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PAYNE'S CLERK RAND, ABSENT SINCE JUNE 1, DROPPED FROM ROLLS

This Construction Put Upon Attitude of Postoffice Officials—No Pay for Four Months—General Reticence.

WAS CONFIDENTIAL MAN TO POSTMASTER GENERAL

Subject of Much Criticism, But Never of Specific Charges—Appointed in Spite of Much Opposition.

The mystery connected with the disappearance of H. H. Rand from the Postoffice Department for the past three and one-half months was apparently explained this morning, when it was learned he has been carried on the rolls as "on leave without pay" and has not drawn any money from the department since June 1. This is taken as an indication that Mr. Rand has been quietly dropped by the Postmaster General, and is no longer in the employ of the Government.

Mr. Rand was confidential clerk to the Postmaster General, and in the early stages of the investigations his name was frequently mentioned in connection with the charges that prominent officials were using their positions in the department to promote the sale of stock in mining companies of more or less doubtful productiveness. There have been persistent rumors that he would lose his position.

Difficult to Find. It developed this morning that Mr. Rand was not classed as a department clerk but as a member of the general postal service, and as such was paid from the funds in the hands of the chief of the finance division of the Third Assistant Postmaster General's office. Much reticence was displayed by the disbursing officials of the division when they were asked about Mr. Rand, but it was learned from another source that he has ceased to draw pay.

For two months there have been persistent inquiries about the presence of Mr. Rand on the part of postal employees. It was said that he was ill and in a hospital. But this morning it was said with confidence that he is at his home in Madison, Wis., and has been there for some time.

Mr. Rand was appointed from Wisconsin, where he assisted Mr. Payne in political affairs. So strong was his hold on the Postmaster General that the latter made a strong effort to have the chief clerkship of the department removed from the protection of the civil service rules so that Mr. Rand might get the position.

In May Mr. Rand's room on the fifth floor of the Postoffice Department was turned over to the inspectors, as a workshop while preparing the reports on the scandals, and since then he has not been seen around the department. He held the nominal position of assistant superintendent in the salaries and allowance division, but was seldom in the division, and the only noticeable work he did was to sit as a member of some of the minor boards of awards.

Investigation Still On. J. L. Bristow, Fourth Assistant Postmaster General, said today that the report that the investigations in the Postoffice Department would be closed October 5, when the grand jury adjourns, was inaccurate, as he does not know when his report will be completed. Mr. Bristow expressed the opinion that his investigation might be completed by the end of October but could not name the day. The Federal grand jury for the District held a brief session this morning and adjourned until Wednesday. The Postoffice scandals were not taken up for consideration today.

SPEAKER-TO-BE CANNON CALLS ON SECRETARY SHAW

Speaker-to-be Cannon, of Illinois, was among the callers at the Treasury Department this morning. He called on Secretary Shaw for a short time. Mr. Cannon said he had come to the city on business to remain a day or two.

WEATHER REPORT.

The weather has been generally clear over all districts, only a few light and scattered showers having been reported, and the temperatures are about normal, except in the South where they are still rather low.

The weather will continue fair and cool tonight and tomorrow in the East and South, except in southeastern Florida, where showers are probable.

TEMPERATURE.
9 a. m. 62
12 noon 69
1 p. m. 71

DOWNTOWN TEMPERATURE.
9 a. m. 77
12 noon 80
2:30 p. m. 81

THE SUN.
Sun sets today 6:00 p. m.
Sun rises tomorrow 5:48 a. m.

TIDE TABLE.
High tide today 8:04 p. m.
High tide tomorrow 8:51 p. m.
Low tide tomorrow 2:32 a. m., 2:50 p. m.

TO TRANSFER G. P. O. TO COMMERCE DEPARTMENT

Change to Be Made Upon President's Return.

COMMITTEE MAKES REPORT

Expenses Reported to Be Higher Than Warranted by the Business Accomplished.

It was stated from an authoritative source at the Department of Commerce and Labor this morning that the Government Printing Office is to be transferred to the jurisdiction of the department.

The recommendation has been sent to President Roosevelt. It was said today, by the committee which has been investigating affairs in the Government Printing Office, and several of the other bureaus. It is also said the President is favorable to the transfer, and that one of his first acts after he returns to Washington will be to order the transfer.

Reasons for Transfer. There are a number of reports in circulation concerning the reasons for the decision of the committee, one being that the expenses of the Government Printing Office are much higher than they should be for the amount of work turned out.

In this connection it is said Colonel Edwards, chief of the Insular Bureau of the War Department, submitted specifications to the Government Printing Office for estimates on a lot of printing for which the Philippine government would pay. The prices were so high he asked for bids from several outside firms. One Baltimore firm made a bid which is said to have been 15 per cent lower than that of the Government office, and Colonel Edwards awarded the contract to it.

No Independent Bureaus.

At the Department of Commerce and Labor today no one would admit the truth of this report. One officer said, however, that the recommendation is simply in line with the desire of the President to have all of the independent bureaus in Washington under the jurisdiction of Cabinet officers. He said it was only a question of time before this plan would be carried out.

It was also hinted that the Interstate Commerce Commission may be turned over to the new department.

The Government Printing Office is now under the control of no department.

GERMAN ART CIRCLES IN A MERRY ROW

BERLIN, Sept. 21.—It is reported that a storm is brewing in connection with the German exhibits at the St. Louis Exposition next year. A few months ago Dr. Lewald, the German commissioner for the exposition, appointed an art commission consisting of the leading modern artists.

The painters of the old school were furious and appealed to the government. Chancellor von Buelow has now ordered the dismissal of Dr. Lewald's commission and the appointment of one of old artists.

CHIEF JUSTICE CLABAUGH ON VACATION TODAY

Chief Justice Clabaugh commenced his term of "vacation" duty in the Supreme Court of the District today. He began by holding a special term of Probate Court, and then took up the consideration of equity business.

AIRSHIP NOW READY FOR ANOTHER FLIGHT

Damage Done by Recent Mishaps All Repaired. WIDEWATER, Va., Sept. 21.—Charles M. Masly has given out the information that the Langley bird is again ready for an attempt to fly. As soon as the weather will permit, a test of the airship will be made.

For the past week the aerial corps has worked hard to put the airship in repair. The mishaps which have three times caused a postponement of a trial flight were caused by breaks in the engine which furnishes the motive power and in the propellers. Thin bands of linen have been used to strengthen the propellers. The entire framework of the machine has been made more rigid by the substitution of strong steel tubing in the weaker places and the engine has been entirely overhauled.

It is said while the different parts of the airship have been much strengthened, the increase in the weight of the whole has been comparatively small.

Flynn's Business College, 8th and K. Business, shorthand, typewriting—\$25 a yr.—Adv.

TURKS ASSERT THAT SARAJOFF WAS BEHEADED

Military Executioners Rewarded by the Sultan, 'Tis Said.

MORE GREEKS MURDERED

Sentiment Warlike in Sofia, Where Ferdinand's Attitude Is Unpopular.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Sept. 21.—Government officials profess to have confirmation of the death of Boris Sarajoff, the Macedonian revolutionary leader. They say he was beheaded near Mostar by soldiers whom the Sultan has rewarded.

The Greek patriot has renewed his protest to the Sultan against the atrocities by Bashi-Bazouks and other troops at Erikazon and villages in Macedonia. The Sultan expressed regret at the occurrences, and said that he was appointing a commission of inquiry. He invited the patriarch to join this commission. The latter declined.

Three Greeks have been murdered near Drama, in central Macedonia. Turkish troops were near at hand when the murders were committed. Fifteen others have been informed that their death has been arranged.

Warlike in Sofia.

SOPIA, Sept. 21.—Feeling in the Bulgarian capital has again become extremely warlike and it looks today as though an outbreak would occur in the near future unless something definite and decided is done by the powers to put a stop to Macedonian outrages. The popular attitude toward Prince Ferdinand is fast becoming one of intolerance, as he alone of all the prominent persons in the principality is standing out against decided action.

The messages from Macedonia today are most conflicting, but the uncertainty, as well as the knowledge of outrages, has stirred the revolutionary leaders to such an extent that they threaten the most shocking reprisals against Turkey. German Ambassadors Depart.

The fact that Marshal von Bieberstein, the German ambassador at Constantinople, has left his post on a leave of absence at this critical time, is taken to indicate that he is not associated with any protests that have been made to the Porte. It is believed that he has departed in order to prevent friction among the powers, as Germany is known to be pursuing a pro-Turkish policy.

A serious engagement between insurgents and Turkish troops is reported in the Perin Mountains, near Melnik. The Turks lost 500 killed, including two of their colonels.

RUSSIAN PROVINCES RAVAGED BY FIRE

Plague of Locusts, Too, Afflicts Rural Districts.

ST. PETERSBURG, Sept. 21.—Word was received today of destruction by fire and locusts in several of the provinces. A report from the government of Volhynia states that the town of Ostrog was damaged by fire to the amount of \$20,000 and that 500 are homeless.

The two villages of Sergatch and Kokesharog in the government of Nizhni-Novgorod were also badly damaged by fire. At Sergatch 400 houses were destroyed, as well as large quantities of grain. Eight persons were killed. At Kokesharog eighty houses and large stores of grain were consumed.

Reports from Askabad, capital of the district of Transcaspia, state that locusts have destroyed the cotton crop, amounting to 700,000 bales. The locusts also destroyed 60,800 pounds of wheat, 715 pods of rye, and 29,900 fruit trees in the Desslatis territory.

NAME MAY BE STRICKEN FROM PENSION ROLLS

Major Sylvester has requested the Commissioners to order the name of Charles Kenney, a retired policeman, stricken from the pension roll of the Police Department, if such is possible under the law. This is the first time such a request has been made since the department was created, and indicates that Kenney's offense was serious.

MUST ADVERTISE AGAIN.

The Revenue Cutter Service is to advertise for bids for the revenue cutter tug, the proposals for which were opened Saturday. There was but one bid on this, that of the Spedden Shipbuilding Company of Baltimore, and it is found this bid, which amounted to \$67,000, is in excess of the appropriation.

TO INSPECT FURNITURE.

Wells M. Sawyer, inspector of furniture for the Treasury Department, is to leave the city this week for the inspection of furniture in several public buildings.

THE PRESIDENT TO ARRIVE HERE ON MONDAY NEXT

Horses and Household Goods to Be Shipped This Week.

VISITORS AT THE HILL

Judge Hammond and Family, of Memphis, Visit Chief Executive.

OYSTER BAY, Sept. 21.—President Roosevelt's horses and a large quantity of his household goods will be shipped to Washington this week. One week from today he will say good-by to Oyster Bay for the summer, and, in company with Mrs. Roosevelt and the children, will follow his belongings to the Capital. He will probably revisit his home town but once—on election day—before next spring.

The horses that are to be shipped to Washington include Wyoming, the gifted saddle the President received at Cheyenne from the citizens of Douglas, Wyo., on his Western trip; his riding and jumping horse Bielestein; Mrs. Roosevelt's saddle Yganka; Archie's "calico pony" Algonquin, and the bay span the President drives to his carriage. In addition to these the new team of dark bays recently bought for Secretary Lobb's use will be shipped to the White House stables.

Today's visitors at Sagamore Hill included Senator Proctor of Vermont and H. W. Scott, of Portland, Ore., who took luncheon with the President; Representatives Charles Curtis of Kansas, the Hon. George Peel, a member of the famous English family of that name, and Judge E. S. Hammond and Mrs. Hammond and daughter, of Memphis, Tenn. Judge Hammond is a district judge in that State.

When President Roosevelt visited Memphis last fall to attend the Luke Wright home-coming celebration, Mrs. Hammond gave the President a luncheon at the Gargosa Hotel.

SCHOOL BELLS USHER IN THE EDUCATIONAL YEAR

Little Folks Resume Classroom Tasks.

INCREASE IN STUDENTS

Room Provided for All Children Who Have Applied to Attend.

At 9 o'clock this morning residents in various parts of the city were treated to a familiar sound—the ringing of school bells.

For the first time in months books were brought from their packing places and little heads prepared for the reception of learning. About the street corners and on doorsteps groups of children gathered long before the hour of 9 in anticipation of "starting to school."

Fond mothers, who could not trust their little ones to find the way alone, piloted their own and other people's young ones through the streets and saw them safely into the care of their future teachers. Older girls and boys, to whom the first day's attendance is an old story, were, nevertheless, quite as eager to get to the buildings and exchange greetings with former friends.

School Year Begins.

When 9 o'clock came desks were occupied, books assorted, and everything in readiness for the beginning of the school year. Pupils regarded each other across aisles, each wondering what the other was like. Friendships were formed, old ties renewed, and another of the happiest days in young lives was registered in memories.

The attendance at all of the buildings was large. It is believed that a greater increase in the number of students will be recorded this year than for many seasons past. The addition of several new buildings and added rooms to some of the old schools have made it possible for the Board of Education to accommodate all of the city's children who desire to attend school.

Manual Training Schools. Some of the manual training schools will be compelled to care for a part of the classes in rented rooms, as the demand for admission to these institutions has taxed their capacity.

Everything augurs well for the success of the new school year, and the superintendent, Mr. Stuart, and his associate supervisors feel highly gratified at the opening this morning.

EDWARD UNVEILS MONUMENT.

LONDON, Sept. 21.—King Edward today unveiled a monument of Queen Victoria, in the church at Craithie, Scotland.

Clear Flooring, \$2.00 100 Feet. F. Libbey & Co., Sixth and New York Ave.—Adv.

PRESIDENT WILL DISCUSS THE MILLER CONTROVERSY WITH LABOR LEADERS

CANAL TREATY DIES IN TWENTY-FOUR HOURS

No Advices Looking to Time Extension.

NEW PROPOSITION IN HAND

Made by Dr. Herran and Sent to President—Some Statement Expected When Secretary Hay Returns.

Dr. Herran, Colombian charge, has received no advices from Bogota today concerning the status of canal legislation. The inference is that no great effort is being made by friends of the Hay-Herran convention to force final action before the expiration of the time limit. The convention will die tomorrow at midnight, unless an extension is asked, and it is conceded a request will not be made.

As indicated by The Times Saturday the death of the present canal treaty does not mean an end to canal legislation by Colombia. Friends of the canal believe a treaty can be passed which will be satisfactory to the United States, and, it is said, the congress will continue in session until October 20, at least, with that end in view. Neither is it believed President Roosevelt will return to the Nicaraguan route, though empowered to do so if a treaty with Colombia is not ratified within a reasonable time.

Special Proposition Submitted.

It is known President Roosevelt and Secretary Hay are considering a special canal proposition which was transmitted to the State Department by Dr. Herran on last Thursday. This proposition was at once forwarded by Acting Secretary Adee to the President and Mr. Hay. The nature of this treaty is not known beyond the fact that it requires no payments by the United States in excess of those called for by the Hay-Herran treaty.

An announcement concerning the position of the Administration on the question of selecting a canal route, when Secretary Hay returns to Washington is expected. This will not be until about October 10, unless he is called here by the President, who is expected to return to the White House September 28.

Strictly in Confidence.

It is also said Dr. Herran has been instructed by his government not to disclose anything concerning the new proposition, and that it was made "confidential to the State Department." After the final rejection of the Hay-Herran treaty, however, it is believed the Administration will consider it a duty to the public to state its position, particularly as to the reasons for not beginning negotiations for the acquisition of the Nicaraguan route. This, it is thought, would result in an expose of the proposition the Bogota government expects to adopt.

State Department officials do not believe that an application for more time on the part of the Colombians, if it should come, would be an application for the extension of the time for the ratification of the original treaty. It is believed that Colombia will ask for a continuation of canal negotiations, entirely independent of the treaty upon which recent negotiations have been based.

JAMES H. TILLMAN ARRAIGNED FOR MURDER

Interest in Approaching Trial Intense in South Carolina.

LEXINGTON, S. C., Sept. 21.—The first step in the trial of James H. Tillman for having shot and killed N. G. Gonzales, editor of the "Columbia State," was taken today when he was arraigned in court for the purpose of entering a plea to the indictment charging him with murder. The trial proper will begin on Wednesday or Thursday, and Judge Gary will preside.

Interest in the proceedings is intense, and many persons are here from this and other counties, particularly from Edgefield, where Tillman was born. Tillman says he is confident that a verdict of acquittal will be given. He will be defended by nine lawyers, among them the best criminal practitioners in this State. More than 500 witnesses have been summoned by the prosecution and the defense. Solicitor J. William Thurmond will have charge of the prosecution, and he will have four assistants.

A peculiar coincidence in the case is that Mr. Thurmond once killed a man named Harris and was defended by Tillman and acquitted. United States Senator Benjamin R. Tillman, uncle of the accused man, will arrive here today from Columbia, and will remain throughout the trial of his nephew.

WILL URGE CATHOLICS TO ASSIST UNIVERSITY

Pope's Brief Soon to Be Promulgated.

AWAITS GIBBONS' ARRIVAL

Pontiff Will Grant Special Indulgences to Those Who Contribute to Institution.

BALTIMORE, Sept. 21.—Soon after the arrival of Cardinal Gibbons from Europe, it is expected that the brief issued by Pope Pius X in favor of the Catholic University will be promulgated.

This brief was issued by the Pontiff at the instance of Cardinal Gibbons, and is intended to stimulate the interest and activity of American Catholics toward the university, especially in giving it substantial support. The brief is understood to review the history of the university, and to make comment upon the great interest taken in the institution by Pope Leo XIII.

Following this commentary, Pope Pius exhorts American Catholics to come forward with contributions, so that the future of the university may be more prosperous and efficient, and states that he will grant special partial and plenary indulgences to all who will assist with gifts and offerings, in extending the sphere of work undertaken by the foundation of the institution.

The brief will be published by Cardinal Gibbons, who is the chancellor of the university.

COMMISSIONER BIDDLE GOES TO WEST POINT, KY.

Col. John Biddle, Engineer Commissioner of the District, will leave Washington today for West Point, Ky., where he has been assigned to assist in the army maneuvers at that point.

WERE RIGHT IN CUTTING THE POOLROOM WIRES

Commissioners Upheld by the District Law.

The Corporation Counsel submitted an opinion to the Commissioners this morning upholding them in their action in ordering the wires of the Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Company cut, which were being used for telegraphic purposes by the notorious District-line poolroom.

When Commissioner West a week ago took a hand in the affairs of the poolroom he discovered that wires licensed for telephonic purposes were being used to telegraph the results of the races to the waiting crowd of sports who bet with one foot in the District of Columbia and the other in Maryland. He ordered the wires cut.

The following day The Times published exclusively a letter from Thomas M. Fields, attorney for the poolroom authorities, challenging the legality of Commissioner West's action, and requesting that the Corporation Counsel be instructed to reply to the contentions of the sports, whose autumn recreation was so rudely interrupted.

LORD SELBOURNE NAMED AS COLONIAL SECRETARY

King Edward Approves Appointments to Cabinet.

LONDON, Sept. 21.—The "St. James Gazette" today announces that King Edward has approved the appointment of the following men to posts in the cabinet made vacant by resignations: Austen Chamberlain, chancellor of the exchequer.

Lord Selbourne, colonial secretary. Arnold Forster, secretary for war. W. St. John Brodrick, secretary for India.

The "Gazette" adds that it has also good reason to believe that Lord Stanley will be made postmaster general, to succeed Austen Chamberlain.

NAVAL STATIONS IN PORTO RICO

Governor Hunt, of Porto Rico, called at the Navy Department this afternoon and had a long conference with Secretary Moody, Admiral Taylor and other chiefs of bureaus concerning the location of naval stations in Porto Rico.

Conference to Be Held on His Return to Washington—Gompers and Mitchell May Participate in the Discussion.

President of Coal Miners Said to Oppose Any Anti-Administration Demonstration by Organized Labor.

Many Indorsements Received to Protest of Central Labor Union Scoring President's Attitude.

President Roosevelt will give a hearing to influential labor leaders for the purpose of discussing the veering controversy which has arisen between the Administration and trades unions because of the President's attitude in the Miller case.

That such a conference will be held, soon after the President's return to Washington, September 28, was intimated this morning by a member of the executive committee of the American Federation of Labor, who is here to attend the meeting, which was begun today at Typographical Temple.

To Be Taken Up Here. A statement given out at Oyster Bay to the effect that the President will not consider the Miller case until his return to Washington, would support the report that he intends to meet labor leaders and thresh out the question with his usual method of getting at the extreme bottom of perplexing problems.

It is understood that among the labor leaders who will be called in by the President are several of the officers of the American Federation, including Samuel Gompers, president, and John Mitchell, who was so close to the President in the coal strike case last winter.

It has been said that Mr. Mitchell would be inclined to oppose any political or labor demonstration against the President at the polls, on account of the assistance the President gave Mr. Mitchell in bringing about the arbitration of the difficulties between miners and mine operators. Friends of Mr. Mitchell answer the charge by saying that those who know him would not have the temerity to make such a suggestion. Mr. Mitchell has declined to be drawn into an interview on the subject.

Many Indorsements Received.

Interest in the protest which the Central Labor Union of Washington has sent to the President centers in the meeting of the union, which will be held tonight at Typographical Temple. Since copies of the resolution of August 24 were sent to the 520 organizations affiliated with the American Federation of Labor, many replies have been received and these will be read tonight. The secretary of the union has not intimated the nature of the action taken by other organizations beyond saying that most of them have indorsed the movement.

It is understood that only one organization has refused to consider the resolutions, though a number have postponed action and have requested further information concerning the case.

Several have asked for copies of the President's order declaring against discrimination in favor of union labor. Among the labor bodies postponing action is the Columbia Typographical Union, of Washington, which met yesterday and considered the resolutions.

Indorsement Delayed.

A member of the typographical union said, in connection with the failure to take action in indorsing the protest, that the postponement cannot be considered as a rejection of the resolutions, as the interests of the printers and the bookbinders in the Government Printing Office are identical.

It was voted to delay indorsement until after the President's return to Washington. It was represented to the body by a member who counseled conservatism, the President has said he would not consider the Miller case until he took up his duties at the White House.

FEDERATION OF LABOR LEADERS IN SESSION

The quarterly meeting of the executive council of the American Federation of Labor began here today.

The Miller case was not taken up at the morning session, which was held in the headquarters of the American Federation of Labor in G Street. President Gompers said after the meeting that the morning session was devoted to the arrangement of a program of the work for the week.

He added that there were many important questions to come before the