

DIRECTOR NORTH MAY QUIT

HEAD OF THE CENSUS BUREAU LIKELY TO RESIGN.

Secretary Nagel Says the Director Has Exerted Authority for Which the Secretary is Responsible Without Consulting Him and Wants It Remedied.

WASHINGTON, April 24.—Secretary Nagel of the Department of Commerce and Labor has asked President Taft to remedy a condition which has existed for several years between the Secretary of Commerce and Labor and the Director of the Census. The request of Secretary Nagel directly involves the charge that S. N. D. North, the head of the Census Bureau, has exercised authority for which the Secretary of Commerce and Labor is responsible without consulting the secretary.

Mr. North and the Department of Commerce and Labor have been at odds ever since the Census Bureau was placed under the jurisdiction of that Department. In the organic law creating the Department authority was given the Secretary of Commerce and Labor over the administration of the bureau. It is alleged that Director North has undertaken the disbursement of accounts without consulting the head of the Department, and Secretary Nagel wanted to know why he should be held responsible for such action under the law when he had exercised no authority in the matter.

Secretary Nagel had a talk with President Taft to-day on the subject of Director North's administration of the Census Bureau. Afterward Mr. Nagel authorized the statement that he had not preferred charges against Mr. North and that the matter at issue involved one question of administration into which inquiry was being made. The statement was authorized also that Mr. North was not in imminent danger of removal. The bill providing for the Thirtieth Census, which was passed by the Senate and the House and is now under consideration by a conference committee, gave the Director of the Census practically supreme control over his bureau, the only exception of any note being in a provision that in obtaining information from other departments of the Government the Director should communicate through the Secretary of Commerce and Labor. It was stated in a quarter close to President Taft and Secretary Nagel that one of Mr. Nagel's complaints was that Director North had been responsible for curtailing the authority of the Secretary of Commerce and Labor over the Census Bureau.

Attention was called to a statement made by Secretary Nagel in the House Committee on Commerce on April 6 to the effect that he would be satisfied if Congress placed the entire responsibility for taking the next census on the director of the bureau. Secretary Nagel said this to the committee:

"I am rather at a loss to know what the Secretary of the Department is expected to do with respect to taking of this census. I am not looking after any more employment than I have, and if the purpose of this bill is to place the entire responsibility upon the director of the census I shall be delighted. If the purpose, however, is to retain a certain responsibility under the general act of 1902 in the Secretary of Commerce and Labor, I of course am interested to know that. Above all, I confess, I very much dislike responsibility without authority, which I believe is at the bottom of a good deal of the bad legislation of the day."

On the same day that Secretary Nagel heard Director North appeared before the Senate Census Committee. On that occasion he made some interesting statements which have a bearing on the matter in controversy between Secretary Nagel and himself. Mr. North said that under his construction of the census bill the power as well as the responsibility of the census rests with the director, except that the director and his bureau remained as they were under the jurisdiction of and dependent on Commerce and Labor, and any dereliction or any lack of proper cooperation on the part of the director with the Secretary of the Department would be reported to his dismissal from office.

Director North submitted to the Senate committee part of the remarks made by him on the same subject before the House Committee on the census. One of the things he said was:

"It is true that the Secretary cannot restrain the director, under the terms of the bill, in the exercise of these discretionary powers, but he can take administrative cognizance of all acts done thereunder after their performance. Every dollar of expenditure will pass under the administration review of the Secretary's subordinates. If he finds that there has been any misuse or abuse of authority, or extravagance in expenditure or error of judgment he can report the facts to the President for such action as may be necessary.

Secretary Nagel's position is understood to be that it is inequitable to make him responsible for the expenditure of money and other administrative acts of the Director of the Census when the money is expended and the acts performed without consultation with or authority from the Secretary.

While Secretary Nagel declined to enter into a discussion of the relations between Director North and himself, it was said in his behalf that they were on amicable terms and that the relations were official and did not involve any personal controversy.

Much indignation was expressed among employees of the Census Bureau over a report that Secretary Nagel had charged that there was gross immorality in the bureau. For Mr. Nagel it was said that he had made no such charge, either formally or informally. Stories of this character affecting Government departments are circulated occasionally. Officials who have investigated such charges and have found them to be baseless have caused pay attention to them. There are many women employed by the Government in this city, and many of them are women of refinement and education, and in recent years comparatively few women have been appointed to clerical positions under the Government here who have not entered through certificates from the Civil Service Commission. The Census Bureau appointments have been made through the Civil Service Commission since 1902.

Movements of Naval Vessels. WASHINGTON, April 24.—The battleship New Hampshire and the cruiser Prairie have arrived at Guantanamo, the collier Marcellus at Norfolk, the cruiser Birmingham at Tompkinsville, the tug Cheyenne at San Francisco and the tug Navajo at Magdalena Bay.

The collier Hannibal has sailed from Seattle's Point for Guantanamo, the cruisers North Carolina and Montana from Guantanamo for Alexandria, the Asa Minor in the afternoon from San Francisco for Panama via Magdalena Bay, and the gunboat Marietta from Port Limon for Bluefield.

Plans for Extensive Naval Manoeuvres. WASHINGTON, April 24.—Plans are being made in the Navy Department for the annual manoeuvres of the Atlantic fleet next summer. These manoeuvres will be more extensive than ever, principally because there are more ships available. The fleet will consist of the sixteen battleships, five armoured cruisers, the new scoutships and a dozen torpedo boats, together with a dozen hospital ships and repair ships. Orders have been issued to assemble all the fleet boats at the Charleston Navy Yard.

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FOR AN ARBITRATION COURT.

Senator Burton Advocates It Before the Society of International Law.

WASHINGTON, April 24.—At to-day's session of the American Society of International Law an effort was made to have the society pass resolutions requiring President Taft to urge the Powers to take steps to secure peace in the Ottoman Empire. The resolution was referred to the executive council. It was offered by Prof. T. P. Ion of Boston University Law School.

Senator Burton of Ohio advocated the organization of an international tribunal to hear disputes between nations. "In the constitution of an arbitration court," said Senator Burton, "the first requisite is that it should be permanent. However cordial the acceptance of the general principle of arbitration may be any plan which does not afford ready access to an established tribunal is more or less of a makeshift. The judges constituting this tribunal should be selected from men of the highest reputation for integrity and ability and with all possible assurance that in rendering decisions they will not be influenced by national partialities or interests. It is believed that it should be placed upon the good faith of the respective Governments in selecting men of the highest character and ability."

The meeting came to a close to-night at the New Willard Hotel with a banquet, at which covers were laid for more than 200. Senator Elihu Root of New York was the toastmaster and introduced the speakers, who included Attorney-General Wickersham, Dr. Lyman Abbott, editor of the Outlook, Gen. Horace Porter and others. Senator Root in his address, Dr. Abbott, in a jocular strain said that while his partner was away hunting lions Dr. Abbott was a guest at the banquet in the city of Rome and safety. Gen. Horace Porter made a humorous speech in which he referred to the traditional belief concerning diplomats that they had to become such good liars that people would not believe the opposite of what they said. Attorney-General Wickersham also made a speech in which he said that the development of international law was nearer a reality than ever before.

TAFT FOR CONSERVATION.

He Will Give It His Active and Hearty Support.

WASHINGTON, April 24.—The West and the country at large need have no fear as to President Taft's attitude toward the conservation movement, said Joseph N. Neal of Portland, Ore., who represents the Northwest on the Joint Committee on Conservation.

Mr. Neal, who is chairman of the Oregon Conservation Commission, came to Washington to see the President with regard to rumors in the West that the present Administration is not in accord with the policy of conservation. "Vigorous support of conservation is so general in the West that I regard the word of the President himself as necessary to allay these rumors. After talking with the President on the subject I am confident to reserve that the West and the country generally need have no concern as to President Taft's attitude toward conservation. For some reason an attempt has been made to create an impression to the contrary, but it is absolutely without foundation. The President not only recognizes the vital importance of the movement and is in sympathy with its purposes but he will give it his active and hearty support. This can be depended upon."

NATIONAL EMPLOYMENT EXCHANGE INCORPORATED.

ALBANY, April 24.—The National Employment Exchange, formed for the purpose of securing employment of all kinds for those who desire it, was incorporated here to-day to operate throughout the United States and to have its principal offices in New York city. The directors are Otto Bannard, George Blumenthal, Frederick B. Bourne, Robert W. De Forest, Francis L. Hine, John R. MacArthur, Jacob H. Schiff and Paul M. Warburg of New York.

WATCHMAN OUT OF OFFICE.

WASHINGTON, April 24.—The President to-day accepted the resignation of Robert Watchorn as United States Commissioner of Immigration at New York, to take effect at once. Yesterday Mr. Watchorn received an indefinite leave of absence, to be effective on Monday. No official explanation is given for his resignation.

Herbert Knox Smith, the Commissioner of Corporations, who was under consideration for appointment as Commissioner of Immigration at New York, has been designated as acting Commissioner in charge of the Ellis Island Immigration Station.

SACRIFICED, SAY WATCHMANS.

Commissioner Watchorn said yesterday that he had been sacrificed to "political exigencies." Mr. Watchorn will take a trip to Europe before setting down in this city. He is somewhat uncertain which of several places that have been offered to him he will accept, but he will take nothing from the national administration. Pending the appointment of his successor, Mr. Watchorn's work will be done by Assistant Commissioner of Immigration Joseph Murray.

HARD TO BE KIND HEARTED.

Women Who Wanted a Driver Arrested Say the Police Abused Them.

Two women and two men who appeared in the Jefferson Market court yesterday as witnesses against Andrew Elliott, driver of 500 West Forty-fifth street, who was arrested on Friday night for beating his horse, complained of the way they had been treated in the traffic squad C station house by the desk lieutenant. According to the men the lieutenant talked very insultingly to the women. Magistrate House told them to complain to Commissioner Bingham.

The four were Mrs. Ida Franklin of 175 West Eighth street, Mrs. Frances Stevens of 110 West Nineteenth street, Henry B. Greening of 164 West Seventy-ninth street and Albert Henry of 42 West Twentieth street. The two women had tried to make Patrolman Horan of traffic squad C arrest Elliott at Fifth avenue and Twenty-sixth street. Horan refused, and when the two men also insisted that the driver be arrested he still refused. Henry had to go to the S. P. C. A. headquarters at Madison avenue and Twenty-sixth street and get an S. P. C. A. officer before he succeeded in having Horan arrest the driver.

It is alleged that when the party arrested traffic squad station house Lieutenant Cornelius Shay talked to them impudently. In court yesterday the women were more anxious to have the two policemen punished than Elliott. Elliott was held in \$300 bail for trial.

MYRON STRATTON HOME GETS \$6,000,000.

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo., April 24.—By order of the County Court the executors of the estate of W. S. Stratton, the wealthy mine owner, have been appointed. Myron Stratton Home, the trustee of the Myron Stratton Home.

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MYSTERY OF A WOMAN'S DEATH.

Husband Sues for Accident Policy; Doctors Say She Was Poisoned.

MEMPHIS, Tenn., April 24.—Additional experts were placed on the stand to-day in behalf of the Travelers Insurance Company, which is resisting payment of a \$15,000 accident policy on the life of Mrs. Lula Fisher, wife of Dr. J. B. Fisher, who is seeking collection.

Mrs. Fisher, according to medical experts who testified to-day, died from the results of morphine slowly administered forty-eight hours prior to her death. Dr. Fisher claims that his wife died as the result of a street car accident. Dr. E. E. Haynes, who held the post-mortem examination on Mrs. Fisher's remains, and other physicians, all fellow-practitioners of Dr. Fisher, stated that they believed that death had been caused by morphine poisoning rather than shock from the accident that caused Mrs. Fisher to take to what proved to be her death-bed.

The testimony, following that of David Carvalho, the New York expert, who declared on the witness stand that the encephalogram on the will and the accident policy of the late Mrs. Fisher were forgeries, created a sensation and caused almost immediate adjournment of the criminal proceedings, which would be instituted at once against parties suspected of administering morphine that may have caused the death of Dr. Fisher's wife.

WINNERS AT CADET DRILL.

Brooklyn and Cornwall Carry Off Principal Honors.

At the military tournament held last night at the Seventy-first Regiment Armory the first demonstration was given in the history of the National Guard of a platoon in extended order drill controlled by snarling bugles instead of the martial voice of a commanding officer. It was Company G, Seventy-first Regiment, that drilled to bugle.

There was competitive drills open to independent cadet organizations and military schools and institutions. The cups for the first were won by Company M, First Regiment of the United Boys Brigade of America, and company from the Knights of St. Anthony Cadet Corps, both of which hail from Brooklyn.

The New York Military Academy, Cornwall on Hudson, sent down a company on a special train that won the silver cup given to the winner of the second class A company from the Hebrew Orphan Asylum and second and a company from Randall's Island third.

Lieut. Guy Manning, U. S. A., was chief of the judges. With him were Lieut. Col. J. Hollis Wells, Major William S. Beekman, Capt. Walter Delamater, Lieut. Howard Hopkins, all of the Seventy-first Regiment, N. Y., and Major Henry C. Wilson, Eighth Coast Artillery, N. Y.

NO TRACE OF MISSING TEACHER.

Did Not Come Back After Vacation, Which Began The Day the Lucania Sailed.

Those who are searching for Miss Elizabeth Jennette Tracy, the teacher in Public School 83 in East 110th street, who disappeared on April 7, have found no trace of her. Miss Tracy packed up two suit cases and left the boarding house of Mrs. D. E. Cameron at 42 West Seventy-sixth street early on the morning of April 7, without saying anything to those in the house. Although this conduct was thought a bit peculiar, no serious apprehension was felt until April 12, when she was due back from her vacation and did not show up at the school.

Many teachers, friends of Miss Tracy, called at the boarding house yesterday to ask for news of her, but none could throw any light on her disappearance. From the fact that she left Mrs. Cameron's on the morning that the Cunarder Lucania sailed some of her friends have thought that she might have been one of the two women who committed suicide by shooting on that boat on its last trip to Liverpool. Miss Tracy had taught in Public School 83 for the last twenty years.

NEWARK ARTIST'S STUDIO ROBBED.

H. August Schwabe, a Newark artist and former president of the Newark Sketch Club, reported to the police of that city last night that his studio at 917 Broad street had been robbed. Seven oil paintings and fifteen water colors valued at \$1,200 were stolen, also, an artist's sketch book worth \$200.

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