

THIEVES ARE BUSY DESPITE THE POLICE

Reports of Their Activity Continue to Arrive.

FOUR BICYCLES DISAPPEAR

Two Go from One Corner in a Brief Period and Another is Taken from Interior Department Porch-Sneak Thief, Hotel Thief, and Confidence Man Find Pleasant Paths.

The flood of reports of larcenies, house-breaking, and sneak thievery continues to pour into police headquarters. Aroused by the publicity given the thefts, the police have redoubled their efforts to deal with the situation, but the books last night failed to show any results.

Bicycle thieves, or a bicycle thief, has been causing the police particular worry. Every day the report of stolen wheels is voluminous, and yesterday four machines were stolen. Two were taken within a brief period of time from Seventh and K streets northwest, and it is believed that one thief took both wheels. The first report was made by R. C. Specker, of 133 B street northwest, and the second by Howard Jefferson, of 713 Florida avenue northwest. Both thefts occurred in the afternoon.

C. W. Kieseloff, of 360 North Capitol street northwest, reported that his bicycle was stolen from in front of his home yesterday morning. A bicycle belonging to Albert B. Smith, of 310 Thirtieth street northeast, was stolen from the porch on the G street side of the Interior Department.

Duplicate Key Men Work.

Mrs. Mary E. Ryan reported to the police that duplicate key-workers had entered her home, at 55 Locust street southwest, some time in the past week or two, and had ransacked the place, stealing a revolver and a quantity of linen and tableware.

Show-case thieves, who for a time have given Washington a wide berth, renewed their operations Friday night, when they stole valuable jewelry from the show-case of Edwin E. Howell, at 612 Seventeenth street northwest. Two stick-pins, each set with a diamond in the center, and one surrounded by opals and the other by turquoise, three rings set with bloodstones, sapphires, and opals, and one set opals of large size; an unset tourmaline and two tins of stones were stolen. The property is valued at something less than \$100.

Report was made to the police yesterday by Louis P. Nash, of 2712 O street northwest, of the theft from his home of a diamond ring valued at \$35, a gold watch valued at \$25, and a silver watch valued at \$5.

Hotel Guest Loses Pin.

Several of the reports show that hotel thieves have not ceased to ply their trade. Samuel C. Reab, of Tusola, Ill., a guest at the Hotel Johnson, reported that a valuable cameo stick-pin, with the figure of a woman on the face of it, had been stolen from his room in the hotel yesterday or the day before.

A valuable gold watch was lost by Carey A. Staples, a guest at the Tremont House. Staples left his watch in a toilet room. He returned for it five or six minutes, but it was missing. He inquired of the hotel clerk, and later informed the police.

Mrs. M. Curtin, of 725 Eleventh street southeast, reported yesterday that a man and secured two valuable watches belonging to her. In the afternoon the man knocked at her door and said that he was a carpenter employed on the Weston Church, in Eleventh street southeast, and would like to borrow the same for a few minutes. Mrs. Curtin gave the watches, and the man failed to return. Later, she says, she found that he was not a carpenter employed on the church.

Leaves Diamond in Washroom.

Leaving a diamond ring, valued at \$100, lying on the wash basin in a washroom at 212 N street northwest for about five minutes yesterday afternoon, Irving Beal, of 1212 Park road northeast, returned to find that his property had disappeared. He notified the police.

A sneak thief, evidently not very particular as to where he stole, stole the crank handle from the automobile of Frank F. Bogel, of 2109 First street northwest, while the machine was standing in front of his home.

Game Roosters His Booty.

William Burdick, of 1255 Four-and-a-half street southwest, reported last night that early in the morning a thief had broken into his henhouse in the Arsenal and stolen ten game roosters, valued at \$20.

Two rolls of new matting, valued at \$25, were the spoils of a thief who last night broke into the house of G. T. Jones, at 711 Four-and-a-half street southwest.

A bogus expressman sprang into prominence when Oscar Erickson, who lived until last night at 352 Indiana avenue northwest, reported that a trunk containing silverware, jewelry, and other valuables had been stolen. Erickson says he ordered an expressman at Union Station about 6 o'clock to go to the Indiana avenue address, get the trunk and convey it to 22 Quincy place northeast. Some time later he went to the Indiana avenue house and learned that another expressman had been there before the man he hired, and had taken the trunk. He reported the matter at once. The police heard Erickson give his order to the expressman at the station and hurried to the house before the right man could get there.

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Pioneer Council Gives Outing.

The committee, consisting of John E. Hogan, chairman; Oliver Bennett, W. L. Edwards, J. J. Kelly, Frank McKenna, John Kelly, Morgan Kelly, C. T. Small, J. F. Brenner, A. H. Ragan, Walter Harlow, and Messrs. Rowe and Rosseter, of Empire Council, and Officer Coffin, of Goodwill Council, acknowledge the generous assistance of the public, especially the bakers and produce dealers, whose donations made it possible for Pioneer Council to entertain the hundreds of little children at Chesapeake Beach on Friday last. The outing was enjoyed by all the participants.

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CAPT. ANDERSON ACCEPTS.

Becomes Military Director of Charlotte Hall Academy. Maj. George M. Thomas, president of Charlotte Hall Military Academy, of Charlotte Hall, Md., has announced that Capt. Stewart W. Anderson, of Portsmouth, Va., has accepted the appointment as military director of the academy. This appointment has the approval of Gen. Crothers, of Maryland, as well as Gen. E. W. Nicholls, superintendent of the Virginia Military Academy, the West Point of the South. The appointment was made last spring, after the resignation of Capt. Glenworth Sturgis, who was called West.

BOY IS BADLY BURNED.

Owen F. Croggon, 14 years old, of Bates street house. Owen F. Croggon, fourteen years old, had a narrow escape from being burned to death in his home, 23 Bates street northwest, shortly after 7 o'clock last night, when an oil stove upset, enveloping him in flames. The boy was badly burned about the hands and arms before his mother, Mrs. Kate Croggon, extinguished the flames. The boy received treatment at his home.

Mrs. Croggon was preparing supper and the boy was assisting her in the kitchen. His sleeve caught in a burner of the stove, pulling it to the floor. The oil immediately blazed up and enveloped him. Mrs. Croggon ran into the next room, and seizing a carpet, wrapped it about the boy, smothering the flames. Neighbors sent in an alarm of fire, and the engines responded. The fire was put out with chemicals without damage to the house.

WILL FIGHT PATENT LAW

Germany May Join United States Against England.

Requirement Compelling Manufacture of Articles in Great Britain the Cause.

Berlin, July 25.—A German-American patent alliance will apparently be the outcome of the hardships which Germany and America claim are inflicted upon them by the new English patent law, which goes into force on August 28.

This law compels the exploitation in England of patents taken out in England; in other words, a patented article in England must be manufactured in that country.

The German Industrial Union, which recently presented a petition to the imperial chancellor asking that diplomatic measures be taken to secure a modification of the law, has received inquiries from an influential American firm asking whether German manufacturers are prepared to join forces with their American colleagues in a retaliatory patent campaign against England.

The German Industrial Union is not averse to this suggestion, since it is realized that a war of reprisals waged by Germany alone would stand a small chance of being effective because the number of German patents registered in England far exceeds the number of English patents registered here.

The relentless cancelling of unexploited English patents in Germany and America simultaneously would, it is felt, prove a more adequate weapon against the English law.

POLICE REPORTERS GRATEFUL

New Furniture Adorns Press Room at Headquarters.

New desks, four of them, heavy and stumpy, big and roomy; a long table, heavy and artistically carved, upon which the two telephones sit at rest at one end and city directory, newspaper files, and writing paraphernalia repose opposite; four new lockers in the corner and a few other conveniences scattered about, you have the new press room at police headquarters.

It is not an idle dream; it is a reality. For many months the reporters have been anticipating the pleasure of having a room all to themselves where they would have their desks and paraphernalia at hand, where they might be comfortable and in a position to better pursue their vocations. Master Sylvester weeks ago told them of the new desks and other necessities they would receive, and they have waited patiently for their appearance. They were about to despair when the new furniture arrived.

The electric light system has also been better perfected, so that last night the work worked through the night without discomfort.

DISPUTE OWNERSHIP OF CASH.

Three Negroes, Claiming \$1.50, Argue Loudly and Are Arrested.

An argument over the possession of \$1.50 in Seventh street, at the height of the shopping hours last night, resulted in the arrest of James Thomas, Percy Washington, and Wilfred Lee, negroes. They are locked up at the Eighth precinct, charged with larceny.

One of the three had \$1.50. Lee claimed the money was originally in his possession, he having earned it by honest, hard toil. Washington claimed it was his, and pointed to the fact that he possessed the characteristic of the illustrious man whose name he bears, inasmuch as he "never told a lie."

Thomas was sure that the money belonged to him, and presented his arguments with great force of lung. The disturbance attracted the police, and being unable to decide the ownership of the money the police decided to arrest the three men.

BURIAL OF MRS. GILBERT.

Takoma Park Resident Passes Away After Long Illness.

Funeral services for the late Mrs. Benjamin F. Gilbert, a prominent resident of Takoma Park, who died yesterday, will be held at her home in Maple avenue, at 2:30 o'clock this afternoon. The Rev. Dr. Power, of the Vermont Avenue Christian Church, will officiate, and interment will be in Forest Hill Cemetery.

Mrs. Gilbert had been an invalid for years, and while her death did not come as a surprise, it was a great shock to her friends. Formerly Miss Margaret Sloan Alter, she came from one of the most prominent and distinguished families of this city.

Her father, Mr. Gilbert, was a founder and first mayor of Takoma Park, who subsequently was the original owner and builder of the Takoma Park Hotel. She was the mother of several children, of whom her daughter, Margaret, alone survives. Her sister, Mrs. Louisa, of Pittsburg, and her brother-in-law and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Gilbert, of Olean, N. Y., are here, and will stay until after the funeral. The pallbearers will be O. D. and Benjamin Summers, W. W. Dyer, and W. G. Platt.

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CADETS DISMISSED BY THE PRESIDENT

Secretary Wright Finds He Has No Part in It.

CONGRESS ONLY CAN RESTORE

Gen. Oliver Sent Records in the Case to Oyster Bay, and Mr. Roosevelt Acted, the Secretary of War Being in Tennessee—Believed He Was Disposed to Show Leniency.

President Roosevelt's summary dismissal from the army of the eight cadets who are charged with hazing undergraduates at the West Point Military Academy, has disclosed an unusual situation in the War Department.

The report of the investigating board was received at the department early last week, while Secretary of War Luke E. Wright was in Tennessee, and Gen. Robert Shaw Oliver, Assistant Secretary, was acting as Secretary of War. Gen. Oliver sent the records in the case to Oyster Bay for the action of President Roosevelt. Upon his return from Chattanooga, Secretary Wright found the eight cadets waiting in his office to ask him to disapprove the report recommending their dismissal from the Academy. Gen. Wright seemed favorably disposed toward the cadets, and proposed to give the report careful consideration. The secretary, however, Secretary Wright found the report had been forwarded to Oyster Bay before he arrived.

Wright is Out of It.

Gen. Wright, therefore, will be unable to review the case. All he can do is to issue formal orders dismissing the cadets from the service. So far as the War Department is concerned, the case is closed by the action of the President. The cadets can only be restored to the Academy by an act of Congress.

The dismissal of the cadets has brought out several fine points of military law, which are being discussed in army circles. The hazing law of 1904, passed by Congress as a result of the investigation of hazing at West Point, provided that cadets found guilty of hazing should be summarily dismissed. The use of the words "found guilty," according to the view of experts on military law, indicated that Congress intended that dismissals should follow conviction by a court-martial.

In the present case, however, a court-martial was not convened to try the accused cadets. An investigating board, composed of Capt. Morton F. Smith, senior instructor of infantry tactics, Capt. Charles P. Sumner, senior instructor of artillery tactics, and Capt. George S. Simonds, of the Twenty-second Infantry, who is now on duty at the Military Academy, gathered all the evidence against the cadets, and unanimously recommended their dismissal. This report was approved by Col. Hugh L. Scott, superintendent of the Military Academy.

Ample authority rests with the President to dismiss cadets from the Military Academy. Unlike commissioned officers, the Senate does not confirm appointments of cadets to the Academy, and the President's power of dismissal is absolute.

Similar to Brownsville.

The dismissal of these cadets is similar in many respects to the discharge without honor of the three companies of the Twenty-fifth Infantry, colored, for alleged participation in the riots at Brownsville, Tex., August 13, 1906. In both cases the dismissal was based upon the report of investigating officers, and not as a result of a court-martial. The cadets, however, unlike the colored infantrymen, admitted they were guilty of the offenses charged by the investigating board.

The cadets, who have been staying at the Young Men's Christian Association, in a street, left town yesterday. The last to leave the city was James A. Gil, a white man, who departed at about 4:30 o'clock in the afternoon.

OFFICIALS MAY BE CHANGED.

Maj. Morrow Favors Proposed Transfers in District Government.

Although not practically assured, the changes rumored to take place in the District government are said to meet the approval of the Commissioners. Commissioner Morrow stated yesterday that he is in favor of the proposed transfers, and it is understood that the Commissioners, upon the arrival of Mr. Macfarland to-morrow morning will finally discuss the matter and issue the necessary orders.

The proposed transfers announced are: Charles C. Rogers, disbursing officer, collector of taxes; Louis C. Wilson, member board of district assessors of personal property, disbursing officer; Alexander M. McKenna, member board of assessors of real property, member of personal tax board; Edward G. Davis, collector of taxes, member board of assessors of real property.

With the materialization of the changes, a new council will be brought into existence to handle the financial transactions of the District—the board of fiscal management. It is thought the members of this board will be Mr. Richards, as assessor; Mr. Rogers, as collector; Mr. Wilson, as disbursing officer, and Mr. Tweeddale, as auditor of the District.

The task of correlating the work of the four bureaus represented will be assigned to this body by the Commissioners. The purpose of the Commissioners is chiefly to make the methods of all four departments correspond wherever possible, and to build up the two bureaus, which are now believed to be most susceptible of improvement.

WILLIAM H. BARNES DIES.

Former Newspaper Man Succumbs to Injuries Sustained in Fall.

William H. Barnes, forty years old, formerly a well-known newspaper man, who fell into an arcaway at Thirtieth street and New York avenue on the night of March 4, died at the Emergency Hospital at 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon. The coroner was notified.

Barnes, who lived at 1412 I street northwest, was found in the arcaway at 10:20 o'clock at night, in an unconscious condition. He was taken to the Emergency Hospital, where it was found that he had sustained a fracture of the left arm, internal injuries, and a fractured skull. For a time it was thought that he would recover, but several days ago he took a turn for the worse and grew rapidly weaker.

NOISELESS TOWN IS POLICE EDICT

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unnecessary noise, and putting forth every effort toward the suppression of all irregularities which do not belong to a well-regulated police jurisdiction. The officers will give special attention to the work of the wheelmen in the nighttime and until early morning, with a view of seeing that these orders are carried out, and report any indisposition on the part of those employed in this service to render a creditable accountability in the public interest.

The officers will also be kept posted as to places and localities where disorder has established a reputation and given continued attention by footmen until changes are effected in conditions; in this regard it might be well to have the footmen visit likely populated alleys at brief intervals, from ten minutes to half an hour, for the purpose of letting the disorder and the "growler" rubbers understand that there is a change expected in social conditions. The police regulations should be enforced with regard to the crying of newspapers on Sunday morning and on the streets by milk, bread, and other drivers, and, in fact, everything that pertains to the producing of a creditable situation.

On the working of the bicycle men captains will carry them for the same hours with reserve, alternating in their day periods with such work, beginning on Sunday. RICHARD SYLVESTER, Major and Superintendent.

DRINKING FOUNTAINS NEXT.

Will Be Installed When Designs Are Obtained.

As soon as suitable designs can be obtained from the Washington Society of Architects, the water department will install drinking fountains in the streets and avenues of this city.

Capt. William H. Kelly, Assistant Engineer Commissioner, has had the matter under consideration for some time, and it is understood the Commissioners are in sympathy with the movement to install the fountains at the earliest possible date.

RIFLEMEN TO BE WELCOMED

Plans Maturing for Ovation to Team that Beat World.

Revenue Cutter Will Take Reception Committee and Officials to Meet Incoming Steamer.

Under the auspices of the National Rifle Association of America, plans are rapidly maturing to tender Gen. Drain and his corps of victorious riflemen a rousing welcome upon their return from the Olympic games on August 5.

Many friends and admirers of the world's champion rifle team have enlisted in the movement, and will approach the riflemen and their appreciation of the victory of the citizen soldiers when they reach New York.

By special permission, the government has placed at the disposal of the committee in charge one of the largest revenue cutters in the service to take prominent officials down the bay to meet the steamship New York, bearing the team.

Among those who are expected to meet the riflemen are Acting Secretary of the Navy Newberry, Gen. Frederic D. Grant and staff, Adm. Gen. Henry Maynor McClellan, Gen. William P. Hall, Adjutant General, U. S. A., Gen. Elliot, commanding United States Marine Corps, Lieut. Col. G. E. King, Inspector of Target Practice, U. S. N.; Lieut. Col. Haines, Inspector of Target Practice, U. S. M. C., and several other high army officials. Representing the National Guard will be Gen. Riess, commanding the Maryland National Guard; Gen. Warner, commanding the New Jersey National Guard; Col. H. G. Carrow, of Ohio; Adm. Gen. Perry, of Idaho; Col. S. J. H. B. P. of Massachusetts; Col. Thurston, Ordnance Officer of New York; Col. Fox, of the Seventy-fourth New York Infantry; Col. Dungan, of the Second Kentucky Infantry; Col. G. E. King, of Delaware; Mr. J. C. Haskell, and Gen. Wingate, of New York.

MONEY IN CLOCK MISSING.

William Early, Sr., May Now Be Home in Banks.

William Early, sr., is a frugal man, and saves all the spare change he gets. He has a horror of banks, and keeps his money in a clock on the parlor mantelpiece, or at least he thought he kept them there. Yesterday he learned he did not.

Shortly after making the discovery that his savings had disappeared, Early, sr., made an investigation. Later in the day William Early, jr., sixteen years old, was arrested by police of the Eighth precinct, and charged with petit larceny. The whole story came out yesterday. Early, sr., would not deign to deposit his savings in the clock, and a short time later Early, jr., it is said, would just as carefully remove what had been put in. The loss was not discovered until the older Early went to count out sufficient funds for taking a little vacation.

HELD UP BY NEGRO

Police News that Did Not Get in the Paper.

TELEGRAPH OPERATOR VICTIM

Going to Work in Anacostia Signal Tower When He Is Accosted by a Burly Hand—Affair Occurred Two Days Ago, and is Only Now Made Public—Reported at Anacostia.

With the arrest of Daniel Minor, a negro twenty-four years old, by police of the Anacostia station last night, the first report of a daring attempt at highway robbery, which occurred Friday night, was made public. The fact that a telegraph operator was attacked by a negro was carefully guarded by the police of the Anacostia station, and only by accident did the report reach the press.

Walter H. Scott, a telegraph operator, employed in the Anacostia railroad yards, near Beaming, was the victim of the foot-pad. He was on his way to work in the signal tower, shortly after 9 o'clock, when a negro, more than six feet tall and weighing more than two hundred pounds, jumped from behind a box car and grabbed him by the throat.

Scott struggled with the negro and finally broke away. He started to run toward the tower and the negro pursued him. Reaching his office, Scott procured a revolver and fired several shots at his assailant. The negro fled.

ALLEGED NEGRO THIEF.

Police Claim to Have Caught Him Taking Jewelry.

William Caray, negro, twenty-four years old, who said he lived in Four-and-a-half street, between E and F streets southwest, was arrested yesterday afternoon by Central Office Detectives Warren and Mullen on charge of larceny. The detectives say they caught Caray in the act of shoplifting in a Seventh street store. Numerous articles, for which he is alleged to have paid nothing, were found in his pockets.

The detectives were passing through the store when a saleswoman called their attention to the negro. They watched him, and when he is said to have taken some cheap jewelry they arrested him. He is alleged to have told conflicting stories.

NORMAN A. KRAFT ARRESTED.

Post-office Mail-payer Suspected of Having Stolen a Watch.

Norman A. Kraft, twenty-seven years old, of 1205 H street northeast, catcher on the Post-office baseball team of the Departmental League, was arrested yesterday afternoon by Central Office Detectives Warren and O'Dea. He is held on a technical charge of "suspicion."

The detectives claim that Kraft had something to do with the disappearance of a gold watch belonging to Gas Lay, second baseman on the Commissioners' ball team, on July 12.

For several months the police have received reports of the losses of gold watches, stickpins, and other jewelry, as well as money, from ball players in the Departmental League. Central office detectives were assigned to investigate the cases. They learned that the property was stolen from the players' clothing when they changed from their street apparel to the ball suits at the park.

Kraft, the police allege, was arrested while trying to pawn the watch stolen from Lay. He denied that he had stolen it, and said that he had bought it from a man, a description of whom he gave.

TAKES CHARGE OF CHURCH.

Rev. Samuel M. Johnson Becomes Pastor of Chevy Chase Parish.

Rev. Samuel M. Johnson, formerly of Charlotte, N. C., has accepted the call to the pastorate of the newly organized Presbyterian church at Chevy Chase, and will within the next few weeks, take charge of his new field.

Dr. Johnson is forty-eight years old, and has a wife and three children. The site for the new church has been procured and a handsome edifice will be erected by the congregation.

FALLS EIGHTY FEET IN WELL.

Negro's Leg is Crushed and May Have to Be Amputated.

Elder Smith, a negro, nineteen years old, living at Avalon Heights, D. C., was taken to the Casualty Hospital yesterday afternoon with his left leg crushed to pulp, the result of falling eighty feet to the bottom of a well in Langdon, D. C. It probably will be necessary to amputate the leg.

Smith was employed to clean a well at Twentieth and Bryant streets, and was being lowered in the well when the rope broke, sending him hurtling to the bottom. He banged against the sides of the well and landed on his left leg in a few feet of water.

LOCAL BRIEFS.

Commissioner Macfarland yesterday notified to Henry E. Bice, member of the board of health of Springfield, Ohio, a copy of the dog-managing order. The writer was also informed that the action was suggested by President Roosevelt.

The police were last night asked to look out for Joseph H. Palmer, fifteen years old, who has been missing from his home, 322 E street northeast, since Thursday last. The boy is large for his age, wears a blue coat and light colored trousers and a blue cap.

Acting on the recommendation of Maj. Sylvester, superintendent of the Metropolitan Police Department, the Metropolitan Police Department, George W. Wall street crossing policeman, vice Clarence Ford, recently appointed to the police force.

George S. Rice, consulting civil mining engineer of the United States Geological Survey, sailed yesterday for Europe to investigate the methods of mining in that country with a view to the prevention of waste of coal and the loss of life in the process of mining.

Charged with striking William Washington over the head with a tiled can on July 4, necessitating seven stitches being taken to close the wound, John Hollis, forty years old, a negro, was taken to the Third precinct last night. Hollis is charged with assault.

Funeral services for Nathan C. Martin, clerk of the Treasury Department, who died yesterday afternoon from his late home, Rev. Dr. Wright, pastor of the McKendree Methodist Episcopal Church, officiated. Interment was in Arlington.

James B. Thompson, arrested Thursday night by Policemen Lake near Thirtieth and M streets northwest, who drew a pistol when the policeman stepped on his foot, was taken to the workhouse for fifteen days when convicted in the Police Court yesterday of carrying concealed weapons.

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STREET RAILWAY CONTROL

Interstate Commerce Commission Alone is Recognized.

Its Supervision Invited by the Traction Companies, Which Will Give All Information.

Far from resisting supervision and control by the Interstate Commerce Commission, the Capital Traction Company and the Washington Street Railway invite and welcome the same. This has been true from the passage of the law at the last session of Congress vesting authority in the Interstate Commerce Commission. It will be recalled that the House committee insisted upon local control or a special utilities commission, while the Senate committee advocated that the supervision and control be placed in the hands of the Interstate Commerce Commission. In conference the House yielded and the Senate provision became a law.

While not objecting to the personnel of the District electric railway commission appointed by the Interstate Commerce Commission, after an express adjournment, the street railways declined to recognize that subcommittee on the ground that it was illegally constituted, in that the government cannot accept gratuitous service, and that, in addition, the appointment of this subcommittee tended to create, in substance and effect, a situation which Congress refused to authorize—local control. This position the street railway companies still adhere to.

H. C. Eddy is recognized as the agent of the Interstate Commerce Commission, as he became a salaried officer of that body on July 15. His recognition, however, does not carry with it a recognition of the subcommittee, for which he is also acting, and whose legality is questioned.

The letter of George E. Hamilton, president of the Capital Traction Company, to Chairman Knapp says: "I will state that Mr. Eddy, as an authorized officer, examiner, or agent of the Interstate Commerce Commission, will be very cordially received and given the fullest information and assistance in his examination into complaints against the Capital Traction Company in line with your commission."

In declining to recognize the personnel of the electric railway commission, this company is guided by legal considerations, and is not actuated by any desire to oppose or hinder Federal control, on the contrary, we believe that the company's interests will be served and safeguarded by a fair supervision and control as provided for by the Interstate Commerce Commission.

President Norman of the Washington Railway and Electric Company, wrote: "In reply to your favor of July 21, announcing the appointment of Mr. Eddy as an authorized officer and secretary of the District electric railway commission, I beg to say that we will be pleased to give Mr. Eddy, as the agent of the Interstate Commerce Commission, all the information in our possession respecting complaints which have been made against our company with the Interstate Commerce Commission."

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