

One Post Office Official Able to Clear His Skirts

Mr. Payne Hopes His House Cleaning Will Prevent a Recurrence of Recent Irregularities in His Department

Washington, April 15.—Henry Robinson, a lawyer of Concord, N. H., has been strongly recommended for the position of assistant attorney general for the post office department, made vacant by the retirement of James N. Tyler, the acceptance of whose resignation will be made public by Postmaster General Payne in the course of a day or two.

The postmaster general this afternoon looked over the papers in the case of George W. Beavers, former chief of the salary and allowance division of the post office department, who recently resigned and whose bureau is now under investigation by the inspector's force under the direction of Fourth Assistant Postmaster General Bristow. Mr. Beaver's letter of resignation and the letter of acceptance, written by the then Acting Postmaster General Wynne, will be made public by Mr. Payne in a short time.

The case of the alleged improper connection of H. H. Rand, the postmaster general's confidential secretary, with a mining company whose stock was sold to employees of the postal service, and Mr. Rand's part in numerous alleged irregular card contracts, was stricken from the list this afternoon, an investigation having shown that the statements made in this regard were absolutely without foundation. Mr. Rand's connection with mining companies antedates his entrance into the postal service by a considerable period, and no substantiation can be found for the charges that he used his official as well as his personal influence in inducing employees of the postal service to invest in stock with the understanding that their promotion and advancement would be accelerated.

So far as the other investigations under way are concerned, the inquiry has not progressed far enough to warrant any specific statement as to the outcome. It may be stated on high authority, however, that no facts have been brought to light as yet which would warrant criminal action against any official of the postal service whose conduct in office has been made the subject of charges.

Postmaster General Payne continues to emphasize the fact that the investigations will be most thorough and searching, and will cover every feature of the administrative service of the department. He desires that when the report of the inquiry is laid before him and he has drawn his conclusions and taken action in accordance with them, there shall be no possibility of a recurrence in the future of the present unsatisfactory condition of affairs.

and the speed of the Pennsylvania and the Colorado, intended to be very fast, may be reduced from 22 knots as low as 19 knots. Niclausse boilers may be built much cheaper than boilers of the same type favored by the bureau of steam engineering, an instance of comparison being afforded in the offer of the Cramps to build an armored cruiser fitted with Niclausse boilers for \$70,000 less than they would agree to build the same vessels with Babcock & Wilcox boilers.

Tar Heels in Richmond

Richmond, Va., April 15.—Special.—Six hundred North Carolinians from Henderson and surrounding country visited Richmond today, and notwithstanding the inclemency of the weather, all seemed to have had a pleasant time sight-seeing. Some were found in the capitol grounds viewing the monuments and the capitol building, while others were received by Governor Montague. Many were found strolling in Broad street, where there is always something new for the visitors. Every one seemed to enjoy the sights and kept sober. They returned tonight at 8 p. m.

THE LOWELL STRIKE

Evidence Taken by State Board of Arbitration.

Lowell, Mass., April 15.—The state board of arbitration finished the taking of verbal testimony in its investigation of the cotton mills strike this afternoon. Both the mill agents and the textile council representatives will submit figures sustaining their contentions as to inability and ability to grant the demands of the strikers for a ten per cent increase in wages. This will be followed by the arguments of the contending counsel.

The investigating board is to visit the mills here and also one of the so-called "model" mills in some other city, it being claimed by the mill agents here that their old style equipment does not permit of their making as much profit as in the case of the newer mills.

The textile council was taken aback this afternoon when counsel for the mill agents demanded that the council show their books to the state board as the mill treasurers have permitted this to be done. The council will hold a meeting tomorrow to act on this request. It was stated by Agent Nourse, of the Lawrence mills, that he believed the union had threatened the operatives if they returned to work, and he claimed that the mule department at his mill would be started now if the operatives were not afraid of being assaulted.

INQUIRY SQUELCHED

Naval Officers Charged With Smuggling in Porto Rico

Washington, April 15.—In a statement made yesterday to Judge Holt of the United States court at San Juan, by the grand jury, that the district attorney for Porto Rico had declined to present evidence to secure the indictment of United States naval officers accused of smuggling, did not cause any surprise in official circles here, where it is admitted that instructions to that effect were sent to the district attorney by the department of justice. The explanation of the department's action is that the officers of the attorney general's office satisfied themselves that there was no felonious intent on the part of the naval officers stationed at San Juan in bringing in dutiable goods without payment of duty.

It is asserted here that the attempted prosecution of the naval officers was due mainly to bad feeling on the part of civilians in San Juan against those attached to the military establishment and particularly against mem-

bers of the Army and Navy club in the Porto Rican capital. Officers of the army and navy had been in the habit of importing wines and liquors for the use of their households, and on these no duty was paid.

The action of Judge Holt in directing the grand jury to go contrary to the attitude of the department of justice and present indictments if sufficient evidence were produced, may result in an inquiry as to the reasons for Judge Holt's course.

No Presentments Made

San Juan, April 15.—The grand jury which is considering the smuggling cases has as yet made no presentment. It is reported that several members of the jury are trying to obstruct the finding of an indictment against the nine naval officers, three military officers and four citizens who are charged with having violated the customs laws. In an interview today United States Attorney Pettengill said that Attorney General Knox had instructed him to dismiss the proceedings against the accused, not to present new cases, and to mail a report to him of the status of the case. This is taken to indicate that the matter has not been finally disposed of and that further instructions from Mr. Knox are awaited.

The investigation into the municipal frauds at Mayaguez shows that they are more extensive than at first supposed. The investigation is causing consternation. Acting Attorney General Fullin has ordered the arrest of Senator Buez on three charges of fraud and he has been held in \$25,000 bail. The arrest of six other municipal officers will follow.

Among the witnesses called before the grand jury in the smuggling cases was a native smuggler who is serving a term in the penitentiary. The judge intends to protest against the action of Mr. Knox in the case and will ask that violators of the law be punished.

Orders From the Attorney General

Washington, April 15.—Today the acting attorney general received a cable message from United States Attorney Pettengill at San Juan, asking what he should do in view of the fact that the grand jury was likely to go forward with indictments against the accused officers and civilians, as Judge Holt had reminded the grand jury of its duty in a somewhat sensational charge. The district attorney had already been instructed by the attorney general to withhold prosecution of the cases. Mr. Knox was in Pittsburgh today, but the following cable message, approved by him and signed with his name, was sent to the district attorney late this afternoon:

"Your duty is to obey my instructions, to dismiss pending smuggling cases and present no new cases until otherwise directed. Considerations of moment, not confined to Porto Rico or individuals involved, have moved the administration, after full investigation and deliberation, to the course directed, which will be adhered to. But if the grand jury calls upon you or the court requests, you will perform your usual functions before the grand jury. The fact that the government may not or will not prosecute if the indictments are found does not prevent consideration by the grand jury."

It has come to the knowledge of the department of justice that certain native residents of Porto Rico are clamoring for a prosecution of the smuggling cases, and this is supposed to account for the activity of the grand jury and the attitude of Judge Holt.

OPPOSED TO GRAPE

None Will Be Used at Funeral of Dr. Gottheil

New York, April 15.—Rev. Dr. Gustav Gottheil, rabbi emeritus of the Temple Emanuel-BI, died this afternoon at his home 61 Madison avenue. Dr. Gottheil was stricken with apoplexy some weeks back and pneumonia set in several days ago.

Dr. Gottheil always had an antipathy to the use of grape as a sign of mourning. In accordance with his wishes none was used at the funeral of his wife and none of the members of the family will wear any at his funeral. None has been or will be put on the door of the Gottheil house.

A VICTIM OF COUNTERFEITERS

Eight Arrested for Murder of the Man Found in a Barrel

New York, April 15.—Eight members of a gang known to agents of the United States secret service as the most dangerous and desperate lot of Italian counterfeiters in this section of the country, were arrested tonight in this city as the murderers of the man whose body with thirteen stab wounds in the neck was found yesterday morning tightly packed in a barrel at the corner of Eleventh street and Avenue D.

The dead man, although not yet known by name, was a member of the gang, and for days before his death was closely shadowed by secret service agents under the orders of William S. Flynn, chief of the local bureau, who for some time had planned a wholesale round-up of the Italian counterfeiters in the east. The affront to his comrades which brought upon him the sentence of death is, like the name of the man himself, still a secret locked up in the breasts of the gang. The prisoners, all of whom were armed with huge revolvers and wicked looking knives, maintained an attitude of silent, sullen defiance after they were locked up, and no amount of persuasion could get a word out of any of them.

The secret service men think that they were actual witnesses of the meeting at which the sentence of death on this man was pronounced, for Monday night there was a conference of several members of the gang now in custody in the rear of the butcher shop of Vita Laduc, at 16 Stanton street. Secret service officers were watching the gang. The dead man was there, but while the others conversed in low tones in the store the man who was afterwards killed, stood alone in front of the store. He may or may not have known that the men a few feet from him were discussing his death. In any event, within a short time afterward he went away with two other members of the gang who joined him at the conclusion of the conference. The secret service men believe two men were appointed to do the killing. There may have been others in it, but the agents think these two men spent the night with the victim, and at a time arranged at the conference to take him to a convenient spot and stab him to death. When arrested they did not get a chance to put up a fight, for the detectives outnumbered them, and knowing the character of the men, handled them very roughly.

A Great Sensation

There was a big sensation in Leesville, Ind., when W. H. Brown of that place, who was expected to die, had his life saved by Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption. He writes: "I endured insufferable agonies from Asthma, but your New Discovery gave me immediate relief and soon thereafter effected a complete cure." Similar cures of Consumption, Pneumonia, Bronchitis and Grip are numerous. It's the peerless remedy for all throat and lung troubles. Price 50c., and \$1.00. Guaranteed by all druggists. Trial bottles free.

JUDSON SMITH'S IDEA

He Wants a Ship of War Sent to the Carolines

Boston, April 15.—Rev. Judson Smith of the American board, thinks that an American war ship should be sent to the island of Ruk to teach the German naval officers there a lesson for having used the missionaries and their native pupils so roughly.

"I hope that the United States will not wait until we have to make the request, but if it does I will not hesitate a moment to ask that a war ship be sent to the Caroline Islands to protect our missionaries and our missions," said Dr. Smith today. "It was a violation of the pledges made by Germany when that country took possession of the Caroline Islands. It was explicitly stated that American missions would be protected on condition of their loyalty to the German government. The arrest of the boy preachers, who are part of the mission force, was a direct violation of this pledge."

DURHAM WAITS FOR HER UNION DEPOT

A Hitch Seems to Have Occurred in an Unexpected Quarter

Durham, N. C., April 15.—Special.—There seems to be a hitch in the negotiations between the Durham peace committee and the two railroads regarding Peabody street and the union depot. It is learned that there is nothing doing of any importance. Unless something is done by next Tuesday week the matter will be taken before the corporation commission and a union depot will be urged under the provisions of the Fuller bill.

When the local peace committee and the representatives of the three roads had a meeting at Hotel Carolina some time ago it was reported that the railroad men would get together in a short while and that a second meeting would be held here within two weeks. It has been a month now and still nothing has been done. It is learned that the representatives of the railroad have not got together as was promised and notwithstanding the fact that the committee has sent appeals to the representatives of one or more

roads urging that a meeting be held, nothing has been done.

It is said that Colonel Andrews may be here this week. It seems, however, that there is little or no hope of getting the roads together and the state will yet have to force a depot if there is ever one here.

A gentleman who is in a position to know something of what is going on told me that both roads were afraid of the other and for this reason each was afraid to make a move in the matter. One member of the committee told me that the Seaboard road had not lived up to what it said would be done, and another member of the same committee told me that Col. Andrews had never receded a single inch from his original proposition. He said that the Southern would do nothing to compromise, but demanded the entire street before anything would be considered. If the efforts of the committee come to naught (and it looks now as if the whole business is a failure) a statement of everything that took place, showing all the roads up in their true colors, will be given out for publication.

In the meantime the Peabody street suit is no nearer a settlement than in days gone by. An appeal to the court of appeals has been taken, and this will come up for a hearing next month. Another suit is to be started. The Seaboard road will ask the courts to condemn a right of way up the street. The nonsuit taken in the condemnation proceedings a short while ago was nothing more than to get rid of an old case and start one on a different basis.

The committee in charge of the matter must do something by the latter part of next week, because next Tuesday week the citizens of the town are going to ask the corporation commission to do something.

RESIDENT AGENT LAW

Prohibiting Payment of Commissions to Non-Residents

It is understood that an act of the last General Assembly known as the "Resident Agent's Law" is being violated in some parts of the state. That the public may see what the provisions of the act are, it is printed in full here. Like all the other acts relating to the insurance business, the insurance commissioner is determined to enforce it. It is as follows:

"Section 1. Any fire insurance company authorized to do business in the state is hereby prohibited from authorizing or allowing any person, agent, firm or corporation who is a non-resident of the state of North Carolina to issue or cause to be issued any policy or policies of insurance on property located in the State of North Carolina.

"Sec. 2. Any person, agent, firm or corporation licensed by the insurance commissioner to act as a fire insurance agent in the State of North Carolina is hereby prohibited from paying directly or indirectly any commission, brokerage or other valuable consideration on account of any policy or policies covering on property in the State of North Carolina, to any person, agent, firm or corporation who is a non-resident of this state, or to any person, agent, firm or corporation not duly licensed by the insurance commissioner as a fire insurance agent.

"Sec. 3. That whenever the insurance commissioner shall have or receive notice or information of any violation of any of the provisions of this act he shall immediately investigate or cause to be investigated such violation, and if a fire insurance company has violated any of such provisions aforesaid he shall immediately revoke its license for not less than three months nor more than six months for the first offense, and for each offense thereafter for not less than one year; and if a person, agent, firm or corporation licensed by the insurance commissioner as a fire insurance agent shall violate or cause to be violated any of the provisions of this act, he shall for the first offense have his license revoked for all companies for which he is licensed, and shall not thereafter be licensed for any company for one year from date of such revocation.

"Sec. 4. For the purpose of enforcing the provisions of this act the insurance commissioner is hereby authorized and empowered to examine persons, administer oaths and send for papers and records, and failure or refusal upon the part of any fire insurance company, person, agent, firm or corporation, licensed to do business in this state, to appear before the insurance commissioner when requested to do so, or to produce records and papers, or answer under oath, shall subject such fire insurance company, person, agent, firm or corporation to the penalties of this act.

"Sec. 5. That all laws and parts of laws in conflict herewith are hereby repealed, and this act shall take effect from and after its passage."

GOV. AYCOCK AT BURLINGTON

He Delivers a Striking Address Before the Educational and Missionary Convention

Burlington, N. C., April 15.—Special.—Burlington is enjoying a great week this week in the educational and missionary convention which is being held in the First Baptist church. The decorations at each service is very nice and the music, under the skillful direction of Miss Jessie A. Barham, music teacher at the graded school, of a high order and is much enjoyed. The church has recently been handsomely carpeted and several pieces of furniture supplied which add to its beauty and comfort.

Last night Gov. Aycock spoke on the subject: "Education as a Factor in Good Government and World-Wide Evangelization." He was introduced by Chas. E. McLean, Esq., in his happy style.

In referring to the subject the governor said that we are not pioneers in this great educational movement, that it is older than any of us, older than North Carolina itself. In the first constitution ever adopted by the state we read that, the fathers declared religion, morality and knowledge, being essential to prosperity, education shall be forever encouraged. Education does not mean merely teaching one to read and write; it means bringing out and developing all that is good in anything and repressing the bad. Everything that is of any benefit to the world is the outgrowth of education. The dog who knows how to do something well is a happier dog than the worthless cur who does not know how to do anything and simply skulks about the street.

The educated man is a happier man than he who has never been trained to do anything. The educated man is filled to overflowing and has something left over for others.

Primarily, we are all placed in this world to develop ourselves and to make the most of ourselves. Education is essential to good government. No government is really good with only a part of the people educated. It requires the education of all the people. We teach the children to read and write because it is the shortest way of bringing out all there is to be known. We teach them to read and write because by that means they are enabled to know the thoughts of great men of all ages and to study the world's best literature.

The speaker paid a magnificent tribute to the Bible, regarding it as the greatest book ever written, and made a strong plea that every one be enabled to read it for himself. Prosperity, he said, is due to the right kind of education of a people. Society must care for the dependent and the criminals, and only as we educate the masses in the right direction will society be relieved of these burdens.

In closing his address, the governor paid a feeling and beautiful tribute to Christ as the world's greatest teacher.

Pathetic Farewell

Sydney, N. S. W., April 15.—Madame Melba who came to Australia some time ago to revisit her home, sailed on her return to Europe today. She made her departure the occasion of a pathetic farewell. Madame Melba, tearfully declared that she would never see Australia again. She stood at the rail of the steamer Orontes, waving her handkerchief at the large gathering of people at the quay, and as the vessel drew away she suddenly broke down, burying her face in her hands and sobbing violently.

A Gow Boy Breakfast

Hugo, Col., April 15.—The suggestion that President Roosevelt be given an opportunity to partake of a genuine cow boy breakfast as a feature of entertainment during his brief stop at this place May 4th will be carried out. A letter has been received from Secretary Loeb saying that the president's party will stop long enough to greet the people early in the morning. It is expected that the stock men and cow boys from all over the range in this vicinity will participate in the reception to the president.

Said His Prayers First

Dallas, Tex., April 15.—W. G. Phillips, a young farmer near Arlington, who killed his wife yesterday and then got on horseback, rode only a few miles to the home of his father. There he knelt at the gate, said a few words of prayer, and then committed suicide by shooting himself through the head. The motive for the murder was jealousy.

Another Disappointment

The rains that descended yesterday afternoon prevented another ball game at the Fair grounds. Carolina Military Academy and A. and M. College were scheduled to play at 3:30, and about 2 o'clock it began to rain.

The unfinished game with Hornet, and this one makes two disappointments the present week. Wake Forest will come tomorrow to play and the boys are hoping for good weather. This will be one of the fastest games of the season.

"Yes," replied Rounder, "but I told her I spent it in fruit."
"But you did not?"
"Oh! yes; I bought cherries."
"Get out! Where can you find cherries this time of year?"
"—Chicago News.

Jim Dumps is back—our Sunny Jim. A sunnier world now welcomes him—A world brimful of snap and vim, Which formerly was sick and grim. Since proper food put life in him, "Force" changed the world for "Sunny Jim."

Force

The Ready-to-Serve Cereal

always gets a glad hand.

Sweet, crisp flakes of wheat and malt.

Force Three Times a Day.

"Thanks for 'Force.' I eat it three times a day. Folks call me 'Sunny Jim.' Took some to the country with me, and the farmers out there are eating 'Force' now." WILL RUFF.