Saturday by Clark and Underwood—Both Men Make Statements—The Committees Are Now Named.

Washington, April 15.—Democratic House leaders put in motion today machinery for a complete and searching investigation of the departments of government at Washington.

This investigation is not to stop with the methods and work of the administration, but is to go back through the sixteen years of continuous control of the government by the republican party.

Plans for unearthing evidence of extravagance and waste of public money, in maintenance of useless positions or political structures to be used for political effect in the approaching presidential election lies back of the move for investigation.

It is a political club to be wielded by the democrats.

Plans for the investigations were agreed upon at a conference held today by Speaker Clark and House Leader Underwood, with the nine chairmen of committees to investigate expenditures in the various executive departments.

As an outcome of this conference a resolution was introduced by Chairman Hamlin of the committee on state department, directing all the committees to begin their investigations immediately.

For the purpose of enabling the committee fully to comprehend the workings of the various branches or departments of the government, the investigation may cover such period as each committee may deem necessary for the protection of the public interest and for the exposing of frauds or abuses of any kind in the departments.

Mr. Hamlin explaining the purpose of the proposed investigations, said: "The democrats purpose to reach back, but the investigating committee do not purpose to urge retraction of the administration of the service. The real economy comes in placing the work of departments on a business-like basis, in getting real work for proper and reasonable salaries and in doing away with those positions filled by employees who have nothing to do."

"We will go into the question of superannuation and will attempt to devise some plan for the relief of superannuated employees physically unable to perform the duties that should be required."

This, of course, means an investigation of the classified service along with other things that we deem need the attention of the democratic house.

We may find that that will show up republican extravagance and that will make good democratic campaign material."

But our inquiry is not for that primary purpose. We want to readjust the departments to stop leaks, and to get an adequate return for the money that government spends annually."

Under the resolution to be adopted the committee will be given powers of inquiry as to compelling attendance of witnesses, taking testimony under oath and urge the production of books and documents.

They will do it during the recess of congress, and the speaker is given power to sign subpoenas.

The nine chairmen of the investigating committees are: Hamlin, state department; Cox, Indiana, treasury department; Helm, war department; Hardy, navy department; Ashbrook, postoffice; Graham, interior department; Beale, department of justice; Moore, agriculture; Rothermel, commerce and labor; Cline, public buildings.

These chairmen will confer frequently on details of investigations as their work progresses.

### FEDEF JUDGE FREES SOUT. CAROLINA NEGRO

Lancaster, S. C., April 15.—John Crockett, the negro wanted here on the charge of selling crop under lien, who was recently arrested at Winston-Salem, N. C., and for whom Gov. Kitchin honored a requisition, was on yesterday released by Federal Judge Boyd at Greensboro in habeas corpus proceedings. Judge Boyd held, it is stated, that a debt can not be collected by criminal prosecution.

### MISDEMEANOR IF WIFE OPENS HUSBAND'S LETTERS

Vienna, April 15.—The superior court of Vienna has decided that a wife commits a misdemeanor if she opens her husband's letters. The case arose out of an action brought by Frau Anna Herrmann, who suspected her husband of infidelity. She abstracted his keys from his pocket at night while he was asleep, unlocked a bureau and opened a sealed letter found therein which Herrmann had addressed to another woman but had not yet mailed. The letter confirmed her suspicions, as it appointed a rendezvous.

The wife then took legal action against the woman, but the husband retained by prosecuting his wife for violating the secrecy of his private correspondence—a serious offense under the Austrian law. The court found the wife guilty and sentenced her to a week's imprisonment, regarding her justifiable jealousy as a mitigating circumstance.

### STILL HOPING AND WORKING TOWARD PEACE

By OTHERMAN STEVENS.

Mexico City, April 15.—Pluckily fighting against the accumulating difficulties the administration keeps at work hoping and working for peace. Senator Limantour has not been talking about it, but he is passing through a period of added stress by his appearance. The affair at Agua Prieta and its sequence of action by both American and British officers, the latter in lower California, has added to the distress of the government.

I have assurances that the Converse Blatt indictment will be "satisfactorily adjusted in a very short time" this comes from such a source that I am inclined to believe the release of the lads will soon be announced, but harring the administration is receiving from the state department at Washington is offering even more difficulties than the revolt. The government, if it yields on the many points involved, will be accused of being afraid of the highly disliked Americans and if it sticks out it will be jumped upon by fierce diplomatic notes. The position of our government seems to be well based on every point of contention, but hoping on a nation like Mexico when it is at its wits ends to save itself from the ultimate of disaster seems too much like hectoring a small boy to excite sympathy.

Madero has taken a stand that appears to prevent any further peace negotiations. His terms are so humiliating that no government could accept them and retain any vestige of respect.

### HARVARD ADMINISTERS DEFEAT TO JOHN HOPKINS.

Baltimore, April 15.—The Harvard baseball team defeated the Johns Hopkins University aggregation this afternoon by a score of 6 to 3 in a game that was evenly contested all the way. Fisher, in the box for Johns Hopkins, pitched on even terms with Hardy but was given poor support at times.

### Gov. Wilson Will Be Guest.

Norfolk, Va., April 15.—Gov. Goodrow Wilson, of New Jersey, has accepted an invitation to be the guest of the Pewter Platter Club, of Norfolk, at a dinner to be given by the club on Saturday night, April 29, in honor of distinguished educators.

President Edwin A. Alderman, of the University of Virginia, will be among the guests. The last dinner by the entire adjoining country, on both sides of the border line, is in a fever of excitement. Federal troops are also on the way and a battle is expected at daylight.



BODY OF REV. MCNEELY DUBOSE NOT FOUND.

A long distance message to The News from Morganton last night stated that the body of Rev. McNeely DuBose had not been recovered. Searchers will continue to drag the river today.

Instead of accidentally falling into the river, as stated in The News yesterday, the minister attempted to swim the swollen stream in order to get a duck that had been killed and had fallen on the opposite bank. Why he should have made the attempt cannot be explained by those who knew him as he was familiar with the dangers and the river being more than six feet on account of heavy rains.



SCENES IN MURDER MYSTERY. Scenes and principals in the Croton Lake, N. Y., murder mystery. Above, on the right, Charles H. Conklyn, railroad telegraph operator, who was brutally murdered while sitting at his desk in the station; his son, Charles, Jr., who discovered his father's body on the floor of the station, ran home to tell his mother and then returned and flashed over the wire a call for help; the station at Croton Lake, the scene of the crime, and below family of the slain man. The small insert shown by x, where George Williams, a mulatto was captured by the police, after having lain wounded on the ground fifteen hours, having been shot by the aged operator in his struggle in self-defense.

### MARRIAGE OF INTEREST IN PARIS TO-DAY

Paris, April 15.—A wedding of much interest to the American colony in Paris took place this afternoon at the Marle of the eighth arrondissement, when Mrs. Alice Barney, of Washington, widow of the late Albert Barney, of Dayton, O., became the wife of Christian Hemmick, of Washington.

The witnesses for the venerable bride, who is about 35 years, her husband's junior, were Mrs. Fairfax Harrison and Algeon Sartoris. The bridegroom was accompanied by Richard Dennison and Hippolyte Dreyfus. Neither of Mrs. Barney-Hemmick's daughters, who are prominent artists in Paris, witnessed the ceremony.

The bride, like her daughters, is a worshipper of the Persian God and a member of the Bahait church in Paris. A few weeks ago when Mrs. Barney was asked by the International News Service correspondent to relate the romance which led to the wedding, said that the talk that she was going to marry Hemmick was ridiculous.

### SENATOR HITCHCOCK IN NO DANGER FOLLOWING ILLNESS

Washington, April 15.—Senator Gilbert H. Hitchcock, of Nebraska, one of the new democratic senators, fell unconscious this morning as he was about to enter the president's office. He suffered from an attack of vertigo pronounced by physicians to be the result of acute indigestion. After being hurried to the Casualty hospital Senator Hitchcock was revived. Subsequently he was removed to his apartments where he soon was resting easily and said by the doctors to be in no danger whatever.

### PRINCE WEDS AN AMERICAN ACTRESS SAT.

London, April 15.—A sensation was caused here today by the news that Prince Ibrahim Hassan, of Egypt, first cousin of the Khedive, had married Miss Ola Humphrey, an American actress of some note. No details concerning the wedding could be obtained.

Prince Hassan has many friends in this country and it is believed he met Miss Humphrey several years ago when in New York City a short time. The Prince was then making a trip around the world, having visited India, where he shot big game. His home is in Alexandria, Egypt.

Miss Humphrey has appeared in many well known productions, but is best remembered in Theodor Kremer's play, "The Fatal Wedding," in which she was the star. She had also taken part in "The Man From Mexico," "The Prisoner of Zenda," "The Girl I Left Behind Me" and "Sister Mary." Miss Humphrey was born in Oakland, California, and is a graduate of the Emerson college of oratory.

### THE WEATHER

Washington, April 15.—Forecast for Sunday and Monday: North Carolina, fair Sunday and Monday; light to moderate variable winds, becoming westerly.

South Carolina, fair in northern, cloudy in southern portion Sunday; Monday fair, moderate northwest to north winds.

### REP. KITCHIN GAVE ROAST TO SEN. SIMMONS

Special to The News.

Washington, April 15.—In his speech today Representative Kitchin said that "a member of the North Carolina delegation" was sending an anti-reciprocity speech to the state on his frank to try to convert the people to his way of thinking. He said that the speech was calculated to create a false impression. Mr. Gudger, of the tenth district, took exception to these remarks, rose and demanded the speaker to name the delegation. The man from Asheville had his dander up. Mr. Kitchin then said it was against the rules of the house for him to say who it was but he supposed it was the man that made the speech. This meant Senator Simmons.

This incident has caused considerable comment. Mr. Kitchin made a very excellent speech, striking insurgent democrats and republicans alike. He said that Senator Simmons had reversed himself inside of ten years.

### MRS. SMITH HOLLINS M'KIM SAILS QUIETLY FOR EUROPE

New York, April 15.—Mrs. Smith Hollins McKim, the charming member of the Four Hundred inner coterie, who has sometimes been mentioned in society's chatter as likely to become the future Mrs. Alfred G. Vanderbilt, sailed very quietly—in fact, under an assumed name—for Europe, last Thursday.

Mr. Vanderbilt is now in London. Mrs. McKim is bound for Paris. It is reported that she is limited to Paris. It is said that there was a family council just before she left and she agreed with her father, Dr. Isaac Emerson, and her other relatives, that, in view of recent reports, it would be best for her to stay in the French capital while abroad.

# More United States Troops Are Sent to The Mexican Border

### Entire Cavalry Regiment to Proceed at Once to Agua Prieta to Insure Safety of Americans Now in Fighting Zone.

Washington, April 15.—Rural mail carriers will not be required to wear uniforms hereafter under the terms of a bill introduced today by Representative Hamlin of Missouri; and they will have the right to communicate to members of congress any complaint or petition they desire to make, a privilege now denied them. Another bill introduced today provides \$300 a year extra to each rural carrier to reimburse him for the expense of his horse and wagon.

### \$300 A YEAR EXTRA FOR RURAL CARRIERS.

Washington, April 15.—The whole of the sixth cavalry has been ordered to move tonight from Des Moines to the Mexican border and to take station near the scene of the disorders at Agua Prieta.

The commanding officer at Agua Prieta has been given carte blanche to summon to his assistance the troops he needs pending the arrival of the sixth cavalry. Specifically he has been instructed to concentrate immediately at Douglas and Agua Prieta four more troops of cavalry.

Colonel Sibley in command of the department of Colorado has been ordered to remove his headquarters from Denver to Huachuca, 40 miles north of Douglas, and Agua Prieta.

These orders were the result of conferences today at the White House between the president and General Wood, chief of staff and were based on private reports and reports made public from private parties and military officers along the border.

The concentration of troops and the increase which has been ordered, were decided upon so as to put the United States in position to carry out its policy as announced officially last night by the president to the effect: there shall be no recurrence of the events which took place day before yesterday at Agua Prieta.

It was ascertained today that there have been no orders to any commander along the border to cross the border under any circumstances until he gets the command direct from Washington.

Taken in connection with the views expressed at the White House yesterday, it is the President who will determine whether the troops shall cross the border if the Mexican or insurgents, or both combine to begin fighting in a position that will endanger the lives and property of American citizens.

The President up to a late hour this afternoon had no reply from the Mexican government as to the warning given President Diaz by the state department that the Mexicans shall not select places of battle where there is apt to be danger to American non-combatants.

This reply will be important, as it will deal with international rights and privileges of war as in the case of Mexico, the efforts to put down an insurrection or "sedition" as it is called at the Mexican capital.

### INTEREST IN THE TRIAL OF REV. BROWN

New York, April 15.—Since the announcement that the Rev. Dr. Francis Brown, president of the Union Theological Seminary, had been joined in the heresy charges made against Prof. William Adams Brown of the same institution everyone connected with the New York Presbytery has been interested in examining the writings on which the Pittsburg Presbytery bases its charges against Dr. Brown. The New York Observer of November 10 last in which the article appeared has gone out of print and not half the demand for it has been met. It was said that Dr. Brown was charged with openly questioning the belief that Jesus Christ was the son of God. Careful examination of the article fails to reveal any such direct question.

Saying that the church is made up of theory, Dr. Brown says that people must have Christian experience and that this experience is the common bond. It must be expressed and talked about by those experiencing it although much may be left to the imagination in describing it he says. "Belief in the Lord Jesus Christ," he says, "is a very early form of it." He points out that the oldest attestations of the scene between Philip and the eunuch of Ethiopia gave no form of avowal but later there was inserted in the authorized version the statement by the Ethiopian, "I believe that Jesus Christ is the son of God." This is the nearest that can be found in the article to the supposed question.

Dr. Brown, however, expresses his sympathy for those who are sometimes judged by their churches for their political views, and he says that "one of the things which hold us together, one of which might be the question raised."

"There is no ground for surprise in the existence of statements that differ," he says, "and even conflict. Not all minds work alike. We disagree often in our descriptions and explanations while we are aware of our unity as sharers in the one fundamental experience."

### FEDERAL INDICTMENT OVERRULED BY JUDGE RUDDIN

Spokane, Wash., April 15.—A demurrer to the Federal indictments charging Donald A. McKenzie, a Washington, D. C., capitalist, and lobbyist, Charles A. McKenzie, a Seattle capitalist, ex-Mayor Harry White, of Seattle, and Raymond Brown and William L. Dunn, of Spokane, with conspiracy to defraud the government out of 20,000 acres of Alaska coal lands valued at \$200,000,000 was overruled today by Federal Judge Frank H. Ruddin here.

Mr. Sereno E. Payne seriously ill. Washington, April 15.—Representative Payne, of New York, one of the leading republicans in the house and father of the present tariff bill in that branch of congress, is in a serious condition at her home here suffering from nervous prostration and a general breakdown. For the last year Mrs. Payne has been in failing health.

### FOUR MEN DEAD FROM BURNS OF MOLTEN METAL

Philadelphia, April 15.—Caught in the flood and spatter from a bursting crucible full of molten metal, four workmen of the Midvale Steel Works, Nicetown, were killed and four so badly injured that they will die, and ten or a dozen others were painfully burned.

### AGUA PRIETA IS PIVOTAL POINT OF REVOLUTION

Douglas, Ariz., April 15.—Agua Prieta is now the pivotal point of the Mexican revolution. The insurgents are massing at the local barrison in great numbers at the city, and the entire adjoining country, on both sides of the border line, is in a fever of excitement. Federal troops are also on the way and a battle is expected at daylight.