

COMMISSION FLAYS STILLINGS REGIME

Civil Service Body Sends Congress Arraignment.

BLAMED FOR A DEFICIT

High Charges Held Responsible for the Conditions.

Report Says Cost of Printing and Binding by Government Printing Office Has Increased from Thirty-five to Eighty-five Per Cent—Asserts Private Concerns Are Much Cheaper, and Drain Is Unnecessary.

With the startling but not unexpected statement that through the impossibility of having printing and binding done outside of the Government Printing Office, it now faces a deficit for the fiscal year of many thousands of dollars, the Civil Service Commission of the United States yesterday sent to Congress the most scathing arraignment of the Stillings regime that has yet been made public.

The commission places the deficit, which amounts to \$8,703.49, squarely up to the increased cost of printing and binding done at the Government Printing Office, and states that this increase in cost is from 35 to 85 per cent over the cost in prior years.

Not only are these statements made by the commission, but the report also shows that could the commission, have been permitted to take work to firms other than the Government Printing Office, it could have saved from 35 to 75 per cent on the cost of its printing and binding.

Has Embarrassed Office.

Not only does the commission severely arraign the Government Printing Office without mentioning Stillings, but without question meaning his administration, for only last year's work is referred to, but it states plainly that such a drain, unwarranted as it seems to be, is seriously embarrassing the whole civil service machinery.

The statement is transmitted through Secretary Cortelyou, who, in accordance with his well-known custom, refrains from comment other than admitting that it is a statement. It begins with stating that the amount which will be required during the five months remaining in the present fiscal year—which ends June 30—is \$17,048.08, and states that this means that there is a deficit of about \$8,703.49.

To What It Is Due.

"That there will be a deficit is not due at all to any extravagance on the part of this office, but as stated, it has been brought about by circumstances over which the commission had no control." After reciting what printing the commission must have done, the statement continues: "The printing appropriation, therefore, is absolutely essential to enable the Civil Service Commission to perform the duties imposed upon it by law, and it is proper that Congress should understand the conditions which now exist and which are now seriously embarrassing this office in its work."

"Notwithstanding the fact that the cost of similar work in private establishments is from 35 to 75 per cent cheaper, yet the law, Statutes, volume 28, section 57, page 622, requires that the printing and binding for the government offices shall be done at the Government Printing Office. The various departments and offices, therefore, are unable to control the appropriation. If the several departments could have the printing done by any private establishment they could then entirely control the cost of the work, because bids would be secured, contracts awarded, and the departments would pay no more than the prices at which the contract had been awarded."

Has Been Shown.

This statement by the Civil Service Commission is in keeping with what has been printed in The Washington Herald from time to time about the increased cost of printing in the Government Printing Office. It was shown in The Washington Herald that while Stillings claimed to have reduced expenses and otherwise pleased the departments and others who had work done by him, he had really increased the cost of operation of the Government Printing Office, and at the same time put up the cost of work done for the government offices and departments.

MARRIAGE ANNULLED.

Halloween Frank of Harvard Student and Cambridge Waitress.

Boston, Feb. 14.—The divorce court today annulled the joke marriage of Miss Helen V. Caldwell, a Cambridge waitress, and Edwin King Adams, formerly a Harvard sophomore, and son of a wealthy Philadelphia lawyer, which had been arranged as a Halloween prank.

MANY DIE IN MINE HORROR.

Seventy Men Believed to Have Perished in South Africa.

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WEATHER FORECAST.

For the District of Columbia and Maryland—Rain to-day. Tomorrow fair, colder; brisk to high southerly winds, shifting to northerly.

HERALD NEWS SUMMARY.

- Pages. TELEGRAPHIC. 1—Fleet Greeted at Valparaiso. 1—Taft Boom Hits Chicago. 2—Death Menaces Marooned Boy. 2—Mrs. Hetty Green Talks of Politics. 2—West Point Cadets Graduated. 2—Man Ends Life Holding Violin. 5—Miss Shonts to Wed To-day. 9—Lantern Hurlied into Cab Saves Lives. 9—Maryland Senate Bars Negro Voters. 9—Midgets Hanged at Alexandria.

LOCAL.

- 1—Dr. William Starr Is Dead. 1—Another Woman Robbed by Negro. 1—G. P. O. Methods Severely Scored. 2—Negroes May Knife Secretary Taft. 2—Plan to Aid the Unemployed. 2—London Fog Envelops the City. 2—President Views Art Treasures. 11—Ransell Tells of Nation's Peril.

ROW OVER ANCIENT CHALICE.

Antiquarian Society Opposes Sale of Vessel to Mr. Morgan.

London, Feb. 14.—With the view to raising money to refoor the church at Churchill, near Worcester, the church wardens are negotiating with J. Pierpont Morgan for the sale of an ancient chalice. Mr. Morgan has offered a considerable sum for it, but the deal is not yet concluded. The proposal is arousing much opposition. Its opponents are urging the chancellor of the diocese to prevent the sale.

The Antiquary Society, one of the protagonists of the opposition, declares it is horrible to think that a vessel from which the parishioners have drunk the cup of salvation for more than three centuries, should be polluted by adding it to the collection adorning Mr. Morgan's table, an array which suggests Belshazzar's feast.

TAFT STRENGTH SEEN

Chicago Gets First Impression of Secretary's Boom.

SUBCOMMITTEE IS IN SESSION

Every Member Except Chairman Harry S. New Enthusiastically for the Administration Candidate—No Bolt in Arkansas, Declares Gen. Clayton—Iowa in Line, Says Hart.

Chicago, Feb. 14.—Chicago got its first correct impression of the strength of the Taft boom to-day, when the members of the subcommittee on convention arrangements of the Republican National Committee gathered in this city.

The meeting brought to town Chairman Harry S. New, of Indiana; Secretary Elmer Dover, of Ohio; Sergeant-at-arms William E. Stone, of Maryland, and National Committeemen Charles F. Brooker, of Pennsylvania; Gen. Powell Clayton, of Arkansas; David W. Mulvane, of Kansas, and E. Hart, of Iowa.

Interviews showed that the subcommittee, which was selected with the idea of making it representative, was overwhelmingly for Taft. Chairman New is the only avowed opponent of the Secretary of War on it, and he only because his home State is behind the "favorite son" candidacy of Vice President Fairbanks.

Kansas for Taft.

Secretary Dover's State has already declared for Taft, and Sergeant-at-arms Stone not only spoke for his own State, but asserted that California would be for Taft. Committeemen Hart, Mulvane, and Powell all came out enthusiastically for the Roosevelt candidate. "Kansas is so strong for Taft that there will not even be a contest," said Mr. Mulvane. "Arkansas will be for Taft, and there will be no bolt or contesting delegation," declared Gen. Clayton.

INSTRUCTED FOR ROOSEVELT.

Nebraska Delegates Told to Vote for His Renomination.

Lincoln, Neb., Feb. 14.—The first county convention to be held in the State convened here at Bryan's home town to-day. By an almost unanimous vote the candidates endorsed for delegates to the national convention were instructed to vote for Roosevelt for President.

are separate attempts were made by the Taft supporters to obtain instructions for Taft as second choice, but each time these were voted down by a close vote, the Roosevelt men declaring they wanted Roosevelt to run again, and would not consent to any action that might be construed that they have any doubt he will accept the nomination at Chicago.

ROOSEVELT SUPPORTERS WILL ATTEMPT TO OBTAIN SIMILAR ACTION IN OTHER COUNTIES AND IN THE STATE CONVENTION.

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FELLED BY NEGRO, WOMAN IS ROBBED

Miss May Mullan Attacked on Lighted Street.

SECOND CRIME OF DAY

Purse Snatched from Mail Clerk on a Street Car.

Police Out in Force Scouring City. Woman Under Physician's Care. Struck by Some Blunt Instrument. One Arrest Has Been Made on Suspicion—Confederate Escapes with Money in Street Car Case.

Two highway robberies in one day, netting good profits to the thieves, both daring crimes, and one involving a murderous assault upon a woman, have set the police department of Washington on mettle. Every available man—officers, detectives, and privates—were on the job last night in efforts to run down the criminals.

In plain view of many witnesses, and on a brilliantly lighted thoroughfare last night, Miss May Mullan was beaten down by a negro and robbed of a pocketbook containing \$73. No one attempted to head off the negro as he ran away, escaping in the darkness.

On the platform of a street car, Elmer H. Roberts yesterday afternoon had his pocket picked of a purse containing \$34. He held on to the man who had robbed him until relieved of his charge by a policeman. A confederate of the pickpocket, however, escaped with the money.

Maj. Sylvester displayed the gravest concern over this latest instance of disregard for the peace of Washington and of those engaged in maintaining order. On report to him of the attack upon Miss Mullan, the chief of police got busy at the telephone. Communicating with one precinct station after another, he called out whatever officers and men could be spared for the special duty of scouring the city for the culprit responsible for yesterday's crime and other recent offenses of the kind.

Miss Mullan Struck Down.

The hold-up of Miss Mullan was one of the most daring and brutal attacks of the many in Washington recently made upon women. It occurred in front of the British Embassy, at Connecticut avenue and N street northwest. Miss Mullan lives at 1219 Connecticut avenue northwest.

Beaten to the pavement, Miss Mullan sustained a severe cut on the head and numerous bruises and contusions about the head and body.

She is confined to her bed, suffering from shock, and is under the care of Dr. Thomas S. Lee, of 1215 Connecticut avenue northwest, who was summoned immediately following the attack.

Dr. Lee told the police he believed Miss Mullan was struck on the head with some blunt instrument, such as a club or round stone. He found it necessary to make eleven stitches to close the wound.

The police have a good description of the assailant. Maj. Sylvester announced last night that a reward of \$300 will be paid for information leading to the arrest of the negro.

The attack was made on Miss Mullan a few minutes after 6 o'clock, while she was en route to her home from a laundry establishment, at 1124 Connecticut avenue northwest, of which she is the proprietor. She was but a short distance from the gateway leading into her home, and under the full glare of an electric light at Connecticut avenue and N street.

Well-lighted Thoroughfare.

Connecticut avenue at this point is probably as well lighted as any thoroughfare in the city. That the negro should choose such a place makes his attack the most daring of any in the extended records of similar occurrences during the past three months.

The negro is supposed to have been in hiding either behind the gates of the British Embassy or a tree box, near the curb. After Miss Mullan had passed he suddenly sprang from his place of hiding.

He rushed up behind her before she was aware of his presence. Tripping her with one foot, at the same time he dealt her a stunning blow on the back of the head.

Dazed by the blow, Miss Mullan, unable to defend herself, was thrown heavily to the pavement, receiving a deep cut on her forehead. Her assailant then snatched her hand bag from her grasp.

The negro ran west on N street and disappeared. He was not halted in his escape.

A number of people who were on the opposite side of the street hurried to Miss Mullan's assistance. The young woman was carried to her home, but a few doors away, and Dr. Lee was summoned.

The police were notified. Within a few minutes Detectives Pratt, Howell, and Warren, and a number of the police from the Third precinct were hurried to the scene.

Description of Assailant.

The description of Miss Mullan's assailant is similar to that given of the negro, or negroes, by women who have been attacked recently.

Miss Mullan says the man is about five feet ten inches in height and light of skin. He wore a black overcoat and a black derby. This description has been substantiated by a number of people who witnessed the hold-up or saw the negro as he ran away.

The stolen hand bag is of dark seal skin and fitted with an engraved silver handle. Within this bag was a small blue purse containing about three dollars in change. In a compartment in the hand bag were three checks aggregating \$51 and about \$19 in bills.

Frank Jackson, a negro, thirty-two years old, living at 2906 M street northwest, was arrested at an early hour this morning on suspicion of being the negro

THE HYPNOTIST.



OLDEST CITIZEN DEAD

Dr. William Starr More Than a Century Old.

HE SUCCEUMS TO OLD AGE

Had Never Needed Physician Up to His Hundredth Birthday—Made Medical Botany His Special Study. Had Theories of Longevity—Revisited of Washington Thirty Years.

PAUPERS ALLOWED TO DIE.

Shocking Condition of Affairs Revealed in New York Almshouse. Utica, N. Y., Feb. 14.—A shocking state of affairs at the Oneida County almshouse in Rome is alleged by investigators from the State charities board, in a report made public to-day. The report shows that the pauper inmates have been subjected to most insufferable conditions, due principally, it is alleged, to the eagerness of certain county officials to cut down expenses and also to the inefficiency of various employes at the institution. It shows there are 350 indigent men and women in the almshouse, and that the average death rate is six a month.

CREW RESCUED IN HURRICANE

Oarsmen Save Men from Water-logged Schooner at Risk of Lives.

WORKED PUMPS NIGHT AND DAY FOR FIVE DAYS UNTIL EVERY MAN WAS EXHAUSTED.

Liverpool, Feb. 14.—It was the crew of the American four masted schooner Edward J. Berwind, not the Harriet C. Kerlin, who were picked up by the British steamer Mercedes de Larrigna, when the Berwind was thirteen days out from New Orleans for Philadelphia, she encountered a gale, which increased to a hurricane. She sprang leak, and her crew worked at the pumps for five days and nights until they could scarcely stand. Then the pumps became unworkable, and the loss of the schooner seemed to be inevitable.

KILLS NIECE'S PHYSICIAN.

Slayer Unable to Give Coherent Account of the Tragedy.

Cincinnati, Feb. 14.—Shortly before 6 o'clock this evening Dr. Leo Dansiger, aged thirty-eight, was shot in the head and instantly killed by Robert Ward Gott, aged thirty-five, a farmer, of Princeton, W. Va. Dr. Dansiger was a prominent physician of this city. He had been treating Miss Nannie Spangler, aged seventeen, of Princeton, W. Va., the niece of Gott.

PERSIST IN GOING TO JAIL.

London Suffragettes Will Not Promise to Be Good.

London, Feb. 14.—Mrs. Parkhurst, the well-known leader of the women suffragettes, and the other delegates of the organization, who were arrested yesterday when they attempted to make a demonstration in the House of Commons, all went to jail to-day for a term of six weeks rather than give sureties for their good behavior.

Damage of \$25,000 in New Kings County (N. Y.) Structure.

New York, Feb. 14.—Fire, which started in the ceiling of the Judges' chambers in the new part of the Kings County courthouse this afternoon a few minutes after all the courts had adjourned, caused the women much trouble. Three alarms were sent in before the flames were subdued.

RUSSIAN BURNING SCHOONER.

San Juan, Feb. 14.—The steamer Coamo, which arrived here yesterday from New York, reports that at 4 o'clock in the morning four-masted schooner, the name of which was not learned. The Coamo did not stop to ascertain whether any assistance could be given or whether the schooner was deserted.

Baltimore and Return, \$1.25.

Every Saturday and Sunday. All trains, both ways, both days, except Royal Limited. City offices, 147 G st. and 619 Pa. ave.

A in Carte Lunch Served Daily.

At Eckstein's from 12 to 3. 1412 N. Y. ave.

DEATH MENACES BOY

Perils May Balk Efforts to Rescue Unfortunate Lad.

IS MAROONED IN MIDRIVER

Water Is Rising on Wagon Body in Which Boy Is Stranded—Floating Ice Prevents Use of Rowboats—Fog and Darkness Add to Difficulties of Rescue—Men Swim Ashore.

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The boy was accompanied by Frederick Rowe and Arthur Marshall, when they attempted to cross the river bridge. Heavy rains caused the river to rise rapidly, covering the lowlands.

EXPULSION FROM FRANCE.

Police Learn that de Formosa Was Living Extravagantly.

WHY SHE LEFT HOME.

Woman Publishes Notice of Leaving Husband and Gives Reasons.

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Binghamton, N. Y., Feb. 14.—The following notice was printed in to-day's issue of the Courier Journal, of Deposit, this county:

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When a man will store his money away in a trunk and lock it up, while his wife takes care of their cows and horses with summer undressing on, rather than take some of his old coats and buy her some clothes, it is needless to ask a wife if she has just cause to leave her husband. He will also store his money rather than pay his bills without the force of law.

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Unconfirmed Report at Vienna that Persian Ruler Is Dead.

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Russians Invade Persia.

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CHILE ENTHUSIASTIC AT SIGHT OF FLEET

Admiral Evans' Ships Sail Into Valparaiso Bay.

SALUTES EXCHANGED

Review Witnessed by Thousands from Vantage Points.

President Montt Members of the Cabinet and Leaders of Society Go Out to Greet the American Vessels. Ships Look a Little Rusty from Long Voyage, but Present a Fine Spectacle in Entering Harbor.

Valparaiso, Chile, Feb. 14.—The great American battle ship fleet, which sailed from Hampton Roads December 15, arrived off this port to-day, and the occasion was made one for a great demonstration of enthusiasm on the part of the Chileans, who greatly appreciated the action of Rear Admiral Evans in deploying from his course to give them an opportunity to see the fleet.

The day was observed as a general holiday. Special trains were run from Santiago and other places, and they brought thousands of sightseers.

President Montt, members of the cabinet, other authorities and the leaders of society boarded the Baquedano Zentano to witness the passage of the war ships. Passenger steamers and tugs, crowded to their capacity, did a fine business in carrying onlookers. Those who did not get out on the way witnessed the review from the hills surrounding the city. The weather was splendid.

Describe a Semicle.

The fleet, headed by the Connecticut, Rear Admiral Evans' flag ship, arrived at 2 o'clock in the afternoon. The ships described a semicle 'round the bay, maneuvering in perfect order. They were in a single line formation. The parade lasted for an hour and a half. The fleet was greeted with wild enthusiasm, and the cheering of the populace could be heard for a great distance.

The vessels looked a little rusty from the effects of their long voyage, but presented a fine spectacle.

Salutes were exchanged between the ships, the forts, and the Chilean war ships in the harbor, and the roar of the guns was continuous. When the review was over the fleet headed out of the harbor and laid its course northward for Callao.

Due at Callao on Thursday.

Callao, Feb. 14.—The American battle ship fleet, which passed Valparaiso this afternoon, will, it is said, arrive here on Thursday next, two days later than the date originally fixed for its arrival. It will leave here on February 25.

The Peruvian cruiser Bolonnes will sail south Monday to meet the fleet and salute Rear Admiral Evans. Lieut. Constant Cordier, the American military attaché at Lima, will accompany the Bolonnes. Great preparations are being made here and at Lima to welcome the visitors.

The Navy Department was informed yesterday of the arrival of the tender Yankton at Valparaiso, Chile. The battleship fleet, the commanding officer of the Yankton reported, will probably arrive at Callao, Peru, on February 20, two days behind its original schedule.

This delay is due to the fact that Admiral Evans made arrangement to pass Valparaiso at a fixed hour.

APPEALS TO ABSCONDER.

German Official Wants Banker to Return with \$750,000.

Berlin, Feb. 14.—Several arrests have been made in connection with the absconding of the banker, Siegmund Friedberg, who lately disappeared, leaving unsecured liabilities of \$750,000. Among the prisoners are his mistress and solicitor.

Friedberg is accused of squandering money in dissipation. Commissary Mueller, of the criminal police, has issued a remarkable personal appeal for the absconder to return and help clear up matters.

The appeal concluded by saying pathetically: "Think of the strain my nervous system is undergoing. You will know best what it means to me to be obliged to spend a whole week, night and day, in discovering trace of your organizing talent." Friedberg is believed to be in London.

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