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THE FIGHT OVER MR. DAVIS

A Close Vote in the Democratic Central Committee.

FINAL ACTION WAS DEFERRED

Fourteen Members of the Body Engaged in a Warm Dispute Over the District Attorneyship. Mr. Turner's Pungent Remarks Indorsed by the Bar.

The question of indorsing the nomination of Mr. Henry E. Davis was considered yesterday afternoon by the District Bar Association, by which favorable action was taken; and by the central Democratic committee, when, after a long discussion, the indorsement or non-indorsement was deferred until next Tuesday night.

At the meeting of the Bar Association, which was largely attended, Mr. Samuel Maddox, president, Mr. Davis being present. Resolutions were passed indorsing Mr. Davis for District Attorney, and a committee of seven, consisting of W. D. Davidge, Nathaniel Wilson, J. M. Wilson, A. S. Worthington, C. Carline and R. Ross Perry, was appointed to present the resolutions to the Judiciary Committee of the Senate, and urge its prompt confirmation.

The central Democratic committee met at the Hotel Meyers last night to take action on the nomination of Mr. Henry E. Davis as District Attorney. The committee adjourned until next Tuesday night, when the matter will be further considered, each of the two factions, which were developed, claiming the advantage of position for future action.

A member offered a resolution at the opening of the proceedings that the committee approve the nomination of Mr. Davis. This was fought vigorously for about two hours, at the end of which time a resolution was adopted by a vote of 8 to 6 deferring consideration until next Tuesday night.

Fourteen members of the committee were present, six were absent, and there are two vacancies. Those present were: Chairman Kalfous, Thomas F. Cooke, secretary; Capt. John A. Clark, F. C. Cashe, H. B. Darling, Mr. Charles Turner, W. B. Holtzclaw, Arthur Small, M. P. Sullivan, proxy for C. J. Bridge, proxy for Ed Lynch; Mr. Scammon, John F. Boyle, Robert E. Boyle and F. E. Whitelock. The absentees were: Messrs. Miller of Georgetown, Neitzy of Southwest Washington, George Killeen, J. Fred Kelley, Bever of Anacostia and Wells of South Washington. The vacancies to be filled are in the Fourteenth and Twenty-second districts.

Mr. Clark presided during the early part of the meeting, toward the close Mr. Kalfous being in the chair. The meeting, it was stated by Secretary Cooke, was called by Mr. Clarke on the strength of a letter received from Mr. Kalfous. In this letter Mr. Kalfous called Mr. Clark's attention to the facts of Mr. Davis' nomination and the public discussion of the same, and asked that Mr. Clark call a meeting if desirable and that he, Kalfous, be notified of the same.

The proceedings were opened, after the usual routine, by Mr. Cashe bringing the matter squarely to the attention of the meeting by moving the indorsement of Mr. Davis, supporting his nomination with some remarks in favor of his candidacy. Mr. Boyle said that in all his connection of twelve years with the Democratic committee of the District he had known it to pronounce itself either in favor of or in denunciation of any nominee for such an office as that which Mr. Davis had been nominated to. He said that a departure should now be made. He would, therefore, move that the resolution of Mr. Cashe be laid on the table. This position he took without reference to the merits of the candidate, but simply to maintain the usage of the committee.

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CLOSER TRADE RELATIONS

Two High Canadian Ministers to Interview Congress.

PRIVY COUNCIL SENT THEM

They Will Endeavor to Be Heard by the Ways and Means Committee—Both Are Prominent in the Liberal Party of the Dominion. Extent of Their Power.

Two prominent Canadian statesmen, Sir Richard Cartwright, K. C. M. G., minister of trade and commerce, and Hon. L. B. Davies, minister of marine and fisheries, arrived in the city at 9:30 o'clock last night, from Ottawa. They are stopping at the Shoreham. They are members of the Canadian privy council, and their coming here was by order of that important body.

They are prominent in the liberal party of the dominion, which has always advocated freer trade relations with the United States. The liberal party has been out of power for eighteen years until last June when they again resumed the reins of government, routing the conservatives, who have always frowned down any attempt to promote commerce with America, looking upon all advocates of it as disloyal subjects of the crown.

The visiting ministers have a power to negotiate any conclusions. They come to lay before the country the ideas of the liberal party upon the tariff and to learn the opinion of the incoming administration on the subject.

It is the intention of the ministers to endeavor to formulate measures looking to the establishing of new tariffs on international trade commodities that shall be mutually satisfactory to Congress and the Canadian parliament.

The latter body will convene on March 11 next, and is hoped by the ministers that tariff measures will be satisfactorily adjusted to suit a reader it possible for the parliament to act on the same. Among the matters that will be discussed will be the Newfoundland fish trade.

This reporter Sir Richard Cartwright said, "Our object in coming to Washington is, in the first place, to see Sir Julian Pauncefote, the British ambassador, and to confer with him on several important matters affecting Canada and the United States. While here, we propose to take advantage of the opportunity to see as many of the public men as possible and discuss with them the existing trade relations between Canada and the United States, and the possibility of making these trade relations broader and freer."

The Liberal party, which came into power in Canada last June, has always favored the freest possible trade relations between the two countries, consistent, of course, with their own fiscal independence, and before introducing their tariff at the next session of Parliament, we desire to ascertain as far as possible the views of the American people, through their representatives, with respect to these trade relations.

"We propose to discuss the matter with them very frankly and very fully, because we believe it is a business matter which should be approached and disposed of in the best way. We see no reason why the difficulties which heretofore stood in the way should not be overcome, nor why the discussion should not embrace such questions as the coast trade and Canadian fisheries."

The distinguished visitors will hold a conference with Sir Julian Pauncefote this morning. Later the ministers will confer with Congressman Dingley and will probably secure a hearing before the Ways and Means Committee.

MARK HANNA A WITNESS.

His Testimony Taken in a Pittsburgh, Feb. 4.—Mark A. Hanna was the leading witness in a libel suit here today growing out of heated political discussion in this country during the last campaign. Last March the Commercial Gazette and one other journal in this city charged that State Senator Magee and Flinn were receiving money from Chairman Hanna to pay campaign expenses in this county in consideration of their support of Major McKinley for President.

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MR. CROMBIE'S DENIAL.

He Says No Money Due the Firm Has Been Held Up.

COLMAN'S LAWYER IS HERE

He Claims the Stamp Dealer Has Done Nothing Wrong.

DEPARTMENT'S HASTY ACTION

The Impression That the Inspectors Made a Mistake in Arresting Hamilton F. Colman, in New York, Wednesday, on the Charge of Stealing Uncanceled Stamps, Used for Bags and Second-Class Mail Matter, is Gaining Ground Here in the Official Circles Concerned.

Yesterday afternoon a conference with regard to the case was held between Postmaster General Wilson, Kerr Craige, the Third Assistant Postmaster General, Chief Inspector Wheeler, and Inspector Arrington, and while the result was not made public, it is believed that Colman's chances for release were improved by it.

Postoffice officials are discovering many methods by which the stamps could get into the possession of individuals not connected with the department without any recourse to criminal or other illegal methods. It is said that retiring postmasters frequently abstract periodicals and other stamps, cover up the matter in their final reports, and pay any deficiency out of their own pockets.

This is done to embarrass rivals who succeed them in office. The government loses nothing and the retiring postmaster disposes of the periodical stamps for an amount sufficient to cover up his own contribution to the Postoffice Department and perhaps makes something extra. How this can be done is not exactly clear, but officials say it is and can be practiced.

The new postmaster finds a correct cash balance and the department has not a cent, but the new owner cannot make the value of his stock on hand coincide with the inventory held against him in Washington.

Only last month the department issued a warning to postmasters concerning this practice, in which it was said that postmasters sell periodical stamps, and when discovered plead ignorance of the regulations applicable. Postoffice robbers who know the practical value of sets of periodical stamps often dispose of them to collectors. Eight hundred burglaries of postoffices occurred last year.

A. C. Townsend, the philatelist, with whom Colman was associated, maintains that Colman is innocent and that proof of his innocence is in the hands of the Postoffice Department.

Continuing, the lawyer said: "Mr. Colman will be able to establish his innocence fully. The articles found were not postage stamps or periodical stamps. They are but proofs of an old issue which were neither stolen nor the subject of a larceny. They were obtained in a legitimate way from one of many sources."

It was learned last evening that the Postoffice Department itself is not quite sure of their case, and it may be that further proceedings will not be instituted. One thing is certain, no further arrests have been made, and Mr. A. C. Townsend has made no attempt to elude the vigilant postoffice inspectors, who certainly got no information in their interview with him as to the source of the proofs in question. It is a puzzle which will probably be dropped without solution, because of the many years in which the stamps could have got out of the possession of the government.

Mr. Colman is now out of custody, having been released on bail. He did in reality have a sick father, and instead of coming on to Washington when released, went direct to Cooperstown, N. Y., to see his aged parent, who was lying at the point of death at the time of his son's arrest.

Lawyer Rose left New York Wednesday night and came to Washington.

He is stopping at the Shoreham. Yesterday morning he had a conference with Colman, chief of the post office inspectors, and there is no doubt the result of the interview had much to do with the chief's reticence and testiness when asked for information. It seems to be a question now as to how the department can best carry out what is regarded as a grave blunder.

There seems to be no information at all leading to the suspicion that stamps have been stolen from either the Postoffice Department or from the Bureau of Engraving and Printing.

On This Bible McKinley Will Swear.

Xenia, Ohio, Feb. 4.—Bishop B. W. Arnett, of the A. M. E. Church, who resides at Winterville, left here for Cincinnati last evening, to select a Bible to be used by President-elect McKinley in taking the oath of office on the 4th of March, the honor of furnishing the Bible having been accorded the A. M. E. Church by Maj. McKinley when a number of the bishops went to see him recently.

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Rev. J. A. Brooks, at Memphis, Tenn. John T. Kilgall, at Pittsburg, secretary of the Amalgamated Association of Iron and Steel Workers, yesterday.

Prof. H. H. Harris, of Louisville Theological Seminary, at Lynchburg, Va., yesterday.

THE HEROISM OF A MATE

He Saved the Lives of the Yosemite's Crew.

Two of Them Had Broken Limbs and Were Exposed for Hours to Zero Weather.

Boston, Feb. 4.—The steamer Boston, from Yarmouth, N. S., which arrived this morning, brought thirty-three shipwrecked fishermen who had been sent home by the United States consul.

The men composed the crews of the Gloucester fishing vessels, Merced, Yosemite, Maggie and Lillie. The crew of the Yosemite had a fearful experience. Their vessel ran ashore during a terrible gale on Thursday, January 21, on Kam's Island, county of Shelburne, N. S.

The Yosemite fortunately grounded close to a rock. The foremast fell with a crash, the top resting on the rock, thus making a bridge for the men to climb onto the rock before the vessel went to pieces.

The mast falling through one of the crew named Finlander, a native of Newfoundland, breaking both his legs and causing internal injuries. Capt. John McKinnon, the skipper, also had his leg broken during the terrible experience, and the crew were obliged to help him and Finlander over the rocks.

The gale was a furious one, and the cold intense, but the crew were obliged to remain exposed for twenty hours, until the following day, Friday, at 4 p. m., when the mate, Patrick Rose, took a line in his hand, and after some difficulty, landed on terra firma, at Little Harbor, where he began hauling his shipmates to safety by means of the line he had taken with him.

When the crew, including Capt. McKinnon, had reached the land, they were soaking wet, and suffering dreadfully from the cold.

They finally secured shelter in a fisherman's hut on Kam's Island, and remained there until the next day when the inhabitants of Shelburne went to their rescue.

HEATH PROMISED A JOB

McKinley Will Remember Him With a Good Appointment.

Mark Hanna May Be Postmaster General, but He Would Rather Go to the Senate.

Canton, Ohio, Feb. 4.—The indications now are that the political intentions of Mr. A. Hanna will occupy the Cabinet guessers the rest of this week. It is rumored here by many of Mr. Hanna's Cleveland friends who have visited Canton within the last thirty-four hours that he may decide to accept the position of Postmaster General.

The most generally accepted opinion is that Mr. Hanna thinks he will not be appointed to the Senate by Gov. Bushnell.

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EDWARD GAY WHITE GUILTY.

He Claimed That He Had a Right to Keep Newcomb's Money.

WITHELD FROM THE K. OF L.

The Tile Layers' Assembly Severs Its Connection.

TO ATTEND THE INAUGURATION.

Gov. Tanner, His Staff, and the Legislature to Be Here.

TIRE OF LIFE'S TRIALS

Her Husband Deserted Her Some Time Ago to Come to Washington.

Special to The Times.

Newark, N. J., Feb. 4.—Lonely and despondent and with want, privation and possibly starvation staring her in the face, Mrs. Margaret M. McCloskey, whose husband lives in Washington, D. C., attempted to kill herself early this morning.

The women, who is about sixty years old, lived in squalid apartments at No. 6 Sheridan street, in Kearny, a suburb of Newark. She had been living there for several months. Her husband, it is alleged, deserted her some time ago, when he secured employment in Washington.

The McCloskeys were once well-to-do, and it came hard for the poor woman to be forced to earn her own living by doing washing and plain sewing.

After a day of idleness and dependency yesterday, Mrs. McCloskey, early this morning, procured an old razor, which her husband had left behind, and cut a deep gash in her throat. The wound she inflicted may prove fatal.

Soon after the deed was committed the family in the next apartment, awakened by her groans, went to her assistance. A hurry call was sent for an ambulance, and the woman was taken to St. Barnabas' Hospital. The physician in charge there today said that the woman's wound was very serious, considering her old age, but that she might recover.

Mrs. McCloskey's husband could not be found in the city last night.

OLD TIME TELEGRAPHERS.

They Dined and Passed Congratulatory Resolutions.

New York, Feb. 4.—The Magnetic Club, dining at the Hotel Manhattan tonight and passed resolutions congratulating the United States Military Telegraph Corps upon the passage by Congress of the bill recognizing the corps as a part of the Army during the late rebellion. President Johnson presided, and the resolutions were offered by John R. Van Wormer, Col. A. B. Chandler making the address of acknowledgment on behalf of the military telegraphers. Many old-time military telegraphers from all over the country were present and the resolutions were carried with great enthusiasm.

Durham to Succeed Penrose.

Philadelphia, Feb. 4.—Magistrate Israel W. Durham, a prominent leader of the Quaker faculty of the Republican party, was today nominated by the Sixth State senatorial district convention, to fill the unexpired term of Boies Penrose, who was recently elected a United States Senator. The district is strongly Republican.

A Company with Big Capital.

Saratoga, N. Y., Feb. 4.—The Saratoga Land, Mining and Milling Company has been organized with a capital stock of \$1,000,000 to develop an extensive mining plant in the Navajo Valley, New Mexico, where the company has secured claims aggregating 400 acres.

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EXPLOSIVE CAME BY MAIL

A Quantity of Nitro-Glycerine Found in the Post-Office.

MANY LIVES ENDANGERED

The Package Was Handled the Same as Other Mail Matter, and It Is Considered Strange It Did Not Explode—The Authorities Trying to Find the Sender.

Enough nitro-glycerine to have made a wreck of the dead letter office was turned over to that department yesterday from the city postoffice, and finally found its way into the Potomac River. The explosive was contained in an ordinary glass bottle, carelessly wrapped in a piece of brown paper, and no one knows to what extent it has been roughly handled or the number of lives which its transmission in the mails imperiled. Its original destination is unknown, and the name of the sender of the dangerous fluid as well as the postoffice authorities would like to ascertain.

Yesterday afternoon someone called on police headquarters, and giving his name as Bryan, inquired what disposition should be made of a quantity of nitro-glycerine which had been discovered in the mails. As such matters do not come under the authority of the police, Inspector Boklinter referred the matter to Fire Marshal Brown, the only official with authority to destroy the substance. The name of the sender of the dangerous fluid as well as the postoffice authorities would like to ascertain.

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None of the many clerks in the department who had handled the package had any suspicion as to its contents, and it was treated as an ordinary mail matter. The wonder is that the stuff did not explode.

When the package was opened at the Dead Letter Office it did not require more than a hasty examination to ascertain the nature of its contents, and as was quite natural, the sender of the explosive was then turned over to the postoffice inspector and through his office the fire department was notified and the dangerous substance removed and destroyed.

The postoffice was notified of the transmission of explosives or dangerous substances through the mails, and an investigation of the matter will likely follow, but with little prospect of ascertaining anything further in regard to the sender or the destination of the package.

THE POPE FAINTED.

His Physician Stated That He Was in No Danger.

Rome, Feb. 4.—Dr. Lapponi, the pope's personal physician, was hastily summoned to his holiness' bedside at 5:30 o'clock this morning, and found that the Pontiff had fallen into a fainting fit from which, however, he soon recovered.

Dr. Lapponi has assured inquirers that the faintness of the pope is not a serious matter, as, latterly, in consequence of his advanced age, he has frequently had such spells. Nevertheless the doctor has forbidden that his holiness hold any receptions for the present.

OUTLAWS KILLED AN AGENT.

Gen. Thomas Said to Have Been Shot During an Attack.

Guthrie, Okla., Feb. 4.—The report was received here this afternoon that about dark last night a gang of six or eight bandits attempted to rob the government of several general stores at Slick and Fox agency, and in the battle which followed five outlaw and three other men were killed among the dead being Gen. Thomas, the Indian agent, formerly of Atlanta, Ga.

Another Chapter in the Haves-meyer-Artuckle War.

Trenton, N. J., Feb. 4.—The American Cigar Company was incorporated today, with a capital stock of \$100,000.

The incorporators are Henry O. Havesmeyer, John E. Seidler, John E. Parsons and Theodore Havesmeyer.

His Life Twice in Danger.

Lancaster, Pa., Feb. 4.—Moses Batcher, the negro who entered the house of Elmer Sehner, at Columbus, a week ago, and assaulted Mrs. Sehner, was given a hearing today, and was twice in peril of his life, once from the husband of the injured woman, who tried to shoot him, and once from the fury of a crowd. He was safely landed in jail.

Expelled from the Exchange.

New York, Feb. 4.—Edgar D. Thornburgh, a stock broker, at No. 104 Broadway, was expelled from the Consolidated Stock and Petroleum Exchange by the board of directors today for "bucket-shipping."

The Car Sent Ribbons.

Berlin, Feb. 4.—The Emperor Alexander's Regiment, so named for the late Car of Russia, paraded in the Lustgarten today and received ribbons which Car Nicholas had sent to decorate the standards. The parade was attended by Emperor William and a number of high officials.

Telegraphic Breivettes.

The loss by the burning, early this morning, of James A. Boyd's tobacco factory, at Richmond, was about \$400,000; fully covered by insurance.

William Berri was appointed by Mayor Warburton, of Brooklyn, yesterday, as trustee, to fill the unexpired term of the late James Howell, who was president of the board of bridge trustees.

Two moonshiners, prisoners in the Atlanta jail, escaped last night. Sheriff Nelson discharged the jailer and two guards, who were on duty when the escape occurred.

The mission of Mr. Dange, director of the Potomac Canal company, to Jamaica for the purpose of obtaining laborers to work on the canal, has been successful. The men that he has secured will be paid \$1.20 currency per day.