

BURDICK INQUEST MOVE AROUSSES SPECULATION

Sudden Halt Called in Proceedings Till Monday.

ANNOUNCEMENT A SURPRISE

Giving Out of Attorney Coatsworth's Voice Said to Be Reason for Postponement.

BUFFALO, N. Y., March 18.—A halt was called today in the inquest into the murder of Edwin L. Burdick.

Justice Murphy announced at the morning session of the police court, which is devoted to the consideration of arrests of the night before, that the inquest would be adjourned until 2 o'clock on Monday afternoon.

Chief of Detectives Cusack was with Justice Murphy on the bench before the announcement was made.

The reason for the adjournment, as given out, is that District Attorney Coatsworth's throat had failed him, and that he needed a rest.

There is much speculation as to whether this is an accurate statement, or whether the authorities have struck an unexpected blow.

Mrs. Burdick to Have Been Heard.

Mrs. Burdick was to have taken the stand today, and curiosity concerning her evidence has been rife. She has yet to reply to what other witnesses have said concerning her relations with Pennell, and her story of the divorce proceedings instituted against her.

Another witness yet to be heard is old Alfred Brookman, the man who frequently attended the furnace in the Burdick home, and who says that on the morning of the murder he heard the voices of a man and a woman in the cellar, the woman being a member of the household.

The police have run down his story, and say that the pair whom he heard may have been Detective Sergeant John W. Holmlund and Margaret Murray, the cook. Holmlund took the girl into the cellar when he began his investigation after he was called.

The furnace tender says, however, that he is positive that the voice of the woman was not that of the Murray girl.

Pennell Furnace Mystery.

Furnaces have come to figure more prominently than ever in this case, and last night and this morning the police made a search for the man who attended the one in the Pennell house, in Cleveland Avenue.

The police have heard a story that Pennell fixed his furnace between 6 and 6:30 on the morning of the murder, something that he was never known to do before.

When the regular furnace tender went to do his work he was informed that Pennell had attended to it. The Pennell furnace has already been searched, but nothing has been found to show that a bludgeon, with which Burdick might have been killed, or any bloodstained clothes worn by his murderer, had been burned there.

[An account of yesterday's proceedings in the Burdick case will be found in another column.]

HEAVIEST SNOWSTORM OF SEASON RAGING IN BRITAIN

LONDON, March 18.—Telegrams from North Wales and Cheshire announce that after several days of springlike weather, a sudden change has occurred, and today the heaviest snow storm of the winter is raging.

WEATHER INDICATIONS.

Rain is probable tonight and Thursday in the lower lake region and there will be rain Thursday in the Ohio Valley, Tennessee, and the east Gulf States.

Somewhat lower temperature will prevail Thursday in the lower Ohio and lower Mississippi valleys.

The winds along the middle and south Atlantic coasts will continue fresh northeasterly, on the east Gulf, fresh northeasterly, becoming southeasterly.

TEMPERATURE.
9 a. m. 56
12 a. m. 55
1 p. m. 67

THE SUN.
Sun sets today 6:09 p. m.
Sun rises tomorrow 6:07 a. m.

TIDE TABLE.
Low tide today 6:12 p. m.
High tide today 11:45 p. m.
Low tide tomorrow 7:05 p. m.
High tide tomorrow 12:10 a. m.

PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT PROMOTES WALLER

Nominated for Rank of Lieutenant Colonel—He May Succeed General Heywood.

The President will send to the Senate the nomination of Major L. W. T. Waller, of the Marine Corps, to be lieutenant colonel. Major Waller is promoted in accordance with the provision of the recent naval appropriation act increasing the number of officers in the higher grades of the Marine Corps.

Major Waller was prominently before the public in 1901, when he was tried by court-martial, in the Philippines on the charge of having executed Filipino prisoners without trial. The charge grew out of the famous march Major Waller led across the Island of Samar. It was proved that before setting out on his "hike," Waller received orders from Gen. Jacob Smith to "kill and

burn," and in view of this fact, and also because it was shown that he was partially irresponsible, because of his mental condition, as a result of the hardships of the march, Waller was acquitted by the court. General Chaffee, the reviewing authority, rather reprimanded Major Waller in his remarks on the case, and the President approved the review as well as the acquittal of the officer.

Beyond this one occurrence the record of Major Waller has been excellent. In China he rendered gallant services. It is understood that Major Waller will be appointed commandant of the Marine Corps upon the retirement next October of Major General Heywood.

SECRETARY OF WAR WILL NOT ATTEND

Mr. Root Unable to Accompany President to the West.

Contrary to expectations, Secretary Root will not accompany the President on his Western trip. When the President began making his plans for an extended jaunt throughout the West he invited the Secretary of War to accompany him and the latter accepted the invitation tentatively. Until recently it had been anticipated that he would go with the President, and, in fact, up to the present time Mr. Root has not publicly announced that he will remain here. But it is now known that he has decided not to be one of the Presidential party.

Matters have developed recently which will prevent him from making the trip. Secretary Root will be obliged to go to London as early as May, in connection with the Alaskan boundary matter, and the President will not return to Washington until after that time.

Again, while the President is spending two weeks in Yellowstone the nation will be practically without an executive head, so far as his direction of public affairs is concerned, and consequently it is thought advisable to have Secretary Root in Washington to look after any important matters which might need Executive attention.

SEEKS RECRUITS FOR SINGLE TAX COLONY

James Bellangee, of Fairhope, Ala., in the City.

James Bellangee, of Fairhope, Ala., the single tax colony established on the east bank of Mobile Bay by fifteen natives of Des Moines, Iowa, about eight years ago, is in Washington engaged in an effort to interest residents in the enterprise.

The colony now numbers about 300 persons. Schools, churches, and hotels have been built, and the enterprise is on the high road to prosperity. The entire land is owned by the company, of which each resident is a member. The members rent the land and derive all profits obtained therefrom. The ground is paid into the public treasury and serves to pay the State taxes, while the surplus is spent for municipal improvements.

The company is unable to incur debt or issue bonds, and the residents, not owning any land, are free from the clutches of the money lender. The government is vested in the officers of the company, but the system of initiative and referendum prevails, and any one of the officials may be displaced by a majority vote of the residents. The ground is leased for periods of ninety-nine years, and the system in this way resembles that which obtains in some of the larger cities, notably Baltimore.

Mr. Bellangee says the climate is delightful, fishing good, and the coast unsurpassed for bathing purposes. He says numbers of people are attracted there from the North in winter and from the South in summer. Mr. Bellangee is staying at 150 A Street northeast.

NEW BIDS TO BE ASKED FOR LOCAL FILTRATION PLANT

The Secretary of War has disposed of the controversy over bids for the District of Columbia filtration plant by deciding to advertise anew for proposals. This decision will be announced in detail this afternoon. It has the effect of vitiating all the proposals already received.

GERMAN PLASTIC ART GIFT TO BOSTON MUSEUM FINISHED

BERLIN, March 18.—The reproductions of the famous works of German plastic art which the Kaiser recently presented to the German Museum at Boston are now completed. The Kaiser will inspect the works in the near future, and they will then be shipped to Boston.

PRESIDENT TO REVIEW PAPERS IN PLIMLEY CASE

Orders Budget Returned From Treasury Department.

The letters and papers which had been filed at the Treasury Department containing charges against William Plimley, who was recently nominated for assistant treasurer at New York, were sent to the White House early this morning. Some of these documents had already been in the President's hands, but were forwarded, as soon as received, to the Treasury Department for filing.

This morning the President directed that the whole batch of papers be returned to him.

A part of the investigation which has progressed for several days has been concluded, and the results have been reported to the President. The facts developed by the inquiry, although withheld from publication by the Treasury Department, are known to be decidedly unfavorable to Mr. Plimley. The investigation is not yet concluded.

Senator Aldrich, chairman of the Senate Finance Committee, to which the Plimley nomination was referred, called at the Treasury Department today. He went directly from there to the White House, where he had a consultation with the President while examining the filed charges against Mr. Plimley.

DETERMINED TO DEFEAT BYRNE'S CONFIRMATION

Senator Hoar Will Take No Chances on Accomplishing That End.

Senator Hoar will take no chances on the confirmation of W. H. Byrne to be United States attorney for Delaware, and will go to the extent of filibustering to prevent the nomination coming to a vote. Friends of Mr. Byrne, knowing the usual punctiliousness of Senator Hoar, had not believed this possible and are greatly surprised by the declaration.

According to the story in circulation among members of the Judiciary Committee and other Senators, Mr. Hoar was very desirous of returning tonight to Massachusetts to look after some urgent business in connection with a university fund of which he is the trustee. He feared, however, that if he leaves before the adjournment of this session a minority report might be made on the nomination and this adopted by the Senate. It is conceded that a majority of the Senate favors confirmation.

To make sure, therefore, that snap judgment would not be taken in his absence, it is said that Senator Hoar went to Senator Blackburn (Dem., Ky.), and told him of his desire to leave the city today, and asked Mr. Blackburn to prevent the question of confirmation coming to a vote. Senator Blackburn has stepped into the breach, and it is well understood in the Senate that it will be useless to bring up the nomination for confirmation.

The Senate Committee on Judiciary yesterday voted 5 to 4, recommending an adverse report on the nomination. This was after the charges were thoroughly gone over, and a tie vote taken. Senator Blackburn then came in an cast the deciding negative vote.

Senator Allee of Delaware said today that he was informed by Mr. Hoar that Mr. Blackburn was determined to prevent a vote on the nomination, and would stand ready to talk against it a fortnight, if necessary. Mr. Hoar advised Mr. Allee that it would be to the best interests of all concerned not to press the nomination until next session.

READING BEGINS TO STORE COAL

READING, Pa., March 18.—The Reading Company has begun to store coal. More than 50,000 tons of anthracite of buckwheat sizes is being dumped north of this city, and preparations will be made to fill up some of the big yards elsewhere during the summer. There is a perceptible falling off in the shipments of coal down the main line. Much of the fuel is now being sent to the lakes for points West.

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TYNER'S RETIREMENT IS DETERMINED UPON

Age and Long Public Service to Be Considered.

Although the retirement of James N. Tyner, assistant attorney general for the Postoffice Department, has been decided upon, it is not likely that any change in the office will be made for some time.

On account of Mr. Tyner's long service in public office, and because of his extreme age and ill health, no hasty steps will be taken in the investigation of charges made against his office. For three years of public service in important positions entitle him to more consideration than would be shown a younger man.

Mr. Tyner's health has been so bad for several years that he has been unable to personally supervise his office. The fact that he has served as Postmaster General and Assistant Postmaster General and as a member of Congress has prevented his removal to make way for a younger man. His infirmity now makes his retirement necessary, regardless of what report may be made concerning the charges T. C. Campbell has made regarding the action of Mr. Tyner's office relating to turf exchanges.

Mr. Bristow, the Fourth Assistant Postmaster General, refused yesterday to make any statement concerning the charges against Mr. Tyner's office. The charges have not been brought officially as yet to the attention of George A. C. Christianity, acting assistant attorney general for the Postoffice Department. Mr. Wynne, who is acting Postmaster General in the absence of Mr. Payne, also said yesterday that the charges have not been brought officially to his attention in his capacity of acting head of the department.

The fact that these men have not had the matter brought to their attention is an indication that no action will be taken in the absence of Postmaster General Payne, unless the President gives the charges further consideration.

It is known that complaints concerning the office were brought to the attention of the President and that an investigation was ordered by him.

Mr. Christianity believes that the charges against the office are traceable to an attack made on the Postoffice Department by a Chicago "get-rich-quick" concern, originally known as the League of Eligibles, and headed by G. Franklin Davis. The concern was barred from the mails last winter and then made attacks on the legal branch of the Postoffice Department.

Persons paid money into the concern every month, upon the representation that at the end of a stated time all the cash in the treasury would be paid to members who had contributed for a specified time. The size of the payments depended on the number of new members secured.

As the scheme exhausted its resources at stated intervals, and then had no visible assets to guarantee payments, it was held by the Postoffice Department to be of such character that it should not be allowed the use of the mails.

FOWLER DROPS CHARGE AGAINST LIONEL STAGG

Congressman Too Sick to Come and Prisoner Released.

LIONEL STAGG, the former newspaper correspondent, who was arrested several days ago on a charge of false pretense, was fined \$5 on a charge of vagrancy today, and the other charges against him were dropped.

Stagg had obtained several sums of money from Representative Fowler, of New Jersey, on stories of hard luck, and was finally arrested when Mr. Fowler applied to the local police department. His case was postponed in the Police Court to accommodate the New Jersey Congressman from whom this morning a telegram was received stating he had the grip and could not come to Washington.

Thereupon the detectives decided to arraign Stagg on a charge of vagrancy, whereupon he deposited \$5 as collateral but forfeited it by nonappearance and was released from custody.

Those who cough at night may secure rest by taking Piso's Cure. All druggists.—Adv.

ORDER GIVEN TO STOP HANDBILL NUISANCE

Distributors Must Have a Billposter's License.

RELIEF FOR HOUSEKEEPERS

Streets and Sidewalks No Longer to Be Littered—Police to Be Directed to Keep Sharp Lookout.

Washington streets are to be freed in a measure of the waste paper scattered over them by bill distributors. Hereafter only persons having a billposter's license will be allowed to distribute circulars and other advertising matter through the city.

Corporation Counsel Duval delivered an opinion to the Commissioners this morning, in which he states that the ordinance providing for a license of \$20 for billposters is such that the distribution of bills falls within the meaning of the measure. This will confine the business to regularly licensed men who may be carefully watched by the police officers, and the indiscriminate scattering of all classes of printed matter may be stopped.

In addition to littering up the pavements and walks of Washington, bill peddlers have annoyed the residents in flats and tenements in office buildings by stuffing mail boxes full of all sorts of printed matter and by scattering bills through corridors when janitors were on the alert. In many cases medical pamphlets of a very objectionable character have been thrust into mail boxes where they were found by children.

Complaints have frequently been filed with the Commissioners concerning the circulation of this class of advertising. The Commissioners will immediately issue an order requiring all bill peddlers to have a license, and Major Sylvester will be instructed to direct officers to arrest violators of the ordinance. For several months Major Sylvester has had many complaints concerning the waste paper on the streets. An investigation made by him showed that two-thirds of all the paper which litters the streets consists of advertising dodgers.

COL. HUMPHREY TO BE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL

Will Succeed General Ludington, Who Retires in April.

Col. Charles T. Humphrey is to be promoted to the rank of brigadier general, and made Quartermaster General, in place of General Ludington, who retires on April 11.

Some surprise is expressed at Colonel Humphrey's selection, in view of a misunderstanding which he once had with the President, when the latter was colonel of the Rough Riders in the Spanish-American war. It is said that Colonel Roosevelt rode up to Colonel Humphrey's tent, where the latter was in charge of certain quartermaster's stores, and made a request, in the language of a command, for an allotment for the men of his regiment. Colonel Humphrey refused to grant his request, and it is alleged that they had some controversy over the matter.

That an understanding has been reached is indicated by Colonel Humphrey's promotion, although army officers are somewhat surprised at it.

LAKE SHIPBUILDERS GRANT DEMANDS OF MEN

1,200 Workers in Chicago to Return to Their Yards Tomorrow.

CHICAGO, March 18.—After a strike of six weeks the employees of the Chicago Shipbuilding Company, have been granted their demands for a 10 per cent increase in wages and a nine-hour day. The plant will open again tomorrow morning and the 1,200 men who have been out will return to work.

The original strike was called by the machinists, who were soon afterward joined by the blacksmiths, steam fitters, ship carpenters, boiler-makers and iron shipbuilders. The settlement was secured through mediation by the executive committee of the Chicago Federation of Labor.

SPECIAL WAR SUBSIDIES FOR BREMEN AND HAMBURG LINES

BERLIN, March 18.—It is stated that in consequence of representations to the Kaiser by Herr Ballin, director general of the Hamburg-American line, a bill will be introduced in the Reichstag shortly providing for a subsidy for the Hamburg-American line and the North German Lloyd line for such vessels as may be suitable as armed cruisers in time of war.

This grant will be entirely distinct from the subsidies already granted to the big German lines.

SENATE WILL ADJOURN TOMORROW AFTERNOON

MANY ANXIOUS TO SERVE ON PANAMA CANAL BOARD

Col. Willard Young, of Utah, Strongly Indorsed.

The ratification of the Panama Canal treaty by the Senate gave new impetus today to the race for places on the Isthmian Canal Board, soon to be named by the President to carry on the work. Many of the President's callers were Senators who have indorsed candidates for places on the new commission. Among the callers today were Senators Kearns and Smoot of Utah, Clark and Warren of Wyoming, Alger of Michigan, Bailey, of Texas, Hopkins of Illinois, Spooner of Wisconsin, Fairbanks and Beveridge of Indiana.

The Utah and Wyoming Senators have united in the indorsement of Col. Willard Young, of Salt Lake City, as their candidate, and his selection is freely predicted. Senator Kearns has been assiduous in looking after the interests of his constituent, and has attracted strong support to Col. Young's candidacy. As an engineer of proved ability, Colonel Young has had a great deal to do with the material upbuilding of the Far West, and the urging of his name here has met with warm approval in that section.

The addition of Senators Warren and Clark's indorsements is regarded as auguring well for his selection.

Senator Bailey, though reticent about commenting on the prospects of his candidate, feels confident that ex-Governor Sayers will be one of those prominently considered at the last, with every chance of selection. Several of the other Senators put in a good word for constituents who have been suggested to the President for the new commission.

Rear Admiral Walker, president of the former commission, called upon the President and had a conference about the canal matter. He would not comment upon its probable personnel, but it is generally believed his name will again head the list. No intimation has been made as to when the board will be appointed.

COAL STRIKE REPORT GOES TO PRESIDENT

Not to Be Published Before Saturday Morning.

The report of the anthracite coal strike commission was laid before President Roosevelt this morning by Judge George Gray, chairman of the commission, and Carroll D. Wright, the recorder. The commission met this morning at 10 o'clock, and after a short review of the document voted to present it today without further change. The report is accompanied by a voluminous mass of testimony and exhibits.

President Roosevelt will not make it public until he has had an opportunity of reading it carefully. The present plan is to send a typewritten copy of the commission's conclusions to the interested parties Friday evening, and at the same time make public the report for publication Saturday morning.

Meanwhile every effort will be made to guard against the premature publication of any part of the report and the members of the commission are pledged to refrain absolutely from discussing their conclusions before the report is made public by the President.

SECRETARY CORTELYOU TO SPEAK AT PITTSBURGH

George B. Cortelyou, Secretary of Commerce and Labor, sent a dispatch to the American Club, of Pittsburgh, this morning informing that organization he will make his maiden address as a member of the Cabinet at the annual banquet to be given by that club on Grant's birthday, April 27.

Several days ago, S. J. Wainwright, Jr., and Max G. Leslie, two members of the club, and prominent Republican leaders of the city of Pittsburgh, came to Washington, and extended the club's invitation to Secretary Cortelyou. At the time, the Secretary was unable to decide, realizing the demand upon his time in looking after the organization of his department.

After a conference with the President and receiving several dispatches from representative Pennsylvanians, Mr. Cortelyou decided to accept the invitation and so advised the club this morning. In accepting it, Secretary Cortelyou realizes it will be quite appropriate that his first address be made in one of the commercial centers of the United States and while there, he will have an opportunity to study commercial interests. He will leave Washington the evening of April 26.

ANNUAL CORNELL DINNER.

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NEW YORK, March 18.—Arrived: Geographic, from Liverpool; Astoria, from Glasgow.

Senator Money Springs a Surprise in Concluding His Speech—Postpones Remarks Until Next Session.

Amended Cuban Treaty Does Not Meet With the Wishes of the President. To Have All-Day Seance.

Senator Money took the floor shortly after 11 a. m. today, when the Senate convened. He asked permission to have his speech printed, but objection was made by several Senators informally, and by Senator Bacon of Georgia, whose name will appear in the "Record" as the one preventing the saving of time which such printing would have made. At 1:15, much to the surprise of the Senate, Mr. Money concluded his speech without finishing what he had intended to say. He announced that in the interest of an early adjournment he would postpone his remarks until next winter. It is believed this will enable the Senate to adjourn by 2 p. m. tomorrow.

The Senate at once went into executive session to consider the Cuban treaty.

Oppose Reciprocity.

Three speeches will be made in opposition to reciprocity. Senator McEnery will occupy about two hours, and his colleague, Senator Foster of Louisiana, will follow him briefly. Senator Patterson of Colorado will also make a few remarks on the treaty, in which he will quote statistics in opposition. Few speeches will be made in favor of the treaty. The program was agreed upon when it was decided in the meeting of the Foreign Relations Committee, to adopt the amendment to require the concurrence of the House before the convention will become operative.

It was the original intention of the Democrats to make a determined fight against the treaty, but the acceptance of the concurrence amendment induced them to permit an early vote. It is now planned to make their elaborate addresses next winter, when the subject will again come before the Senate, in the form of a bill or joint resolution passed by the House, concurring in the ratification to which the approval of the Senate must be given.

A Long Session.

Probably the Senate will continue in session until 6 p. m. tonight, and adjourn until 11 a. m. tomorrow. If this does a vote will be reached tomorrow afternoon and time remain to clear the desks of five ends for adjournment sine die, when tomorrow's legislative day ends.

As amended, the Cuban treaty does not meet the wishes of President Roosevelt. It cannot in any way be made effective until both branches of Congress have taken further action at the next session. The House has once prevented reciprocity by defeating the Cuban bill, and the Senate has never reached a unanimity of feeling that promised success to the efforts of the Administration. Legalizing action may be prevented at the next session, either by filibustering in the Senate or by a coalition of Democrats and beet-sugar Republicans in the House. It is still an open question whether reciprocal trade relations with Cuba can be made effective within the near future.

After ratification by the Senate the treaty must be returned to Cuba for further action. The Cuban senate must approve the amendments. The treaty was ratified at Havana by a vote of 16 to 5.

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