MR. M'KEE RETIRES

HE WILL NOT BE A CANDIDATE FOR THE HOUSE CLERKSHIP.

Possibility that Dr. Hallman May Resign—Measures Discussed in the Senate—New Legislation.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13.—Capt. Thomas H. McKee, secretary of the national Republican congressional committee, who was a candidate for the clerkship of the next House, to-day sent the following letter, addressed to the Hon. James E. Watson, Rushville, Ind.:

"My Dear Sir—Since receiving your kind letter in which you assured me of your support for the clerkship of the House of Representatives and guaranteed a solid delegation from your State in my behalf, circumstances have arisen which warrant my withdrawal as a candidate for the Clerk of the House of the Fifty-fourth Congress. Allow me to thank you for your hearty co-operation in my behalf and extend to the Indiana delegation, through you, my appreciation of their support for the office for which I was announced."

This announces the withdrawal of Capt. Thomas H. McKee, of Logansport, as a candidate for the clerkship of the House of the Fifty-fourth Congress. The announcement was a great surprise to many of his friends in Washington. When interviewed as to the cause of his withdrawal he declined to talk on the question, except to say that he expected the hearty support of the Indiana delegation, and inasmuch as the Hon. Henry U. Johnson was the only Representative from that State on the floor at this time he was dependent on Mr. Johnson largely to present his case when the question of the future offices was being discussed. Inasmuch as Mr. Johnson declined to assist Mr. McKee, leaving him entirely dependent on the support that he might receive from other sources, he felt it would be an unequal fight to wage without a Representative from his own State who would at least stand for his election. There are very many other questions involved in his candidacy that cannot be made public, and he only desires to thank his Indiana friends among the members-elect who had sent him such hearty assurance of support. Among those in Washington who are familiar with the situation very many regrets are heard at Mr. McKee's retirement, as he was recognized as the best qualified for the office of any of those whose names have been mentioned, and that his party service entitled him to the recognition he asked. He refuses to be interviewed, however, on the question, and says that for the present he can afford to remain silent.

The friends of Congressman McDowell, of Pennsylvania, are jubilant at Captain McKee's withdrawal and prophesy the election of their candidate. There will be possibly a new deal all around later on.

TWO MEASURES DISCUSSED.

Nicaragua Canal and University Bills Before the Senate.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13.—The Senate adjourned to-day until next Monday. Practically all the time to-day was consumed in the discussion of the bill to establish a national university at Washington and the Nicaraguan canal bill. Senators Hunton and Vilas addressed the Senate in support of the former, and Mr. Morgan practically concluded his speech on the latter. During the day he asked the Senate that unanimous consent be given to fix a time for a vote on the bill, but this was refused.

But little interest seemed to be taken in the proceedings, either by the Senators or by the spectators. There were reports from various committees, introduction of bills and petitions. Then Mr. Hunton moved to take up the bill for the establishment of a university of the United States at Washington, D. C. Mr. Hale objected to consideration of the bill at this time, but suggested that it be referred to the calendar under a rule of the Senate, where it could be dealt with in some way "commensurate with its importance." Mr. Hunton insisted, however, that he had given notice of his contemplated action and addressed the Senate on the bill.

At the conclusion of Mr. Hunton's speech Mr. Morgan asked unanimous consent that the vote on the Nicaragua canal bill and amendments be taken next Wednesday at 3 o'clock. Mr. Caffery objected.

Mr. Blackburn moved that when the Senate adjourn to-day it be to meet on Monday next, and on this motion Mr. Morgan demanded the yeas and nays. The vote resulted—yeas, 22; nays, 23.

Mr. Vilas then addressed the Senate in advocacy of the university bill.

Senator Morgan took the floor at the conclusion of Mr. Vilas's remarks, beginning with the reading of an opinion by Chief Justice Daly, of New York, on the constitutional power of the United States to aid in constructing the Nicaragua canal. This opinion was favorable to the view that the United States would be acting entirely within its constitutional rights in engaging in this enterprise on the ground that the canal would facilitate commerce between the Eastern and Western States. Senator Morgan, in continuing his argument, said the constitutionality of this right has been favorably passed on by so many of the Presidents of the United States that it seems presumptuous in us to raise the question. He presented to the Senate a long list of commercial bodies, representing all parts of the United States, which were favorable to the construction of the canal. There were probably two dozen Senators present during the delivery of Mr. Morgan's speech, and the Senator took occasion to express surprise at the lack of interest displayed. Mr. Morgan also addressed himself to the necessity of building the canal so that relief may be afforded to the people of the Western part of the country as a possible result of the operations and actions of the transcontinental railroads. There was no danger to Democratic principles, he asserted. Grant this and aid the millions who are ground to death by the monopoly of the transcontinental railroads, and who were sending up petitions continuously in favor of this bill. Mr. Morgan, in closing, said he would now leave the matter in the hands of the Senate, unless it should be necessary to answer questions that might arise. He asked that a vote be now taken.

Mr. Wolcott renewed the motion made earlier in the day by Mr. Blackburn, that when the Senate adjourn to-day it be to meet on Monday. The yeas and nays were demanded, and the motion carried by a vote of 36 to 22. The Senate then went into executive session at 4:05 p. m., and fifteen minutes later adjourned until Monday.

The meeting of the Senate committee on rules, which was held to-day, was not productive of results. Senator Gorman was not present, and the other members were of the opinion that there should be no action on so important a question in the absence of any of their number. The committee adjourned with the understanding that another meeting would be called next Wednesday.

NEW LEGISLATION.

Sleeping Car, Sugar Bounty and Other Bills Introduced.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13.—Representative Fielder, of New Jersey, to-day introduced in the House a bill affecting railroad companies using sleeping and parlor cars. Companies operating sleeping cars are to be required to provide a safe for the protection and care of all valuables and property carried by passengers. It is made unlawful to charge more than one-half cent per mile for lower berths, and one-third of a cent for upper berths in such sleeping cars. For parlor, boudoir or drawing-room cars, the charge per seat is not to be greater than one-half cent per mile.

Representatives Davey, Meyer and Price, of the Louisiana delegation, to-day introduced bills to pay sugar producers of the United States, on all sugar manufactured in 1894, the bounty provided for in the McKinley act, and also on all sugars produced in 1893, in so far as it had not been paid up to the time of the repeal of the law.

Senator Blanchard to-day introduced a bill directing the Secretary of the Treasury to refund to the Citizens' Bank of Louisiana $257,013, the amount illegally exacted of the bank in 1862, by Gen. B. F. Butler, commanding the United States army at New Orleans at that time; $70,000 exacted in like manner by General Banks, in 1863, and $1,242,777 exacted by General Canby in 1866, with interest on each sum at the rate of 6 per cent.

Senator Call presented an amendment to the Nicaragua canal bill providing that instead of aiding in the construction of the proposed canal by guaranteeing its bonds, the government shall construct the canal outright. It provides the means for acquiring title to the company's concessions and that the canal shall be built on the lines of surveys.

Mr. Sherman introduced a bill providing for the purchase of a statue of the late Chief Justice Chase.

WEST POINT ACADEMY.

Board of Visitors Proposes an Increase in Number of Cadets.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13.—Senator Bate, chairman of the board of vistors to West Point Military Academy, to-day presented the report to the Senate. The report takes a strong ground in favor of a change of the law which will increase the number of cadets to 469, or one cadet for each Senator and Representative and twenty for the President, instead of the present number, which is about 250. It is admitted that this increase would probably result in a larger number of graduates than could find officers' places in the army, but it is suggested that as the additional cost would be very slight the country could well afford to increase the number for the benefit to be derived in a purely educational way. Discussing the wisdom of the change the board says that a part of the number graduated every year could be retired to private life, remaining, however, subject to the command of the country and adds: "However pacific may be the theoretic policy of this country the facts remain that about one-sixth of its past existence as a nation has been spent in a state of war and in that period of strife no consideration has been taken of periods of riot and insurrection, from the whisky rebellion to the Pullman troubles, during which many millions of dollars' worth of property and many valuable lives were sacrificed to the imaginary pacific policy of the best fighting people on earth." The board also suggests that these surplus West Point cadets would make excellent militia officers. While the board has nothing but praises for the theoretical instructions in the academy in most respects it finds fault with "the halting English, the lack of facility of expression on the part of many cadets," which is "painfully apparent."

FOREIGN AFFAIRS.

Matters Considered by the House Committee—Blair's Resolution.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13.—The House committee on foreign affairs to-day entered on an inquiry as to the necessity, under the law, of continuing the Bureau of American Republics. Messrs. Geary, Tucker and Storer were appointed to investigate and report on the subject.

The committee passed the resolution of Representative Blair, of New Hampshire, calling on the President for information as to what steps had been taken by this country towards mediating in the war between China and Japan. Assistant Secretary of State Uhl was at the committee room before the meeting and a general understanding was reached that full information would be furnished during the coming month. The Blair resolution will not be reported to the House for a week, as it is feared it might have a tendency to complicate consideration of the Japanese treaty in the Senate.

The committee also agreed unanimously to report the resolution of Representative Hitt, of Illinois, asking for information as to the proposed payment of $425,000 as a result of the Bering sea troubles.

The diplomatic and consular appropriation bill was completed, with the exception of the item for the Bureau of American Republics. The bill has few new features and these are of a minor character, such as an increase of $500 in the salary of the consul at Cape Town.

HAILMAN MAY RESIGN.

His Son Not Made Assistant Superintendent of Indian Schools.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13.—A letter was sent to the House of Representatives today containing the recommendation of Secretary Hoke Smith that Dr. Hallman, of Indiana, Superintendent of Indian Schools, be authorized to appoint his son his clerk at $1,200 a year. It appears that up to the 15th of last August young Hallman was one of the assistant supervisors of Indian schools. Under the provisions of the Indian appropriation bill, however, the number of assistant supervisors was reduced to three and young Hallman lost his place. He continued to assist his father but without pay, and to-day's letter to Congress was intended to provide a permanent place for him. A clause was to be inserted in the urgent deficiency bill then under consideration in the House. But the bill was passed without any attention being paid to the suggestion, so young Mr. Hallman will not get the place, nor any salary for his labors since last August. It is understood that his father has been offered a lucrative position at Los Angeles, Cal., and intends resigning his present position.

Nominations by the President.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13.—The President to-day sent the following nominations to the Senate:

Judge C. Clements, of Georgia, to be an interstate commerce commissioner (reappointed). Term expired to-day.

Jervis Spencer, of Maryland, to be consul of the United States at Curacoa, West Indies.

Interior—James Wylie, of California, to be receiver of public moneys at Susanville, Cal.; Frank F. Peck, of California, to be register of the land office at Susanville, Cal.

The Senate, in executive session to-day, confirmed the nomination of James W. Burgess to be postmaster at Dunkirk, Ind. Also the following: Herbert G. Squires, of New York, to be second secretary of embassy of the United States at Berlin, Germany; Edward H. Strobel, of New York, now envoy extraordinary and minister plenipotentiary to Ecuador, to be envoy extraordinary and minister plenipotentiary of the United States to Chili.

Proposed Land Court.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13.—Commisioner Lamoreaux, of the General Land Office, has framed a bill for the action of Congress providing for the creation of three divisions of three men each with a specific tenure of office to constitute a land court. It will be required to hear and decide all contested land cases and the decisions will bear equal weight with those of the commission. Appeals will be allowed to a board in the office of the assistant and Attorney-general, and questions of law may be appealed to the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia. The certification of certain questions from there to the United States Supreme Court will be allowed. The boards will be composed entirely of persons now employed in the department.

Postoffice Appropriation Bill.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13.—The subcommittee of the House committee on postoffices and post roads has completed the postoffice appropriation bill for the year 1895-96. The bill will carry an appropriation of $89,442,897. The estimates were $91,050,283. The cuts made in the estimates were about one million for railway mails and about three hundred thousand in star mail service. All of the cuts were in places where deficiencies can be created. There was some discussion in the committee relative to the recommendation of Postmaster-general Bissell to reform the second-class mail service, but it is thought that it will be impossible to get any such proposition through the House at this session.

Petition to Emperor William.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13.—The Universal Peace Union has forwarded to the Emperor of Germany a petition urging his consideration of the proposition that Germany restore to France the portion of Alsace-Lorraine whose occupants speak French. The act of the union is based on the publication of the proposition in an international magazine this month, and the petition to the Emperor recites that the measure will result in the permanent reconciliation of France and Germany. President Alfred H. Love, of Philadelphia, has requested all the peace societies here and abroad to testify their sympathy with the object in view by addressing similar petitions to the Emperor.

Gold Balance Down to $101,138,022.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13.—The cash balance in the treasury to-day was $155,025,321; net gold, $104,888,022. This, however, does not include withdrawals yesterday and today, amounting to $3,750,000, leaving the true amount of the net gold balance $101,138,022.

General Notes.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13.—The following cadet appointments at the Military Academy have been made: Henry B. Clarke, Harvard, Ill.; John Chaffee (alternate), Waco, Ill.; James W. Riddle, Princeton, Ill.

Secretary Lamont, in a letter to-day to the president of the New York and New Jersey Bridge Company, in answer to their notice that they have contracted to build a centelever bridge upon a pier in the river across the Hudson at New York, has informed them that he must require that any bridge so built shall have a single span across the entire river, which will necessitate a suspension bridge.

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FARGO'S DIVORCE COLONY.

Ninety Eastern People Serving Time in the North Dakota Mecca.

TACOMA, Wash., Dec. 13.—L. Edmund Stover, of Fargo, N. D., who has reported more celebrated divorce cases during the past year than any other man in the country, is traveling in the Northwest. Fargo, he says, has grown to be the mecca which the unhappy married people of the country seem bent on reaching. Talking on the subject of divorce in North Dakota, he said: "The general public has little idea of the magnitude of this infant industry. The number of pilgrims reaches startling figures. A careful estimate made recently after a visit to all the lawyers in the city places the total number who are serving time preparatory to filing actions for separation at upwards of ninety. These people are mostly residents of the East, New York and Boston furnishing the largest contingent. Naturally, all those possessed of wealth and prominence, prefer to wash their linen away from home. The Constitution of North Dakota requires but three months' residence prior to the commencement of an action for divorce. Several ultra fashionable hotels and boarding houses of Fargo accept no patrons who are not members of the colony. The money spent in Fargo by these seekers of relief from the marital yoke reaches many thousands of dollars annually. Among the cases soon to be heard there is one which will shake New York from center to circumference. A prominent State official is the plaintiff with Bourke Cockran as his counsel. Many leading New Yorkers are implicated as co-respondents or otherwise."

Suicide of a Sorrowing Widow.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 13.—Mrs. Amelie Westergaard, widow of the late Lars Westergaard, committed suicide at her home, No. 1923 Mount Vernon street, by slashing her throat with a carving knife. Her suicide was the result of excessive grieving over the death of her husband and eldest son. Her late husband was for many years one of the most prominent shipping men in this city, serving as president of the Maritime Exchange and as consul for Norway and Sweden.

Murdered in a Cave.

WICHITA, Kan., Dec. 13.—Some hunters in the Cherokee Strip have discovered the remains of two men and a boy in a cave several miles north of Aetna, Barber county. In the pocket of one was an envelope, addressed to Julius Viggian, Herman, Mo. All three had been shot. Their clothes had evidently been rifled, as nothing else was found on them. The condition of the bodies indicated that they must have been there for several months.

Two Fortunate Women Architects.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 13.—In the architectural competition for the designs for the Florence sanatorium, to be erected in this city, the plans of Misses Alice Hangs and Mary Gannon, of New York, have been accepted. These young ladies were the first women whose work hung in the architectural league, and they are the first of their sex to be architects for a large building in San Francisco.

Lulu Smith Recovering.

Miss Lulu Smith, the member of the Bonehill theatrical company who took a dose of atropine by mistake, will probably recover. Last night she was resting quietly and was able to talk to members of the company.

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