

FOR INQUIRY

Senators Plead for an Investigation of the P. O. Department

FULL OF FRAUDS

Mr. Gorman said a Thorough Examination Should be Had—Mr. Aldrich Asked That a Specific Charge be Made—Semi-Political Speeches Were Delivered by Messrs. Teller and Simmons—House Passes Appropriation Bill of \$3,000,000 for River and Harbor Work.

Washington, April 11.—The Culberson amendment to the postoffice appropriation bill, providing for a commission to investigate the post-office department was before the Senate at 4 o'clock and after being read in full, was pending in the Senate when the Senate adjourned.

Mr. Gorman made an earnest plea for an investigation, saying the postoffice department had been a source of trouble and that a thorough examination should be had. Mr. Aldrich asserted that the amendment as finally modified meant nothing; that if investigation was to be had, it should be "a live one."

Mr. President, we do not know whether it will be Cleveland, Pike, Hearst or Bryan. The Democrats never know who it is until it is too late.

Mr. Gorman answered the recent speech of Mr. Payne, who defended the postoffice department, by saying that Mr. Payne had been misled by Mr. Simmons in previous years. Mr. Simmons declared today that his remarks in the Senate were in response to the question of Mr. Payne.

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tant postmaster-general, Mr. Simmons said only three of the persons found to have been mixed up in the postoffice frauds were appointed under Democratic administrations.

Mr. Gorman made a plea for favorable action on the Culberson amendment, that the conditions in the department were such as to make an inquiry imperative. He said that the report of the fourth assistant postmaster-general practically charged members of Congress with being confederates of Machen and Beavers, and that on this account Congress could not in justice refuse to make an inquiry.

Mr. Aldrich replied: "Give us an explicit charge, and we will take it up." Mr. Culberson said that if explicit charges were necessary, they could be found in the case of Montague, indicator and in that of John W. Pettit. In the former case, there is, he said, according to the Bristow report, a mystery as to whether former First Assistant Postmaster-General Heath had received two thousand of the shares of the stock of the individual.

Mr. Lodge said that both Heath and Beavers are out of the department, and that Beavers is under course of prosecution; hence he did not consider the charge of a character to effect the present conduct of the department. He considered the character of the charge as conclusive in showing the demand for an investigation to be a sham.

The House.

Washington, April 11.—The House today passed the bill reported by the committee on rivers and harbors appropriating \$3,000,000 for the restoration of maintenance of channels or of other river and harbor improvements.

Mr. Burton said the amounts expended for rivers and harbors within the vast extent of our waterways was considered, was very small. He favored the adoption of a policy of pushing matters to completion as rapidly as possible.

Mr. Burton favored the policy of requiring communities interested in river and harbor improvements to participate in the expense, and said that preference should be given to channels and harbors, which benefit a great area.

Discussing the question of inland waterways, Mr. Burton called attention to the hundred miles, amounting to many millions of dollars, which would be required to construct them, and declared that the adoption of any one of them would furnish a precedent for the adoption of all.

in favoring broad and liberal treatment of rivers and harbors. Mr. Ransdell, of Louisiana, a member of the committee, said he would support a bill carrying \$100,000,000 because the people now are ready for it and would support the present measure simply as an emergency.

Mr. Humphreys, of Mississippi, also a member of the committee, spoke of the fallacy of the levee system of improving the Mississippi river, and said it was not possible for a levee or a system of levees to withstand floods, such as occurred in 1897 and 1902.

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Mr. Clark, of Mississippi, called attention to the fact that the river and harbor committee was made up entirely of members living on the Gulf coast, the Great Lakes or the ocean. Seven great states through which the Mississippi river flows or passes are without a single representative.

PLAN OF WAR

The Russian Scheme is One of Great Magnitude

TO LAST MONTHS

The Plans Are Based on the Dictum That "God Fights on the Side of the Heaviest Battalions"—The Men and Guns Placed at Kuropatkin's Disposal Cover the Extreme Limit That Will be Required—Japan's Army Has Landed in Korea.

St. Petersburg, April 11.—Exceptionally reliable information regarding the Russian military plans confirm the repeated announcements made by The Associated Press that these plans will not mature until late in the summer.

General Kuropatkin, remembering the experience of Russia during her war with Turkey, when the Russian army of 30,000 placed in the field at the beginning had to be more than doubled, has insisted that the men and guns to be placed at his disposal shall cover the extreme limit required to settle the fate of the campaign.

The Russian plans are predicated upon Napoleon's dictum, that "God fights on the side of the heaviest battalions," and they are being worked out and timed so as to apply to a superiority of numbers on land and sea simultaneously.

Rear Admiral Rojestrensky will hoist his flag as commander of the formidable Baltic squadron early in July, and will sail immediately for Port Arthur with the following vessels: the battleships Siava, Borodino, Orel, Kniiaz, Souvaroff, Alexander III, and Oslabia, the last named being now en route here from Cherbourg.

The following grand jury was drawn and empaneled: Eric Norden (foreman), J. H. Johnson, J. Piver, Arthur Branch, W. A. McGowan, L. M. Guttenburg, A. C. McMarran, W. M. Godwin, R. T. Brown, E. S. Kerr, T. J. Ferguson, G. P. Carter, E. T. Conroy, A. M. Pate, J. C. Bowden, H. Wolcott, Stephen Sneeden, P. D. Jenkins.

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Paris, April 11.—A dispatch to the Temps from St. Petersburg today says some further exchanges of shots have occurred between the Russian and Japanese forces along the borders of the Yalu river.

Port of New Chwang Closed to Commerce. The Foo, April 11.—5 P. M.—A Chinese steamer has just returned from New Chwang, the port pilot's would not respond to her signals.

London, April 12.—The Tien Tsin correspondent of The Standard says that Russia has again protested against the presence of Chinese troops on the Manchurian frontier.

The Wilmington Light Infantry held its regular monthly meeting at the armory last night. Mr. John B. Peachau, who has been president of the organization for the past two years and who has been a member for the past five years, retired from active service and was put on the retired list.

Must Pay \$100 Penalty. In the case of J. E. Mintz vs. Charles Wessell which was heard before Justice Fowler yesterday and in which Mintz was charged with unlawfully and maliciously injuring a shad net belonging to Charles Wessell, the defendant was taxed with the cost and it was also adjudged that he pay the penalty of \$100 as required in such offenses. The defendant appealed to the superior court.

ARRESTED FOR FORGERY.

Negro Secured Several Dollars' Worth of Goods—Two Marriages.

(Special to The Messenger.) Goldsboro, April 11.—Ex-Sheriff B. F. Scott, of Pikesville, was in the city today and brought the report that Policeman Albritton was still very feeble and that his condition is not so favorable as had been. It will be remembered that the policeman was assaulted by some negro on Saturday night a week ago, and that he was severely cut with a knife. He killed one of the negroes in the crowd and the rest are in jail in this city awaiting results of the officer's condition.

PENNY CASE CONTINUED.

Two Weeks' Term of Superior Court Commenced Yesterday, With Justice Presiding.

A two weeks term of the superior court convened yesterday morning with Judge M. H. Justice presiding. Justice's charge to the grand jury was short and to the point.

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Mr. Vollers was born on October 19th, 1824, at Spaden province of Hanover, Germany. In 1846 he left his native land and came to America.

When the German volunteers were organized Mr. Vollers was one of the most earnest members and he was soon made first lieutenant. He gave valued service during the civil war.

In 1854 the deceased married Miss Anna Elizabeth Ohlandt of Wulfsdorf, Province of Hanover, Germany, but who at the time of her marriage was a resident of Charleston.

The funeral will be conducted this afternoon at 4 o'clock from the residence, thence to St. Paul's vangelical church, where services will be held at 4:30 o'clock. Interment will be in Oakdale cemetery.

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MERGER SUIT

Railroad Case from Minnesota Remanded to the State Courts

SUPREME COURT

Decision Says the Circuit Court Should Not Have Entertained Jurisdiction—The Opinion of the Court Was Unanimous—The Suit Was by the State of Minnesota Against the Northern Securities Company, the Northern Pacific and Great Northern Railway Companies.

Washington, April 11.—The United States Supreme Court today decided the case of the State of Minnesota vs. the Northern Securities Company and the Northern Pacific and Great Northern railway companies, involving the validity of the merger of the two railroad companies, holding that it was without jurisdiction and reversing the opinion of the court below.

Justice Harlan who delivered the opinion, said that the circuit court should not have entertained jurisdiction in the case, the effect being to remand the case to the State courts. Judge Harlan called attention to the fact that the proceedings were for the purpose of enforcing both the State laws and the Federal anti-trust act.

The contention that the cause involved proprietary interests of the State was not allowed to influence the opinion. On that point the court said the injury was at most only remote and indirect.

Justice Harlan said the court could not hold that the articles of the constitution had any bearing whatever on the question. He said in conclusion: "For the reasons stated, we are of opinion that the suit does not use the words of the act of 1875—really and substantially involve a dispute on contracts within the jurisdiction of the court circuit for the purpose of a final decree.

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FUNERAL OF W. A. TURK

MANY PROMINENT MEN IN ATTENDANCE. The Services Were Held in Christ Church, Raleigh—List of Pall Bearers—State Officials at the Services.

(Special to The Messenger.) Raleigh, N. C., April 11.—The remains of William A. Turk, passenger traffic manager of the Southern railway, arrived from Washington on a special. They were accompanied by railway officials. The train was met by many others, as well as leading citizens. Many points in North Carolina were represented.

The remains were taken to Christ church directly upon arrival here, and there the funeral services were held, being concluded at Oakwood cemetery.

Rev. Dr. M. M. Marshall, rector of Christ church, officiated. The pallbearers were: J. M. Culp, C. H. Ackert, L. S. Brown, J. A. Dodson, S. H. Hardwick, J. P. Minnetree, Washington, D. C.; A. S. Thwaitt, New York; J. S. B. Thompson, W. H. Tayloe, Atlanta; J. H. Drake, Richmond; First Vice-President, A. B. Andrews, M. T. Leach, Charles E. Johnson, V. E. Turner, Joseph G. Brown, Benahan Cameron, R. B. Raney, J. A. Duncan, John R. Ferrall and P. H. Andrews, of Raleigh.

Among the party which came on the special, besides the wife and children of Mr. Turk, were Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Turk, of Staunton, Va.; Mrs. Nannie Turk, of Washington; Joseph Richardson, chairman the Southeastern Passenger Association; C. E. Harman, general passenger agent Western and Atlantic; L. Green, C. B. Northrop, special attorney of the Southern railway; S. E. Burgess, Baltimore; Joseph Hale, Washington; D. E. Winstead, Mr. Turk's private secretary; J. A. Dodson, superintendent of construction of Southern railway; A. G. Jones, superintendent of the Norfolk division; E. T. Lamb, general agent at Norfolk; C. A. Bester, Chattanooga; W. W. Croston, Norfolk; K. Posten, general agent Southern Pacific railway, Washington; W. V. Richards, industrial agent of the Southern railway; Thomas J. Pence, newspaper correspondent of Washington; Assistant Superintendent G. E. Payton, W. L. Pierce and Editor Albert Fairbrother, of Greensboro; and J. B. Graham, Durham.

The attendance at the funeral was notably large, the Corporation Commission and all the state officers attending, except Governor Aycock, who is absent.

JAPANESE RUSH.

Car-load of Roots to be Planted in This Vicinity. Mr. Lester H. Dewey, botanist in charge of fibre plants of the government, telegraphs that he has a car load of the roots to be planted as a test in the growing of the Japanese rushes for matting, and that he will be here in about a week, when he desires to meet and consult with the planters.

It will be remembered that Mr. Lester was in Wilmington several weeks ago for the purpose of making some of the planters of the Trinity agree to plant the roots as an experiment. The climatic conditions in this section of the state are said to be very similar to that of China and Japan where the plant is grown. If the plant can grow along the Atlantic coast successfully it will prove a great industry.

MRS. E. W. TAYLOR DEAD.

Died at Her Home at Town Creek on Sunday Morning. Mrs. E. W. Taylor, wife of ex-Sheriff Taylor, of Brunswick county died at her home at Town Creek, on last Sunday at 10 o'clock after a protracted illness. She was 54 years of age.

Mrs. Taylor was a devout Christian and a most excellent and beloved woman. She is survived by her husband, and aged mother, Mrs. A. J. Mercer, one brother, Mr. J. B. Mercer and one sister, Mrs. Emma J. Walker, both of this city.

The funeral was conducted yesterday afternoon at 2 o'clock from Zion M. E. church, at Town Creek, by Rev. W. R. Royall.

CHEERLESS OUTLOOK.

How the Future Was Brightened for a Well Known Wilmington Man. With an aching back that makes the daily toll a torture, and that robs sleep of its restful properties, the future holds out little promise to a man, no matter how successful he may be in business. To such a sufferer relief comes like the dawn of the Arctic day.

A. V. Horrell, proprietor of a restaurant at 505 South Fourth street, says: "I used Doan's Kidney Pills and they did me a lot of good. I have been a great sufferer with backache, which I supposed to be rheumatism, and used all the rheumatic cures I could get hold of. I was completely laid up with it and could scarcely get around, to do my work was simply out of the question. My sister, reading about Doan's Kidney Pills, and knowing how I suffered, went to Bellamy's drug store and got me a box. They acted like a charm. My backache, or rheumatism, or whatever it was, has entirely left me, and I give all the credit to Doan's Kidney Pills."

For sale by all dealers, price 50 cents. Foster-Milburn Company, Buffalo, N. Y., sole agents for the United States. Remember the name—Doan's—and take no substitute.