

FERNALD GOES

Assistant Engineer Given Order to Resign.

MEANS A DISMISSAL

Had Accepted a Gift from Philadelphia Man.

ASCERTAINED BY INQUIRY

Commissioner Morrow Issues Statement in Which He Says Investigation Disclosed that Fernald Accepted, as a Present, \$1,000 from Superintendent of a Contracting Firm—Other Dismissals, It Is Believed, Will Be Made To-day.

STATEMENT BY FERNALD.

"I have been made the scapegoat for another end. My friends know I am not guilty of any wrongdoing, and what does it matter to me what others think? I am the victim of an unwarranted piece of treachery by a man who has always been my friend. In accepting this \$1,000, I did so because it was presented to me. I accepted the \$1,000 from Mr. Brennan without once giving thought to the fact that he was a member of a company doing business with the District. I have nothing to say about Mr. Morrow's decision. I feel that he knows I meant no harm. I have been advised to tell all I know about these charges against me. I shall not do so. The only thing I feel sorry for is wrong interpretation that will be taken of Mr. Wainwright's gift."

Charles Fernald, assistant engineer in the surface division of the highway department of the District government, was dismissed yesterday by Engineer Commissioner Jay J. Morrow, following charges preferred by P. J. Brennan, of the Brennan Construction Company.

The dismissal came in a formal demand from Commissioner Morrow for Fernald's resignation. The latter immediately complied with his superior's request, and completed his duties yesterday afternoon. Startling as was Mr. Fernald's dismissal, remarks attributed to Commissioner Morrow have intensified the situation. He is reported to have said yesterday that as a result of the investigation now being conducted into the engineering department, other dismissals must necessarily follow.

Mr. Fernald's dismissal is the result of an investigation that has been in progress for the past three weeks. In this time, not only have the books of the department been examined, but investigations have been conducted in New York, Philadelphia, and other cities where contractors doing work for the District are located.

The Result of a Gift.

Mr. Fernald's dismissal is the result of his having accepted a gift of \$1,000 from a man doing business with the District, and receiving a loan of \$300 from a local contractor who bids for District contracts.

On December 24, 1906, Mr. Fernald accepted \$1,000 from a Mr. Wainwright, superintendent of the Drake & Stratton Company. This firm was engaged in the construction of the Virginia avenue tunnel. The \$300 was received from P. J. Brennan, of the Brennan Construction Company, and was in the nature of a loan, bearing 5 per cent interest. The note has not yet matured.

On March 21 the R. J. Beall Construction Company protested against a certain bid being awarded to another company, alleging the bid was received too late. It was then intimated that the latest bid might have received knowledge as to what the other bids were.

The company that did not send its bid until late was the Cranford company. It bid \$13,616, while the Beall concern bid \$12,520—\$1 more than the Cranford bid. The protest resulted in Fernald being censured of any wrongdoing, although it was shown he had asked Percy Cranford, of the Cranford concern, at 1:30 o'clock in the afternoon, why he had not submitted his bid.

Dismissal of Fernald.

It was then the investigation was started that resulted yesterday in Mr. Fernald's dismissal, and is rumored the affair may develop into one of the biggest scandals in the local government in years.

For three weeks the charges against Fernald have been in progress of investigation. Meetings behind closed doors have been held daily. Prominent contractors have been questioned relative to their knowledge of the conduct of officials in the engineering department.

Mr. Fernald yesterday morning was called into Commissioner Morrow's office. He was told he had erred in accepting a gift, notwithstanding the gift could have been called a retainer for advice. He was informed that his accepting a loan from a man doing business with his division was injudicious. Such action, he was informed, could not be tolerated. Therefore, it was deemed advisable he sever his connection with the government.

This Mr. Fernald did, and later in the day, when certain contractors called at Engineer Commissioner Morrow's office, they were told that Mr. Fernald had been dismissed. They had come to the

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WEATHER FORECAST.

For the District of Columbia, Maryland, and Virginia—Fair; warmer to-day and to-morrow; light to fresh variable winds, becoming southeasterly.

HERALD NEWS SUMMARY.

TELEGRAPHIC. 1—Los Angeles Entertains the Fleet. 1—With Heart Cut Out, Man Lives. 1—Prehistoric City Found in Mexico. 2—Light Vote Cast in Louisiana. 3—New Jersey Will Not Instruct. 3—No Indorsement in New Hampshire.

LOCAL.

1—Engineer Fernald Is Dismissed. 1—Loeb Is Answered by Mr. Sims. 1—Daughters Hear Regents' Reports. 2—Knights of Columbus Hold a Ball. 2—Texans Celebrate San Jacinto Battle. 2—Burt and Patterson Out of Race. 12—C. H. Treat Addresses a Boys' Club.

THREE AMERICANS SLAIN.

Prospectors in Mexico Probably Victims of Yaqui Indians.

El Paso, Tex., April 21.—Reports from Ocampo and Dolores, Mex., to-day are to the effect that three American prospectors—Edward Brown, Edward Perrin, and Percy Jackson—have been murdered near Sahuaripa, Sonora.

There are no particulars, but the presumption is they were murdered by Yaquis, as the Sahuaripa district is on the edge of the hostile Indian country.

Brown and Jackson left their Dolores mines a few weeks ago to go on a prospecting trip.

FIND BURIED CASTLE

Mexican Explorers Uncover Ancient Building.

MAY BE IN "GOLDEN CITY"

Legends Tell of Town Where Precious Metal Was Used Lavishly in Decorations, Located About Where Discovery Is Made—Prehistoric Ruins Excite Great Interest.

Mexico City, April 21.—The archeological department of the Federal government was notified to-day that the ruins of an ancient castle had been unearthed at the town of Allends, state of Guanajuato.

The interior finish of the building is elaborate. It is thought the ruins are part of a great city which was located there in prehistoric times. Further explorations will be made under the direction of the government.

There is a tradition that in the country west of Guanajuato there once stood a very beautiful town. It was known as the "Golden City," from the large amount of gold used in its sumptuous buildings. The fame of the riches of this city is said to have excited the cupidity of the Spanish conquerors which devastated this territory in 1548, when the rich mine of San Barnabe was discovered.

BRYAN LUNCHES WITH FORT.

Nebraskan, in Address Later, Attacks Taft's Trust Theories. Trenton, N. J., April 21.—William J. Bryan took a run over to Jersey to-day to take luncheon at the State house with Gov. Fort and his official family and to address a mass meeting in Taylor's Opera House.

Mr. Bryan, on his arrival, went directly to the State house. After meeting Gov. Fort, Mr. Bryan held an informal reception in the executive chamber. Another informal reception followed at a hotel.

The audience that greeted him at the opera house numbered about 1,500. He was introduced by ex-Mayor Frank S. Katzenbach, of Trenton, who was the Democratic candidate for governor last fall.

Mr. Bryan, among other things, attacked Secretary Taft's theories on the regulation of trusts.

SCORES SEWING CIRCLE.

Pastor Warns Women Against Giving Prize Eucure Party.

Middletown, N. Y., April 21.—Rev. Robert W. McCullough, pastor of the First Baptist Church of this city, has caused a sensation in attacking the Lenten Sewing Club, which is composed of the most prominent society matrons and maids in the city. The club is to give a eucure party on May 2, at which prizes will be offered.

Pastor McCullough quotes the State law which, he says, applies to the high-class gambler as well as the low class, and says that the law forbids progressive eucure with prizes. He calls upon the police to enforce the law.

FIRE DEATH LIST GROWS.

Two More Bodies of Women Recovered from Ruins at Chelsea.

Boston, April 21.—Two more bodies were discovered to-day by city workers among the ruins of the Chelsea fire. Both are believed to be the remains of women. This makes fifteen bodies recovered from the ruins, and brings the total death list up to eighteen.

POLICE KILL DESPERADO.

Mike Shanley for Years Overpowered Courts, Police, and Citizens.

Memphis, Tenn., April 21.—Mike Shanley, a noted desperado, who has overpowered the courts, police, and citizens for years, was killed by the police in an effort to arrest him to-day.

Mardi Gras Artist Dead.

Mobile, Ala., April 21.—Irvin J. Pine, for thirty-two years builder of Mardi Gras pageants in this and other cities and a scenic artist of note, died here early to-day. He was seventy-one years old and a native of Jamestown, Va.

It's Not Too Late to Return Easter Gifts of flowers, Blackstone, 14th and E.

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SIMS WANTS LOEB TO MAKE A CHOICE

Former Replies to Letter of President's Secretary.

MAINTAINS HIS POSITION

Believes He Should Quit Railway or White House Job.

Member of House District Committee Reads Letter from Roosevelt's Aid Asking Public Retraction of Monday's Statements—Senator Newlands' Name Drawn Into Dispute. Nevada Makes a Declaration.

Representative Thetus Willrette Sims, of Tennessee, yesterday in the House presented the second installment of what may yet prove a serial on "legislation in the District of Columbia; or, why do government officials own stock in public-service corporations."

As in the first chapter of this thrilling drama, which was read for the first time Monday afternoon, Mr. Sims, during the reading of the second installment, again introduced as a leading character William Loeb, jr., secretary to President Roosevelt.

Rather almost it might be said that it was William Loeb, jr., who caused the second chapter to be presented to the House. Mr. Loeb desired to take issue with the statements made by Mr. Sims Monday as to his holding of the stock of the Washington Railway and Electric Company, and in a letter he asked that a public denial be made from the floor of the House of certain statements.

In order to make everything clear, Mr. Sims read the letter to the House and then proceeded to define more concretely what he had meant by his previous statements, and what he means now. In saying these things, he went further than he did on Monday and left Mr. Loeb without any visible crumbs of comfort.

Speaks of Nevada.

Later in the afternoon, Mr. Sims again obtained the floor and stated that he desired to make a correction of his statement regarding a Senator, whom he had said, is interested in the stock of the traction company. This Senator, Mr. Newlands, he said, is not the owner of the street company's stock. He is a trustee, holding such stock.

Furthermore, Mr. Sims said, he had been informed that Senator Newlands is selling the stock as rapidly as possible. In addition, he said, Mr. Newlands, when the Union Station trackage bill came up, stated in the District Committee, that he wished to have nothing whatever to do with it.

Mr. Sims began his second installment of the story by stating to the House that "fairness" to Mr. Loeb, he desired to read a letter received from him. The letter read as follows:

Loeb's Letter to Sims.

I have read in the newspapers your speech of yesterday. Before making such statements in such a place, where one is shielded by Congressional privilege, it seems to me the most responsible course would be to verify every fact to the end that injustice might not be done to any man's character or reputation. If you had made any attempt, even the slightest, to verify the facts, you would have saved yourself from making a statement so false in its effect, so misleading in its implication, and so unfair to me and to your own sense of rectitude and honor. The facts are as follows:

First, 4,700 shares of the common stock of the Washington Railway and Electric Company stand in my name on the books of the company. One hundred of these shares, enough to enable me to qualify as director, are mine. Four thousand six hundred are held by the House District Committee, the chairman of the House District Committee, Mr. Smith, called upon me and started to ask my advice as to certain bills affecting the traction companies pending before the committee. I at once informed him that while I occupied the position of Secretary to the President I could not and would not discuss any matter of this nature with any member of the House District Committee. I have seen Chairman Smith, who will verify this statement, and I cite this instance to show how scrupulously careful I am in my statements. I have not improperly interfered in the traction legislation. 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