

CLARA BARTON MAY BE RETIRED

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE RED CROSS FAVORS IT.

Rear Admiral Van Rye, Retired, to be succeeded by Miss Barton as President of the Red Cross.

WASHINGTON, March 21.—As a result of recent conferences of the executive board of the American National Red Cross Society, Miss Clara Barton will probably be retired from active control of that organization.

The enforced retirement of Miss Barton, whose personality is so identified with the work of the National Red Cross, is considered to be regrettable, but an absolutely necessary step for the reestablishment of the Red Cross in the public confidence.

A meeting of the board of trustees of the Red Cross will be held here within the next ten days, when it is expected that the tentative action reached by the executive committee will be formally approved.

As a result of certain changes made in the constitution and by-laws of the Red Cross, which had the effect of giving Miss Barton the presidency of the order for life and absolute control of all the affairs of the society, a memorial, signed by Gen. John M. Wilson and other prominent members of the board, was presented to Clara Barton last month, protesting against Miss Barton's supreme control of the society.

There was also a statement made at the same time that under these conditions neither the President nor the members of his cabinet would serve on the board of trustees.

Another member of the Executive Committee said to-night that the conference of the members here in the past few days had brought about an agreement that Mrs. Barton's usefulness as the executive of the society was at an end and that formal demands for her resignation would be made.

It is believed that the conference will be held to-day with the object of formally resigning the office of President to Clara Barton, and if no other course will be open a complete reorganization would be had through Congressional action.

MISS BARTON DOESN'T BELIEVE IT. Miss Barton said last night that she did not believe the report.

There is the utmost harmony in the society at present, and it is sure the executive committee has taken no such action.

DR. HUNTER PRESSES CHARGES.

Asks State Department to Reopen His Accusations Against James C. McNally.

WASHINGTON, March 21.—Dr. W. Godfrey Hunter of Kentucky, whose conduct of American affairs in Guatemala while he was Minister there caused the State Department to ask for his resignation, had an interview to-day with Herbert H. D. Peirce, Third Assistant Secretary of State, in regard to the charges filed by Dr. Hunter against James C. McNally of Pennsylvania, former Consul-General at Guatemala City and recently transferred to the Consulate at Liege, Belgium.

The man charged made by Dr. Hunter was that Mr. McNally had been concerned in a conspiracy with W. A. Fitzgerald of Grand Rapids, Mich., to kill his son, W. G. Hunter, Jr., Fitzgerald was killed in Guatemala City by young Hunter, who was acquitted by a Guatemalan court. Consul-General McNally telegraphed the State Department that the killing of Fitzgerald was a cold-blooded murder, and Dr. Hunter telegraphed McNally of the charges.

Dr. Hunter held that the action of the Guatemalan court in acquitting his son upon evidence that Fitzgerald and McNally had conspired to assassinate him should be regarded as sufficient to show that Mr. McNally was implicated in the alleged plot. He said Mr. Peirce showed a disinclination to do this unless additional evidence were furnished, and indicated his belief that Mr. McNally was innocent. Dr. Hunter contended that his word that the conspiracy existed be taken, but Mr. Peirce did not regard this as sufficient to induce the Department to take the case up again.

WASHINGTON SOCIETY NOTES.

Society People to Appear in a Play in Aid of St. John's Orphanage. WASHINGTON, March 21.—A number of society people will appear before the footlights for the sake of charity on April 15, followed by a matinee on Wednesday, April 16. The ballroom of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Boardman will be used for the play and "A Sleeping Car" by William Dean Howells will be given. Madame de Margerie of the French Embassy, Mrs. W. Rockhill, Miss Ethel Horstmann, Mr. Guy Norman, Mr. Hugh Legare and Mr. Denegre will appear. The stage will be fully equipped and the audience a select one, as the ballroom, with its stage arrangements, will only accommodate a select few.

The Italian Ambassador and Madame Mayor de Plancher and former Ambassador to Italy and Mrs. Draper entertained at dinner to-night.

ALL RUSH TO NEW GOLD FIELDS.

Civilians Employed on Military Telegraph Lines in Alaska Quit Work. WASHINGTON, March 21.—Gen. A. W. Greer, chief signal officer of the army, has been informed that nearly every civilian engaged in putting up military telegraph lines in Alaska has quit work to go to the newly discovered gold fields in the Klondike region. Many of the enlisted men of the signal corps in Alaska are seeking for discharge.

W. L. Harris Appointed Postmaster at Charleston, S. C.

WASHINGTON, March 21.—The President to-day appointed W. L. Harris postmaster at Charleston, S. C. Mr. Harris was nominated for this office at the regular session of the Senate and at the extra session, but failed of confirmation, owing to the opposition of Senator Tillman.

There was a good deal of opposition to his appointment, among the people of Charleston on the ground that he was not a bona fide citizen of the place when he was named for the office.

Only 19 Years Old and Tired of Life.

WASHINGTON, March 21.—Lily de Mary, 19 years old, daughter of an employee of the Post Office Department, committed suicide to-day by turning on the gas in her room. She was dead when found by her mother, who went to call her. She left two letters, one to her mother and the other to a young man of whom she was fond, both saying that she was tired of life.

600 Army Tents for Mississippi Flood Sufferers.

WASHINGTON, March 21.—In response to inquiries from the War Department as to the number of tents needed to shelter flood sufferers, Gov. Davis of Arkansas telegraphed to-day that only 100 tents were required, and Gov. Frazier of Missouri telegraphed that he had 100 tents wanted in Arkansas and those for Tennessee sufferers to Mayor Williams of Memphis.

Flood Waters Killing Gulf Oysters.

NEW ORLEANS, March 21.—A report from Biloxi several days ago said that the heavy rainfall and floods in the rivers emptying into Mississippi Sound had made the waters of the Sound so fresh as to kill many of the oysters. The same news came to-day from Galveston. The fresh waters emptying into the Texas bays are killing the oysters there.

Flood Receding at Memphis.

MEMPHIS, Tenn., March 21.—The crest of the flood has passed Memphis and a feeling of relief has given place to the alarm caused by the frequent breaks in levees above this city.

Advices received from Luzon and Ocellola are to the effect that while the situation is still critical, engineers believe they will win out with falling water and absence of winds.

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THE GOODSSELL RAILROAD BILL.

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ALBANY, March 21.—There has been much speculation as to the object of a bill introduced by Senator Goodsell early in the session, making various amendments to the Railroad Law. No one but the attorney who drafted the bill and those interested in it know what the real purpose of the bill is. It is not believed that even Senator Goodsell knows. Apparently the bill legalizes the manufacture of things done by street railroad companies in violation of law.

It is the general opinion that the bill is in the interest of the Metropolitan Street Railway Company and the Interurban Railway Company, which control all the street railroads in Manhattan and the Bronx boroughs. It is not known what the "grab" bill in the sense that it would give the street railroads any powers or privileges they are not now exercising.

Senator Goodsell said the bill applied to a railroad in Orange county which wanted to extend into Rockland county and near Goodell's home. He said he spoke in favor of the bill because a special bill amending the Railroad Law.

The attention of Assistant Corporation Counsel Whitman was called to the bill and he made a careful study of it. He became convinced that it was a bill that New York city should oppose. He said his speech in favor of it was a mistake. He said he was assured by him that it did not apply to New York city.

Then Mr. Whitman asked Senator Goodsell to insert a provision that New York city should be exempted. This Mr. Whitman says Senator Goodsell refused to do.

Mr. Whitman says the bill seeks to amend the original charters and to legalize what the general railroad law is inconsistent with the rights granted in an original charter the original charter shall prevail.

The bill was introduced on Jan. 29 and two weeks later was reported favorably by the Senate. It was then referred to the committee on the whole in the Senate and it was ordered to a third reading. The bill has been on the order of final passage in the Senate for the past three weeks, but every time it was announced by the clerk for final passage Senator Goodsell would ask that it be temporarily laid aside, as evidently he did not have the bill in mind when he introduced it into the Assembly.

WHERE DO YOU STAND, MR. LOW?

About 2,000 German-Americans Want to Hear From You on Excise.

The German-American Citizens' League of Brooklyn met in Schwanen Hall, Hamburg and Myrtle avenues, Brooklyn, on Friday night, and discussed the treatment accorded to the liquor dealers by Mayor Low. The league is said to have about 2,000 members in Brooklyn. The following letter was prepared and sent to Mayor Low:

Hon. Seth L. Mayor, New York: Dear Sir:—I am a member of the German-American Citizens' League of Brooklyn and I am writing you to express my opinion in relation to the bill now pending before the Legislature to amend the Excise Law. I am a native born citizen of New York and I am proud to be a citizen of this State. I am also a member of the German-American Citizens' League and I am proud to be a member of this organization. I am writing you to express my opinion in relation to the bill now pending before the Legislature to amend the Excise Law. I am a native born citizen of New York and I am proud to be a citizen of this State. I am also a member of the German-American Citizens' League and I am proud to be a member of this organization.

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End of the School of Agriculture and Horticulture at Poughkeepsie.

POUGHKEEPSIE, March 21.—George T. Powell, director of the School of Practical Agriculture and Horticulture in this city, announced to-day that the institution will be closed and its property sold. This school was started three years ago on an experimental basis, and since that time about \$50,000 has been expended in maintaining it. Theodore Langdon Van Rensselaer is its president, William E. Dodge, vice-president, R. Fulton Cutting, secretary, and Thos. T. R. Luquer, treasurer. The late Abram S. Hewitt was a vice-president at the time of his death. Among the directors are John G. Carlisle, Theodore Havemeyer, William Jay Schiefel, Walter W. Law and Mrs. Henry Marquand.

Work was first begun by Director Powell and a score of instructors on Mr. Law's estate at Briarcliff Manor. Last fall Mr. Cutting bought 400 acres of land near Poughkeepsie to establish the school on a permanent basis, at a cost of \$25,000. Director Powell endeavored to raise \$150,000 to equip the property with suitable buildings. He succeeded in raising \$100,000, but not enough to go on with the enterprise, and at the suggestion of the Cutting, who has sold the most of the funds up to this time, it was decided to close the school and sell the furnishings of the two leased buildings.

Mr. Powell has appealed to Andrew Carnegie for the money needed to revive the project. Mr. Cutting has presented the school to the State Agricultural College at Durham to take over the work and carry out the plan of practical agricultural and horticultural instruction devised for the Poughkeepsie institution.

TOO MUCH SOUP FOR SOLDIERS.

Fort Slocum Insufficiency Starred Until They Got Solid Food. NEW ROCHELLE, March 21.—Three hundred soldiers of the Sixteenth United States Infantry at Fort Slocum refused to eat until the mess steward served them with satisfactory food. They have just returned from the Philippines and they complain that the steward is serving too much soup and not enough beans and hash. Since the new steward took charge three days ago, they say, they have had soup for breakfast, soup for dinner and soup for supper.

Yesterday evening when soup was served for the twenty-second consecutive time four companies left their rations untouched and departed from the mess hall, shouting as they marched: "Soup, soup, we want no more soup, soup, we want no more soup." The soldiers retired to their quarters and fasted through the night. They say they prefer to starve rather than eat any more soup, especially as it is too thin to be classed as a nourishment. In the morning they marched into the mess hall for breakfast, only to find that the steward had served them with a new stew, but the soldiers say that it was soup a little thicker than usual. They marched out of the building.

The commanding officer of the regiment ordered more substantial food to be served. The soldiers say that they were fully resolved that they would not eat until they had something other than soup. They would have to go to the hospital rather than eat any more soup or stew.

CLAIM ISLANDS IN THE BAY.

Suits to Get Possession of Ellis Island, Robin's Reef and Oyster Island. TRENTON, N. J., March 21.—Suits to get possession of Ellis Island, Robin's Reef and Oyster Island was begun in the United States Circuit Court to-day, the complainants being the descendants of the original proprietors of the lands in the Province of East Jersey. Summonses to answer the suits on April 1 were served on United States Commissioner of Immigration William Williams by United States Marshal Thomas J. Aloit.

The three islands date back to the Colonial days when the territory now embraced in New Jersey was vested in the East and West Jersey proprietors. The suits are being brought by the descendants of the original proprietors of the lands in the Province of East Jersey. Summonses to answer the suits on April 1 were served on United States Commissioner of Immigration William Williams by United States Marshal Thomas J. Aloit.

It never was proposed to put Cooper Union in the hands of the State. The idea was that some of the departments might advantageously be conducted by Columbia. The trustees do not know that they will do anything.

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HIGH PARTITION WALL VETTED.

Fifth Avenue 18-Foot Fence Would Obstruct Fire Escapes, It's Declared. Building Superintendent Stewart has put an official veto on the plans submitted to him on St. Patrick's day by Boehm & Coon, real estate operators, to erect on the rear line of the lot at 58 and 60 Fifth Avenue a 75-foot whitewashed brick fence wall, 90 feet high, and costing \$1,000, which was designed to shut off from customers of the Lichtenstein Millinery Company's office building the picturesque view of the garbage cans stored in the yard of the New York Cab Company in West Forty-fifth street.

Rudolph P. Miller, chief engineer of the Building Bureau, reported that Boehm & Coon architect proposed to use the wall of an old church that formerly stood on the site as a foundation for the tall fence wall, and that it was not deemed suitable because of age and weight. The proposed method of bracing the wall by fastening it to the rear of the office building by a steel anchor bar was not sufficiently satisfactory.

The most potent reason for knocking out the project, however, is that the wall, if erected, would be in the way of the fire escapes of the rear fire escapes of the office building. He has notified the owners and their architect of his disapproval.

HIRED SLEUTHS DIDN'T AGREE.

Schmittberger's Unofficial Workers Told Differing Tales. Two of the unofficial sleuths hired by Inspector Schmittberger to get evidence against disorderly houses in his district told varying stories yesterday, with the result that two prisoners were discharged. Louis Rosenbaum and Jacob Krieworth, the sleuths, went to a Second Avenue house last week, and on their report, Henry Rosenbaum and Louis Hoffman were arrested yesterday on a charge of conducting a disorderly house.

When the prisoners were arraigned before Justice Mayer, sitting as a Magistrate, their lawyer insisted that one of the private detectives be sent from the room while the other testified. When the second witness was called he told a story which didn't agree with that of the first witness, and Justice Mayer threw the case out of court.

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